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THE AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR FE AND HE STUDENTS WERE CELEBRATED AT OUR GRADUATION AND STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY.

Students who successfully completed their Higher Education courses donned caps and gowns to graduate in front of proud family and friends. In addition awards were also handed out to further education students who were nominated by their tutors for special achievement awards in each subject area. The overall FE student of the year was automotive student Agata Zakrezwska with Samantha Dawn from Photography scooping the overall HE Student of the Year award.

Around 450 people attended the prestigious event which was held at the Albert Hall in Nottingham on Saturday 5 November.

Former Art Foundation Student Claire Dunn said: "The Graduation was really good. I've worked hard, it's nice to see everyone again and it's definitely something to be proud of."

John Shaw studied Accounting and said: "I really enjoyed the course. I felt a bit anxious about coming back to college being the oldest person in the class but it's been really good and I'd definitely recommend it."

COLLEGE AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERING

SPORT STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM HAVE HAD THEIR VOLUNTEERING ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNISED AFTER BEING HONOURED WITH A PRESTIGIOUS LORD LIEUTENANT'S AWARD FOR 'PROMOTING VOLUNTARY SERVICE.'

The College is one of twelve local organisations honoured as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations earlier this year (the other 11 winners are all schools). The Lord-Lieutenant introduced a new award scheme for schools and colleges who actively promote volunteering and charitable work. The award recognises that volunteers play a vital role in society whilst also gaining a tremendous sense of personal achievement.

Sir John Peace, Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire presented the award to Beth Parr, sport student of the year, at the College's Student Awards ceremony on Saturday 5 November at the Albert Hall.

In total around 170 students amassed over 4500 volunteering hours during the 2015/16 academic year with placements at local primary schools, leisure centres and community organisations. One of the largest projects took place at the Nottingham tennis Open event in June when 70 students helped at the mini-tennis festival involving 4500 local school pupils.

Sir John Peace, Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, said: "Central College's sport department has made volunteering a central part of their curriculum to the benefit of the both the students and the local community. The voluntary work undertaken in support of the Nottingham Open tennis tournament is truly inspiring."

Beth Parr (pictured left), said: "I have grown in confidence so much since I started work experience and it has pushed me out of my comfort zone and made me try things I never thought I would be able to do. It will look great on my CV when I am looking for a job as it shows that I am willing to give up my time to help others."

to work with young offenders and make a difference in their lives. After the course, I hope to progress onto a top-up year.

"The course has been great so far. The best part for me has been the way the lessons are taught by tutors, as the atmosphere is positive and encouraging."

Central's Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice is designed to help prepare people for a career in the criminal justice or other law enforcement agencies. It covers a broad range of subjects, from victimology and criminal justice law to criminal psychology and crime scene management. After the course students can progress into employment or go to university to top-up to a full degree.

For more information visit www.centralnottingham.ac.uk/highereducation or call 0115 914 6414.

CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES



SPECIAL FEATURE

AT CENTRAL WE ARE PROUD OF OUR WIDE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY AND OUR STUDENTS ARE FROM A HUGE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS AND OF ALL AGES. WE ARE POSITIVELY COMMITTED TO CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION, AND WHERE THERE IS MUTUAL RESPECT FOR ALL. PART OF THIS COMMITMENT INCLUDES CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES, PROVIDING GREAT STUDENT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO CONSIDER NON-TRADITIONAL STUDY ROUTES.

The Construction Youth Trust are running a campaign called #notjustforboys to challenge misconceptions about construction careers and encourage young people to consider which career might be right for them.

So, we recently met with some of our female construction students and others who've chosen a less traditional career route, to ask them what it's like studying in what is still a male-dominated choice of subject.

CONSTRUCTION:

Three apprentices are helping to blaze a trail for females in the construction industry as a result of a partnership between Nottingham City Homes (NCH) and Central. Danni Webster, Genna Spencer and Carly Hewes have secured apprenticeships at Nottingham City Homes, taking the organisations' latest intake of construction apprentices to nearly 50% female – something that is still very rare in the industry.

NCH is currently running a Women in Construction initiative, which aims to increase the proportion of females in trade workforces in Nottingham, so Danni, Genna and Carly are in good company as they embark on their careers.

Thirty-year-old Danni started as an apprentice electrician at NCH in September. As well as on-the-job training, Danni spends one day a week at Central's Beeston Centre to complete her NVQ qualification. She said: "I've really enjoyed it so far, college has been good and I'm working with the voids team, learning as I go along. It's a real change for me, but I like a challenge and I'm really happy with the job so far."

"It can seem a bit different to some people for a woman to go into construction, but so far I've had a really good reaction and I'm looking forward to learning a lot more of the practical skills."

ENGINEERING:

Bria Edgley-Green and Amy Warren are both studying the full-time Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering at Central's Highfields Centre. Bria completed a year of A levels at school but decided it wasn't for her, and Amy joined us straight from GCSEs.

Bria said: "A levels just didn't suit me, so I did some research and decided to apply for an engineering course at Central College Nottingham. After doing a Level 2 course I chose the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering, as it's equivalent to three A levels and I wanted the UCAS points so I can do a higher education course."

As a girl, people make a big deal out of it as there aren't that many girls going into engineering, but once you're there, it's fine! If you're smart enough there's no reason not to apply for engineering no matter whether you are male or female – it's like a male hairdresser – it's about skills.

