



# Trade & Tech Digest



## Another Successful Provincial Skills Competition

2008 marked the 11<sup>th</sup> year for the Provincial Skills Competition. The one day competition was held on Thursday, April 10, 2008 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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# 11th Annual Provincial Skills Competition Medal Winners

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

**Gold** Darcy Miranda, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Joseph Pilapil, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Tyler Trudel, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

**Silver** Brett Goodchild, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

**Bronze** Mark Kaminsky, Kildonan East Collegiate

**Bronze** Melanie Troia, Kildonan East Collegiate

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

**Gold** Olexiy Zhukov-Malyeyev, River East Collegiate

**Gold** Adam Choboter, River East Collegiate

**Silver** Stuart Argle, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Hayden Haley, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Tyler Johnston, Swan Valley Regional Secondary

**Bronze** Taylor Lasiuk, Swan Valley Regional Secondary

## Aesthetics (Nail Tech)

**Gold** Carrie Patrick, M.C. College

**Silver** Amanda Boode, Louis Riel Arts & Technology

**Bronze** Yomary Vergara, Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

## Aesthetics (Skin Care)

**Gold** Rebecca-Dawn Hamilton, Giselle's School of Aesthetics

**Silver** Dance Sanderson, Giselle's School of Aesthetics

**Bronze** Kristen Lysak, M.C. College

## Aircraft Maintenance (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Daniel Dupis, Stevenson Aviation

**Silver** Matthew Reid, Stevenson Aviation

**Bronze** Alex Breer, Stevenson Aviation

## Architectural CADD (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Glenda Todd, Red River College

**Silver** Chris Urbanski, Red River College

## Architectural CADD (Secondary Level)

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

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

**Bronze** Jade Ritchie, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

## Auto Service (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Jesse Jae Doerksen, Red River College

**Silver** Justin Bird, Red River College

**Bronze** Julius de Castro, Red River College

## Auto Service (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Rodney Verwey, Portage Collegiate Institute

**Silver** Patrick Neil Labuik, Maples Collegiate

**Bronze** Eric Tatayrn, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School

## Autobody Repair (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Woo-sung (Sean) Lim, Red River College

**Silver** Collin Funk, Red River College

**Bronze** Jason Mason, Red River College

## Autobody Repair (Secondary Level)

**Gold** James Jeffery Sandney, Maples Collegiate

**Silver** Justin Harder, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Matt Peters, Morris School

## Automation and Control (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Nicolas Janz, Red River College

**Silver** Myron Reimer, Red River College

**Bronze** Jon Maedel, Assiniboine Community College

## Baking (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Nicholas Turcan, Red River College

**Silver** Denise Hogan, Red River College

**Bronze** Jodi Kotowicz, Red River College

## Baking (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Michael Ewonchuk, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Jessica Mistelbacher, Kildonan East Collegiate

**Bronze** Caroline Boulet, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

## Brick & Stone Masonry (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Joey Brooks, Red River College

**Silver** Heinrich Mirau, Red River College

**Bronze** Gerald Wojciechowski, Red River College

## Cabinet Making (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Travis Wieler, Red River College

**Silver** Scott McNiven, Red River College

**Bronze** Joe Friesen, Red River College

## Cabinet Making (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Andreas Esau, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Raymond E. Laing, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Evan Vandepoele, Dauphin Regional Secondary School

## Carpentry (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Cornelius Fehr, Red River College

**Silver** Kaeleb Visram, Red River College

**Bronze** Dan Kusie, Red River College

## Carpentry (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Matt Rodin, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Jeremy Reimer, W.C. Miller Collegiate

**Bronze** Jordon Enns, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

## CNC Machining (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Bryce M. Kowalski, Red River College

**Silver** Jared Hearn, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Heather Bruederlin, Assiniboine Community College

## Culinary Arts (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Sharlene Chopee, Red River College

**Silver** Shannon Stebelko, Mirlycourtois Restaurant

**Bronze** Kyle Hiebert, Red River College

## Culinary Arts (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Max Wolinsky, Winnipeg Technical College

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

**Bronze** Mackenzie Ferguson, Kildonan East Collegiate

## Electrical Wiring (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Andrew Kunzelman, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Mitchell Book, Winnipeg Technical College

