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# Newsletter

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## THE ALEX DONALDSON AWARD 2018



**Kyle  
Wellman**

Ames Metal Fabricators 82 Ltd.

From left to right  
Alex Donaldson  
Award Winners:

**Adam Dudarewicz,**  
winner of 2012

**Kyle Wellman,**  
winner of 2018

**Mark Kuelle,**  
winner of 1998

**Mathew Hamm,**  
winner of 2017

**Jacques LeBlanc,**  
winner of 2002



This award is dedicated to the memory of Alex Donaldson, a [Local 280](#) member committed to apprenticeships and training who passed away in 1980. It has been given to the apprentice who earns The Top Apprentice each year. Going as far back as the 1960's the Top apprentice has been awarded to the apprentice that represents the [Local 280](#) and [SMACNA-BC](#) at the Canadian Council's Sheet Metal Apprentice Competition held annually around the country. The pathway to get to be the Top Apprentice has changed many times over the decades. Currently the individual winning the Level 4 competition at the [SMWTC Annual Apprentice Contest](#) has priority to go to the Canadian Contest. In 2018 Kyle Wellman

of [Ames Metal Fabricators 82 Ltd.](#) and the Level 4 winner of [2017 SMWTC Annual Apprentice Contest](#) competed at the [Canadian Contest in Victoria, BC](#) in June 2018. This two-day contest tested trades workers in layout, theory, and fabrication skills. A binnacle, the housing for a ship's compass, made from copper and brass was the shop project fabricated in a public space near the shoreline at Ship Point. Congratulations to Kyle Wellman for representing [SMART Local 280](#) and [SMACNA-BC](#) at the [Canadian Contest](#). Wellman was awarded the Alex Donaldson Award — the annual top apprentice award — at the [SMACNA](#) Christmas Party in November 2018.



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SPRING 2019

# 2018 SMWTC ANNUAL APPRENTICE CONTEST

On November 24, 2018, the [Training Centre](#) hosted its [Annual Apprentice Contest](#) for the 8th year at its facility in Surrey BC. The contest brought out over 20 contestants from over a dozen contractors competing in four levels aligned with their last year of technical training. Thanks to the generosity of 20 plus sponsors, the contest gave away over \$7,000 worth of prizes to the participants. As in previous years, the shop portion drew the most spectators — participants assembled different projects for each level. These ranged from an aluminum

hinged ammo-style box to on-centre and off-centre square to round fittings and a copper bucket, showcasing contestant's precision and skill. Mark Curtis from the [International union](#) was on-hand to assist in the proctoring of the theory categories and was our guest of honour at the prize awards ceremony at the end of the day. It was a fantastic day on which there were many moments of which to be proud. The day had a videographer on site so please check out that video at [YouTube](#)

## THE CONTEST WINNERS

LEVEL 1

**KRIS DAGG**

(QUEST METAL WORKS LTD.)

LEVEL 2

**BILL PARK**

(SMITH SHEET METAL WORKS LTD.)

LEVEL 3

**KRIS BRUNLEES**

(TRI-METAL FABRICATORS LTD.)

LEVEL 4

**PATRICK WELCH**

(VIADUCT SHEET METAL LTD.)





# THANKS TO ALL THE APPRENTICES FOR PARTICIPATING IN 2018 SMWTCS ANNUAL APPRENTICE CONTEST:

**LEVEL 1:** Mitchell Beauregard (Austin Metal Fabricators LP), Alex Bidewell (Viaduct Sheet Metal Ltd.), John Paulo Carlos (Cascade Metal Design Ltd.), Kristopher Dagg (Quest Metal Works Ltd.), Henry Derksen (Century Plbg. & Htg. Ltd.), Marco Antonio Galvez (Cascade Metal Design Ltd.), Brady Morton (Northwest Sheet Metal Ltd.), David Wiebe (Crosstown Metal Industries Ltd.), Brittany Wiewel (Fraser Valley Refrigeration Ltd.).

**LEVEL 2:** Tyler Crowder (Summit Sheet Metal Ltd.), Alexander Flaman (Piedmont Sheet Metal (1997) Ltd.), Kellan Lavallee (Summit Sheet Metal Ltd.), Troy Martell (Austin Metal Fabricators LP), Bill Park (Smith Sheet Metal Works Ltd.), James Plett (Austin Metal Fabricators LP), Josiah Stagg (Ridge Sheet Metal Co.), Stanley Suddaby (Austin Metal Fabricators LP), William Scott Wilcox (Spectrum Sheet Metal Ltd.), Philip Wong (Summit Sheet Metal Ltd.).

**LEVEL 3:** Kristopher Brunlees (Tri-Metal Fabricators Ltd.), Tyler Dallas (City Sheet Metal Limited), Carlos Flores (Northwest Sheet Metal Ltd.).

**LEVEL 4:** Michael Hamm (Fraser Valley Refrigeration Ltd.), Patrick Welch (Viaduct Sheet Metal Ltd.).

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INDIVIDUAL  
MEMBERS OF  
LOCAL 280



# SPRING 2019 SPECIALTY TRAINING COURSES

## REGISTRATION:

EMAIL: [registrar@smwtcs.ca](mailto:registrar@smwtcs.ca) PHONE: (604) 882-7680

## REQUIREMENT:

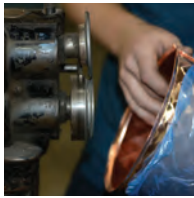
Journey or Apprentice: member in the sheet metal or architectural sheet metal trade at [SMART Local Union #280](#)



### WELDING

Mon & Wed  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
April 8 - May 6

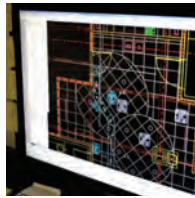
Instructor:  
Chris Rachel



### LOST SKILLS

Sundays  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
March 3, 10, 17

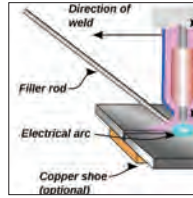
Instructor:  
Bob Pascuzzi



### AUTOCAD

Tue & Thu  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
April 23 - May 16

Instructor:  
Adam Dudarewicz



### STAINLESS STEEL 1

Saturdays  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
April 27, May 4, 11

Instructor:  
Jake LeBlanc

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SkillsBC

ABBOTSFORD TRADEX  
(April 17<sup>th</sup> 2019)

### SkillsCanada

HALIFAX, NS  
(May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

### Canadian Contest

TORONTO, ON  
(May 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

### SMWTC Contest

SURREY, BC  
(November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019)



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