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“Team Newfoundland & Labrador Does Province Proud at Skills Canada National Competition”

Moncton, NB – This year’s Skills Canada National Competition, held June 5-8, 2016 in Moncton, NB marked the 22nd annual installation of this prestigious event. The 43 members of Team Newfoundland and Labrador were among 500 competitors from across the country who competed in the more than 40 competition areas highlighted at this pan-Canadian celebration of trade, technology and employability skill areas.

“Skills Canada is proud to lead 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 medals in 12 different competition areas.” The following is a list of Skills Canada National Competition medal-winners from Newfoundland and Labrador:

GOLD

Brandon Drover- Autobody Repair (College of the North Atlantic- Prince Philip Drive Campus)
Michael Newhook- Carpentry (College of the North Atlantic- Clarenville Campus)
Jason Harnum- Heavy Equipment Service (College of the North Atlantic- Bay St. George Campus)
Mackenzie Collins- Public Speaking (Ascension Collegiate)
Megan Coles- Workplace Safety (Holy Spirit High School)
Haley Morairity- Job Search (Holy Spirit High School)
Katherine Gallant- IT Office Software Solutions (College of the North Atlantic- Corner Brook Campus)

SILVER

Matthew Buckingham-Bishop- IT Network Systems Administration (Frank Roberts Junior High)

BRONZE

William Paul- Architectural Technology & Design (College of the North Atlantic- Ridge Road Campus)
Amber Hyde- Photography (Baccalieu Collegiate)
Ian Brake- IT Office Software Solutions (Holy Spirit High School)
Daniel Thorne- Electronics (College of the North Atlantic- Ridge Road Campus)

The competitive platform of the Skills Canada National Competition presents a constructive and congratulatory venue which inspires students and apprentices to continue the tradition of dedication and passion 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. Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador receives funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Employment and Social Development Canada, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and Vale.

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