**Bronze** Tyler Lasher, Assiniboine Community College

## Electrical Wiring (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Stefan Schewa, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Stephen Froese, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Ryan Tkachyk, Winnipeg Technical College

## Electronics (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Rodney Luterbach, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Adam Lethbridge, Winnipeg Technical College

## Electronics (Secondary Level)

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

**Silver** Zeke Moody, Winnipeg Technical College

**Bronze** Mitchell Cooke, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

## Geographic Information Systems (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Nicholas Malazdrewicz, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Jason Patterson, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Tim Wiebe, Assiniboine Community College

## Geographic Information Systems (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Daniel Hanna, Neelin High School

**Silver** Branda Tran, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Cole Dickson, Neelin High School

## Graphic Design (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Vanessa Vokey, College Sturgeon Heights Collegiate

**Silver** Jen Goetzen, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Caitlin Fewings, College Sturgeon Heights Collegiate

## Hairstyling (Beginner Level)

**Gold** Maggie Gibson, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School

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

**Bronze** Leah Stebelko, Winnipeg Technical College

## Hairstyling (Post Secondary)

**Gold** Haley Golin, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Menoukia Blanchette-Buscio, Scientific Marvel

**Bronze** Krystyna Grant, Winnipeg Technical College

## Hairstyling (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Jill Hadfield, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Sabrina Rogers, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Alex Milner, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School

## Hand Drafting (Grades 9 & 10)

**Gold** Auja Ominski, Sisler High School

**Silver** Tyler Enns, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Martine McGregor, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

# Provincial Medal Winners continued....

## Heavy Equipment Mechanics (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Guillaume Borgstrom, Red River College

**Silver** Michael Fisher, Red River College

**Bronze** Josh Kervel, Assiniboine Community College

## Industrial Mechanic Millwright (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Ward Toews, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Nick Brown, Winnipeg Technical College

**Bronze** Jeremy Milner, Winnipeg Technical College

## IT and Network Support (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** David Hyde, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Travis Brossart, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Charles Richards, Assiniboine Community College

## IT and Network Support (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Justin Marion, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

**Silver** Adam Nucci, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Matt Streeter, River East Collegiate

## IT Software Application (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Ashley Schweitzer, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Jaclyn Higgins, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Karine Major, Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

## IT Software Application (Secondary Level)

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

**Silver** Lindsay Penner, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Dana Kihn, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

## Job Interview (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Donna Lynn Yaworski, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Chris Saltesz, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Tyler Fletcher, Assiniboine Community College

## Job Interview (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Amanda Wiebe, Garden Valley Collegiate

**Silver** Brittany Kopyts, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Bronze** Candace Wenzel, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School

## Job Skill Demonstration (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Amanda Lorraine Wall, Garden Valley Collegiate

**Silver** Lucas Papp, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Jamie Teeteart, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

## Mechanical CAD (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Joe Tillie, Red River College

**Silver** Devan Hiebert, Red River College

**Bronze** Raltz Supan, Red River College

## Mechanical CAD (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Bryce Juliak, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

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

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

## Photography (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Tiffany Jasenn, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Carrie Stanley, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Ashley Czaplak, Tec Voc High School

## Plumbing (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Steven Anthony Poworski, Red River College

**Silver** Roman Froese, Red River College

**Bronze** Jason Loewen, Red River College

## Precision Machining (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kyle Kolke, Red River College

**Silver** Nathan D. Loewen, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Kevin Williamson, Assiniboine Community College

## Precision Machining (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Trevor Mozil, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Silver** Shaun Tarry, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Bronze** Karley Renee Anderson, Tec Voc High School

## Prepared Speech (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Matthew Sanscartier, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

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

**Bronze** Carley Cyr, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

## Refrigeration (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Brett Roberts, Red River College

**Silver** Joshua Pauls, Red River College

**Bronze** Eric Mollicard, Red River College

## Restaurant Service (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Erica Eden, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Selina Miller, Red River College

