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Wilkes-Barre employee William "Bill" Gabriel receives Navient's quarterly Navigator Leadership Award

Award recognizes leadership in the workplace

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Nov. 03, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Longtime Navient employee William "Bill" Gabriel, who has been with the company for 25 years, has received Navient's quarterly Navigator Leadership Award.

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The award is presented to one company leader who demonstrates excellence in business, people, results and personal leadership.

"Bill is a multi-dimensional leader who obtains the best business results," said Jack Remondi, president and CEO, Navient. "He accomplishes this by working with all levels of employees within his own organization and throughout the enterprise and by demonstrating Navient's core values and mission."

Gabriel, who is the director of loan servicing for Navient, the nation's leading loan management, servicing and asset recovery company, was nominated for the award by two of his colleagues for exemplifying Navient's values and leadership competencies.

"We all know what it is like being on the other side of a problem and appreciate dealing with someone who has compassion and dedication to resolving our needs," said Gabriel. "I also believe in striving to be the best at what you do, whether we are talking about customer service, participating in sports, or serving our communities. If you perform at your best, it is always a result you can live with."

Managing a team of about 75 employees, Gabriel was responsible for overseeing the transition of 4 million student loans to a new servicing platform.

Gabriel is also known for embracing career development by mentoring, teaching and promoting employees and encouraging them to investigate, apply and accept positions elsewhere in the company that could utilize their skill-set.

Gabriel currently resides in Kingston with his wife Amy and two children, Liam and Bridget. He is currently enrolled in leadership classes at Leadership Wilkes-Barre, an organization whose mission is to develop informed and committed leaders from all segments of the community.

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