



Dean's Awards Ceremony

2022 Academic Year

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Acknowledgement of Country

With respect for Aboriginal cultural protocol and out of recognition that its campuses occupy their traditional lands. Western Sydney University acknowledges the Darug, Eora, Dharawal (also referred to as Tharawal) and Wiradjuri peoples and thanks them for their support of its work in their lands (Greater Western Sydney and beyond).

Message from the Dean School of Health Sciences



The School of Health Sciences at Western Sydney University covers a broad range of disciplines across the clinical and non-clinical health sciences and sport-related areas.

Our work makes a difference in the areas of health and wellbeing, which are of importance to our nation and the world we live in. Through the students we educate, we assist in addressing the growing and changing workforce needs across the health sector and contribute to the solutions so often needed to improve the health and wellbeing of our people.

Our students and graduates become ambassadors for learning in their communities. Whilst we are proud of all our students, this Dean's Awards ceremony recognises some very special achievements of some of our students. We know these achievements are well earned – they come about through dedication and hard work, and through a focus on the ideals these students align themselves with.

Congratulations to all our prize and medal winners at this ceremony. The dedication you have shown to your learning and education has been rewarded. The standard you have set is high, and I am sure it will continue into your chosen careers.

We also thank our generous donors, without whose support, these prizes would not be possible. We value your input and contributions to our University and to the ongoing support you provide.

We wish all our students well in their future careers and achievements.

Professor Gregory Kolt
Dean, School of Health Sciences

Message from the Dean

School of Medicine



In 2023, the Western Sydney University School of Medicine is celebrating the ongoing success of its program and the first MD graduates. We are also celebrating our Joint Program in Medicine with Charles Sturt University.

In looking at the school's journey so far, the opportunity to pause and reflect on the achievements of our students is a vital one. We are delighted that so many of our graduates are continuing their medical careers in Western Sydney, contributing to teaching those who have followed in their footsteps, and to course evaluation in line with our commitment to continuous improvement. As our graduates are now entering and beginning

to complete specialty training programs, we are getting a very real sense of the value that these awards hold as those graduates pursue their chosen career paths. The recognition of effort and achievement is highly appreciated by the award recipients, as is the acknowledgement it represents from the community.

It is a privilege for staff and students from Western Sydney University to be able to contribute to the development of hospitals and other health services across the region, and the growth of Camden/Campbelltown and Blacktown/Mt Druitt hospitals has been especially dramatic. Our clinicians and researchers, whether on a university or hospital campus, are pursuing knowledge that will help improve our understanding of the mechanisms of disease, exploring how illnesses are best treated and how the experience of health and illness affects individuals, families and communities. They are also engaged in advising on, and evaluating, the delivery of healthcare services across our region. It is this context that our academic staff bring to the students as they teach them, whether in the learning laboratories, the tutorial room, in an online classroom,

on a hospital ward or within a general practice clinic.

This award event is a demonstration of the commitment of students, staff and the community. I would like to formally acknowledge the efforts of key professional staff across our school and the Advancement and Alumni team in bringing together our award recipients, generous donors and proud family, friends and University staff.

To our donors – the recognition that your support provides is very real for our students, and it is on both their and our behalf that we sincerely thank you.

Congratulations to today's award winners. You've shown an impressive commitment to your medical education – an important trait that I hope stays with you throughout your career!

**Distinguished Professor
Annemarie Hennessy AM**
Dean, School of Medicine

Message from the Dean School of Nursing and Midwifery



The School of Nursing and Midwifery at Western Sydney University is a true powerhouse in the field of healthcare education, research, and scholarship. The School is comprised of a community of educators, researchers, and students who are dedicated to shaping the future of nursing and midwifery.

Our students are the driving force behind the success and reputation of our School. They are the future nurses and midwives who will shape the healthcare landscape, make a difference in the lives of individuals and communities, and inspire positive change in the world.

As the Dean, I have had the privilege of witnessing our students' growth and transformation firsthand. I have seen their enthusiasm as they acquire new skills, their determination as they overcome challenges, and their joy as they realise the impact they can have on the lives of others. It is these moments that reaffirm my belief in the incredible potential of our students.

