

ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating Growth
and Excellence in 2023

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Dear Partners and Supporters of
Skills Canada Saskatchewan,**

As we reflect on the year that was, I am thrilled to present our Year-End Report for 2023. This year has been a journey of transformation, growth, and success for Skills Canada Saskatchewan (SCS). With your unwavering support, we have not only weathered challenges but emerged stronger, more vibrant, and more impactful than ever before.

Jayden Leister
*Executive Director
Skills Canada Saskatchewan*

2023 AT A GLANCE

MARCH

31

Saskatoon, SK

- Provincial Skill Competition
- Industrial Mechanics

APRIL

6

Moose Jaw, SK

- Provincial Skill Competition
- Electronics

13–14

Regina, SK

- Provincial Skill Competition
- Graphic Design Technology

21

Saskatoon, SK

- Provincial Skill Competition
- Welding

26

Regina, SK

- Provincial Skill Competition
- Sheet Metal

28

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

- 2023 Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Competition (SCSPC)
- Precision Machining
 - Mechanical Engineering CAD
 - IT Office Software Applications
 - Autobody Repair
 - Web Technologies
 - Mobile Robotics
 - Carpentry
 - Hairstyling
 - Aesthetics
 - Fashion Technology

- Baking
- Automobile Technology
- Cooking
- Car Painting
- Graphic Design Technology
- 3D Digital Game Art
- Architectural Technology & Design
- Outdoor Power & Recreation
- Photography
- Job Search
- Job Skills Demonstration
- Public Speaking
- 2D/3D Character Computer Animation
- Workplace Safety
- Electrical Installations
- Industrial Control
- Bricklaying
- Aerospace Technology

Regina, SK

- CNC Machining

MAY

23–27

Winnipeg, MB

- 2023 Skills Canada National Competition

AUGUST

1–18

Regina, SK

- Skills Summer Camps
- 3D Printing & Robotics
 - Digital Photography & Graphic Arts
 - Game Design
 - Electrical/Electronics
 - Culinary Arts
 - Cosmetology

Moose Jaw, SK

- Skills Summer Camps
- FutureCamp: Skills for Success

NOVEMBER

7

Regina, SK

- Skills Canada Saskatchewan Skills Fair

22

Yorkton, SK

- Trade & Tech Days

29

North Battleford, SK

- Trade & Tech Days

DECEMBER

7

St. Brieux, SK

- Trade & Tech Days



NEW LEADERSHIP, NEW BEGINNINGS

We kicked off the year with a change in leadership as **Jayden Leister** took on the role of **Executive Director**. The entire organization entered a phase of rebuilding and restructuring, laying the foundation for a new era of innovation and collaboration.

SKILLS CANADA SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL COMPETITION (SCSPC)

A RESOUNDING TRIUMPH

In February, we dove headfirst into the planning of the **Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Competition (SCSPC) 2023**, expanding our team with a mix of seasoned veterans and fresh faces to Skills. The event, held in April, marked our **first in-person competition since before the challenges imposed by the pandemic**.

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At first, I wanted to be an electrician because I found comfort in knowing that it was okay to do something different. Now it's grown to so much more. I'm able to deal with struggles better and share my story, helping others not just on the job site, but across Saskatchewan.

BRIDGETTE NEB

Post-Secondary Electrical Installations
SCSPC 2023 Gold Medalist, SCNC 2023 Competitor

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCSPC2023

1700

Students from Grades 6-12 visited

Sask Polytech Saskatoon to explore trade and tech career options at our Try-A-Trade® fair, a collaborative effort with industry, education partners, and labor unions

29

Secondary Competitions

22

Post-Secondary Competitions

34

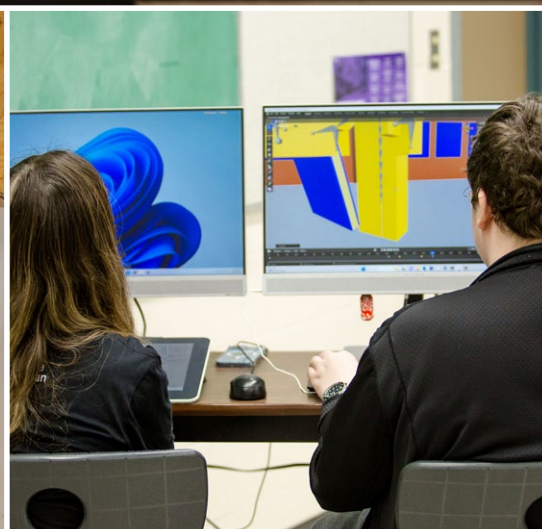
Skill Areas

241

Competitors

44

Individuals represented Team SK at SCNC2023 in Winnipeg





SCNC2023

TRIUMPH IN WINNIPEG

In May, our skilled warriors from Saskatchewan, comprising high school students, apprentices, and students enrolled in technology programs, embarked on a transformative journey to the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC2023) in Winnipeg. This event wasn't just a competition; it was a stage for our champions to showcase their prowess and passion for skills.

