

26th Annual APPRENTICESHIP CELEBRATION DINNER

Celebrating outstanding achievements within Saskatchewan's apprenticeship system.

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission

PROGRAM

6:30PM **Welcome**

Lisa Peters
Emcee
Host, Talk of the Town, AccessNow TV

Mushum (Grandfather) Harry Francis
Opening Prayer
Elder, Piapot First Nation

Greg Tuer
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Immigration and Career Training

Jeff Ritter
Chief Executive Officer
Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission

Brad Funk
Director of Training
United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 179

7:00PM **Dinner**

8:15PM **Entertainment**

Creeland Dancers and JJ Lavallee

Outstanding New Journeypersons

This award is presented annually to the newly certified journeypersons who achieve the highest marks on the written certification exams in each trade.

NJ

Nathan Jackson
Agricultural Equipment Technician
Radisson



Harshpreet Singh Sond
Auto Body and Collision Technician
Regina



John Shukin
Automotive Service Technician
Rhein



Avery Bruce
Boilermaker
Birch Hills



Riley Heath
Boom Truck Operator 'A'
Lloydminster

WH

William Hubbard
Bricklayer
Saskatoon



Christopher Wiebe
Carpenter
Moose Jaw

DO

David Ortman
Construction Craft Labourer
Regina



Joshua Gudmundson
Construction Electrician
Regina



Niaa Kuhn
Hairstylist
Saskatoon

> *"The most rewarding part of working in the skilled trades is the way technical skill and creativity come together with customer service and relationship building. I love being able to use my skills to create something that makes someone feel good, while also building trust and meaningful relationships with my guests. Seeing their reactions and knowing I've made a positive impact is what makes my work fulfilling."*
>
> **Niaa Kuhn**
> *Hairstylist / Saskatoon*

Outstanding New Journeypersons

"We strive to push our employees/co-workers to aim high and to strive to be better each day. In the trades, we are the people that other people rely upon. We work hard, long hours to keep our towns, cities, provinces, and country running, and it is a pretty meaningful life being reliable and being relied upon."

Christopher Wiebe
Carpenter / Moose Jaw

AR

Austin Reimer
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
Carrot River

TS

Tyrone Sekel
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
Yorkton



David Kozak
Instrumentation and Control Technician
Regina

AC

Adam Cuff-Inverarity
Ironworker (Structural/ Ornamental)
Saskatoon



Gilmour McDaid
Machinist
Edam

DK

Dylan Knobel
Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
RM of Dundurn



Jarrod Carlson
Mobile Crane Operator
Saskatoon



Shelsie Bisschop
Parts Technician
Wadena

"The resources to learn and better oneself are more accessible than ever and the systems to join the trades are the smoothest they have ever been. Amidst everything going on in the world now, with AI and global manufacturing and shipping concerns, I know my skills will be valuable far into the future."

Gilmour McDaid
Machinist / Edam



RR

Rexford Reeves
Plumber
Wolseley



Cody Froese
Powerline Technician
Swift Current

JH

Jacob Harasyn
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Warman

SA

Shane Anderson
Roofer
Saskatoon



William England
Scaffolder
Regina



Kalum Neubeker
Sheet Metal Worker
Gravelbourg

LL

Luke Henry Lane
Sprinkler Fitter
Regina

CE

Connor Erhardt
Steamfitter/Pipefitter
Churchbridge



Justin Servetnyk
Tower Crane Operator
Saskatoon



Nathen Cormin
Truck and Transport Mechanic
Borden



Savannah Vanhove
Welder
Regina

"My advice to anyone considering a career in the trades is to keep going and always look for the answer. Don't be afraid to ask questions, think outside the box, and push through the challenges. There will always be things you don't know, but being willing to learn and keep trying can take you much further than giving up."

Shelsie Bisschop
Parts Technician / Wadena

George Pellerin Memorial Scholarship and Bruce Pearce Scholarship

George Pellerin Memorial Scholarship – This award is given each year to a newly certified journeyperson who achieves the highest mark on the written certification exam among all trades.

Bruce Pearce Scholarship – This award is presented to a newly certified journeyperson who completed the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program and also achieved the highest mark on the written certification exam.



"I've spent a lot of time absorbing as much information about this trade as I could, because there are so many advancements everyday and I love everything about the work and puzzles I show up to on a daily basis. Ultimately, I want to be a mentor to others like mine have been to me, and I want to share my passion for cars with as many people as I can."

John Shukin
Automotive Service Technician / Rhein

Wendy Davis Memorial Scholarship

This award is given each year to a newly certified female journeyperson who achieves the highest mark on the written certification exam in trades where women are underrepresented. This award was made in memory of Wendy Patricia Davis, a long-time supporter and practitioner of women's rights.

ML

Mikayla Laviolette
Automotive Service Technician
Saskatoon

First Nations and Métis Scholarship

Funded by Commission Board members, this scholarship is awarded to a newly certified Indigneous journeyperson who achieves the highest mark on the written certification exam.

JH

Jacob Harasyn
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Warman

Scholarship for Journeypersons with Disabilities

This award is given to a newly certified journeyperson who has a diagnosed disability as defined by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code. Recipients demonstrate how they've grown and succeeded in their skilled trades career, overcome barriers and plan to continue building their career in the skilled trades.

