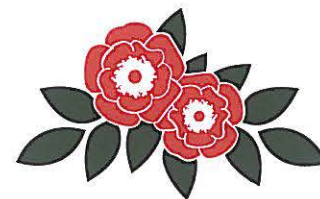


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## Mature student wins well-deserved award

Mature student John Bannister has just received £200 for outstanding academic performance on his course at the University of Central Lancashire.

John, 40, from Penwortham, a former landscape gardener, was one of five local students to be awarded an Ede and Ravenscroft prize for achieving the best results on his course. Father of one, John also worked as a psychiatric nurse, but always wanted to return to learning. He is now studying full-time at the University for a degree in Film and Media and Visual Culture, with the intention of putting his creative talents to good use as a writer in the area of film and media.

A former Hutton Grammar pupil, John is full of praise for the help and support he's received from tutors. He joins his girlfriend Julie, who also studied as a mature student at the University and recently graduated with a degree in Deaf Studies and Education.

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**Please note:** Photograph enclosed: *John Bannister and family celebrate receiving the Ede and Ravenscroft Awards at the University of Central Lancashire.* John Bannister (far right), his five-year old son, Taylor, Mum, girlfriend Julie Cecil, Gran and girlfriend Julie's daughter.