



CELEBRATION:
Derry Building
Services
award-winning
apprentices, staff
who received long-
service awards
and directors.

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Award-winning staff

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AWARDS have been presented to high-achieving apprentices and long-serving staff at Newark firm Derry Building Services.

Six apprentices were recognised and eight staff received long-service awards, including one for 25 years.

Marcus Eakins, 22, of Bancroft Road, Newark, was named mechanical apprentice of the year.

Mr Eakins, who is in his final year, said he was proud to be recognised.

"I joined Derry Building Services because I didn't want to go into further education," he said.

"I wanted to get straight into the working world.

"It's a great way to learn and earn at the same time, rather than going to college and not getting a job at the end of studying."

Alan Wilson was recognised for 25 years' service.

Mr Wilson, 42, of Southfield, Balderton, trained as a pipe fitter and is now a mechanical supervisor, overseeing a range of mechanical jobs such as fitting ducts and installing air conditioning.

"My dad was a plumber. It's something I grew up with," he said.

"I enjoy it. I started out as an apprentice and have worked my way up to supervisor."

Derry Building Services is part of the Bowmer and Kirkland Group.



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Mr John Kirkland, chairman of Bowmer and Kirkland, said: "I'm particularly proud of our dedication to training and the work all of our apprentices do."

Award winners: apprentice: stage 1 electrical: Ryan Selby; stage 2 electrical: Jacob Jones; stage 3 electrical: Nathan Millett; stage 4 electrical: Joe Dudley; mechanical achievement: Lewis Berry; mechanical apprentice of the year: Marcus Eakins.

Long-service: Ten years: Tom Rush, Martin Crampton, Catherine Tomlinson, John Timmins, Kevin Ward, Adrian Franklin and Adam Godfrey.