
Spotlight on Skills

“Cookies” a part of everyday work!

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When Pat Neuman, owner of 3D Technologies, began competing at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition he was a high school student at Waterloo Collegiate Institute in Waterloo. He competed in the mechanical drafting competition (now mechanical CADD). He recalls that the competition was stiff during the mid 1990's but it was also a lot of fun! At that time he had a feeling that he wanted to be a small business owner but realized the need to continue his skill development.

Pat continued to compete while completing his studies at Conestoga College and went on to win gold medals in 1995 and 1996. He credits the competition with teaching him important skills - namely balance. Being able to plan and prepare for a project and complete tasks with accuracy and efficiency was a skill that assisted him while employed at a consulting firm.

What matters most to Pat these days is his family. He and his wife, Anita, and their two children Abigail (5) and Miranda (3) reside in Cambridge. Pat tries to balance his work and home while operating a small business, but along with the luxury of a home office comes the liability of always being 'at work'.

3D Technologies focuses on providing effective, affordable computer support and web development services to businesses, charities and churches. Focusing on people and not profit gives Pat a sense of pride.

Pat works daily with "cookies" (not chocolate chip, but the small bits of information written to your hard disk by websites you visit) and actually smiles when he uses virus scanners to "search and destroy" any problems. Certainly owning his own business gives Pat the flexibility to travel to Peru this spring to assist in building an orphanage with a Kids Alive International (www.kidsalive.ca)

Pat is a member of the Skills Canada - Ontario Alumni Association. He will be a "Marshall" at the upcoming 16th Ontario Technological Skills Competition assisting with technical support.