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Skills honour for Derry refrigeration apprentice

A Derry student who is set to become one of the North's few refrigeration specialists has been named among the best apprentices in Northern Ireland.

Anthony Bradley, a student at the South Eastern Regional College, was awarded second place in the refrigeration category at the Skillbuild NI competition held on April 13 and 14.

Providing a unique stage to showcase excellence and talent, Skillbuild NI is held annually each spring, with over 100 of the top construction apprentices competing to win coveted titles in 13 different craft areas ranging from brickwork to wall and floor tiling.

Anthony took second place in the refrigeration category.

David Cooper, Chairman of Skillbuild NI, says 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."

Skillbuild Northern Ireland developed from Construction Craft Competitions in 1994, and has grown into the leading skills competition in the construction industry in Northern Ireland.



Anthony Bradley pictured receiving his silver medal and certificate from Brian McMullan, Competition Manager – SERC.