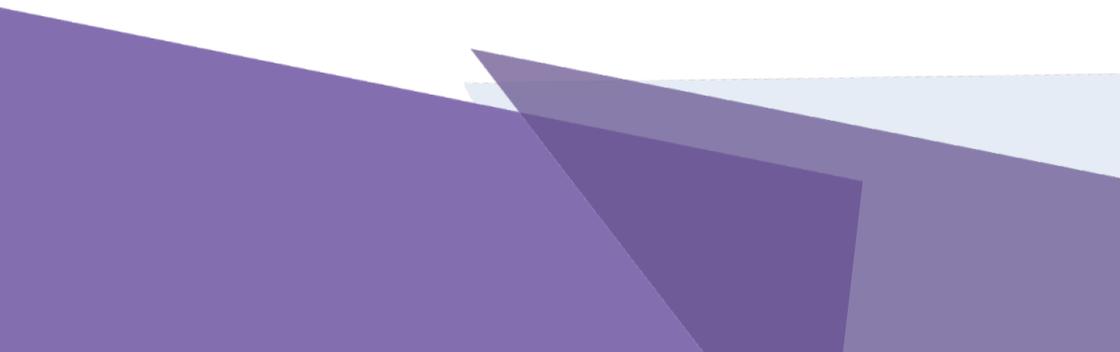


# Student Prize Ceremony

Recognising outstanding student  
achievement in 2018



## Student Prize Ceremony

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Fraser's Kings Park

5:30pm Registrations, refreshments and entertainment

6:15pm Welcome

*Professor Maryam Omari*

*Executive Dean, School of Business and Law*

6:25pm Prize Giving Ceremony

*Master of Ceremonies, Associate Professor Madeleine Ogilvie*

*Associate Dean, Teaching and Learning*

During the presentation ceremony, sponsors are requested to proceed to the stage as the title of the prize is announced.

Prize winners will then be invited forward to receive their prize and pause for a photograph with the prize sponsor.

7:30pm Canapés, refreshments and entertainment

8:00pm Evening concludes

## PRIZES

AHRI Prize for the Master of Human Resource Management

Donor: Australian Human Resources Institute

Winner: Elena Koltsova

AHRI Prize for the Bachelor of Business (HR Management Major)

Donor: Australian Human Resources Institute

Winner: Joanne May

AMD Chartered Accountants Prize

Donor: AMD Chartered Accountants

Winner: Harry Dykstra

Atul Chandra Master of Professional Accounting Prize

Donor: Atul Chandra

Winner: Weerahannedige Geethan Chamara Fernando

Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) Postgraduate Prize

Donor: Australian Institute of Project Management

Winner: Maharshi Man Maharjan

Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) Undergraduate Prize

Donor: Australian Institute of Project Management

Winner: Rudy Soriano

Australian Marketing Institute Award for Excellence in Marketing  
(Undergraduate)

Donor: Australian Marketing Institute

Winner: Lydia Barley

Australian Marketing Institute Award for Excellence in Marketing  
(Postgraduate)

Donor: Australian Marketing Institute

Winner: Hilary Thomas

Bunbury Geographe Chamber of Commerce and Industries Prize

Donor: Bunbury Chamber of Commerce and Industries

Winner: Teresa Marie Partridge

CBA Prize

Donor: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Winner: Mattariya Sirichotivanich

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Prize for Accounting  
Information Systems

Donor: Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Winner: Michelle Ambrose

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Prize for Financial  
Accounting Theory and Practice

Donor: Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Winner: Paul Matthew Beard

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Managerial  
Accounting Prize

Donor: Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Winner: Derryn Howes

CCI WA Leadership, Strategy and Change Prize

Donor: Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA

Winner: Anthony Philip Oldershaw

CCI WA Strategic Leadership and Stakeholder Management Prize

Donor: Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA

Winner: Paska Kamau Kinuthia

City of Wanneroo Current Issues in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Prize

Donor: City of Wanneroo

Winner: Violet Gwara

City of Wanneroo New Product Development Prize

Donor: City of Wanneroo

Winner: Hilary Thomas

CPA Australia Prize for First Year Accounting Major

Donor: CPA Australia

Winner: Rebecca Louise Lowe

CPA Australia Prize for Second Year Accounting Major

Donor: CPA Australia

Winner: Errol Joyce

Criminal Lawyers Association of WA Prize

Donor: The Criminal Lawyers Association of WA

Winner: Guy William Murphy

Cullen Macleod Contract Law I Prize

Donor: Cullen Macleod

Winner: Dianne Dorothy Howells

Cullen Macleod Contract Law II Prize

Donor: Cullen Macleod

Winner: Stuart Kenneth Caporn

Economic Society of Australia Prize

Donor: Economic Society of Australia (WA Branch)

Winner: Narelle Harvey

Graduate Management Association of Australia Inc.

