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Lansing man earns Highfields' distinguished service award

Highfields Residential Manager of Operations Darryl Scott of Lansing is the recipient of the Carl J. Latona Distinguished Service Award. He was chosen by his peers for his leadership during 2012.

"Darryl was chosen for demonstrating leadership and poise during a time of transition last year," says Brian Philson, president/CEO. "He showed complete dedication to the residential program by handling the roles of several employees. He is a key leader in our organization."

The award recognizes integrity, passion to help others, perseverance and commitment to excellence and is named for Carl J. Latona, who served as president/CEO of Highfields for more than 25 years.

Scott oversees program implementation, student projects and recreational activities. He is a certified non-violent crisis intervention instructor. He also manages campus security, staff, daily operations, transportation and food services. Scott also serves as the residential basketball coach and Ingham Academy transporter. He joined Highfields in 2006 as a part-time residential counselor and has served as a full-time residential counselor and assistant manger of residential services.

Scott has a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University. He is a former Lansing Public Schools teacher and men's and women's basketball coach for Lansing Everett High School.

Founded in 1962, Highfields Inc. is a non-profit organization in its 50th year of providing home-based counseling, residential care, experiential education and support programs for families, youth and communities throughout mid-Michigan.