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South West College apprentices scoop top awards for construction

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THREE trainee apprentices from the South West College have scooped two awards at the national SkillBuild NI finals.

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The award ceremony was held at the Construction Industry Training Board at Nutts Corner Training Centre.

The SkillBuild NI competitions, which run annually, are designed to test skills, techniques and abilities within specific time-frames and specialist areas within the construction industry.

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Students from the South West
College campus in Enniskillen
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Darragh Donnelly, also from the South West College, placed second in the site carpentry competition. The Fermanagh trio have now been

The Fermanagh trio have now been selected to represent Northern Ireland at the **SkillBuild** UK National Finals later on in the year.
Chris Robinson from the Centre for

Chris Robinson from the Centre for Excellence- Work-based learning at the South West College, congratulated his students on their success. "The annual SkillBuild NI competi-

"The annual SkillBuild NI competitions are a terrific opportunity for SWC [South West College] apprentices to showcase their skills and



LEADING MAN... South West College campus Plumbing apprentice Andrew McCann, employed with Anderson Mechanical Services, scooped the top accolade of NI Apprentice of the year in Plumbing.

knowledge against the best of the best across the whole of Northern Ireland," he said.

"Their success is testament to the support and expert tutelage of their employer



STRONG TEAM... South West College, Enniskillen Technology and Skills Centre Electrical apprentice Daniel Knox, employed by GP Electrical and Security, scooped the top accolade of NI Apprentice of the year in Electrical Installation. Pictured with all Electrical Installation Competitors, Rachel McKeeman, CITB NI Director, and Maurice Johnston — CITB NI Chairman.



RUNNER UP... South West College joinery apprentice Darragh Donnelly, employed with Armstrong Roofing and Joinery, scooped second place in the site carpentry competition.

