

# NBTAP NEWSLETTER

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What an exciting time for the New Brunswick Teen Apprenticeship Program (NBTAP). During October and November, the NBTAP Program was pleased to participate in The Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers (AARAO) Tour throughout the Province. This provided an opportunity for the Pre-Apprenticeship Coordinator to meet students, school champions, guidance counsellors and teachers. It was an interesting experience to interact with the students, while finding out about their experiences and interests within skilled trades.

Many students are participating within the **Experiential Learning** realm, while others are enjoying their co-op opportunities. It is important for those students to remember, that every little bit counts when it comes to experiences and credits towards skilled trades. As well, a student participating in co-op under a certified journey person, and that employer wishes to hire them for the summer, that is great news. The employer is to reach out to the Pre-Apprenticeship Coordinator at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) to register.

During February 2023, the job advertisements will be posted to the NBTAP pages on the Future NB website. Students can then start submitting their resume for any position they feel best suits their interests. Students can apply anywhere in the province if they can get to and from work effectively.

We are also happy to announce that we have already confirmed placements for students who have contacted employers directly. Your initiative has truly proven to be beneficial.

The **most recent and exciting news** is that NBTAP is now an accredited course towards high school graduation. Students can talk to their NBTAP School Champions to learn more about this.

As we move forward throughout the winter months, there will be presentations within the schools around the Province, as well as lunch and learn opportunities for students, teachers, and employers. This will help to expand the knowledge of NBTAP and its importance to both skilled trade employers and students.



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# STUDENTS



With employers expressing an interest in hosting an NBTAP Student, we are excited to announce that employer jobs will be posted to the Future New Brunswick website, starting in February. Students are to apply for available positions. When applying, be sure to use the correct **Competition Number**.

**To apply:** Be sure that you have an accurate, up-to-date resume, along with 3 references. You are to include a cover letter containing the job competition number. Our employers are excited to participate in the program.

Stay tuned to the website, as more information will be updated regarding future available positions available, and for training requirements if accepted by an employer.

# EMPLOYERS



## Qualities of an Effective Mentor

Throughout our lifetime, we will encounter people who are positive and motivating. They leave a lasting impact upon our lives. Great mentors have extensive job experience(s). They serve as a role model and advise in Professional Development opportunities. If you find a person that you can connect with, admire, and who can professionally advise you, that will have a long-lasting impact upon your career development.

### Let's look at some qualities that this individual may possess:

**Generous with their Time** – Mentoring can take some substantial time. They know that they must devote time to mentoring. Employers and students need to work together to ensure that there is adequate time to communicate effectively.

**Active Listening Skills** – Mentors can share knowledge and guidance in-person or by email. Professional mentors also make a point of listening carefully. They devote equal energy to listening and speaking, and their active-listening skills ensure they hear what is said and understand what it meant. Find someone who listens and offers helpful feedback to ensure you get the support you need.

**Willingness to Connect/Network** – The individual understands the importance of networking to create relationships is essential to success. Look for someone who is eager to connect you with relevant experts to help you gain knowledge of the skilled trade. As one pursues an area of expertise, this mentor may even recommend you to others as an experienced skilled trade employee.

**Investment in Education and Growth** – Many mentors believe that learning is a life-long endeavor. They believe that professional success extends beyond what they have accomplished. ***They invest in educating others.*** Mentors know the importance of teaching others to become effective professionals who can help shape the industry and ensure it continues to flourish. Developing this mentoring relationship can also your professional growth.

**Goal Driven** – Mentors prioritize goals and develop action plans to improve themselves.

# SCHOOL CHAMPION HIGHLIGHT



Each newsletter will highlight some of our NBTAP School Champions. We want you to get to know each and every one of these wonderful individuals who have agreed to volunteer to assist in program delivery, marketing, and communications. All 49 anglophone high schools have a school champion designated- who have agreed to be at the forefront to aid students in preparing for NBTAP.

**Ms. Stacie Currie** – School Champion for St. Malachy's Memorial High School in Saint John, has been a wonderful supporter for the NBTAP Program. She has actively arranged for in school presentations for students from grades 10 through to 12.

