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Press Release

ALISTAIRE NAMED CONSTRUCTION STUDENT OF THE YEAR AT CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE

An outstanding apprentice electrician has won Cambridge Regional College's Construction Student of the Year award.

Twenty year-old Alistaire Ryan was described by his lecturers as an 'exceptional' student, whose commitment and dedication helped him achieve very high levels of work and a distinction in his end of year exam.

The trainee electrician, who lives in Cambridge and works for Thorpe Electrical Contractors, also represented the college in a tough competition – and returned with first prize.



Construction Student of the Year Alistaire Ryan, right, receives his award from John Malone, head of CRC's Construction Academy

John Malone, CRC's head of construction, who chose Alistaire as the student of the year, said the award was very well-deserved.

"This is the major award of the year for the Academy and I was delighted to present it to Alistaire, who is an exceptional and outstanding student," he said.

"In the first three months of his course he excelled well above the level of even the most advanced students and progressed quickly to the next level, where again his work was exceptional.

"He was chosen to represent the College in an inter-college skills competition in Hertfordshire and showed enormous commitment in his preparation for the task, even coming in to College on his days off and taking work home to practice in his garden shed.

"He performed outstandingly in the competition, which was a very tough one, bringing home first prize to the College."

Alistaire, who completed a year's full-time course at the College, has now moved on to a City & Guilds electrical apprenticeship course after tutors helped him find employment with Thorpe Electrical Contractors.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 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 work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.