

# Stafano brushes opposition aside



CELEBRATIONS: Stefano (centre) with Jim McCann (left) and fellow lecturer Colin Walker outside the college

Edinburgh College apprentice Stefano La Greca has been named Paint Apprentice of the Year at the national Bodyshop Magazine Awards 2017.

Stefano, a vehicle painting apprentice at the college, received a specially customised spray gun, inscribed with his name.

Stefano, who works for DSL Autos, qualified for the final after competing against fellow apprentices from across the UK at an event in London.

He said: "The whole thing is pretty surreal. When I compared myself to who I was up against for the award I wasn't feeling very confident.

"I had nothing to lose so I just relaxed and enjoyed myself. When I saw my name and picture come up on the screen I couldn't believe it.

"Huge thanks to my employers and to all the lecturers at Edinburgh College. Having their support throughout the competition helped."

Jim McCann, an automotive engineering lecturer at the college, said: "Stefano is an extremely enthusiastic student who is always keen to help others.

"He has displayed his talents throughout his time on the course with the college and with his employer."