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BURNABY SCHOOLS STUDENTS EXCEL AT SKILLS BC

On April 13th in Abbotsford, Skills BC showcased the top secondary & post-secondary students in a variety of vocations & trades. Over 7000 people attended the show. Congratulations to Burnaby Schools' winners that included:

- Calvin Leung and Calvin Hua -Nguyen from Burnaby South's Computer Networking Program won gold and bronze respectively in the IT Network Systems Administration Competition. Leung is eligible for the upcoming Skills Canada event in Moncton NB.
- Burnaby North's Kayla Wenzek competed in the Baking & Pastry Arts event and earned a bronze medal.
- Cody Zahradnick and Nick Murphy, recent grads from Community & Continuing Education's Horticulture program won silver in the Landscaping category.

CELEBRATING RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY 2016 GRADUATES

Two weeks ago, ten of Burnaby Schools' grade 11 & 12 students graduated from the Lower Mainland RCMP Youth Academy program. BC's Lieutenant Governor, Judith Guichon, was on hand at the ceremony to congratulate them. The 8 day camp is held near Cultus Lake, and involves demanding physical and academic training for day and night scenarios designed to simulate the rigours of police work. Eighty percent of program graduates go on to careers in policing.

DISTRICT STUDENTS MAKE THEIR MARK AT GREATER VANCOUVER SCIENCE FAIR

Alpha Secondary dominated this year's Greater Vancouver Science Fair and brought home multiple awards.

Grade 11 student Dante Wong won gold for his project on harvesting energy from a water hammer found in household pipes. In May, he will represent Metro Vancouver schools at the National Science Fair in Montreal. He also received a UBC Science Entrance Award for Best Earth & Environmental Sciences Project and a nomination for a BC Hydro award. Three grade 8 students received a bronze medal.

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UNMASKING MOZART AT DOUGLAS ROAD

Students in Ms. Migliuris and Mr. Milloy's classes at Douglas Road recently completed a VSO Music Connects Program to gain knowledge and appreciation of classical music. Their topic was the life and talents of the composer Mozart, and they worked with a music student from UBC. The grand finale was a special presentation for parents and relatives where they hosted a Masquerade Ball in the gym.