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Man honored for achievement

Shane Ryder of Montoursville was honored at the 2009 PIBH Nettie Mann Achievement Award dinner, which each year honors the outstanding achievements of Pennsylvania workers and the exceptional character they demonstrate in living and coping with disabilities, particularly in the workplace.

Ryder was recognized along with the winner and 21 other runners-up at the Nettie Mann Achievement Award Dinner at the Hilton Hotel in Harrisburg on June 9.

"These award recipients exemplify the capabilities of workers with disabilities," said Al Baker, PIBH president and CEO. "Tonight, your stories inspire all of us to be better people."

Ryder has struggled to overcome his vision impairment his entire life. He suffers from multiple eye conditions including horizontal nystagmus O.U., severe myopia, and retrolental fibroplasia. Despite his difficulties, Ryder has attended taxidermy school and has opened his own company, called Still Life Taxidermy.

In addition to operating his own business, he works for North Central Sight Services, where he is responsible for servicing and maintaining snack and soda machines at several rest stop locations. As part of his position with North Central Sight Services, Ryder maintains inventory levels and cleanliness, and handles transportation of funds. He has a reputation for going the extra mile and for being an excellent team member.

Doug Flutie, NFL star, MVP and Heisman Trophy winner, served as the keynote speaker at the dinner. Bringing a message of hope and empowerment, he spoke of the foundation he established in the name of his son, the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, to help less-fortunate families with autistic children.

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