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## SPORT, TOURISM & HORTICULTURE STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR AWARDS

The Department of Sport, Tourism & Horticulture held their annual Awards Ceremony at Ivel Barbarians Rugby Club on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. The awards ceremony, part of the College's Festival of Achievement, was attended by over 150 staff, students and guests. The first year tourism students were responsible for the excellent organisation of the event under the guidance of Kathy Potts.

A number of awards were presented during the evening including Margaret Burge Award for service to PE to Patryk Jadzinski (Yeovil), the W Whistlecroft Award for Best Individual Performance (Male) went to James Bell with Nicola Morgan collecting the Female Award, the Officiating Award (Male) to Gareth Barnard building to a climax where Sportsman of the Year was awarded to Harry Montacute (Yeovil) and Sportswoman of the Year was awarded to Kathryn Holmes (Ilminster).



Horticulture Course Awards were presented to Paul Levick (National Award in Garden Design), Wayne Thomas (National Award in Amenity Horticulture), Carol Brewer (National Certificate in Horticulture), Susan Scantlebury and Jennie Langford (National Diploma in Horticulture joint winners). Two further awards for 'Best in Show' were presented to full-time student Adam Homewood and part-time student James Loyd. These awards were presented for best overall contribution to the course.

Sports students covered many miles competing in a variety of tournaments, leagues and cup competitions. Twenty one students travelled to the British Colleges national event at Loughborough University. The girl's rugby team won the silver medal. In the badminton men's singles David Dean came fifth and Nicola Morgan won a silver medal in the cross country. The men's football team achieved a silver medal in a high quality and extremely competitive tournament. Claire Pearce and Olusegun Baruwa achieved a fifth placing in the mixed table tennis. The trampolinists James Bell and Sophie Geldeard represented the South West in the extensive elite competition. The excellent performance of the students as part of the South West squad contributed to the overall second place for the region.



Representative honours were given to a number of students who have represented Yeovil College on a regional and national level – these included Abi Harrison, Hollie Edmonds, Krissie Harpur, Ellie Sutherland and Katherine Holmes for Women's Rugby, Jake Woolmore and Sam Bennett for Men's Rugby, Carl Lazenby for Football and Jess Carena & Sophie Cooper for

Netball. Claire Pearce and Katherine Holmes for Women's Hockey, Matt Haskett, Matt Ringrow and Mike Gibson for Men's hockey and Ben Gibb for Athletics.

Head of Department, Chris Burton said, *"Thank you to all my hardworking, dedicated and supportive team, and to the many students within the department who have achieved commendable results and continue to be excellent ambassadors of the department and Yeovil College. Good luck to all those progressing on to either higher education or employment. Remember to strive to be the best, maintain high standards of professional and personal behaviours and demonstrate integrity in all that you do."*

The staff and students enjoyed the presentation evening and buffet which was followed by a disco.

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