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## HIEC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SKILLED TRADES EXCELLENCE WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

**HALTON, ON** – On Thursday, May 27, 2010, the **Halton Industry Education Council's (HIEC) Spring Breakfast with the Mayors** program hosted the **2009 Halton Apprenticeship Advisory Council (HAAC) Honour Roll Awards**. This year's event celebrated two exciting milestones with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both the HAAC Honour Roll Awards and HIEC's provincial workforce development tool [apprenticesearch.com](http://apprenticesearch.com).

Among the 300 guests in attendance were the morning's hosts: Mayor Cam Jackson from the City of Burlington, Mayor Rob Burton from the Town of Oakville and Mayor Gordon Krantz from the Town of Milton. All three mayors, along with Regional Chair Gary Carr, took the opportunity to bring greetings from each of their municipalities while discussing the importance of skilled trades and community collaboration in Halton.

Other special guests included Elaine Holding, Honourary Chair, Halton Apprenticeship Advisory Council and Honour Roll Award presenters Dr. Jeff Zabudsky, President of Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Piero Cherubini, Dean, Faculty of Skilled Trades and Apprenticeships, from Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology and Nancy Moore, Manager of Employment Services and Skilled Trades, from The Centre for Skills Development and Training.

The HAAC Honour Roll Awards 2009 recognized four outstanding employers who are making a difference in Halton by promoting skilled trades to our community. The winners included three employers in the *50 Employees or Less* category:

- Gallinger Motors Ltd., Milton
- Dorval Electric, Oakville
- Peekaboo Child Care Centre, Milton

And one employer in the *51 of More Employees* category:

- Burlington Hydro Inc., Burlington

In addition to the Honour Roll award, each winning employer received a \$500 scholarship, donated by [apprenticesearch.com](http://apprenticesearch.com) in celebration of their 10th anniversary, to be given to one of their apprentices to assist them as they pursue their apprenticeship. [apprenticesearch.com](http://apprenticesearch.com) provides free information and resources on apprenticeships and offers a matching database to help apprentices and employers connect throughout Halton and the province of Ontario.

The event not only celebrated skilled trades excellence, but also paid tribute to all of the student winners from the Halton, Ontario and Canadian Skills Competitions. Gail Smyth, Executive Director of Skills Canada – Ontario, was on hand to discuss the exciting events, while representatives from the Halton Catholic and Halton District School Boards acknowledged all of the student winners in attendance.

Tyler Garrard, an Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) student from Milton District High School, was among those winners – taking home the gold at the Ontario Skills Competition level in Landscaping. Tyler also acted as one of three emcees for the morning event, along with fellow student Tessey Scivo, Early Childhood Education OYAP student from Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School, and Dwight Ryan, President of DARYAN Communications.

The event concluded with a special HIEC Partnership Award presentation to retiring Director of Education Wayne Joudrie from the Halton District School Board. Presented by Kelly Hoey, Executive Director of HIEC, and Michael Pautler, Director of Education from the Halton Catholic District School Board, the award honours individuals who share HIEC's commitment and dedication to fostering partnerships between industry, education and the community in Halton. Wayne Joudrie is set to retire in August 2010 after five years with the board.

For more information on the HAAC Honour Roll Awards or [apprenticesearch.com](http://apprenticesearch.com), please visit [www.hiec.on.ca](http://www.hiec.on.ca).

### **About HIEC**

Established November 17, 1989, as a not-for-profit organization, HIEC is a joint venture among industry, education and community partners in the Halton Region. At HIEC, our goal is to enhance career education and create the best opportunities for youth. November 17, 2009 marked 20 years of successful business and education partnership for HIEC. For two decades, HIEC has brought business and education together with the determined vision of 'Inspiring Informed Career Decisions' in Halton.

HIEC has delivered career education programs to more than 100,000 students in Halton and has five websites. To learn more please visit, [www.hiec.on.ca](http://www.hiec.on.ca), [www.schooltocareer.ca](http://www.schooltocareer.ca), [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com), [www.futureforcehalton.ca](http://www.futureforcehalton.ca) and [www.EmployerRegistry.ca](http://www.EmployerRegistry.ca). HIEC is provincially recognized for its wide-reaching, informative career education programs, innovative career resource centre, and our overall commitment to helping young people make successful transitions from school to career.



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