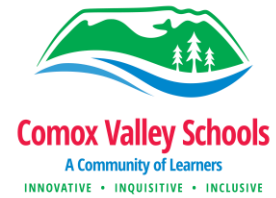


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Valley Secondary Student Wins Silver at Skills Canada National Event

Comox Valley, B.C. – Austin Harris, Highland Secondary grade 11 student, won a Silver Medal in the Skills Canada National Electronics virtual competition that took place in late May.

Harris received notification of his win during a [virtual ceremony](#) 15 June.

To get to the national stage Harris first competed locally in a Regional competition held in March and won the gold medal. He then advanced to the provincial competition that was held virtually/remotely in April and once again won the gold medal.

“It was a great experience, and I had a great time competing” shared Harris. “I can’t wait until next years competition where I will strive for the gold medal!”

The journey to the national stage for Harris was helped with the skills and knowledge developed in Comox Valley school programs that include: the ENTER Programs; NIDES 7842 Robotics Team; Highland Makerspace program; and the FIRST Robotics program. His future aspiration is to become a robotics engineer and is currently taking the Metal Mechanical Trades Sampler program at Mark R. Isfeld to build skills in metal fabrication and machining.

Skills Canada promotes careers in the skilled trade and technology sectors through regional, provincial and national competitions.

With COVID travel restriction in place, competitors in over 50 events from all the provinces and territories competed remotely. Traditionally, the event is hosted in a different province year to year. The 2022 event is scheduled to be held at Canada Place in Vancouver in June 2022.

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To learn more about Skills Canada visit skillscompetencescanada.com
The awards ceremony held, June 15th, can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/VOnhcQGYZY0> (Note: The Electronics presentation commences at 33:40-time mark.)

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