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Time to celebrate success

Students' achievements are recognised at popular event

As college our time is measured in the training we deliver, the students we teach and the knowledge we impart.

Our students study with us for varying lengths of time, from part-time evening courses to a number of years to achieve everything from an Entry Level 1 to an HNC.

For most of our students, their end goal is to leave fully trained, with an industry-recognised qualification to prove it, ready to work in their chosen career.

We celebrate success in a number of ways.

Last week we took a whole week to formally recognise students' achievements in our Celebration Week.

This event congratulates each student on their progress and we present dedicated awards to students for recognition of particular accomplishments.

The Chelmsford College awards range from Outstanding Pride and Commitment to Course, Most Improved Student and Continuous Improvement to Outstanding Contribution to Learning and Outstanding Contribution to College Life.

Attendance, personal progress and effort and employment skills are also formally recognised.

When you stop to ask any learner what they feel most proud of it is often not the 'big' end result.

It's the little things. The moments on the journey. The times when learning a new skill has suddenly 'clicked into place.'

It's overcoming something which, on an individual basis is a real challenge, a sticking point for them.

Students often feel frustrated watching their classmates fly past a particular part of the course when they need extra practise.

These are the moments of achievement which stand out for most people. They're personal. They're meaningful. And moving past them to accomplish the next stage feels like a huge rush of

success at the time.

Andy Sparks, Principal of Chelmsford College, said: "Celebration Week marks not only the culmination of students' achievements at the college, but also their potential, going forward, whether that's into employment or further study.

"It's an exciting time, when students are prepared, ready to get their first job or fully commit to a particular career pathway.

"One of the best parts of Celebration Week for me, is seeing just how far students have grown in confidence and their abilities.

"They're fully equipped, ready to start the next chapter and it's a privilege to have played a part in that process."

Our Celebration Week is about taking a moment out of our normal college calendar to stop and appreciate everyone's achievements.

To recognise everyone's contribution and progress and to reflect on how far our students have come.

Contributions

This year, we decided to add an extra element to our celebrations.

We wanted to acknowledge the contribution other people, outside of college have made to our courses, in the industries our students are ready to join and to say thank you to the people who've inspired us.

Five people stood out to us immediately for their outstanding contribution to different curriculum and industry areas and they each received an Honorary Award as part of Celebration Week.

Zoe Simons, a former Chelmsford College student and a Quarter Finalist on BBC Two's Masterchef, deserves recognition for her outstanding contribution to catering and for inspiring and helping current students.

Zoe has previously said "my time at Chelmsford College was absolutely fundamental in my success" and she has since generously given her time to

current students, mentoring and encouraging them in their own catering career choices.

Simon Hawkins, Group Training and Quality manager for The Hill Group always goes the extra mile to support Construction students.

Over the past four years, Simon has continuously worked with construction students at the college, arranging trainee management posts and sponsored degree programmes after their HNC.

His enthusiasm and outstanding support has truly inspired our college students.

Scott Staines has been recognised for his outstanding contribution to men's hairdressing.

Scott has his own salons Hommé Hair and is a bespoke barber and former member of the British Men's Hairdressing team. He has trained under some of the biggest names, John Frieda and Craig Hubert, and has competed internationally.

For media, Chris Cook has been a huge inspiration to our film students for some time. Chris is a lead modeller at Frame Store, one of the biggest VFX companies in the world (the only company who is licensed to produce Marvel films).

Frame Store has won Scientific and Technical Academy Awards, BAFTAs, an Oscar and many other major awards including Cannes Lions, British Television Advertising Awards, Clios and D&AD.

Chris is from Chelmsford and he retrained to work in film in his 30s. He has an incredible show reel and is one of the key partners of the recently launched Chelmsford Film Festival.

Jim Harris has been recognised for his outstanding contribution to sport and public services. Jim is operations manager for Essex Outdoors and is a popular face at the college.

He is passionate about getting young people to try different outdoor activities such as archery, climbing, high ropes and paddle boarding.



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Zoe Simons, a former Chelmsford College student and a quarter-finalist on Masterchef



Scott Staines has his own salons, Hommé Hair, and is abespoke barber

For the past ten years Jim and his staff have provided opportunities for students to participate in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities at Essex Outdoors in Harlow.

He's also organised, planned and instructed residential trips to the Brecon Beacons in South Wales.

Jim has taught hundreds of students the value of outdoor education and helped them develop confidence in their own ability to succeed in whatever they put their mind to.

Marco Iciek, Director of learner Development and Inclusion, said: "This week is in recognition of all the hard work students have put in, a moment in time to celebrate what they've achieved.

"It also provides a chance to say thanks to all the staff at the college and students' parents and guardians at home who have worked hard to support them.

"A whole range of students from those achieving life skills to those ready to join uni in



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September will have their moment to be applauded for their success.

"Celebration Week also highlights the role our college plays in the community, meeting needs on a local and regional level."

However you choose to celebrate your successes take a moment to reflect how far you've come.

Let the people who've inspired you know they've made a difference to your world and don't be afraid to pat yourself on the back from time to time, you've invested in yourself and worked hard for your achievements!

Whether it's the little hurdles you overcome which are part of the process to learn the bigger things or the end result - we hope you'll join with us to celebrate your achievements!



There was a great turnout for Celebration Week at Chelmsford College

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