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Sports Students Celebrate Awards

Rob Rooks, a national slalom canoeist, celebrated the success of Yeovil College students as the Guest of Honour at the awards ceremony for the Department of Sport, Leisure, Tourism & Horticulture, held at The Haselbury Mill on Wednesday evening. The awards ceremony, part of the College's Festival of Achievement, was attended by over 200 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 Old Yeovilians Award for Sportsmanship to George Mapletoft (Yeovil), Fred Janes Award for Sportsmanship to Nadine Sheehan (Yeovil), 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 Awards were presented to Helen Laurence, Peter Farror, Jackie Cawston, Julia Livingstone, Jenny Hawksley and Hazel Redgwick.

Sports students covered many miles over the year, competing in a variety of tournaments, leagues and cup competitions. Twenty-nine students travelled to the British Colleges National event at Loughborough University. The girl's rugby team won the gold medal. In the badminton doubles, Kirsty Allen and Amy Coombes achieved a 4th placing.



Nicola Morgan won a bronze medal in the cross country. The women's volleyball team achieved a 7th placing and in the swimming events, Harry Montacute scored 5th and 6th placing. The efforts of the students as a part of the South West squad contributed to the overall second placing 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 Marlie Packer, Charlotte Male, Abi Harrison, Hollie Edmonds, Charlotte Woods, Kirssie Harpur, Jess Haddon and Sarah Robins for the Women's Rugby. Helen Bleazard for the Women's Football team, Lee Jennings, Chris Briggs, Lawrence Hedlam and Sam Bennett for Men's Rugby. Carl Lazenby for Men's Football, Danni Hodgkinson for



the Netball South West squad and Claire Pearce and Sam Read for Hockey.

Two students, have shown exceptional performance in women's rugby this year with Marlie Packer being selected to play 1st cap for the England Women's Team, plus the England under 20's squad, as well as the South west colleges and England colleges team, fellow student Charlotte Male was also selected to play for the England under 20's team, England Colleges and South west Colleges. Rugby at the college has gone from strength to strength with the hard work of Andrew Roda and George Cooper, after the RFU awarded the Beacon College Award to the rugby academy in April.

Head of Department, Chris Burton said, *"Thank you to all my hardworking, dedicated and supportive team, and to the students who continue to be excellent ambassadors for Yeovil College, representing the College at both national regional levels, ensuring sport at the college retains a high profile and presence in representative sports."*

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