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Business Was ‘Booming’ For Northern Lakes College at Provincial Skills Alberta Competition

May 29, 2015 – For the second year in a row, Northern Lakes College was well represented at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC), an annual Competition and Hands-on Career and Education Fair that features nearly 50 trade and technology events.

The largest of its kind in Alberta, PSCC brings together over 700 competitors and 10,000 spectators that fill the Edmonton Expo Center every year. Events including Robotics, Welding, Fashion Technology, Carpentry and 3D Computer Animation took place over the two-day event.

The Northern Lakes College booth was the busiest exhibit in the fair and over the span of two days, the booth was visited by over 8,000 visitors with 500+ students trying out the Crane, and over 6,500 people posing for photos in the themed photo booth.

Northern Lakes College was represented by two competitors including one of the youngest dual credit students, 16 year old carpenter, Travis Wakefield who was challenged to build a doll house. “It was fun, I learned a lot. Skills was great for promoting Trades and the learning experience, to see all the different levels of skills in one place like that was pretty awesome. The competition was a step up on my skills and abilities.”

Welding dual credit student, Bradyn Callio also seen the value of competition and is excited for more opportunities in the future. “It was a pretty good experience. It was definitely challenging, and I learned new things. I was impressed with the quality of work and welds of the other welders, it was interesting to see. I hope to go again next year.”

“We are proud of Travis and Bradyn,” adds President and C.E.O Ann Everatt. “Both have very bright futures in their respective fields. Their success is a testament to their hard work and speaks to the quality of Northern Lakes College programs, instructors, and its students”.

The Skills Competition also included a hands-on Try-a-Trade® demonstration and the Skill City Tradeshow, which is Alberta’s largest trade and technology exhibition. The Northern Lakes College Try-a-Trade® booth featured a Spider Crane, donated by longtime NLC supporter Myshak Sales and Rentals Ltd. Northern Lakes College is one of the largest training providers of Crane & Hoisting Equipment Operator – Boom Truck program in the province. Our unique mobile boom truck operator program helps address employer training needs locally and provincially.



Instructor Pat Dube, student Travis Wakefield along with Instructor Henry Warkinten

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Northern Lakes College is a Comprehensive Community Institution offering certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with Campus Alberta partners to offer degree completion opportunities throughout its service region, including a Bachelor of Education. Northern Lakes College also provides a wide variety of certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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