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Last week (January 20) employees from Creed Foodservice gathered for the annual 'Creed Exceed' awards dinner and celebrated their personal achievements as well as the company's newly-awarded 'Best Companies One Star' accreditation status.

More than 80 employees from the wholesaler's Staverton (Gloucestershire), Ilkeston (Derbyshire) and High Wycombe (Buckinghamshire) distribution centres attended the dinner to find out if they had scooped one of four 'big prizes' after receiving 2016 quarterly recognition awards, which are given across all business functions. As well as the Employee of the Year, Manager of the Year and Best Newcomer awards, awarded to Ian Beal (warehouse), Mike Raybould (transport) and Katie Davies (HR) respectively. Ben Logan (sales) and Essy Safabakhsh (transport) were awarded the 'Believe in More' Award for always putting customers first, demonstrating excellent customer service and demonstrating the Creed values.

Additional 'Believe in More' recognition was also given to Rob Owen (Executive Development Chef) for achieving a Food Wholesale and Distribution Award and Steve Doolan (Warehouse) for the positive changes he has created since recently joining the company.

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Also in attendance was guest speaker Phil Vickery MBE who delivered an inspiring, humorous and motivating speech on his role in the world cup winning England Rugby Team, Master-chef and his farming background. There were clear synergies between the speech and the evening's themes of achievement, values, recognition and "Believing in More".

Creed Foodservice was also awarded a 'Best Companies One Star' accredited company following a company-wide employee survey completed by 76% of the 315-strong workforce, where they achieved a score of over 660 points. This recent best companies accreditation standard moved Creed up from the previous year's 'one to watch' rating.

The results, the wholesaler said, "demonstrated high levels of engagement and positivity about the company, with overall results showing high and improving scores across all of the eight factors of employee engagement."

Chris Creed, CEO of Creed Foodservice said: "I would like to say well done to everyone; there were some fantastic achievements in 2016, many of which I'm sure contributed to our 'best companies one star' achievement. All our recognition awards were well deserved, and it's been a pleasure to see our people sharing each other's success as well as the company's success at this evening's Creed Exceed awards ceremony."

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