Award recognition for BMET adult learners

Over 100 adult learners who have collectively gained more than 150 qualifications had their achievements recognised by Birmingham Metropolitan College. As part of celebrations for Adult Learners’ Week 2012, more than 50 College Lecturers nominated learners who had achieved academic progress through overcoming barriers to learning, demonstrating a determination to succeed and supporting their peers.
Five learners named Adult Learners of the Year across the College’s main campuses and satellite centres received their awards from NIACE Chief Executive, David Hughes.

BMET Adult Learners of the Year were named as:

**Matthew Boulton Campus Adult Learner of the Year – Leah Brown**
After enjoying a less than positive science teaching experience in secondary school, Access to Science student, Leah took great pleasure in being able to enjoy practical and theory-based classes in chemistry and biology in a productive atmosphere. She thrived intellectually in this environment and handed in work of the highest standard. She has been an exemplary student and now has a place to study science at university where she is set to achieve great success in her chosen course.

**Sutton Coldfield Campus Adult Learner of the Year – Priya Baboolall**
Ambitious Priya has continued to pursue her goal of following a career in the legal sector after gaining the Level 2 Legal Secretaries Certificate, Introduction to Law and Level 3 Proofreading and Legal Studies qualifications. She combines her studies with working as a Senior Healthcare Assistant and has also taken the time out to be both her course and her campus representative. She is an extremely hard working and well respected member of the Legal Secretarial programme.

**James Watt Campus Adult Learner of the Year - Anthony Brand**
Anthony has demonstrated great commitment and enthusiasm on his Foundation Degree In Electronic And Control Engineering. He has applied himself well; producing coursework of a high quality that is expected to gain many Distinction grades. Anthony has also been keen to help other learners; providing guidance by drawing on his many years of experience in medical engineering while working for Voluntary Services Overseas. He has been engaged as a Support Tutor and has been well received by other engineering students.

**Satellite/Outreach Centres Adult Learner of the Year – Kevin Allbright**
Kevin possessed an immense amount of industry experience but did not have any qualifications to support his knowledge and skills. Being unemployed, he enrolled on the Diploma In Basic Construction Skills and excelled in plumbing. While training, the staff noticed his natural ability and rapport in supporting and transferring his skills to the other students on his course. It was this ability and his trade skills that led to him being offered a trainer position at the College’s Erdington Skills Centre for which he is proving to be invaluable in training school pupils, young people and unemployed adults.
Job Skills Academy - Jeanette Kent
Jeanette embarked on her Level 1 Certificate In Preparing To Work In Adult Social Care after being referred by JobCentre Plus. Having been out of work for eight years, she was initially a reluctant learner who lacked confidence in her abilities. This confidence has grown over time and her extensive experience as a mother of four and grandmother of nine helped her achieve her qualification. One week after she’d completed her course, Jeanette secured full-time work as a domiciliary care worker. She has returned to College to speak to other learners about her experiences and is a remarkable success story.

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