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### **Jennifer Green, Director of Competitions and Young Women's Initiatives at Skills Ontario, receives Women of Inspiration™ Award**

**Ontario (November 16, 2021)** – On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Universal Women's Network virtually hosted the 2021 Women of Inspiration™ Awards with 150 finalists across Canada, and announced Jennifer Green, Director of Competitions and Young Women's Initiatives at Skills Ontario, as the recipient of the Dream Builder Award, sponsored by AMJ Campbell, presented by their President and CEO, Pierre Frappier. This accolade recognizes Green as a woman who leads, inspires, and motivates others to make an impact locally, nationally, and globally. The Dream Builder Award is for a woman who demonstrates that there is a space and a place for women who wear steel-toed boots to work or has successfully challenged a world of work or industry typically occupied by males.

As an advocate of the advancement of skilled trade and technology careers, Green is also a Licensed Mechanic Millwright and has been a supporter for those pursuing and working in these careers since she was in secondary school.

"It is an honour to be recognized by the Universal Women's Network and to be among this group of incredible women," says Green. "I am so grateful to those who supported me on my path – this is not just my achievement. It's theirs, too."

"On behalf of Skills Ontario, we congratulate Jennifer for this spectacular achievement," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "She is a fantastic and influential leader, and her hard work and passion are truly inspiring. Her dedication is an important part of the effort to build the future skilled workforce, and we are very proud of her and her success."

Green has been described as a trailblazer for women in non-traditional careers. Through her mentorship, community involvement, and leadership, she has received many honours, such as a Canada's Most Powerful Women Top 100 Award presented by the Women's Executive Network (WXN). She continues to advocate for the skilled trades and technologies, spreading the message that these pathways are rewarding, fulfilling, and suited for all.

Skills Ontario has been delivering programs and events since 1989 and continues to reach youth and aim to inspire them to explore skilled trades and technologies. The organization has found great success through its programs and initiatives, and continues to deliver programs for many audiences, including young women, Indigenous youth, new Canadians, persons with exceptionalities, and more, in order to connect education, experience, and employment to Ontarians.

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#### **About Skills Ontario**

Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs to inspire and engage youth since 1989, including presentations, career exploration events, competitions, summer camps, and Young Women's and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit workshops and conferences. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario youth, visit [skillsontario.com/get-involved](https://skillsontario.com/get-involved).

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