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### **Comox Valley Youth Rank High in Skills Canada BC Competition**

**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.**– Secondary students in the Comox Valley scored impressive results at a provincial level competition winning medals for their skills in trades and technology.

Skills Canada Provincial Competition held at the Tradex centre in Abbotsford 17 April brought together more than 600 student competitors from across B.C. in diverse skills and technology fields to compete in 58 categories such as welding, baking, graphic design, electronics, and robotics.

Two G.P. Vanier Secondary students captured gold in their respective fields of expertise qualifying for the national level competition in Halifax. Jacob Walter for electronics and Tyler Wenmann for graphic design.

Comox Valley Schools performed impressively in other competitions as well including welding, and robots. Students Arlo Richardson, Reece Morrison and Hamilton Embree of Highland Secondary captured gold, silver and bronze respectively for Jr. Sumo Robotics. Two teams from Highland captured first and second in Robotics VEXIQ - Branwen Ackroyd and Liam Rendell (gold), and Vivianne Lemay and Thai Murray (silver). The bronze medal was won by a team representing Mark R. Isfeld Secondary - Noah Doeschner-fretts and Zeke Gregory. Evan Barker of Vanier took home the silver for his trade skills in welding.

Skills Canada competitions at the regional, provincial and national level serve two main purposes, to celebrate and reward students for excellence in their mastery of skilled trade or technology skills and to create an interactive and engaging environment for the thousands of students who attend the competitions.

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For more information visit <http://skillscanada.bc.ca/>

**IMAGE** (Source Comox Valley Schools)

Jacob Walter captured a gold medal at the Skills Canada BC competition in Abbotsford 17 April. Tyler won gold for graphic design. Both students of G.P. Vanier Secondary will continue to the national level competition later this spring in Halifax.