



# Trade & Tech Digest

**WELCOME** to the second parent newsletter from Skills Canada Manitoba. The newsletter provides an overview of Skills Canada Manitoba's initiatives and activities.

For those of you not familiar with Skills Canada Manitoba, it was established in

1998 and is a member of Skills Canada nationally. It is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that works with employers, educators, and governments to educate Manitoba youth on the benefits of working in the skilled trades and technology sectors.

Our Mission:  
**To attract young Manitobans to careers in skilled trades and technology**

Our Vision:  
**Skills Canada Manitoba will be a leader and vital partner in meeting Manitoba's skilled workforce needs**

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## Another Successful Provincial Skills Competition

2007 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the Provincial Skills Competition. The one day competition was held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at Red River College (Notre Dame & Princess Campuses). The competition was open to all Manitoba youth enrolled in accredited training programs in trades and technology.

The competition is a one day event that gives young Manitobans the opportunity to showcase their talents in an Olympic-style, province-wide contest. Students compete in over 40 different contests and select gold medal winners may form Team Manitoba and compete at the Canadian Skills Competition.

A big thank you to all instructors, technical committee members, volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly to ensure the competition is not only a success but, a positive experience for the youth of Manitoba.

Congratulations to all competitors!



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# 10th Annual Provincial Skills Competition

## Medal Winners

### 2D Char Computer Animation (Team of 2) (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Anthony Majure, Kildonan East Collegiate  
**Gold** Jonnathan Smodello, Kildonan East Collegiate  
**Silver** Nick Luchak, Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
**Silver** Corey Doncette, Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
**Bronze** Joseph Pilaszil, Tec Voc High School  
**Bronze** Darcy Mirunda, Tec Voc High School

### 3D Char Computer Animation (Team of 2) (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kyle Vesa, Tec Voc High School  
**Gold** Adam Nucci, Tec Voc High School  
**Silver** Jason Anderlic, Kildonan East Collegiate  
**Silver** Joshua Jacobson, Kildonan East Collegiate  
**Bronze** Spencer Loewen, River East Collegiate  
**Bronze** Blair Thiessen, River East Collegiate

### Aesthetics (Nail Tech)

**Gold** Rychee Sam, Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
**Silver** Manpreet Saini, Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
**Bronze** Kayla Warman, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

### Aesthetics (Skin Care)

**Gold** Leanne Masse, Scientific Marvel  
**Silver** Natasha Hafey, Scientific Marvel  
**Bronze** Melissa Landers, Scientific Marvel

### Aircraft Maintenance (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Lee Maternick, Stevenson Aviation  
**Silver** Vytas Genevicius, Stevenson Aviation

### Architectural CADD (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Shane Ginter, Red River College

**Silver** Billy Beltran, Red River College

**Bronze** Catherine Dyck, Red River College

### Architectural CADD (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Gerrad Miller, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Maria Dinsdale, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Ashley Milin, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

### Auto Service (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Marvin Giesbrecht, Red River College

**Silver** Matt Klassen, Red River College

**Bronze** Mark Smith, Red River College

### Auto Service (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Mitchell McPherson, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Michael Kent, Portage Collegiate Institute

**Bronze** Dale Driedger, Roseau Valley School

### Autobody Repair (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Ryan Bodnar, Red River College

**Silver** Brent Titchkosky, Red River College

**Bronze** Steven Kessler, Red River College

### Autobody Repair (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kyle Robson, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Dean Kroeker, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Lyndon Giesbrecht, Morris School

### Automation and Control (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Greg Susak, Red River College

**Silver** Brad Bye, Winnipeg Technical College

**Bronze** Eric Malo, Winnipeg Technical College

### Baking (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kelly Klos, Red River College

**Silver** Andrea Kulbaba, Red River College

### Baking (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Tyler Filz, Kildonan East Collegiate

**Silver** Jonathan Distefano, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Michelle Horn, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

### Brick & Stone Masonry (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Matthew Kroeker, Red River College

**Silver** Christopher Wojciechowski, Red River College

**Bronze** Wade Harvey, Red River College

### Cabinet Making (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Travis Wieler, Red River College

**Silver** Joe Friesen, Red River College

**Bronze** Kyle Grandmont, Red River College

### Cabinet Making (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Andreas Esau, Steinbach Regional Secondary School  
**Silver** Trevor Lunsted, Dauphin Regional Secondary School  
**Bronze** Jon Klassen, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

