

SKILLS/COMPÉTENCES CANADA SPOKESPEOPLE AND SPECIAL GUESTS

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Dr. Patrick Rouble
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Dr. Patrick Rouble lives in Whitehorse, Yukon and is the Principal Consultant with Transom Frame Consulting. He has a diverse background with experience in education, research, business management and government. Patrick served two terms in the Yukon Legislative Assembly and was a Member of Cabinet for five years. He held the portfolios for Education, Energy, Mines and Resources, and the Public Service Commission. Upon his retirement from office, Patrick continued his passion for lifelong learning and completed a Doctorate in Education at the University of Calgary.

Patrick believes strongly that we need to encourage more Canadian youth to consider rewarding and meaningful careers in traditional trades and emerging technologies. He believes in helping Canadian youth develop the skills and abilities to lead meaningful and rewarding careers and that having a gratifying career will not only help build stronger individuals but will also help to build a stronger Canada.

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Shaun Thorson Chief Executive Officer Skills/Compétences Canada

Shaun Thorson, Chief Executive Officer of Skills/Compétences Canada, is a tireless champion of skilled trade and technology careers for Canadian youth. The CEO since 2006, Shaun has held various positions within the Skills/Compétences Canada (SCC) organization at the provincial and national levels for over 30 years.

Shaun recognizes the vital role of a strong and vibrant skilled trade and technology workforce in maintaining Canada's global economic leadership and fosters engagement with thought-leaders to ensure best practices and positioning. Known for the annual Skills Canada National Competition, Skills Canada is also member of WorldSkills. Within this international body Shaun has chaired the Sustainability Initiatives, Quality Assurance Management Council, the WorldSkills Americas Technical Committee and was Canada's WorldSkills Technical Delegate from 2006 to 2013 and in 2017.

Shaun is the Past President of the CWB Welding Foundation and Chairs the CEO-National Skills Organization Council for WorldSkills.

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Craig Brazil WorldSkills Team Canada Expert Industrial Mechanic Millwright

Craig Brazil is coordinator of the Industrial Mechanic Millwright pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs at Sheridan College, where he has also been a professor since 2001. Craig played a leading role in WorldSkills' addition of the Industrial Mechanic (IM) discipline, serving as Canada's chief expert since 2015 and becoming the event's skills competition manager in 2017.

Prior to teaching at Sheridan, Craig worked as an Industrial Mechanic Millwright in the aircraft industry in Ireland, then as an IM instructor and general manager at the Magna Technical Training Centre in Brampton. He received his Diploma in Technical Education and Ontario Teacher's Certificate from the University of Toronto in 1991.

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