

## **LV Rogers student shines at Skills Canada BC Competition**

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LV Rogers student Brendin Zozman shone brightly at the Skills Canada BC competition in Abbotsford, bringing home the gold in the secondary school category for electrical wiring. He now qualifies to advance to the Canadian Skills Competition and represent the province at a national level.

Zozman is currently enrolled in the Transitions to Trades (Electrical) program offered through Selkirk College, which is part of the Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training program (ACE-IT). Through ACE-IT, students interested in pursuing a career in a trade can earn post-secondary credits in that trade before they complete high school, without the full cost of tuition fees.

ACE-IT Coordinator, Larry Veregin, hopes that Zozman's win will benefit all students in the district. "Brendin is a very motivated and focused person," he said. "ACE-IT provides opportunities for students like Brendin, who know what they want to do and are driven to make a head start in their careers. I hope Brendin's success will inspire other students to join the program."

The annual competition rates students' skills and abilities in performing various installation tasks in the field of residential and commercial electrical wiring. Students are given a six hour period to be evaluated in areas such as: installing residential, commercial wiring and control systems; installing branch circuit components; installing heating equipment and controls and installing magnetic motor starter and controlling from a single start stop station.

Zozman's win qualifies him for the Skills Canada National Competition to be held in Waterloo, Ontario, on May 21 and 22.

Much of the costs associated with ACE-IT and other Transitions programs are covered by the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT). Students can choose from a wide range of trades, technology and academic programs at the college and have access to this financial support.

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