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“Team NL proudly brings home fourteen national medals at 24th Annual Skills Canada National Competition”

ST. JOHN’S, NL- This year’s Skills Canada National Competition was held June 3-6, 2018 in Edmonton, Alberta and marked the 24th annual installation of this prestigious event. Forty-six members of Team Newfoundland and Labrador were among 550 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 fourteen national medals in twelve different skill areas.” The following lists the Skills Canada National Competition medal winners from Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Anthony Leonard – **Gold Medal** and **Best In Region Award**– IT Networking (*Post-Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Prince Philip Drive Campus*)
- Chelsie Cake and Breanna Tilley – **Gold Medal** – 2D Computer Animation (*Secondary- Queen Elizabeth Regional High School*)
- Keagan Dalley and Hayley Martin – **Gold Medal** – 3D Computer Animation (*Secondary- Holy Spirit High School and Carbonear Collegiate*)
- Matthew Buckingham-Bishop – **Silver Medal** – IT Networking (*Secondary- Queen Elizabeth Regional High School*)
- Melissa Battiste – **Silver Medal** – Cabinetmaking (*Post-Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Port Aux Basques Campus*)
- Caitlyn Coles – **Silver Medal** – Job Search (*Secondary- Holy Spirit High School*)
- Alex Green – **Silver Medal** – Photography (*Post-Secondary- Memorial University*)
- Lindsay Oliver– **Bronze Medal** –Sprinkler Systems (*Post-Secondary- UA Local 740 Training Centre*)
- Glenda Guest – **Bronze Medal** – Architectural Technology and Design (*Post Secondary- College of the North Atlantic Ridge Road*)
- Stephen Kettle – **Bronze Medal** – Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (*Post-Secondary – College of the North Atlantic Ridge Road Campus*)
- Laura Keefe – **Bronze Medal** – Job Skill Demonstration (*Secondary- Ascension Collegiate*)
- Tyler Hiscock – **Bronze Medal** – Public Speaking (*Secondary- Bishop White School*)



Team Newfoundland and Labrador also won the “Team Spirit Award” out of all provinces and territories. 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 would like to thank the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for contributing to Team Newfoundland and Labrador’s travel costs for the 24th Annual Skills Canada National Competition. 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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