

PRESS RELEASE

Sodexo recognises star employees at awards

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Sodexo held its annual Star Awards ceremony at the Westminster Park Plaza Hotel in London on Thursday (23 November).

The Star Awards ceremony the most outstanding of its 34,000 employees across 23 categories. This year it was hosted by Sodexo ambassador Matt Dawson and brand & communications director Melanie Duffett.

The ceremony, which was attended by over 600 people, began with a drinks reception, followed by a three-course dinner and prize giving led by Sodexo UK & Ireland regional chairman Sean Haley.

This year, the Sodexo Star Employee of the Year Award was won by kitchen porter John Holmes, from the Sodexo Education contract at St Edwards College in Liverpool. Judges described John as committed, a role model, hardworking and hugely fun loving, someone who lives the Sodexo values every day.

Malcolm Emery, executive chef in Sports & Leisure, was this year's recipient of the coveted Alan Tilley Award. Alan Tilley worked for the company for over 40 years and was awarded an OBE for his services to hospitality. The award is given to an individual who exemplifies Alan's qualities of dedication.

The Rising Star Award was won by category manager Simon Turner, who was acknowledged for his commitment for self-development and how he had taken control of his career path.

Sean Haley, regional chairman, Sodexo UK & Ireland, said in his opening speech: *"This is the evening when we celebrate your success; the great things you do every day – day in, day out – that makes Sodexo successful.*

"There are people in this room tonight who spend their time at work making every day a better day for our clients, consumers and each other. You deserve to be recognised and rewarded for everything you do; you are critical to the future of this business."

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