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No Job is Too Small for the Express Employee of the Year

Oxford, North Carolina Associate Recognized for Dedication

OXFORD, North Carolina, March 11, 2020 — In 2019, Express Employment Professionals put 552,000 people to work, but one incredible employee stood out among the others and was recently recognized for her work ethic at the company's annual leadership conference.

Michelle Marie Smith was one of five nominees for the Express Employee of the Year award, ultimately securing the top honor and accepting the prize in person at Express' International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Nashville, Tennessee. She was initially awarded \$1,000 from Express as the Employee of the Year winner for her region, eventually winning \$5,000 as the overall winner, plus an all-inclusive trip valued at more than \$2,000.

Smith was placed on her first assignment with the Oxford, North Carolina, Express office as an inventory specialist for Bed, Bath, & Beyond more than 70 miles away. Despite the long commute, she never complained, leaving home at 4:30 a.m. to be at work by 6. The Bed, Bath, & Beyond team was so impressed with her attention to detail and efficiency, they requested her for two other projects, located even farther away.

"Michelle has a 'no job is too large or small' attitude, and our clients often request her by name and will rearrange projects to fit her availability," said Hal Muetzel, Owner of Oxford, NC Franchise. "Coworkers often comment on how much Michelle has impacted their lives by the way she takes ownership of her job, through her work advice, spiritual guidance and moral support. We are extremely blessed to have Michelle as an employee."

The remaining four nominees also received \$1,000 as regional Employee of the Year winners, however, during the awards ceremony, Express surprised them with \$5,000 each in appreciation of their dedication to the company.

"All of the Employee of the Year nominees are assets to Express, and we appreciate their hard work and positive attitudes every day," said Bill Stoller, CEO and chairman of the board for Express. "They continue to inspire us to go above and beyond and we are proud to celebrate this elite group."

Other nominees for Employee of the Year included:

- Devonne King— Owatonna, Minnesota
- Phyllis Cotton— Valparaiso, Indiana
- Jerrell Davis White— Marlton, New Jersey
- Roger Digerness— Tacoma, Washington

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If you would like to arrange for an interview with Hal Muetzel, call (919) 693-1730.

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