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RICHMOND STUDENTS HAVE STRONG SHOWING IN THE REGIONAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITIONS.

A number of Richmond students had strong showings in the Regional Skills Canada Competition held over the last few days. Students were given a project to do within a set time limit and then the results were judged. Several students won medals and gold medal winners are invited to compete in the Provincial Competitions, held April 18 at the Tradex in Abbotsford.

Skills Canada BC hosts a number of competitions to reward students for excellence, to directly involve industry in evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs. The top three students in each competition are awarded medals and certificates. The Regional competition involves students from the Richmond, Surrey, Langley & Delta school districts.

Congratulations to the following Richmond School District students:

John Kanavaros (McMath) – won *Silver* in the Automotive Service Technician competition
Edward Truong, Riyaz Jamal, Steven Choo, Nick Gurung & Inder Bali (all from McNair) & **Jonathan Krawchuk** (McMath) - competed in the Automotive Service Technician competition.

Joanna Tang (Hugh Boyd) – won *Gold* in the Architectural CAD competition
Mohamed Abusbea (Cambie) – competed in the Mechanical CAD competition

Chad Poon (McMath) – won *Silver* in the Welding competition

Yaseen Williams (London) – won *Gold* in the Masonry competition
Alex Budny (Burnett) – won *Silver* in the Masonry competition
Cody A'Hearn (McNair), **Levi Johnston** (McMath) & **Kris Reyes** (London) – also competed in the Masonry competition

Josiah Morris & Shiu Reddy (both from Cambie) – competed in the Carpentry competition and finished in the top 5.

Jozsef Hamari (Boyd) – competed in the 3D Character Animation competition

Thia Nguyen, Heather Poirier (both from Cambie), **Cheriqueena Chan & Vickie Tse** (both from Burnett) – all competed in the Fashion Design competition

A Hugh Boyd team consisting of **Nathan Tsai, Maya Zhang, Samantha Lee & Keefer Pelech** won *Bronze* in the Junior Skills Spaghetti Bridge competition

The Richmond School District will be hosting the 2008 Regional Skills Competition, which will be held at Cambie Secondary School next spring.

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