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## **Comox Valley students demonstrate skill and innovation at Skills Canada event**

**Comox Valley, B.C.** – Students from Comox Valley Schools achieved strong results at the recent Skills Canada North Island Regional Competition, earning multiple medals across junior and senior categories and continuing a proud tradition of excellence in skilled trades and applied learning.

Just over 200 students from across the North Island took part in this year's event, including approximately 70 senior secondary students and 160 junior competitors. Comox Valley Schools students stood out in a wide range of competitions, from animation and welding to LEGO robotics and engineering challenges.

Gold medal winners from the regional event will advance to the Skills Canada BC Provincial Championships, being held in Abbotsford on April 15, 2026. The Skills Canada National Competition will take place later this year in Toronto.

### **Senior medalists**

Students from G.P. Vanier Secondary School, Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School, and Highland Secondary School earned medals in the following senior competitions:

#### Gold

- Jordyn Wallace Patterson and Siam Sawatzky, G.P. Vanier – 2D Animation
- Levi Milligan, G.P. Vanier – Automotive Service
- Levi Henderson, G.P. Vanier – Electronics
- Jax McAllister, G.P. Vanier – Photography
- Trent Lange, G.P. Vanier – Welding

#### Silver

- Shaw Hayes, G.P. Vanier – 2D Animation
- Andrew Abar, G.P. Vanier – Electronics
- Simon Keenoy, Highland – Photography
- Yve Burrows and Phinley Wallace, G.P. Vanier – Video Production
- Jack Buchanan-McPherson, G.P. Vanier – Welding
- Anh Nguyen, G.P. Vanier – Culinary Arts

## Bronze

- Cullen Graham and Joseph Walton, Highland – 3D Animation
- Rowan Coupe, G.P. Vanier – Automotive Service
- Violet Ford, Mark R. Isfeld – Baking
- Sofia Priestman, Mark R. Isfeld – Cabinetmaking
- Jensen Huard, G.P. Vanier – Electronics
- Orin Rushton, G.P. Vanier – Welding
- Eoghan Cleaton, Highland – Culinary Arts

## **Junior medalists**

Elementary and middle school students from across the district also earned podium finishes in junior Skills competitions:

### Gold

- Lee Chau and Narayan Parkinson-Ganga – Highland – Spaghetti Bridge
- Nathan Craig, Julian Armitage-Razzell, and Keira Fielding, Aspen – ENTER – LEGO Mindstorms

### Silver

- Kellen Thorne, Logan Noguchi, and Koa Lyver, Huband Park Elementary – LEGO Mindstorms
- Elliot Wood and Roscoe Grace, École Puntledge Park – Spaghetti Bridge
- Brooklyn Duham and Maya Laverdure, Brooklyn Elementary – Wind Turbine

### Bronze

- Micah Holmes and Adella Honsek, Brooklyn Elementary – LEGO Mindstorms

These results reflect the dedication of our students, teachers, and career programs in providing meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities. Skills Canada continues to be an important pathway for students to explore careers, build confidence, and demonstrate real-world skills.

More information about Skills Canada programming in Comox Valley Schools is available at: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/career-programs/skills-canada-regionals/>

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