



Qualifying Competition

Saturday April 11th, 2026

NIAGARA COLLEGE - Southern Area Qualifying Competition
General Location Package

SCHOOL BOARDS WHICH PARTICIPATE AT NIAGARA COLLEGE

Located in Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Niagara College, will be the host college of the Southern Area Qualifying Competition, in which the following school boards are allocated:

- Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
- Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde
- District School Board of Niagara
- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- Grand Erie District School Board
- Halton Catholic District School Board
- Halton District School Board
- Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
- Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- Niagara Catholic District School Board

CONTEST LOCATIONS (ALL ROOMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Welland Campus

100 Niagara College Boulevard, Welland, ON L3C 7L3

- Carpentry-Individual ** – Room TC177
- Welding ** – Room TC140
- TV Video Production (Team of 2) * – Room V106

***Sign-in for these contests** will be in the Simcoe Building 135 (S135) **at the Welland Campus location.**

Niagara-On-The-Lake Campus (NOTL) **

135 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

Culinary Arts * – Room HT108/HT112



****Sign-in for this contest** will be in Culinary room (HT112) **at the NOTL Campus location**. It is the responsibility of contest participants to **provide their own transportation to the Welland Campus** for the Awards Presentation.

AGENDA - SOUTHERN AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITION * (ALL ROOMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.– Sign-in

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Announcements

- **Culinary Arts** competitors are to sign-in and attend opening remarks at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus in room HT112.
- **All other competitors** are to sign-in and attend opening remarks at the Simcoe Building 135 (S135) at the Welland Campus.

9:00 a.m. – Technical Committees lead competitors to contest sites

9:10 - 9:30 a.m. – Competitor orientation at contest site

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Contests

- Tours for parents, teachers and visitors at the Welland Campus – are available at 9:30am from the Simcoe Building 135 (S135) and at the NOTL Campus from HT109.
- Display of Niagara College programs will be available throughout the day

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. – Lunch will be delivered to competitors on the contest sites

- If you have any dietary restrictions **please bring a bagged lunch** for this event. Due to the nature of last minute registrations, dietary restrictions other than vegetarian cannot be accommodated.

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Contests continue

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Final Judging and Results Compilation

- Judging completed during this time
- Results submitted to Skills Ontario staff
- Skills Ontario staff perform final results tabulation

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. – General Feedback Session for competitors

****5:30 p.m.** – Awards Presentation and Advancement Meeting

- To occur in the Simcoe Building 135 (S135), Welland Campus. Culinary Arts competitors are to make their own way to the Welland Campus (see directions below)



- A brief advancement meeting for those competitors moving on to the Skills Ontario Competition will immediately follow presentation

Please note: each **contest also has its own agenda** with further detail, please refer to the contest scopes for the specific contest agendas to ensure you are well prepared for the day.

****Please note:** the **start time of the awards presentation** is based on when results are verified and finalized – should this be completed earlier than 5:30, staff will make an effort to begin the presentation earlier, but this will be a last minute adjustment. As such, please try to be near by the awards presentation location prior to 5:30 in case an earlier start is possible.

ADVANCEMENT FROM QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS TO SKILLS ONTARIO COMPETITION

Competitors at the Qualifying Competitions **must achieve a final score of at least 60%** to receive any ribbon and be considered for advancement.

The following numbers of competitors from the Southern Area Qualifying Competition are eligible to advance to the Skills Ontario Competition, taking place in May in Toronto:

- Carpentry – Individual – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Culinary Arts – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- T.V. Video Production (Team of 2) – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Welding – 1st, 2nd and 3rd

COLLEGE LOCATIONS – DIRECTIONS & PARKING

Niagara College is easily accessible from the QEW, and the following map will assist participants in locating Niagara College, Welland Campus. For more information, please refer to www.niagaracollege.ca/visitus.

PARKING

Parking at the college is free for the event and does not require a ticket. It is recommended to **park in Lot C-A** at both campus locations for best access to the college.

