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Message from the Minister

I take great pleasure in congratulating the 109 recipients of 2016 Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning, awarded through the Australian Awards for University Teaching program.

This year we recognise individuals and teams who have developed innovative and imaginative approaches to deliver world class learning experiences. These citations showcase the outstanding teachers and teams working across a wide range of study areas and disciplines. They also demonstrate the impact that true collaboration with students, colleagues, communities, industry and business has on producing excellent outcomes.

STEM learning and teaching and the promotion of practices to improve student employability are widely recognised in this year’s citations. Recognition is given to work on topics such as inter-professional education for health sciences students; projects that foster leadership in science and mathematics education and enhance science students’ learning experience; and the development of an industry driven curriculum for mechanical engineering students that improves their readiness for professional careers.

The Australian Government understands how important excellent learning and teaching is to our international reputation for quality higher education. Recognising these individual teachers and teaching teams encourages and inspires all educators who are dedicated to delivering a better, richer experience for students.

Together with the Department of Education and Training, I commend all 2016 recipients for your dedication to developing and improving practices and programs that produce outstanding results in student learning, preparing them with the skills, knowledge and attributes they need for the future.

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
Minister for Education and Training
Dr Catherine Bell
For visual arts curriculum that prioritises studio-led research and develops professional competencies that empowers students to actively contribute to the creative sector upon graduation.

Mr Anthony Whitty
For creating an authentic learning experience that integrates scientific principles and professional experiences to enhance the employability of exercise science graduates.

Dr Catherine Harrison
For leadership and innovation in curricula development and the design of educational services and resources that demonstrate a strong command of early childhood education.

Assistant Professor Rachel Bacon
For innovation, leadership and scholarship in Work-Integrated Learning: increasing placement capacity, challenging assessment practices and preparing graduates for future workforce and industry agendas.

Dr Joanne Wallis
For innovative and interactive approaches to security education that provides students with an enriching experience and prepares them for a competitive workforce.

Mr Jeremy Smith
For leadership in the field of engineering through the development of a sector-leading enriching student humanitarian pathway at ANU.

Dr Alexandra Webb
For developing and implementing an integrated medical imaging curriculum, that engages medical students in active learning through the use of technology and authentic learning.

Dr Tamara Browne
For using innovative teaching methods that inspire students to engage deeply and reflect on their own values, as they grapple with complex dilemmas in bioethics.

Ms Cassily Charles
For innovative online programs for research students, which support their research writing, enable genuine community peer learning and professional development, across disciplines and wide distances.

Dr Angela Fenton
For inspiring pre-service teachers to engage with complex issues of child protection and development using an innovative strengths approach to teaching and learning.

Dr Laura McFarland
For sustained excellence in scholarship in early childhood education that enhances student learning by connecting research, families and communities.
NEW SOUTH WALES

**Macquarie University**

**Dr Rowan Tulloch**
For an innovative teaching approach, using video game logics and mechanics, that improves student engagement, and increases their confidence, competence and motivation.

**LionsHeart**
**Dr Alberto Motta and Dr Isabella Dobrescu**
For leadership and innovation that has transformed the teaching of economics, inspiring multidisciplinary first-year students via immersive experiential learning and empowering them to succeed.

**The University of New South Wales**

**Dr Rebecca LeBard**
For engaging students in the practice of 'being a scientist' and taking a scholarly approach to helping students overcome obstacles in learning scientific inquiry.

**New South Wales**

**The University of New South Wales**

**Dr Leila Morsy**
For influencing, inspiring, and motivating university students to become transformative secondary school teachers through realistic, case based, simulation learning experiences in a caring, university classroom-based environment.

**Dr Nalini Pather**
For embedding dialogue and reflection as integral to learning anatomy in a blended environment, that promotes inquiry-driven application of concepts to authentic life scenarios.

**Southern Cross University**

**Associate Professor Marilyn Chaseling**
For creating a capstone unit that empowers Bachelor of Education (Primary) pre-service teachers to launch their teaching careers.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**The University of Newcastle**

**Dr Jesper Gultdal**
For sustained excellence in motivating, inspiring and influencing science students’ learning.

**Dr Bonnie McBain**
For leadership, commitment and success in learning and teaching through PhD supervision.

**Mr Sean Sadler**
For the use of interactive, research-driven methods of teaching to inspire and motivate students to engage with the podiatry program and become lifelong learners.

