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Grimsby Students take National Gold

Four Grimsby Secondary School students captured a gold medal in the Skills Canada National competition in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Andrew Kramer, Chris Rintjema, Stuart Haws, and Peter Mullens won the Robotics competition last week against teams from across Canada. This championship win earns them a spot on the Canadian team for the World Skills competition in Japan in 2007.

“This is huge!” said Kevin Graham, DSBN Consultant Technological Education. “Not only did our Robotics team from Grimsby win gold, but our 3-D Character Animation team from Beamsville took silver too.”

Taking silver in 3-D Character Animation were, Megan Beaumont and Karl Juhlke of Beamsville District Secondary School. In all, DSBN technology students competed in three competitions at Skills Canada – Robotics, 3-D Character Animation, and Baking.

Each year the District School Board of Niagara holds a series of about 40 skills challenges involving more than 2,500 students from across Niagara. The DSBN winners go on to compete regionally, provincially, nationally and now internationally. The World Skills competition is the Olympics of technology-related competitions. The international event is held every two years with the next event being held in Numazu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan on November 14-21, 2007. More than 700 young people from 45 countries are expected to compete.

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