

South West College takes home the Skillbuild NI DEL Cup

South West College is delighted to announce that the Vocational Training students from the College achieved 12 medals at this year's Northern Ireland Skillbuild Competition held recently at South Eastern Regional College. The Skillbuild competition is the largest annual multi-trade skills competition for construction apprentices from all over Northern Ireland providing a unique stage to showcase excellence and talent. The College students achieved 6 Gold Medals, 3 Silver medals and 3 Bronze Medals and their combined efforts saw the College take home the Skillbuild NI DEL Cup for outstanding College contribution to the Competition, a trophy the College only narrowly missed out on at last year's competition. To further add to the College achievements Mark Woods, from Lack, a Floor and Wall Tiling students at the Technology and Skills Centre in Enniskillen won the Haldane Fisher Cup for the Best Overall Skillbuild NI Young Apprentice of the Year.

Maria Hackett, Head of Department Training at SWC, said; "I am truly delighted and would like to congratulate all the trainees on their magnificent achievements. The students worked hard to achieve this success. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment of the College lecturers who supported the students in their preparation for the finals".

David Cooper, Chairman of Skillbuild NI, said: "Skills competitions are an excellent way to showcase the high level of technical ability and occupational competence of young people within the construction industry. Competitions such as these have a major role to play in stimulating interest by showing the public just how exciting, challenging and rewarding a career in construction can be. Recruiting the talent of the future is a challenge our industry must meet if we are to avoid the skills gaps of the past. We are hopeful that Northern Ireland can once again produce medal winning members of Team UK such as Fermanagh apprentice Trevor Woods, brother of Mark Woods who won the Haladane Cup, who won a bronze medal in joinery at the last WorldSkills competition held in Calgary in Canada in 2009."

A number of these trainees will now be going forward to the UK finals. Mark Woods and Philip Glasgow have been selected for the UK team for the World Skills competition in London 2012.

The College medal role of honour:

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Ciaran Connolly	Brickwork	Tutored by: J Mc Alinden
Philip Glasgow	Carpentry	Tutored by: T Mc Gartland
Shane Conway	Industrial Heating	Tutored by: C Robinson
Ryan Slevin	Plastering	Tutored by: N Mc Intyre
Ross Temple	Plumbing	Tutored by: C Robinson
Mark Woods	Tiling	Tutored by: G Mullan

SILVER MEDALS WINNERS

B Mc Gurk	Carpentry	Tutored by: T Mc Gartland
D Beattie	Joinery	Tutored by: J Martin
D Breen	Plumbing	Tutored by: C Robinson

BRONZE MEDALS WINNERS

Glen Torrens	Brickwork	Tutored by: A Devlin
N Coyle	Cabinet Making	Tutored by: P Duffy
J Mulligan	Tiling	Tutored by: G Mullan



Maria Hackett, Head of Department of Training, receiving the Skillbuild NI Department for Employment and Learning Cup from Alan Shannon, the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Employment and Learning. This cup was presented to South West College in recognition of the College's outstanding contribution to the Skillbuild NI competition, winning a total of 12 medals.



Overall Young Apprentice of the year at Skillbuild NI 2011 Mark Woods South West College Omagh, who also received Gold Medal in Wall & Floor Tiling with Tina Campbell.



Ross Temple a South West College student who won a Gold medal for Plumbing Pipework at the recent Skillbuild NI 2011 Finals, pictured with Tina Campbell at the award ceremony.



A delighted Shane Conway from South West College who won a Gold medal in the Industrial Heating section pictured with Tina Campbell.



Phillip Glasgow from South West College who took home Gold in the Carpentry and Joinery section, pictured with Tina Campbell and a representative from MMA Joinery (sponsors).