



## 2010 Alumni of the Year Nominees

Jason Moulter  
Timothy Lipps  
Kristen Brown  
Jessica McDowell

*"All labor that uplifts humanity has  
dignity and importance and should be  
undertaken with painstaking  
excellence."*

**- Martin Luther King Jr.**

## Congratulations

Jason Moulter

2010

## Alumnus of the Year



Timothy Lipps

Mt. Pleasant Service Center

Timothy Lipps came to the Isabella County service center to file for unemployment after his position as Assistant Manager of a local company was eliminated due to downsizing.

Timothy was enrolled in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program where he received resume and job search assistance, and local labor market information. After performing an extensive job search he courageously decided to take action and get training in the medical field. In January 2008, Timothy attended Phlebotomy training at the M-TEC at Mid-Michigan Community College. The WIA Adult program provided scrubs, assistance with the TB test and vaccinations required for training, as well as the cost of extensive classroom and laboratory training.

Timothy received an occupational certificate from M-TEC and the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science. He then tested and became certified through the American Society of Clinical Pathology. He now works full time for Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Clare.

“As the Phlebotomy Supervisor at Mid Michigan Medical Center Clare, I continually strive to find qualified, compassionate, loyal and dependable employees. Tim excels in these qualities and always gives 100 %,” said Terresa Slocum, Tim’s supervisor.

Tim has stated, “I literally stumbled on to the help that I received from Michigan Works! while I was unemployed and trying to find help for my son. I had no idea there would be so much friendly help for someone my age to start another career. Thanks so much.”



Jason Moulter

Greenville Service Center

Jason Moulter and his wife Kellyn came to the JET program in February 2009 as a two parent family.

“Michigan Works! helped me to focus on looking for employment in different fields and to broaden my possibilities,” said Jason. “The JET program made me focus outside of the pigeon hole that I had been in. After being unemployed for over six months, JET was just what we needed to push us in the right direction and it gave us the motivation we needed.”

Jason added, “I didn’t have a resume and never needed one before for the types of jobs that I had applied for in the past. We didn’t have the means to travel for job searching and JET helped us with that. JET also assisted me with interview clothing, my driver’s license renewal, and testing for NCRC.”

Following his participation in the JET program, Jason was hired at Admiral Petroleum in Greenville, as an Assistant Manager earning \$7.40 per hour. After 3 months he was promoted to Manager and is now earning \$25,000 annually. Jason now calls JET when he has positions available at the Admiral station to see if JET has any participants that would qualify for openings.

## *Alumni* of the Year Celebration

Each year the Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium hosts a celebration honoring individuals who represent the success of workforce development program participants. The celebration recognizes individuals who have successfully entered the workforce through hard work, determination, and the will to be economically self-sufficient. While there are many successes within our region, one individual per service center is honored.

From the honorees, one outstanding participant is selected to represent the Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium at the statewide Alumni Celebration. **Jason Moulter**, along with twenty-four other alumni from across the state, will be recognized for their success at the Michigan State Capitol.

In addition to the honorees, the Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium would like to recognize the commitment and contributions of employers who provide employment opportunities. Without you, success could not be achieved. Thank you.

**Congratulations to our alumni and  
thank you to the employers!**

### **Special thanks to these employers:**

*Admiral Petroleum  
Heartland Healthcare  
Listening Ear  
Mid-Michigan Medical Center*



Kristen Brown

Alma Service Center

In January of 2008, Kristen Brown came to Michigan Works! after being laid off from a local factory. She was looking for something different in her life, but was unsure of what that was. While working with the No Worker Left Behind staff, Kristen realized that she wanted to become a Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA). As a CNA, there was room for growth, both personally and professionally, which is what Kristen needed in her life.

While enrolled in the No Worker Left Behind program, Kristen was able to increase her self confidence and self-esteem. She received training assistance as well as help with her resume.

“Michigan Works! was very willing to help me with the process of getting my CNA license,” said Kristen.

Kristen completed her training in May of 2008, and has been working for Listening Ear since November of that year. She has since become med trained so she can pass medications to her consumers, and has also been certified in CPR/First Aid.

Jessica McDowell

Ionia Service Center



Jessica McDowell has always loved working with elderly people. So after her husband lost his job, the very busy mother of two young children knew that she would have to find a job that would help the family to once again become self-sufficient.

Jessica was home schooled throughout her high school years and eventually earned her GED. Now she found it necessary to continue her education and enrolled at American Medical Careers in Lansing. In less than 3 months, as Salutatorian of her class, she earned her Patient Care/Certified Nurse Aide Certificates.

Upon completing her certification, Jessica participated in the WIA Work Experience Program at Heartlands Healthcare of Ionia to develop additional skills and experience. At the end of her 60 days, Heartlands hired her as a full-time Certified Nurses Aide.

Kimberly Rice, Activities Director at Heartlands Healthcare, stated that “through many years of serving Heartland Health Care of Ionia as Activity Director and Supervisor of Volunteer Services, rarely has an individual made herself so intrinsically a part of our family so quickly. This is due to her kindness, compassion and willingness to see a task and simply do whatever it takes to complete it. She embodies our definition of success.”

Jessica stated “I am grateful for the opportunity that Michigan Works! gave to me. I now have a career and the confidence to further my education. My long term goal is to become a registered nurse, with hard work and devotion anything is possible.”