

Impressive performance from Team New Brunswick at 16th annual Canadian Skills Competition in Waterloo.

A team of 30 students from New Brunswick high schools, colleges and private training institutions gave an impressive performance this week at the 16th annual Canadian Skills Competition held in Waterloo, Ontario.

Every year, the event brings together over 500 young people from all regions of Canada, along with their parents and advisors, to compete in over 40 trade and technology areas. The two-day competition provides an opportunity for young Canadians studying a skilled trade or technology to be tested against exacting standards and against their peers from across the nation. Students vie to win the honor of being crowned the best in their chosen discipline.

The main goals of this event are to provide competitors with hands-on work experience and to raise awareness for the general population of the value of and challenge in skilled trades and technology careers. The Canadian Skills Competition showcases the talent and the expertise of young competitors from across Canada. It is the only national, Olympic-style, multi-trade and technology competition for young students and apprentices in the country.

Team New Brunswick was able to bring back a total of 6 medals from the event as listed below:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Medal</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>School</u>
Jenica Bubar	Gold Medal	Esthetics	Riverview, NB	Medes College
Carole Cormier	Silver Medal	Car Painting	Rosaireville, NB	NBCC Bathurst
William McCallum	Silver Medal	Carpentry	Tabusintac, NB	Miramichi Valley High School
Kyle Kennedy	Bronze Medal	Workplace Safety	Moncton, NB	Harrison Trimble High School
Mathieu Bouchard	Bronze Medal	Industrial Mechanics	Val d'amours, NB	NBCC Bathurst
Shawn Guignard	Bronze Medal	Welding	Bathurst, NB	École Secondaire Népisiguit

In addition to its great showing, one student from Team NB has been invited to a national team.

Jenica Bubar, a post-secondary student attending Medes College in Moncton was invited to represent Canada in the field of Esthetics at the 2011 WordSkills Competition which will be presented in London, England.

From October 5th-8th, 2011; London will host the largest international vocational skills competition in the world. WorldSkills London will be held at ExCeL London exhibition and conference centre in London's docklands.

Students participating with Team New Brunswick had been selected through a series of provincial competitions that were presented throughout the spring months at different high school and college campuses.

Skills Canada New Brunswick is a not-for-profit organization devoted to the promotion of the career possibilities in the trades and technologies. A misunderstanding of the value of careers in trades and technologies inhibits many young Canadians from considering these types of career options. Through provincial olympic-style competitions, Skills Canada NB helps make these occupations more visible for teachers, youth, parents, industry and the general public.

For more information about Skills Canada or the World Skills Competitions, please visit www.skillscanada.com and www.worldskillslondon2011.com



TEAM SKILLS CANADA NEW BRUNSWICK AT 2010 CANADIAN SKILLS COMPETITION



Team NB Medalists (Left to Right): William McCallum, Shawn Guignard, Jenica Bubar,
Kyle Kennedy, Mathieu Bouchard, Carole Cormier



Team NB Medalists (Top Row): Kyle Kennedy, Shawn Guignard, William McCallum
(Bottom Row): Mathieu Bouchard, Carole Cormier, Jenica Bubar



Team Canada selection: Jenica Bubar

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