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Greetings from the Executive Director

Welcome to Skills Canada BC's April 2019 Newsletter. This edition includes highlights from our 2019 Regionals and Provincials, information about the 2019 and 2020 Nationals, and our Inspire program.

2019 Regionals

Skills Canada BC's 2019 Regional competitions were a smashing success! In total, almost 3,100 Secondary and Post-Secondary students competed in over 18 competitions throughout the province. This is an increase of 1,000 student competitors from the 2018 Regional competition year. What's even more exciting is that 50% of the 2019 Regional competitors come from the **Junior Skills Student** demographic which has been identified as key years for introducing the skilled trades and technology careers.

For more information please [click here](#) to review the "**2019 Regionals Total Competitors by Region**" data.

Best regards,

Elaine Allan, BA, MBA, Executive Director

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2019 Trades & Technology Conference for Women

Highlights from the Trades & Technology Conference for Women

Skills Canada BC's Trades and Technology Conference for Women took place in the loft space above the first floor of the Tradex in Abbotsford, B.C. on April 17, 2019 in conjunction with the Provincial Competitions.



The conference focused on collaboration, with female students from grades 10- 12 and female mentors from various trades and technology careers. Activities included exploring career opportunities through networking with the various mentors, engaging in hands-on activities and viewing relevant videos. Some of the

careers highlighted this year included: **electrical, plumbing, carpentry, chef, heavy equipment operator, elevator mechanic engineering technologist, safety careers** and many more!

Our guest speaker was Kate Campbell. Kate has been working in the television and renovation industry for over five years and has been taught by some of the Canada's top renovators. She can be seen as part of the crew for "Homes On

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Homes", "Homes in New Orleans", "Holmes Inspection" and assisting the final contestants as a part of "Handyman Superstar Challenge".

For more information please [click here](#) or contact Michelle Skelly, Director of Programs, Skills Canada BC: michelle@skillscanada.bc.ca.

The 2019 Provincials

Highlights from the 2019 Provincial Competitions

The 2019 Provincial competitions were a huge success. More than 600 competitors in 58 competition areas competed in fields as diverse as: aerospace, automotive, 3D Animation, baking, welding, robotics — and much more!

Students from Grades 6 – 12 as well as Post-Secondary students competed amid an audience comprised of 5,000+ middle and high school students, parents, career educators, industry leaders, technical experts, sponsors, employers, labour organizations and Minister Melanie Mark who also attended this annual event.



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2019 Nationals

May 28 - 30, 2019



The 25th Skills Canada National competitions will be held May 28 – 29, 2019 at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Opening Ceremonies will be held on May 27, 2019. Closing Ceremonies will be held on May 30, 2019.

For more information, please [click here](#).



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The Inspire Program

Skills Canada BC continues to deliver the "Inspire" program to grade 6 - 10 students throughout British Columbia.

Inspire's one-hour classroom workshop provides an excellent first step for students to explore the potential skilled trades and technology fields through fun and thought-provoking hands-on activities.

Skills Canada BC's *Inspire* program encourages students to explore careers in the trades and technology sectors that they may have not otherwise considered. This is also achieved through classroom and relevant videos in addition to the hands-on component of the presentation.

The *Inspire* program reaches onwards of 15,000 students throughout the province each year.

For more information and to register, please [click here](#) or contact Michelle Skelly, Director of Programs, Skills Canada BC: michelle@skillscanada.bc.ca.

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Skills Canada BC to Host the 2020 Nationals!

May 27 - 30, 2020



Skills Canada BC will host the Skills Canada 2020 National competitions in Vancouver, May 27 – 30, 2020, at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

- Opening Ceremonies will be held on May 27, 2020.
- Competition Dates: May 28 & 29, 2020.
- Closing Ceremonies will be held May 30, 2020.

British Columbia's top competitors will compete for gold, silver and bronze in the leading trade and technology competitions.

Winners of Skills Canada BC's Provincial Competitions will represent British Columbia during this Olympic-style 2-day competition.

Save the date! You won't want to miss this

exciting event.

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