**Bronze** Shannon Pruden, Assiniboine Community College

## Robotics (4) (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Pavlo Tovaryanskyy, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Myles Robinson, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Christiane Bingham, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Codey Scarrett, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Peter Friesen, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Thomas Japs, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Silver** Peter Rogalski, Steinbach Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Cory Henewich, Sisler High School

**Bronze** Nick Halischak, Sisler High School

## Sheet Metal Work (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Jason Gauthier, Red River College

**Silver** Jason Hazlehurst, Red River College

**Bronze** Elliot Leung, Red River College

## Small Powered Equipment (Secondary Level)

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

**Silver** Peter Zamrykut, Dauphin Regional Secondary School

**Bronze** Sam Parish, Minnedosa Collegiate

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

**Gold** Kevin Forbes, Tec Voc High School

**Gold** Gloria Perron, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Jessie Towns, Tec Voc High School

**Silver** Paige Pooley, Tec Voc High School

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

**Bronze** Brenlee Johnstone, Tec Voc High School

## Website Development (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Kaila MacDonald, Assiniboine Community College

**Silver** Keith Otto, Assiniboine Community College

**Bronze** Mike Thomas, Assiniboine Community College

## Website Development (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Dean Chorney, Sisler High School

**Silver** Nathan Dang, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** Scott White, Kildonan East Collegiate

## Welding (Post Secondary Level)

**Gold** Adam White, Red River College

**Silver** Nick Klatt, Winnipeg Technical College

**Bronze** William Larkins, Red River College

## Welding (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Dave Gaston, Winnipeg Technical College

**Silver** Darryl Rittinger, Tec Voc High School

**Bronze** James Dash, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary

## Women's Apparel Design (Secondary Level)

**Gold** Shantel Manzuik, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Silver** Amanda Rose Chubaty, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

**Bronze** Jasmine Lusty, Murdoch Mackay Collegiate

## Work Site Safety (Secondary Level)

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

**Silver** Bryann Matthews, Tec Voc High School

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



## Canadian Skills Competition - May 25-28, 2008

A Manitoba delegation of just over 100 cheered "TOBA, TOBA" as 26 high school, college, university and young apprentices took to the podium claiming 6 gold, 10 silver and 4 bronze medals at the Olympic-style Canadian Skills Competition held in Calgary and hosted by Skills Canada Alberta.

The 61 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 Competitors and Delegates  
Canadian Skills Competition  
Calgary, Alberta

### Manitoba Medalists

| Contest                           | Level          | Medal  | Competitor             | School/Employer                         |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------------------|---|
| 3D Char Computer Animation (team) | Secondary      | Gold   | Olexiy Zhukov-Malyeyev | River East Collegiate                   |
| 3D Char Computer Animation (team) | Secondary      | Gold   | Adam Choboter          | River East Collegiate                   |
| Aesthetics                        | Skin Care      | Silver | Rebecca-Dawn Hamilton  | Giselle's School of Aesthetics          |
| Aircraft Maintenance              | Post Secondary | Silver | Daniel Dupuis          | Stevenson Aviation                      |
| Architectural CADD                | Secondary      | Bronze | Eric Thiessen          | Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School |
| Brick & Stone Masonry             | Post Secondary | Silver | Joey Brooks            | Red River College                       |
| Cabinet Making                    | Post Secondary | Silver | Travis Wieler          | Red River College                       |
| Cabinet Making                    | Secondary      | Silver | Andreas Esau           | Steinbach Regional Secondary School     |
| Carpentry                         | Post Secondary | Gold   | Cornelius Fehr         | Red River College                       |
| Electrical Wiring                 | Secondary      | Silver | Stefan Schewa          | Steinbach Regional Secondary School     |
| Electronics                       | Secondary      | Silver | Derek Wallace          | Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School |
| Hairstyling                       | Secondary      | Silver | Jill Hadfield          | Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School  |
| IT Software Application           | Post Secondary | Bronze | Ashley Schweitzer      | Assiniboine Community College           |
| IT Software Application           | Secondary      | Gold   | Lindsey Penner         | Steinbach Regional Secondary School     |
| Landscaping Gardening (team)      | Post Secondary | Gold   | Thomas Zinn            | Red River College                       |
| Landscaping Gardening (team)      | Post Secondary | Gold   | Konrad Zinn            | Red River College                       |
| Prepared Speech                   | Secondary      | Bronze | Matthew Sanscartier    | Murdoch MacKay Collegiate               |
| Robotics (team)                   | Secondary      | Gold   | Pavlo Tovaryansky      | Tec Voc High School                     |
| Robotics (team)                   | Secondary      | Gold   | Myles Robinson         | Tec Voc High School                     |
| Robotics (team)                   | Secondary      | Gold   | Christiane Bingham     | Tec Voc High School                     |
| Robotics (team)                   | Secondary      | Gold   | Codey Scarrett         | Tec Voc High School                     |
| TV Video Production (team)        | Secondary      | Gold   | Kevin Forbes           | Tec Voc High School                     |
| TV Video Production (team)        | Secondary      | Gold   | Gloria Perron          | Tec Voc High School                     |
| Website Development               | Post Secondary | Silver | Kaila MacDonald        | Assiniboine Community College           |
| Welding                           | Secondary      | Silver | Dave Gaston            | Winnipeg Technical College              |
| Women's Apparel Design            | Secondary      | Bronze | Shantel Manzuik        | Murdoch MacKay Collegiate               |

