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TAFE Queensland North wins big at training awards

TAFE Queensland North has plenty to celebrate after taking out a number of titles at several regional finals of the 2016 Queensland Training Awards.

A total of 14 TAFE Queensland North staff and students were named as finalists and seven of those individuals went on to win at awards ceremonies that were recently held in Cairns, Townsville and Yeppoon.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said staff and students are brimming with pride.

“It is wonderful to have so many individuals from TAFE Queensland North recognised as being the top training achievers in their region.

“Some of the awards were for the Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year, Vocational Student of the Year, School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year and VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year.

“This sort of recognition is another way that TAFE Queensland North is delivering on its promise to help people Make Great Happen.

“Our seven finalists will now compete to be named the best in the state at the 55th Queensland Training Awards state final event in Brisbane in September and I wish them all the best of luck,” Ms Pyne said.

If the TAFE Queensland North finalists win at the Queensland Training Awards, they will go on to represent the organisation at the Australian Training Awards in Darwin in November.

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL WINNERS

**Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year**
Winner: Jason Ballarino
Qualification: Certificate IV in Engineering
Training provider: TAFE Queensland North, Cairns campus

**Vocational Student of the Year**
Winner: Janene Anderson
Qualification: Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
Training provider: TAFE Queensland North, Cairns campus

**School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year**
Winner: Eva Condullas
Qualification: Certificate III in Hairdressing
Training provider: TAFE Queensland North, Cairns campus

**VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year**
Winner: Judy Hoskins
Training provider: TAFE Queensland North, Cairns campus

**NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL WINNERS**

**Vocational Student of the Year**
Winner: Emmanuel Nkurunziza
Qualification: Diploma of Community Services (Case Management)
Training provider: TAFE Queensland North, Pimlico campus

**VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year**
Winner: Nadia Knight
Training provider: TAFE Queensland North, Whitsundays campus

**CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL WINNERS**

**Vocational Student of the Year**
Winner: Rachael Bell
Qualification: Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 nursing)
Training provider: TAFE Queensland North, Cairns campus and online

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