Students of our School are educated in a nurturing and empowering environment by our dedicated academic staff who share their wealth of knowledge and expertise to help guide and mentor our students, instilling in them the values of professionalism, lifelong learning, and ethical practice. Our valuable clinical partnerships ensure that students of our School are prepared to excel in their roles, contributing to the delivery of

high-quality healthcare services and making a positive impact on the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

On behalf of the School, I thank the many donors who make these awards possible. Your generous and continuous support of our deserving students and graduates of the Western Sydney community is truly commendable. Your contributions will have a profound and lasting impact on the lives of individual recipients and generations to come. With your support, I am confident that the future of nursing and midwifery is in exceptionally capable hands.

Tonight, as we gather to celebrate remarkable academic accomplishments, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all recipients of awards, with special recognition to those from the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Your achievements will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on your personal and professional journey.

Professor Deborah Hatcher
Dean, School of Nursing
and Midwifery

Message from the Dean

School of Psychology



The annual awards event allows us to celebrate the accomplishments of our highest achieving students. The School of Psychology is especially proud of our students' achievements and the Dean's Awards event is a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate those achievements. The School is grateful for the contribution of the donors in their recognition of students' successes made possible by the awards prizes.

The School of Psychology is committed to excellence in teaching, research, professional training, community, and international engagement. We are ranked 11 nationally and top 250 internationally. Our research and teaching benefits our students, our region and beyond and we remain committed to supporting our students through exceptional learning experiences and our communities through research collaborations and services such as our Psychology Clinic at Kingswood campus.

Congratulations on your academic achievements in 2022. Your achievements reflect the School's commitment to excellence and we look forward to your academic and professional developments and the contribution you will make to the broader community with your knowledge, skills and dedication.

Professor Tanya Meade
Dean, School of Psychology

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AWARDS

Acuneeds Prize for Fourth Year Traditional Chinese Medicine Practicum



Donor	Acuneeds Australia Acuneeds Australia is Australia's leading supplier of acupuncture needles and equipment, Chinese herbs and medicines, and textbooks for the practice of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). Acuneeds objective is to provide high-quality products, efficient and timely distribution of orders and to meet and exceed the expectation of customers. Acuneeds offers fair and competitive prices across their entire product range to practitioners, students and distributors throughout Australia, New Zealand and around the world. acuneeds.com
Prize	Acuneeds Prize for Fourth Year TCM Practicum
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding fourth year student across the following practicum units: Block Clinical Practicum (CMPL4001), Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 4 (CMPL4008) and Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 3 (CMPL4007).
Recipient	Christine Yen

Alison M Johnston Award for Excellence in Nursing or Health

Donor	Alison M Johnston Alison M Johnston began this prize in 1997 in order to recognise and reward students who produced an outstanding thesis in the field of nursing or health studies. For more than 10 years Alison's generous donation has encouraged students to conduct pioneering industry research.
Prize	Alison M Johnston Award for Excellence in Health
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding higher degree research thesis in Nursing or Health Studies.
Recipient	Ariana Kong

Ambulance Service Australia Prize for Engagement Excellence



Donor**Ambulance Service Australia**

Ambulance Service Australia (ASA) is a private Ambulance Service which operates primarily across ACT/NSW, as well as QLD, SA, and VIC.

Since inception in the 1980's, ASA has led the provision of medical and paramedical support to events such as Motorsports (e.g. Supercars), Rowing, Polocrosse, Festivals, etc. ASA Provides first responders up to Intensive Care Paramedics and Emergency Doctors. Our Paramedics also work across various State Ambulance Services, being highly qualified, many with post-graduate Paramedicine qualifications.

In an effort to support up-and-coming Student Paramedics, ASA established a Student Paramedic Program. Close mentoring, support, and valuable hands-on experience are provided to students. University placement students are also supported in our high acuity trauma environment of motorsport medicine.

The Ambulance Service Australia Prize in Engagement Excellence is another way we hope to support and encourage excellence amongst the next generation of Paramedics.

ambulanceaustralia.com.au

Prize**Ambulance Service Australia Prize for Engagement Excellence**

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding paramedicine student for Engagement Excellence.

