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Press Release

APPRENTICESHIP PROVES THE PATH TO SUCCESS FOR AWARD-WINNER FABIANA

A young restaurant manager who came to the UK speaking no English and with no job prospects has been named runner-up in the regional National Apprenticeship awards.

Fabiana Silveira, who started her new life washing up in a kitchen, progressed to a top job at The Boathouse restaurant in Ely after taking up an Apprenticeship in Hospitality Supervision at Cambridge Regional College.



Fabiana Silveira receives her award from Allan Macdonald of awarding body EAL.

The 24 year-old came to the UK from Brazil unable to speak any English, but her hard work in the kitchen won her a job as a waitress - and then the opportunity of a supervisor's job at The Boathouse, along with an Apprenticeship.

Despite struggling with the language, Fabiana completed all aspects of the Apprenticeship, becoming Assistant Manager at The Boathouse where she now supervises other staff.

"It was not easy to work and study but it was a very good thing to do," she said. "The course taught me the things I needed to know and gave me the confidence to do my job."

Her effort was rewarded at an awards ceremony at Newmarket racecourse held to honour the very best Apprentices in the region.

Carol Fuller, of Cambridge Regional College, said afterwards: "Fabiana has worked incredibly hard to reach the position she is in today. Despite her lack of English when she first moved here, she kept up with her studies and improved her English as she went along.

"It's wonderful to see her achievements recognised in these awards. Joining an Apprenticeship scheme and working for such a supportive employer at The Boathouse has turned her life around."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge

and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.