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**Wilson Talent Center Celebrates Alumni Success and Awards Nearly
\$28,000 in Scholarships**

On Thursday, March 14, the Wilson Talent Center hosted its annual Wall of Fame & Scholarship Dinner at the Ingham County Fairground Community Building. This event recognizes the accomplishments of past graduates who have moved on to find success in their field of study since leaving the center as well as awarding scholarship monies to current senior students to continue their education after graduation.

To be considered for the Wall-of-Fame, candidates must be at least five years removed from their time at the Wilson Talent Center, be working in the industry they studied while there, shown advancement in their career field and have given back to the industry/profession. Those honored this year include:

- Caleb Eaton, a 2012 Automotive Technology graduate, now Lead “A” Technician for Transdev International
- Calvin Emmer, a 2012 Culinary Arts & Hospitality graduate, now a private chef with College Fresh
- Matthew Jean, a 2002 Precision Machining Technology graduate, now Supervisor of Tooling/Forge for Tecomet, Inc.
- Scott Poe, a 1994 Welding Technology graduate, now Lead Welding Instructor for Lansing Community College

“It’s a great opportunity for our students who are about to graduate to see the accomplishments of these inductees since their time with us in high school,” states Joe Wenzel, principal at the Wilson Talent Center. “We hope it gives them inspiration to follow their dreams and reminds them to think about giving back when they find that success in the future.”



Also during the evening, nearly \$28,000 was awarded in scholarships to graduating seniors. This is made possible by the generous donations of many organizations and business partners that support the programs at the Wilson Talent Center. Students earning scholarships include:

- Andrew McFadden, Fowlerville, Automotive Technology
- Katelyn Burchwell, Mason, Automotive Technology & Precision Machining Technology
- Caroline Smith, Homeschooled, Medical Assistant
- Dylan Daily-Snyder, Mason, Business & Risk Management
- Lamont Stephens, Waverly, BioScience Careers
- Jenna Hunt, Mason, Patient Care Technician
- Chloe Miner, Stockbridge, Aviation Academy
- Taylor Dettling, Webberville, Programming & Mobile Applications
- Noelle Marie-Mwangi, Mason, Criminal Justice
- Maison Beauregard, Stockbridge, Construction Technology
- Tryston DePeel, Dansville, Construction Technology
- Julian Hudson, Homeschooled, Construction Technology
- Jorren Palmeter, Mason, Construction Technology
- Naylen Saunders, Waverly, Construction Technology
- Zachary Hofstra, Haslett, Welding Technology
- Torri Simmons, Webberville, Welding Technology
- Autumn Goble, Stockbridge, Business & Risk Management
- Samuel Liberato, Mason, Engineering Technologies
- Zanayia Crook, Waverly, Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Trevor Pollok, Williamston, Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Madison Montgomery, Leslie, BioScience Careers
- Dominick Davidson, Okemos, Precision Machining Technology
- Abeygail Crider, Fowlerville, Cosmetology
- Mellany Wilkinson, Okemos, Cosmetology
- Amanda Conroy, Dansville, Welding Technology



- Logan Ruckel, Dansville, Welding Technology

“These scholarships would not be possible without the generous support of our business partners,” states Jamie Engel, Executive Director of CTE for Ingham Intermediate School District. “Their generosity allows our students to continue their education after high school in a field that they have already developed a passion for,” Engel also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit our website at www.inghamisd.org/wtc.

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