

Team Ontario competitors earn 51 medals at 2022 Skills Canada National Competition

Ontario (May 31, 2022) – Skills Ontario is thrilled to recognize and celebrate competitors who represented Team Ontario at the 2022 Skills Canada National Competition in Vancouver. The event hosted participants from across the country to compete in skilled trade and technology contests in skilled trade and technology fields. At Skills Canada's Closing Ceremony on May 28th following the National Competition that ran from May 25th to 27th, Team Ontario achieved 51 medals: 22 gold medals, 19 silver medals, and 10 bronze medals. Seven gold medalists are on Team Canada for the WorldSkills competition. Those who competed at the National level had advanced after their success at the 2022 Virtual Skills Ontario Competition, where they competed provincially. In 2021, Team Ontario brought home 29 medals.

"We are very proud of all of our competitors," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "Advancing to the National level is a massive achievement on its own, and we congratulate all Team Ontario competitors for their success. Throughout the pandemic, students have been resilient in developing their skills and putting their efforts into programs like these. The future of Ontario is in good hands, and it's important that we support and celebrate youth who are pursuing these fields."

Competitors from across Canada participated and competed at the National level. The medalists representing Team Ontario, their contests, their medal placements, and their institutions are noted below:

Name of Medalist	Contest (<i>S</i> signifies secondary, <i>PS</i> signifies post-secondary, <i>TC</i> signifies Team Canada Qualifying)	Medal (* indicates that the competitor will be on Team Canada)	School Board/Institution
Spencer Chandu-Lall	Mechanical Engineering CAD (TC)	Gold*	Loyalist College
Daniel Kiss	CNC Milling (TC)	Gold*	Conestoga College
Abigail King	Autobody Repair (TC)	Gold*	Fanshawe College
Cameron Krause	Bricklaying (TC)	Gold*	Conestoga College
Emma Kilgannon	Pâtisserie and Confectionary (TC)	Gold*	Humber College
Malcolm Matwijec	Heavy Vehicle Technology (TC)	Gold*	Centennial College
Akshit Vineet	Cloud Computing (TC)	Gold*	Sheridan College
Mark Macario	Precision Machining (PS)	Gold	Seneca College
Gina Marinelli	IT Office Software Applications (PS)	Gold	St. Clair College
Cameron Little	Sprinkler Fitter (PS)	Gold	UA Local 853
Ben Henning	Precision Machining (S)	Gold	Upper Grand District School Board
Tommy Friesen	Mechanical Engineering CAD (S)	Gold	District School Board of Niagara
Sri Manikantha Vanama	IT Office Software Applications (S)	Gold	Durham District School Board
Ian Ketcheson	Welding (S)	Gold	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board
Ethan Almeida	Autobody Repair (S)	Gold	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
Andrew Gera and Alexandr Protsenko	Mobile Robotics (S)	Gold	Toronto Catholic District School Board
Abby Bruneel	Hairstyling (S)	Gold	District School Board of Niagara
Russell Beltran	Graphic Design Technology (S)	Gold	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Camila Feijoo	Architectural Technology & Design (S)	Gold	Halton Catholic District School Board
Kavi Gupta	Job Search (S)	Gold	York Catholic District School Board
Landon Harrison and Mark Reynolds	3D Character Animation (S)	Gold	Upper Grand District School Board
Rachel Driedger	Workplace Safety (S)	Gold	Upper Grand District School Board
Kian Hasson-Tehrani and Matin Zalpour	Mechatronics (TC)	Silver	Seneca College
Elijah Sommers	Plumbing (TC)	Silver	UA Local 527
Daniyal Ahmed	Web Technologies (TC)	Silver	Centennial College
Ethan Kroetsch	Cabinetmaking (TC)	Silver	Conestoga College
Holly White	Beauty Therapy (TC)	Silver	Durham College
Megan Rennie	Fashion Technology (TC)	Silver	St. Clair College

Connor Gunn	Automobile Technology (TC)	Silver	Algonquin College
Thi Quynh Mai Dong	Cooking (TC)	Silver	Fleming College
Mikayla Racz	Car Painting (TC)	Silver	Fanshawe College
Abigayle Hamilton and Emma Pace	Landscape Gardening (TC)	Silver	Durham College
Andrian Movtchan	Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (TC)	Silver	Humber College
Matthew Mackie	3D Digital Game Art (TC)	Silver	Niagara College
Jared Toomey	IT Network Systems Administration (S)	Silver	Durham College
Stephanie Savoie	Architectural Technology & Design (PS)	Silver	Fanshawe College
Maxim Gontcharenko	Electronics (PS)	Silver	Seneca College
William Innes	Outdoor Power and Recreation Equipment (PS)	Silver	Centennial College
Zain Parihar	Electronics (S)	Silver	Durham District School Board
Ryder Lytle	Cabinetmaking (S)	Silver	Trillium Lakelands District School Board
Isabella Saloufakou	Photography (S)	Silver	York Catholic District School Board
Jake Boekestyn	Welding (TC)	Bronze	Niagara College
Maguire Wilder	Aircraft Maintenance (TC)	Bronze	Canadore College
Ryan Jolley	Electrical Installations (TC)	Bronze	IBEW Local 120
Mathieu Dupuis	Industrial Control (TC)	Bronze	Cambrian College
Mariana Quinn	Graphic Design Technology (TC)	Bronze	Centennial College
Jerome Bosman	Sheet Metal Work (PS)	Bronze	Fanshawe College
Christopher Santoli	Photography (PS)	Bronze	Durham College
Matthew Shotunde	Web Technologies (S)	Bronze	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Eric Hribljan	Automobile Technology (S)	Bronze	District School Board of Niagara
Win Ni	Cooking (S)	Bronze	York Catholic District School Board

At this national event, there were two contest categories: the Skills Canada National Competition and WorldSkills Team Canada Qualifying. Both categories had Team Ontario competitors. For more information about the next competition level, WorldSkills, visit worldskills.org.

About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario has been delivering programs and events since 1989 with an aim to inspire youth to explore skilled trades and technologies, and the organization applauds the government's continued emphasis on skilled trades. Skills Ontario has found great success through its 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 see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario youth, visit skillsontario.com/get-involved.

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