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## The Disability Education Newsletter (D.E.N.)

Welcome to the D.E.N.!

We are excited to be producing a monthly e-news that will provide a one-page, informational article on issues concerning inclusion of people with disabilities.

The Uinta County Business Leadership Network (UCBLN) is proud to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> annual "BLN Awards" celebratory luncheons scheduled for October 22 in Evanston and October 23 in Bridger Valley. Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. In recognition of the National Celebration, the UCBLN will be hosting the "BLN Awards" Luncheon.



We would like to welcome Mr. Todd Waites as our keynote speaker.

*Mr. Waites* is not only a survivor...but a THRIVER. After losing his complete arm and shoulder to cancer at 14, he has made the most of his life and encourages others to do the same.

*Todd* underwent two years of rigorous treatments and appreciates regaining his health.

*Playing* the keyboards since age 4, and then having to learn again how to play with one arm, Todd has gained worldwide respect and notoriety.

*Todd* has appeared on numerous CD releases, a double live DVD, and is a main character in a motivational book "I Work with Crabby Crappy People," which he wrote and recorded

the digital soundtrack.

*As* a motivational speaker and musician, Todd inspires people of all ages in various settings to overcome obstacles, make the best of any situation, gain/sustain self-esteem, and to know that everybody, regardless of background, social status, job title, physical appearance, etc...matters!

*In* the business world Todd has built and managed successful sales teams as Director/VP of Sales that resulted in unprecedented growth for the companies he's worked for.

*His* passion is the people behind it all and their own self-worth... that building each person to be a ROCKSTAR as an individual regardless of title or status, builds an unstoppable ROCKSTAR team.

Join us for an exciting and inspirational celebration of National DisAbility Employment Awareness Month and National Mentoring Day on October 22 in Evanston at the Machine Shop and October 23 in Lyman at the Heritage Barn. Both are luncheon events from noon to 1:30 p.m., with Gateway Grill catering; Tickets are available at the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, the Bridger Valley Pioneer and the Business Leadership Network office located at 236 9<sup>th</sup> Street. For additional information contact Wanda Rogers at 783-6302 or [director@blnworks.com](mailto:director@blnworks.com) or visit our website at [www.blnworks.com](http://www.blnworks.com).



# Calling for 2014 BLN Awards Nominations

*Recognizing outstanding employers for their contributions toward hiring individuals with disAbilities, and celebrating*

If you know of an employer who has excelled in promoting employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, provides work experience and mentoring opportunities and has implemented creative accommodation solutions and/or an individual with a disability that has overcome challenges to become successful in the workplace, is inspiring to others, and deserves recognition, please nominate them for the 'National DisAbility Employment Awareness Month' 2014 Business Leadership Network Awards.

Nominations due September 30, 2014

Fax: (307)783-6390 or mail: Attn: Wanda L. Rogers, Business Leadership Network, 236 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Evanston, WY 82930. For more info, call Wanda

## 2014 BLN Awards Nomination Form

NOTE: If you need more space for your nomination, feel free to use the back of this form.

Employer Nomination       Employee Nomination

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

If making an employee nomination – how long has the employee worked at this business?

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Person making this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination:

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*“Taking the ‘dis’ out of disability at work in Uinta County”*

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