



# NEWS RELEASE

School District #38 (Richmond)

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## **RICHMOND STUDENTS WIN MEDALS IN PROVINCIAL SKILLS COMPETITION**

Richmond School District students had a strong showing at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual BC Skills Competition, held April 18, 2006 at the Tradex in Abbotsford. A total of 18 students were invited to compete in the provincial competition and 5 students brought home medals. Gold Medal Winners are invited to the national competition held in Saskatoon in June.

Young people from across BC competed in over 35 different events in the skilled trades and technologies, hoping to advance to the Canadian Skills Competition in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Skills Canada BC competitions help raise the profile of trades and technology occupations for BC youth. 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 province.

Congratulations to the following Richmond School District students:

**Chad Poon** (*McMath*) – won Gold in Welding  
**Yaseen Williams** (*London*) – won Gold in Masonry  
**Alex Budny** (*Burnett*) – won silver in Masonry  
**Nik Slomba & Luke Chesser** (*Hugh Boyd*) – won silver in TV & Video Production  
**Kevin Weiss, Kasey Ireland, Stephen Smithbower, Jeffrey Palmer, Mohammed Abusbeaa & Pratyush Dhawan** (all from *Cambie*) – came 4<sup>th</sup> overall in Robotics  
**Joanna Tang** (*Hugh Boyd*) – competed in Architectural CAD  
**John Kanavaros** (*McMath*) – competed in Automotive Service Technician  
**Nathan Tsai, Maya Zhang, Samantha Lee, Keefer Pelech & Curtis Thornton** (all from *Boyd*) – competed in Junior Spaghetti Bridge Buiding

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*Additional photos available upon request.*

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