

June 25, 2018

Gold Medal for CISCO (Skills Canada) Competition

On April 18, 2018, the Skills Canada Provincial Championships were held in Abbotsford. Burnaby Mountain Grade 12 student Giovanni Porta, who attends the District CISCO Networking Academy at Burnaby South, brought home the Gold Medal in the IT Network Systems Administration competition.

On June 4th and 5th Giovanni went to Edmonton and participated in the Skills Canada National Competition.

The competition at the National level was extremely intense and considerably more demanding than the Provincial competition. Giovanni proved to be the most exceptional competitor and won handily bringing home the Gold Medal to BC and the Burnaby School District.

Next year Gio will transition to BCIT to continue working on his CISCO Certified Networking Associate Diploma that he started at Burnaby South and with his competitive spirit intends to continue participation as a Post-secondary student in Skills Competitions and has his eye on winning the World Skills Championships in Shanghai in 2021! We have no doubt Giovanni will continue to be highly successful wherever his skills carry him!

City of Burnaby Environmental Awards

Since 1996, the City of Burnaby's Environmental Awards Program has recognized the outstanding contributions made by individuals, groups, organizations, institutions and businesses for environmental sustainability in our community and in planning for a green future. This year, four Burnaby students were honored at a ceremony on June 11; held at City Hall. Brennan Strandberg-Salmon and Kevin Lin from Moscrop Secondary were awarded for their outstanding leadership and environmental achievement and Carrie Ng and Victor Yin from École Alpha Secondary were awarded a star for their outstanding environmental leadership. Burnaby Mountain Secondary received an environmental star in the category of Green Choices received by Energy Manager, Matt Foley and Director of Facilities, Cory Borg. Congratulations to all!

Minister Fleming visits École Alpha Secondary

On June 15th, the Minister of Education visited École Alpha to meet with students, staff and Principal, Tim Wozney. During his visit, Minister Fleming enjoyed a visit to the BETA (Bringing Exceptional Thoughts Alive) Mini-School where students engaged in conversation and shared their experiments and findings. The visit ended with a hands-on

demonstration of the school's virtual reality lab. Minister Fleming was thoroughly impressed and thanked the students and staff for their hospitality.

Project Fun Day: DigiPen Arrives at École Cariboo Hill Secondary

On Saturday, June 23rd Burnaby Schools and École Cariboo Hill, in partnership with the DigiPen Institute of Technology, presented Grade 6 and 7 students across the district the opportunity to participate in a day of fun and excitement in the new, state of the art DigiPen Lab at École Cariboo Hill Secondary.

DigiPen Instructors and teachers of the École Cariboo Hill DigiPen Game Development Academy guided students through a hands-on lab in which they learned about video game programming and game design in an "Introduction to Game Development" workshop. Fifty-six students from 25 Elementary schools across the District participated in Saturday's "Project Fun" experience with many of them expressing interest in returning for further opportunities. Grade seven students transitioning to École Cariboo Hill in September have the opportunity to register for the DigiPen Game Development Academy.