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CANZ Conference 2019 Award winners

New Zealand's industry is flooded with an abundance of committed and talented operators, many of whom attended the recent Crane Association's annual conference in Blenheim.

Last week was a time of celebration, and this week is no different as we publicly acknowledge the winners of the Skills, UDC and Presidents Presentations.

Skills Organisation announced the winners of 2019 Crane Training Awards:

Crane Trainee of the Year

Joshua McDougall of Ian Roebuck Crane Hire Ltd

Crane Trainer of the Year

Allan Collins (Digital Training and Assessment Ltd)

PTE Trainer of the Year

Maurice Davis of Safety 'n Action

Training Company of the Year

Major Oak Safety Training Ltd

The President, Tony Gibson, announced and presented the UDC and CANZ awards.

UDC Project and Lift of the Year

Project of the Year was Titans Cranes Ltd.

Lift of the Year was Titan Cranes Ltd.

Weighload Trophy was awarded to Scott McLeod, from McLeod Cranes.

And Life Membership was presented to Grant Moffat.

Recognised for his due diligence was Joshua McDougall of Ian Roebuck Crane Hire Ltd, and now the latest recipient of the Trainee of the Year.

Not expecting to win an award, Joshua said he was overwhelmed at the announcement.

The moment was made even more special by the attendance of his grandfather, who Joshua said was the person who sparked his passion for the industry.

Despite only being with Ian Roebuck Crane Hire for two years, the young award winner's hunger to learn continues to grow.

"I love it, there's always something new to learn."

Director of Digital Training and Assessment, Allan Collins, was applauded for his commitment to industry professional development – receiving Trainer of the Year. Allan admitted to being taken aback by the announcement.

"It was awesome receiving the award, I was totally unaware, so I was absolutely rapt with it. I'm always trying to push the envelope and improve industry training; at the end of the day it's about getting the clients what they want, when they want it, and being fair to industry.

"But I have to say I couldn't have done it without my wife Gill – it was a team effort."

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