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Thames Valley students win big in technology competition

Several Thames Valley students brought home medals from the Ontario Technological Skills Competition – the largest skilled trades competition in Canada – held earlier this week at RIM Park in Waterloo.

A team of four A.B. Lucas Secondary School students from London received the gold medal in the homebuilding (team of 4) competition. The four – Jessica Andrews, Garrett Surmanski, Scott Holmes and Shane McBean – are all Grade 12 students.

Students also won gold medals in photography and industrial wiring. Jennifer Stuber, a Grade 12 student from Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School in London, won a gold medal for photography while Ian Gauld, a Grade 12 student from Saunders Secondary School, won gold in the industrial wiring competition.

Danielle Zammit, a Grade 12 student at Strathroy District Collegiate Institute, also won a silver medal in the baking and pastry competition.

“These students are among the best in the province,” says Chris Tye, the Board’s Learning Coordinator for Technological Education and Experiential Learning. He explained that all of the students take part in Specialist High Skills Major or focused technological education programs, which allows students advanced skills training and education in areas such as construction, horticulture, manufacturing, agriculture, and hospitality and tourism.

You can find more information about the competition at www.skillsontario.com

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