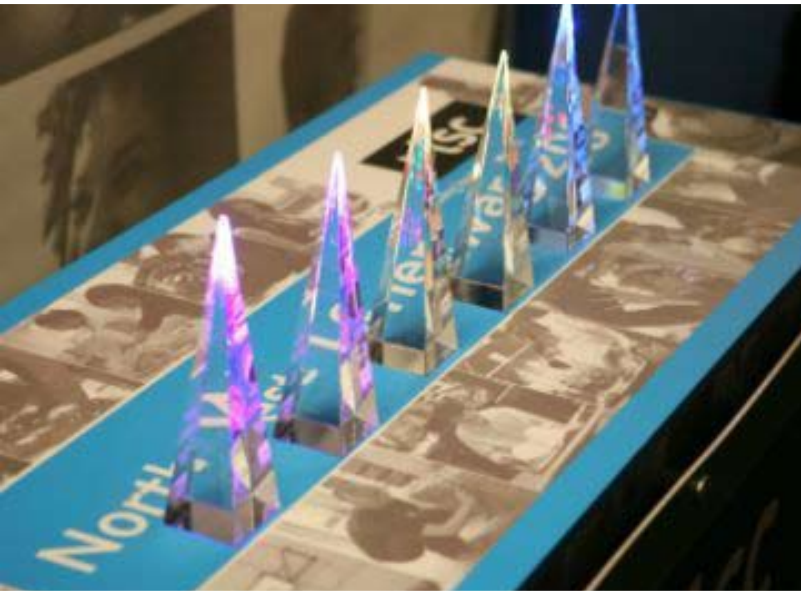




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## Further Education Awards



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As part of the 2009 National Apprenticeship Awards the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) in the North West will be hosting a series of award ceremonies to celebrate those nominated from each of the five local LSC areas. This will not only recognise the young people's achievements, but also that of their training providers and employers.

Within our region we are keen to ensure that the role of Further Education is promoted and have extended the national awards categories to include awards for the top FE students (Vocational and Academic) in each local area.

We wish to encourage all colleges within the North West to submit entries (only one for each category). For those colleges who held awards/prize giving events at the end of the last academic year perhaps they could submit details of the student who won their overall award for consideration for this award?

We would ask that submissions be limited to 500 words and the only other criteria is that the student should have been on a full time LSC funded course during 2008.



Entries should be completed using the entry form provided and emailed to: [joanne.miles@lsc.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.miles@lsc.gov.uk)

The closing date for all entries is 27 February 2009.

The entries will be judged by a panel of LSC staff and independent assessors.

All nominated finalists will be invited with guests and a representative of their college to a high profile awards ceremony.

There will be a prize of vouchers to the value of £150 to each local area winner and £50 for two highly commended students in each category. The area winner could then go on to become the North West Regional winner with additional rewards.

We hope you will agree that this added opportunity to raise the sector's profile should not be missed.

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# Winners of the 2008 Further Education Awards

Below are extracts from the winning entries.

## Cheshire and Warrington

### Winner of Further Education Award (Vocational)

**Kate Mills**

#### MID CHESHIRE COLLEGE

Kate was 100% committed to the demands of the National Diploma art and design course; this was reflected in the quality of her work. She was extremely modest about her talents and was a pleasure to teach. She has a responsible, mature attitude and outlook, is well liked by her tutors and peer group and was always willing to help others. She had a part-time job as a swimming pool lifesaver and teaches swimming to children. When a student was taken suddenly ill in the corridor Kate did not hesitate to help, putting the student in the recovery position and making sure their air way was clear.

## Greater Manchester

### Winner of Further Education Award (Vocational)

**Holly Lorne**

#### LORETO SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Holly completed a BTEC National Diploma course in Care with distinction grades in July 2007 at Loreto Sixth Form College. She has an excellent and empathetic understanding of many of the aspects of Care, able to identify the needs of others and the importance of treating people as individuals. She was also very aware of anti discriminatory practices in the care sector and showed great sensitivity in applying these. Holly attended a number of work placements including a day nursery and a school. She has a genuine rapport with the children in her care and has now progressed onto a Midwifery Degree course at Salford University.

## Greater Merseyside

### Winner of Further Education Award (Vocational) and North West Regional Winner

**Sarah Jane Maher**

#### HUGH BAIRD COLLEGE

Sarah was one of four females on the first year Level 2 City and Guilds 2330 Electrical Installation course. She excelled in the practical 206, gaining a Distinction with passes in the two 204 assignments. Her GOLAs produced a further distinction in the 201, and credits on the 202 and 203 with a pass on the 205. Her attitude to work, students, lecturers and technicians was always exemplary. In practical exercises she was often first to finish and would then help others. All written assignments were completed on time. She has worked for an electrical contractor on the new Kings Dock Arena installing fire alarms and is currently studying Level 3 Electrical Installation.

