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Hugh Weeks was well known in the industry as a baker of outstanding skill and talent; and he was a Past President of the Alliance for Bakery Students and Trainees. After his retirement from a long and successful career as a demonstrator for Renshaw, Hugh spent a great deal of time as a highly respected judge of bakery goods in all manner of different competitions. He had a genuine desire to pass on to young bakers as much knowledge and advice as he could, and never failed to take the opportunity to talk to students whenever they happened to cross his path. He was always especially keen to encourage young people who worked hard to challenge themselves not only in their drive for education, but also for the good of society.

The ABST Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the 2023 Award in Hugh's name and invites tutors and trainers to nominate any worthy candidates to receive it at the ABST Conference awards ceremony in June 2023.

The criteria for the successful recipient reflect Hugh Weeks' own drive for excellence in all things and are as follows:

1. The student will have excelled in skills achievement and/or shown outstanding progress through the year.
2. The student will have made extra efforts to widen their own education beyond their ordinary studies, e.g., applying for additional educational opportunities, such as the Worshipful Company of Bakers bursaries, work placements, internships, etc.

3. The student must be able to demonstrate some extra-curricular activity that has been of benefit to someone else, for example:
 - a. Voluntary work in the baking community.
 - b. Giving bakery demonstrations in schools or community groups.
 - c. Mentoring/ helping someone less fortunate than themselves.
 - d. Other altruistic activities may also be considered, such as raising money for a local charity.

In summary, we wish to reward the student who shows a real passion for, and dedication to, the industry whilst showing special consideration for other people.

Tutors and trainers may nominate one candidate to go forward to the final selection panel. The finalists will be interviewed by the panel either by Skype/conference call in advance of the Conference in June, or at Conference during the Friday afternoon. The winner will be announced at the Black Tie Dinner on the Saturday, where the prize will be awarded.

The award will include the following:

- A cup, to be retained by the winner for one year
- A special ABST medal, to be retained by the winner
- £250 cash
- A selection of bakery books
- The winner will also receive a permanent trophy when the cup is awarded to the recipient in the following year.

Nominations should be directed to the ABST General Secretary and must be received by 30th April 2023. Nominations should be accompanied by a short statement detailing the achievements of the candidate according to the criteria stated above.