SCSA Shares the Stage with Damon

SCSA Safety Advisors had a chance to share the stage with Contractor and Television host, Damon Bennett, at the 2016 Homestyles Home Show hosted by the Saskatoon and Region Home Builders’ Association in March.

“We’ve had a chance to work with Damon a couple of years in a row now and it has been not only a lot of fun, but he’s become really engaged with making sure that people are getting home safe and workers are working safely,” says SCSA President Collin Pullar.

Together with Bennett, our Safety Advisors conducted a presentation on the importance of ladder safety and wearing proper eye protection. They also performed the popular Eye Protection Safety Demo, which demonstrates the protective differences between Z87 safety standard glasses and regular eyewear by testing the resistance of each with shots from a nail gun.

Among the crowd this year were Grade 10 and 11 High School students from the High School Carpentry Apprenticeship Program (HCAP), as well as a number of other students from practical and applied arts programs in Saskatoon. The safety demos the SCSA puts on throughout the province are especially popular with youth — a key demographic the SCSA has been targeting as an organization for the past number of years.

“Statistically, they are an extremely vulnerable group,” says Pullar.

“As a lot of people know, a large number of injuries that happen on the job happen in young people’s first or second job. It happens very early in their careers and there is real potential of cutting a really neat career short because of an injury. We want to help young people develop a safety culture by establishing safety practices early on so that carries forward to the workplace much more rapidly.”

Below: SCSA Safety Advisor, Michael Moore (front row, third from left) and SCSA President, Collin Pullar, (back row, fourth from right) pose with the Grade 11 and 12 HCAP students at the 2016 Homestyles Home Show at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.
It’s never too late to develop and maintain a safety culture with workers. There is a wealth of practical training and advice from industry experts available to show you what to look for to ensure you are getting your construction projects completed on time, on budget, without injuries.

“We look forward to working with Damon in the future so that we can help both consumers and workers benefit from the knowledge of how to work safely; whether it be a person working on their own home, or hiring someone to come and do the job, we have to be aware and concerned for the safety of everyone involved,” added Pullar.

The best safety demonstration in Canada, Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association, and the next generation of tradespeople. Love when I get the opportunity to talk about the importance of safety on the job, thanks for listening everyone!

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Damon Bennett, Contractor and Television host
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