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## **DSBN STUDENTS BECOME REGISTERED IN SKILLED TRADES**

On Thursday, April 26, 2007, eighteen students in the Specialist High Skills Major at the District School Board of Niagara, will be registering for apprenticeship in the skilled trades. Students from Ridgeway Crystal Beach High, Fort Erie Secondary and Port Colborne High Schools will receive this honour from Vince Fryia from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Each year, the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) gives high school students a head start on their career as a skilled trades professional. Students apprentice and earn credits toward their apprenticeship and high school diploma.

This opportunity for technology students will allow them to gain the experiences of building a home through the Ministry of Education pilot project entitled, Specialist High Skills Major- Construction. As well as gaining industry recognized certification, the technology students benefit as registered apprentices concurrently.

Both, the Specialist High Skills Major Program and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program offer students the choice for customized, career-focused secondary school learning in the construction sector, tailored to suit their particular interest, skills and talents. This learning experience will help students explore, identify and refine career choices and make informed decisions related to their post-secondary goals.

The District School Board of Niagara's, Specialized High Skills Major Program is in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Niagara.

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