Recipient

Georgia Vlangos

APA Physiotherapy Prize



Donor	Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) As the physiotherapy professional body, we represent the interests of all Australian physiotherapists and patients. APA advocates on behalf of physiotherapy professionals to government and community bodies. We also provide physiotherapists with insurance and guidance on running practices and offer opportunities to continue professional development throughout their careers. Congratulations on receiving this prize. australian.physio
Prize	APA Physiotherapy Prize
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Physiotherapy.
Recipient	Ariane Suhood

Australasian College of Paramedicine Prize



Donor**Australasian College of Paramedicine**

The Australasian College of Paramedicine (ACP) is the peak professional organisation supporting and representing over 10,000 paramedics and student paramedics from across Australia and New Zealand. Our members include paramedics at all clinical levels, paramedicine academics and researchers, student paramedics, doctors and nurses working in the emergency medicine field, non-paramedic qualified staff working in paramedicine, retrievalists, first responders and volunteers.

ACP is focussed on providing high quality services to our members and leadership for the paramedic profession. The College delivers conferences, professional development workshops, online learning, research events and opportunities, a peer-reviewed journal and member grants for education and research activities. We support our members through assistance with meeting the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency registration standards and the provision of other career and wellbeing services.

We provide a respected voice in determining how changes in health service provision, legislation and clinical practice are shaped and implemented to enhance the quality of patient care.

paramedics.org

Prize**Australasian College of Paramedicine Prize for Clinical Practice Excellence****Criteria**

Awarded to the most outstanding paramedicine student in Clinical Practice.

Recipient

Jessica McLean

Prize**Australasian College of Paramedicine Prize for Overall Achievement and Excellence****Criteria**

Awarded to the most outstanding paramedicine student for overall achievement and excellence.

Recipient

Konstantinos Haskis

Cerebral Palsy Alliance Award



Donor **Cerebral Palsy Alliance**
Through the School of Science and Health, the University shares our organisation's vision for a viable, well-supported infrastructure of services for people with a disability in New South Wales. As part of this vision, the Cerebral Palsy Alliance has established this award for Occupational Therapy students.

cerebralpalsy.org.au

Prize **Cerebral Palsy Alliance Award for Occupational Therapy**

Criteria Awarded to an Occupational Therapy student who demonstrates an interest and outstanding practicum performance in the field of disability and paediatrics.

Recipient Kelly Kong

Prize **Cerebral Palsy Alliance Award for Physiotherapy**

Criteria Awarded to a Physiotherapy student who demonstrates an interest and outstanding practicum performance in the field of disability and paediatrics.

Recipient Sachini Lokuwithanage

Fay Collins Traditional Chinese Medicine Prize (Undergraduate)

Donor**Professor Barney Glover AO**

Western Sydney University is one of the world's leading universities in the field of complementary medicine. The Chinese Medicine Centre supports a vibrant academic program and fosters major international collaborations, most notably with Beijing University of Chinese Medicine.

The CMC has a focus on traditional Chinese medicine and has been assessed by the Australian Research Council's Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluation as a '5 rating', identifying it as 'well above world standard'.

The Centre facilitates close cooperation between governments, academic institutions, and industries, for the development and communication of traditional Chinese medicine. The Fay Collins Traditional Chinese Medicine Prize is generously supported by the Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Barney Glover AO in honour of his mother-in-law, Fay Collins, a great supporter of traditional Chinese medicine. This prize will encourage talented students to continue their studies and practice of traditional Chinese medicine with a vision to achieving better health for themselves, their families and friends and the wider Australian community.

Prize**Fay Collins Traditional Chinese Medicine Prize (Undergraduate)**

Criteria

Awarded to a 3rd Year student in Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine who has demonstrated both a high academic achievement, with the highest GPA over the first 3 years of study, and active participation in activities run by Chinese Medicine Centre.

Recipient

Conor Riordan

Helio Prize for Acupuncture



Donor**Helio**

Helio has been an industry partner with the Complementary Medicine Community since 2000, catering especially to those practitioners of Chinese herbal medicine and acupuncture within the East Asian Medicine traditions. Helio's product range includes a broad range of acupuncture needles, Chinese herbal medicine, clinical supplies and associated products.

Helio is not just a supplier but a partner in the future success of its customers. For over 20 years Helio has striven to support the community in many ways: sponsoring educational and community events, trade shows, offering student discounts and supporting the not-for profit ventures of its practitioners. Helio has always donated student prizes to recognise those who excel in their undergraduate studies.

heliosupply.com.au

Prize**Helio Prize for Acupuncture**

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding student across acupuncture units: Channels and Points 1, Channels and Points 2 and Acupuncture Techniques.