## Kids Rule at Red River College

For the third year, Red River College will be hosting six exciting kids' day camps during the last three weeks of July.

**Girls Exploring Trades & Technology (GETT) Camp** is a free, five-day camp designed to introduce girls ages 12 to 14 to trades and technology. The GETT Camp encourages girls to consider non-traditional options, and reinforces the relevance of taking science, advanced math, technical, and industrial subjects.

A maximum of 12 girls attend each of three, five-day camps in the Carpentry shops at the College's Notre Dame Avenue campus. The main project is to design, build and race a plywood racer. Each team of two assembles a full-size soap box racer under the watchful eyes of carpentry instructors and female mentors. The girls are soon comfortable with shop safety, power drills,

jigsaws, screwdrivers, the mitre saw and belt sander. They learn to appreciate that applied math is alive and well in the carpentry shop!

The GETT Camp girls don't just build go-carts. They build friendships as well as confidence, and leave with a wider career outlook, along with an appreciation for Red River College.

GETT camp fees are generally covered through sponsorships, in-kind donations, and initially by a demonstration project grant from the Technical Vocational Initiative.

The College also offers three, five-day **Technology Exploration Camps (TEC@RRC)** at the Notre Dame campus in July. The camps are designed for boys and girls 11 to 13 years of age, who can enroll in one, two, or all three camps. For only \$125 per week, students explore fun, hands-on technology-

based activities while learning to appreciate the importance of science and mathematics.

Both TEC and GETT campers get to blow off a little steam with organized outdoor activities, too. The water balloon fights are especially welcome in the July heat. Each Friday, campers from both TEC and GETT are treated to another famous carpentry department barbecue.

*For more information about Girls Exploring Trades & Technology (GETT) Camp, check out [www.rrc.ca/gett](http://www.rrc.ca/gett) or call Christina Lambert at (204) 632-2067.*

*For more information about Technology Exploration (TE) Camp, check out [www.rrc.ca/tec](http://www.rrc.ca/tec) or call Dianne Lazinski at (204) 632-2064.*

*Submitted by:  
Red River College*

## You've Got It Made in the Trades

Google this: skilled construction labour shortage Canada.

I got 64,600 web pages. We are not *facing* a skilled labour shortage in this country. We are smack-dab in the middle of one.

Governments and industries are taking unusual steps to address what many experts feel is a crisis which may last for at least two decades. Organizations are being formed to assist skilled immigrants in getting their Canadian qualifications.

Increased Government grants are now available to companies in the construction industries which are hiring apprentices. What does this mean to a student? It's a seller's market.

Trade Certificate of Qualification pro-

grams are no longer only for those who can't handle university. They are for students who want to "earn while they learn," *and* have a portable certification that is accepted anywhere in Canada. And when these apprentices graduate, instead of having a student loan to repay, they have four years of earnings and plenty of on-the-job experience.

