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Three Canadian Students Named 2018 Microsoft Office Specialist National Champions

Students move on to compete among world's best in the World Championship in Orlando, Florida, USA

Langley, BC – Three students from across Canada, two high school students from British Columbia and a college student from Ontario have proven to be the best in Canada in Microsoft Office. The students will compete at Certiport's Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship, the most popular technology skills competition on Microsoft Office and the only one endorsed by Microsoft since its inception in 2002.

The accomplishment demonstrates the incredible accomplishments that are coming out of technical education in Canada. Building a foundational knowledge of Microsoft Office tools will help the students thrive in their future academic and career pursuits.

The winners of the Microsoft Office Specialist Canada competition are:

Microsoft Word 2016: Alexander Ratner (Thomas Haney Secondary School)

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016: Karrah Parke (Thomas Haney Secondary School)

Microsoft Excel 2016: Binh Tran (Centennial College)

The group will move forward with an all-expenses-paid trip to represent Canada at the 2018 Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship in Orlando, Florida July 29 – August 1, 2018.

Worldwide the World Championship has attracted 766,560 unique candidates from 116 countries. This year, Certiport and Microsoft have registered over 150 champions to compete from all around the world. Candidates will compete for a chance to win a \$7,000 scholarship and the title of "World Champion" in their respective categories.

"In a world where innovation is the key to business success and growth, we are very proud of these schools for providing these students with the tools to succeed," says Vanessa Knox, COO of CCI Learning.

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As a Platinum Certiport Partner and Microsoft Authorized Educational Partner, CCI Learning advances digital literacy, productivity skills and information technology for students, faculty, and staff in academic institutions worldwide by providing globally recognized certifications, learning solutions and educator services.

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