### Carpentry (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kent Sands, Red River College

**Silver** Mark Smith, Red River College

**Bronze** Guy Poirier, Red River College

### Carpentry (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Jakob George, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Tyler Unger, W.C. Miller Collegiate

**Bronze** Jemmie-Ray Vergara, Tec Voc High School

### CNC Machining (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Coyne Nyquist, Dauphin Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Tyler Vorris, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Jason Fewings, Assiniboine Community College

### Culinary Arts (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Melissa Hryb, Mirlycourtois Restaurant

**Silver** Shannon Stebelko, Red River College

**Bronze** Kyle Hiebert, Red River College

### Culinary Arts (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Nick Kruse, Kildonan East Collegiate

**Silver** Luda Wall, W.C. Miller Collegiate

**Bronze** Max Wolinsky, Winnipeg Technical College

### Electrical Wiring (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Wayne Hofer, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Scott Peadson, Red River College

**Bronze** Cam Couper, Winnipeg Technical College

### Electrical Wiring (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Markus Wall, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Steven Sinclair-Richie, Winnipeg Technical College

**Bronze** Kurt Neumann, Kildonan East Collegiate

### Electronics (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Christopher McDonald, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Dafei Cong, Winnipeg Technical College

### Electronics (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Troy Denton, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Derek Wallace, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Tyler Listoe, Winnipeg Technical College

### Floristry (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Rebecca Bear, R.B. Russell

**Silver** Sherrisse Bruyere, R.B. Russell

**Bronze** Matt Genaille, R.B. Russell

### Graphic Design (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Patrick Miura, Sturgeon Creek Collegiate

**Silver** Steph Hiebert, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Joel Krahn, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

### Hairstyling (Beginner Level)

**Gold** Sylvie Gentes, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Sophie Biggs, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Claire Waters, Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

### Hairstyling (Post Secondary)

**Gold** Samantha Ashdown, Scientific Marvel

**Silver** Diana Rarog 29, Doreen's Fashion's

**Bronze** Amanda Stevens, Winnipeg Technical College

### Hairstyling (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Haley Golin 29 Hairstyling (Secondary) Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Ashley Parsons 29 Hairstyling (Secondary) Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Gillian Carrabre 29 Hairstyling (Secondary) Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

### Hand Drafting (Grades 9 & 10)

**Gold** Eric Thiessen, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Shelby Klimack, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Justin West, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

### Heavy Equipment Mechanics (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Jason Mann, Red River College

**Silver** Rolando Ginter, Red River College

**Bronze** Travis McCauley, Assiniboine Community College

# Provincial Medal Winners continued....

## Industrial Mechanic Millwright (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Curtis VanWelleghem, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Daniel Dudar, Winnipeg Technical College

**Bronze** Kyle Zilkowsky, Winnipeg Technical College

## IT and Network Support (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Padeky O'Brien, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Brian George, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Travis Geseron, Assiniboine Community College

## IT and Network Support (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Joel Lamb, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

**Silver** Colin Krisko, West Kildonan Collegiate

**Bronze** Andy Hamm, Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

## IT Software Application (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Jenn Dietrich, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Ashley Schweitzer, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Sandy Mestdagh, Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

## IT Software Application (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Nicole Neufeld, Kildonan East Collegiate

**Silver** Danny La, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute

**Bronze** Ronald Gervacio, Tec Voc High School

## Job Interview (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kurtis Houllind, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Silver** Hailey Williamson, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Caleigh Glawson, Tec Voc High School

## Job Skill Demonstration (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Heidi Wilson, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Alex Engen, Sturgeon Creek Collegiate

**Bronze** Andrea Olmstead, Sisler High School

## Mechanical CAD (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Roy Penner, Red River College

**Silver** Ben Wallace, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Mandeep Burmi, Red River College

## Mechanical CAD (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Travis Fifi, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Danielle Gingras, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Clayton Heppner, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

## Photography (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Reagan McKay, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Scott Lao, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

**Bronze** Jenna Cameron, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

## Plumbing (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kevin Sands, Red River College

**Silver** Norman Lavallee, Red River College

**Bronze** Greg Demoline, Red River College

## Precision Machining (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Ben Gardiner, Red River College

**Silver** Travis Harrison, Red River College

**Bronze** Laun Brown, Assiniboine Community College

## Precision Machining (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kyle Kolke, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Silver** Tyler Chubb, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Bronze** Kyle Neault, Dauphin Regional Secondary School

