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# Spring Newsletter

## **Provincial Competition - Spring 2017**

#### Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to Skills Canada BC's Spring 2017 Newsletter. This Spring edition contains highlights of the **2017 Provincial Competitions** held at the Tradex in Abbotsford on April 5, 2017. The talent and the energy of the 2017 provincial competitors was both incredible and inspiring. Enjoy!

Elaine Allan, BA, MBA

### **Provincial Competitions**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Skills Canada BC Provincial Competition, was held on April 5, 2017 at the Tradex in Abbotsford, BC.

579 competitors took part in the 2017 Skills Canada BC competitions. Students from grades 6 – 12 as well as post -secondary students competed in 58 different trades and technology contest areas from aerospace technology to welding.

With bus loads of students arriving throughout the day, over 5000 middle and high school students were able to check out the competitions, try the



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many interactive, hands on activities and visit the Pathways to Careers Show-case.

53 Gold medalists from the Provincial competition formed Team BC and competed at the 2017 Skills Canada National Competition in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 31 to June 3, 2017.



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Trades and Technology careers are projected to be in high demand in the near future, and these competitions provide an engaging environment to both competitors and spectators in order to showcase these exciting career opportunities.

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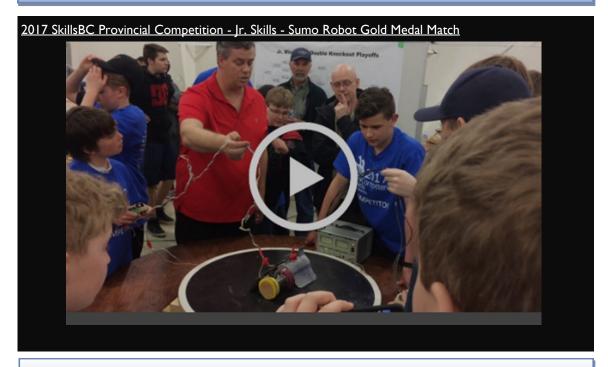
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### Skilled Trades & Technology Conference for Women

The 2017 SkillsBC Trades and Technology Conference for Women was held in conjunction with the Provincial competitions at the Tradex, Abbotsford on April 5, 2017. Over 100 female high school students from grade 10-12 had a unique opportunity to network with female mentors from over 20 trades and technology fields and learn about some amazing potential careers. Electricians, welders, ironworkers, chefs, RV Mechanic, technologists

and many more careers were represented at the conference.

After the morning conference and lunch, students were also able to check out the SkillsBC Provincial competitions and try out some hands on activities as well as the "Pathways to Careers" showcase.



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