

## **Innovative Project Awards Presentation**

**We will start with two Honorable Mention Award Winners.**

1. First is a workforce development project called, GED 2 degree that will be discussed at a breakout session at 10:30am tomorrow. This project involves Whirlpool Corporation working with the ABLE Program and the Pearson/VUE Testing Center at Marion Technical College to help individuals earn their GED and secure employment.

**Accepting the award for Marion Tech are Lisa Ebert and Tami Galloway**

2. Next we want to recognize another collaborative effort between the Insurance Industry Resource Council and Columbus State Community College in the creation of the Foundations of Insurance Certificate credit program. The program is intended to create a pipeline of talent to fill 16,000 expected openings from now until 2020. The first class will graduate in May. One of the assessments used in the screening process is from our Performance Assessment Network (PAN) test vendors. PAN is a platinum sponsor of our conference.

**Accepting the award is for Columbus State is Jim Kalna**

**Now we will recognize our Innovative Project Award Winners.**

1. Three USO TDN member schools, Pickaway-Ross CTC, Miami Valley CTC, and Penta Career Center received planning grants from the Ohio Department of Education for the Ohio Options Adult Diploma Program. These schools also partnered with several other OTCs and community colleges. The Applied Math, Reading for Information and Locating Information tests from WorkKeys were used to determine eligibility for entrance into the credential training. At the time of the submission of this success story, 610 students from 5 grant holders have been approved for training with some students already completing the training programs.

**Accepting the award for Pickaway-Ross is Carrie Fife**

**Accepting the award for Miami Valley is Amy Whitman**

**Accepting the award for Penta is Rhonda Hogrefe**

2. Lorain County JVS and Lorain County Community College partnered to create the Right Skills Now CNC Machinist Pilot Training Program in cooperation with local manufacturers to locate and train persons to fill CNC positions. A WorkKeys Occupational Job Task Analysis job profiling session was conducted with 10 employers to determine needed competencies. Applicants took the Applied Math, Reading for Information and Locating Information tests from WorkKeys to help determine eligibility for entrance into the program. 100% of program participants were placed into internships and 83% were hired by the companies where they completed their internships.

**Accepting the award for Lorain County JVS is Kit Tyler**

**Accepting the award from Lorain County Community College are Peggy Michener, Tony Schweppe and Tammy Jenkins**