



Dan Van Holst (Canada)
Home: Waterloo, ON
Competition Area: Automobile Technology



The oldest of three children, Dan Van Holst is proud to be a third generation Automotive Service Technician. Aside from a busy lifestyle of school and work, Dan also likes to snowboard in his spare time. He possesses excellent technical skills, and considers his key strengths to be identifying drivability problems and electrical diagnosing.

Currently attending Conestoga College in Waterloo, Dan believes that by keeping an open mind, he can always learn new information and different ways to accomplish a task. Passionate about learning, he reads constantly about new technologies impacting the trade so he can stay on top of emerging trends.

Although he spends most of his time working at his family's business in Waterloo, he was recruited to participate at the Skills/Compétences Canada-Ontario competition during his training at college. He was selected by his teachers to participate at the provincial level and he continued on to compete at the Canadian Skills Competition. His skills and determination have earned him a spot representing Canada at 40th WorldSkills Competition in Calgary.

Dan is enthusiastic about obtaining additional training and knowledge in his trade during the WorldSkills Competition.

"Being a participant is a great opportunity to promote skilled trades while also representing my country."

Dan feels that he will have a high level of success when competing at the WorldSkills Competition in September 2009 because he possesses a strong ability to stay focused and block out distractions. He will also have his family there to support him along the way. Dan is very inspired by his family, his girlfriend and his teachers who encouraged him to choose his trade.

A very strong proponent of the automobile technology trade, Dan looks forward to continuing to work in a career that is constantly changing and gives him a high level of satisfaction every day.