

## News Release

### Nunavut Students Excel at Canadian Skills Competition

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 30, 2005)** – Nunavut students have brought home gold and silver medals from the tenth annual Canadian Skills Competition.

More than 350 secondary and post secondary students from across Canada competed in 20 trade and technological competitions. Forty practical challenges showcased their technical and leadership abilities in the areas of communications, construction trades, employability skills, manufacturing, transportation and services.

The Nunavut students teamed up with the Northwest Territories. The Nunavut students came away from the competition with eight medals, as well as gaining the experience of participating in a national competition.

The success of the team reflects positively on territorial educational institutions and the trade industry. Twenty-four youth from across NWT and Nunavut participated in 20 trades and technological competitions.

Of the 24 students, six were from Nunavut – five secondary and one post secondary:

- Lana Shave – Workplace Safety
- Ashley Tufts – Restaurant Service (Silver)
- Lauren Solski – Prepared Speech (Gold)
- Jennifer Twerdin – Hairdressing
- Eliane Kanayuk-Gabriel – Culinary Arts
- Sheila Aoudla – Hairdressing (post-secondary)

“Congratulations to all competitors, advisors and volunteers. I applaud the tremendous support from industry for the team and the event,” said Education Minister Ed Picco. “I support the increased emphasis on trades and technological careers, the improved trade education and training, and the promotion of the Nunavut Early Apprenticeship Training (NEAT) within Nunavut.”

The competition was held in Edmonton earlier this month.

General information about the event is at:

[http://skillscanadanwt.org/competition\\_TSC\\_7th.htm](http://skillscanadanwt.org/competition_TSC_7th.htm)

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