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SKILLS CANADA NWT NATIONAL TEAM FULL OF WINNERS*

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Sixteen talented youth represented the Northwest Territories at the 17th Canadian Skills Competition in Québec City, June 1-4, 2011. Three of these competitors returned home with medals in hand:

Dylan Crawley, Electrical Wiring (post-secondary level): GOLD
Antonio Lewis, Welding (secondary level): SILVER
Sébastien Rémillard, Cooking (secondary level): BRONZE

Congratulations to these talented individuals. They all worked hard for their medals, in some cases training for hours each week outside of school and work.

Winning national medals in skilled trades and technology has significant impact for youth in the NWT beyond the three medalists. It increases respect for people working in these sectors; it helps connect youth with other youth who know the value of careers in skilled trades and technology; it fosters pride in quality of work and accomplishment; and it helps NWT youth to know what they can achieve if they love what they do and work at it.

There were over 500 competitors from across Canada at the competition, with every province and territory sending a team. Each province and territory can choose to compete in any or all of the approximately 40 contests offered at the Skills Canada National Competition. This year, Skills Canada NWT competed in Auto Service, Baking, Carpentry, Cooking, Electrical Wiring, Graphic Design, IT – PC & Network Support, Industrial Mechanic (Millwright), TV/Video Production, Website Design, Welding, and Workplace Safety. In 2012, Skills Canada NWT hopes to have competitors in all of these contests as well as Cabinetmaking, Hairstyling, Heavy Equipment Service, Aircraft Maintenance, Instrumentation Technician (Automation & Control), and Outdoor Power and Recreation Equipment. Industry, government, educators, and the general public are invited to help achieve these goals.

Skills Canada NWT thanks all the people, companies, and organizations who made this trip possible. We look forward to the 2012 Skills Canada National Competition in Edmonton, Alberta.

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**Digital photos from event are available to media upon request, with photo credit given to Skills Canada NWT. Sample photos are shown below.*



Sebastien Remillard, Bronze Medal – Cooking (secondary) with gold medalist from BC and silver medalist from Ontario



Sebastien Remillard, Bronze Medal – Cooking (secondary)



Antonio Lewis, Silver Medal – Welding (secondary) with gold medalist from Ontario and bronze medalist from Alberta



Antonio Lewis, Silver Medal – Welding (secondary)



Dylan Crawley, Gold Medal – Electrical Wiring (post-secondary) with silver medalist from Yukon and bronze medalist from Newfoundland & Labrador



Sebastien Remillard preparing his dessert during the second day of the Cooking competition



Tara Lynn Andrew, post-secondary Carpentry competitor, on the second day of competition



Colton Arychuk, secondary Auto Service competitor, on the second day of competition



Dylan Crawley, post-secondary Electrical Wiring competitor, on the first day of competition



Kim Nguyenha, secondary Baking competitor, on the second day of competition



Antonio Lewis, secondary Welding competitor, on the first day of competition



Chris Mailloux, post-secondary Welding competitor, on the first day of competition

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Team NWT Medalists – left to right: Sebastien Remillard (secondary cooking – bronze); Dylan Crawley (post-secondary Electrical wiring – gold); Antonio Lewis (secondary welding – Silver)



Team NWT (competitors, coaches, and staff) after Closing Ceremonies



Dylan Crawley, Gold Medal – Electrical Wiring (post-secondary) with Skills/Compétences Canada national Secretary Penny McMillan (MB) as she presents him with the "Best of Region" award for the NWT; one competitor from each province and territory receives this award at the competition. Dylan also received this award in 2010.