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## **“Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Rewards Excellence”**

*Nearly 50 medals were awarded this past Saturday at the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge*

**ST. JOHN’S, NL**– Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador hosted its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge and F.I.R.S.T Lego League Robotics Competition on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Close to 400 junior high students from across Newfoundland and Labrador gathered at College of the North Atlantic- Prince Philip Drive Campus and competed in seventeen different trade, technology and employability competition areas in hopes of receiving a gold, silver or bronze medal (Please see attached document with list of results).

The gold medal winners in most competition areas are invited to represent their school at the Skills Canada Provincial Competition on April 7, 2017. At this competition, they will compete against secondary students for the opportunity to represent Newfoundland and Labrador at the 23rd Annual Skills Canada National Competition held in Winnipeg, MB in June 2017.

“Throughout its fourteen-year history, the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge has demonstrated its value as an ideal opportunity to expose young people to careers in skilled trades and technologies,” said Carole Ann Ryan, Executive Director of Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador. “In the last five years alone, over half of all winners who progressed to the Skills Canada Provincial Competition won medals over students several years their senior. We take great pride in how the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge provides youth with a large range of options to inform their decisions on course selection and career planning before they even enter high school.”

Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador (a member of Skills/Compétences Canada) was established in 1998 as part of an effort to maintain Canada’s international competitiveness amidst a declining Canadian labour force. Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador receives funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Employment and Social Development Canada, the Provincial Government’s Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Department of Advanced Education and Skills and Vale.

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(Photos available upon request)**

# SKILLS CANADA INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE

## 2016 RESULTS

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Gold: Shea Kieley, Holy Spirit High School\*

Silver: Emma MacIsaac, Beaconsfield Junior High

Bronze: Momin Anwar, MacDonald Drive Junior High

### TV VIDEO PRODUCTION (Team of 2)

Gold: Richard Whittle & Peter Noel, Holy Spirit High School\*

Silver: Ashley Howe & Daniel Scott, Villanova Junior High

Bronze: Michael Meaney & Evan Vokey, Mount Pearl Intermediate

### GRAPHIC DESIGN

Gold: Abigail Galway, Holy Redeemer\*

Silver: Rielly Puddester, Beaconsfield Junior High

Bronze: Melissa Mercer, Villanova Junior High

### WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Gold: Jenna Neville, Villanova Junior High\*

Silver: Ethan O'Brien, Mount Pearl Intermediate

Bronze: Brady McEachren, E.G. Lambert School

### IT OFFICE SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS

Gold: Anna Broussard, Lakecrest Independent School\*

Silver: Autumn Penney, E.G. Lambert School

Bronze: Haley Somers, Carbonear Collegiate

### 3D COMPUTER ANIMATION (Team of 2)

Gold: Moira Costigan & Alexandra Sparkes, Villanova Junior High\*

Gold: Kyle Short & Nicholas Nowak, Carbonear Academy\*

### 2D COMPUTER ANIMATION (Team of 2)

Gold: Avery Greening & Ethan Stuckless, Villanova Junior High\*

Gold: Cahley Warren & Cyan Martin, Carbonear Collegiate\*

Silver: Krista Sellars & Isabella Mullins, Beaconsfield Junior High

Bronze: Amber Kelly & Madison Langdon, Frank Roberts Junior High

### JOB SEARCH

Gold: Rory Murphy, Beaconsfield Junior High\*

Silver: Zoe Rowe, Frank Roberts Junior High

Bronze: Hayley Gosse, Villanova Junior High

### JOB SKILL DEMONSTRATION

Gold: Kimberly Jacobs, E.G. Lambert School\*

Silver: Sydney Dawe, Frank Roberts Junior High

Bronze: Abby Azizan, Villanova Junior High

### WORKPLACE SAFETY

Gold: Grace Bryant, Holy Spirit High\*

Silver: Noah Slaney, Frank Roberts Junior High

Bronze: Amy Grimes, Mount Pearl Intermediate

#### **WIND TURBINE CHALLENGE**

**Gold: Daniel Olvera & Madison Noel, Immaculate Heart of Mary School**

**Silver: Shane Murphy, Beaconsfield Junior High**

**Bronze: Andrea Lane & Callie Boyde, E.G. Lambert School**

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Gold: Leah Burke, MacDonald Drive Junior High\***

**Silver: Joel Lake, St. Kevin's High**

**Bronze: Mia Farrell, Villanova Junior High**

#### **IT NETWORK SYSTEMS SCAVENGER HUNT**

**Gold: Logan Smith & Gavin Hull, Mount Pearl Intermediate**

**Silver: Mitchell Barrett & Kira Piercey, Holy Redeemer**

**Bronze: Adam Seviour, MacDonald Drive Junior High**

#### **JUNIOR CHEF CHALLENGE**

**Gold: Emma Moores & Laura Priddle, Holy Spirit High**

**Silver: Anna Rowe & Victoria French, MacDonald Drive Junior High**

**Bronze: Hailey Churchill & Ireland Fitzpatrick, Holy Name of Mary**

#### **JUNIOR HAIRSTYLING CHALLENGE**

**Gold: Anna Boland & Laura Pottle, Villanova Junior High**

**Silver: Cheyenne Burse & Kori Noel, Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Bronze: Mallory Hunter & Madison Borden, Exploits Valley Intermediate**

#### **THE PITCH**

**Gold: Wayne Walsh & Lily Bertolo, Holy Spirit High**

**Silver: Madisyn Browne & Bria Kelly, St. Peter's Junior High**

**Bronze: Lauren Dibbon & Grace Walsh, Beaconsfield Junior High**

#### **F.I.R.S.T. LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS**

**GOLD / 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - Our Lady of Mercy Elementary\*\***

**SILVER / 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - Lakecrest Independent School Team 2**

**BRONZE / 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - Jakeman All-Grade**

#### **TOP PLACING SCHOOLS**

**1st – Villanova Junior High**

**2nd – Beaconsfield Junior High**

**3rd – Holy Spirit High School**

\*Teams that advance to Skills Canada Provincial Competition in April 2017 to compete against high school students

\*\*F.I.R.S.T. Lego League Robotics winning team that may go on to compete at the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League World Festival