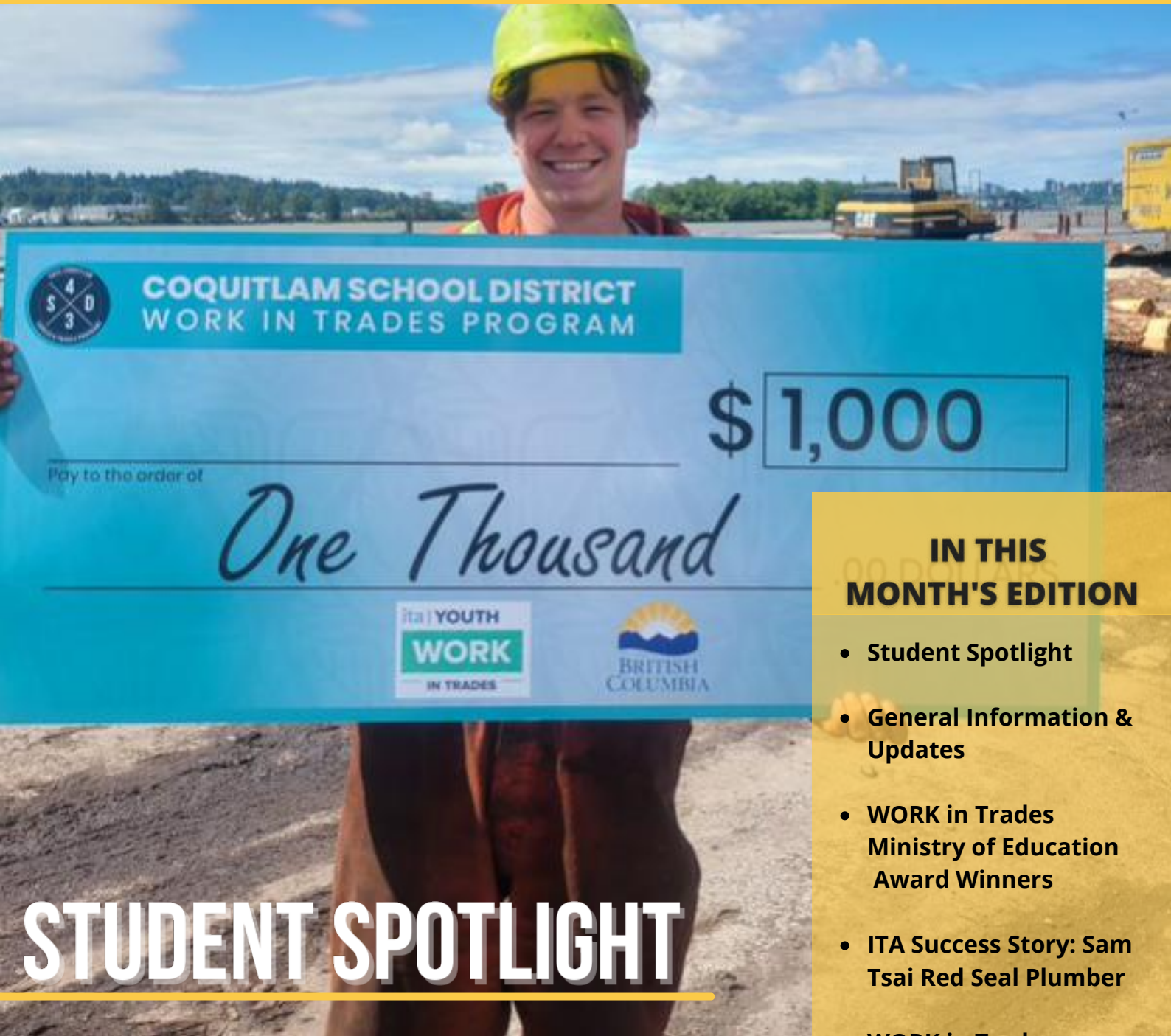


# CAREERS & TRADES

## JUNE 2021



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# WILL

**Coquitlam Open Learning  
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician**

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# GENERAL & UPDATES

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### DO YOU HAVE A SUMMER JOB?