Master of Business Administration International Prize

Donor: Graduate Management Association of Australia

Winner: Bikash Chhetri

Dr Heather MacGowan OAM Award for Professional Practice in Sport,  
Recreation and Event Management

Donor: Dr Sue Colyer

Winner: Natasha King

Landgate Property Law Prize

Donor: Landgate

Winner: Natalie Warner

**Leach Legal Family Law Prize**

Donor: Leach Legal Divorce and Family Lawyers

Winner: Lucy Whitten

**LexisNexis Prize for Legal Writing and Research**

Donor: LexisNexis Pty Ltd

Winner: Jason Smith

**McGraw-Hill Australia Prize for Capital Markets**

Donor: McGraw-Hill Australia

Winner: Michelle Ambrose

**McGraw-Hill Australia Prize for Investment Finance (Semester 1)**

Donor: McGraw-Hill Australia

Winner: Derryn Howes

**McGraw-Hill Australia Prize for Investment Finance (Semester 2)**

Donor: McGraw-Hill Australia

Winner: Chantelle Gregory

**The Murray Hotel Prize**

Donor: Kate Sinfield (Owner of the Murray Hotel)

Winner: Isabelle Borona

**Office of Auditor General WA Award for Outstanding Performance in Undergraduate Auditing**

Donor: Office of the Auditor General for WA

Winner: Murray West

**Oxford University Press Human Resource Management MAN2145 Prize**

Donor: Oxford University Press

Winner: Khan Miller

**RAC Award for Excellence in Leadership**

Donor: The Royal Automobile Club of WA

Winner: Hajira Allie

**R K O'Connor QC Prize in Taxation**

Donor: Robert O'Connor QC

Winner: Nikita Scholtz

**Rosalie Heaney Award for Excellence in Event Management**

Donor: Jean Evans

Winner: Samantha Parrotte

Rowe Group Award for Academic Excellence

Donor: Rowe Group

Winner: Harrison Kenyon Stringer

Sea to Summit Award for Excellence in Sport Recreation Leadership  
and Programming

Donor: Sea to Summit

Winner: Rebecca Rawlins

SKAL International Perth Clive Nelthorpe Memorial Award

Donor: SKAL International Perth

Winner: Stephanie Alosi

The Tourism Council Western Australia Award for Excellence in Tourism  
and Hospitality

Donor: The Tourism Council Western Australia

Winner: Kerran Olson

Mr. Udayan Jashbhai Patel Prize in Business Management

Donor: Mrs Shailee Desai

Winner: Lauren Tanya Menegola

UniBank Prize for Excellence in Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

Donor: Unibank

Winner: Hilary Thomas

UniBank Prize for Excellence in Strategic Management

Donor: Unibank

Winner: Brooke Kathleen Silich

UniSuper Prize for Excellence in Investment Management

Donor: UniSuper

Joint Winners: Rohit Pathak and Kelina Chitrakar

West Coast Eagles Prize for Excellence in Sport, Recreation  
and Event Management

Donor: West Coast Eagles

Winner: Savannah Steinbach

Yappy Group Pty Ltd Prize for Excellence in Social Media and Marketing

Donor: Yappy Group Pty Ltd

Winner: Shay Wienert

## MEDALS

School of Business and Law Medal

Winner: Joanne May

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Listed below are the testimonials from prize winning students who were unable to attend the ceremony this evening.

AHA (WA) Valedictory Prize for Hospitality Management

Donor: Australian Hotels Association (Western Australia)

Winner: Alana Elliott

I would like to thank ECU's School of Business and Law and the Australian Hotels Association (WA) for this award. Award nights like this demonstrate the ongoing and additional support provided by both the University and their sponsors. I have completed both a Bachelor of Business (Hotel Management) and a Graduate Certificate (Project Management) with ECU and have thoroughly enjoyed my studies. I am pleased that my study efforts have led to this recognition in the form of receiving the Valedictory Prize for Hospitality Management. I would also like to thank my family for their continuous support throughout my studies and I would like to congratulate all the other students for their achievements and wish us all the best going forward.

Australian Finance Industry Association Prize

Donor: Australian Finance Industry Association

Winner: Kate Salomon

I would like to thank the School of Business and Law for the award and recognising the achievements of my studies at ECU.

CCI WA Fundamentals of Value Creation in Business Prize

Donor: Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA

Winner: Michael D'Andrea

I'd like to thank the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA and ECU's School of Business and Law for presenting me with this award.

As a Computer Science graduate at ECU 18 years ago, my career has always been in related professional positions. 5 years ago I grew concerned with emergent trends in automation, machine learning and artificial intelligence; exciting, yet disruptive technologies on the horizon. I felt that employment opportunities in my area of expertise could be in decline in the short-term, which is something of a global issue for our age. My drive to return to ECU and part-time study was born from a desire to enhance my leadership skills and employability in a wider spectrum of business and technology careers.

