



**Global Connections to Employment, Inc.**

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## GCE Names Person with Disability Employee of the Year

**Pensacola, Fla. (February 18, 2020)** – Global Connections to Employment (GCE) has selected Bonnie Blaydes as the 2019 Employee of the Year. Bonnie was chosen from a pool of approximately 1,800 employees who work at sites across the nation.

Bonnie was born with methamphetamine in her system and grew up around substance and domestic abuse. Eventually, she began to abuse drugs. Then, while trying to turn her life around case workers with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation discovered that Bonnie had a learning disability. She was connected to GCE for employment, and today she works as a food services shift leader at Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska. Bonnie speaks about addiction and recovery to audiences at schools, churches and detox centers. She also serves as a board member at the Bread Line, a nonprofit organization that feeds the hungry.

“We are honored to work with Bonnie and share in her positivity and daily encouragement,” said Rich Gilmartin, president, Global Connections to Employment. “She embodies our Mission and deserves this award.”

The GCE Mission is to help people Like Bonnie throughout their life journeys. The corporate offices are located in Pensacola, Florida, but the agency manages work contract sites in multiple states and the District of Columbia providing jobs to people with disabilities. Read Bonnie’s full story at [GCE.org/successes](http://GCE.org/successes).



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*About Global Connections to Employment*

*Global Connections to Employment (GCE) an affiliate of Lakeview Center, Inc. exists to help people throughout life’s journey. We meet our Mission by securing contracts to provide specific services and then hiring, training and supervising a workforce composed mostly of people with disabilities, including war-wounded U.S. military veterans. Based in Pensacola, Fla. and operating in **multiple states and the District of Columbia**, GCE has seven business lines: administrative support services, custodial services, facilities management, food services, health care environmental services, contact center and information technology. GCE is a member of the AbilityOne Network. To learn more, go to [GCE.org](http://GCE.org).*

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