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Company, individuals receive awards from board

WOOD RIVER – The Madison-Bond Workforce Investment Board has bestowed 10 awards on local customers, business leaders and project successes.

The 10 award winners were: Amber Allison (Granite City), Casey Coppersmith (Granite City), Kim Fanning (Granite City), Linda Haase (Tunnel Hill), Laura Halley (Highland), Samantha Kibbons (Alton), Ian Powell (Granite City), Emily Schwendemann (Greenville), and Nicholas Williams (Alton).

They received the 2012 Individuals Achievement Award for overcoming significant obstacles to achieve their personal career goals.

Walgreens was awarded the 2012 Business Leadership Award, given to private sector companies that have demonstrated leadership and made significant contributions to workforce/economic development activities.

David Stoecklin, executive director of the Madison County Employment and Training Department, said the awards were given out at the agency's 24th awards banquet.

“Whenever I learn about the stories of nominees, I truly appreciate their courage, perseverance, and positive attitudes to overcome any challenges they

have faced. They possess the very spirit that this community needs to share and promote,” he said.

This year, the annual luncheon was held at the N.O. Nelson Center, LeClaire Room, in Edwardsville on March 30.

The 39-member workforce board strives to ensure service integration in order to prepare individuals to meet the needs of business and industry. It helps enable individuals and businesses to reach their potential in a changing global marketplace. The board assures, in conjunction with the Madison County Employment and Training Department, that the Workforce Investment Act funds enhance the economic well-being of the community.

The Madison County Employment and Training Department implements the Workforce Investment Act programs in Madison and Bond counties. The department operates two satellite offices to help individuals find a job and to assist business owners to find the right employees.

The offices are called Southwestern Illinois WorkNet Centers. Visit www.illinoisworknet.com or www.mcetd.org to learn more.

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