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# Summer Newsletter

## National Competition - Summer 2017

### Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to Skills Canada BC's Summer 2017 Newsletter. This Summer Edition contains highlights of the **2017 National Competition** held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 1 & 2, 2017. Team British Columbia did an outstanding job of representing our province. I hope you enjoy the highlights of the 2017 National competition featured in our summer newsletter.

Elaine Allan, BA, MBA

### National Competitions

Team BC headed to the Nationals with 53 competitors to compete in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 31 – June 3, 2017.

Not only did some of the team medal for a chance to compete in World Skills, there was a lot of camaraderie, learning and memories made.

The 2017 National Competition was another inspiring year for Team BC with a great outcome on the

podium. Skills BC competitors came home with 23 medals including 5 gold; 7 silver; and 11 bronze. Congratulations Team

BC. Well done! Thanks to all the volunteers as well. This wouldn't be possible without your support.

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SCNC 2017 Highlight Video



### InSPIRE - In School Presentations: Inform! Relate! Excite!

The InSPIRE program has served as a successful program across BC with continued growth each year. Introduced as a pilot in 2013/2014 with just over 1600 BC students, this year reached approximately

18,000 students across the province.

This unique in-school presentation provides students from grades 6 – 12 with an introduction to skilled trades and technology careers through engaging, hands on activities, relevant, career focused videos and classroom discussion.

We encourage educators interested to register their classes early for the InSPIRE program in 2017/2018 as spaces fill up quickly.

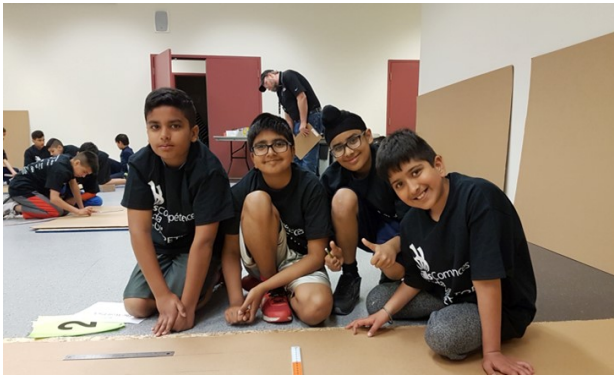


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## Cardboard Boat Races

SkillsBC ran two exciting Cardboard Boat races in May in coordination with SD74 (Gold Trail) and SD36 (Surrey). This fun, challenging day involved students taking their designs (which they worked on in advance), building the prototype (armed with duct tape, cardboard and only a few tools and materials) and then racing the boats in the pool.

In Lillooet on May 4, 15 teams competed from four different schools in school district 74 (Lillooet Secondary, David Stoddart School (in Clinton), Desert Sands Community School (in Ashcroft) and Kumsheen Secondary (Lytton)). The winning schools that placed were: LSS – Gold, Kumsheen – Silver, and LSS – Bronze.



In Surrey on May 18, classes from Green Timbers Elementary in Surrey, BC paddled it out at the Surrey Sports and Leisure Centre.

The Cardboard Boat Races challenge students to use teamwork, numeracy, literacy and problem solving skills.



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## Vancouver International AutoShow, March 28 - April 2, 2017

SkillsBC staff and student volunteers from Richmond School District helped SkillsBC run hands on activities at the Auto Show in Vancouver in March. During this five day event, SkillsBC had over 1000 people try the hands on activities including a painting simulator, and gravity car racing as well as speak to SkillsBC staff about the competitions and careers in trades and technology.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped make this all happen.



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