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## DeWalt/Stanley Tool Enhancement Grant Testimonial

The students in our Trades Sampler Program (TASK – Trades Awareness, Skills & Knowledge) were so excited to receive the tools that were awarded to our school district after the Skills Canada Competition in Vancouver last year.



This grant from Stanley DeWalt came at the time when our TASK program was desperately needing tools to build inventory in our newly renovated shop space. For 9 years we had been renting a poultry barn at the Farmer's Institute and keeping tools in a SeaCan. Our TASK students were so excited to open the boxes and with the help of the carpentry instructor transformed some shelf space into storage cupboards with lock to keep the tools safe.

Although our students haven't had an opportunity to use these tools yet, it was a huge boost to be the first cohort in the new facility, taking ownership of a class set of new tools. The three 100 square foot buildings were in the final stages of being finished when the tools arrived, and the students finished off the school year working full time in industry which spring-boarded most of them into youth apprenticeships.

We sent a press release to our local newspaper and, also the Salt Spring Exchange, our digital media site announcing our good fortune. On behalf of the Gulf Islands School District and our TASK program we continue to express our thanks to Skills Canada and Stanley DeWalt for your generous support.



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