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More Success For Yeovil College Learners In High Profile Competitions

Last week rounds off another successful period for Yeovil College learners with success in national and local competitions. Bronwyn 'Bo' Tyson was runner up in the Association of College's Student of the Year Apprentice category, beating students from colleges up and down the country.



Bronwyn Tyson with impressionist and comedian, Jon Culshaw, who presented the award

Bo is a fantastic example of everything an apprentice can achieve with some determination and hard work. She has won several awards this year as judges recognise the importance of her role not only as a great ambassador for Apprenticeships, but also for Engineering; she is a STEM ambassador, and has worked with a primary school to ignite a passion for engineering in the next generation.

Despite all the recognition, Bo remains grounded and humble saying, *"It's a huge event, with loads of people and I kept thinking I don't know why I'm here, but it was really amazing, and a really good night!"*

The next step for Bronwyn is attending a consultation at the Houses of Parliament in December, where she give her views on how engineering can be promoted better as a career option.

Shannon Potter, a Beauty Therapy student at Yeovil College, took Bronze in the World Skills UK competition in Birmingham on Thursday night. Shannon had won her heat in May to secure her place in the UK final, and has now come third in a tough competition featuring some of the best Beauty Therapy students in the UK.

Yeovil College lecturer, Jennie Workman, has supported Shannon through her studies and said, *"We're all so proud of Shannon and everything she has achieved. She deserves all this success and I put it down to her professional demeanour, safe working practices, positive attitude and of course high level of skills."*



L-R: Jennie Workman, Bryony Compton, Shannon Potter, John Evans

Completing the hat-trick of successes for Yeovil College learners, proving that success is there if you believe in yourself, is Emily Fox Williams. Emily was Highly Commended in the Rising Star of the Year at the Yeovil District Hospital iCare Awards this month. Emily worked with YDH as a Support Services apprentice, completing the programme successfully in the summer. The awards recognise and celebrate the passion and excellence at the hospital displayed by staff and volunteers, and nominations come from patients and visitors who have had an exceptional service.

Yeovil College Director of Employer Engagement, Mark Bolton, said, *“This is a terrific end to a successful Apprenticeship for Emily, and to be recognised with an accolade nominated by the patients is an outstanding achievement. We know she’s worked very hard and has a huge passion for what she does.”*

Speaking of all the learners’ successes, Principal John Evans said, *“Each of these young women should be immensely proud of their achievements and the successes they are already seeing across three very different sectors. At Yeovil College, we will always encourage our learners to be the best they can be, and these awards are testament to the commitment we see from our learners, and the progression they achieve.”*