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Conor Dallas from Loughell, an apprentice joinery with Mivan, was a **WorldSkills UK 2022** national finalist in joinery. He is pictured with his young nephew Paddy, who wants to follow in Conor's footsteps and Northern Regional College joinery lecturer, Ian Forsythe.

## Conor's success inspires nephew to 'join' in

Students who represented Northern Regional College **WorldSkills UK 2022** national finals were recognised at the College's HE graduation ceremonies.

Conor Dallas from Loughell was a finalist in bench joinery. He is employed by Mivan and is a second-year apprentice joinery student at the College.

And he has inspired his young nephew to follow in his footsteps!

Conor's journey to the finals started in February 2022 when he won the College's inter-campus joinery competition hosted by the Newtownabbey campus.

This led to the CITBNI (**Construction Industry Training Board**) regional qualifier competitions in May 2022 where 79 of the brightest recruits and top performers within construction apprenticeships programmes from across Northern Ireland competed against each other.

Conor finished first, ahead of the eleven other competitors in the joinery category, to book his place at the national finals.

"Being involved in skills competitions is a great learning experience and I really enjoyed being part of **WorldSkills**. I would encourage other apprentices and students to get involved," he said.

Conor admitted that preparing for the national finals did involve extra work. He acknowledged that he had great support and encouragement from both the College and Mivan and added that he was already looking forward to next year's skills competitions.



Alice Watters, daughter of Ivor and the late Rhonda Watters. Her mum was a former student of Ballymena Academy. Alice graduated from Royal Holloway University, London, with a 2:1 Honours Degree in Psychology.