My name is **Stacey Currie** and I work as a guidance counsellor at St. Malachy's Memorial High School in Saint John. The role of a high school guidance counsellor is diverse. We focus on many components that help add positives to the lives of our students. One of these components is career exploration. Guidance counsellors help students explore careers by presenting them resources like My Blueprint, course opportunities like Cooperative Education, and the IDEA Center for experiential learning. We organize presentations for students to hear about various careers, which leads to presentations being delivered by colleges, military, and universities. and countless other opportunities. The work done in career exploration is always on-going.

The pandemic put a hold on many opportunities like the ones described above but we did our best to make things happen! One opportunity that is back in full swing is the NBTAP program. The New Brunswick Trade Apprenticeship Program gives students the opportunity to explore careers through real life paid experience. In addition to this students get to build hours towards their level/block of their interested trade. We are delighted to be able to present the exploration of skill trades to our STM students in grade 10, 11, and 12.



**Ms Andrea Carson** - Is the school champion for Central New Brunswick Academy. Ms. Carson is another great supporter for the NBTAP Program. Ms. Carson was one of the first teachers to reach out for a presentation to staff and students.

My name is **Andrea Carson**. My dedication to the students is one of my highest priorities throughout my career. I attended the New Brunswick Community College back in 2000 in aquaculture and have worked closely with trades my entire adult life. I'm currently working for ASDW as a guidance teacher. Helping students choose a suitable career path is just one of my goals. NBTAP is a program that offers such wonderful and insightful opportunities for those considering a skilled trades career.



# PARENTS / GUARDIANS



## Supporting Your Student(s):

Starting a new summer job can be both exciting and nervous for your child. Here are some ways that can you support them throughout the NBTAP Program:

- Encouragement for success during their summer employment;
- Assist with resume and cover letter development;
- Provide transportation to and from the work site;
- Ensuring proper dress and safety equipment for the job site are prepared;
- Encouraging proper personal hygiene habits and proper rest;
- Help prepare meals/snacks, beverages and their personal protective clothing;
- Encourage the student to talk about their work experiences - what they have learned; and
- Talk about what employers can expect when working on a work site (no cell phone use, communication, paying attention, etc.).

## INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR EMPLOYERS AND SCHOOLS



As a joint initiative, the pre-apprenticeship coordinator, along with representation from **Post-Secondary Education, Labour and Training (PETL)**, have been conducting school presentations for students and teachers. Various school champions have reached out for specific presentations for their schools. This provided an opportunity for the high school students and teachers to obtain valuable information regarding both Apprenticeship and the NBTAP Program. To date, presentations were provided for over 450 students from grades 10 to 12. Teachers and Guidance Counsellors were also in attendance. If you wish to have a presentation conducted for your business or school, [please email: nbtap@gnb.ca](mailto:nbtap@gnb.ca)

NBTAP has also hosted luncheons for interested employers. If your business is interested in hosting an event - please contact the NBTAP Pre-Apprenticeship coordinator today!

**Email: [nbtap@gnb.ca](mailto:nbtap@gnb.ca)**

### Important to Note: **Employer and School Lunch and Learn Events**

**The NBTAP Pre-apprenticeship  
Coordinator will continue these visits  
both in-person and virtually throughout  
2023. Not only will there be interactive  
discussions about the program, but  
there will be some great prizes to win.**



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



The **Experiential Learning (EL)** opportunities have been growing within all levels of our school systems. Here are some of the wonderful initiatives that have been happening:

**Menstrual Hygiene Boxes: Essential Skills Achievement Pathway (ESAP)** Students at Riverview High School participated in Experiential Learning by building wooden boxes to store Menstrual Hygiene Products in student washrooms. The students built and stained 28 boxes for every High School and Middle School within the Anglophone East School District.

**Fire Burn & Try-a-Trade:** During Fire Prevention Week in October, nearly 400 students across Anglophone East School District participated in a large scale **Try-a-Trade** and **Fire Burn** with local partners. Students witnessed a live demonstration of a Fire Burn, showcasing the importance of sprinklers and fire safety, while hearing about the role of a Sprinkler Fitter. The trade exhibitors featured experts from the industry, associations, and unions. All booths from the industry showcased a **"hands-on"** approach to learning, meaning that the participants got to try a part of the trade featured at the booth.



