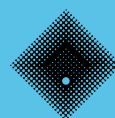

STUDENT AWARDS

2023



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Victoria University (VU) acknowledges the Elders, families and forebearers of the Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) and Wathaurung (Wadawurrung) who are the custodians of University land and have been for many centuries.

We acknowledge that the land on which we stand is the place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal, and that the Kulin people's living culture had, and has, a unique role in the life of this region. VU supports the aim of Reconciliation Australia to build better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

Congratulations to all the 2023 Victoria University (VU) Student Award recipients.

You have worked incredibly hard, and this Award recognises your outstanding achievements. It signifies your resilience, determination, and resourcefulness – and how you have excelled during your VU journey.

I am deeply proud of your commitment to your studies and the important contributions you have made to the VU community, and you should be equally proud to be recognised by your Colleges.

Our dedicated staff have supported your success along the way. They are innovative in their practice, leaders in their disciplines, and play a crucial role in guiding you through university towards career success.

You are the next generation of thinkers, leaders and entrepreneurs – and this Award highlights all the wonderful places you will go.

My personal congratulations to each of you for receiving a 2023 Student Award.

Well done!

Adam



Professor Adam Shoemaker

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT
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AWARD RECIPIENTS



COLLEGE OF ARTS, BUSINESS, LAW, EDUCATION & IT

DEANS SCHOLAR AWARD UNDERGRADUATE



Mary Baras-Miller

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Mary Baras-Miller is a lawyer at the Australian Government Solicitor, having graduated with her Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in 2022. She was the recipient of the University Medal for Academic Excellence in 2022 and the Paul Booth Medal in 2019. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Mary worked as an Associate at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and at various State courts and tribunals. Mary is keenly interested in administrative law and judicial review.

DEANS SCHOLAR AWARD POSTGRADUATE



Virginia Mitchell

Master of Education

Virginia (Ginny) is a lifelong learner and attributes this to her deep sense of curiosity. This has led her to some unique places as an educator, including leading multi-week outdoor and experiential learning trips across Australia and to over 15 developing countries with students. She is professionally motivated by supporting students as they embrace new opportunities to learn more about planetary health, themselves, each other and the diverse environments they're in and are travelling through.

She has a Bachelors in Exercise and Health Science, Graduate Cert in Higher Education and Diplomas in Outdoor Leadership and Adventure Based Learning. She is keen to continue her postgraduate research into the design and delivery of equitable educational opportunities for Australian students using systems-thinking based approaches. When not studying, she's traveling and playing with her family, including Biscuit, the kelpie/labrador.

ARTS & EDUCATION

COLLEGE AWARDS

Outstanding Student in Arts

Guido Oliveira Andrade De Melo

Bachelor of Arts

Outstanding Student in Criminal Justice

Russell Macmillan

Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Outstanding Student in Music

Matthew Evans

Bachelor of Music

Outstanding Student in Screen Media

Eden Snieg

Bachelor of Screen Media

Outstanding Student in Youth Work

Michelle Balod

Bachelor of Youth Work

Outstanding Student in Early Childhood Education

Robyn Westwood

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

Outstanding Student in Education Studies

Lani Evalu

Bachelor of Education Studies

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Industry Award Recognising Outstanding Achievement in Pursuing Education Career Pathways

Laura Giles

Diploma of Education Studies

Bank First Award for Year One, Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Joskun Celebioglu

Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Bank First Award for Year Two, Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Jessica Clark

Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Bank First Award for Year Three, Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Camille King

Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Bank First Award for Year Four, Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Maarten Van Erps

Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Bank First - Art Pearl Award. Highest Achieving Student in the Bachelor of Education (P-12), in the following categories: (a) Meritorious Academic Performance; (b) Social Justice Qualities During Their Placement; and (c) Readiness to Engage in Master's Level Studies

Siham Tabbit

Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Roger Dunn Prize for the Highest Achieving First Year Student in the Bachelor of Screen Media

William Byrne

Bachelor of Screen Media

CITATIONS

Primary English Teaching Association Australia (PETAA) Award for Excellence in Primary English Teaching in the Master of Teaching (Primary)

Bianca Simone

Master of Teaching (Primary)

Primary English Teaching Association Australia (PETAA) Award for Excellence in Primary English Teaching in the Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Amber Bradford

Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV) Award, for Excellence in Primary English Teaching Award in the Bachelor of Education (P-12)

Siham Tabbit

Bachelor of Education (P-12)

History Teachers' Association of Victoria (HTAV) Award. Most Outstanding Bachelor of Education Student who has shown the most promise in History Method

Caleb Freeman

Bachelor of Education

Victorian Association for the Teaching of English - The Michael Hamerston/VATE Award. Most Outstanding Preservice Teacher in English Pedagogy, in the Master of Teaching (Secondary Education)

Rachel Parker

Master of Teaching (Secondary Education)