Do you have a job that is hands-on? Don't miss out on your opportunity to earn high school credits for the work that you do. Join the WORK in trades program to earn high school credits, start your apprenticeship, and qualify for a \$1000 award!

Visit website [HERE](#)

### 2021-2022 PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Our 2021-2022 TRAIN in Trades Programs are filling up quickly! If you are thinking about taking a Trades Program next year please complete your application and send it to Doug Maclean asap.

Information on our 20+ different Trades Programs can be found on our website

Click [HERE](#) to find out more about our programs.

### CAMP IGNITE- FIRE FIGHTING FOR FEMALES

Camp Ignite is a 2-day program for girls in grades 11 and 12. This program provides students with the opportunity to explore what it is like to be a firefighter. To learn more about Camp Ignite [CLICK HERE](#)

***To be considered for participation please complete the Camp Ignite Participant Application Form and email it to [info@campignite.com](mailto:info@campignite.com) by June 1st, 2021-- TODAY!***

### HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

The SD43 Career and Trades Programs would like to wish all students and staff a wonderful Summer!

# DO YOU HAVE A JOB IN TRADES?



If you are working a paid-job in a Trade you have the opportunity to earn High School credits for your work. You are also eligible for a \$1000 award from the Ministry of Education. To learn more about the WORK in Trades Program please contact Joanna Horvath or visit the website below.

Joanna Horvath- WORK in Trades Program  
✉ [jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca)

**WORK IN TRADES WEBSITE**



# WORK IN TRADES

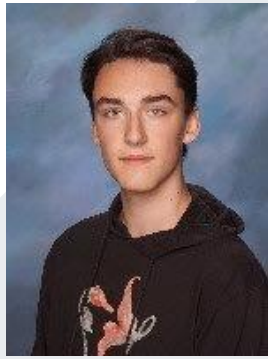
## AWARD WINNERS

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.



