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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
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MassHire Career Center Directors  
MassHire Fiscal Officers  
MDCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** June 11, 2020

**Subject:** **MassHire Awards Finalists**

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**Purpose:** To announce the 2020 MassHire Awards Finalists to MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce development partners, and to share updated information on how finalists and award recipients will be recognized.

**Background:** The first annual MassHire Awards recognized and affirmed exceptional, forward-thinking work from across the Commonwealth in service of the MassHire Mission. Award winning work included outstanding service delivery for Hurricane Maria climate refugees in Hampden County; an innovative approach to securing employment for previously incarcerated job seekers also in Hampden County; incredible collaboration on the North Shore to support a job seeker raising his son while experiencing homelessness; the development of a robust and sustainable training program in Central Region, and innovative digital service strategies from Greater Lowell.

In February 2020, teams of MassHire and WIOA partner staff reviewed and scored each MassHire Award nominations and selected finalists for each MassHire awards category. All finalists are listed in the attachment to this issuance. Congratulations to nominees and finalists for their outstanding work.

Winners and funding recipients in each category will be selected by the MassHire Performance Committee of the MassHire State Workforce Board and will be announced on **July 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM** at the second annual MassHire Awards, which will be held virtually this year. We will also recognize all finalists and nominees at this time.

Finalists will be given the opportunity to present their award-nominated work during remote workshop events organized by the Massachusetts Workforce Association over the next several months. MWA/MDCS will contact finalists regarding next steps, and a workshop calendar will be released. All finalists work will also be recognized in the MassHire Playbook, which will be published towards the end of the summer.

**Attachments:** MassHire Awards Finalists

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