

# CAREERS & TRADES

## APRIL 2022



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## CAMERON

Heritage Woods Secondary Graduate  
Level 1 Electrician Apprentice

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# GENERAL & UPDATES

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### ACCESS BC MICRO TRADES EXPERIENCE - MAY 2022

The Coquitlam School District will be running a 6-day micro-experience for Indigenous students, grades 9-12, who are interested in trying trades! This opportunity is an introductory experience, where students will get to learn in a supportive and risk-free environment. No prior experience in trades or tech classes are required.

Students will be introduced to Carpentry, CNC machining, Landscaping and Cooking. They will also get lunch and breakfast at each session, a tour of BCIT and over \$250 worth of personal protective gear and equipment that they get to keep upon completion of the program.

Students can [APPLY HERE](#)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday April 20, 2022**

If you have questions or would like more information about the program contact Ashley Impellezzere at 778-318-9354 or [gforcegymashleyi@gmail.com](mailto:gforcegymashleyi@gmail.com)

### BCIT WOMEN IN TRADES SAMPLER

Applications for the 2022-2023 BCIT Women in Trades Sampler are now available. Students will gain hands-on experience in approximately 15 different trades disciplines. Some examples of activities are: lay out and fabrication, general piping, framing, welding, wiring and working on mechanical systems in automobiles, aircraft, and heavy equipment. The program includes two weeks of unpaid work experience, partnering education with industry and the community.

To apply for the program please e-mail [aimpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aimpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca) or visit the [BCIT website](#)

### WOMEN IN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY EVENT- MAY 5, 2022

The Automotive Industry will be hosting an event for Females and Women who are interested in pursuing a career in Automotive at the Element Vancouver Metrotown Hotel in Burnaby on May 5, 2022.

The goal of this event is to encourage and inspire young females to join the automotive industry by showcasing the vast career opportunities it can offer them. This event is a great opportunity to engage with industry leaders and build contacts within the industry.

Further information and registration can be found on their website. [CLICK HERE](#)

### BCWITT WOMEN IN TRADES VIRTUAL MEET & GREET- MAY 9, 2022

Are you a young female interested in trades? Then this event is for you! Join The BC Women in Trades Training for our second virtual "meet & greet" of the year. Hear female tradespeople talk about their jobs and ask questions from experts who know! Meet other students in trades programs Learn about scholarship, employment and networking opportunities Win door prizes. For more information, please email Ashley Impellezzere at [aimpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aimpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca)

### EMILY CARR HEAD START TO ART - SEPTEMBER 2022

This "Foundation Drawing Studio" course (FNDDT 112) will be available to students going into their grade 12 year or graduates of 2022. The program will be September 13th -December 13th and will take place at Gleneagle Secondary every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-9:00pm. Students who take the program will earn credits with Emily Carr and can transfer credits to other Fine Arts Programs.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2022-2023 application form. To learn more about the program please visit our [website](#).

# CAMERON BALLARD



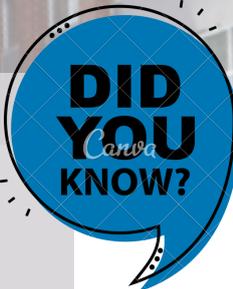
## CAMERON BALLARD

*Heritage Woods 2020 Graduate  
Level 1 Electrician Apprentice*

*Cameron is a 2020 Heritage Woods Graduate. He took the SD43 Electricians Program in his grade 12 year and was able to graduate with is Level 1 as a certified Electrician. Before going into the program, Cameron was nervous that his dyslexia would prevent him from achieving his goal of becoming an Electrician. Cameron was encouraged by his teachers, counselors and family to try his best and give the program a try. To his surprise, Cameron excelled in the Electricians Program and he was able to earn top grades in the class. His work ethic, along with the the support of his amazing teachers allowed Cameron to achieve a goal he once that was unattainable. Cameron is an advocate for diversity in trades and believe that **"anyone can do the trade if they are willing to work hard and have the support"**. This trade has changed my life. I encourage all student who are interested in trades to go for it!"*

To learn more about Cameron's story watch his video.