Recipient

Christine Yen

Laerdal Australia Prize for Academic Excellence



Donor

Laerdal Australia Pty Ltd

Laerdal Australia is dedicated to helping save lives with products for CPR training, Airway Management, Advanced Life Support Training, Spinal Motion restriction, Trauma Training, Monitoring, Defibrillation, Patient Simulation made for using traditional basic, intermediate and advanced training techniques combined with micro simulation and virtual reality. Our vision is that no-one should unnecessarily die or be disabled during birth or from sudden illness or trauma. We achieve this through:

- reaching more laypeople with CPR training
- providing better healthcare and training through simulation
- helping babies breathe in developing countries
- improving the quality of CPR

We congratulate the recipient of the Laerdal Medical Prize for Academic Excellence and hope that this recognition encourages you to make a significant contribution to improved survival and helping to save lives.

laerdal.com/au

Prize

Laerdal Australia Prize for Academic Excellence

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding paramedicine student for Academic Excellence.

Recipients

Yvonne Mudiar
Chloe Prideaux

Mi Lan Traditional Chinese Medicine Postgraduate Excellence Prize

Donor	Mi (Amy) Lan Ms Mi (Amy) Lan graduated from the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) course at Western Sydney University. She is born to a family of TCM doctors as the third generation of qualified practitioner. She has the vision to prompt TCM for better health for people who live in Australia, and she wants to support the TCM education program at WSU for nurturing future generations in the field.
Prize	Mi Lan Traditional Chinese Medicine Postgraduate Excellence Prize
Criteria	Awarded to the graduate with the highest GPA in the research stream of the Master of Chinese Medicine.
Recipient	Ruoqian Wang

Penkala Podiatry Legacy Awards



Donor **The Penkala Family**
The Penkala Podiatry Legacy Awards have been donated by the Penkala family to award excellence in educational and profession practice, promoting active and mobile populations across the lifespan.

These awards recognise Dr Stefania Penkala, a Podiatry Academic for over 20 years at Western Sydney University, with a legacy in applied musculoskeletal education, mentoring the next generation of podiatrists.

The awards are also in memory of Stefania's brother John Penkala, who passed away within five days of a misdiagnosis of an ankle sprain, which was instead a life-threatening medical alert. This tragedy, further highlighted the importance of translational clinical training and these awards: recognising knowledge translation to excellence in practice.

Prize **Penkala Podiatry Graduate Legacy Award**

Criteria Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student in Musculoskeletal Diagnosis and Rehabilitation.

Recipient Elissa All

Prize **Penkala Podiatry Undergraduate Legacy Award**

Criteria Awarded to the most outstanding undergraduate student in Anatomy and Translation to Practice.

Recipient Elena Alagha

Phillip Vasyli Orthoses Excellence Award



Donor**Vasyli Medical**

Vasyli Medical was established to offer health professionals a comprehensive range of orthotics, foot care and footwear solutions that can be dispensed direct to their patients. Users of Vasyli products include podiatrists, physiotherapists, pedorthists, orthotists, orthopaedists, chiropractors and many other practitioners in both private practice and hospitals.

Vasyli Medical is based on the Gold Coast, Queensland, and distributes products to practitioners direct or via trusted distribution partners. Vasyli Medical provides products to medical businesses across Australia, New Zealand and the GreaterAsia-Pacific Region. Vasyli Medical also offers practitioners innovative business solutions through product marketing, merchandising and staff training to enhance revenue through the clinic.

The team at Vasyli Medical is extremely proud to be associated with Western Sydney University and wishes every student the very best of luck throughout the remainder of their studies. Vasyli Medical congratulates the winner of the Vasyli Medical Orthoses Excellence Award.

vasylimedical.com

Prize**Phillip Vasyli Orthoses Excellence Award**

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding student in Podiatry Practice.

RecipientCarissa Lee

SMSA Award in Health



Donor **Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts (SMSA)**
In 1833, Henry Carmichael founded the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts as an educational and recreational organisation for working people at the request of artisans and tradesmen, some of whom had studied with him aboard the Stirling Castle on their voyage to Sydney. Carmichael drew on the burgeoning Mechanics' Institutes and Schools of Arts movement, and his efforts resulted in the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts being formed on 22nd March 1833 at a public meeting attended by around 200 people.

The Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts hosts a lending library, presents public lectures and holds classes in subjects as diverse as art, architecture, mathematics, anatomy and simple surgery.

smsa.org.au

Prize **SMSA Award in Health**

Criteria Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student in a health related undergraduate degree.

Recipient Ashleigh Baily

Ted & Grace Renton Perpetual Memorial Award in Podiatry



Donor **Australian Podiatry Association (NSW)**
As the professional body for registered podiatrists in NSW, The Australian Podiatry Association (NSW) are proud to be recipients of a trust fund which administers the Ted & Grace Renton Perpetual Memorial Award.

The fund was set up through a donation from the family of the late Ted and Grace Renton to the Australian Podiatry Association (NSW) in 1991. Mr Ted Renton OAM was one of the founding fathers of podiatry in Australia and his efforts were crucial to the profession's development for half a century. He was president of the Australian Podiatry Association (NSW) from 1957 to 1975 and he achieved international recognition by being awarded the rare distinction of honorary membership of the American Podiatry Association.

In recognition of his tireless work for the profession, he was further awarded the Order of Australia Medal. Mrs Grace Renton gave her husband continuous support, often to the detriment of her health, and the Renton family wanted her contribution to also be recognised in this award.

podiatry.org.au

Prize **Ted & Grace Renton Perpetual Memorial Award in Podiatry**

Criteria Awarded to the most outstanding student in the final year examination for biomechanics, in the discipline of podiatry.

Recipient Blake Cossor

Tong Ren Tang / Herb Booth Prize for the Bachelor of Health Science & Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine



Donor

Beijing Tong Ren Tang Group / The Herb Booth

As part of the Beijing Tong Ren Tang Group, we focus on the supply of high-quality Chinese medicine products and services in Australia.

Originating in Beijing in 1669, Tong Ren Tang has maintained a reputation as a prestigious heritage brand in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). From 1723, it served as an exclusive medical supplier to the Royal Court of the Qing dynasty for 188 years, with products recognised as having a 'unique formulation using superior materials, excellent processing methods and outstanding efficacies'.

By following the principles and motto of 'Despite the complexity of preparing the herbal medicines, there is no compromise on cost and labour; even though the raw ingredients are costly, there is no compromise on the quality and standard', Tong Ren Tang is a symbol of quality, integrity and value.

Beginning in 2004, the Australian business includes import, wholesale and retail of Chinese patented medicines, Chinese medicinal materials (mainly processed herbs) together with clinical consultation and treatment services and professional Chinese herbal dispensaries.

In Australia, there are eight clinical stores, a wholesales centre and an online independent dispensary for Australian TCM practitioners. "The Herb Booth", a Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) licensed entity with a history of more than 10 years, is an online independent dispensary providing Chinese medicinal materials in concentrated herbal granule form for all prescriptions from registered healthcare professionals.

theherbbooth.com.au

Prize

Tong Ren Tang / Herb Booth Prize for the Bachelor of Health Science & Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student (highest GPA) in the Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Recipient

Christine Yen

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AWARDS

Calvary Award in Fostering Personal and Professional Development in Medicine

Donor	Anonymous Donor The Calvary Award in Fostering Personal and Professional Development is funded by an anonymous GP from South West Sydney committed to recognising academic excellence. The prize is intended for a student who is helpful, humble and willing to assist in the best interest of other medical student colleagues in everyday university. The donor believes that such attitudes will further enhance Western Sydney University as a caring place to learn.
Prize	Calvary Award in Fostering Personal and Professional Development in Medicine
Criteria	Awarded to a first year medical student who demonstrates academic excellence, compassion and professional behaviour in regards to medical ethics, legal responsibilities and cultural values.
Recipient	Simon Males

Mark Richardson Award for Second Year Medicine



Donor**Mark Richardson**

With over 30 years of experience in operating, advising and investment across Europe, the USA and Australia, Mark Richardson has come a long way since his days as a petroleum engineer with Shell International. Mark has owned equity in, and taken an active role with, 12 private companies, ranging from \$2m to \$1.5b in turnover.

