Another successful Year of Ayr College Graduates

More than 150 students celebrated at Ayr College's annual graduation and awards ceremony last Friday, which was held at The Citadel. Friends and family packed the hall to see their loved ones recognised for their academic achievements.

In addressing the audience, College Principal Diane Rawlinson said: "Ayr College works in partnership with schools in South and East Ayrshire and in Dumfries and Galloway to ensure that our young people have a choice of courses and careers never before available to previous generations."

"First Minister Jack McConnell has recognised Colleges and the provision of vocational education as being pivotal to motivating young people who donít see a traditional academic path as being for them and has proposed the establishment of Skills Academies in Scotland. You could of course argue that we already have 43 Skills Academies in Scotland, currently known as Scotlandís Colleges. And Ayr College stands ready to play its part."

"However vocational education for young people of school age is organised in future, what is apparent is that providing a vocational curriculum and broadening opportunities for

young people of school age will continue to involve Scotland's Colleges."

Former Ayr College student Rosina Russell picked up the Business Student of the Year along with her HND in Tourism. After deciding retirement was not for her, 68 year old Rosina, who is originally from Italy, enrolled at Ayr College to gain a qualification and is now employed as a scribe at the College, helping fellow students with their work.

Rosina explains: "I was very apprehensive about coming to College, in fact I thought I was off my head at first but I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute. Some of my favourite subjects were Scottish History, geology and I also enjoyed IT. One of my aims when I came to College was to become computer literate. The flexible learning centre where I practiced was mostly full of mature people so I made some great friends there and the tutors were a fantastic help."

First Year for Degrees

This year's Graduation was unique for Ayr College as Degrees in BA Business Management were presented by the College for the first time. Students who had been studying at the College attended the ceremony after successfully completed their degree from Heriott Watt University.

The success of the BA Business Management graduates is a positive result of partnership working between the University and College staff. Students from Ayrshire now have the opportunity to progress from an HND to a degree without leaving Ayr, allowing more students to undertake the pursuit of Higher Education.

Mary Cunninghame took her BA part-time in the evenings while working at the Equal Employability Project. Reflecting on her

experience she said: "This course has given me a broader understanding of business and explains the 'why' behind strategic decisions organisations make. I did this course because I wanted to prove to myself I could do it -

I particularly enjoyed Project Management and Marketing as these subjects were related to my job and now I feel much more confident working in these areas."

The Heriott Watt link programme offers students with an HND Business qualification an opportunity to further their studies to degree level through study at Ayr College. Ayr College students have regularly achieved a pass rate of over 90% and congratulations go out to them for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

Course leader Bette Hay was among those offering her congratulations to the new Graduates: "You have worked very hard for the last two years and have done extremely well. You should all be very proud of yourselves. The staff here in College, who have been involved with the course, all wish to join with me in congratulating you."

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Ayr College Graduates 2006

HND ACCOUNTING: Accountin & Financial Services Student of the Year

Lynsey Catherine Chambers

HND ACCOUNTING

Lisa Bunten
Donna Louise Mullen
Gillian Young
Karen Dunlop
Steven Gray
Patricia Spence
Ann Thorburn
Rozanne Young

HND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Elaine McMillan

HND TOURISM - Business & Office Administartion Student of the Year

Rosina Russell

HND ADMINISTRATION & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Rhoda Banson
Eileen Campbell
Amanda Gibson
Jacqui Smith
Diane Allan
Moira McMillan Bolton
Yvonne Caldwell
Aynsley Sarah Colvin
Lynsey Cooper
Claire Davidson
Denise Fagan
Christine Fleming
Mary Garrett
Valerie Henderson
Jennifer Ingram
Sally Anne Leslie
Karen MacMurdo
Colin Main
Cheryl McCurdy
Jean McKinstry
Lindsay McLachlan
Sandra Owens

HND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Margaret Berry
Katie Chilles
Jaimie Francis
Sarah Little
Jennifer Main
Julie McColm
Karen Murray
Avril Smith
Catriona Allan
Helen Bradford
Kathleen Anne Callaghan
Caroline Fiona Inglis
Seonaid Lewis
Karen Milligan
Carrie-Anne Naismith
Michelle Palmares
Carol Tait
Lorna Wales
Lindsay Wood

HND BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Rachael Ayers
Craig Barr
Russell Holland

HND MARKETING

Alexander James McAughtrie
Graham Montgomerie
Melanie O'Boyle
Tanya Campbell
Donna Colvin

HND TOURISM

Ann Gentilomo
Sarah Kane
Caroline Miller
Tania Orlandi

DIPLOMA IN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tina Dillon
Eileen Gillian
Natalie Kennedy
Carol Ross
Shannon Seaton
Samantha Wallace

INSTITUTE OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CERT IN PERSONNEL PRACTICE

Alyson Anderson
Dionne Anderson
Shirelle arclay
Lillian Bell
Fiona Kirsteen Cree
Patricia Dixon
Carol-Anne Duncan
Yvonne Dunn
Joanne Gilmour
Mary Gray
Elaine Kerr
Caroline Laurie
Pauline McArthur
Josephine Oliver
Michelle Orr
Amanda Jane Reid
Susan Robb
Nadine Van Der Pompe
Susan Wynn

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT

James Allan
Elaine Armour
Mhairi Arthur
Janet Bodie
Steven Burnside
Jean Fields
Lynsey Gemmell
Jasvinder Kang
Brian MacDonald
Elizabeth McSeveney
Christine Mitchell
Thomas Murray
Helen Nicholson
Helen Rennie
Elizabeth Templeton