The Amira Inglis Award. Most Outstanding European History Student in the Bachelor of Arts

Grace Lord

Bachelor of Arts

LAW & JUSTICE

COLLEGE AWARDS

Outstanding Student in Laws

Eleanor Heald

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Outstanding Student - Bachelor of Legal Services

Shayna Johnson

Bachelor of Legal Services

African Australian Legal Network Award for an Outstanding Law Student of African Descent

Samuel Mander

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Dr Jim Rangelov Award for Outstanding Student in Criminology

Lauren Andrews

Bachelor of Criminology

Outstanding Student in Migration Law

Arun Venkitachalam

Graduate Diploma in Migration Law

Outstanding Student - Honours

Yan Liu

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Outstanding First Year Student - Bachelor of Laws Booth Medal

Giulia La Delfa

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Criminology

College Award for Leader in the Community, or other aspiration

Samuel Mander

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Moondani Balluk Outstanding Indigenous Student

Georgia Haggarty

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Criminology

CITATIONS

Outstanding Student - Cindy Farran Award

Isabella Tumolero

Bachelor of Laws

Outstanding Student - LLW3009 Lawyers Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Polly Tamer

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) /

Bachelor of Psychology (Hons)

Outstanding Student - LLW4000 Civil Procedure

Lisa Donnelly

Bachelor of Laws (Hon)

Outstanding Student - LLW2010 Privacy & Media Law

Pia Efsthathiadis

Bachelor of Laws

Outstanding Student - LLW2010 Privacy & Media Law

Dylan Shuter

Bachelor of Laws

BUSINESS SCHOOL

COLLEGE AWARDS

Outstanding Student in Master of Business - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems

Pruthvi Nalluri

Master of Business

Work Integrated Learning Outstanding Achievement

Celeste Lando

Bachelor of Business

Institute of Manager and Leaders Award for Most Outstanding Student in Master of Business Administration

Daria Gaidarenko

Master of Business Administration

Institute of Manager and Leaders Award for Most Outstanding Student in Master of Business Administration

Chitra Khanna

Master of Business Administration

The Rumpf Award for Most Outstanding Student in Bachelor of Business, Management/HRM

Cade Rieniets

Bachelor of Business

My-Linh Dao Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Bachelor of Business Accounting

Zu Choong

Bachelor of Business Accounting

My-Linh Dao Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Masters of Business Accounting

Cornelia Van Niekerk

Masters of Business Accounting

Jane Shou Award for Most Outstanding Student in Master of Business Analytics

Ira Budhiraja

Master of Business Analytics

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE AWARDS

PEXA Award for Outstanding Student in Information Technology (Undergraduate) - Bachelor of Information Technology

Geoffrey Cuevas

Bachelor of IT

PEXA Award for Outstanding Student in Information Technology (Postgraduate) - Graduate Certificate of Cyber Security

Brian Heatherich

Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security

Australian Computer Society (ACS) Award for Outstanding Student in Information Technology in the Bachelor of Information Technology (Professional)

Mevan Fernando

Bachelor of IT (Professional)

Australian Computer Society (ACS) Award for Outstanding Student in Information Technology in the Bachelor of Information Technology

Roodi Al Shaltan

Bachelor of IT

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**Dr Jim Rangelov
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Dr Peter Rumpf

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Jane Shou**



**Jill Pappas and
George Pappas AO**





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DEANS SCHOLAR AWARD UNDERGRADUATE



Mikayla Jones

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

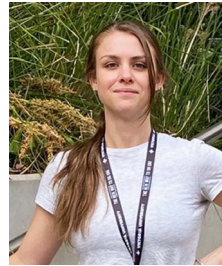
Mikayla was a driven student with a passion for psychology, inspiring her to make positive impacts within her community. She graduated from Victoria University with First-Class Honours in Psychology, where she demonstrated her intellectual capacity and deep understanding of psychological principles and practices. Her academic achievements are highlighted by her exceptional GPA and rewards for outstanding academic performance.

During her time at Victoria University, Mikayla conducted research on disordered eating behaviours in bisexual women, focusing on the impact of discrimination on their psychological distress. Her thesis, "Does Psychological Distress Mediate the Relationship Between Bisexual Discrimination and Disordered Eating Behaviours in Bi+ Women?", was one of the top theses in her cohort and is currently in the midst of being published.

Mikayla also dedicated her time to extracurricular activities, particularly volunteering. She actively participated in Victoria University's volunteering program, the VU VOLLIES, where she contributed her skills and expertise towards other areas of the university.

Mikayla's exceptional academic achievements and unwavering commitment to bettering her community make her a true asset to the field of psychology and a representation of a VU student. As she continues to pursue her academic and professional goals, she remains dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others through her research, mentorship, and volunteer work.

