



Devon DeBoer (Canada)

Home: Calgary, AB

Competition Area: Autobody Repair

Working in autobody repair is fun and stimulating for Devon DeBoer. He chooses to work long hours since he thoroughly enjoys his career and has loved the trade since he was a small boy. Although some accuse him of being a workaholic, he does have several hobbies that he enjoys in his spare time such as painting cars, snowboarding and mountain biking.

Devon chose to get involved with the trades because he feels that they make him strive to be a better person. His inspiration comes from his Dad who taught him that success is derived from tenacity and determination.

It was one of his instructors at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Polytechnic who first recommended that Devon use his talents in Autobody Repair and Autobody Finishing to participate in the Skills Alberta Provincial Competition. Since his first Competition, Devon has been hooked. He now looks forward to testing his skills against international competitors at the WorldSkills Competition 2009, in Calgary.

“This Competition is a chance to put my name out there and will prove that Canada has a high level of trades skills.”

Devon also hopes to gain more technical knowledge about autobody repair during the Competition as well as understand what it takes to compete at an international level. He believes that possessing a good work ethic and having confidence in his skills will grant him success and possibly a medal at the 40th WorldSkills Competition.

Devon is currently working in his field in Calgary where he practices his skills to compete. He is constantly trying to find out new information about his trade in order to stay on the cutting-edge of the industry. Believing that a career should be something that you enjoy and have fun with, Devon looks forward to experiencing future success in his trade.