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Team Yukon heads to Waterloo, Ontario, for National Skills Competition

WHITEHORSE – Today Education Minister Patrick Rouble greeted a cadre of trades and technology competitors in an official send off for the National Skills Competition in Waterloo, Ontario.

"Team Yukon is now recognized across Canada and even on the world stage," Rouble said. "Service Canada, Advanced Education, Yukon College and industry partners have all come together to support these skills clubs and showcase these outstanding youth."

This year, 23 youth from across the territory are competing in 16 trades, showcasing Yukon's skill and talent to the rest of the country.

"I would like to wish everyone from Team Yukon all the best at the national competition in Waterloo; I know each one of you will give it your all," said the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for the Territories. "Our government is committed to helping young Canadians, like Team Yukon, make the transition to the job market. That's why we are creating new employment opportunities for young Canadians by investing in programs that will help them gain the skills and experience they need."

The Department of Education hosted a send-off event in the foyer of the main government administration building to send off Team Yukon and wish them well in their competition.

This Olympic-style event offers competitions in 40 trade and technology areas for students and apprentices from across Canada. This event will be used to select competitors for the WorldSkills competition in London, England, in October of 2011.

"I am humbled by the degree of support and partnership that our Yukon students and apprentices continue to receive," said Dan Curtis, Executive Director of Skills Canada-Yukon. "It is through the commitment between Yukon industry, Department of Education, Yukon College and all levels of government that our students and apprentices continue to amaze. Through this cooperation and partnerships Yukon continues to be recognized for producing some of the best apprentices in Canada and the World."

"This is an exciting moment for Yukon College to be a part of the Skills team at the national competition level," said Karen Barnes, Vice President of Education and Training. "Our instructors and staff have been instrumental in providing the training and support needed to build strong competitors. We are proud of the skilled community that we are building together."

"Skills Canada-Yukon provides Yukon youth with hands-on opportunities to explore trades and technology as a viable career option," Rouble added. "A skilled workforce is a fundamental element in building a strong economic base. By learning a trade and using those skills the workforce, these youth will be contributing to Yukon's economic base – and, it continues to be

a strong economic base that will give young Yukoners a future here at home in Yukon, with a high standard of living and a high quality of life.”

For more information about the Canadian Skills Competition, visit www.skillscanada.com.

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Backgrounder: Team Yukon Participant List – National Competition 2010

Competitors:

Category	Name	Employer / School	Secondary student	Post-secondary student
Mechanical CAD	Denis Godin, Whitehorse	Quantum Machinery		X
Mechanical CAD	David Lister, Whitehorse	F.H. Collins	X	
CNC Machining	Lauren Bradley, Whitehorse	Quantum Machinery		X
Sheet Metal	Molly Jenney,	Duncan's		X

	Whitehorse	Sheet Metal		
Plumbing	Fletcher Smith, Whitehorse	RA Mechanical		X
Electrical Wiring	Tyler Martin, Whitehorse	Dynamic Electric		
Cabinetmaking	Massey Baker, Carcross	F.H. Collins	X	
Cabinetmaking	Patrick Gormley, Whitehorse	Yukon College		X
Carpentry	Shawn Burgess, Whitehorse	Kareway Homes		
Baking	Stephanie Dragoman, Dawson City	Robert Service School	X	
Baking	Andrew Walchuk, Whitehorse	Yukon College		X
Automotive	Luc Johnstone, Teslin	Vanier Catholic Secondary School / F.H. Collins	X	
Cooking	Andrew M. Pauls, Haines Junction	Yukon College		X
Cooking	Caroline Anne Stanhope,	F.H. Collins	X	

	Whitehorse			
Graphic Design	Jodie Thomson, Whitehorse	Inkspirationz Graphix		X
Outdoor Power Equipment	Greg Fischer, Dawson City Whitehorse	Yamaha	X	
TV/Video Production (Team)	Emile Bouffard, Dawson City	Robert Service School	X	
TV/Video Production (Team)	Casey Parker, Dawson City	Robert Service School	X	
2D Animation (Team)	William Hearty, Dawson City	Robert Service School	X	
2D Animation (Team)	Bryan Ronald Leary, Dawson City	Robert Service School	X	
Aircraft Maintenance	Alden Smyth, Whitehorse	Alkan Air		X
Heavy Equipment Maint.	Nathan Peterson	Sidhu Trucking		
Youth Forum	Ellen Bonmer, Whitehorse	Yukon College		

Other Travelers:

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Category	Name	
Skills Canada President	Stephanie Churchill	Inkspirationz Graphix
Skill Canada ED	Dan Curtis	
Skills Canada employee	Heike Hofflin	
Grievance committee	Shanon Jenner	Inkspirationz Graphix
Vice President	Julien Plourde	TSCO Solutions
Mentor	Brigitte Koller	Yukon College
Coach/Worlds	Karl Loos	Quantum Machinery
Mentor	Bernard Luken	F.H. Collins
Mentor	Peter Menzies	Robert Service School
Mentor	Connie Riemer	Robert Service School
Coach	Matt Johnson	Highways and Public Works

Industry partners:

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 Mobile Maintenance
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 Women in
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 Yukon Apprenticeship
 Federation of Labour
 Irving's Collision Repair
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 Fining
 Klondike Motors
 City of Whitehorse
 Quantum Machinery
 Local 310 Union
 Yukon Employees Union
 Workers Compensation
 Health and Safety Board
 Chocolate Claim
 Mobile Maintenance
 Department of Highways and Public Works
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 Dynamic Electrical

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