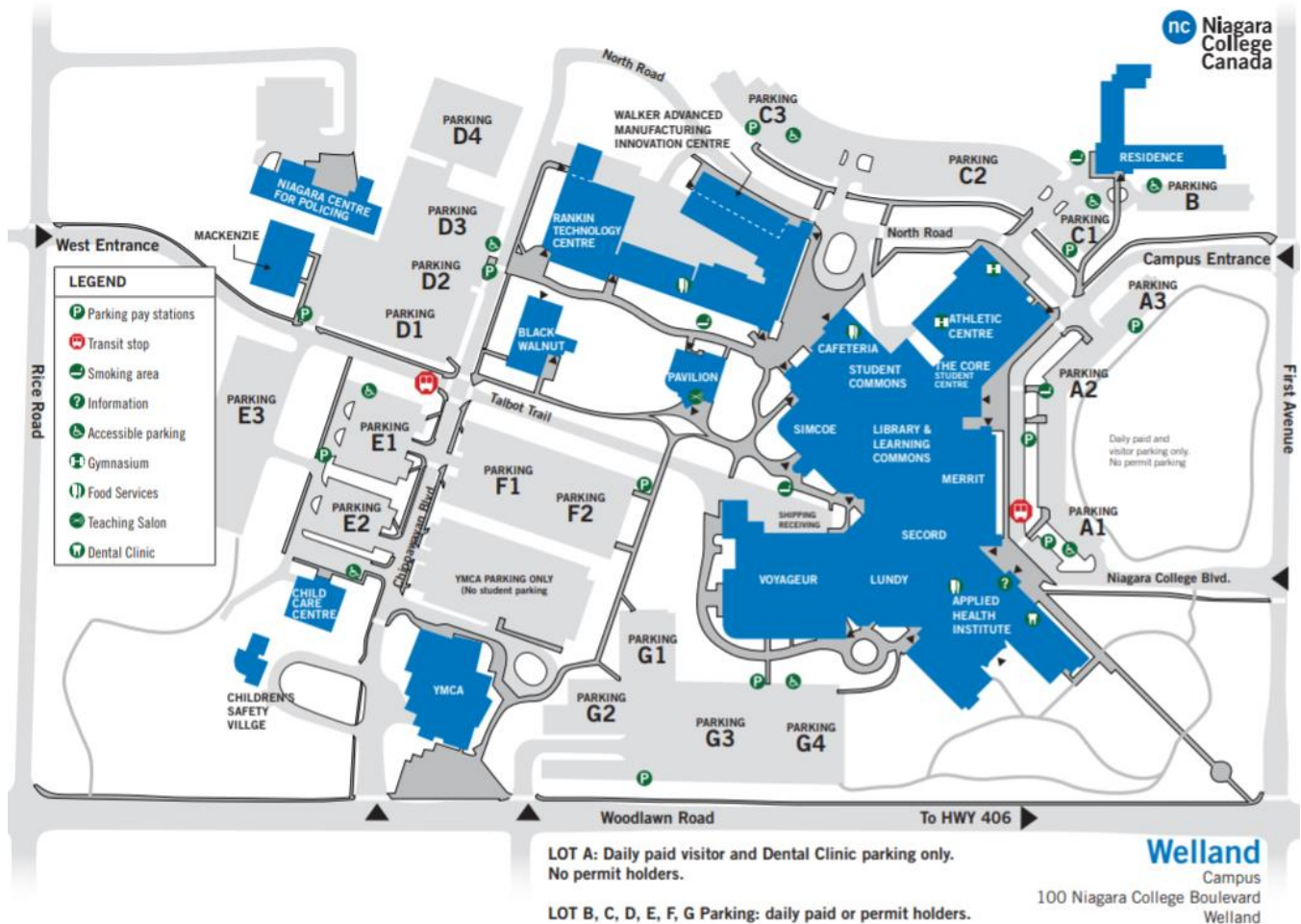
Directions from the Niagara-On-The-Lake Campus to the Welland Campus

- Take Taylor Road North (formerly Beechwood Road) up the hill
- Turn right onto Thorold Stone Road and follow through the Thorold Tunnel
- Take Hwy 406 south to Welland
- Take Woodlawn Road exit
- Turn right on First Avenue
- Turn left into the College