**Ms Gail Tillman**
For innovation in the provision of online Aboriginal studies to a diverse cohort, that empowers critical student reflection and cultural competence.
Nepean Clinical School

Associate Professor Emily Hibbert, Professor Tim Lambert, Ms Sarah Whereat
For developing and implementing a transferable, time efficient educational strategy that enables health students to rapidly attain competence in clinical endocrinology skills.

Dr Andrew Lane
For creating and fostering a cultural environment that enhances learning, by inspiring medical students to develop cognitive resilience and collegiate critical reflection for professional practice.

The University of Sydney

Professor Christopher Dickman
For inspirational guidance of research students, using field locations as a natural laboratory to provide unparalleled insights into animal ecology and foster critical and ethical thinking.

University of New England

Dr Sujana Adapa
For designing and developing experiential learning opportunities with interactive teaching resources in marketing units to systematically augment distance students’ engagement and learning experience.

Dr Erica Smith
For successfully improving the confidence and achievement of first year chemistry students through inspiring, motivating and innovative teaching, improved curriculum and empathetic student support.

Dr Tristan Taylor
For developing innovative teaching approaches that support and motivate students who are learning challenging and unfamiliar material in blended and online learning environments in law and classical languages.

University of New England

ICT Education Unit Coordination Team
Dr Mitchell Parkes
Dr Peter Fletcher
For the creation and delivery of an innovative, research-based, e-learning environment in ICT education that enhances the student experience.

Ms Jacqueline Reid
For leadership and scholarship that has enhanced the teaching practices of STEM academics, resulting in enriched student learning experiences.
NEW SOUTH WALES

University of Technology, Sydney

Dr Mark Watsford
For developing highly-skilled, work-ready sport and exercise science graduates, through industry-based curriculum design and practice-oriented activities that inspire learning.

Dr Jurgen Schulte
For providing individual student support and authentic, adaptive learning, in a ‘whole system’ curriculum development approach, to enhance student engagement and learning in science.

NEW SOUTH WALES

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS HELPS (Higher Education Language and Presentation Support)

Mr Andrew Pyke
Ms Sang-Eun Oh
Mr Joseph Yeo
Ms Georgina Barratt-See
Mr David Sotir
Ms Mary-Ann McDonald
Mr Jonny Wells
Ms Marlene Blackwood
Ms Sarah Ellis
Ms Jessica Tello
Ms Carol Charman
Ms Christine Vella
Ms Erika Ceballos
Ms Fotini Sidiropoulos
Ms Glen Geor
Mr John Sultana
Ms Julie Hartigan
Ms Linda Ozers
Ms Robyn Taylor
Ms Susan Merhi
Ms Susanne Heuberger
Ms Tricia Turnbull
Ms Cynthia Vyshni Vaikunthan

For the development of language and academic literacy through positive, student-centred experiences, to enhance confidence and independent learning.
NEW SOUTH WALES

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS First Year Experience Team
Dr Kathy Egea
Associate Professor Jo McKenzie
Ms Vicki Bamford
Associate Professor Jonathan Tyler
Ms Joanne Kinniburgh
Ms Sally Inchbold
Ms Lisa Townsend
Ms Maxine Evers
Dr Yvonne Davila
Associate Professor Alison Beavis
Emeritus Professor Anthony Baker

For supporting student transition and success through engaging academic and professional staff in curriculum innovation and collaborative communities.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Western Sydney University

Professor Craig Gonsalvez
For enhancing placement outcomes and experiences for psychology students through competency-based supervision, training and assessment.

Dr Vincent Ho
For inspiring medical and health students by implementing clinically relevant, novel teaching approaches and curricular innovations that enhance the student learning experience.

Western Sydney University Japanese Language Team
Dr Xiangdong Liu and Dr Satomi Kawaguchi
For developing and delivering an inspiring Japanese language program, that maximises students’ engagement, learning and achievement, through relational teaching, collaborative learning and innovative multimedia resources.
NEW SOUTH WALES

University of Wollongong

Mr Roy Brown
For leadership in the development and implementation of the Nursing Competency Assessment Schedule (NCAS), which enhances student learning and assessment in clinical practice.

