



# College Awards & Success Stories 2023/**24**

Centre for  
Marketing & Design

# 66 Learner Awards

Well done to our students and staff whose hard work and talent has been recognised during the last academic year.

## 27 Celebrating Success Awards 2024

### Academic and Continuing Education

Student of the Year Award Level 1  
**Mohammed Kanaan Ameen**

Student of the Year Award Level 2  
**Oleksandra Bondar**

Student of the Year Award Level 3  
**Gary Power**

Student of the Year Award Level 3  
**Shaun Rooney**

Spirit of the Met Award Level 3  
**Kelly McMillen**

Spirit of the Met Award Level 3  
**Jordan Wilson**

Digital by Design Award  
**Aaron Moylan**

### Belfast Business School

Student of the Year Award Level 1  
**Emma Scullion**

Student of the Year Award Level 3  
**Jodie Martin**

Spirit of the Met Award Level 1  
**Sophie Carnahan**

Spirit of the Met Award Level 2  
**Virginia Tjiueza Hindjou**

### Creative and Digital Industries

Student of the Year Award Level 2  
**Jenna Irvine**

Student of the Year Award Level 3  
**Sionna Costello**

Spirit of the Met Award Level 2  
**Tanyaradzwa Dziwa**

Spirit of the Met Award Level 3  
**Jasper Duffy**

### Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion

Student of the Year Award Entry Level  
**Dua Hussain**

Student of the Year Award Level 1  
**Monica Ajala**

Student of the Year Award Level 2  
**Reece Bates**

Spirit of the Met Award Entry Level  
**Alex Duffy**

Spirit of the Met Award Level 1  
**Anuoluwapo Kayode-Ogun**

### Science, Engineering and Construction

Spirit of the Met Award Level 3  
**Jack Fenton**

### Student Support

Career-Ready Student of the Year Award  
**Aisling Plunkett**

Class Representative of the Year Award  
**Fionn Calvert Woods**

Student Endeavour Award  
**Julia-Rose Gamble**

Student Volunteer of the Year Award  
**Ange Iguegni**

## 7 Further Education Sector Excellence Awards

FE Excellence Award for Introductory Programme  
**Yuliia Roi**

FE Excellence Award for Supported Learning  
**Corey Kennedy**

FE Excellence Award for Level 2/Traineeship  
**Nadia Brown**

FE Excellence Award for Level 3 Further Education  
**Ethan Kelly**

FE Excellence Award for Higher Education  
**Cian Cash**

FE Excellence Award for Lifelong Learning  
**Ainsley Graham**

FE Excellence Apprentice Award presented by Ian Reid  
**Jack Fenton**

# 40 Apprenticeship Awards

## 7 Apprenticeships Level 2

Motor Vehicle, **Jonathan Presho**  
Business Administration, **Leah Bird**  
Plumbing & Heating, **Tomas Neeson**  
Brickwork, **Thomas Cooney Magee**

Plumbing & Heating, **Sarah Keenan**  
Joinery, **Tom Gallagher**  
Providing Financial Services, **Piaras Dunbar**

## 23 Apprenticeships Level 3

Business Administration, **John Hicks**  
Fire & Security, **Harrison Jones**  
Hospitality Supervision, **Georgina Auld**  
Electrotechnical, **Ewan Forsythe**  
Electrotechnical, **Darragh Wharry**  
Electrotechnical, **Daniel Clarke**  
Motor Vehicle, **Brendan Devlin**  
Software Development, **Rachel Johnston**  
Networking Infrastructure, **Kathleen Healey**  
Providing Financial Services, **Hayleigh Russell**  
Providing Financial Services, **Maria Moodie**  
Plumbing & Heating, **Conn Wilson**  
Plumbing and Heating, **Tirzah Pollock**

Scientific Technologies, **Rachel Campbell**  
Fabrication & Welding, **Daniel Hamilton**  
Engineering with Artemis, **Benjamin McKeown**  
Engineering with Spirit Aero, **Cormac Murray**  
Engineering with Spirit Aero, **Leah Howe**  
Engineering with Spirit Aero, **Shannon Blair**  
Joinery, **Milosz Dabrowskii**  
Civil Engineering **Robert Darragh**  
Business Administration **Chris Smith**  
Professional Cookery **Ethan Kelly**

## 10 Higher Level Apprenticeships

Cyber Security, **James Magill**  
Civil Engineering, **Patrick O'Brien**  
Print Management, **Orrin Heaney**  
Software, Cloud and Application Development, **Jennifer Malone-Kelly**  
Culinary Arts, **Georgia Abernethy**  
Childcare Management, **Anita McKenna**  
Childcare Management, **Sharon Boardman**  
Business Data Management, **Pamela Dunseath**  
Procurement and Supply, **Claire Gaston**  
Accountancy, **Jay Cully**

## 14 **Belfast Business School**

- The College was placed in the **top 5 of the Great British Barbering Academy finalists**.
- **Oliver Costello** won the City & Guilds/Men's Hairdressing Federation Learner Barber of the Year 2023/2024 competition.
- Higher Education Student – **Andrea Succi** won Student of the Year at the 'NI Travel Awards' October 2023.

### **IFEX Awards**

- **Ethan Kelly**, won Student Culinarian of the Year and Best in Class at IFEX and reached the final of the Gordon Ramsay Academy in Woking.
- **Fiadh Power** and **Jarred Paterson** won Silver and **Mattie Bostock** took Bronze in Junior Duck.
- **Conn McNally** won Bronze in Young Risotto.
- **Ben Stubbs** and **Regan Finlay** both won Silver in NI Young Seafood Chef of the Year.
- **Blair Kirk** and **Karolis Laginauskas** both received a Certificate in Junior Poultry.
- **Belfast Met** won Silver in Cook/Serve.

