



News Release

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Surrey School District students garner most trades training scholarships

Results announced as “Trading Up” trades career fair and exhibition to open

Surrey School District graduates have been awarded 75 of 470 provincial government scholarships through the Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) program. The SSA scholarships are provided by the Ministry of Education and the Industry Training Authority, funded through the Ministry of Economic Development.

Surrey School District students earned the most scholarships of any school district, and ten more scholarships than were earned by Surrey district students in the previous year. The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to graduates for accomplishments in the SSA program in the 2005/06 school year.

“The Surrey School District has been out in front in promoting trade career options to our students through our apprenticeship partnerships and through initiatives like the Trading Up career fair and exhibition,” says Surrey school board chair Shawn Wilson. “It’s great to see our students not only pursuing trade careers, but excelling at them as well.”

In response to skilled trades shortages in the province, Surrey School District, Langley School District, Delta School District and Kwantlen University College, have collaborated to produce “Trading Up”; an annual, comprehensive trades fair and exhibition that exposes Grade 10, 11 and 12 students from around the Lower Mainland to the trades. This year’s Trading Up takes place April 3 and 4, 2007 at the Cloverdale Agriplex in Surrey. It is open to the public and free of charge.

A key aim of the event is to inform students of the opportunities in the trades before career paths are selected. Trading Up features interactive demonstrations at most exhibitor booths set-up by trades associations, companies that employ trades workers and representatives from post secondary institutions. The environment created is energetic, exciting and targeted at teens.

More information about Trading Up is available at www.go tradingup.ca. Further details of the SSA scholarship program and a list of student winners are available through the provincial government news release at: www.mediaroom.gov.bc.ca.

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