

## Lancashire Based College Celebrates Training Award Win

An e-learning initiative has earned Burnley College a National Training Award

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Burnley College was amongst the six North West winners of National Training Awards, the UK's premier accolade for organisations and individuals that have achieved excellence through training, at a recent ceremony held at the Palace Hotel, Manchester.

A three-year e-learning initiative has helped to move the college from 'satisfactory' to 'excellent' in teaching grades and achievement rates.

The college developed the 'e-learning star' programme, a unique template to ensure lecturers and tutors use e-learning inside and outside the classroom. The college set out to be at the front edge of e-learning and a national leader in e-learning in the classroom.

Since September 2003, 474 teachers and potential teachers have been developed using the 'e-learning star'. The benefits have been significant with a dramatic improvement in achievement rates over the last four years; A Level results at 100% achievement for the last two years, and most other qualifications have been significantly above sector norms.

The College was also recognised in the Chief Inspector of Schools' list of 'outstanding schools and colleges' in the UK for 2004/2005.

At the ceremony television presenter Suzi Perry presented Burnley College with a golden ticket to the National Training Awards UK gala ceremony on 14 December at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, where they will receive their trophies.

Award sponsors included the Learning and Skills Council (LSC). Ian Haworth, Area Director of LSC Lancashire said:

“I extend my warmest congratulations to everyone at Burnley College. These stories are an inspiration about what can be achieved through learning.

These awards have always been about excellence, achievement and improvement. We all benefit from a highly skilled workforce: the individuals themselves, because they are able to fulfil their potential and the organisations who employ them, because they have motivated, loyal and creative employees.”

In a successful night for the region, five North West based organisations also won National Training Awards and a further ten received recognition with North West Training Awards.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **National Training Award**

**Cumbria:** Karen James, Penrith and Paul Irving, Ulverston

**Greater Manchester:** Optimum Contact Solutions, Manchester and RBS Insurance (Direct Line Brand), Manchester

**Isle of Man:** Fairbairn Private Bank Limited, Douglas

**Lancashire:** Burnley College, Burnley

### **North West Training Award**

**Greater Manchester:** First Trans Pennine Express, Manchester, Pipex Home Call, Manchester, Ashtead Plant Hire Company Ltd, Salford, in partnership with Ian Woodward (DLD Solutions), Luton, First Choice Holidays, Salford, in partnership with Blue Sky Consulting, Guildford and **City & Guilds Award Winner** Darran Glenn Yates, Wigan

**Greater Merseyside:** Johnsons Apparelmaster, Bootle, Everyday Financial Solutions, Bootle and Mersey Care NHS Trust, Liverpool

**Lancashire:** United Utilities North West, Hoscar, in partnership with C2B Media Limited, Sheffield and Legal & Trade Financial Services Ltd, Preston

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- We are transforming the further education sector to meet the needs of employers and the local community.
- We are committed to improving learning opportunities for everyone.