Dr Belinda Gibbons
For pioneering the design, development and implementation of an interdisciplinary experiential learning environment, as a means of embedding responsible decision-making in business higher education.

QUEENSLAND

University of the Sunshine Coast

Dr Athena Lathouras
For an inspiring community-development approach to education, taught with a passion for social justice, that enables social work students to become agents of change.

Mr Ratna Paudyal
For collaborative, student-centred, dialogic teaching and pastoral care, that develops self-efficacy and social capital in business students, particularly underrepresented students, facilitating their transition to employment.

Queensland University of Technology

Associate Professor Deborah Starkey
For sustained leadership in the teaching of medical imaging by developing innovative course-level curricula and resources, and high quality authentic learning experiences through partnerships.

QUEENSLAND

Queensland University of Technology

Mrs Michelle Fox
For leading cultural change in undergraduate teaching in agriculture, food and wine using innovative team-teaching approaches that engage students to become independent learners.

Dr Ruth Bridgstock
For sustained evidence-based leadership and innovation in curriculum development and delivery, to build students’ 21st century capabilities and enhance graduate employability in creative disciplines.

Associate Professor Gene Moyle
For leading the dance: transforming the learning and teaching culture among dance students and staff through curriculum innovation, scholarly inquiry and strategic collaborations.
Dr Saiied Aminossadati
For creating enhanced learning environments that engage engineering students in meaningful tasks which emphasise the link between education, research and industry.

Dr Judith Seaboyer
For developing sustainable, feedback-rich, technology-assisted assessment strategies that markedly increase pre-class reading, engagement and learning, and foster pleasure in literary studies.

Dr Phil Orchard
For inspiring and engaging political science students with an experiential learning curriculum including simulations which are designed to prepare them for real world challenges.

Professor Kenneth Pakenham
For ‘Caring for Self to Care for Others’: scholarly leadership in integrating self-care into a psychotherapy curriculum that builds resilient clinicians able to relieve human suffering.

Dr Lance Newey
For transforming business school students into agents of social change and impact: connecting business pedagogy with community wellbeing.

Professor Mark Brimble
For strategic leadership of the financial advice profession and the emerging discipline of finance and financial planning in Australia.

Professor Gemma Carey
For transforming the teaching and assessment of music pedagogy both nationally and internationally.

Professor Richard John
For leadership in STEM education and the sustained faculty-wide enhancement of university science students’ experience of learning and teaching quality.

The Griffith Community Internship Program Team
Ms Carol-Joy Patrick
Mr Ben Cameron
Ms Catherine Longworth
Ms Bernadett Dobos
For the Griffith Community Internship: an innovative whole-of-university approach for developing our students’ employability and civic engagement.
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QUEENSLAND

Griffith University

Associate Professor Suzzi Owen
For leading ‘Go Health Go Griffith’: an innovative educational partnership facilitating the aspirations and capabilities of high school students from diverse backgrounds for careers in health.

Professor Anne-Marie Tiernan
For developing the capability of emerging public sector leaders and the quality of government, through industry-engaged and research-led learning in policy analysis.

James Cook University

Dr David Holmes
For Designing Excellence: empowering mechanical engineers through an intentional industry driven curriculum that assures professional readiness in highly employable graduates.

QUEENSLAND

Dr Constantin Constantinoiu
For arming future veterinarians against an ever-adaptable foe: inspired parasitology curriculum and resources that capture the beauty (and terror) of parasites in the tropics.

James Cook University

Veterinary Sciences Early Career Teaching and Development Team

Dr Sandra De Cat
Associate Professor John Cavalieri
Dr Elizabeth Parker
Associate Professor Gary Hamlin
Mrs Blaise Webster
Professor Lee Fitzpatrick
Dr Glen Walker
For developing a sense of self and professional identity: successfully transitioning veterinary students through intentional curriculum design.
Ms Caroline Graham
For facilitating inspiring national publishing opportunities for journalism students that place them at the forefront of industry innovations, develop employability skills and engage with industry.

Dr Baden U’Ren
For creating industry-engaged entrepreneurship curriculum and services enabling all Bond business students to design real world innovative ventures before graduating thus enhancing their employability.

Mrs Trixie James
For excellence in motivating, inspiring and enabling students to realise their potential and gain a passion and thirst for knowledge through innovative teaching approaches.

