

Families of Distinction

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation held their 2017 Family of Distinction Dinner and Scholarship award on April 27. These families and individuals were recognized for their accomplishments they achieved with the help from IVEDC. IVEDC staff and the 22 members who are on board of directors



were present at the dinner to help celebrate those who received awards. There was 9 individuals who received Personal Achievement Awards, Lisa Brush, Jessica Cornwell, Hazel Goode, Daniel Hughes, Kathy Kistenmacher, Katie Looper, Timothy Meyer, Krystal Roller and Rachel Shrum. A scholarship award was presented to 10 individuals, Katelyn Agney, Tammy Brown, Kaitlen Bruhn, Margaret Bruhn, LaNise Kirk, Lynzee Kraushaar, Katie Looper, Sheariah Pegram, Rayanne Thompson and Samantha Woods to help them financially be able to achieve their academic goals.



Mallory Roberts was awarded the Family of Distinction award. Mallory was only 18 and living out of her car due to family issues and was no longer attending high school. IVEDC was able to locate income-based housing and provide energy assistance for Mallory. Mallory has been able to secure employment closer to her

residence allowing her to save money and began attending classes to earn her GED. In five months, Mallory has been able to move to a level of stability on the family self-sufficiency scale. IVEDC was honored to help Mallory and excited to see her motivated to be a successful individual.