HND COMPUTING: Software Development - Computing & IT Student of the Year

Andrew Donald

HND COMPUTING

Allan James Hughes
Yvonne Speirs
Leeanne To
Aarron Whiteford

HND COMPUTER NETWORKING

Damien O'Rourke

SGA INTERMEDIATE 2 HEALTHCARE - Care & Social Science Student of the Year

Helen Osbourne

HNC CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

Carolyn Beckett
Emma Burton
Mary Courtney
Samantha Cunningham
Suzanne Duncan
Liz Falconer
Lisa Forbes
Angela Freeman
Fiona Galloway
Isobelle Hogg
Joanne Horton
Linda Kerr
Joyce Leslie
Fiona Rankin
Anita Richmond
Carolann Riley
Pauline Rozario
Carolann Stewart

HNC HEALTHCARE

Cheryl Hendry

HNC SOCIAL CARE

Donna Adair
Samantha Butterly
Michelle Ann Cruickshanks
Sharon Dickie
Claire Ferguson
Clare Graham
Lynsay Grant
Theresa Hart
Donald Hogg
Jacqueline Loy
Marion MacMorland
Lorraine McBeth
Joyce McConnell
Anne Patrice McLean
Anges McLelland
Jacqui Monaghan

HNC SOCIAL SCIENCE

David Joseph Baxter
Liz Johnstone
Joanne Kane
Nadia Nazary

General Education & Languages Student of the Year 2006

Colin Teece

(Choices) Supportive Education Student of the Year 2006

Amy Malone

SVQ3 CARPENTRY & JOINERY - Carpentry & Joinery Student of the Year 2006

Callum Douglas

SVQ LEVEL 3 PLUMBING - CBrickwork Plumbing & Gas Student of the Year 2006

Scott Hunter

HNC CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE

Derek Caldwell
Colin Elder

HND ELECTRONICS - Engineering Maths & Science Student of the Year

Charles Richmond

HNC AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

Sean Kiernan
Mark Lee
Alan Stewart

HND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Leigh McCreadie

HNC ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

James Greer

HNC APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Kayleigh Johnston
Lynn Martin

HND FASHION: Design Production with Retail - Fashion & Textile Student of the Year 2006

Nathawadee Sanglar

HND FASHION: Design Production with Retail

Paula Byers
Lorraine Marie Carmichael
Cher McLelland
Laura McPherson
Emma Vennard
Elise Watson

NC PROFESSIONAL COOKERY - Catering & Hospitality Student of the Year 2006

Kallaya Smillie

HND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Laura Climie
Fiona McGill
Craig Leckie
Claire Palmer

HND MUSIC & AUDIO TECHNOLOGY - Music & Performing Arts Student of the Year 2006

Scott Dempsey

HNC PERFORMING ARTS

Marion Haddow
Vicki Thomson

HND MUSIC & AUDIO TECHNOLOGY

Brian Bellini
Meg Dickie
Joanna Hoffin
Cameron McKellar
Claire Murray
Rachel Park
Sharon Williamson
Sarah Hull
Gordon Mackie

HNC MEDIA ANALYSIS & PRODUCTION - Visual Arts Student of the Year 2006

Michael Bain

HND ART & DESIGN

Ruby Chanock
Maureen Hutton
Lynne Johnstone
Elaine Beatson
Kashka Elizabeth Lennon
Jacqueline Wilson

HND GRAPHIC DESIGN & ILLUSTRATION

Jenny Cumming
Lynn Fowler
Mark Hogg
Carol McCutcheon
Martin Pryde
Kier Young

HNC MEDIA ANALYSIS & PRODUCTION

Alan Blaikie
Aaron Carruthers
Duncan Lang
Melissa Simpson

BA MANAGEMENT

Thomas Aird
Deborah Beveridge
George Campbell
Mary Cunningham
Joanne Gibson
Sally Kennedy
Jayne McClymont
Natasha McNaught
Scott Muir
Jane Murnin
Elizabeth Ann Paton
Caroline Russell

BAE SYSTEMS
Congratulations to **Charles Richmond** Student of the Year in the **Engineering** Department.

Stagecoach WEST SCOTLAND
Congratulations to **Helen Osbourne** Student of the Year in the **Care** Department.

ATALANTA
Congratulations to **Colin Teece** Student of the Year in the **General Education** Department.

Ede and Ravenscroft
Congratulations to **Amy Maloney** - Student of the Year in the **Supportive Education** Dept.
Congratulations to **Andrew Donald** - Student of the Year in the **Computing** Dept.
Congratulations to **Callum Douglas** - Student of the Year in the **Music Technology** Dept.
Congratulations to **Lynsey Chambers** - Student of the Year in the **Accounting** Dept.
Congratulations to **Scott Hunter** Student of the Year in the **Construction** Dept.
All the above students sponsored by **Ede and Ravenscroft.**

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Congratulations to **Rosina Russell** Student of the Year in the **Business** Department.

Pure Gold Brilliant Glasgow Prestwick Airport
Congratulations to **Kallaya Smillie** Student of the Year in the **Hospitality** Department.

Congratulations to **Nathawadee Sanglar** Student of the Year in the **Fashion** Department

Congratulations to **Michael Bain** Student of the Year in the **Visual Arts** Department.

Mediaspec Pro Audio Specialists
Congratulations to **Scott Dempsey** Student of the Year in the **Music Technology** Department.

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