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Maria's a top class carer

Despite English being her second language, Runshaw student Maria Taylor has performed so well on her course that she's been given a special award at a recent ceremony at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston.

Maria, 36, from Clayton-le-Woods was born in the Philippines and came over to the UK in 1990. She was presented with the Tim Curtis Award for Outstanding Progress, given in memory of the late Tim Curtis, a former Deputy Director of the University passionate about extending education to those who may have missed out the first time around. The awards are given to students at the University's partner colleges who have progressed exceptionally well in the face of difficulty.

Maria, who is a single parent, combines studying for an HNC in Caring Services, with her job as a support worker for adults with severe learning difficulties. She's now keen to continue with her studies when she completes her course.

"I've had to work extra hard, but I'm glad I've done it", says Maria. "It's for my sake and for my 10 year old daughter, Anne-Marie. I now hope to go on to the University to complete a degree in Social Work."

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Note to editors: Please find attached digital image of Maria Taylor (right) with fellow award winner Kathleen Pomfret (left) and Runshaw tutor Dawn Judd. For further details of all the award winners, please contact Pam Culley, Media & Public Relations, University of Central Lancashire, tel: 01772 894425.