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## **ASTD Recognizes CNY Champions of Learning**

ASTD recognized nineteen Central New York organizations and individuals as ASTD “Champions of Learning” for their successful implementation of Employee Learning Week, December 7-11, 2009.

ASTD (American Society for Training & Development), the world’s largest association dedicated to workplace learning and performance professionals, annually declares Employee Learning Week, and designates this time for organizations to recognize the value of employee learning. Employee Learning Week is an awareness campaign highlighting the important connection between learning and achieving organizational results. Training is more important now than ever before. The growing skills gap and the increased need to compete in today’s economy require organizations to develop a knowledgeable and highly skilled workforce. Employee Learning Week is the perfect opportunity for organizations to highlight their commitment to learning and development.

Central New York Chapter of ASTD, and organizations and individuals throughout CNY demonstrated their commitment to developing the skills of employees and the workforce and celebrated Employee Learning Week 2009 with various activities recognizing learning and performance. The following

organizations and individuals were recognized by ASTD as Champions of Learning:

- Advanced Technology Training and Information Network
- AXA Equitable
- Candyce Robb
- Cayuga County
- CNY ASTD
- Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce
- Human Development Associates
- Insight Instructional Design
- Liberty Resources
- Messenger Associates
- National Government Services, Inc.
- New Horizons Computer Learning Center
- Oneida Health Care Center
- Pat Costello
- SRC
- Steiger Training & Development
- Syracuse Educational Opportunity Center
- Syracuse Fire Department
- Time Warner Cable