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Craig Breen comes home to hero's welcome...

after winning the World Rally Academy Championship

Quotes...

Mayor of Waterford, Cllr. Pat Hayes,
 "For his accomplishments this year I now want to invite Craig to my Office where I will honour him with a Mayoral Reception."

Anne Marie Caulfield, President of the Waterford Chamber,
 "Craig, on behalf of the business community of Waterford, I want to congratulate you, I want to say that the business community and the people who live and work in Waterford are hugely proud of you. We know the commitment and drive to achieve your success is astronomical."

President of Motorsport Ireland, Joe Corcoran,
 "I'm honoured here today to have the opportunity to congratulate Craig on his victory in the WRC Academy. Imagine having a four minute lead (In Wales Rally GB Academy Class) and still having to push all the way for stage wins to secure the championship win."

James Coleman, Chairman of the Rallies Committee, Motorsport Ireland,
 "What Craig and Gareth achieved last weekend are what dreams are made of. I want to congratulate Craig and Gareth as a fellow club member of Carrick on Suir Motor Club and as sponsor of the team."

Carrick on Suir Motor Club President, George Clancy,
 "If you're inside the sport and you understand rallying, you know what it means, this was an incredible performance and it left me speechless. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would now say to you now that this is now the finest hour of the Carrick on Suir Motor Club."

Craig's Dad, Ray Breen,
 "In any sport or profession if you want to be successful you're going to face adversity and that's what's impressed me most about the two Guy's. They never ever gave up."

Terence Kearney, Chairman of the Carrick on Suir Motor Club,
 "On behalf of the Carrick on Suir Motor Club, it gives me great pleasure to

welcome our World Champions Craig and Gareth here this afternoon. Craig's achievements over the past three years have elevated the profile of our Motor Club and winning the WRC Academy Championship last Saturday and being chosen for the FIA Institute this week is just the start of his blossoming career. Holding this Home Coming Celebration is our way to recognise their success."

Craig Breen,
 "Growing up in the environment of Motorsport, being there with my Dad as a young boy, I was in my element and I loved every minute of it, Sunday morning, I was up with my John Moynihan suit and I was happy. Having Dad there competing, he was my idol."

"To receive this reception, the phone calls, messages and emails, even from people not associated with the rally fraternity has shown amazing support for me, it's unbelievable and I want to thank each and every one, I want to keep progressing. At the moment I'm on the crest of a wave but I must keep my head down and keep working, thanks again."