Dr Julie Fleming
For enhancing academic staff learning and improving the quality of teaching practice across campuses through outstanding leadership and coaching in academic development.

Dr Michael Cowling
For innovative use of educational technology in information systems and other disciplines to engage students and develop their complex multi-step problem solving skills.

Mr Colin Beer
Mr Damien Clark
Mr Rolley Tickner
For a creative and collaborative approach to the design and implementation of innovative technological resources that have positively influenced curriculum design, student learning and engagement.
Dr Chris Brebner
For innovation, leadership and sustained teaching excellence in integrated curricula that leads to the development of competent, work-ready speech pathology graduates.

Associate Professor Karen Orr Vered
For leadership in pedagogy that moves literacy development from the margins, to the core, of student learning experience and teaching practice - making writing 'everyone’s business'.

Associate Professor Shane Pill
For the development and implementation of an innovative and robust pedagogical approach for the teaching and coaching of sport: ‘Play with Purpose’ - developing the thinking player.

Flinders Early Childhood Team
Associate Professor Susan Krieg
Dr Jess Jovanovic
Ms Jennifer Fane
Dr Virginia Kinnear
Dr Yarrow Andrew
For an inquiry-based work integrated learning approach, at individual subject and whole of course curriculum design, for an early childhood Bachelor of Education.

Flinders Legal Advice Clinic
Ms Deborah Ankovr
Mrs Tania Leiman
Dr Susannah Sage-Jacobson
Ms Jocelyn Milne
For creating inspirational and transformative clinical legal education that motivates students to develop an ethical professional identity, while acquiring high quality practical skills.
Foundations of Chemistry Team
Dr Natalie Williamson
Professor Greg Metha
Dr David Huang
Dr Stephen Bell

For restructuring the first year chemistry pathway to provide students, with limited chemistry knowledge, a supportive learning environment that encourages engagement and academic excellence.

Dr Dimitra Lekkas
For leading cultural change in approaches to the dental clinical student learning environment, through the provision of outstanding support of sessional staff.

Dr Natalie Edwards
For the development of a new curriculum built around an e-learning environment, which has significantly increased student success and retention in first-year French.

Dr Lois McKellar and Ms Cathy Kempster
For leading the development of a sustainable model of tailored support and innovative resources to enhance the clinical learning experience for midwifery students.

Dr Nayana Parange
For fostering sustained, authentic learning among tomorrow’s obstetric and gynaecologic sonographers in a fully online postgraduate course.
TASMANIA

University of Tasmania

Dr Tracey Muir
For sustained commitment to enable pre-service teachers to connect their studies, professional practice and profession, through innovative and scholarly activities in mathematics education.

Dr Tina Botwright Acuña
For leadership in assessment practice and the development of national academic learning and teaching standards, to inform curriculum design and enhance student learning outcomes.

Dr Rajaraman Eri
For enabling learning through a sustained commitment to linking research and teaching with innovative methods that enhance and inspire independent thinking.

Dr Susan Bartie
For creating well-crafted and imaginative resources that facilitate student-centred and highly interactive learning in law.

VICTORIA

Swinburne University of Technology

Ms Lucia Miceli and Ms Lynette Zeeng
For restructuring design education assessment to provide staged, formative and summative feedback in order to support students to apply theory to their practice.

Dr Daniel Eldridge
For the implementation of immediate automated revision of introductory chemistry, as a means of getting the study cycle started.

VICTORIA

Swinburne University of Technology

Communication Student Forum Committee

Mr Michael Watson
Dr Robert Gill
Mr Ross Monaghan
Dr Paul Adams

For the development of a collaborative, multi-institution, student education forum that enables graduating communication students to engage directly with industry to improve employability skills.
Dr Nicole Wragg and Dr Carolyn Barnes

For creating an enabling pedagogical model for professional design education, to enrich Honours students’ typographic practice and design outcomes through the inclusion of research literacy.

VICTORIA

Monash University

Dr Kathleen Neal

For motivating and inspiring students of medieval history through team-based teaching and assessment, that promotes student transition and enhances employability, and mentors future educators.

Dr Claire Palermo

For improving the preparation of dietitians for practice by impacting nationally on dietetics course assessment practices and national performance standards.

