

Bashas' News Release

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Chandler names courtesy clerk 'Employee of the Year'

(CHANDLER, Ariz.)—March 13, 2007—Bashas' Courtesy Clerk Ryan Shea, the reigning Courtesy Clerk of the Year for Bashas' southern division, was recently named Employee of the Year by the Chandler Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

Shea, a 20-year-old Hamilton High School senior, works part-time at the Bashas' located on Alma School and Queen Creek in Chandler. He is involved in Chandler Gilbert Arc, a local nonprofit that helps people with disabilities transition to the work force. Shea has hypochondroplasia, a form of short-limb dwarfism.

On March 5, Shea received his award as Employee of the Year. He has worked at Bashas' for five years as a courtesy clerk, and intends to become a cashier when he graduates. Ryan's story was recently featured in the *East Valley Tribune*. To read the full article, [click here](#).

Dave Thomas is the Customer Service Manager at the Bashas' where Shea works. Dave said, "Ryan is great to work with. If he sees something needs to be done, he comes to me and asks me if he can do it. He is very outgoing, always has a smile on his face and is a true pleasure to work with."

Bashas' Family of Stores was founded in 1932 by brothers Ike and Eddie Basha, Sr. It is the largest family-owned supermarket in Arizona and the 3rd largest employer in the state. Bashas' is the 15th largest privately held supermarket chain in the nation. For more information, visit www.bashas.com.



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