Late last year the hard work and determination I'd invested in my MBA was rewarded with a career-changing opportunity and I've embraced it. This also culminated in my receiving this award for which I am very thankful. I truly believe that the skills and knowledge gained on my MBA journey will continue to benefit me in all future aspects of my professional life.

Frontier Software Prize

Donor: Frontier Software

Winner: Dilni Prathiraja

I would like to thank the ECU School of Business and Law for this award. It was a memorable two years at ECU working towards completing my Master's in International Hospitality Management and I had the opportunity to complete it with a specialisation in Human Resources Management. I started my journey at ECU in 2016 and it shaped me to become a greater leader today. The immense support provided by both lecturers and the learning consultants are unforgettable.

Completion of my Master's degree has assisted me in reaching a wide range of opportunities, thus I have moved from Perth to Tasmania in order to start my career in the hospitality sector. I am now ready to use the knowledge and skills gained at ECU to further succeed in my career.

CPA Australia Prize

Donor: CPA Australia

Winner: Janice Jobling

KGL Accountants Prize

Donor: KGL Accountants

Winner: Janice Jobling

After six years of part-time study I'm pleased to say I finally have a degree in Accounting and Finance! Since taking my final exams I have relocated to Adelaide where I hope to progress my career with my new qualification as soon as possible.

As a mature student and working mum of three this would not have been possible without the flexibility of ECU and more specifically the Bunbury Campus lecturers.

I really appreciate the recognition from both CPA Australia and KGL Accountants, awards like this really do make the extra work worthwhile and provide much needed encouragement throughout the semester to go that extra mile to achieve better results.

Seven West Media WA Award for Excellence in Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations

Donor: Seven West Media

Winner: Amber Kelsie Pegler

It is an honour to receive this award and I would like to thank the ECU School of Business and Law and its teaching staff as well as Seven West Media. I am unable to attend tonight's event as I am currently on a cultural exchange program in the United States, working for Walt Disney World in Florida.

The Bachelor of Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations course challenged me to improve my creative, strategic and communication skills. In my final semester, I had an amazing opportunity to represent ECU in the IAA Big Idea competition finals in Sydney. I will carry the skills and confidence I have developed into wherever my working life takes me next.

The Dean's Award for MBA Indigenous Entrepreneurship

Donor: Professor Maryam Omari, Executive Dean School of Business and Law

Winner: Vanessa Trundle

Thank you to Professor Maryam Omari, Executive Dean, at ECU's School of Business and Law for this award.

My journey into and during University life was not uncommon amongst indigenous students, who have not had the access and support into higher education that other Australians have had. My determination to not only complete my Master's, but succeed with a HD average saw me through. ECU's School of Business and Law enhanced my natural abilities and ensured I entered the corporate world with honesty, integrity and a healthy dose of rational inquiry. Whilst I would have liked to complete my PhD, I, like many students, are unable to do so. I have had several opportunities proposed and have taken a position at Landgate within the People & Culture Department in the Strategy, People and Performance team. I am excited with the various paths my career may take me, which have opened up, as some companies value quality higher education, like the education that I received at ECU.

Once again thank you to the School of Business and Law, Professor Omari and Associate Professor Marie Ryan.

Thompson Reuters Book Prize

Donor: Thompson Reuters

Winner: Federica Bernardini

Thanks to the School of Business and Law for this award!

My journey towards completing my Master of Professional Accounting is near to the end and I am grateful to have been part of the ECU community!

I have had the chance to study in a multicultural environment and to meet amazing and supportive lecturers during my studies.

I look forward to applying the valuable knowledge and skills acquired during those years in my future career!

Wanneroo Business Association Management Excellence Award

Donor: Wanneroo Business Association

Winner: Stephen Wesley

I would like to thank the Wanneroo Business Association and ECU for this award.

Returning to University after almost twenty years to complete a Postgraduate qualification in Business has been both challenging yet rewarding at the same time. I've been somewhat amazed and enlightened by the changes in management thinking, especially associated within the field of leadership, motivation and the role of ethics in the development of a strong and sustainably organisational culture. It is my hope that this new knowledge will help me transition into a new and more rewarding career path within the Local Government sector where I believe I have potential to make a bigger difference to the community I serve.

## PRIZE WINNERS

Listed below are the prize winning students who were unable to attend this evening.

Graduate Management Association of Australia Inc.

Master of Business Administration Prize

Donor: Graduate Management Association of Australia

Winner: Ricky Curtis

The Dean's Award for MBA Indigenous Entrepreneurship

Donor: Professor Maryam Omari, Executive Dean School of Business and Law

Winner: Anne-Maree Jones

WA Sports Federation Award for Excellence in Sport Business Management

Donor: WA Sports Federation

Winner: Jayden Lindsay Williamson

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

Thank you to the donors for sponsoring these awards  
and to the recipients' family and friends  
for joining the celebration.