

SKILLS CANADA NOVA SCOTIA PRESENTS

**TEAM
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2026**





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SCNS Staff



AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY

JACK MATTHEWS

NSCC AVIATION INSTITUTE



he/him

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Chocolate potato chips.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

Working on my car.

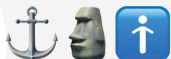
The most overrated food in your opinion?

Seafood.

AUTOMOBILE TECHNOLOGY

JAKE FOSTER

NAB AUTOMOTIVE



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

SpongeBob, The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, House MD.

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

The splits.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Mustard and Oreos.



HEAVY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY

NICHOLAS SARION

DEXTER CONSTRUCTION

he/him

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Peanut button bacon grilled cheese.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Vegetables.

What are you most looking forward to as part of Team NS?

Testing my skills against the best.





COOKING (S)

OWEN JOSEY

SACKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Star Wars - The Clone Wars, Superstore, The Boys.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Football.

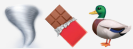
The most overrated food in your opinion?

Cheesecake.

COOKING (PS)

ABIGAIL COLEMAN

NSCC AKERLEY CAMPUS



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

Criminal Minds, Bridgerton, How to Catch a Smuggler.

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Languages.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Pickled jalapeño, pickles, and bacon.





BAKING (S)

YUI JENNINGS

SHELburne REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



she/her

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Frozen blueberries, milk, and sea salt is honestly pretty iconic.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

I think the colour green is overrated.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Universally, any dish with celery has to go.

BAKING (PS)

BROOKLYN PETTIPAS

ANGÉLIQUES FRENCH CAFÉ



she/her

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

The complexities of cereal are one that have plagued our nation. For what is it that defines a soup, today we recognize it as a spectrum, something we feel. For a good soup is one with simmered flavour, intentionally done. How you eat your cereal is the defining answer I say. Let your Cheerios simmer and that honey absorb into the milk, that is your stock. The world is full of beautiful soups.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Pickles and peanut butter.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Smash burgers.





AESTHETICS

BAHARJEET KAUR

CBBC CAREER COLLEGE HALIFAX



she/her

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Cooking.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Mango with chili powder.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

French fries.

HAIRSTYLING

LUCA DECOFF

CBBC CAREER COLLEGE HALIFAX



she/they

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Pickled Herring.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

Doing my own hair during quarantine.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Chicken Alfredo.





JOB SKILLS DEMONSTRATION

KALEE RECTOR

MUSQUODOBOIT RURAL HIGH SCHOOL



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

The Simpsons, Ginny and Georgia, Rick and Morty.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Pickles, fruit roll up, cream cheese and Takkis all together.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Rice.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

SAMANTHA MACDONALD

GLACE BAY HIGH SCHOOL



they/them

Top 3 TV shows?

1. Your Lie In April 2. Brooklyn 99 3. Gachiakuta

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Marshmallow, icing and Ritz crackers (top hats).

What are you most looking forward to as part of Team NS?

Getting to meet new people and make new friends.

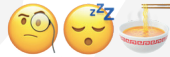




WORKPLACE SAFETY

ENZO SIENGER

SACKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



he/him

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Blacksmithing.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Popcorn with Siracha sauce and sour gummies.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Posting about themselves online.

JOB SEARCH

MEI JENNINGS

SHELburne REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



she/her

What inspired you to choose your skill?

I thought it would be easy. It was not.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Kraft Dinner.

What are you most looking forward to as part of Team NS?

I'm so excited to be a part of Team NS. We're such an amazing group, and I'm so excited to meet everyone.

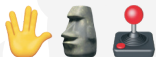




CNC MACHINING

RICHARD LEWIS

QUALITY MACHINING SERVICES LTD.



he/him

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

Cereal is not a soup, cereal is a dried or baked product, that does not have to be consumed with liquid to remain cereal. Soup's defining characteristic is being liquid based. you cannot have soup without liquid.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Mushrooms.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Lobster.

PRECISION MACHINING

ZACHARY VERBOOM

NSCC AKERLEY CAMPUS





MOBILE ROBOTICS

LUCA BEGO

DEVI INTERNATIONAL BOARDING SCHOOL



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Jojo's Bizarre adventure, Ninjago, Death Note.

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Walking in the rain without getting rained on at all.

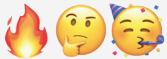
The most overrated food in your opinion??

FRUIT AND NUT CHOCOLATE.

MOBILE ROBOTICS

LOUCA CHORNY

DEVI INTERNATIONAL BOARDING SCHOOL



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

SUITS, Narcos, Breaking Bad.

