



**Media Alert
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Provincial Skills Competition and Alberta's Largest Trade and Technology Career Fair

WHAT

600 high performing trade and technology students compete in 40 events at Northlands AgriCom

The [Provincial Skills Competition](#) features a diverse cross section of careers, from culinary arts to welding, and computer animation to auto service. This free event is [Alberta's Largest Trade and Technology Career Fair](#), featuring interactive Try-A-Trade® demonstrations for the public to try. Industry experts, employers, labour groups and technical institutes will be onsite to provide information on starting a new career.

Alberta's most in demand careers will be on display as students compete in 40 trade and technology event areas. The Olympic-style competition test students' skills over two days, establishing the best young tradespeople and technologists in Alberta. Thousands of students from across the province will tour the competition to find their own path to success.

The Provincial Skills Competition is an important training opportunity for the eight Alberta members of [Team Canada](#) who are competing in [WorldSkills Calgary 2009](#), the largest international event to take place in Calgary since the 1988 Winter Olympics. These eight talented Albertans began their journey at last year's Provincial and Canadian Skills Competitions, where they earned the opportunity to represent the country at this important international competition. They will be among 900 competitors from around the world. The Provincial Skills Competition marks the 111 day countdown to WorldSkills Calgary 2009.

The Provincial Skills Competition is the stepping stone to the Canadian Skills Competition, happening May 20-23, 2009 in Charlottetown, PEI. Team Alberta will be presented at the Awards Ceremony, 5:30pm May 14, Hall D, Northlands AgriCom.

Admission and parking are free.

WHEN

9am - 4pm May 13 - 14, 2009

WHERE

Halls A, B, C at Northlands AgriCom

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