

Business owners graduate from Small Business Institute

SCRANTON — **MetroAction** and the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center (SBDC) recently honored fifteen graduates of the Small Business Institute. The graduates, small business owners and managers from across five counties in north-eastern Pennsylvania including, Jerry Houston, JPI Express Couriers, Lisa Mulcahy, Mulcahy Contracting and Carl Schroeder from Wayne County, were presented with certificates at MetroAction's annual Small

Business Awards Luncheon on May 22.

MetroAction, in conjunction with the University of Scranton, offered its 8-week business training program to local entrepreneurs, from March 26th to May 14th.

The Small Business Institute training program, sponsored by Community Bank and Trust Company, is an intense 8-week business development training program that emphasizes four key disciplines essential to building a successful business -- success planning, market planning, cash flow planning, and operations

planning. The detail and unparalleled sophistication of the Small Business Institute has earned it the Presidential Award for Excellence.

MetroAction will partner with the Wilkes University SBDC to offer the Small Business Institute program again, in the fall. The program will be held in Wilkes-Barre and is scheduled to begin on October 7th and conclude on November 25th. For more information visit www.MetroAction.org or contact MetroAction staff at (570) 342-7711.



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SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS GRADUATE- Pictured from left to right: Mary Beth Pasquallcchio, vice president, Community Bank and Trust Company; Noreen Gorka, owner, Y-Stress; Carolyn Coval, owner, Home Instead Senior Care; Jim Cook, owner, Jim Cook Painting; Carl Schroeder, prospective business owner; Yvonne Alu, owner, Hansel & Gretel; Lisa Marie Hall, educational program manager, University of Scranton SBDC; Christina Hitchcock, business development administrator, MetroAction.



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