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EWI of Birmingham’s
2013 ASIST Scholarship Winners

EWI of Birmingham’s 2013 Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Awards Reception and Dinner was held on the evening of June 18th at Birmingham Coca-Cola Bottling Co., hosted by this year’s ASIST Committee: Carrie Rachel, Chair (Birmingham Coca-Cola Bottling Co.), Debra Hoosier (ConnectToCatering.com), Beth McCulley (Berney Office Solutions), and Julie McLaughlin (Golden Flake Snack Foods). Approximately 85 Birmingham Chapter representatives, executives, school representatives, ASIST scholarship recipients, ASIST Selection Committee, and guests were in attendance to celebrate the announcement of our three winners and their award amounts for this year’s scholarship competition.

A total of $6,000 in scholarships was awarded for 2013. Our 1st Place winner, Patricia Franklin, and our 2nd Place winner, Ashley Barnes, both attend Lawson State Community College, and were each awarded $1,750. Our 1st Place winner, Belinda Kock, attends Southeastern Bible College, and was awarded $2,500.

1st Place winner, Belinda Kock’s, application has been forwarded to EWI Corporate for our organization’s 2013 international competition. A total of $40,000 will be awarded to 13 recipients chosen from chapter-level 1st Place winners, in amounts varying from $2,000 - $10,000, at our Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) to be held in San Diego, CA, in late September of this year.

Our Birmingham Chapter winners, Belinda, Ashley, and Patricia, are very deserving recipients and our chapter wishes them continued success in all of their endeavors.

The Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship is a non-discriminatory, educational scholarship program for the benefit of non-traditional students. These include persons who are past high school age and who are entering a college, university, or trade schools and/or the workforce for the first time, non-traditional students already enrolled in a college/university or trade program, are re-training due to changes in the workplace, or who otherwise are not the traditional college or trade school student recently finished with high school. Among other requirements, EWI of Birmingham applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and reside within the geographic boundaries of the Birmingham Chapter, which include Jefferson, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Blount, Talladega, St. Clair, and Walker Counties of the State of Alabama.

The ASIST Scholarship Program helps provide financial support to adult students in a variety of transitional situations. The goal of the ASIST Program is to enable recipients to improve their self-esteem and to have a positive impact on the recipient’s personal life, employment, family, and community.