

## **Celebrating Achievement 2012 transcript**

Hello and welcome to CCEA's Celebrating Achievement Event, today we'll be acknowledging those students who have excelled in work-based, skills-related and life-long learning qualifications. The students picking up awards today have been nominated by their teachers and tutors for their personal strengths and qualities. Others have been nominated for overcoming a specific challenge whilst undertaking their qualification so let's find out more about inspiring students.

Here we are with Kirstie Adamson who'll be receiving an occupational studies award today at Celebrating Achievement. Kirstie tell us what you have been up to since you completed your qualification?

Since I finished Southern Regional College I've actually went full-time now, I am currently doing Performing Arts Level 3 extended diploma. I also finished a course of presenting in a radio station in Banbridge its Shine FM it was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed it.

Adam, tell me what did you find the most interesting part of studying Construction at Northern Regional College?

I guess favourite bit was getting out school for a day. Most of my course was part of doing different stuff in the construction site and the first unit I did was plastering, I got an A in it and my second unit was plumbing which I really enjoyed.

Bernaldo what do you like to get up to in your spare time?

I like playing football and rugby but I do boxing. I box for Glenoe down Dungannon and I am doing good so I am. I was in America, I was in America last month, I was boxing in America but I didn't get a fight because the boy hurt his neck but I don't know if he did hurt his neck or he was scared of fighting me or something.

Louise, tell us what kind of things you studied in your Creative Crafts course?

I studied levels 1, 2 and 3 of Floristry at Southern Regional College in Lurgan.

And did you find the course inspiring?

Totally it's not just the tutor who is absolutely fantastic but all the students around me gave me new ideas every week and coming from a Finance background it just gave me the inspiration to move into Floristry and I have set up a small business from home called Blooming Artful Floristry and I do a lot of contemporary work even jewellery flowers, it's just fantastic!

Now Jeffery I understand you're studying for your A levels at the minute tell me what subjects are you currently taking?

I'm in Kilkeel High School doing Business, ICT and Psychology and finishing school now at the end of this week so then exams starting so I'm a bit nervous with all of that but I hope to go to do Psychology in Queen's now come this September and pursue a career in Clinical Psychology.

Laura congratulations on your award today. Tell me what are you up to at that moment?

I'm in BMC doing my Level 3 Diploma in supporting teaching and learning in schools and I just got a job there last week out of my placement, full-time. Working 1-1 with a wee special needs kid, so I am delighted with that like.

That's sounds brilliant, well done!

Now obviously you have a flair for business, what are your hopes for the future?

I hope to try to promote like nights out for like a range of young people from 14 to 18 years because at the minute there's youth clubs closing down and it will help get them off the street corners drinking and taking drugs.

That's sounds brilliant thank you very much!

Well that's all from us at Celebrating Achievement please join us at our next event, STEM Innovations where will be chatting to student exhibitors about their sustainable STEM Innovations in the field of Science and Technology. We will also be catching a glimpse of an exciting Dragon's Den style event were the students' will be pitching their ideas to a panel of industry judges.

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