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Wayne Beam Integrated Employment Award – Inaugural Honorees Announced

The **Wayne Beam Integrated Employment Award** recognizes Supported Employment allies demonstrating excellence across Vermont. This award was created after Wayne's passing several years ago. He was known to all as a deeply respected and dedicated leader in providing employment services to individuals with disabilities for over 25 years. Wayne gave his time generously to his clients and to the overall improvement of employment services. Wayne's peers suggested this award as a way to honor his spirit while commending others for embodying his actions, his kindness, and his values.

The wood plaques for these awards were created locally by Maple Landmark Woodcrafts in Middlebury, in alignment with Wayne's deep commitment to supporting Vermont businesses.

Two individual recipients were honored with a **Wayne Beam Integrated Employment Award** on September 20, 2019:

Dr. Bryan Dague, Professor at UVM's Center for Disabilities and Community Inclusion, was selected for this award to recognize his many decades of bringing promising practices to Vermont, such as the Think College post-secondary education program and for his decades of technical assistance given to employment programs, and his numerous partnerships on shared initiatives with DAIL.

Jennie Masterson, Supported Employment Services Specialist with DAIL, received this award for the support and assistance she has given to Supported Employment Managers and for implementing employment and post-secondary education initiatives across Vermont over the past 20 years.

Interim DAIL Commissioner Camille George states, "I congratulate Dr. Dague and Ms. Masterson for their recognition. Their dedication to supported employment services is greatly appreciated by all, and the work they do makes a difference, every day, for employers and for Vermonters. Thank you for a job well done!"

Learn more about supported employment services here: <https://ddsd.vermont.gov/supported-employment-program>

About the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL):

Our mission is to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability - with dignity, respect and independence.

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