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

Absolutely not.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Nutella milk? idk...





2D CHARACTER
COMPUTER ANIMATION

GIULIA CATTO MIHARA

HALIFAX WEST HIGH SCHOOL



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

A Series of Unfortunate Events, Avatar the Last Airbender, The Disastrous Life of Saiki K.

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

No, because milk is not a broth or stock and cereal by itself has no liquid component.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Rice crackers and mango (not very unhinged).

2D CHARACTER
COMPUTER ANIMATION

TUESDAY NEVES

ADVOCATE DISTRICT SCHOOL



she/her

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Playing the piano or the drums.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

I've always been interested in drawing and art. As far back as I can remember, I've been drawing! I have always loved cartoons as well.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Macaroni salad. What even is it?





3D DIGITAL GAME ART

MORGAN LEWIS

NSCC TRURO CAMPUS



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Always Sunny in Philadelphia, The Boys, The IT Crowd.

What's your most uninged snack combo?

Pickle and Cheese.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Specifically Mary Brown's Chicken.

ELECTRONICS

DEBRA PENROSE

NSCC SYDNEY WATERFRONT CAMPUS



she/her

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

Cereal, I love Froot Loops and I'm not the biggest fan of soup.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

I love technology and I want to be a part of its advancement.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Anything seafood related.





GRAPHIC DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (S)
ALLIE MACINTYRE

STRAIT AREA EDUCATION AND
RECREATION CENTRE



she/her

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Speaking multiple languages or a backflip, Both are pretty epic.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

I have always loved art and have always been pretty tech savvy, but also making posters and logos for school events and committees.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Taylor Swift (sorry swifties).

GRAPHIC DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (PS)

CLARISSA PASION

NSCC IVANY CAMPUS



she/her

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Weenies and beans.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Taylor Swift.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Matcha.





PHOTOGRAPHY (S)

TEYLOR WADDEN

STRAIT AREA EDUCATION AND
RECREATION CENTRE



she/her

**If you could instantly master any skill,
what would it be?**

Karate.

**What's your most unhinged snack
combo?**

Mangos and Honey.

**What's something everyone loves that
doesn't interest you?**

Labubus.

PHOTOGRAPHY (PS)

AREFEH GHOLIPOUR

NSCC IVANY CAMPUS



she/her

**If you could instantly master any skill,
what would it be?**

Learning English instantly :)

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

No, if it's not good for a cold, it's not soup!

**What's something everyone loves that
doesn't interest you?**

Dogs and Cats.



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CAD

BRYDEN SURRETTE

NSCC IVANY CAMPUS



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Breaking Bad, Trailer Park Boys, Animal Kingdom.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Peanut Butter and celery.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Star Wars.





CARPENTRY (S)

TESS HARKINK

STRAIT AREA EDUCATION AND
RECREATION CENTRE



she/her

**What's your most unhinged snack
combo?**

Peanut Butter and Cucumber.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

My brother, and my grandpa.

**What are you most looking forward to as
part of Team NS?**

Making fun of Cam in a different city.

CARPENTRY (PS)

CORDELL ROBICHEAU

LINDSAY'S CONSTRUCTION



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Friends, How I Met Your Mother, The Ranch.

**What's something everyone loves that
doesn't interest you?**

Cats.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Pasta.





PLUMBING

JOSHUA NOWEN

UA LOCAL 56



he/him

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Plumbing.

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

No, soups dont get soggy.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Bell peppers.

REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING

KEEGAN O'HALLORAN

UA LOCAL 56



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Bob the Builder, Backyardigans, Curious George.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

The streets.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Sheet metal (tried it a couple of times. Mid.)





WELDING (S)

LOGAN CONNOLLY

STRAIT AREA EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRE



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Suits, Dexter, Trailer Park Boys.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Celery and peanut butter.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

The sounds of a fan.

WELDING (PS)

NATHAN ANDRAE

UA LOCAL 56



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

TPB Blacklist

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Pickles+Cheese?

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Chicken wings.





BRICKLAYING

SHELBY RYALL

MILLER MASONRY



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

The Office, Family Guy, and any trashy reality tv.

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

Yes. Soup has liquid and chunks. Therefore: cereal=soup.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

I was desperate to make a change in my life and this opportunity fell into my lap. Now I can't imagine doing anything else with my life.

SHEET METAL WORK

MACKENZIE BRAUER

GILSON'S CONSTRUCTION, LOCAL 409



he/him

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Flying helicopters.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Small dogs.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Tim Hortons, all of it.