*Did you know that the  
average starting salary for  
a level 1 Electrician is  
\$43,000*



*Every person is different. We have different minds, hearts, experiences, and dreams. Given this truth, it's incredibly reasonable to say that it's an injustice to stereotype the skilled trades.*

*The skilled trades need bright, passionate people to enter the workforce with a clear understanding of their contribution to not only their place of employment but also, the community. This understanding is one that needs to start at a young age, and it's one that communities, schools, and families play a pivotal role in fostering. The skilled trades lead to a quality paycheck and an opportunity for an immense sense of pride in one's work, and that's the truth.*

*Watch the video below to listen to Leisa Ballard discuss some of the opportunities and benefits that emerged after her son completed the SD43 Electricians Program*

# Parent Testimonial



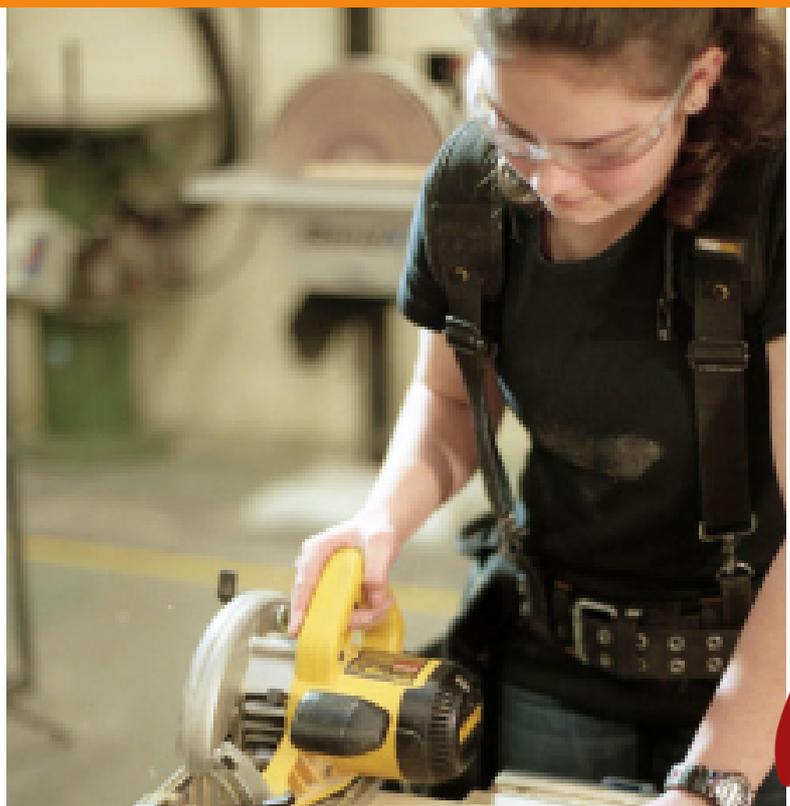


# ACCESS MAY 2022 MICRO TRADES EXPERIENCE

FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN TRADES



**APPLY TODAY!**



**APPLY HERE**

# INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

## Trades Experience

***The Coquitlam School District will be hosting a micro-experience for Indigenous students interested in trying trades. This experience will take place over 6-days at Port Moody, Centennial and Riverside Secondary. Exact dates and times TBD. Students do not require any trades experience, but MUST apply. Spots are limited.***

***Students will be introduced to tool Safety, Carpentry, CNC machining, Landscaping and Culinary Arts. As a part of this program students will get to design and build cedar garden boxes that will be used to grow native herbs, vegetables and medicinal plants. Students will get the opportunity to learn about cultural practice and traditions from elders. Moreover, students will get to learn how to prepare a traditional meal, using the produce that they planted. This is an amazing opportunity for students to try a variety of trades in a supportive, risk-free environment.***

### OTHER BENEFITS

- Lunch and/or Breakfast provided each day
- Students will receive a program t-shirt
- Students will get over \$250 of personal protective equipment that they can keep for future programs/work
- Get an exclusive tour of BCIT campus and the gathering center
- Meet other students from SD43 who share similar interests

## APPLY HERE





**TRICITY**  
**news**

Over spring break, 12 students from the Coquitlam School District participated in an 8-day experience with the Coquitlam Fire Department. Students experienced "the day in the life of a firefighter"