## 5 **Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion**

- Belfast Met Football Academy Lecturer and Academy Coordinator **Natalie Thompson** finished runner up (Highly Commended) in the staff volunteer category in the 2023 Good For Me Good For FE awards.
- **Tanita Grey** was shortlisted as NCFEs Apprentice of the Year.  
The category recognises an exceptional apprentice for their work, either within their apprenticeship workplace or in relation to their classroom-based learning

### **Aspiration Awards 2024:**

- Apprentice of the Year Finalist: **Tanita Gray** Centre of the Year, Childhood Studies

### **OCN Awards:**

- Nominated OCN NI Provider of the Year: Belfast Met Inspiring Childhood Studies
- Inspiring Tutor/Teacher of the Year: **Rosemary Snoddy**
- **Open College Network NI (OCN NI)** Learning Endeavour Awards 2024 Belfast Met won **'Provider of the year'** for Supported Learning.

## 6 **Creative and Digital**

BSc HONS Fashion Production & Business 23-24

### **Katie Murphy**

- Study USA, 4.0 GPA, New York Arts Programme Participant.
- Runner up Student of the Year - Study USA.

BSc (Hons) Fashion Production and Business student

### **Jasmine Ashfield**

Final Year students worked on live brief with Cooneen on Emergency services uniforms. Jasmine's designs were selected as the winner by Cooneen. As well as a cash prize, Jasmine was given the opportunity to attend the Emergency Services Tradeshow in Birmingham on 18th September 24 with the Cooneen team, to showcase her designs and samples. Runner up **Seana McGarvey's** designs were also displayed at the show.

**Seana McGarvey** gained a Graduate Role with Primark, Buyer in Primark Head Office, Dublin, started in July 24. Following completion of a placement year in 22-23, Seana gained a Graduate Role with Primark as a Buyer located in Primark's Head Office in Dublin.

### **Shonagh Walsh**

- Belfast Met Charitable Trust Catherine Burns MBE Scholarship Award 23 -24
- Keep NI Beautiful Tackling Textiles Grant 23-24

## 9 **Science, Construction and Engineering**

The **Skillbuild NI** qualifier in Millfield Campus, showcased our students in different trades such as brickwork, electrical, plumbing and joinery.

### **Bricklaying:**

- 1st - **Craig Guiney**  
2nd - **Thomas Magee**  
3rd - **Odhran McKee**

### **Carpentry:**

- 1st - **Dylan Magee**  
2nd - **Jack Weatherall**  
3rd - **Lewis Bockett**

### **Joinery:**

- 1st - **Tom Gallagher**

Belfast Met had two students, **Connor Leddy** and **Stephen Hyland**, who went on to compete in the prestigious **WorldSkills UK** competition for Electronic Security Systems hosted by Wigan and Leigh College.

**Stephen Hyland** from Spie was awarded Bronze.

# 15 College Awards

## Business & Skills

- The Department for Economy and the Executive Office won an award at the **NI CIPD awards for Best resourcing and talent strategy**. This strategy was the NI Civil Service Skills Academies delivered by Belfast Met.
- The NI Civil Service Skills Academies had 80 students across 4 cohorts, delivered part time and full time across a 3 month period. Of the 80 students, **75 secured jobs in the civil service at staff officer and deputy principal level**.
- Belfast Met was shortlisted for an **OCN NI Learning Endeavour Award** in the Advancing Learning Through Innovation Category.

## Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week Awards

### Higher Level Apprentice Award:

- **Gavin Magee**, Corr's Corner Hotel, studying at Belfast Met

### Public Sector Apprentice Award:

- **Barry Killen**, Department for Communities.
- **Ashling Ying**, Department of Finance.

### Large Employer in partnership with a Training Provider Award:

- Galgorm Collection in partnership with Belfast Met

### Finalist 2024

- **Small to Medium Enterprise in partnership with a Training Provider Award:** Neddy Teddy's Day Nursery Limited in partnership with Belfast Met

### Winner

- **Molly Armstrong**, Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies (Stranmillis University), Molly received the highest grade across all six colleges in Northern Ireland.

## OCN NI Learning Endeavour Award

- Belfast Met was shortlisted for an **OCN NI Learning Endeavour Award in the Advancing Learning Through Innovation** Category.

## Skill Up

- The College delivered a **Get into Digital programme** to a group of learners in Hydebank. The students gained a qualification in Film and TV Production.

## FE Excellence Award Lifetime Contribution recipients from Belfast Met were:

- **Rachel Burns**, Manager, Centre of Business Development.
- **Ian Cairns**, Lecturer in IT Services.

## Northern Ireland Environmental Benchmarking Survey 2023

- Belfast Met received **Gold Level status in the 2023 Northern Ireland Environmental Benchmarking Survey**. Organised by the responsible business network Business in the Community, the annual event scores organisations on the measures they take to improve their environmental impacts. Belfast Met earned the highest level of achievement for its environmental efforts and performance.

## The Future of Skills Award

The College's ARISE H2020 EU-funded digital construction project was recognised with the **Ufi VocTech Trust Future of Skills Award 2023**.

## Energy Globe Award

- **Energy Globe Award** known as 'the world's most prestigious environmental accolade' was awarded to Belfast Met for the College's part in the €9.39M GenComm EU project funded by Interreg.



