



Mum, Kathleen is top of the class

Mature student and mum of three Kathleen Pomfret has recently been awarded the Tim Curtis/Partnership Award for the excellent progress she's made on the Foundation Diploma in Early Years course at Runshaw College.

Kathleen, 45, received a cheque for £150 and a certificate at a special ceremony at the University of Central Lancashire. The awards are presented to outstanding students at the University's partner colleges in memory of the late Tim Curtis, a former Deputy Director of the University, who pioneered access to higher education for those who may have missed out first time around.

Having worked as a registered childminder for some years and now working actively for the local National Childminding Association, Kathleen is keen to share some of her knowledge with others and eventually work with children and families. After she completes her two year foundation course, she intends to move on to the University in Preston to complete a degree course to help her in this aim.

"Childminding allowed me to stay at home during my children's early years", says Kathleen, who has three daughters, Amy, 18, Laura, 16 and Sarah, 13. "But I didn't want to stagnate and decided to carry on studying to help me get some more qualifications."

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Note to editors: Digital image of Kathleen Pomfret (left), plus fellow award winner Maria Taylor (far right) and Runshaw Tutor Dawn Judd (centre) at the Tim Curtis/Partnership Award Ceremony in Preston. (photo Tcurtisrunshaw.jpg)