Although one short term solution is to bring more qualified immigrants into the trades, any long term solution has to include filling the gap from the front end. Simply put, that means we need more students entering apprenticeship programs. A secondary school student, when considering his or her career options should take a good long look at the trades.

On the internet, a look at [www.tradeupmanitoba.com](http://www.tradeupmanitoba.com) will yield lots of great information on expected salaries, job descriptions and the vast variety of jobs available in the construction industry.

Another site that merits more than a glance is <http://www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/index.html>

There you'll find details of the apprenticeship programs available.

Take a look and see for yourself. See why more and more students are finding they have it *Made in the Trades*.

*Dave Foreman  
General Manager  
Manitoba Electrical League Inc.*

## TRADE UP TAKES OFF IN MANITOBA SCHOOLS

Winnipeg Construction Association encourages students to build a solid future in skilled trades.

Manitoba's construction industry is searching for students with skills! With many major projects going up in Winnipeg and all over the province, Manitoba's construction climate is creating a wealth of career opportunities for skilled tradespeople. For teens who are considering their career options, this is very good news!

From carpenters to electricians to bricklayers, there are more than 20 skilled trade occupations in construction alone. And construction doesn't just mean hammers and hard labour - career options range from site superintendents to estimators.

Recently, Winnipeg Construction Association's Trade Up! Careers in Manitoba Construction campaign has been encouraging students to consider a future in construction with the following career-related events:

### WCA ConstrucTOUR 2008

WCA hosted its first-ever ConstrucTOUR on February 14, 2008. ConstrucTOUR is designed to give students an inside look at some of Winnipeg's biggest and brightest construction projects and introduce them to a variety of skilled trade careers available in construction.

With Manitoba Hydro's downtown office building slated for completion in November 2008, timing was perfect to take students on a stimulating and exciting tour of this environmentally-friendly office tower.

Led by PCL Constructors personnel, groups were taken through different floors of the Hydro building - each at different stages of construction. Trade workers like painters, electricians, sheet metal workers, elevator installers and glaziers were on hand and stopped to talk about the work they were doing,

their career in the field, and then demonstrated some of their skills.

### Sisler Supports Skilled Trades

Slide over Nintendo Wii, students at Winnipeg's Sisler High School are trying their hand at a new activity - construction. At their first-ever Construction Career Day, Sisler's Grade 9 students were introduced to a variety of skilled trades, and encouraged to participate in interactive demonstrations.

After Trade Up presentations, students filled Sisler's junior gym to participate in masonry, carpentry, drywall and mechanical demonstrations. Approximately 350 students in groups of 10-15 rotated from booth to booth, laying bricks, drilling screws and constructing walls. The small group activities allowed students to ask questions, work together and cheer on their fellow classmates.

*Submitted by: Winnipeg Construction Association*



## Apprenticeship- A First Choice Post-Secondary Option

### *It's time to think twice about a career in the skilled trades!*

Apprenticeship is a form of post-secondary education like university or college, but with a big difference. Apprentices not only learn their skills in the classroom, but they also receive paid-on-the-job-training with an employer. In addition, with skilled shortages becoming more evident across the nation, apprenticeship training also offers some very attractive tax incentives and grants.

The end result? Certification that can take you anywhere, a rewarding career and more money in your pocket!

Statistics show that in the next decade, 40% of new jobs will be in skilled trades and technology. So take the time to encourage exciting careers involving "hands-on work". Skilled trades play an important role in our society; they are respected, they include opportunities for further training and advancement and they offer good pay and benefits.

In Manitoba, the Apprenticeship Branch offers training in over 50 skilled trades, the majority providing inter-provincial Red Seal certification which is recognized across Canada. Whether it's Cabinetmaking, Hairstyling, Landscaping or Aircraft Maintenance, apprenticeship training exists in a variety of trades that most of us never even knew existed. On average, Apprenticeship programs take approximately 3-4 years in length to complete however approximately 80% of apprenticeship is spent working under the instruction of a journeyman and 20% is allocated to technical/in-class learning through one of Apprenticeship's training providers including Red River College, Assiniboine Community College and the University College of the North. This model allows an apprentice to earn an income while they learn, and the rest is left up to the Apprenticeship Branch who is responsible for arranging technical

learning and funding more than 90% of the technical/in-class training costs.

