

# Focus on Skills & Trades

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## This Week's Events

**March 5:** [BC Jobs Fair](#)  
Barriere, Fall Fair Hall

**March 7:** [BC Jobs Fair](#)  
100 Mile House, Horton  
Ventures Inc. & Community  
Employment

**Beginning March 8:**  
[Skills Canada BC Regional Competitions:](#)

- Cariboo: Thompson Rivers University
- Central Okanagan: Okanagan College; Mt. Boucherie Secondary
- Lower Fraser Valley: Kwantlen University
- North West: North West Community College (Terrace Campus)
- Central Island: Vancouver Island University
- South Island: Belmont Secondary

## Labour Market Information

The Regional Labour Market Statistics map lets you view labour market information for British Columbia and its regions. The statistics displayed on the maps are updated monthly.

<http://www.workbc.ca/Statistics/Regional-Profiles/Pages/Regional-Profiles.aspx>

## Saanich Trades & Apprenticeship Expo

This past Wednesday, February 27, every Grade 11 student in School District #63 (Saanich) had the opportunity to mingle with people in the trades and find out what they do.

Representatives from more than a dozen different trades were there, showcasing their skills. The representatives ranged from heavy duty mechanics, meat cutters, carpenters and sheet metal fabricators to hair stylists and paramedics.

Presenters at the Exposition were all youth who are currently working on their apprenticeship or have very recently completed.

Students had the chance to go from booth to booth to learn what each trade does, speak with the representatives, ask questions and decide if this is a career path that might interest them.

If you have trades event in your district and you'd like some help to spread the word, please email us at [bceducationplan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:bceducationplan@gov.bc.ca).



Students at the Trades & Apprenticeship Expo at Parkland Secondary

## Get to Know Brian Campbell & Robo Bros.

**Brian Campbell** is the Principal of Careers and International Education in School District 60. Their [Dual Credit Program](#) is expediting the process, allowing students in their senior year to dual enroll in high school and [Northern Lights College](#) trades programs. School District 60's Dual Credit Program has trained over 600 students in various trades programs.

<http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/followprogress/meet-brian-campbell/>

'Robo Brothers' **Hudson and Nelson Schier** have been captivated by robotics for many years.

<http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/followprogress/meet-the-robo-bros/>

## Spotlight on B.C. Students

Abbotsford School District students who participated in the Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) ACE IT Apprenticeship Training Program were able to show off their skills recently at an open house held in the Lafarge Cannon Pit.

Check out the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JpN5lloWCw>

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