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Winners of the "Nab-bies" 1st Annual Nuts and Bolts Awards Gala in San Diego, California

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San Diego, CA (August 29, 2010): During the Nuts and Bolts Annual Leadership Conference, Nuts and Bolts Training Company hosted "The Nab-bies," the 1st Annual Nuts and Bolts Awards Gala. The exclusive Black Tie affair began with dinner and cocktails, then moved on to the much anticipated awards ceremony and ended with the attendees dancing into the early hours of the morning. All attendees of the Conference entered the show on the Nuts and Bolts red carpet.

Stacie McIlwain from Cosmetology Careers Unlimited in Hibbing, MN won the top award of the night, the "Nuts and Bolts International Team Leader of the Year Award". To enter, Nuts and Bolts School owners and directors from across North America nominated 1 Team Leader from their staff and submitted an essay describing their commitment to teaching and living the Nuts and Bolts Training culture. The Team Leaders submitted an essay as well, elaborating on their role in the school and why they should be the Team Leader of the Year.

A panel of judges comprised of the Nuts and Bolts Team then set out to pick the winners. All of the entrants were recognized at the 2010 Nuts and Bolts Leadership Conference and received a certificate of commendation.

As the winner of this prestigious and ground breaking award, Stacie received an all expenses paid trip to the 2011 International Salon and Spa Expo in Long Beach, CA compliments of Nuts and Bolts, along with other fantastic prizes from industry partners such as Sassoon and The Wella Professional School Program.

"Not only does Stacie teach the the Nuts and Bolts philosophy, she lives it" said Jim Yates, President and CEO of Nuts and Bolts". As a school director she applied the teachings she learned through Nuts and Bolts and applied them to help build her school (Cosmetology Career Unlimited, Hibbing, MN) and they're experiencing some amazing success".

Full list of "Nabbies" award recipients

1. Cameo College of Essential Beauty in Utah won the **International Nuts and Bolts School of the Year Award** for their outstanding contribution to their community, leadership, growth, innovative marketing and investing heavily in her staff and students' future.
2. Chuck Fiegen, owner of Capri Colleges of Cosmetology in Iowa, was recognized with the **Nuts and Bolts Lifetime Achievement Award**. Chuck has owned and operated the Capri School Group in Iowa for over 44 years.
3. Joe and Frank Trieu of Evergreen Beauty Colleges in Washington were awarded the **Nuts and Bolts Expansion Award**.
4. Brandon Martin, owner of Avenue Five Institute in Texas won the **President's Award**.
5. Roberta Archer, a Nuts and Bolts Team Leader from Bellus Academy in California won the **Nuts and Bolts Ambassador Award** for her amazing work with the children of Tanzania, Africa.
6. Hays Academy in Kansas won the **Step Up and Stand Out Award** for taking the lessons learned from last year's Nuts and Bolts Leadership Conference and applying them in their school to the fullest.

The list of Nuts and Bolts Team Leaders who were nominated for national team leader of the year are:

-Wendy Spangler from Brio Academy of Cosmetology, CT

-Amber Guerin from EvelineCharles Academy in Canada

- Christina Valerio from Brio Academy of Cosmetology, CT
- Darren Fleming, Guys Academy, LA
- Jessica Kimball, Cameo College of Essential Beauty, UT
- Katie Miner, Capri College-Cedar Rapids, IA
- Kim Reed, Honors Beauty College, IN
- Courtney Donodio, Bellus Academy, CA
- Frank Trieu, Evergreen Beauty and Barber College
- Teela Spears, Avenue Five Institute, TX
- Penny Thompson, Stewart School, SD
- And of course our winner; Stacie McIlwain from Cosmetology Careers Unlimited in Hibbing, MN

ABOUT NUTS AND BOLTS TRAINING COMPANY

Nuts and Bolts Training Company is the leader in business development programs for the health and beauty industry. Their programs, designed for students, instructors, and professionals, are quickly becoming the industry's standard. They currently work with over 70 of North America's best beauty schools, and 40 top salons are using their groundbreaking training programs. Nuts and Bolts were pivotal in helping to design and introduce The Sassoon Academy | School Connection Program in 2008 and are proud partners with the Sassoon Organization worldwide.

For more press information on Nuts and Bolts Training Company or the International Team Leader of the Year Award or winners, please contact: Melissa Loschy, e-mail melissa@nutsandboltstraining.com. For more details about the company, www.nabtraining.com. Become a fan on facebook.

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