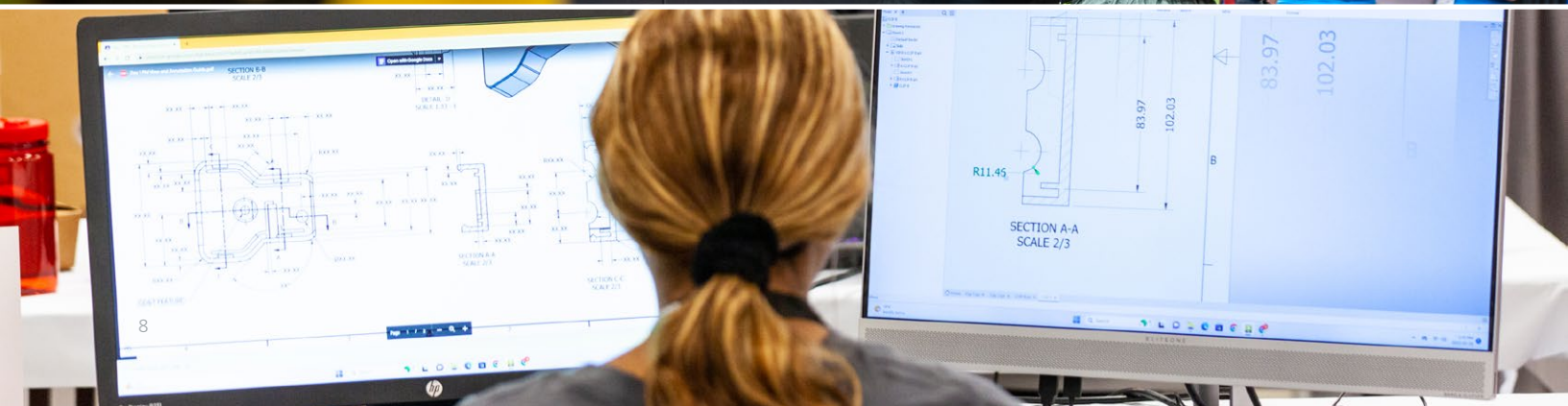
The experience was nothing short of extraordinary, leaving an indelible mark on each participant. The camaraderie, the adrenaline of the competition, and the opportunity to learn and grow in a dynamic environment were unparalleled. These young talents seized the chance to demonstrate their skills on a national stage, and the memories forged during SCNC2023 will forever be etched in their minds.

The impact of SCNC2023 extends beyond the competition floor. Participating high schoolers, apprentices, and technology students now carry with them an invaluable experience that goes beyond the confines of the

competition. They look forward to proudly adding SCNC2023 to their resumes, showcasing not just their skills but also their commitment to excellence and the pursuit of mastery.

The success stories are already rolling in. Alumni from Team SK, who were part of the Skills Canada Saskatchewan journey this past year, have already landed jobs and secured apprenticeship opportunities. Their involvement with Skills Canada Saskatchewan has not only honed their skills but has opened doors to real-world opportunities, affirming that the skills acquired and exhibited during these competitions are indeed pathways to success.

As we celebrate the triumphs of SCNC2023, we look forward to the continued growth, success, and career opportunities that Skills Canada Saskatchewan will undoubtedly unlock for our participants in the years to come. The journey doesn't end here; it's a stepping stone to greater achievements and brighter futures.



COMPETITOR SPOTLIGHT

SASKATCHEWAN COMPETITOR FINDS GLOBAL SUCCESS

Clyde Abanid, a student in the Graphic Communications program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Regina Campus, will be representing Canada at WorldSkills Lyon 2024 in Graphic Design Technology.

Earlier this year, Clyde received a silver medal at the Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Competition (SCSPC) 2023 and gold at the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) 2023, where he guaranteed his spot on Team Canada 2024. Clyde and 28 other members will represent Canada in 28 skilled trade and technology competitions on a global stage next fall in Lyon, France.