Niagara College, **Welland Campus**

100 Niagara College Boulevard, Welland, ON L3C 7L3

Phone: 905.735.2211



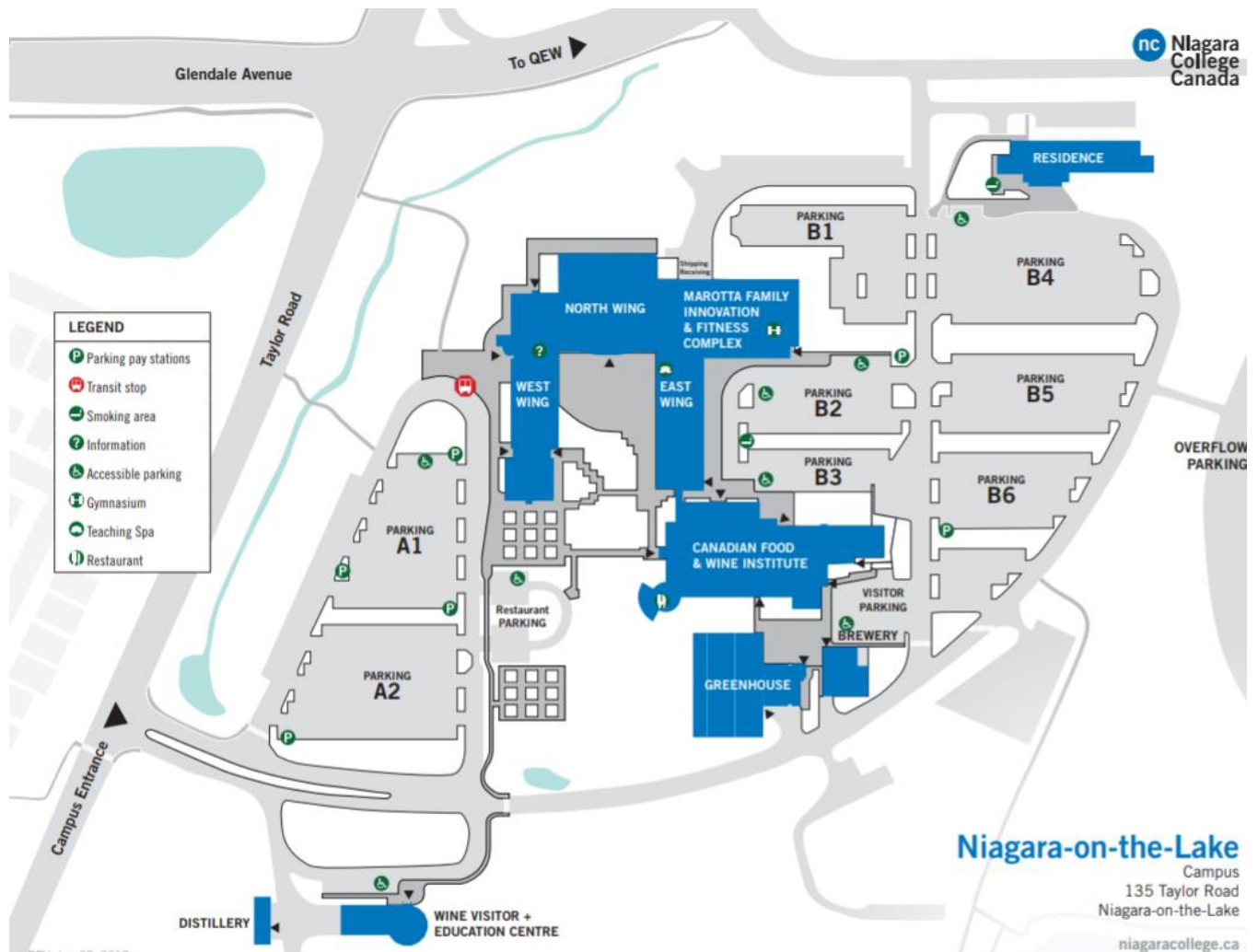
When you arrive at Niagara College, Welland Campus, please enter through the main entrance of the Applied Health Institute (accessible via First Avenue). Sign-in for all competitors and contests **OTHER THAN CULINARY ARTS** will occur in the Simcoe Building 135 (S135), Welland Campus at 8:30 a.m. Skills Ontario staff and college volunteers will be available to assist you.

CULINARY ARTS Only:

Niagara College, **Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus**

135 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

Phone: 905.641.2252



Sign-in for Culinary Arts will occur in the Culinary room (HT112) at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus at 8:30 a.m. Skills Ontario staff and college volunteers will be available to assist you.

TEACHERS, PARENTS AND VISITORS

Cafeterias at the Welland campus will be closed, but there are a number of restaurants located near the college on Niagara Street where teachers and parents may purchase their lunch. Downtown St. Catharines, a 15 minute drive from either campus, has a lot of options as well including the famous Beechwood Donuts.

PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

There are to be **NO** plastic water bottles brought to Niagara College! If you plan to drink water throughout the day, you must bring a refillable, personal water bottle that can be filled at their fountains.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The following hotels are recommended for accommodation during the Southern Area Qualifying Competition. Participants are to make their own arrangements with hotels:

Holiday Inn

327 Ontario Street
St Catharines ON
Phone: (905)-688-2324

Best Western Plus

300 Prince Charles Drive
Welland, ON
Phone: (905) 732-0922

Four Points Sheraton

3530 Schmon Parkway
Thorold, ON
Phone: (905) 984-8484