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School District #38 (Richmond)

RICHMOND STUDENTS BRING HOME A MEDAL

Hugh Boyd students, Adam Jackson and David Murphy brought home the bronze medal in the TV & Video Skills competition at the 14th Annual Canadian Skills Competition, held in Calgary, May 26 & 27. Jackson and Murphy were tasked with the challenge of creating a three minute promotional video for Skills Canada in a day and a half – this included all script writing, filming and editing. Both students had been mentored by Boyd teacher, Doug Park.

The Skills Canada competitions help raise the profile of trades and technology occupations for young people across Canada. The philosophy of the event is to reward students for excellence, provide a forum for industry and education to work together in evaluating student performance and keep training relevant to employers needs. The event is also the largest showcase of trade and technology occupations in the country.

Jackson and Murphy had previously won Gold in both the Regional and Provincial competitions, allowing them to advance to be a part of Team BC at the National Competition. Team BC consisted of a record number of 42 secondary school and post-secondary competitors and brought home 17 medals.

Nearly 1,000 young Canadians competed in a variety of trades at Calgary's Stampede grounds in hopes for a spot on Team Canada for the WorldSkills competition. Competitions were held in the areas of Transportation, Manufacturing, Construction, Computer Information Technology, Service & Employment. The WorldSkills international showcase will be held in Calgary, in September 2009.

Several hundred spectators attended the event, including HGTV personality, Mike Holmes. Holmes also addressed the competitors at the closing ceremonies, stating that the competitors represent Canada's future in providing a much-needed skilled workforce.

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Additional photos available upon request.

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