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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS SELECTS SOPHIA AHLGREN AS YOUTH PARTICIPANT OF THE YEAR

ARLINGTON, **Texas** – Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT) selected Sophia Ahlgren of Denton, Texas, as the Youth Participant of the Year. Miss Ahlgren was recognized at WSNCT's Annual Awards of Excellence event held on January 30, 2019 at the Ruthe Jackson Center in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The Youth Participant of the Year Award recognizes a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) young adult participant who has worked hard, taken initiative, met personal goals, overcome barriers and proven themselves ready for the next level of education or employment.

"Miss Ahlgren encountered many obstacles on her journey, but she faced each challenge with a smile and a can-do attitude," said David Setzer, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas. "Her passion for learning and unwavering focus on her goal were key to her success."

With the support and guidance of her Career Coach at the Greenville Work Center, Miss Ahlgren took advantage of job readiness classes, leadership development modules and financial literacy workshops. Through WSNCT and WIOA training assistance, Miss Ahlgren enrolled in the National Dental Services Dental Assisting School and obtained her Dental Assistant license. Shortly after earning her Dental Assistant license, Miss Ahlgren found full-time employment at a local dentistry practice. She is interested in continuing her education and technical training to become a Dental Hygienist.

About WSNCT

In partnership with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas advances business-driven talent development strategies that promote economic growth, opportunity and a quality workforce. The organization serves Collin, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, and Wise counties. For more information on WSNCT and its programs and services, please visit www.dfwjobs.com.