

Newsletter

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

The 2019 Provincials

April 17, 2019 (Tradex)

Skills Canada BC's 2019 Provincial competition will be held on April 17, 2019 at the Tradex, in Abbotsford. More than 600 competitors will be competing for gold, silver and bronze in leading trade and technology competitions! Thousands of students from around the province attend this exciting event each year. Don't miss out. Save the date! We look forward to seeing you on April 17, 2019. To learn more, please [click here](#).



For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Elaine Allan, Executive Director at elaine@skillscanada.bc.ca

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2019 Trades & Technology Conference for Women

Tradex, Abbotsford, BC April 17, 2019 | 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

This event is held in conjunction with the Provincial Competition. It brings together female students from grades 10 – 12 and female mentors who are employed in a diverse range of trades and technology sectors represented at the BC Skills Competition.

Kate Campbell - 2019 Guest Speaker

The Conference will feature **Kate Campbell** as our Special Guest Speaker from HGTV's "Holmes On Homes", "Holmes in New Orleans", "Holmes Inspection" and "Handyman Superstar Challenge". Kate was also featured in HGTV's hit shows "Decked out" and "Disaster Decks", and most recently, the HGTV Canada's Hit Show "Home to Win".



During this exciting event, participants will explore career opportunities through networking with mentors, hands on activities and relevant videos. Some of the careers highlighted will include: **electrical, plumbing, carpentry, chef, engineering technologist, safety careers** and more!

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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The 2019 Regionals

Schedule for January, February, and March 2019

Region	Date	Location
Central Interior	January 16, 2019	College of New Caledonia, Prince George
North West Lower Mainland	February 13, 2019	David Thompson Secondary
Vancouver Island Central	February 22, 2019	Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo
Peace	February 22, 2019	Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek
North West Lower Mainland	February 23, 2019	Eric Hamber Secondary School, Vancouver
North West Lower Mainland	February 27, 2019	Vancouver Community College, Vancouver
Central Lower Mainland	February 27, 2019	Westview Secondary, Maple Ridge
Central Lower Mainland	February 28, 2019	Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Richmond
Central Okanagan	March 1, 2019	Okanagan College, Kelowna
Kootenays	March 1, 2019	College of the Rockies, Cranbrook
North West	March 1, 2019	Coast Mountain College, Terrace
Upper Fraser Valley	March 7, 2019	University of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack
Cariboo	March 8, 2019	Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops
Lower Fraser Valley	March 8, 2019	Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Cloverdale
Vancouver Island South	March 8, 2019	Camosun College Trades Campus, Victoria
Vancouver Island North	March 8, 2019	G.P. Vanier Secondary, Courtney
Central Lower Mainland	March 9, 2019	Samuel Robertson Secondary, Maple Ridge
Central Lower Mainland	March 13, 2019	BCIT, Burnaby



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The Inspire Program

Skills Canada BC has begun another busy year delivering the Inspire program to K-12 students throughout British Columbia.

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

Skills Canada BC's *Inspire* program promotes discussion, through the use of compelling video content and curriculum that encourages students to explore careers in the trades and technology sectors they may have never otherwise considered.

The *Inspire* program reaches onwards of 18,000 students throughout the province each year.

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2019 Nationals

May 28 – 30, 2019



The 25th Skills Canada National competition 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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Skills Canada BC to Host the 2020 Nationals!

May 27 - 30, 2020

Skills Canada BC will host the Skills Canada 2020 National competition 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 Competition 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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