

5th Institution of Mechanical Engineers (West Cumbria) Annual Dinner

The 5th Institution of Mechanical Engineers (West Cumbria) Annual Dinner was held on 4th June 2009 at Lakes College West Cumbria, Workington, where this year our guests of honour were:

Willy Rickett, Director General, Department of Energy & Climate Change;

Keith Millard, President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers;

Bill Poulson, Managing Director of Sellafield Limited.

Following the immense success of last years event, the Institution returned to Lakes College West Cumbria where once again the college students pulled out all the stops their renowned catering skills, as well as undertaking the planning, marketing, art and design work, and administration of the ticket sales on behalf of the Institution as part of their curriculum studies, thereby giving the students valuable real life experience of using the skills they are being taught at the college.

The dinner also included the Annual Lakes College Best Mechanical Engineering Student awards which this year went to;

Stuart Olstrom, Best Higher National Certificate Mechanical Engineering Student, receiving his certificate from Bill Poulson, Chairman, Sellafield Ltd;



Dane Graham, Best National Certificate Mechanical Engineering Student, receiving his certificate from Bill Poulson, Chairman, Sellafield Ltd.



Each student received a presentation certificate and a cheque for £125, kindly donated by Lakes College West Cumbria.

The evening also included a Charity Raffle in support of **MacMillan Cancer Care; The Great North Air Ambulance** and **CFM's Cash for Kids – Build a Dream Appeal**. Prizes included a Spa Day for two at Armathwaite Hall Hotel donated by Cross Services Engineering Ltd, Sunday Lunch for two at Hunday Manor Hotel, Workington donated by the Hunday Manor Hotel and a £100 Red Letter Day donated by Industrial Exhibitions Ltd. A total of £1260 was raised thanks to the generosity of the West Cumbrian engineering community, enabling each charity to receive £420 each.



Here's a photo of the cheque handover to two of our charities: Great North Air Ambulance & Macmillan Cancer Care. With David Williamson are Jim Morton of GNAA & Sue McDonald of Macmillan CC.

The evening was yet again an immense success, allowing those that attended as a chance to enjoy some great Cumbrian food and drink, and to see at first hand the excellent work that the college is doing to train and educate our next generation, while helping to celebrate the world class engineering diversity available in this beautiful part of the world.

Best wishes,

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