

## **Skills Canada Saskatchewan Competitions Backgrounder**

The competition areas are open to the general public, and media are encouraged to attend.

Event: Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Skills Competition

Date: Friday, April 17, 2015

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Competition Venue Sites:**

Saskatchewan Polytechnic /Moose Jaw campus – 600 Saskatchewan St. & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Moose Jaw

A.E. Peacock High School – 145 Ross St. E. – Moose Jaw

Central Collegiate – 149 Oxford St. W. – Moose Jaw

Saskatchewan Polytechnic/ Regina Campus- 4500 Wascana Parkway, Regina

Saskatchewan Piping Joint Training Board – 402 Solomon Drive, Regina

The Young Women's Conference will be hosted concurrently by Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Women In Trades and Technology) and Skills Canada Saskatchewan. This conference brings Saskatchewan female youth together with women working in trades or technology jobs. The prospective students will have the opportunity to learn about careers in the trades, participate in a team engineering activity and visit the skills competitions. This event will be held at Central Collegiate in Moose Jaw.

School students from Saskatchewan, event competitors and Saskatchewan Polytechnic students will also have the opportunity to visit the career fair and try-a-trade events onsite to explore trades and technology career options within the province. This year's career fair/try-a-trade event will be held at Central Collegiate.

### **Guest Speaker:**

This year Skills Saskatchewan is fortunate to have Mike Holmes Jr. attend our opening ceremonies and be our guest speaker. Mike Jr. has been working on the set of Holmes on Homes since he was 14 years old. Over the years Mike Jr. has developed a sincere passion for his work, investing in the necessary time and commitment to cultivate his skills as a carpenter and contractor, earning his Red Seal in Carpentry. Mike Jr. continues to work on the set with his father Mike Holmes and has been on several the third series of Holmes Makes it Right and Mike's Ultimate Garage.

Mike Jr. will be available Thurs. evening and Friday morning for television and radio interviews.

The SATCC is the agency responsible to govern, promote, manage and administer the apprenticeship program in Saskatchewan. It is an industry-led commission featuring a Board of Directors selected by industry organizations and the Government of Saskatchewan. The SATCC works with industry, and on behalf of industry, to establish training and certification standards, and to advise employers on workplace training requirements.

[www.saskapprenticeship.ca](http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca)

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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Skills Canada (Saskatchewan) is a not-for-profit organization that actively promotes careers in skilled trades and technologies to Saskatchewan youth. Its unique position among private and public sector partners enables it to work toward securing Canada's future skilled labour needs while helping youth discover rewarding careers.

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