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Workforce board holds awards banquet

WOOD RIVER - The Madison-Bond Workforce Investment Board recently honored customers and business leadership successes at its annual awards luncheon, held at the N.O. Nelson Center in Edwardsville.

Ten customer awards and one business award were given.

The customer award winners are: Diana Barnett (Greenville), James Baron (Brighton), Charlena Battles (Bethalto), Meghan Brunton (Collinsville), Chelise Carter (Madison), Catherine Guckian (Greenville), Laura Swift (Granite City), Kimberly Merchant-Walker (Collinsville), Lacy Wallace (Maryville) and Kionna Winn (Alton). Each received the 2013 Individual Achievement Award for overcoming significant obstacles to achieve their personal career goals

Carlisle SynTec was awarded the 2013 Business Leadership Award, given to private-sector companies that have demonstrated leadership and made significant contributions to workforce/economic development activities. Since 2003, Carlisle SynTec has been working with the

“Whenever I learn about the stories of nominees, I truly appreciate their courage, perseverance and positive attitudes to overcome any challenges they have faced,” said David Stoecklin, executive director of the Madison County Employment and Training Department. “They possess the very spirit that this community needs to share and promote.”

The goal of the Workforce Investment Act is to provide workforce development services to employers and workers through a one-stop career center system. That is, it not only serves the job-seekers but also employers. WIA also includes federal job training funds for adults, dislocated workers and youth.

The 39-member Madison-Bond County Workforce Investment Board strives to ensure service integration in order to prepare individuals to meet the needs of business and industry in the region.

The Madison County Employment and Training Department implements the WIA programs in Madison and Bond counties. The department operated two satellite offices to help individuals find a job 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.