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Press Release

ENGINEERING STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Hard-working Engineering students at Cambridge Regional College have been recognised for their outstanding achievements during the academic year.



Sixty-one star performers were honoured at the Engineering Academy's annual awards ceremony in an event attended by employers, families, staff, partnership organisations and governors.

The students, from Engineering and Motor Vehicle courses, were nominated by tutors for their performance over the past year. Both full-time and part-time learners were recognised in the awards, which were supported by local employers.

The Young Apprentice of the Year, sponsored by Jaguar Land Rover, was 15 year-old Jordan Simpkin, from Cambridge, a high-achieving Level 2 student learning Vehicle Maintenance.

Among other award-winners were Benedict Frankau, 20, from Great Wilbraham and Andrew Youle, 21, from Over, who last year won Most Improved awards and this year were Best Overall learners in their groups.

Three learners each received two prizes for the different courses they attended within the Academy: Paul Brennan, Adam Smith, and Sean Clery.

The certificates and awards were presented by Reza Assadi, Sector Leader for General Engineering, and David Parkin, Sector Leader for Automotive Engineering.

Alan Ward, Head of the Engineering Academy, said the annual awards' presentations had gone from strength to strength over the last five years.

“We are very proud of our students and this event honours our most outstanding achievers. The ceremony is one of the highlights of the Academy’s calendar and also provides an opportunity for local and national trade stands to exhibit to guests and learners.

“We are also very grateful for the continuing support of so many local companies and organisations.

“Within the Academy of Engineering I am very fortunate and proud to have a well-qualified, motivated and dedicated team of staff, along with excellent facilities and resources for our learners to engage and gain their skills and knowledge in preparation for employment.

“This year the College has been able to invest in resources and equipment, which has allowed us to offer the very latest in technology, and has provided learners and staff with a first-class learning environment.”

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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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.