

Media Release

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FIRST GRADUATES FROM MOTHERWELL COLLEGE RAVENS CRAIG CAMPUS - OUTSTANDING STUDENTS RECOGNISED

The first ever graduates from the new Motherwell College campus at Ravenscraig graduated on 28 October 2010. Two hundred and thirty one students attended the awards ceremony held at Hamilton Town House.

In the 'class of 2010', twenty one students received Further Education, Higher Education or Class Representative awards and three received special awards for outstanding achievement.

Laura Sinnett, from Airdrie, was awarded the Degree Student of the Year, sponsored by Northumbria University. Laura was one of the first at Motherwell College to receive an honours degree – one of three getting a 1st class BA Honours in Musical Theatre.

She not only excelled in her study work, but contributed to events and productions, supporting her fellow students. Laura would ultimately like to teach so her enthusiasm and passion for performing arts will stand her in good stead.

The second student to collect an outstanding award was Paul Blaney from Hamilton. Paul was named Higher Education Student of the Year, sponsored by McDade's Coaches. He graduated with a BA in Hospitality Management.

Paul's College Lecturers have watched him grow in confidence and motivation as he progressed through his courses to degree level. While holding down a full time job, he met every challenge before him with commitment and enthusiasm. He was also a keen supporter of College and colleagues events.

Third to be honoured was Nicola McPartland. Nicola, from Carluke, a Preparation for Childcare student, was awarded the SQA-sponsored Further Education Student of the Year award. She had shown true

commitment and courage by completing her course, despite having to provide key support to her family during that time.

Nicola also had a very positive attitude to life and to her fellow students and is now studying an NC in Early Education and Childcare. (Nicola was unable to attend the ceremony so her award will be sent to her.)

Hugh Logan, Principal and Chief Executive of Motherwell College said: "I would like to congratulate all of our students on your achievements. You have made history - the first students to graduate from our new college campus at Ravenscraig.

"Our College has become a beacon of light - a base around which the regeneration of the Ravenscraig site is taking shape. All of us at Motherwell College are very proud that we are continuing to play a key role in the lives of the people of Lanarkshire and beyond."

Other special awards made on the evening were:

Automotive Studies

HE Student – James Hughes (Milton of Campsie) – sponsor, Parks Motor Group

FE Student – Jamie Start (Wishaw) – sponsor, Parks Motor Group

Beauty, Sport & Performing Arts

HE Student – Laura Sinnett (Airdrie) - sponsor, Thompson Colour Printers

FE Student - Jade Kennedy (Wishaw) – sponsor, Ede & Ravenscroft

Business

HE Student – Pamela Murdoch (Wishaw) – sponsor, Airdrie Savings Bank

FE Student – Agnieszka Oleksiewicz (Motherwell) – sponsor, Airdrie Savings Bank

Care

HE Student – Caroline Muslek (Motherwell) – sponsor, Clydeforth

FE Student – Nicola McPartland (Carluke) – sponsor, Supercounty Lanarkshire

Computing, IT & Creative Arts

HE Student – Sandra Whyte (Shotts) – sponsor, Taylored Media

FE Student – Alan Stewart (Bellshill) – sponsor, Taylored Media

Engineering

HE Student – David Smeaton (Hamilton) – sponsor, Weir & McQuiston

FE Student – Shona Patrick (Larkhall) – sponsor, Weir & McQuiston

Hospitality & Professional Cookery

HE Student – Paul Blaney (Hamilton) – sponsor

FE Student – Julie Ingram (Carluke) – sponsor British Institute of Hospitality

Class Representatives

Melissa Cheney, Louise Hastie, Thomas Lawrie, John Nicols, Christopher Reilly, Aileen Stewart, Christina Terry

Motherwell College moved to a new campus at Ravenscraig in July 2009. More than 20,000 students and 500+ staff continue to take advantage of the high quality education programmes the College offers in the new 21st century £70 million facilities.

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Left – Paul Blaney; right – Laura Sinnett. Hamilton Town House, Hamilton
(NB – Nicola Partland was unable to attend the awards ceremony.)

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