

## Our Mission

*to empower youth to achieve rewarding careers by:*

Providing awareness of careers with shortages (trades, technology, health)

Promoting awareness of opportunities and education to youth in jobs with high demand areas/needs

Collaborating with employers and industry to engage the future workforce

# Annual General Report 2016 2017

## Message from the Chairman

2016-2017 was a year of rebuilding and growth. 2017-2018 will be bringing forth new opportunities and we are excited with the direction the SEAPYCD will be taking. Kristi Liboiron will be continuing on in the Executive Director position. Donna Kirchner has recently joined the team as the new field director for the Medicine Hat area and we are looking forward to where they will lead the organization.

There has also been a long-awaited change to the Board Executive. We would like to thank Gerry Schnell for his many years of leadership and dedication to the SEAPYCD as the Board Chair. Dennis Beaudoin has eagerly taken on the Board Chair position and Donovan Bellamy has accepted the Vice Chair position. We are looking forward to a year of progress and opportunity.



We value the local partnerships we are continuing to build. The Medicine Hat Construction Association and the Medicine Hat Motors Dealers' Association have been a huge support this year both fiscally and with their presence on the board and at their assistance at our events. CAREERS: The Next Generation continues to provide support and guidance in helping us move forward in growing our programs. We have started to see an increase in placements this year and with the help of our new marketing campaign we are looking forward to seeing those numbers increase. We appreciate the continued support of the employers in South East Alberta who continue to promote the importance of the Skilled Trades.

Dennis Beaudoin, Board Chair

## THANK YOU!

Teachers who recognize the importance of the programs and share their classrooms with us  
Organizations and businesses that provide youth with apprenticeship and internship opportunities  
Individuals who serve on the SEAPYCD Board and the South East Alberta Regional Skills Committees  
Off-Campus Coordinators who work with us to place students in apprenticeship and internship positions

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## Our Partners

The SEAPYCD is a regionally based partnership consisting of industry, school divisions and government. The partnership is made up of the following:

### Educational Partners:

Grasslands Regional Div. No. 6  
Prairie Rose School Division No. 8  
Medicine Hat Public School District No. 76  
Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education No. 20

### Government/Organizational Partners:

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training  
Medicine Hat Motor Dealers Association  
Medicine Hat Construction Association  
CAREERS: The Next Generation  
Alberta Health Services  
Ministry of Labour

### Industry Partners:

Dynamic Industrial Solutions  
Quick Way Electrical  
Medicine Hat Nissan  
Cenovus Energy Inc.

## RAP RECOGNITION EVENING

The RAP Recognition Evening took on a new look this year. The event was held at the Medicine Hat College on March 28, 2017 in conjunction with the Medicine Hat Construction Association's General Meeting. All current RAP students and high school students interested in the Trades were able to take part in an awards presentation with local dignitaries attending. Students were able to enter to win \$500 gift packages for each of the trades represented. Afterwards, MHC hosted a tailgate party in the Plumbing Lab showcasing the Trades programs available at MHC. MHCA promoted the event to all current members and hosted an employer networking event at the CRAVE at the end of the evening.

## SOUTH EAST ALBERTA REGIONAL SKILLS & TRADES AND TECH EXPO

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual South East Alberta Skills Competition was a huge success! There were 116 students registered to compete in 9 different events. Students represented 10 schools in the area: MHHS, CHHS, McCoy, Eagle Butte, Foremost, Senator Gershaw, BCHS, Duchess, Bassano and Rosemary.

The Trades & Technology Expo was once again sponsored by the Ministry of Labour. Over 500 students from Junior and Senior High schools across SE Alberta attended the event. A bussing subsidy is provided to all schools to encourage attendance. There were 23 "Try a Trade" exhibitors that showcased various Trades and Technology related activities. There were 32 community and industry sponsors for both events.

## Our Programs

### Registered Apprenticeship Program

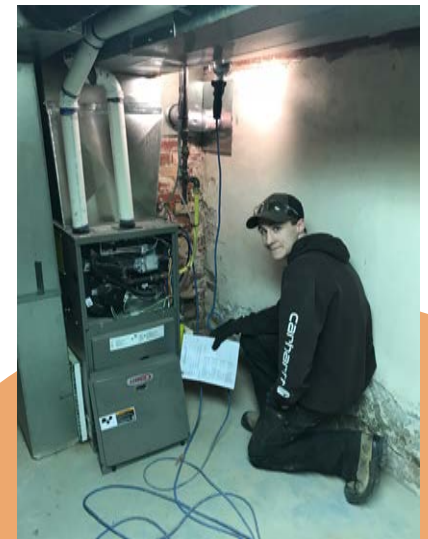
The Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) is an Alberta Education program that allows high school students to begin their apprenticeship training while going to high school. Students can earn up to 40 RAP high school credits.

### Oil & Gas Production Operator

The Oil and Gas Operator Program through NAIT is a career pathway for high school youth interested in the oil and gas field. Summer internships are optional to students, when available.

### Water & Wastewater Operator

Qualified and motivated students can enroll in this technical training program while attending high school. During the two-year program, students earn high school credits while having the chance to meet requirements for a Fundamentals of Water and Wastewater Operations Certificate from NAIT.



## HIGHLIGHTS 2016-2017

53 RAP presentations were delivered to 1924 high school students in the South Eastern Alberta region at 9 schools in 9 communities. Presentations were also made to 586 junior high school students.

From September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017, 33 new students were placed in the pre-RAP and RAP program.

From September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017, 28 employers provided workplace opportunities to the new RAP placements.

10 students from the South East region from 6 schools were awarded scholarships through Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training.

