# **CAREERS & TRADES** DECEMBER 2021

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## TIAAN GRIMBEEK

SD43 Professional Cooking Program Alumni

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The Coquitlam School District would like to congratulate former student and graduate of the Professional Cooking Program, Tiaan Grimbeek. He has been chosen as a finalist in this year's Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award. His company, Top Notch Catering, was nominated for Young Entrepreneur of The Year and Business Resiliency. We wish Tiaan and the staff at Top Notch the best of luck!



### GENERAL UPDATES PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### LAST CHANCE! SD43 JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of the 2022 Fire Academy. Applications are due December 10, 202. Completed applications should be handed in to your school counselor or sent to Doug Maclean at dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca

#### **<u>CLICK HERE</u>** to complete your application

#### **COURSE SELECTION: TRADES PROGRAMS**

A reminder that our SD43 Trades Training Programs will not appear on your course selection sheet. Any student who is interested in taking a Trades Program for the 2022-2023 school year must complete an application through our website.

#### To view a full list of trades training programs <u>CLICK HERE</u>

#### **ITA WEBINAR FOR YOUNG APPRENTICES**

On the last Wednesday of every month the ITA hosts a webinar where Apprenticeship Advisors and a Tradesperson speak about their careers.

Whether you're looking to start career, or just interested in learning about skilled trades, you'll learn:

- what an apprenticeship pathway looks like
- how to find an employer-sponsor
- hear what it's like to work in the skilled trades from a real tradesperson
- financial supports and pre-apprenticeship programs to get you started

#### **CLICK HERE** to register!

#### **INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN TRADES CAMPUS TOUR**

Are you an Indigenous student interested in trades?

Join the SD43 Career & Trades Programs on a tour of one of our post secondary partners. By attending this tour students will get to:

- Meet other Indigenous students interested in trades
- View program facilities
- Meet program instructors
- Learn about program requirements

for more information please e-mail Ashley Impellezzere at aimpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca





Antonio Auto Refinishing Program My name is Antonio, I am a former student of Centennial Secondary School, and I took part in SD43 Career & Trades Programs. Throughout my high school years, I was always interested in trades. I took carpentry and metal fabrication through grades 9 to 12. Although I enjoyed both of these trades, I considered them more as hobbies than career paths. So, I continued exploring other options in trades. After speaking to my school counsellor for guidance about career options, I was then presented with the opportunity to join the TRAIN in Trades Program.

I inquired about the Automotive Refinishing Program at Vancouver Community College because growing up, cars have always been a part of my life. It was my dad's passion and once I started working on cars, it became my passion as well. Once I finished the program, I was hired at an autobody shop as an Automotive Refinishing Prep Apprentice. I have been working at that shop for almost three years now, and I am still learning each and every day. I found a career that I truly enjoy and I look forward to my future in trades. Being a part of the SD43 Career & Trades Program has been a fantastic experience, and I am thankful that I explored this opportunity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTO REFINISHING PROGRAM <u>Click here</u>

Antonio also completed the SD43 WORK in trades program. Antonio earned 16 high school credits, started his Level 1 Apprenticeship and won a \$1000 award. WORK IN TRADES AWARD WINNER!









# SD43 JUNIOR EIREFIGHTER PROGRAM PPLICATEONS DUE DECEMBER 16 2021

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Course selection is just around the corner. Don't forget to check out the SD43 TRAIN in Trades Programs. Click below for a full list of programs and details.

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### VENTANA CONSTRUCTION

Ventana is a proud supporter of the SD43 Carpentry Program. Ventana has worked with SD43 students to help prepare them to enter the workforce and start their apprenticeship. Ventana places an emphasis on teamwork and cooperation. At Ventana, they have created a culture that is social, communicative, and team-based. These traits, along with professionalism, are the focus when working with our students. Last year, Ventana hired an apprentice from our program who is now working under the mentorship of Ventana and its employees. The Coquitlam School District would like to thank Ventana for the mentorship they provide to both current and former students of our Carpentry Program.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE COMPANY

Career development and personal growth are important to us, and we support our employees in achieving their goals. Being part of a project team means working together to deliver the best service and building. You will work on a variety of interesting projects including breweries, recreation complexes and car dealerships, and once complete, you will be proud to say "we built that." We encourage continuous learning and support our people who wish to further their education.

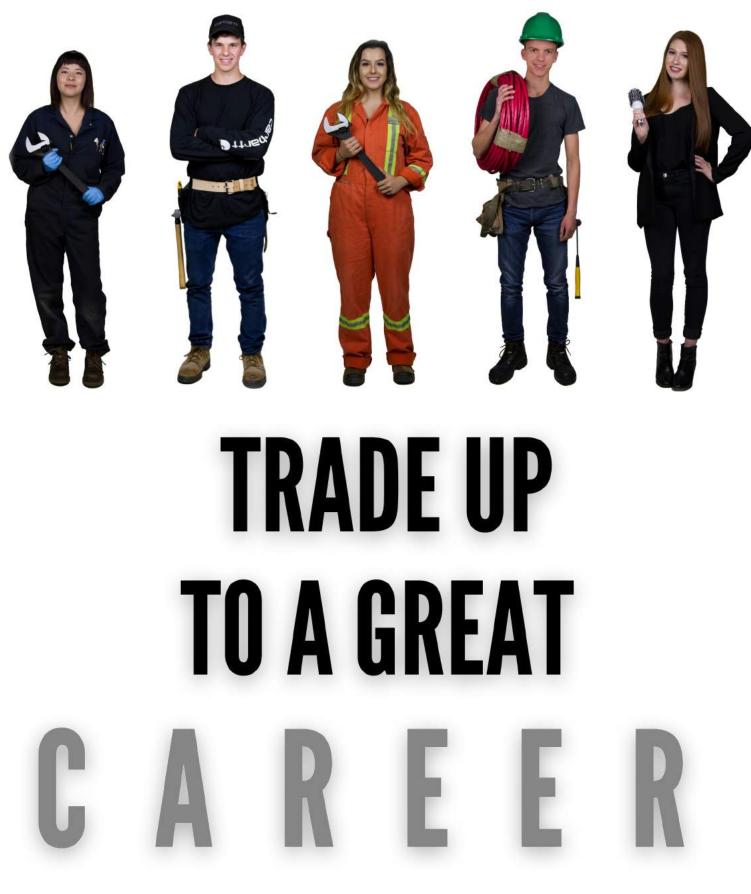
We have an established Apprenticeship Program and a long-standing relationship with the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). Whether you are on-site or in the office, our people work together and share their knowledge to enhance each other's growth. We are committed to providing a healthy and safe workplace for all of our employees. Ventana prides itself in having an established and effective occupational health and safety accreditation program. Contributing to our community is important to us and Ventana has a long history of supporting worthwhile causes in the Lower Mainland, either financially or with our time and services. We go to great lengths to provide an enjoyable work environment and are proud to be recognized as one of Canada's Top Small & Medium Employers.

Definition: Ventana. noun. English translation Ventana is quite literally a window of opportunity. Career development and personal growth are important to us, and we support our employees in achieving their goals

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT VENTANA & THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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