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## Ashbourne Student Wins Apprentice of the Year 2019

Declan Moore from Crestwood was nominated to represent his College, Dundalk IT, in the Ireland Skills Live competition which was held in the R.D.S. a couple of weeks ago.

Declan a former pupil of St. Declan's N.S. and Ashbourne Community School, won the top prize in the Automotive Technology Section and was named Apprentice of the Year 2019.

Congratulations Declan.

Picture shows Declan on right with his tutor Anthony Hoey of Dundalk I.T.



## Clann Ceol 2019

The unforgettable voice of Eimear Quinn lifted the hearts and spirits of all those who were in attendance at this year's "Clann Ceol 2019" which was held in the Ashbourne Parish Church.

This is an annual Charity Event organised by the Ashbourne and District Lions Club. This year's chosen Charity was the local "Meals on Wheels" organisation.

Eimear Quinn was joined on the night by the Dublin brass Band, the Mamisa String Quartet, the local Cór na Mí Choir, the local Schola Hiberniae Singers along with the visiting vocalists from "The Occasional" Singers from Dublin.

Eimear performed a number of unique personalised classical songs including a rendition of her Eurovision winning Song, "The Voice". In total there were over 80 vocalists on the night and they all combined for a wonderful rendition of the 'Halleluiah Chorus' to lift the rafters to close out the night. It was a truly fantastic night and one that will



be remembered and spoken about for many months to come.

The Lions Club would particularly like to thank Father Derek for his continued support for this annual Lions Club choral charity event as the selected musical programme created a very special atmosphere within the church.

Lastly the Ashbourne and District Lions Club would like to pass on their sincere thanks to all those who supported the concert on the night and in doing so, all funds raised on the night went directly towards the local "Meals

on Wheels" charity, who continue to provide a wonderful service in our community. This service not only provides much needed meals, but also supports loneliness and provides a sense of belonging and security for the elderly within the wider community.

The Lions Club continue to welcome new members throughout the year, so if you would like to join the Lions Club, please log onto www.ashbournelions.com for further details and for contact details also and become part of our team.