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[Executive Director's Report Elaine Allan, BA, MBA](#)

2020 National Skills Canada Competition (Vancouver)

Skills Canada BC won the bid to host the 2020 National Skills Canada BC Competition in Vancouver. Never before has there been a better time for you and your organization to participate in Skills Canada BC's exciting roster of events, programs and competitions leading up to the 2020 Nationals.

Sponsorship Opportunities 2018

Skills Canada BC plays a vital role in influencing provincial students to pursue skilled trades and technology careers through in-school programs and its 18 Olympic-style competitions held each year. In 2017 alone Skills Canada BC reached over 32,500 students, career educators, career planners, recruiters, educators and industry experts.

This high level of engagement ensures your organization will have unparalleled opportunities to reach its target audience through its ongoing support of Skills Canada BC.

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[2018 Regional Competitions Begin](#)

Regional Skills Competition Underway At CNC

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By Rene Regetli, Oversees Skills Canada BC's Regional & Provincial Competitions

The first regional competition of the 2018 season was held at the College of New Caledonia (CNC) in Prince George on January 17th. Students of the campus and local schools went head-to-head in a number of challenges. Showcasing their abilities and knowledge in front of industry professionals, some of the areas of contest included welding, robotics, culinary and heavy equipment service. Students in grades 6 – 9 worked in teams to design, build and test wind turbines and bridges made of spaghetti.





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“The competition exceeded our expectations,” said Doug Borden, coordinator of the Career Technical Centre for School District 57. “We had more competitors; more interest from industry, parents, and students at post-secondary, high school, and elementary levels.”

In total, 200 young men and women competed in the annual event, and Borden says this is a perfect example of the interest their generation has to achieve a career in the field. Another 150 elementary and high school students got a tour of the CNC campus during the competition. “I believe it’s an indication of the number of students interested in going into the trades and a great place for them to explore their interest in the trades, and really test their skills against their peers.”



Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were awarded in each category by industry judges, with the top finishers now eligible to compete at the Provincial Skills Competition in Abbotsford on April 18th. In his remarks, President of the College, Henry Reiser, noted the incredible growth of the event over the past three years. He concluded by setting next year's goal at 400 participants.

Skills Canada BC Regional Competition Schedule *(January, February, March 2018)*

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Region	Dates	Locations
Central Interior	January 17	College of New Caledonia, Prince George
Central Lower Mainland	Feb 16	Westview Secondary, Maple Ridge
North West	Feb 16	Northwest Community College, Terrace
Peace	Feb 16	Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek
N. W. Lower Mainland	Feb 19	Charles Tupper Secondary, Vancouver
N. W. Lower Mainland	Feb 24	Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver
N. W. Lower Mainland	Feb 28	Vancouver Community College
Central Lower Mainland	March 1	KPU, Richmond
Upper Fraser Valley	March 1	University of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack
Cariboo	March 2	Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops
Kootenays	March 2	College of the Rockies, Cranbrook
Lower Fraser Valley	March 2	Kwantlen Polytechnic, Cloverdale
Vancouver Island Central	March 2	Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo
Central Lower Mainland	March 3	Samuel Robertson Secondary, Maple Ridge
Vancouver Island South	March 7	Camosun College, Victoria
Central Okanagan	March 9	Okanagan College, Kelowna
Vancouver Island North	March 9	GP Vanier Secondary, Courtenay

Skills Canada BC 2018 Provincial Competition

Skills Canada BC's 2018 Provincial Competition will be held on April 18, 2018 at the Tradex, in Abbotsford, BC.