In 1999, after a successful career at Bain & Company as a Partner responsible for the consulting business in Australia and New Zealand, Mark co-founded Wolseley Private Equity. Wolseley has invested in food distribution, day hospitals, logistics and transport, printing and communication, travel, business process outsourcing, franchising, infrastructure engineering and childcare centres ranging from \$25 million to \$400 million in scale.

Mark holds a BSc (Hons) in Chemical Engineering from Leeds University, an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business, and is a qualified commercial helicopter pilot. A former chairman of the Western Sydney University Foundation, Mark continues to be a great supporter of the University and our students.

Mark is the Chairman of The Last Great First, the worlds first unsupported full ski crossing of Antarctica raising funds for healthcare workers, and Board Member at the Children's Medical Research Institute at Westmead.

Prize**Mark Richardson Award for Second Year Medicine**

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding student in Year 2 of the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery.

Recipient

Christopher Farag



Mind Connections Prize for Mental Health Awareness



Donor

Mind Connections Specialist Health Services

Mind Connections Specialist Psychiatric Services was established in 2006 in Carlingford and branched out to Bella Vista in 2009. Now it is known as Mind Connections Specialist Health Services. As a professional mental health service in the Hills Districts and surrounds, we see firsthand how mental illness impacts individuals and the ripple effect extends to loved ones, friends, employers and the community. The tragedy of suicide, particularly in our young doctors, continually confronts us. It remains, sadly, the elephant in the room.

Mind Connections has the highest commitment towards social responsibility and, accordingly, we have pioneered community based events, including 'Pawsitive Steps to Mental Health' walk, and 'Unmask the Stigma' by conducting awareness programs to educate the community, and research commitments with medical students from the Western Sydney University under Mind Connections Foundation, a not for profit charity registered with ACNC with DGR status.

In establishing this award, we are proud to be a part of the journey together with the Western Sydney University School of Medicine. For these budding young doctors, we hope to be part of a generational change where we can turn attention towards their own wellbeing in a profession where caring for others often comes ahead of caring for oneself.

mindconnections.shs.com.au

Prize	Mind Connections Prize for Mental Health Awareness
Criteria	Awarded to the second year student with the most outstanding essay or creative response promoting the topic of mental health as part of the Professionalism and Personal Development unit of the MBBS course.
Recipient	Tatum Faber
Prize	Mind Connections Prize for Mental Health Awareness - Second Place
Criteria	Awarded to a second year student with an outstanding essay or creative response promoting the topic of mental health as part of the Professionalism and Personal Development unit of the MBBS course.
Recipient	Azhaan Haq
Prize	Mind Connections Prize for Mental Health Awareness - Third Place
Criteria	Awarded to a second year student with an outstanding essay or creative response promoting the topic of mental health as part of the Professionalism and Personal Development unit of the MBBS course.
Recipient	Mary Alagha

Wollondilly Shire Council Prize for Medicine in Context



Donor

Wollondilly Shire Council

Wollondilly Shire Council works with the community to provide the best possible quality of life and safety of the environment in the Wollondilly Shire by managing growth and providing services and facilities of the highest quality.

The Wollondilly Health Initiatives Working Party, chaired by Dr Anna Pham, hosted a health summit in June 2011 and identified a need to support medical students at Western Sydney University, encouraging them to work in The Shire during their placements and to consider Wollondilly as a place they would like to practice on completion of their studies.

Since 2011, the Council has entered into a partnership with Medicare Local and the South Western Sydney Local Health District called the Wollondilly Health Alliance (WHA). The WHA partnership was formed to consider solutions for healthcare needs and healthcare delivery in the Wollondilly Shire. A healthier Wollondilly community is the ultimate aim.

A key goal of the Wollondilly Health Alliance was to conduct a Health Needs Assessment for Wollondilly. This was completed in 2014 and identified a number of top health priorities for The Shire, including the need for more female GPs in the area. Therefore, Wollondilly Shire Council strongly supports this and looks forward to a range of positive outcomes arising from our sponsorship.

wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Prize

Wollondilly Shire Council Award for Medicine in Context

Criteria

Awarded to two Year 3 students who best demonstrated their passion for community needs, contribution to the works for the community, teamwork and networking capability, and/or insights into the role of medical students and doctors in the community, during their Medicine in Context (MiC) Community Placement.