Amy added: "It's a shame there aren't more women in engineering, I know there's a shortage of engineers currently so there are some good opportunities, and really it's fine! The boys on the course treat you with respect and college is a really good experience."

I'm blind in one eye so I can find it hard to gauge depth and might struggle with some things, but it doesn't stop me from doing anything. I also get support at college to help me."

ACCESS COURSES AT CENTRAL

If our higher education stories have inspired you to return to learning, but you don't have traditional qualifications such as a Level 3 BTEC or A levels, why not consider an Access to Higher Education and Employment course? The Access to HE Diploma is widely accepted by UK universities as an entry qualification for most undergraduate courses and a rewarding career in the future.

If you're aged 19-23 and it's your first full Level 3 course, the qualification could be free. Alternatively, (or if you're 24 or over) Advanced Learner Loans are available to help cover the cost of returning to education.

At Central we offer Access to HE courses in:

- Criminal Justice and Policing (including Law)
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Science
- Social Science and Humanities (incorporating Modern Social History)
- Social Science and Humanities (incorporating Social Work)

Depending on the course chosen, you could progress to HE courses and careers such as:

Applied law	Paramedic
Community work	Physiotherapy
Criminal justice	Policing
Health and social care	Politics
History	Psychology
Midwifery	Science and health sciences
Nursing	Social work
Occupational therapy	Sociology

So what are you waiting for? Find out more and apply online at centralnottingham.ac.uk

Caring Shital Wins UNIVERSITY AWARD



Photo courtesy of University of Derby

A HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT FROM CENTRAL HAS BEEN REWARDED FOR HER HARD WORK WITH A DEAN'S AWARD FOR LAW, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (LHSS) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DERBY.

Shital Givan won the award after coming in the top 10% of students on the first year of Central's university-level Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice.

The course is validated by the University of Derby and the annual Dean's Award celebrates students who gain outstanding academic achievement in their programme area.

Shital said: "When I found out about the award I felt surprised and happy at the same time that my hard work and effort was acknowledged by the University of Derby."

"I chose the foundation degree at Central because it will provide a pathway for me



TRY A TASTE OF CENTRAL

Choosing a course can be difficult, so at Central we put on taster sessions so you can "have a go" to help you decide. Book online at centralnottingham.ac.uk/events

Young inventors revel in success at **MADE IN THE MIDLANDS AWARDS**



A CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM STUDENT HAS WON THE MADE IN THE MIDLANDS YOUNG INVENTOR AWARD FOR HIS ROBOT DESIGN. 19-YEAR-OLD BRIGHTSON XAVIOUR KALAVILASAM RECEIVED HIS AWARD IN OCTOBER AT IET: BIRMINGHAM, AUSTIN COURT IN FRONT OF DIRECTORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MIDLANDS MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

Brightson said: "It really was an amazing feeling. Walking up on the stage you get nervous, but it was an overwhelming feeling that you have actually accomplished something great. Especially with all of the people from the industry out there, after looking at the companies as well, it was an honour to win the award."

Brightson and runner-up Joseph Fitch delivered speeches in front of over 100 representatives of manufacturing and engineering firms in the Midlands at the ceremony. Last year, Central alumni Matt Smith and Chris Cahill were crowned joint winners. Following the awards, Made in the Midlands members R A Labone hired Matt and he now works there whilst studying for his BA in Industrial Design at the University of Derby.

Brightson said: "Getting the exposure in front of these influential people and being able to say I won the Young Inventor Award from Made in the Midlands sets me above the competition."

Brightson and Joseph have recently completed the BTEC Diploma in Engineering at Central's Highfields Centre, which is where they entered the competition.

Joseph praised Central's Engineering Lecturer, John Wright for his support throughout the process of the competition, as he said: "He has been an inspiration, he was the one who helped me get onto the course at Central and he has been a brilliant tutor and teacher, he has helped massively."

Made in the Midlands are passionate advocates for the success of young people within manufacturing and engineering. East Midlands Regional Manager, Abigail Leachman said: "The Young Inventor award is a great celebration and showcase of the achievements of young engineers. The judges were very impressed by the quality of both Joseph and Brightson's robotic vehicles. We look forward to working alongside Central in the future and we hope they continue their great work."

FEATURE

THE SURPRISE BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeships are becoming more and more popular across an increasingly wide range of career areas, so you may well have heard about benefits such as getting a qualification while earning a wage at the same time.

But choosing an apprenticeship will also give you so much more! You'll gain valuable life skills you might not even have thought of, such as:

BECOMING MORE ORGANISED

Throughout your career (and life) you'll need to multitask and balance conflicting demands on your time. But don't worry, an apprenticeship is a great introduction to organisation and time management skills.

THE ART OF NEGOTIATION

Learning to negotiate is a vital skill that you can use at work and at home. It's about listening, appreciating other views, managing expectations and finding a decision that benefits everyone without compromising too much on what you want to achieve. It could be a new phone contract or a deal in business!

SKILLS FOR LIFE

An apprenticeship gives you the chance to build on existing skills in English and maths. These are skills that will set you up for life! Maths skills can help when managing your bills and household budgets, while improving your written and verbal communication skills will help when applying for jobs, doing presentations and for future job interviews too.



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