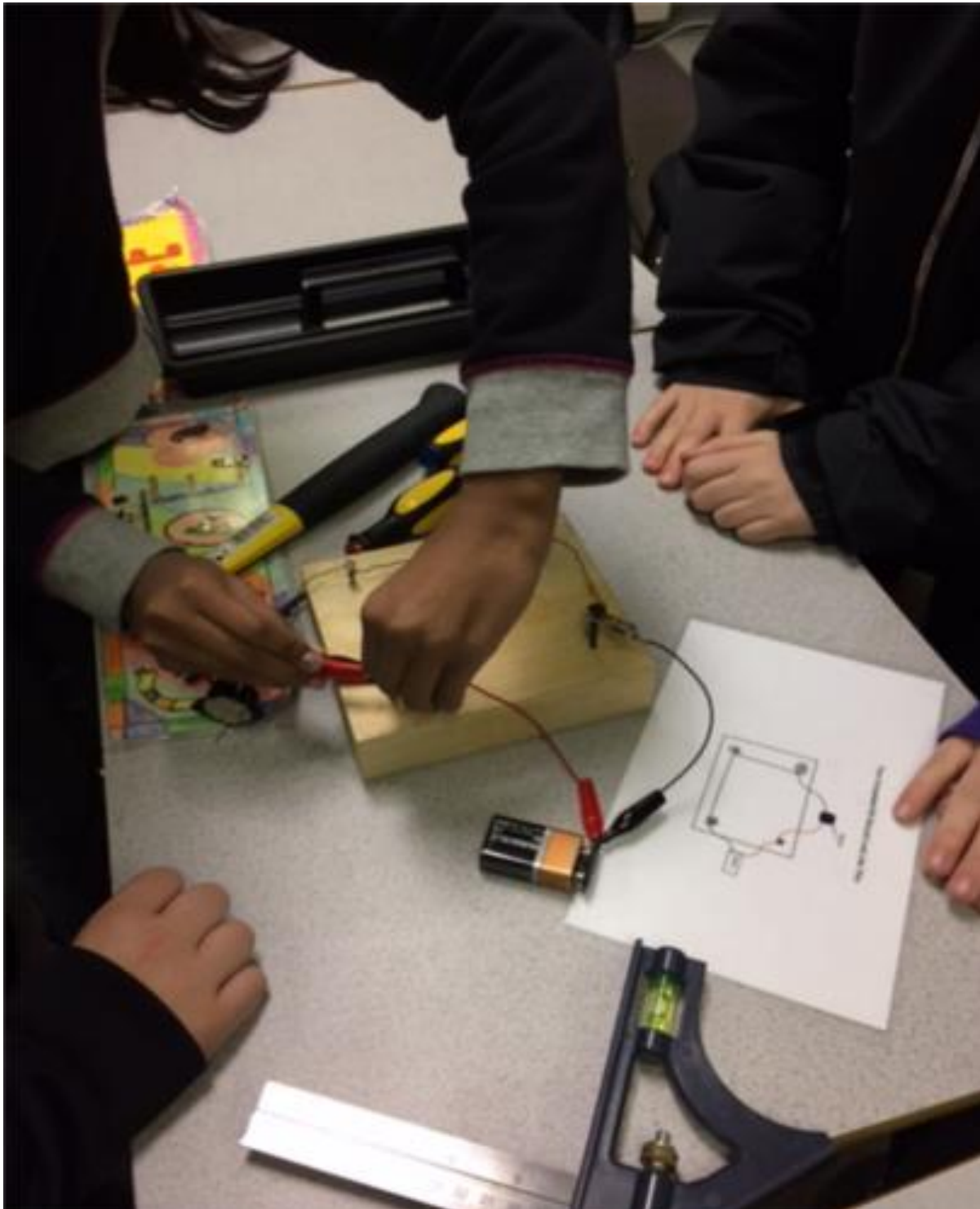


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Skills Canada BC Trades and Technology “INSPIRE” Program

Skills Canada BC has continued to run this engaging, in-demand, classroom program to BC students from grade six to ten for the 2017-2018 school year. Last year, Skills Canada BC introduced the Inspire program to over 18,000 students in 21 school districts.

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This one hour classroom workshop provides an excellent first step for students to explore skilled trades and technology careers through engaging, fun and thought-provoking group hands on competitions. In addition to the activities and classroom discussion, videos dispel the myths of skilled trades and technology careers and encourage students to find their passions. This no-cost program continues to provide useful resources to help with further exploration of career options in the trades and technology fields.

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**spaces are limited so register early*

If you have any questions, please email Michelle Skelly, Director of Programs, Skills Canada BC at michelle@skillscanada.bc.ca