<u>Tillery Valley present "Awards of Excellence" to University students</u>

This summer national meal provider Tillery Valley presented five "Awards of Excellence" to outstanding Food Science, Dietetics and Nutrition students at universities across the UK.

Representatives from Tillery Valley visited the graduation ceremonies at Cranfield, Plymouth, Edge Hill, Newcastle and Cardiff Metropolitan university to present the successful students with a £250 award, and their personal congratulations.

Tillery Valley provides meals to the public sector across the UK, delivering daily to schools, hospitals and local authorities. The organisation is continually expanding its services and provides a 'meals on wheels' service, a bespoke service for the care home sector and a tailored catering service for large events. Tillery Valley's advanced production plant in Abertillery, South Wales, has the capacity to produce one million meals a week.

The Tillery Valley Award of Excellence was presented to the student who received the highest mark for their final year dissertation or research project. BSc Food Science and Technology student Nadira Begum was Cardiff Metropolitan University's award winner, while Joel Halligan, a Food and Human Nutrition BSc student, received the award in Newcastle. Farhat Chaudhary, BSc Nutrition and Health, won the award at Edge Hill University and Lauren Carter, MSc Food Chains Systems, at Cranfield University. The final award winner of the summer was Dietetics BSc student Bernadette O'Callaghan from Plymouth University.



Bernadette said: "I am delighted to receive this award from Tillery Valley. It's a lovely surprise. It really is a great motivation for your work to be recognised and appreciated in this

manner. I would like to sincerely thank Tillery Valley for this kind gesture".

Anne Payne, Associate Director of the Dietetics degree scheme at Plymouth University said: "Plymouth University is delighted with this generous support from Tillery Valley. It provides an excellent incentive for our final year students to work hard and achieve the best possible results. The research project demonstrates our students' ability to advance to professional practice and so this award from Tillery Valley is a fitting reward. We are looking forward to continuing to offer this award to our future students over the years to come."

Tillery Valley's Site Director, Phil Hall said: "We are delighted to be able to show our support for academic courses and institutions across the UK and it is particularly gratifying to meet the recipient of these awards and offer personal words of support and sincere congratulations. The students have all obviously worked extremely hard to achieve this accolade and we wish them all the best for their future careers."