## Prepared Speech (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Mirissa Kalynuk, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Matthew Sanscartier, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Bronze** Colleen Martens, Garden Valley Collegiate

## Refrigeration (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Scott Enns, Red River College

**Silver** Rob Altwater, Red River College

**Bronze** Rick Beaudin, Red River College

## Restaurant Service (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Laneil Smith, Red River College

**Silver** Erica Eden, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Selina Miller, Red River College

## Robotics (4) (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Curtis Barz, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Nicholas Rider, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Dave Persaud, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Kollin Sampson, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Cole Dunn, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Fraser Isaac, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Joshua Peters, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Bradley Prance, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Steven Medeiros, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Nicholas Sawka, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Andrew Runday, Tec Voc High School

## Sheet Metal Work (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Wilhelm Schoenhals, Red River College

**Silver** Tim Van Loon, Red River College

**Bronze** Bruce Stewart, Red River College

## Small Powered Equipment (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Paul Zaboroski, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Travis Wiens, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Justin Calbourne, R.D. Parker Collegiate

## Solar challenge (4) (Secondary Level)

**Gold** BJ Charles, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Gold** Reg Volk-Ward, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Gold** Justin Hermary, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Gold** Zach Sholdice, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

## TV Video Production (2) (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Chris Braun, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Wramil Santos, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Tyler Funk, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Amanda Cardoso, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Roland Blanchette, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Jessica Macfarlane, Tec Voc High School

## Website Development (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Tyler Johnston, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Steve Lindenberg, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Brent Lafreniere, Assiniboine Community College

## Website Development (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Johnathan Hok, Sisler High School

**Silver** Scott White, Kildonan East Collegiate

## Welding (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Raymond LeFloch, Red River College

**Silver** Shaun Van Beselaere, Red River College

**Bronze** Kyle Telenko, Red River College

## Welding (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Dallas Schultz, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Leslie Carpanini, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** David Gaston, Winnipeg Technical College

## Women's Apparel Design (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Samantha Wichenko, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Silver** Sabrina Fehr, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Bronze** Keeley Braunstein-Black, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

## Work Site Safety (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Jordan Hart, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Kyle Graham, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Brad Fowler, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School



# Canadian Skills Competition — June 6—9, 2007

A Manitoba delegation of just over 100 cheered "TOBA, TOBA" as 25 high school, college, university and young apprentices took to the podium claiming 11 gold, 4 silver and 8 bronze medals at the Olympic-style Canadian Skills Competition held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and hosted by

Skills Canada Saskatchewan. The 60 member team earned the right to represent Manitoba at the Canadian Skills Competition by earning a gold medal in their respective trade or technology area at the Provincial Skills Competition. Congratulations to all Team Manitoba participants. They represented their province well.



## Team Manitoba Delegates and Competitors Canadian Skills Competition 2007 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Team Manitoba placed 2nd in the country!  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### List of Medalists

Contest	Level	Medal	Competitor	School/Employer
Precision Machining	Secondary	BRONZE	Kyle Kolke	Murdoch Mackay Collegiate
IT Software Application	Post Secondary	SILVER	Jenn Dietrich	Assiniboine Community College
Autobody Repair	Post Secondary	GOLD	Ryan Bodnar	Red River College
Autobody Repair	Secondary	SILVER	Kyle Robson	Crocus Plains Regional
Electronics	Secondary	GOLD	Troy Denton	Crocus Plains Regional
Electrical Wiring	Secondary	GOLD	Markus Wall	Steinbach Regional
Brick and Stone Masonry	Post Secondary	GOLD	Mathew Kroeker	Red River College
Cabinet Making	Post Secondary	BRONZE	Travis Wieler	Red River College
Cabinet Making	Secondary	BRONZE	Andreas Esau	Steinbach Regional
Carpentry	Secondary	GOLD	Jakob George	Steinbach Regional
Hairstyling	Post Secondary	BRONZE	Samantha Ashdown	Scientific Marvel
Hairstyling	Secondary	GOLD	Haley Golin	Winnipeg Technical College
Womens Apparel Design	Secondary	BRONZE	Samantha Wichenko	Murdoch Mackay Collegiate
Culinary Arts	Post Secondary	GOLD	Melissa Hryb	Red River College
Restaurant Service	Post Secondary	BRONZE	Laneil Smith	Red River College
Refrigeration	Post Secondary	BRONZE	Rob Altvater	Red River College
IT and Network Support	Secondary	BRONZE	Joel Lamb	Miles Macdonnell Collegiate
Web Site Development	Post Secondary	SILVER	Tyler Johnston	Assiniboine Community College
Web Site Development	Secondary	GOLD	Johnathan Hok	Sisler High School
TV Video Production (Team)	Secondary	GOLD	Tyler Funk and Wramil Santos	Tec Voc High School
2D Character Computer Animation (Team)	Secondary	SILVER	Anthony Majure and Johnathan Smadello	Kildonan East Collegiate
Aircraft Maintenance	Post Secondary	GOLD	Lee Maternick	Stevenson Aviation (Red River College)
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	Post Secondary	GOLD	Jason Mann	Red River College