DEANS SCHOLAR AWARD POSTGRADUATE



Rhiannon Danielle Healy

Master of Clinical Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

Rhiannon is a dedicated and passionate student in the field of clinical exercise science and physiology. Rhiannon is well known to her lecturers as a high achieving student who is always willing to challenge herself and ask insightful questions. She received outstanding feedback from both internal and external academics and industry professionals during her Master of Clinical Exercise Rehabilitation degree.

While she was studying full-time at Victoria University, Rhiannon actively engaged in the community, opened her own business and established an internal network of educators and practitioners in exercise rehabilitation. Beyond her high marks throughout both her undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, Rhiannon pursued further education and research through completing a minor thesis project that ultimately received high commendations (H1) from thesis examiners. This work has already resulted in the development of academic manuscripts and, combined with her excellent marks in her post graduate degree, led to her receiving a prestigious PhD scholarship at Victoria University. The minor thesis ignited Rhiannon's passion for research, and in her PhD she is currently exploring the role of exercise in improving hormone health in individuals with Type 2 Diabetes.

SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

COLLEGE AWARDS

*Outstanding Graduate Student in
Exercise Science*

James Korov

*Bachelor of Exercise Science
(Clinical Practice)*

*Outstanding Graduate Student in
Outdoor Recreation*

Indigo Crabbmor

Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership

*Outstanding Graduate Student in
Sport Science*

Liam Drowley

Bachelor of Sport Science

*Outstanding Graduate Student in
Sport Management*

Tahlia Lombardi

Bachelor of Sport Management

*Industry Award for Excellence in Career
Development and Employability*

Brayden Hunt

Bachelor of Sport Management

HEALTH & BIOMEDICINE

COLLEGE AWARDS

*Outstanding Graduate Student in
Medical Sciences*

Memphis Calzoni

Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Outstanding Graduate Student in Allied Health

Tahlia Harper

Bachelor of Paramedicine

*Outstanding Graduate Student in Nursing
and Midwifery*

Daniella Helena Foster

Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Nursing

*Outstanding Clinical Student Award in
Osteopathy*

Marion Hillebrand

Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)

*College Award for Excellence in Academia in
Paramedicine*

Laura Jean Ireland

Bachelor of Paramedicine

Outstanding Bachelor Graduate in Osteopathy

Giorgia Morena

Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy)

Outstanding Bachelor Graduate in Osteopathy

Bryan Han Zhen Woo

Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy)

Muna Rahman Nursing Award

Thi Thuy Trang Nguyen

Bachelor of Nursing

ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

COLLEGE AWARDS

Outstanding Student in Built Environment

**Robert Donald Keem
Cheong Ng Kwik Tung**

*Bachelor of Construction Management
(Honours)*

Outstanding Student in Engineering

**Ruwan Tharaka Warsha
Withana Gunasekara**

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Civil Engineering)*

Outstanding Student in Science

Janelle Woodward

Bachelor of Science

College Award for Partnership with Principle

Ashfaq Lukman

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Mechanical Engineering)*

John B. Koschade Award for Most Outstanding 2nd Year Student in Civil Engineering

Duy Do

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Civil Engineering)*

John B. Koschade Award for Most Outstanding 2nd Year Student in Architectural/Building Engineering

Jawel Wardeh

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Architectural Engineering)*

Victoria Investments & Properties Award for Outstanding 2nd Year Student in the Bachelor of Science

Daniel Moo

Bachelor of Science

Garry Powell Award

Dulan Pabasara Vidanage

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Architectural Engineering)*

CITATIONS

The Footscray Technical College Engineering Graduates of 1959-60, Engineering Award for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Cheuk Yin (Nardo) Wai

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Architectural Engineering)*

The Bogong Scholarship - 2nd year Engineering Student from a Non-Metropolitan Region in Victoria

Lachlan Armstrong

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Electrical & Electronic Engineering)*

Rowe Scholarship - (Rowe Scientific Pty Ltd)

My-Linh Bolin

Bachelor of Science

Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IME) - The Frederic Barnes Waldron 'Best Student' Award

Keshab Paudel

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Mechanical Engineering)*

*Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia
(SRIA) Award for Most Outstanding Student in
Structures Units*

Anupam Pathak

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Civil Engineering)*

*Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Victorian
Local Association - Fred Green Prize for Most
Outstanding Student in Penultimate Year of
Civil Engineering Course*

Manish Bhusal

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Civil Engineering)*

*Builders Academy Australia Prize for Best
Performing student in Construction Site
Operations*

Laurents Paluoja

*Bachelor of Construction Management
(Honours)*

*Most Outstanding Student in
Geotechnical Engineering*

Nadun Perera

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Civil Engineering)*

*Australian Steel Institute Undergraduate
Steel Design Award*

Hadin Suthar

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
(Architectural Engineering)*

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Munha Rahman Prize





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