Recipients

Marina Jin
Fahad Khan



SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY AWARDS

Associate Professor Cecily Hengstberger-Sims Memorial Prize



Donor

Associate Professor Cecily Hengstberger-Sims Memorial

Cecily had a thirty-year association with the University and Campbelltown campus which began in 1987 when she joined the Macarthur Institute of Higher Education. She held many leadership roles during that time, the most recent as the Deputy Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery. She was a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing Australia and the College of Nursing, and foundation member of the Western Sydney University Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Throughout her career Cecily's research and teaching focus was on curriculum development, implementation and evaluation in nursing, transition to graduate practice, workforce issues and education related to preparation for practice. She made outstanding contributions to the Nursing programs, guiding and nurturing the next generation of students and nurse academics. Her work directly contributed to the success of the school and students as evidenced by the QS top 100 world ranking and the standing of our Nursing students in the industry.

Cecily was much loved and respected by students and colleagues alike and is missed by her many friends at Western Sydney University.

Prize

Associate Professor Cecily Hengstberger-Sims Memorial Prize

Criteria

Awarded to a second year Campbelltown undergraduate nursing student for academic excellence.

Recipient

Melissa Ball

Evelyn Cullen Nursing Award



Donor**Evelyn Cullen Memorial supported by Jill Kenard**

This prize was established in memory of Evelyn Cullen. Evelyn was a kind, generous and compassionate person who had a love for her profession, nursing. Evelyn enrolled at Western Sydney University to study nursing in 1985.

It was through the University and her personal determination that Evelyn fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. Evelyn was in the first class of student nurses to graduate from the University. Evelyn managed to complete her studies whilst raising three children on her own without any family support as her father had died and her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's when she was in her 50s.

Evelyn was employed at Bankstown Hospital for many years in various roles including a CRN on a surgical ward, a community nurse, nursing unit manager and a surgical liaison nurse. Evelyn was liked and respected by her patients and her colleagues. Evelyn was an extremely dedicated nurse and fiercely loyal to her family, her friends, her patients, her colleagues and her country. Evelyn was truly an exceptional person. Unfortunately, she had a heart attack at home, and she died at Bankstown Hospital on the 13th August 2003.

This prize was established in memory of an outstanding human being that made a significant contribution to the nursing profession - Evelyn Cullen.

Prize**Evelyn Cullen Nursing Award**

Criteria

Awarded annually to the most outstanding first year student in nursing.

Recipient

Alexander Kalmar

Karitane Award for Master of Child and Family Health



Donor**Karitane**

Karitane is an organisation that provides parenting services and programs for families and communities with a focus on prevention, early intervention and empowerment, as well as education, training and research.

Karitane has a long-standing relationship with Western Sydney University to provide postgraduate entry level training to registered nurses and midwives looking for a career in child and family health. Karitane works in partnership to develop and deliver the Master of Child and Family Health, providing industry expertise and clinical knowledge for this course.

karitane.com.au

Prize**Karitane Award for Master of Child and Family Health**

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding student in Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane).

Recipient

Tania Bucknell

Louie Piper Memorial Prize for Midwifery

Donor

Ray and Aileen Villarica

The Louie Piper Memorial Prize for Midwifery was established by Ray and Aileen Villarica in loving memory of two children they lost before birth, and to honour the great help and care received from midwife, Wendy Pickup, at the loss of baby Piper in May 2017.

Louie and Piper are survived by five siblings in Jed, Kasey, Murray, Noah and Oran who themselves were the beneficiaries of the wonderful care of midwives at Liverpool and Auburn hospitals at birth. Thankfully, the five siblings do their best to provide more than enough love (and anxiety) to Ray and Aileen on behalf of Louie and Piper.

Ray and Aileen congratulate the recipient of the Louie Piper Memorial Prize for Midwifery and acknowledge their great potential to touch many lives with their expertise and care.

Prize

Louie Piper Memorial Prize for Midwifery

Criteria

Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student in the Bachelor of Midwifery degree.

