

## Work, earn and learn celebrations

**16 November 2016**

North East Scotland College recently celebrated the achievements of students across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire who have successfully completed their Modern Apprenticeship programme during the last twelve months. Held at Fraserburgh Campus, apprentices from the Automotive, Engineering and Hairdressing sectors were presented with their certificates in front of family, friends and employers.

Over 130 guests gathered to watch the formal presentation by Duncan Abernethy, Head of Business and Community Development for NESCol.

He addressed the audience and said, “The Modern Apprenticeship programme remains vitally important to the economy of the North East – it is a proven route of how businesses choose to invest today to secure the skills for the future.

“The College remains one of the largest training providers for apprentices in Scotland with close to 500 places – for current and new apprentices. We are now able to offer places in Health and Social Care and we have also introduced foundation apprenticeships in selected schools strengthening the relationship between education and employers.”

Ian Runcie, Employer Engagement Manager introduced the Ian Corney Engineering Award - a memorial award which acknowledges the hard work, determination and effort of those currently undertaking an apprenticeship in Mechanical Engineering. The students shortlisted for the award were Josh Bruce (Thistle Seafoods Ltd), Michael Morrison (Fraserburgh Engineering) and Joe Tait (Sparrows Offshore Ltd).

Michael Morrison from Peterhead was declared the winner by the selection panel. Michael was congratulated for his positivity and resilience and was awarded a certificate and monetary prize by Kirsty Corney and John Foubister. Visitors received a tour of the new £8million facility for engineering, construction and science. Andrew Cooper, Training Manager at Gray & Adams commented, “I have enjoyed this evening immensely. It is important to recognise



*NESCol apprentices celebrate at the recent presentation evening*

the achievement of all apprentices after years of study – my thanks to everyone involved in the evening. I have also been tremendously impressed with the new science labs and workshops for construction, motor vehicle and engineer NESCol apprentices celebrate at the recent presentation evening. This campus has some enviable facilities for students, employers and the wider community”.

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