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### **The Future is Bright for Northern Lakes College Skills Competitors**

May 8, 2014 - What do you get when you put over 700 of Alberta's most talented High School and Post-secondary students from nearly 100 Communities together in one place? The answer- one heck of a competition.

Over 10,000 spectators will be on hand to cheer on the competitors at The Provincial Skills Canada Competition on May 14-15, 2014 at the Edmonton Expo Center. Over 40 different events including Robotics, Welding, Fashion Technology, Carpentry and 3D Computer Animation will take place over the two day competition and tradeshow.

Northern Lakes College is sending two of its most talented students, Kylar Schamp and Troy Beaudoin to compete in Welding and Carpentry competitions respectively, and if successful in winning gold, will join Team Alberta at Nationals in Toronto next month. Both competitors are up for the challenge. "It's a great opportunity to test myself against other carpenters in the province," said Troy. "I'm excited for it; it's going to be fun," he added. Brimming with confidence Kylar announces, "The only thing I can't mend is a broken heart at the crack of dawn".

The competitors also have support from their instructors. "Troy's exceptional skill level, his attention to detail and desire to produce the best product possible made him an ideal candidate for this competition" said instructor Pat Dubé. Welding instructor Chris Montgomery-Hewett was just as complimentary towards her protégé Kylar, "Kylar was a natural pick as he has shown hard work ethic and determination"

"We are very proud of Kylar and Troy," adds President and C.E.O Ann Everatt. "Both are very strong in their respective fields. It is quite a milestone and an achievement to participate in this competition, and we look forward to their success. This recognition is a testament to the hard work these men have put in over the years and also speaks to the quality of Northern Lakes College programs, instructors, and its students".

The Skills Competition will also include hands-on Try-a-Trade® demonstrations and the Skill City Tradeshow, which is Alberta's largest trade and technology exhibition. Northern Lakes College will be well represented and easy to spot with its theme 'THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT, YOU GOTTA TRY TRADES'. The neon themed booth will include a socially interactive "selfie station" and a Trades themed photo booth, along with the very popular welding simulator and other hands on applications.

*Northern Lakes College is located in more than 26 communities across northern Alberta. Programs offered include academic upgrading, certificate, diploma, apprenticeship, university studies, and a variety of workforce development opportunities.*

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