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YEOVIL COLLEGE CELEBRATES 24th ANNUAL FURTHER EDUCATION AWARDS...



Yeovil College held another successful annual Further Education Awards Ceremony on Friday 4th January, where over 300 students, family and friends celebrated a wide range of achievements. Guest speaker and presenter of the awards and trophies was the local Editor of the Western Gazette Tim Dixon.

The Further Education Awards ceremony is an opportunity to recognise the talent and achievements of a huge range of students and also the hard work and commitment given by Yeovil College teaching staff. 2007 was a particularly successful year with around 90 awards given to students. These special awards celebrate academic excellence with many students progressing onto well known universities, personal progression and achievement and also sporting excellence with many talented students selected to represent national sports teams.



Special awards presented included the Nicola Locke Award for the most outstanding personal achievement presented to Richard Peachell.

The Stephanie Pirongs Award was presented to Louise Trenchard who overcame considerable personal difficulties to achieve excellent A level results.



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The Lawrence Cove Shield for Engineering Excellence was presented to Danielle Brace. Danielle worked extremely hard during her National Certificate in Engineering to achieve a double distinction.

The Jan Howell Award for Outstanding Achievement was presented to Jessica Barber who was highlighted for her contribution to the community and College life.

The Fred Janes Award for Outstanding Achievement in Humanities was presented to Victoria Holliday. Victoria had an outstanding two years at Yeovil College achieving four A grade passes at A level and is now studying Law at Oxford University.



Many companies sponsor awards at this prestigious event, with even more employers joining the celebrations than ever before. Amongst the employer sponsored awards were; Zoe Allen, who was presented with the Best Graphic Design Student award and Naomi Ashby collected the BND Media Director of the year – both awards sponsored by the Western Gazette Ltd.



Matthew Dustan was presented with the Academic Excellence award, sponsored by Agusta Westland, whilst Paul Lewis received the Outstanding Achievement Award in IT, sponsored by Colin Mear Engineering Ltd.



The All Round Academic Excellence awards, sponsored by Aerosystems International were presented to Ben Lisle, whose achievement and aptitude in Maths and Physics, won him an unconditional place at the INSA, Lyon, France

– one of the leading European Engineering Universities and David Wilkinson, whose passion for astronomy has led him to study Astrophysics at Oxford University.



The Outstanding Achievement award in Sport, sponsored by the RAF, was presented to Nadeen Sheehan who achieved straight Distinctions in her National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science., whilst winning women's rugby for the College, the South West regional squad and a local club.

The Weststaff award for determination to succeed was presented to Julie Passmore, a mature student studying A level Law, Julie has now gone on to the University of the West of England to study for a Law degree.



Guests were entertained during the evening with large screens, where a presentation and live footage of the event was screened and managed by BTEC National Diploma (Moving Image) students. Talented performing arts students impressed guests with Francine Challands and Antonia Manson singing "I know him so well", Zach Thomas and Kim Parker performed a superb Latin dance routine and this years winner of the X-mas factor (a live TV show organised by Media students) Pip Dupal singing a wonderful version of " All I want for Christmas"

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James Hampton, Principal of Yeovil College said *“We have tonight witnessed, yet again, a stunning array of student’s achievements, energy and talent. I am delighted to share in these outstanding student successes and celebrate with their families and friends. Each year the College helps to support more and more of Yeovil’s finest young people, impressing the community with their ambitions and superb accomplishments as they go on to realise their potential at universities , employment, or chosen vocations. We look forward to another exciting year in 2008.”*

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