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## **Skills Canada BC to Host 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Trades and Technology Competitions**

### ***Promoting the Next Generation of Skilled Workers***

**Vancouver, BC — February 23, 2023** — Skills Canada BC is pleased to announce it will host its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional competitions in Secondary and Post-Secondary schools throughout British Columbia, February, March, and April 2023.

Each spring, **Skills Canada British Columbia** holds 13 Olympic-style, trades and technology competitions, referred to as “the Regionals” province-wide. Winners of the Regional competitions advance to the Provincials where they compete to for gold at the National and WorldSkills competitions. Benefits of attending “the Regionals” include free admission, Try-a-Trade-activities and unparalleled skilled trades and technology career exploration opportunities for British Columbians.

“These competitions serve several purposes”, said **Elaine Allan**, Executive Director of **Skills Canada BC**. They celebrate and reward students for excellence in the mastery of skills while engaging educators, industry, and labour partners. Combined, these elements ensure that Skills Canada BC competitors are learning skills that are relevant to employers.”

Since 1994, **Skills Canada BC’s** competitions have exposed 1 million youth in British Columbia to careers in the skilled trades and technology sectors.

In 2020, over 11,000 students across the province competed in Skills Canada BC’s Regional competitions. In 2023 **Skills Canada BC’s** Regionals are showing a return to pre-pandemic levels of participation.

For more information, visit [www.skillscanada.bc.ca](http://www.skillscanada.bc.ca) and follow **Skills Canada BC** on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Flickr.

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