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Hannah Bell, 21, of Barrow won the Higher Apprentice of the Year at the Science Industry Skill Awards held at [the Montcalm Hotel](#).

The event celebrated the success of apprentices, providers and employers who have excelled in contributing to the development of skills across the science sectors.

Meanwhile, 23-year-old Rachel Lund, who is based at Ulverston during her first year on GSK's Future Leaders Programme, won the Graduate of the Year award. Liam Mitchell, 25, from Ulverston completed a hat-trick of successes for GSK Ulverston by being named as runner up in the Advanced (Manufacturing) Apprentice of the Year category.

Miss Bell, who is undertaking a supply chain higher apprenticeship and working towards a Foundation Degree in Professional Practice in International Trade, has been offered a permanent job with the supply and logistics team at GSK on the completion of her studies.

"It was a wonderful surprise to be named as an award winner and I'm also absolutely thrilled that Rachel and Liam were recognised for their hard work too," said Hannah after the awards ceremony.

"I really enjoy studying and learning and GSK has supported me all the way to develop academic and professional skills with hands-on experience in a workplace environment."

Liam is doing an advanced apprenticeship in manufacturing with GSK Ulverston, working towards a Level 3 NVQ Diploma in processing industries operations. Rachel, who is from York, obtained her degree in medical microbiology and immunology from Newcastle University last year.

Phil Wilson, the GSK Site Biopharm lead, said: "We're delighted to see that the efforts of Hannah, Rachel and Liam have been rewarded with national accolades. It's important to celebrate the achievements of those who have exceeded expectations and shown a dynamic, innovative and committed approach to training and honing their skills.



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“We aim to give our apprentices a varied and diverse range of opportunities to develop a career direction. These awards go a long way to highlighting how young people can embark on highly skilled and engaging careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.”

Previously known as the Life Science Skills Awards, the 2015 Science Industry Skill Awards ceremony celebrated excellence across the science industries, this year including the chemical, polymer, downstream, water treatment and biotechnology industries.

Ulverston is to be the location for a state-of-the-art biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility, the first new GSK factory built in the UK for almost 40 years.

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