

## **Celebrating Success with IMI Awards Outstanding Achievers**

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**IMI Awards celebrated the achievements of individuals and colleges at their annual outstanding achievers event which was held at Fanshaws in Hertfordshire on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.**

**This prestigious event, which is held in the presence of HRH Prince Michael of Kent and sponsored by Lloyds TSB Autolease, celebrates the achievements of students and staff from IMI Awards approved centres. Three IMI Awards approved centres, selected from its network of 470, were in the running for the Approved Centre of the Year Award and 14 students were invited as finalists to the event for the individual categories.**

Finalists were congratulated by HRH Prince Michael of Kent who said in his opening address, *“All of you here today should be extremely proud of your achievements and success so far as you have been chosen from over 60,000 IMI Awards candidates. Your skills, competence and ambition are a credit to this industry and reflective of the passion behind IMI Awards as an industry leader.”*

The first award of the day was for the IMI Awards Approved Centre of the Year which went to Somerset based Bridgwater College for their performance and proactive approach to industry requirements.

**In the same category a special commendation award also went to Motov8, a registered charity working in Worcester. The award was given due to the positive impact the centre has on it’s learners who are primarily children and young adults with special training needs.**

In the four categories of Outstanding Technical Student, finalists at the event were all announced as winners as the judges felt other nominations put forward in their categories did not meet the high standards set for these awards. The winners demonstrated enormous dedication, often in the face of adversity, amazing teamwork and excellent performance in their chosen qualification route.

**Michael Wall from Motov8 was the proud winner in the Fast Fit category.**

Winners received a glass trophy, framed certificate a cheque for £200 from HRH Prince Michael of Kent.

Hosting the awards, Alan Mackrill, executive director of IMI Awards, said: *“Again this year, we received a high number of nominations, which is indicative of the value they have within the automotive training arena. We applaud winners and finalists as they are a credit to the retail automotive industry.”*

David Kershaw, Operations Director, Lloyds TSB Autolease, said, . . . ‘ *The Operations team at Lloyds TSB Autolease and myself are proud and privileged to be a part of promoting an event that celebrates and promotes the achievements of these young people.*’

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Notes for editors - Photographs from the event are available on request or downloadable from [www.imiawards.org.uk](http://www.imiawards.org.uk). A full list of winners and finalists of the IMI Awards Outstanding Achievers 2009 are:

**IMI Awards Approved Centre of the Year**

Winner - Bridgwater College

Finalist - Coleg Glan Hafren

Finalist - Ford College Daventry

Special Commendation Award - Motov8

**Outstanding Technical Student**

Light Vehicle Winner: Philip Courtney - South Devon College

Finalist: Dan Cudmore- GM Academy

Heavy Vehicle Winner: Thomas Davison - North Humberside Motor Trades (GTA)

Finalist: James Dyke- Bridgwater

Motorcycle Winner: Irene Malcolm - Piaggio Group UK

Body Repair Winner: Claire Conway - Exeter College

Paint Winner: Christian Saunders- Skillnet Automotive Academy

Fast Fit Winner: Michael Wall - Motov8

**Non Technical Student**

Winner: Dean Richardson – Ford Masters Apprenticeship Programme/Jennings Ford Washington

Finalist: Daniel Barton - ReMIT

**Outstanding Management Student**

Winner: Tracey Cooper - Colin Appleyard /Bluewater

Finalist: Judith Duffy - Colin Appleyard /Bluewater

**Young Student of the Year**

Winner: Adam Rudrum - Lancaster Training Services

Finalist: Haydn Yeates -Top Valley

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## About IMI Awards:

IMI Awards Limited is the leading awarding body for the retail motor industry, offering a comprehensive portfolio of national qualifications, both technical and non-technical and the only awarding body which is totally focused on the skills requirements of the automotive sector. We offer an unrivalled range of motor industry qualifications that demonstrate skills and competence, the foundation of a successful career.

IMI Awards also offers Automotive Technician Accreditation (ATA) assessments via our network of approved centres. If your organisation offers training, you may be interested in Quality Assured Awards (QAA). QAA is a well established initiative from IMI Awards designed to formally recognise training programmes throughout the retail motor industry.

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