**CARSON**

Heritage Woods Secondary  
*Heavy Duty Equipment Technician*



**CALLUM**

Dr.Charles Best Secondary  
*Electrician*



**BRANDON**

Pinetree Secondary  
*Carpenter*



**ASEF**

Gleneagle Secondary  
*Auto Service Technician*



**ANTONIO**

Centennial Secondary  
*Auto Service Technician*



**AIDEN**

Dr.Charles Best Secondary  
*Carpenter*



**WILL**

Coquitlam Open Learning  
*Heavy Duty Equipment Technician*



**TRAVIS**

Terry Fox Secondary  
*Metal Fabricator*



**TASHA**

Gleneagle Secondary  
*Professional Cook*



**SHANE**

Gleneagle Secondary  
*Heavy Duty Equipment Technician*



**SHANE**

Heritage Woods Secondary  
*Professional Cook*



**SCOTT**

CABE  
*Sprinkler Fitter*



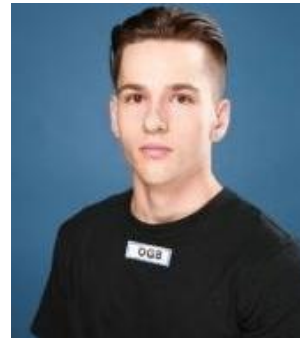
**MITCHELL**

Heritage Woods Secondary  
*Machinist*



**MICHEAL**

Riverside Secondary  
*Construction Electrician*



**MATTHEW**

Dr. Charles Best Secondary  
*Carpenter*



**LUKA**

Riverside Secondary  
*Carpenter*



**JASMINN**

Gleneagle Secondary  
*Hairdresser*



**JAKE**

Gleneagle Secondary  
*Professional Cook*



**HEIDI**

Heritage Woods Secondary  
*Carpenter*



**ERIC**

Terry Fox Secondary  
*Auto Service Technician*



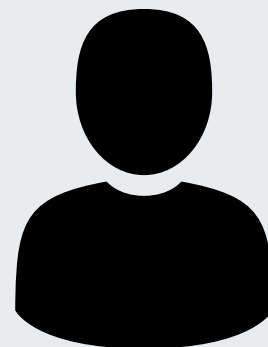
**DEVON**

Heritage Woods Secondary  
*Roofer*



**CHANCE**

Dr. Charles Best Secondary  
*Auto Service Technician*



**STUDENT**

Riverside Secondary  
*Professional Cook*

# Student Success Story

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Meet Sam Tsai, a certified Red Seal plumber, gasfitter apprentice, and avid marathon runner who loves the benefits that come with a skilled trades career. “The everyday troubleshooting, problem-solving, and ever alternating jobs made the 5 years it took to get certified at age 20 feel like just a couple amazing summers.” Sam first heard about the skilled trades from an individual he now recognizes as his mentor and sponsor, nicknamed “Boss Man”. From there, he fell in love with the specialized side of plumbing and gasfitting. “I love being able to serve each customer in a unique way catered to their needs as I inspect and repair issues daily.”

As a participant of the Youth Work in Trades program, Sam had a great head start in completing his apprenticeship and obtaining his Red Seal at a young age. The problem-solving part of his job is what he loves most about his career in the skilled trades. Sam also recognizes the importance of building good relationships and enjoys explaining exactly what and why things need to be done to customers during the process. “I love watching and learning from other trades professionals, and most of all I simply love to serve.”

Sam is most proud of his relationships: his family who raised him, his community who mentored him, the teachers who instructed him, and the friends who supported him along the way. He says that he would not be where he is today -as a Plumber and Gasfitter apprentice at age 20- without the support of all those around him. In 10 years, Sam sees himself owning his own company, embodying the core values and providing top-tier customer service skills that he was taught as a young apprentice. He strives to be a role model that treats others well. In his spare time, Sam enjoys cooking for friends and playing volleyball with his brothers while chatting late into the night. He also loves to run and trains for marathons during the hours before and after work. When asked what advice he would give to those who are considering a career in the trades, he encourages folks to just try it out.

***“Even if you don't decide to pursue that trade two years down the road, it still looks great on a resume and the price of trade school will never be beaten. The skilled trades are always a valuable career, and it never hurts to make yourself valuable as an employee.”***



# 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.

# SAGE ECKHART




My name is Sage Eckhart and I am an Indigenous student in grade 11 at Encompass 10-12 in Coquitlam. I was lucky enough to have been able to attend the 2021 Junior Firefighting Academy in Coquitlam. The academy took place for 8 days at the fire station on Pinetree Avenue. Words can't even begin to describe how much I loved and enjoyed the fire fighter academy and found my inner passion for firefighting. I woke up each day looking forward to a full day of learning and experiencing new adventures. I savored each minute. The firefighter academy was a dream of mine that I got to realize. I feel so privileged to have obtained many new skills and to have met some amazing people and to have made so many incredible memories.

I learned how to use different techniques of tying ropes, the proper way to use a fire extinguisher and the different types of extinguishers for specific fires. I learned the different parts of a hose and ladder, and how to roll a fire hose into a perfect donut roll. I learned valuable new first aid skills and techniques that added to what I had learned previously. One of the most exciting things I learned was how to use the jaws of life which was thrilling and not as scary as it sounds, but really cool. It made me appreciate the extreme level that is sometimes needed to help extract people from dire situations.