### Winner of Further Education Award (Academic)

**Katie Harris**

#### PRIESTLEY COLLEGE

In a year of outstanding academic results, Katie was awarded the prize for Academic Excellence at Priestley College. Not only did she gain excellent exam grades in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, A2 Law and AS History, including a perfect 300 / 300 in her AS Law exam, but she also showed an exceptional joy of learning.

She impressed her tutors with her extensive further reading and her support of other students. Katie was the Vice President of the College Council successfully communicating between students and college management and is now attending the University of Manchester reading Mathematics.

### Winner of Further Education Award (Academic) and North West Regional Winner

**William Downes**

#### BURY COLLEGE

William Downes was a member of the college Mentoring for Excellence programme having achieved 5 A\*, 2A and 5B grades at GCSE. William's passion is aeronautics and he was determined to pursue a place at university to study engineering with a view to becoming an aeronautical engineer. His involvement outside college in the Air Cadets, Duke of Edinburgh scheme and an interest in scuba diving were an indication of his wide interests. William achieved A Levels in Mathematics (grade A), Further Mathematics (grade A), Physics (grade A), Computing (grade A) and AS General Studies and Critical Thinking (grade A). William is a highly motivated and mature student who worked exceptionally hard. William is currently reading Engineering at King's College Cambridge.

### Winner of Further Education Award (Academic)

**Mark Bradford**

#### KNOWSLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mark achieved the following A levels: Communication Studies Grade A, Media Studies Grade A, English Language Grade B, with all his tutors stating that he was a pleasure to teach. Mark was predicted to gain no more than grade Ds in all his subjects but he far exceeded these estimates. This excellent performance resulted in Mark receiving the College award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. His achievement was all the more remarkable because at the end of his first year of study he was diagnosed with cancer. He maintained an almost perfect attendance record whilst receiving treatment. In October 2008 he started a BA Honours Degree in English at Liverpool University.

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## Lancashire

### Winner of Further Education Award (Vocational)

**Jamie Warren**

#### SKELMERSDALE AND ORMSKIRK COLLEGE

Jamie previously attended a school for Young Offenders. He had been in trouble with the police, he was verbally abusive and he was known as a trouble causer. However, the recent turn around in his life has been immense. He is now communicative, responsive and respectful to other learners and staff alike; in particular he helps and supports one vulnerable student in many ways. He is punctual, his attitude towards learning is outstanding and he has had only one day off from college. He has passed part of his Literacy in his City and Guilds qualification and is striving to improve his grade in Numeracy. His Construction Tutor cannot speak highly enough of Jamie's enthusiasm and willingness.

## Cumbria

### Winner of Further Education Award (Vocational)

**Ben Wilde**

#### CARLISLE COLLEGE

After leaving school Ben studied engineering, working on building sites for five years. Realising that this was not what he wanted to do for the rest of his working life he decided to change direction so he joined a level 2 full time plumbing course at Carlisle College.

Ben was a very capable student in all aspects of his course. His journey to the College each day was almost 40 miles. And he had to assist in managing the family farm, often requiring early mornings and late evenings, but despite this he always maintained a very good attendance record.

He remained a highly committed and an enthusiastic student and sets, and achieves, consistently high standards. He passed his level 2 and is now continuing with his level 3 studies in the same highly motivated manner and is expected to complete the course successfully.

### Winner of Further Education Award (Academic)

**Elizabeth Ritchie**

#### MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

Elizabeth has achieved distinctions in all modules since the start of the National Diploma Animal Management course. The work she produced was of a high standard and was well written. Her posters and leaflets are outstanding and of industry standard. Assignment work was always handed in on time or early. She had excellent ability with a range of animals and has gained a high level of achievement in the practical assessments. Elizabeth shows excellent husbandry knowledge and handling ability of her specialist subject: mice. Elizabeth is a very pleasant, hard working and conscientious student who is approachable and respectful towards others and who supports friends. She is focused in what she does and works to the best of her ability.

### Winner of Further Education Award (Academic)

**Joanne Nugent**

#### CARLISLE COLLEGE

Joanne is in the 2nd year of her course and is on target to achieve 3 distinctions. Throughout the course she never missed a deadline and contributed enthusiastically and to a high standard in all aspects of her studies.

Joanne decided that the health sector was where she wanted to develop her skills. In order to organise her future development Joanne researched the requirements for a career in health and social care. Having carefully considered her options she decided to study the National Diploma in Health Studies because of the combination of theoretical teaching and practical placements that the course offered.

Joanne has completed three placements, Radiotherapy, Rainbow Soft Play and Elizabeth Welsh Residential home. In all of the placements she has received excellent reports and has been an outstanding representative for the college.