CF

Caiden Finke
Machinist
Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Champion Award winners

This award acknowledges educators who've made significant contributions to the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) program and high school students interested in the skilled trades.

AC

Andrea Calow
Bedford Road Collegiate
Saskatoon

AR

Amy Ranford
Campus Regina Public
Regina

KL

Katie Lariviere
Canoe Lake
Miksiw School
Canoe Lake



Cassidy Robidoux
Chief Kahkewistahaw
Community School
Moosomin

> *"The most rewarding part about being an SYA Champion is helping students pursue their passion/career and seeing them succeed by completing all of the modules and preparing for their trade of choice."*
>
> **Cassidy Robidoux**
> *Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School / Moosomin*

Outstanding Instructor

This award is given to an instructor who goes above and beyond; has excellent presentation skills; and is fair, approachable and professional. The instructor must have taught theory, shop, or a combination of both in an approved apprenticeship technical training program in the past training year at an institution contracted or accredited by the SATCC.

CZ

Charles Zielke
Carpenter
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
Regina

Apprenticeship Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes outstanding work and significant contributions to the apprenticeship and trade certification system in Saskatchewan.



"The trades have meant everything to me. They've given me a sense of purpose, a place where I belong, and a chance to contribute and make a good living for my family. Fifty-two years later, I'm still proud to be connected to the trades and grateful that I can help open a few doors for the next generation entering the trades."

Denis Caron
Automotive Service Technician / Saskatoon

Outstanding Employer: QSI Interiors Ltd.
(Fewer than 50 employees)

The award recognizes the employers who demonstrate strong support of apprenticeship training; work to increase the probability of apprentices' success in the trade; and create an environment of excellence.

JS

Jamie Stercl
QSI Interiors Ltd.
Regina

"We strive to create an environment based on safety, teamwork, mentorship, and continuous learning. Our apprentices are encouraged to ask questions, learn from experienced tradespeople, and gain exposure to a broad range of work."

Jamie Stercl
QSI Interiors Ltd. / Regina

Outstanding Employer: Impact Energy Services
(More than 50 employees)



"We treat certification as a milestone rather than a finish line, so training keeps going well past the ticket. That commitment extends to diversity too, including a genuine track record in Indigenous apprenticeship, because we want every apprentice, whatever their background, to feel like they are building something here, not just gaining hours."

Boyd Kampen
Impact Energy Services / Rosetown

Industry Scholarships and Awards

Electrical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan Scholarship

Sponsored by the Electrical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan

DM

Douglas Mark
Construction Electrician
Saskatoon
Level 3 Apprentice

GG

Gratchen Grison
Construction Electrician
Prince Albert
Level 4 Apprentice

GDI Perseverance Award

Sponsored by Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment

MD

Matthew Desjarlais
Automotive Service Technician
Saskatoon

Lorne Figley Award of Excellence

Sponsored by Lorne Figley, Broadway Plumbing & Heating, Saskatoon

RR

Rexford Reeves
Plumber
Wolseley



Kalum Neubeker
Sheet Metal Worker
Gravelbourg



Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan Award

Sponsored by Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan Inc.



Kalum Neubeker
Sheet Metal Worker
Gravelbourg

2026 Merit Bursary Award

Sponsored by Merit Contractors Association Inc. Saskatchewan

GG

Gratchen Grison
Construction Electrician
Prince Albert

HP

Hunter Prokopchuk
Carpenter
Saskatoon

Garth Ivey Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Building Trades

JH

Jacob Harasyn
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Warman

SIIT Joint Training Committee Journeyperson's Award

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT)

KM
Khristian Mckay
Automotive Service Technician
Peepeekisis First Nation

TS
Taylen Sylvestre
Welder
Clearwater River Dene Nation

NW
Noel Whitehawk
Truck and Transport Mechanic
Cote First Nation

Outstanding New SaskPower Journeyperson in the Powerline Technician Trade

Sponsored by SaskPower

AT
Aaron Toews
Powerline Technician
Swift Current

Ed Schoenroth and George Thorpe Scholarship

Sponsored by the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 179

CE
Connor Erhardt
Steamfitter/ Pipefitter
Churchbridge

JH
Jacob Harasyn
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Warman

LL
Luke Henry Lane
Sprinkler Fitter
Regina



Young's Equipment Inc. & Western Equipment Dealers Association Scholarship

Sponsored by Young's Equipment Inc. & Western Equipment Dealers Association

KK

Keegan Kerr
Agricultural Equipment Technician
White City
Top Journeyperson

CK

Chase Kirchhofer
Agricultural Equipment Technician
Cupar
Top Journeyperson

NG

Nicholas Golly
Agricultural Equipment Technician
Deer Valley
Top Level 4 Apprentice

KT

Karson Thue
Agricultural Equipment Technician
Lake Alma
Top Level 3 Apprentice

AR

Anna Rosas
Agricultural Equipment Technician
Assiniboia
Top Level 1 Apprentice

Young's Equipment Inc. Scholarship In Memory Of Josh Rowan

Sponsored by Young's Equipment Inc.

JL

Jamie Lombard
Agricultural Equipment Technician
Swift Current
Top Level 2 Apprentice

Award Sponsors

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Carlton Trail College.

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