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“Team NL proudly brings home twelve national medals at 23rd Annual Skills Canada National Competition”

ST. JOHN’S, NL- This year’s Skills Canada National Competition was held May 31- June 3 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and marked the 23rd annual installation of this prestigious event. Forty-nine members of Team Newfoundland and Labrador were among five hundred competitors from across the country who competed in the more than 40 competition areas highlighted at this pan-Canadian celebration of excellence in trade, technology and employability skill areas.

“Skills Canada is proud to be a leader of the Skills Movement and provide young skilled trades people and technologists with an opportunity to showcase excellence in their fields,” said Skills Canada Newfoundland & Labrador Executive Director, Carole Ann Ryan. “Team Newfoundland and Labrador showed Canada the strength of training in our province and proudly brought home twelve national medals in eleven different skill areas.” The following lists the Skills Canada National Competition medal winners from Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Sara Kennedy – **Gold Medal** – Architectural Technology and Design (*Post Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Ridge Road*)
- Jason Maher – **Gold Medal** – Plumbing (*Post-Secondary- UA Local 740 Training Centre*)
- Ian Brake – **Gold Medal** – IT Office Software Applications (*Secondary- Holy Spirit High School*)
- Clint Gould – **Gold Medal** – IT Office Software Applications (*Post-Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Prince Philip Drive Campus*)
- Simon Ernst – **Gold Medal** – Precision Machining (*Post Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Placentia Campus*)
- Anthony Leonard – **Silver Medal** – IT Networking (*Post-Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Prince Philip Drive Campus*)
- Megan Coles – **Silver Medal** – Workplace Safety (*Secondary- Holy Spirit High School*)
- Chelsie Cake and Breanna Tilley – **Silver Medal** – 2D Computer Animation (*Secondary- Queen Elizabeth Regional High School*)
- Matthew Buckingham-Bishop – **Bronze Medal** – IT Networking (*Secondary- Frank Roberts Junior High*)
- Lindsay Oliver – **Bronze Medal** – Sprinkler Systems (*Post-Secondary- UA Local 740 Training Centre*)
- Michaela Benoit – **Bronze Medal** – Graphic Design (*Post-Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Prince Philip Drive Campus*)



The competitive platform of the Skills Canada National Competition presents a constructive and celebratory venue which inspires students and apprentices to continue the tradition of excellence in fields of skilled trades and technologies.

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 and receives funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Employment and Social Development Canada, the Provincial Government and Vale.

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