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## **Southwest Indiana Workforce Board's Annual Breakfast Meeting**

Evansville, IN – The Southwest Indiana Workforce Board recently concluded its Annual Breakfast Meeting at Venue 812 in Evansville on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event brought together a diverse group of professionals and industry leaders, providing an opportunity for networking and collaboration. The presentations by David St. Clair and Jarred Howard on the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment were informative, providing valuable insights for all attendees.

The event included awards presentations, recognizing several deserving recipients who have contributed to the success of the Southwest Indiana Workforce Board. LeAndrea Randall, Ian LeClere, and Brandon Epkins were honored as Adult Client of the Year, Dislocated Worker Client of the Year, and Youth Client of the Year, respectively. International Revolving Door was named Business of the Year, while Warrick County Economic Development Department was awarded Business Development Partner of the Year. ECHO Housing Corporation (Gresham House) received the Community Partner of the Year award.

The event also featured the presentation of the 1st Annual Audrey Buckman Award, which was given to Audrey Buckman herself in recognition of her significant contributions to the field as a neighborhood navigator and employment specialist. The Regional Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) 6 of 6 Award was presented to Southwest Indiana's Region 11. Benjamin Bosse High School, Jasper High School, Pike Central High School, and Princeton Community High School all received the JAG 6 of 6 Award. This prestigious award is given to schools that have exceeded six National Performance Outcome Standards: Graduation Rate, Employment Rate, Positive Outcome Rate, Full-Time Jobs Rate, Connectivity Rate, and Full-Time Placement Rate. Gary Stath, JAG Specialist for Tell City High School, was awarded the JAG Outstanding Specialist award for his exceptional work in fully implementing the JAG model and achieving extraordinary outcomes for JAG program participants, and Jody Robinson was named JAG Manager of the Year for 2022.

Executive Director, Sara Worstell, said, "The event was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and achievements of all the outstanding individuals, businesses, and organizations we serve and partner with in the Southwest Indiana region."

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