# SKILLS CANADA

**Skills Canada New Brunswick** invites you to the 2023 Provincial Skills Canada New Brunswick Competitions! We're so pleased to be back in-person for this year's competition, which will be accompanied by a large-scale **Try-a-Trade**® event for students, teachers, and the general public.

**Date: April 21st, 2023**

Location: CCNB Bathurst, Campus Younghall

Time Slots: There are a limited number of 2-hour Time Slots available. Be sure to register your class early!

Bussing: Once a timeslot is confirmed, Teachers are responsible for arranging their own bus to and from the event.

The day will be comprised of a guided tour through each of the competition areas, ending with a large-scale **Try-a-Trade**® for students to explore opportunities in the skilled Trades and Technologies, in a hands-on way.

Give your class the opportunity to participate and learn about skilled trades and technology career choices.

**To Register or obtain more information, please contact:**

**Lexie Mombourquette - Email: [lexiem@skillscanada.com](mailto:lexiem@skillscanada.com)**

**Please identify yourself, or a designate, Skills Canada will ensure that an invitation to the event is received.**

**Try-a-Trades®: Nothing heightens awareness like hands-on experience! To help youth to better understand the skilled trades and technologies, we will be hosting interactive Try-A-Trades® with industry. This is an excellent setting for learners to view industry products, services, and initiatives.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NBTAP Job Competitions: Visit the Future New Brunswick Website at:**

**NBTAP - Future NB ([futurenewbrunswick.ca/nbtap](http://futurenewbrunswick.ca/nbtap)).** Positions are available for resume and cover letter submissions.

Please note: This will be updated on a continual basis, as more employers participate in the program.

**Electricity Fundamentals in Canada Course** - Are you a teacher interested in learning more about electricity in Canada? The **Electricity Fundamentals in Canada Course** by Electricity Canada is an asynchronous course available to energy professionals and now, also available to teachers in NB through the COE Energy. The course is approximately 5 hours in length. NB Teachers will receive one day of remuneration once the course is completed. Course should be completed by Feb 23, 2023. Electricity Fundamentals in Canada Course | Centre of Excellence for Energy ([centresofexcellencenb.ca](http://centresofexcellencenb.ca))

**Sustainability in Tourism with TIANB** - Student Contest - The Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick (TIANB), in partnership with The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, is hosting the Sustainability in Tourism Contest. TIANB wants to know how operators and tourists are acting on and promoting sustainability. Sustainability in Tourism with TIANB - Student CONTEST | Centre of Excellence for Health ([centresofexcellencenb.ca](http://centresofexcellencenb.ca))

**Centre of Excellence for Digital Innovation** - is now "live" as of December 2022. Check out this wonderful new Centre and all it has to offer. Centre of Excellence for Digital Innovation ([centresofexcellencenb.ca](http://centresofexcellencenb.ca)). Removing Learning Barriers with Assistive Technology - February 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm - Join to learn how to access services from Neil Square.

**Centre of Excellence for Health** - Wildlife Wednesday "Live" Event - February 15th at 10:30 am. Please join Denis Boudreau from the Jax Flies in this Interactive LIVE 45-minute class while you explore the basics of fly fishing and where you can fly fish in New Brunswick.

**Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship** - High School Webinar with **Junior Achievement** on Work Readiness and Career Goals - February 28, 2023.

**Centre of Excellence for Energy** - New York Times STEM Writing Contest - Deadline is February 18th, 2023 - Students choose an issue or questions in science, technology, engineering, math or health - then they bring that same spirit of inquiry and discovery to finding a STEM-related question, concept, or issue they are interested in, and, in 500 words or fewer, explaining it to a general audience in a way that not only helps us understand, but also engages us, and makes us see why it's important.

**International Day of Women and Girls in Science** - February 10, 2023 - Online seminar.

**CNS Essay Contest** - Submissions due February 28, 2023 - The **Canadian Nuclear Society** is excited to invite high school students, grades 9 through 12, across Canada to participate in a nuclear-science-and-technology-based essay contest. The theme of the 2023 essay contest is "Small Modular Reactors". Students are free to explore various topics around this theme and select one as the subject for the essay.