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“Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Rewards Excellence”

Nearly 150 medals were awarded this past Saturday at the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge

ST. JOHN’S, NL– Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador hosted its 16th Annual Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge and F.I.R.S.T Lego League Robotics Competition on Saturday, November 24, 2018. Over 350 junior high students from 28 schools across Newfoundland and Labrador gathered at College of the North Atlantic – Prince Philip Drive Campus to compete in eighteen different trade, technology and employability competition areas in hopes of receiving a gold, silver or bronze medal (Please see attached document with list of results).

The gold medal winners in most competition areas are invited to represent their school at the Skills Canada Provincial Competition on March 22, 2019. At this competition, they will compete against secondary students for the opportunity to represent Newfoundland and Labrador at the 25th Annual Skills Canada National Competition held in Halifax, Nova Scotia in May 2019.

“Throughout its sixteen-year history, the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge has demonstrated its value as an ideal opportunity to expose young people to careers in skilled trades and technologies,” said Craig White, President of Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador. “In the last five years alone, over half of all winners who progressed to the Skills Canada Provincial Competition won medals over students several years their senior. We take great pride in how the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge provides youth with a large range of options to inform their decisions on course selection and career planning before they even enter high school.”

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 Provincial Government, Vale and RBC Future Launch.

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Photos available upon request.

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2018 SKILLS CANADA INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE RESULTS

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Gold: Breagh Smith, Villanova Junior High
Silver: Marissa Singleton, Macdonald Drive Junior High
Bronze: Emily Reid, Frank Roberts Junior High

TV VIDEO PRODUCTION (Team of Two)

Gold: Eli Paulin and Sera Tulk, Villanova Junior High
Silver: Devon Oldford and Ryan Hanlon, Macdonald Drive Junior High
Bronze: Keira Clarke and Fatima Alkhalil, Immaculate Heart of Mary

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Gold: Emily Lavery, Holy Redeemer
Silver: Georgia Hynes, Villanova Junior High
Bronze: Lillian Fizzard, St. Paul's Junior High

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Gold: Noah Coish, Mount Pearl Intermediate
Silver: Joshua Keyte, Lakecrest Independent School
Bronze: Connor Payne, Villanova Junior High

IT OFFICE SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

Gold: Rob Jarvis, Holy Spirit High
Silver: Joshua Pardy, Villanova Junior High

3D COMPUTER ANIMATION (Team of Two)

Gold: Gemma Martin and Abby Dalton, Carbonear Academy
Silver: Rebecca Mullett and Kristyan Mulrooney, Villanova Junior High

2D COMPUTER ANIMATION (Team of Two)

Gold: Emily Dunphy and Chloe Penney, Carbonear Academy
Silver: Amber Kelly and Alyssa Kelly, Frank Roberts Junior High
Bronze: Finn Bowes and Eric Butt, Macdonald Drive Junior High

CODING CHALLENGE

Gold: Marcienne Theriault, Frank Roberts Junior High
Silver: Wesley Mercer, Villanova Junior High
Bronze: Patrick Edwards, St. Paul's Junior High



JOB SEARCH

Gold: Abigail Reddick, Holy Spirit High
Silver: Colin Murphy, Beaconsfield Junior High
Bronze: Amanda McIsaac, Villanova Junior high

JOB SKILL DEMONSTRATION

Gold: Chris Bradbury, Frank Roberts Junior High
Silver: Alleigha Mahoney, Holy Redeemer
Bronze: Emma Humphries, Villanova Junior High

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Gold: Victoria Churchill, Holy Spirit High
Silver: Nikolas White, Main River Academy
Bronze: Rachael Churchill, Villanova Junior High

MODEL WIND TURBINE CHALLENGE (Team of Two)

Gold: Juliette Hudson and Hayley Parmiter, Villanova Junior High
Silver: Matthew Penney and Emily Payne, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Bronze: Kaitlyn Crawley and Allie Rogers, St.Paul's Junior High

PHOTOGRAPHY

Gold: Silvi Ivardi, Macdonald Drive Junior High
Silver: Emma Lucas, Amalgamated Academy
Bronze: Hannah Kerfont, Mount Pearl Intermediate

IT NETWORK SYSTEMS SCAVENGER HUNT (Team of Two)

Gold: Lucas Carroll, Beaconsfield Junior High
Silver: Jacob Martin and Daniel Baggs, Frank Roberts Junior High
Bronze: Jenna Cammie, Isabelle Mercier, Immaculate Heart of Mary

JUNIOR CHEF CHALLENGE (Team of Two)

Gold: Devyn Hogg and Cora Hogg, Exploits Valley High
Silver: Kyle Livingston and Connor Livingston, Brookside Intermediate
Bronze: Julia Andrews and Kate Rowe, Macdonald Drive Junior High

JUNIOR HAIRSTYLING CHALLENGE (Team of Two)

Gold: Chelsea Hyde and Sophia Deering, Carbonear Collegiate
Silver: Abbie Marshall and Jada Boland, Villanova Junior High
Bronze: Dakota Parker and Kylie Hardy, St. Paul's Junior High



THE PITCH (Team of Two)

Gold: Daniel Blackmore, Macdonald Drive Junior High
Silver: M'Taya Bradford-Gear and Emily Pike, Villanova Junior High
Bronze: Halden Larouche and Reed Jeffery, St. Paul's Junior High

F.I.R.S.T. LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS

GOLD / 1st PLACE – Holy Name of Mary Academy
SILVER / 2ND PLACE – Immaculate Heart of Mary
BRONZE / 3RD PLACE – Holy Trinity High

TOP PLACING SCHOOLS

1st – Villanova Junior High
2nd – Macdonald Drive Junior High
3rd – Frank Roberts Junior High