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**COLLEGE CELEBRATES 1000<sup>TH</sup> ADULT LEARNER OF THE  
YEAR**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008

**Cambridge Regional College (CRC) celebrated the enrolment of its 1000<sup>th</sup> learner in the workplace this week, by presenting a bottle of champagne to Patricia Hawden in her workplace.**

Patricia works in Akito Florists in Chatteris and was presented with the Champagne by Steve Caley, the College's Vice Principal for Employment and Skills. Mr Caley commented, "We are delighted to recognise Patricia as our 1000<sup>th</sup> learner of the year. We are expecting to work with 5000 employees this year and this is an important milestone for us to reach within our first 3 months".



***Margherita Piper, Patricia Howden and Steve Caley***

The College was this year awarded a contract of over £5m to train employees across the region and has a long history of working locally, regionally and nationally with employers delivering a wide range of qualifications and skills.

Patricia said, "I am delighted to be given this recognition. I think that training is extremely important, especially in small businesses. I am really enjoying my course at CRC". She is supported through her qualification by assessors from The Profile Partnership, a private training provider that works in partnership with CRC, and who specialises in Customer Service and Business Administration training.

Steve Caley added, "It is vital that employers continue to invest in skills, especially at this time of economic challenge. As well as increasing productivity in the short-term, we know that employers who don't train are 2.5 times more likely to fail than those who do. We are very keen to work with business and use the funding we receive to assist them in achieving their goals".

This month CRC was chosen as 'Train to Gain Provider of the Month. The Award was given by the Learning & Skills Council in recognition for the College's performance and responsiveness to the needs of the employers.

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### **Notes to Editors**

1 Cambridge Regional College is a general Further Education College. The College was awarded £5.3 million of funding for the 08/09 academic year to support its employer responsive activity by the Learning and Skills Council. The College is looking to work with some 5000 learners through out the year.

2 The Profile Partnership Ltd is a private training provider specialising in the areas of management, business administration and customer service. The Profile Partnership work in partnership with Cambridge Regional College to deliver employer based learning provision that is funded through the College's Train to Gain contract.

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