Read more about their experience in the TRICITY News [CLICK HERE](#)

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# Student Testimonial



## **Joshua Li- 2022 Junior Fire Fighters Academy**

***"These past few months have been an adventure for me, where not only the program itself but the application process and interviews have all been an opportunity for me to learn and grow. The Coquitlam Fire Hall is a wonderful place filled with wonderful staff who are willing to put the time and effort into ensuring you have the best experience possible. I was able to grow and develop as a person and I was honored to be able to have this opportunity to share 8 days with some of our community's leaders and heroes. In the academy I was surrounded by driven, motivated and hard-working peers who I was honored to have the opportunity to share the field with. To me the best part about it wasn't jumping off buildings, wrecking cars, but it was the people I met. I would like to thank the my parents, the School District and the Coquitlam Fire/Rescue Team for all their encouragements, motivations, support and kindness in those 8 days. The main takeaway I learned and plan to live by is that you get out what you put in, and this applies to anything I do. This is a one of a kind experience and even if you aren't considering Firefighting I would seriously recommend this opportunity for anyone looking for an adventure."***

# WORK IN TRADES

## award winners

***Congratulations to the following students for completing the WORK in Trades Program. Twenty three students from School District 43 will receive a \$1000 award for working a paid job in Trades while in high school.***



**Heidi**  
*Carpenter*



**Jasmin**  
*Hairstylist*



**Callum**  
*Electrician*



**Luka**  
*Carpenter*



**Shane**  
*Professional Cook*



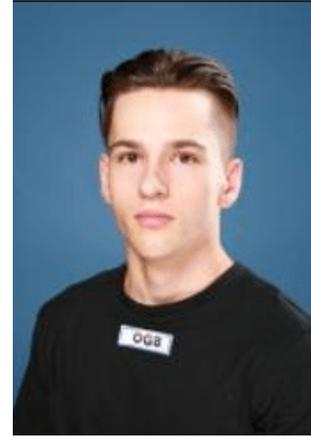
**Aiden**  
*Carpenter*



**Scott**  
*Sprinkler Fitter*



**Will**  
*Heavy Duty Technician*



**Matthew**  
*Carpenter*



**Shane**  
*Heavy Duty Technician*



**Antonio**  
*Auto Refinishing*



**Devon**  
*Roofer*



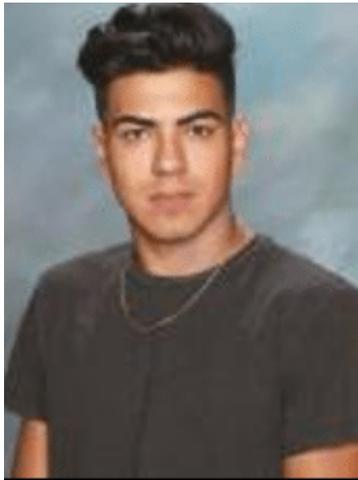
**Carson**  
*Heavy Duty Technician*



**Tasha**  
*Professional Cook*



**Jake**  
*Professional Cook*



**Asef**  
*Auto Mechanic*



**Travis**  
*Metal Fabricator*



**Michael**  
*Electrician*



**Eric**  
*Auto Mechanic*



**Mitchell**  
*Machinist*



**Chance**  
*Auto Mechanic*



**Brandon**  
*Carpenter*

# WORK IN TRADES BENEFITS



## WHAT IS YOUTH IN TRADES?

Youth WORK in Trades isn't a traditional high school course. Students in this program already have a paid job with an experienced tradesperson and complete the coursework online through Coquitlam Open Learning

## WHY SHOULD YOU REGISTER FOR THE WORK IN TRADES PROGRAMS?

- For every 120 hours that students work in an apprenticeable trade with a certified tradesperson, they can:
- gain high school credits
- learn and apply specific skills while getting paid
- earn hours towards trade certification
- qualify for a \$1000 award from the Ministry of Education.

# REGISTER HERE

Are you a student who is working a paid-job in Trades? If so, you may be eligible for the WORK in Trades Program. Don't miss out on your chance to earn a \$1000 award. Find out more by using the QR code to complete the WORK in Trades survey.





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# CAREER

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

