

Brian Martin (Canada)
Home: Guelph, ON
Competition Area: Plumbing and Heating



Brian Martin enjoys hands-on experiences at work and during recreation. A plumber by trade, Brian spends his spare time snowmobiling, hunting and camping. He admits that being a plumber comes with many rewards, the most important being the chance to learn new things every day.

In selecting his career path, Brian was inspired by his father who owns his own plumbing business. Brian focused on finding a career that had flexible hours, a variety of work locations and an opportunity to interact with a variety of people. These career attributes are very important to Brian and he is pleased to have found a career that combines all of them together.

While training at Conestoga College for Basic Plumbing, Brian's coordinator suggested that he represent his union at an Ontario Provincial Skills Competition. Wanting to challenge himself and promote his union and trade, Brian jumped at the chance to compete. His participation and success at Regional, Provincial, and National Competitions have given him the chance to be a part of Team Canada and compete at the 40th WorldSkills Competition in Calgary 2009.

Brian hopes to learn something completely new about his trade at the WorldSkills Competition and is confident that he will perform well.

"I can figure out complex problems under pressure and stay focused on finishing the task efficiently and with precision."

His ability to focus on a single task for an extended period of time is one trait that grants Brian success in his trade. Brian is a third-year plumbing apprentice working as a plumber in Cambridge, Ontario. He works very hard every day to get extra skills training in preparation for the WorldSkills Competition.