Local ASTD chapter to present awards

SYRACUSE — The local chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) will host its first awards ceremony this year.

ASTD's Central New York chapter will present the CNY BEST Workplace Learning and Performance Awards at a luncheon June 19. The awards will be the local version of ASTD's BEST (Building Enterprise-wide Support, Thoroughly integrating Learning) awards.

The chapter will present awards in categories including organizations, external learning and performance providers, and individuals.

Nominations are due April 21.

For more information or nomination forms, contact the local ASTD chapter at www.cnyastd.org, info@cnyastd.org, or (315) 546-ASTD (2783).

CNY BEST Workplace Learning and Performance Awards from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel Syracuse, 6301 Lakeview Rd., Syracuse. Hosted by the CNY Chapter of American Society for Training & Development, this will be the first annual event to recognize excellence in learning and performance practices in the CNY area. The cost for the luncheon ceremony is $35; half-tables of four are $125; tables of eight are $250. For registration and further information, call (315) 546-ASTD (2783), or e-mail info@cnyastd.org.

CNY BEST award winners named

SYRACUSE — The winners of the inaugural CNY BEST Workplace Learning and Performance Awards were announced at the Central New York Chapter of the American Society for Training & Development's (CNY ASTD) CNY BEST Awards Ceremony on June 19.

The awards recognize excellence in learning and performance practices in the area. Organizations, consultants, and individuals who linked learning to strategic growth through demonstrated commitment to helping employees enhance their skills and learning were recognized as CNY's BEST in Workplace Learning and Performance.

CNY ASTD says it received 15 nominations for this inaugural award competition, representing a wide range of organizations. The Individual award winner was Kathleen J. Howard, from Onondaga County Government. Howard demonstrated attention to customer needs, circumstances, styles, and overall learning with efforts to increase training participation.

Completely Organized, Inc., was recognized as the consultant that had demonstrated a clear, concise, and relevant program to meet clients' needs.

Rescue Mission Alliance, Mohawk Valley Manufacturers Consortium, and Sensis Corp. were honored for demonstrating commitment to helping employees enhance their skills and continue learning.

Rescue Mission Alliance integrated learning philosophy into its daily operations. It successfully introduced practices in the workplace to solve problems and recognize growth opportunities. Mohawk Valley Manufacturers Consortium demonstrated vision, cooperation, and commitment to learning.

Sensis Corporation was the overall CNY BEST award organization winner. Sensis conceived and implemented change in the role and function of training aligning with corporate objectives.