## Young Women's Conference

Our best ever Young Women's Conference was held in Winnipeg on April 12, 2007. We had a record number of participants; 165 young ladies, 20 mentors, and 30 teacher / advisors. Girls were impressed with the opportunities that await them and really enjoyed the Red River College atmosphere. The young ladies commented on how much they learned about Red River College. They enjoyed all the activities planned and were very eager and enthusiastic to ask questions. The day also included a tour of the Provincial Skills Competition. The Young Women's Conference was fea-

ured in the Winnipeg Free Press on April 13, 2007. The girls, all in grade 8, represented 30 different schools. "It was really cool and fun," Alisa McBean said. "It's a great opportunity to look into the future, and see what we might be," said Bernadette Mendoza, an aspiring interior designer, from Andrew Mynarski V.C. Equally as successful was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young Women's Conference in Brandon on March 6, 2007. The event hosted 63 young women along with 15 teacher/ advisors from the Brandon and Westman area. The mentors represented eight industry sectors including the Canadian Armed Forces. The girls

worked with their mentors on various hands on and discovery projects throughout the day, allowing them to better understand the challenges and satisfaction each of their mentors had received in their chosen career. The girls and their mentors also explored the Brandon Career Symposium. The Young Women's Conference is a one day conference that highlights non-traditional occupations for women. Young participants meet women mentors working in trades and technology; participate in teambuilding and hands-on activities; and receive information on employment opportunities and career planning.



## New In-School Program

New this Fall will be the 'traveling' In-School Program. It will consist of In-school presentations that will introduce students in various grades (from Senior 1 to Senior 4) to:

- the job outlook in Winnipeg and Manitoba
- various occupational profiles in Winnipeg and Manitoba
- options for post-secondary schooling in trades and technology areas

- information for successful career planning
- real life success stories
- employability

Skills Manitoba's pilot presentations in the Spring went very well. Students were commenting on how they had no idea on what is out there for them. They really enjoyed the very informative and interactive presentations and were most definitely going to explore the options pre-

sented.

We will be booking our first schools for September 2007.



## Our 2007/2008 upcoming events.....

### IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

September 2007 – May 2008

Locations: TBA



### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

November 5, 2007

Location: 17 Wing Winnipeg, Fitness and Recreation Centre, Whytewold Street, Winnipeg, MB

### "NEW" TECHNOLOGY EVENT

November 9, 2007

Location: Red River College (Notre Dame Campus)

### SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

February 4 – 22, 2008

Locations: Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre (Winnipeg) Date TBA; Tec Voc High School (Winnipeg), February 7; Murdoch MacKay Collegiate (Winnipeg), February 8; Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School (Selkirk), February 11; Winnipeg Technical College (Winnipeg), February 12; Garden Valley Collegiate (Winkler), Date TBA; Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School (Brandon), February 13; Steinbach Regional Secondary School (Steinbach), February 15; Dauphin Regional Comprehensive School (Dauphin), February 20; Portage Collegiate Institute (Portage la Prairie), February 21; Sturgeon Creek Collegiate (Winnipeg), Date TBA.

### YOUNG WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

February 2008, Date TBA

Location: University College of the North, The Pas, MB

March 2008, Date TBA

Location: Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, MB

April 10, 2008

Location: Red River College, Winnipeg, MB

### PROVINCIAL SKILLS COMPETITION

April 10, 2008

Location: Red River College, Notre Dame and Princess Campuses – Winnipeg, MB

Restaurant Service Competition (Centrex Show)

Date TBA

Location: Winnipeg Convention Centre – Winnipeg, MB

### CANADIAN SKILLS COMPETITION

May 25 – 28, 2008

Location: Calgary, Alberta

For further information or to find out how you can get involved, please contact:

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