LOCAL WELDERS EARN PROVINCIAL RECOGNITION AT SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION

April 22, 2015 – Swift Current, Saskatchewan's Schelby Neustaeter of S3 Manufacturing earned a spot on the event team coordinating the 2015 Provincial Welding Competition at Sask. Polytechnic's Moose Jaw campus on April 17th. Skills Canada Welding Chairman Scott Parent reports, "Schelby's duties included running the charity table, handling the finances for the show, managing the sponsors' tables, directing the spectators, running the new Facebook page, which she developed, and also started training as a provincial judge. This list is far from complete – she did so much more for us."

According to S3 Manufacturing's HR Manager Kent Woods, sponsoring Schelby as an organizer is a good investment even though it means giving up her time on a busy shop floor:

> "The Skills Canada Welding competitions are a great judge of not only the current weld skills of the potential candidates in the province but are also a good indication of the type of future employees that learning institutions like the Great Plains College are producing."

While Schelby was busy helping to run the event, co-worker Scott Zilkowsky was welding his way to a silver medal in the competition itself. Woods comments, "It is not surprising to me that he did very well at the competition as his desire to succeed has been quite evident."

2015 marks the 17th annual Skills Canada Provincial competition. Saskatchewan events are hosted in Sask. Polytechnic training facilities around the province, providing opportunity for the top youth at high school and post secondary levels to compete in the trade or technology that they are studying. This year, 31 competitors suited up for the welding segment which drew 700 spectators.

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