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TAFE NSW GILI AWARDS CELEBRATE ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The achievements of Aboriginal students, teachers and employees were yesterday celebrated at the 28th annual TAFE NSW Gili Awards hosted by the Governor of NSW.

Awards were presented across 13 categories acknowledging the students, teachers and partnerships that have contributed to Aboriginal communities throughout 2018.

The Minister for TAFE NSW Adam Marshall congratulated all the winners for their dedication and commitment to quality vocational education and training for Aboriginal people.

“Gili is an Eora word that means ‘to shine’ and this year’s recipients have all embraced the spirit of these awards through their hard work, talent and ambition,” Mr Marshall said.

“The Gili Awards demonstrate the power of vocational education and training to provide life-changing pathways to sustainable employment or further study for Aboriginal people.

“I am proud and humbled to be in a position to acknowledge the achievements of TAFE NSW students and teachers, as well as the communities and industries working to help students achieve their goals.”

His Excellency General the Honorable David Hurley said he and his wife Linda were delighted to host the 2018 TAFE NSW Gili Awards at Government House.

“It is an honour to welcome Aboriginal students and teachers from across NSW to celebrate their achievements in education and training,” the Governor said.

“Recognising and embracing the vibrant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is an important part of the journey we share as Australians.

“These awards are a special opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to an inspiring group of people.”

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