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ALGONQUIN COLLEGE APPRENTICESHIP STUDENTS STRIKE GOLD AT SKILLS COMPETITIONS

Ottawa, ON, June 18, 2003: Three Algonquin College Apprenticeship students have proven yet again that Algonquin College equips its students with the skills for success. Carpentry Apprenticeship student Brandon Jordan and Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship student Chris Capowski both won gold medals while Plumber Apprenticeship student David Smythe took home bronze at this year's Ontario Technological Skills Competition held in Waterloo, Ontario, at the end of May.

"I am proud of the Algonquin College Apprenticeship students that have received these prestigious awards," says Algonquin College President Robert Gillett. "They underscore the fact that Algonquin College Apprentice students are ready to meet the demands of today's dynamic workforce."

Their gold-medal performances allowed Capowski and Jordan to move on to the Canadian Skills Competition the next day, where Capowski won yet another gold, capping off a successful weekend for Algonquin College's Apprenticeship students.

"I am proud of the all three Apprenticeship students and of their level of dedication," says Linda Cooke, Acting Dean of the School of Transportation and Building Trades. "Their outstanding results at the Ontario and Canadian Skills Competitions reflect the fact that Algonquin College programs provide students the support they require to exceed the industry standard."

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Capowski's victory at the Canadian Skills Competition involved over ten hours of rigorous testing in seven different areas of auto service, from hands-on fabrication activities to computer diagnostics and data retrieval. Algonquin faculty members accompanied all three students to the events.

Capowski has completed two of the three eight-week levels of Algonquin College's Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship training and is currently employed at a local Plus One Performance service centre.

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