

Abilities First honors award-winners

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Abilities First, a nonprofit organization that provides educational, vocational, residential and clinical services to more than 2,000 people with disabilities and their families in the mid-Hudson, honored award recipients recently at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. From left are Participant of the Year award winner Raymond Ike, state Sen. Stephen Saland, Michele Osika Swank and John Thoman, executive director of Abilities First. Other honorees were Omega Institute (Business of the Year); Sheila Appel, manager of corporate citizenship and corporate affairs for IBM, (Volunteer of the Year), and Ann Hardiman, executive director of the New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies (Lynn and Nancy Wall Award).

