

CAREERS & TRADES

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LUKA - TERRY FOX SECONDARY

Heavy Duty Mechanics Program



Luka is a Terry Fox Secondary student and he is taking the Heavy Duty Mechanics Program at Vancouver Community College. Last year, Luka was unsure about what he wanted to do after high school and had no direction when it came to a future career. It wasn't until he went on a tour of the BCIT Trades Programs that he realized there were so many programs offered at local Post Secondary Schools. ***"I never would have thought that they would have a program like this at BCIT or VCC. I always thought they just had business courses and other stuff."*** Like many other students, Luka had no idea that there were so many options available to him. After going on the tour, Luka began to explore various trades and mechanics programs. In his search, he discovered that he could take the Heavy Duty Mechanics Program at Vancouver Community College through the Coquitlam School District. By taking the program with SD43 he could start his Level 1 while in High School and could complete the program **tuition free!** Luka is grateful that he found this program and is excited to earn his Level 1 Certification as a Heavy Duty Mechanic.

IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

LAST CALL FOR FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Applications for the SD43 Fire Academy are due **Friday December 11, 2020**. If you are interested in applying for this program please visit our [website](#) and complete the [application form](#).

FORKLIFT TRAINING

The school district has partnered with Black's Equipment Training (in Port Coquitlam) to offer Forklift and Bobcat Certification. Cost to participate is \$175 per course. To register visit our [website](#) or **complete the interest form using the QR code.**

Next available training dates:

Tuesday December 22, 2020

Wednesday December 23, 2020



FIRST AID FOR SD43 STUDENTS

SD43 Students can take Occupational First Aid at a discounted price! Students can save up to \$70 on their certification. To register for our next training dates please **complete the survey using the QR code**. For questions please e-mail **Doug Maclean**.

Next available training dates:

Friday, Dec. 11, 2020

Friday, January 8, 2021

Saturday, January 23, 2021



REMINDER TO STAFF: CLC GRADE 12 EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

CLC teachers – please remind your grade 12s to complete the Career & Employment Survey as soon as possible. This 5 minute survey helps us connect with students interested in a wide array of career and trades programs offered in our district.

Please email **Joanna Horvath** at jhorvath@sd43.bc.if you have any questions or if you'd like to know which of your students has already completed the survey.

December is...

TRADES ALUMNI MONTH

MEET SOME OF OUR TRADES ALUMNI

TIAAN

Alumni of Gleneagle Professional Chefs Program

Professional Chef and Business Owner

Tiaan graduated from the Gleneagle Professional Chefs Program in 2017. While in the program, Tiaan was named one of the top students in his class and impressed program instructor and Chef Abbinante. Abbinante says that ***"Tiaan was an outstanding student, one of the best I've had in the program."*** Tiaan was determined and focused. There was no doubt that he would continue to be successful in the trade.

After graduation, Tiaan was quick to earn his Red Seal as a Professional Chef. He is now one of the youngest Professional Chefs in Canada and one of the few people to earn this title before his 20's.



Tiaan completed his apprenticeship with some notable restaurants in Downtown Vancouver including; **Hawsworth** and **Coquille Fine Seafood**. This is where he fine tuned his craft and learned many skills in cooking, management and customer service.



Chef Abbinante

Gleneagle Culinary Arts Program



FOLLOW YOUR

Passion



While working at Coquille Fine Seafoods, Tiaan decided to start a company of his own called **TopNotch Catering**. Tiaan juggled both jobs for a while but then decided to go '*all in*' and focus on his own business. "**Long hours, hard work and adaptability**" were some words Tiaan used to describe his first year as a business owner. He says the work was hard, but it was worth it. Tiaan exceeded his own expectations. After only one year in business, Tiaan was in a position to expand his company and was able to buy **One Stop Party Rentals**. These two businesses go hand-in-hand and would give Tiaan the opportunity to offer both catering and party supplies for large events such as; weddings, graduation parties, birthdays and more.

