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High school students from Hamilton and Halton take part in Builders' second annual Skilled Trades Competition

HAMILTON – Secondary school students from across the region will be hammering their way to the top over the next two days as they compete in the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association's (HHHBA's) second annual Skilled Trades Competition at Mohawk College on Hamilton mountain.

Two-person teams representing public and separate schools in Ancaster, Stoney Creek, Hamilton, Burlington, Milton and Waterdown will participate in the event on which takes place on Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17.

“Our Association is very proud and excited about this event,” said Vince Molinaro, president of the HHHBA. “By providing unique hands-on opportunities such as this to high school students, it is our hope that we will encourage more young people to seriously consider a future career in the construction industry.”

Participating teams will be provided with the blueprint plans and the materials required to build a full-sized garden shed and will use a combination of hand and power tools to complete the project over the two day construction schedule. Adjudication by industry professionals will take place throughout the event. Students will be evaluated on everything from framing to proper use of tools and equipment and even their regard for site safety. At the conclusion of the event, the completed sheds will be taken away by the competitors to use as a fundraising opportunity for their respective schools.

“The top three teams at the end of the competition will not only win trophies and bragging rights but they will also take home cash prizes,” said Mr. Molinaro. “At the same time, all of our participating schools will benefit from the ability to do some fundraising by selling or raffling off their sheds. It's a win-win situation.”

Comprised of nearly 300 member companies, the HHHBA was formed in 1942 to provide a voice for the local construction industry and, by advocating for new homebuyers, help people to fulfill the dream of home ownership.

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About the HHHBA's Skilled Trades Competition:

- The Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association (HHHBA) is holding its second annual Skilled Trades Competition on Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17 at Mohawk College, Fennell Campus on Hamilton mountain.
- Twelve two-person teams will participate representing secondary schools in the Hamilton and Halton public and separate Boards of Education.
- High schools involved include Ancaster, Barton, Bishop Ryan, Cathedral, Delta, Lester B. Pearson, Milton, Notre Dame, St. Mary and Waterdown.
- Teams will work over two days to build a full-sized garden shed and will be adjudicated on their work throughout the construction.
- Sheds will be used by the competing teams to help raise funds for their own school initiatives.

About the HHHBA:

- The HHHBA represents a membership of nearly 300 companies including builders, developers, trade contractors, service professionals and suppliers to the new home construction industry.
- The residential construction industry is a major force in the Hamilton-Halton economy, generating some 18,000 jobs and contributing substantially to the federal, provincial and municipal tax bases.
- The HHHBA is managed by staff and governed by an elected Board of Directors.

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