

Blum Young Professionals successful at WorldSkills 2026 in Shanghai

One bronze medal and three “Medallions for Excellence”

Höchst, Austria, September 2026. **Four intense days of competition, around 1,400 participants from all over the world, and tasks at the highest professional level: At WorldSkills 2026 in Shanghai, four young professionals from Blum demonstrated their skills and sparked celebrations within the Austrian national team.**

There was a particular reason to celebrate for Keanu Frick, who won the bronze medal in the Mechanical Engineering category, securing a place on the podium. “Working with the unfamiliar Chinese machines was very challenging,” reflects Frick. “That makes me even prouder to have achieved such a strong result.” In the international field of competitors, Keanus’s colleagues also impressed: Janick Gehrler finished eighth in System Electrical Engineering, Deniz Mutun placed ninth in CNC Milling, and Sandro Flatz came 13th in Mechanical Engineering CAD. All three were awarded a “Medallion for Excellence”.

Intensive journey to the top

The competition in Shanghai was preceded by an intensive preparation phase of around six months. During this time, the four young professionals were supported by the team led by Skills Manager Marco Simma. Alongside demanding project assignments, mental and physical fitness were also a key focus. At an international competition of this calibre, technical expertise and precision are not the only factors that matter. Endurance, the ability to cope with pressure, and a healthy diet that strengthens the immune system also play an important role.

Strong training as the foundation

Skills Manager Marco Simma is impressed by the commitment and results achieved by his team: “I am incredibly proud of our competitors’ performance and even prouder of the discipline and determination with which they prepared for WorldSkills. They stayed focused on their path and proved themselves in Shanghai.” These successes are not only the result of intensive competition preparation. “The holistic training system we pursue at Blum provides the foundation for achievements like these. Without it, such outstanding performances would not be possible,” emphasizes Simma.

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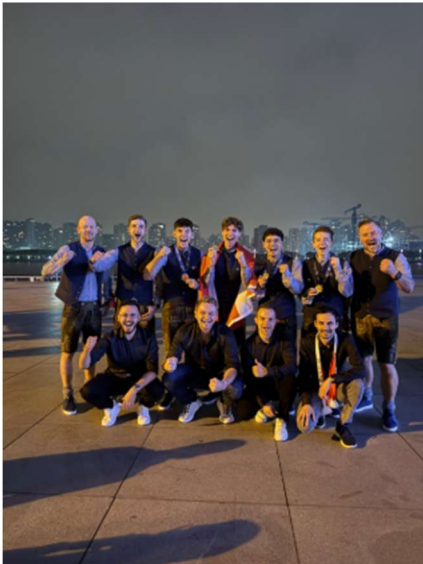


(Image: Keanu Frick)

Keanu Frick celebrating: The mechanical engineer secured a bronze medal for Austria.

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(Image: Team Blum)

The Blum Skills Team with its four competitors, all of whom were honoured with an award.

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Marco Simma, Head of Skills Team at Blum.

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