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GOLD GALORE!

Technology students from across schools at the District School Board of Niagara had a lot to smile about as they wrapped up their annual Skills Competitions. A total of 47 students took home gold medals at the District Championships.

In front of proud parents and teachers, the elementary and secondary students were awarded their gold medals at the DSBN Technology Skills Awards Evening held on April 11 at Club Roma. In categories ranging from baking to welding, robotics to auto collision repairs, the challenges covered a wide range of skills and knowledge.

"It's the culmination of a very exciting month of challenges and competitions across the region" said Kevin Graham, Technology Consultant for the public school board.

"Schools across our Board sent a record number of students to participate in the competitions. The teachers did a wonderful job in preparing the students and the kids performed really well," he said.

These 47 students will represent the DSBN at the 18th Annual Skills Canada - Ontario competitions being held in Waterloo on May 1st and 2nd. For a complete list of all the winners, please see the attached list.

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Elementary Level Challenges:

Grade 7/8 TechKnowledge

Ryan McShannon Queen Mary

Albana Ajvazi Queen Mary

Yea Won Shin Queen Mary

Elizabeth Dirksen Queen Mary

Teacher: Jamie Groat

Grade 7/8 RoboLab

Kevin Morris Glynn A. Green

Sam Chambers Glynn A. Green

Karen Sawchuk Glynn A. Green

Molly Higenell Glynn A. Green

Teacher: Stuart MacPherson

Grade 7/8 Lego Mechanics

Conrad Charron Burleigh Hill

Jared Plummer Burleigh Hill

Sultana Naimi Burleigh Hill

Justine Dunbar Burleigh Hill

Teacher: Mark Chubb

Secondary Level Challenges:

2-D Character Animation

Kevin Peters E.L. Crossley

Everett Bokma E.L. Crossley

Teacher: Andrew Petryschuk

3-D Character Animation

Matt Kidd Stamford

Devon Holdsworth Stamford

Teacher: Doug Rysdale

Auto Collision Repair

Travis Vallee Stamford

Teacher: Bob Forand

Automotive Services Technology

Corey Feren A.N. Myer

Teacher: Mark Cherubini

Baking

Jocelyn Bradley Fort Erie

Teacher: John Cullen

Cabinetmaking

Michael Upshall Niagara District

Teacher: Mark Harshaw

CADD -- Architectural

Gavin Taylor Thorold

Teacher: Claude Demers

CADD -- Mechanical

Ben Grant Ridgeway CB

Teacher: Andrew Spadzinski

Carpentry -- Individual

Ben Wall Eden

Teacher: Joe Caruso

Carpentry -- Team

Adam Lacroix Fort Erie

Ryan Racey Fort Erie

Teacher: John Stolk

Computer Aided Manufacturing

Jacob Antonio Westlane

Teacher: Ted Clark

Culinary Arts

Ann Kent Eastdale

Teacher: Roland Pouliot

Electrical Wiring

Aaron Bradley Grimsby

Teacher: Larry Favotto

Electronics

Taylor Page Westlane

Teacher: Peter Beens

Graphic Design

Lindsay Davies Governor Simcoe

Teacher: John-Paul Cote

Hairstyling

Kayla MacFarlane Stamford

Teachers: Liz Digaetano and Kate Shepherd

Home Building - Team of 2

Pat Kremer Eden

Josh Warren Eden

Teacher: Joe Caruso

Internet - Web Page Design

Braunson Yager Stamford

Teacher: Doug Rysdale

Job Skill Demonstration

Krystin LeRoy

Fort Erie

Teacher: Afshin Keyvani

Landscape Gardening

Justin Scudamors

Stamford

Brandon Kostuk-Watchorn

Stamford

Teacher: Eli Serbina

Photography

Chris Elphick

Stamford

Teacher: Greg McInerney

Precision Machining

Kate Finch

South Lincoln

Teacher: John Gocking

Robotics - Team of 4

Peter Mullen

Grimsby

Arthur Ord

Grimsby

Devon Biebert

Grimsby

Nick Cook

Grimsby

Teacher: Chad Whittington

Small Powered Equipment

Curtis Dilts

Port Colborne

Teacher: Mike Pastore

TV & Video Production

Marcus Barrie

Sir Winston

Dave Stewart

Sir Winston

Teacher: Jill Russell

Welding

Adam Nicholls

Teacher: Vic Barker