The academy really opened my eyes to the intense amount of training that firefighters put in daily. Firefighters don't stop training after they get their job. They have to continue to maintain their physicality and continue to update their skills. It was so inspiring to witness the determination they have to practice and get better every single day at what they do. I was surprised to learn that they go to the gym almost every day and practice the same drills over and over to improve their time. I was shocked to learn how much weight firefighters have to carry. They need to carry their gear, hoses and possibly people on their shoulders. Firefighters can end up carrying between 200 to 300 pounds of extra weight. This has given me a new appreciation for how strong you need to be to do this job. The academy has really helped me to understand the role of a firefighter, beyond just putting out fires. I wish the academy was longer so that I could continue to learn and immerse myself in this experience. The only thing that disappointed me about this career field is that you have to retire at the age of 60.





One of my favourite activities was being able to repel off a tower with my teammates. It was empowering to learn the proper knots to tie and how to use our own knots to secure ourselves. It was an amazing team building experience as we had to help, encourage and trust each other by helping to lower our teammates. It was nervous at first to climb over the safety rail and trust that I would be safe. I had to push myself out of my comfort zone. Once I took a literal leap of faith, I loved every second of it and wanted to do it again.

It was an amazing feeling to prove to myself that I could push through my fears and trust my training. This career challenges you to be confident and fearless in a safe way. You are constantly putting yourself into dangerous situations to help others. It is truly about serving the community and helping those in need. I am eternally grateful to have been given the chance to experience the academy. It was life changing and a remarkable opportunity. I will never forget the people I met, the things I learned and the fun memories that I will cherish.

*I would whole heartedly recommend this amazing experience to other students who have an interest in firefighting and want a challenge.*

**LEARN  
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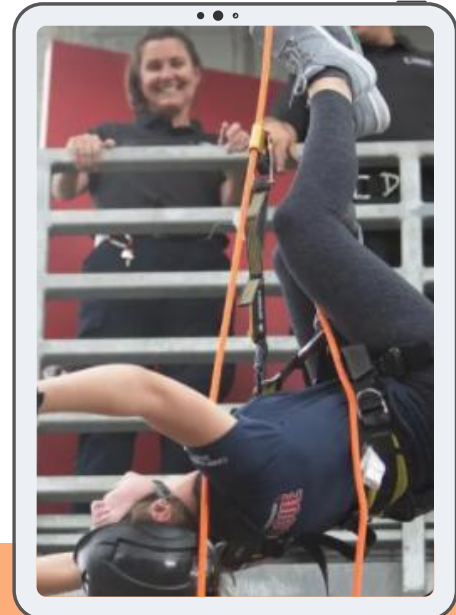
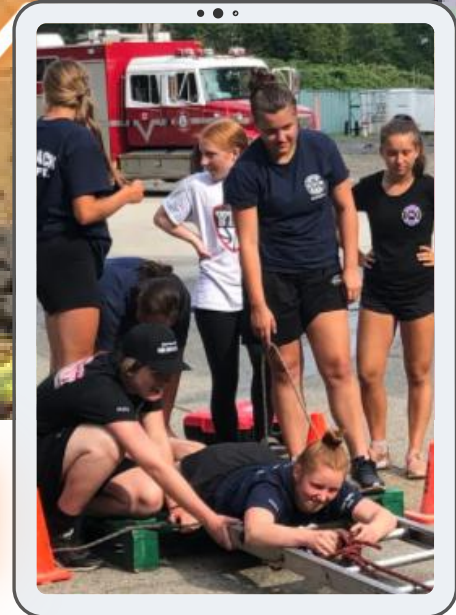
# CAMP



## ATTENTION ALL FEMALES!

Camp Ignite is a 2-day camp that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. The camp is open to British Columbia girls in grades 11 and 12 (ages 16 to 18), and gives them an introduction to the world of firefighting.

For more information about Camp Ignite and how to apply please visit their [WEBSITE](#)



**APPLICATION DUE JUNE 1, 2021**

# WORK IN TRADES



**ARE YOU  
WORKING  
IN A TRADE?**





# TRADE UP TO A GREAT

# CAREER

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