"I first got introduced to Skills competitions by my instructors at Sask Polytech. The competition experience is amazing. You get to see other people your age with the same amount of passion, competing against each other. I remember feeling so happy when I realized I was going to be competing at the WorldSkills Competition. It's crazy to realize the heights you can reach by doing what you love. I feel my biggest challenge will be adapting to a different and bigger stage. Having to compete against people from all over the world makes me anxious, but overall, I'm excited to compete."

As Clyde trains for WorldSkills, he has had the opportunity to participate in numerous international practice competitions. These practice competitions allow him to put his skills to the test, mentally and physically. The projects are designed to be under tight time restraints, meaning competitors must make good design decisions while executing technical requirements to the highest industry standards.

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Skills has opened up so many opportunities for me and has gotten me places I never thought I'd be. I feel like I've grown so much as a person and it's given me so much more confidence. I've made so many memories and I couldn't be more grateful. I have improved so much in my trade as well with all the training I've done, and it has given me invaluable experience.

CLYDE ABANID

Post-Secondary Graphic Design Technology

SCSPC 2023 Silver Medalist

SCNC 2023 Gold Medalist

2023 WorldSkills Australia National Championships competitor

2023 WorldSkills France National Competition competitor



PROGRAMING & STRATEGIC PLANNING

With the momentum from SCNC2023, we dedicated June and July to program preparation and strategic planning, ensuring that the energy and inspiration from SCNC fueled our initiatives for the upcoming year. The journey continues, and we are eager to see our participants reach new heights in their skills and careers.

EMPOWERING FUTURES THROUGH SUMMER CAMPS

In August, we partnered with Regina District Industry Education Council and Nanan Academy to host seven diverse summer camps, inspiring the future workforce. These camps covered a spectrum of skills, including Electronics, Game Design, 3D Printing & Robotics, Cosmetology, Graphic Arts, Culinary Arts, and the Skills for Success. With over 80 participants across all camps, this initiative proved to be a tremendous success, instilling passion and skills in our participants that will undoubtedly shape their future endeavors.





NATIONAL SKILLED TRADE & TECHNOLOGY WEEK

In November, our dedication to nurturing talent and fostering partnerships reached new heights. The Skills Fair on November 7th, held during National Skilled Trade and Technology Week, showcased **25 Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities curated by our partners and alumni where over 600 students were able to**

explore the many career options in the trade and technology sectors. The partner breakfast, attended by 100 participants from government, industry, education, labor unions, and alumni, was a testament to the collaborative spirit driving our initiatives.

TRADE & TECH DAYS

A CLASSROOM REVOLUTION

Simultaneously, Trade & Tech Days brought hour-long presentations to entire high schools at a time. These sessions featured inspiring talks from our alumni and partners, accompanied by a myriad of Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities brought into schools by our dedicated partners. This immersive experience throughout the day opened the minds of students to the exciting possibilities in trades and technology.

Moreover, Trade & Tech Days extended their impact beyond our province's larger population centers. In Yorkton, SK, 700 students had the opportunity to experience the program and presentation, while in North Battleford, SK, 500 students were equally enthralled by

the Trade & Tech Day initiative. Our final one for the year was held in St. Brieux, SK, where over 200 students from the surrounding rural area learned about trades careers in the local industry and beyond.

Our November and December programming reached an astounding 2100 students, offering them a firsthand experience in choosing to learn a trade or technology. We anticipate meaningful collaborations with schools as we move into the new year. We're excited about the prospect of schools reaching out to us about programming, fostering collaboration and creating an even brighter future for skills development in Saskatchewan.





STRATEGIC OUTREACH & LOOKING AHEAD

As the year draws to a close, our focus turns to strategic outreach. We are actively securing more Trade and Tech Days throughout the province for the upcoming year, gathering valuable feedback through surveys, and reaching out to partners to ensure the success of **SCSPC Regina 2024 on March 22.**

The growth and achievements of Skills Canada Saskatchewan in 2023 are a testament to the dedication and passion of our team, the support of our partners, and the resilience of our competitors. Looking ahead, we are excited about the possibilities that 2024 holds and are committed to building on this year's success to create an even brighter future for skills development in Saskatchewan. **Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.**

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Skills is truly
something to
experience –
each moment
turned into a
lesson worth
remembering.”

JAYDEN KACHUR
Secondary Outdoor Power & Recreation
SCSPC 2023 Gold Medalist
SCNC 2023 Silver Medalist

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