When can someone begin an apprenticeship you ask? At anytime. And this is as good of a time as any. The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant offered by the Federal government, provides \$1,000 to all apprentices who successfully complete their first or second level of apprenticeship training in Red Seal trade. The Provincial government has also announced a 60% income tax rebate on eligible tuition fees for apprentice graduates which includes coverage of any personal tuition fee contributions and tuition fee contributions paid on their behalf by the Apprenticeship Branch. In addition, the Manitoba Premier recently announced a commitment to the creation of 4,000 new seats for apprenticeship training between Red River College, Assiniboine Community College and University College of the North. It's a pretty clear message that it's time we placed our misconceptions aside and start thinking twice about the opportunities in the skilled trades for young Canadians.

#### Five Steps to an Apprenticeship

##### **1) Researching the trade programs and experiences that are available in high school**

Connect with trades professionals in your area and do some research on the internet. Get a head start on an apprenticeship in high school by taking a vocational program/class or enrolling in the Senior Years Option, which provides paid on the job work experience and credit towards high school and apprenticeship completion.

##### **2) Know the entrance requirements**

A high school diploma or equivalent is required for training in most apprenticeship trades and unlike some misconceptions that exist, a strong foundation

in reading, writing, math and sciences is necessary to be successful. Like university or college, doing well and completing an apprenticeship requires a strong academic foundation, dedication and focus.

##### **3) Find a qualified employer to enter into an apprenticeship agreement.**

Network, network, network. Research companies in the Yellow Pages. Check with employment listings in local newspapers and on the internet. Contact various trade associations and unions. Speak directly with and meet with potential employers. Approach this task like any job search.

##### **4) Register as an Apprentice**

Complete and submit the Apprenticeship/Application Agreement to the Apprenticeship Branch. This application will require information from both the apprentice and the employer.

##### **5) Start your Career**

After completing the program requirements and passing the required trade exams, the completing apprentice will receive a Journeyman Certificate of Qualification granted by the Province of Manitoba.

Get paid, and learn a trade! Apprenticeship is a first choice post-secondary option and the ticket to a challenging and rewarding career.

For more information about Apprenticeship and a career in the skilled trades contact the Apprenticeship Branch at 204-945-3337 or in rural Manitoba, call toll free 1-877-97TRADE or visit: [www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers](http://www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers).

*Submitted by:*

*Manitoba Apprenticeship*

## Our 2008/2009 upcoming events.....



### IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

September 2008 – June 2009

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

November 19, 2008- Winnipeg, MB

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

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> MODEL WIND TURBINE COMPETITION

November 3, 2008 - Winnipeg, MB

Location: Red River College (Notre Dame Campus)

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> EXTREME SLEDDING COMPETITION

December 3, 2008 - Winnipeg, MB

Location: Winnipeg Technical College

### SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASES

February 9 -20, 2009

Locations: Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre (Winnipeg) ; Tec Voc High School (Winnipeg); Murdoch Mackay Collegiate (Winnipeg); Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary School (Selkirk); Winnipeg Technical College (Winnipeg); Garden Valley Collegiate (Winkler); Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School (Brandon); Steinbach Regional Secondary School (Steinbach); Dauphin Regional Comprehensive School (Dauphin); Portage Collegiate Institute (Portage la Prairie); Sturgeon Creek Collegiate (Winnipeg).

### YOUNG WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

November 26, 2008 – Thompson, MB

Location: R.D. Parker Collegiate

March 25, 2009 - The Pas , MB

Location: University College of the North

March 2009, (Exact Date TBA) - Brandon, MB

Location: Assiniboine Community College

April 9, 2009 - Winnipeg, MB

Location: Red River College (Notre Dame Campus)

### PROVINCIAL SKILLS COMPETITION

April 9, 2009 – Winnipeg, MB

Location: Red River College (Notre Dame and Princess Campuses)

### CANADIAN SKILLS COMPETITION

May 20 – 23, 2009

Location: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

### WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION

September 1-6, 2009

Location: Calgary, Alberta

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

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