

Skills BC Fall 2016 E-Newsletter

Welcome back to school!

Staff and volunteers have been busy planning over the summer, gearing up for a full year of exciting programs, workshops and events.

SkillsBC appreciates the continued support of the volunteers and valued partners.



Big thank you to our 2015/16 partners - the New Car Dealers Association, the New Car Dealers Foundation, the IBEW, LNG Canada & Kitimat LNG for their support of a program that allowed 15,000 BC students to explore trades & technology career opportunities!

InSPIRE (In School Presentations: Inform! Relate! Excite!), is a SkillsBC, hands-on Trades & Technology career exploration classroom program for students in grade 6 to 12.

The InSPIRE: 4Her and InSPIRE: STEM will be piloted in select classrooms in 2016/17.

We encourage educators interested in registering their classes for the InSPIRE program for 2016/17 to do so as soon as possible, as spaces fill up fast.

Please follow link for further information and registration details:

<http://skillscanada.bc.ca/programs/inspire/>

For the challenge, students are provided with tool boxes and small hand tools, and prizes for the winners, kindly supplied by Stanley, Black and Decker.

WeForSheBC:

SkillsBC is thrilled to participate in the "WeFORSheBC" conference October 14, 2016.

The 2016 WE FOR SHE: Championing the Next Generation conference is one of North America's largest gatherings of women's organizations, companies, experts, business leaders, advocates and young women.

SkillsBC will be featuring the InSPIRE: 4Her program which will include Trades and Technology based activities and videos for female high school students. A big thank you to ASTTBC for providing resources for the robotics skills challenge.

Check out www.weforshebc.ca for further information.

National Skilled Trades and Technology Week (NSTTW) October 31 - November 6, 2016):

As part of NSTTW, SkillsBC is partnering with Destination Imagination to launch the Tomorrow/Today Challenge which will be hosted at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Richmond Campus on November 4, 2016.

Select teams of BC students in grade 6-12 will face a challenge to apply STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based applications and research knowledge about 4 economic sectors in BC and use their imagination to predict in-demand careers in the year 2025. NSTTW is a key date in the annual Skills/Compétences Canada (SCC) calendar. The goal of this week-long event is to promote and host awareness raising events around the many career opportunities in skilled trades and technology in Canada.

<http://skillscompetencescanada.com/en/programs/skilled-trades-technology-week/>

World Skills:



Photo Credit: Inside TRU newsletter, June 2016.

Welding student Andrew Christensen, left and welding instructor Rebecca Kennedy at Skills Canada in Moncton, NB.

SkillsBC is thrilled to announce that TeamBC competitors Andrew Christensen and Judd Foster will be competing for WorldSkills Gold in Abu Dhabi in 2017!

Andrew Christensen is a TRU student in Kamloops, BC and will represent Canada in Welding.

Check out Inside TRU article "Welder earns spot in world championship" for more highlights about Andrew: <http://inside.tru.ca/2016/06/14/welder-earns-spot-in-world-championship/>



Photo Credit: Erin Haluschak - Comox Valley Record, June 15, 2016.

Judd Foster is a Highland Secondary Student from Comox, BC and will represent Canada in Electronics.

Check out Comox article showcasing more about Judd:

<http://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/news/383146251.html>

For more information visit: <https://worldskillsabudhabi2017.com/en/> or

<http://skillscanada.bc.ca/competitions/world-competitions/>

