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## **PARKSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT WINS NATIONAL CHARACTER AWARD**

Students and staff at Parkside Community College are celebrating after Year 8 student Bahar Karaduman won the Character Award at the 2026 Best in Everyone Awards ceremony. The special, in-person ceremony was held at Boughton House in Kettering, Northamptonshire on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

The Best in Everyone Awards is an annual prize giving event, designed to mark the exceptional achievements of students and staff in United Learning schools – of which our academy is a part – across the country, as well as the contributions they make to their school and wider communities.

In winning the Character Award, Bahar was recognised for the exceptional attitude she shows to her learning and her role as a standout leader within our school community. Alongside going above and beyond in lessons where she shows ongoing support and kindness to her peers, Bahar is a key figure within our school's Social Action Group.

One of her standout successes this year has been organising and presenting communications training for 55 students from six different schools ahead of their collective involvement in Destination Restoration II – a highly successful, immersive exhibition at this year's Cambridge Festival designed and run by student volunteers.

Speaking of her win, Bahar said:

*"I am happy because a lot of effort that I have put into extra curriculums is being seen and rewarded. My family is being very positive and supportive of the award. It is also nice to know my teachers are excited and proud."*

Dee Wallace, Principal at Parkside Community College, said:

*"Bahar is a very impressive student and an excellent representative of our school who wholeheartedly deserves this national award. Bahar attends school each and every day with a fantastic attitude, both towards her own learning and to the people around her, and always goes the extra mile to give back to our school community. She inspires us all with her kindness and diligence – qualities which, when combined with her natural leadership abilities, are going to take her incredibly far."*

A bespoke video announcing Bahar's win has also been shared across United Learning's social media platforms to coincide with the in-person ceremony, enabling our wider school community to join in the festivities.

**United Learning extends its sincere thanks to Taylor Shaw and Lexington for their generous sponsorship and support of the event.**