After only a few months of starting his new business venture Tiaan was faced with his greatest obstacle yet - COVID19. "**Everyday presents a new struggle**" says Tiaan, but learning to adapt quickly and finding new ways to do business has kept me on my feet. Tiaan is proud to be a local business owner and serve his community. He looks forward to continued business in the Tri-Cities area and hopes to expand his company in the future.

Top Notch *Catering*



Looking for the perfect Christmas Dinner? Support local this season and grab the perfect meal from TopNotch Catering. TopNotch catering offers services for both small and large events.

For a full list of services please visit their [website](#).



AMY

Alumni of Terry Fox Secondary Carpentry Program

Level 3 Apprentice with PCL Construction

In 2017 Amy completed the Level 1 Foundations Carpentry Program at Terry Fox Secondary. In this program Amy had the opportunity to learn both technical and practical skills as a Carpenter. As a part of the program Amy completed a 2-week Work Experience placement where she was able to gain hands-on experience in the Trade and develop valuable connections with employers. Shortly after graduating Amy was offered a job by one of the largest and most respected companies in construction- **PCL Construction**. Amy has worked for their west coast branch for the past 3 years and is close to learning her Red Seal Certification in Carpentry. PCL has provided Amy with the opportunity to learn in an environment that is forward thinking and values honesty, integrity and diversity. Amy is thankful for the opportunity to learn from some of the best in the industry and looks forward to continued growth within the company.

PCL CONSTRUCTION





JESSE

Alumni of Charles Best Secondary Construction Electricians Program

Level 3 Apprentice with AWSE Electrical

Jesse graduated from the SD43 Electricians Program in 2018 and is now in his third year of working at **Alpine West Systems Electric**. He is currently a level 3 Certified Electrician and will be taking his test to become a Red Seal Electrician in 2021. Jesse is grateful for the experience he has gained at Alpine West. Jesse has worked on several teams including rough-in, finishing, distribution, temporary power, and slab work. Because he has been able to work in a variety of areas, Jesse has had the opportunity to master essential skills and gain a rounded perspective of what it means to be a residential Electrician.

Jesse says that **"SD43 Electricians Program is by far the greatest opportunity a student can take."** At the time, Jesse did not realize how lucky he was to get a head start on his career. Jesse was able to by-pass the awkward stage after graduation where many people sit around and wonder what they are going to do with their life. Jesse says **"it was a bit scary to get started right away. I didn't know if I wanted to start working right after high school, but with diligence and having a positive attitude I was able to move up quickly."** Jesse encourages any student who are interested in pursuing a career in trades to get started right away. **"Don't wait, start now. You won't regret your decision to when your older and you find yourself in career that you are passionate about."**

The SD43 Electricians Program was an amazing introduction and glimpse of my future career. I was taught professionalism, hand on skills and practical knowledge before stepping on a job-site.



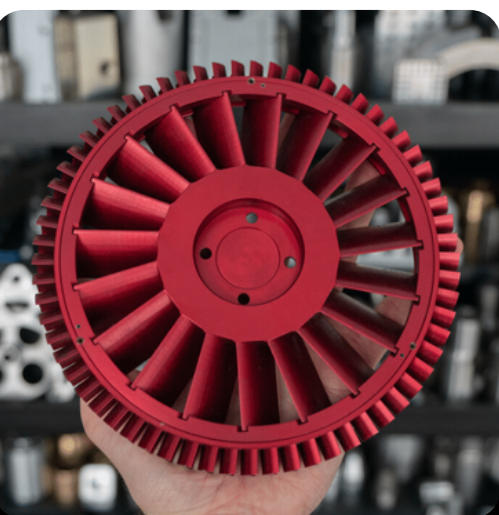
MIA

Alumni of Centennial Secondary *Auto Service Technicians Program* ***Mechanist with Southern Cross Machining Inc.***

Mia has always had a passion for hands-on and detailed oriented work. She thrives in an environment where she is able to problem solve, fix and create. In 2016, Mia completed the **Auto Service Technicians Program** at Centennial Secondary. In the program she learned valuable skills in the trade and earned her Level 1 Certification as an Auto Service Technician. While Mia enjoyed working with engines and fixing cars, she found something that she enjoyed even more.