Dr Norman Do

For exceptional commitment and contributions that inspire students at all levels to pursue mathematics and to appreciate its nature, beauty and power.

VICTORIA

La Trobe University

Dr Sue Gillett

For implementing a regional, industry-partnership curriculum that embeds arts and communication subjects into festivals and exhibitions, providing students with experiential learning and developing employability.

Dr Suzane Vassallo

For transforming orthoptic students’ learning of optics through curriculum redesign grounded in Enquiry Based Learning and supported via authentic contemporary case studies and innovative multimedia.

Ancient Mediterranean Studies Digital Humanities Team

Dr Rhiannon Evans and Ms Sarah Midford

Revitalising ancient Rome: engaging and enthusing diverse student cohorts to explore the contemporary value of antiquity, utilising accessible, digital and learner-centred resources.
Associate Professor Clifford Da Costa
For developing engaging learning environments for statistics students, with a non-mathematical background, that promotes self-directed learning and an appreciation of statistics in their lives.

Dr Christopher Cheong
For implementing a student-centred, technology-enhanced and research-informed problem identification and solving approach to improve students’ learning experiences and outcomes.

Associate Professor Craig Batty
For building an innovative peer-to-peer pedagogy for creative writing research degree candidates, enabling them to transform from creative practitioners into creative practice researchers.

Associate Professor Deborah King
For impacting student success through the development and dissemination of innovative teaching and assessment practices in large enrolment mathematics classes.

Dr Julie Fletcher
For developing and teaching an innovative, inclusive first-year unit that embraces student diversity, experience and voice, to inspire, motivate and enable non-traditional students.

Dr Kathy Tangalakis
For enhancing learning and teaching of bioscience and the overall student experience for diverse commencing student cohorts undertaking biomedical and health sciences.

Dr Glenn Wadley
For leadership in implementing a suite of innovative active-learning approaches that have enhanced student learning in undergraduate physiology and in Honours research training.

Deakin Interprofessional Education Team
Mrs Sherryn Evans
Mrs Catherine Ward
Ms Nicole Shaw
For developing, implementing and sustaining a globally unique, wholly online, interprofessional education unit for students from seven different health professions.
VICTORIA
Federation University Australia

Dr Monica Green
For outstanding innovation and leadership that promotes place-based community pedagogies and partnerships as, part of high quality teaching and learning for pre-service teachers.

Dr Lauren Petrass
For fostering physical education pre-service teachers’ passion for learning by promoting a positive learning community and implementing authentic assessment that motivates and inspires.

Dr Jessica Reeves
For a focused contribution towards innovative sustainability education and a positive student experience that extends beyond the classroom and integrates into the broader community.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Curtin University

Dr Rachel Sheffield
For creating and sustaining interactive, community-focused learning design and spaces to support the development of teachers and student teachers professional identity in science education.

Dr Jonathan Paxman
For approaches to research-integrated teaching, support for student activities, and outreach that build the confidence, motivation and identities of citizens and engineers of the future.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Murdoch University

Ms Caroline Browne
For motivating and inspiring undergraduate nursing students to explore nursing and culture in a global setting through facilitating international learning experiences.

Dr Martin Hopkins and Ms Prue Andrus
For the development and implementation of an immersive scenario based simulation program into an undergraduate nursing curriculum to prepare students for real clinical environments.
Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The University of Western Australia

Associate Professor Paul Abbott
For 25 years of pioneering design and development in teaching computational science to scientists and engineers using real-world problems, across all year levels.

Professor Farid Boussaid
For sustained and outstanding commitment to creating inclusive and authentic learning environments, that actively engage electronic engineering students in contextually grounded learning experiences.

Ms Penny Carruthers
For creating engaging, challenging, contemporary and inspirational learning environments and for supporting learning for all law students by promoting broader student experiences.

The University of Notre Dame Australia

Mrs Susan Edgar
For implementing and promoting life-long wellness and self-management strategies to enhance the mental health, confidence and emotional wellbeing of physiotherapy students on clinical placement.

Anatomy Approach Team
Professor Sankar Sinha
Dr Mohammed Ali Malik
Dr Gerard Ahern
Associate Professor Peter Clyne
For successful implementation of student-centred learning of clinical anatomy through innovations utilising blended learning, near-peer tutoring, integrated workshops and collaboration by pathologists, radiologists and surgeons.