

# YOUTH SAFE NB SÉCURITÉ JEUNESSE NB

## High school students showcase talents at annual Skills Canada competition

The province's next generation of workers put their skills to the test at this year's Skills Canada New Brunswick competition, held April 20 at CCNB in Caraquet and Polyvalente W.-A.-Losier in Tracadie-Sheila.

Armed with tools of the trade, 48 students put in a full day's work in their respective fields, which included carpentry, cooking, welding, architecture design, TV and video production and workplace safety.

Participants entered the latter with three specific tasks in mind:

- Theory quiz on occupational health and safety.
- A hazard assessment where they were required to identify hazards found in posters of workplaces.
- A safety talk presentation.

WorkSafeNB's youth programs co-ordinator, Jessica Brodie, said the competition is a great way to encourage youth to learn more about occupational health and safety and possible career paths.

"Anyone can participate. It doesn't rely on a specific skillset, but more on a motivation to learn about workplace health and safety and to share that knowledge with others," she said.

Brodie said she hopes to see more students participate in next year's workplace safety competition, noting the event conflicted with other school functions.

"Next year, we hope to get the word out to more New Brunswick youth so they are aware of this great opportunity."

And a great opportunity it is. First place winners from each category go on to compete in Skills Canada's National Competition on June 4 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The medal winners for Skills Canada NB's 2013 Workplace Safety Competition are:

**Gold: Émilie Caissie, Polyvalente W.-A.-Losier, Tracadie-Sheila**  
**Silver: Christopher Webb, Oromocto High School, Oromocto**

Émilie will represent New Brunswick at the national competition in Vancouver and will compete against students across the country. Bring home the gold, Émilie, and congratulations to all participants.