During her program Mia secured a job at **Southern Cross Machining**. It was here that Mia would be introduced to a new trade that she never knew existed--Machining. As machinist, Mia would be responsible for operating and fixing machines. The job required her to have a vast knowledge of tooling and understand the intricate ways in which machines worked. This work both stimulating and challenging. For someone who loved to problem-solve this seemed like the perfect calling. Mia was instantly hooked.

Mia has been working with Southern Cross Machining since 2017 and is currently working towards her Red Seal as a Machinist. Mia is an advocate for Women in Trades and hopes to open doors for other women who want to pursue a career in a typically male-dominated field. Mia encourages all students to pursue a career in something that they are passionate about, regardless of what other people might say.





EMPLOYER OF THE MONTH

PARA SPACE LANDSCAPING

Para Space Landscaping is a huge supporter of the Coquitlam School District Career and Trades Programs. Over the years, Para space has offered opportunities to SD43 students in mentorship, work experience and employment. Students across the district have gained invaluable skills through this partnership. We would like to thank Para space Landscaping for their support and their leadership within the community.

DID YOU KNOW LANDSCPING IS A RED SEAL TRADE?

Landscaping often goes unnoticed as a Red Seal Trade. However, the trade is diverse and hosts a number of specialty areas including; contemporary designs, irrigation management and systems, plant health and landscape-horticulturalist. Para space Landscaping offers students the opportunity to learn about the trade and gain hands-on experience. It's important for students to know that there are many paths to a career. Trough apprenticeship, students have the unique opportunity to ***learn, work and earn at the same time!***



Jeff Foley - President & CEO

Para Space Landscaping provides an excellent working environment for its staff, focusing heavily on company culture. We know that good people are hard to find and retain, so we endeavour to make it a great place to work

LEARN MORE

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We had an excellent experience with the student apprentice we had work with us for the past two summers. We offered him a career path to management!

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EMPLOYER BENEFITS



Hiring an apprentice is a smart business move in more ways than one. One third of Canada's workforce will retire in 2030. This means competition will get tough for employers looking to attract and retain good workers.

Many employers have partnered with our School District and have sponsored our students. There are many benefits to becoming an employer sponsor. Here's what they say:

- Employers receive an ROI of \$1.47 for every \$1 they invest in apprenticeship training.
- Apprentices learn your business first.
- Employers can hire young apprentices who have gained hands-on and practical experience through their program
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- Employers with apprentices enjoy higher sales and profits.

KNOW AN EMPLOYER WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER WITH OUR PROGRAMS?

The Coquitlam School District is always looking to form new partnerships with companies in the Tri-Cities. If you would like to partner with our programs, or know a company who would, please complete our "[Employer Survey](#)" or contact **Joanna Horvath**.



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EMPLOYER SPONSOR

When you hire on an apprentice you are committing to train and develop them into a Tradesperson. In return, the apprentice will be completing projects, tasks and jobs that are critical to the success of your business.

WHY IS APPRENTICESHIP IMPORTANT?

When you hire an apprentice, you're investing in the future of your business and our economy. Everyone in the apprenticeship training system has a role to play in making the experience and investment a success.

READY TO SPONSOR AN APPRENTICE?

Sponsoring an apprentice is a mutual agreement between an apprentice and an employer/sponsor. Visit our [website](#) or contact Joanna Horvath for more information on how to get started.

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LAST CALL

Coquitlam School District
FIRE ACADEMY
APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2020



APPLY TODAY!

Students earn 4 grade 12 credits towards graduation for their participation in this program. Don't miss out on your opportunity, apply today!





TRADE UP TO A GREAT

CAREER

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