SPRINKLER FITTER

ADAM ARSENEAU

VIKING FIRE PROTECTION INC.
UA LOCAL 56

STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER

ANDREW POZZEBON

IRVING SHIPBUILDING INC.



he/him

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

Its basically a potion.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Sweet potato fries and dill pickle Hummus.

What are you most looking forward to as part of Team NS?

Visiting Toronto and watching the Jay's game!





ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS (S)

MATTHEW OULETTE

MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS (PS)

ROBERT DOCKERTY

EASCO ELECTRIC



he/him

Top 3 TV shows?

Breaking Bad, From, Severance.

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Fishing.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Avocado.





**SKILLS
CANADA
NOVA SCOTIA
STAFF**



PROGRAM COORDINATOR

TANVI DABAS

NEW DELHI, INDIA



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

Bridgerton, Drive to Survive, Schitt's Creek.

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

Cereal is a soup because some people have cereal with warm milk.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Game of Thrones.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES COORDINATOR

DOMINIQUE PETITPAS

FERGUS, ON



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

Game of Thrones, Supernatural, The Last of Us.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Toasted PB and Nutella Sandwhich (made like a sweet grilled cheese).

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Everyone in my house loves Vienna Sausages ... they gross me out.





EDUCATION LEAD

CHRIS GALLANT

HALIFAX, NS



he/him

What's your most unhinged snack combo?
Mixing chocolate milk and white milk.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?
Marathons.

The most overrated food in your opinion?
Cake.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

LAURA KING

LOCKEPORT, NS



she/her

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?
Automotive service and repair.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?
Seasalt on my chocolate ice cream.

The most overrated food in your opinion?
Hawaiian Pizza.





COMPETITIONS MANAGER

BENJAMIN BESTVATER

TORONTO, ON



he/him

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.
People can eat cereal dry, so not a soup.

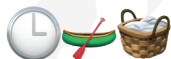
What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?
Animals in houses.

The most overrated food in your opinion?
Cheese pizza.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ROBIN LORWAY

SYDNEY, NS



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

Real Housewives of Rhode Island, Survivor, Somebody Somewhere.

The most overrated food in your opinion?
Sushi.

What are you most looking forward to as part of Team NS?

Let's Go Blue Jays! And of course seeing everyone compete and do their best (including Springer, Vladdy, and hopefully Kirk).





MARKETING +
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

CAMERON MILES

KENTVILLE, NS



he/him

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

It depends on the definition of soup, which varies greatly across cultures and languages. Is a hot dog a sandwich? Is ketchup a smoothie? Is a Pop-Tart a ravioli? If a tree falls in the woods, and nobody's around, does anybody care?

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Crocs. Idiocracy. Look it up.

What are you most looking forward to as part of Team NS?

Maybe the real gold medal, is the friends we make along the way.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

JAMIE WHITE

MONTREAL, QC



she/her

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

No. Soups are savoury. Cereal is juice.

What's your most unhinged snack combo?

Shrimp ring + McCain's Deep 'n Delicious cake.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Nachos.





PROGRAM COORDINATOR

SHUHAN LIU

BEIJING, CHINA



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

Inside No.9, Better Call Saul, Seinfeld.

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Throwing things.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

Pizza, 100%

EDUCATION COORDINATOR - MARINE CAREERS

ALANNAH BUSHNIK

SYDNEY, NS



she/her

Top 3 TV shows?

House MD, Gilmore Girls, The Sopranos.

Is cereal a soup? Defend your answer.

Cereal is a soup ONLY if you squint at the definition. I said it was closer to a salad once and Tanvi didn't like that.

What inspired you to choose your skill?

I am unskilled this year.





GREEN ENERGY
PROJECT MANAGER

SHANNON NEIL

CAPE RAY, NL & FORT SASKATCHEWAN, AB



she/her

If you could instantly master any skill, what would it be?

Being able to fix and understand my car.
Mechanic.

What's something everyone loves that doesn't interest you?

I hate pickles. Enough said.

The most overrated food in your opinion?

Hot dogs.



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TEAM NOVA SCOTIA

Within this booklet, we proudly present the 2026 representatives of Team Nova Scotia. Hailing from every corner of our province—from vibrant small communities to our dynamic urban centers—these exceptional individuals embody the skill, passion, and dedication that define excellence in skilled trades and technologies.

Each competitor has earned their place through hard work, talent, and a deep commitment to their craft. Their accomplishments go far beyond the pursuit of medals; they stand as a powerful testament to the creativity, determination, and promise of a new generation of skilled professionals.

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