Recipient

Caitlin Siboulet

Rose and Jack Prize for Clinical Excellence

Donor**Professor Les Bokey**

Professor Les Bokey is Professor of Colon and Rectal Surgery at Western Sydney University and the Foundation Professor of Surgery. He is the Clinical Dean at the Liverpool Clinical School and Director of Surgery at the Liverpool Hospital. He is also the Clinical Director of Gastroenterology/Liver, Upper GI, Colorectal, Urology, Head and Neck, Ophthalmology and ENT Services for the Sydney South West Local Health District.

Professor Bokey's family migrated to Australia in the 1960s and he and his sisters were afforded the gift of a tertiary education in their adopted country. His parents valued education and training above all and they always hoped they could add value to their adopted country. This donation is in memory of Professor Bokey's parents Rose and Jack.

Prize**Rose and Jack Prize for Clinical Excellence**

Criteria

Awarded to a second year Nursing student (following Medical/Surgical placement) of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who has demonstrated clinical excellence as well as compassion.

Recipient

Tamieka Donovan

School of Nursing & Midwifery Prize for Best Clinical Performance by an International Student



Donor	School of Nursing & Midwifery This prize is proudly supported by Academic and Professional staff within the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Western Sydney University. Western is ranked number one for Nursing in Australia, and in the world's Top 100. Our students emerge with a solid grasp of theory and have access to world's-best clinical simulation technology. Our nursing and midwifery campuses are close to some of Western Sydney's biggest hospitals and healthcare facilities. westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sonm
Prize	School of Nursing & Midwifery Prize for Best Clinical Performance by an International Student
Criteria	Awarded to an international student for the best clinical performance during the second year of a Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) or Advanced degree program.
Recipient	Dashmi Gurung

SMSA Award in Nursing



Donor **Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts (SMSA)**
In 1833, Henry Carmichael founded the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts as an educational and recreational organisation for working people at the request of artisans and tradesmen, some of whom had studied with him aboard the Stirling Castle on their voyage to Sydney. Carmichael drew on the burgeoning Mechanics' Institutes and Schools of Arts movement, and his efforts resulted in the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts being formed on 22nd March 1833 at a public meeting attended by around 200 people.

The Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts hosts a lending library, presents public lectures and holds classes in subjects as diverse as art, architecture, mathematics, anatomy and simple surgery.

smsa.org.au

Prize **SMSA Award in Nursing**

Criteria Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student in the Bachelor of Nursing degree.

Recipient Sidney Widjaja

The Vincent Egan 2/5 Australian General Hospital Association Award



Donor	2/5 Australian General Hospital Award in Nursing The 2/5 Australian General Hospital was the fifth hospital raised by the Australian Army in the Second World War (1939-1945). It was formed in May-June 1940 to be a completely self-contained fully equipped 1,200 bed hospital. It had surgeons, physicians, dentists, nurses, physiotherapists and support staff that were necessary for running such a large hospital. The 2/5 Australian General Hospital was pivotal in helping the sick and injured in countries such as Greece, Ethiopia, Palestine, Australia, New Guinea as well as casualties from other countries in Europe and the Middle East. In 1943, the Australian Army Medical Women's Service (AAMWS) sent reinforcements to replace some of the male staff so they could be sent to the frontline. Over the six years of the Second World War, 1,300 men and women served in the 2/5 Australian General Hospital, including 173 officers, 75 doctors, 312 nurses, 185 members of the AAMWS and 630 other ranks. Of these, 169 were taken as Prisoners of War when the unit was captured by the German forces in Greece on 27 April 1941. In excess of 15,000 patients were treated. After the war, members formed the 2/5 Australian General Hospital Association with the aim of keeping up old friendships and assisting other people. The association has funded this prize, with the intent of supporting the next generation of health professionals who care for those in desperate need. 2-5agh.org
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Prize	The Vincent Egan 2/5 Australian General Hospital Association Award
Criteria	Awarded to the highest performing final year student in the Bachelor of Nursing.
Recipient	Jessica Meakin



SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY AWARDS

Emeritus Professor Jim McKnight Memorial Award in Psychology



Donor

Mrs Riia McKnight and Academy of Applied Hypnosis

The Academy of Applied Hypnosis was founded in 1983 to meet the need for a standard of professional training for Clinical Hypnotherapists. The academy is the first in Australia to achieve ASQA Accreditation for the Certificate IV in Clinical Hypnotherapy and the Diploma of Clinical Hypnotherapy. The academy's training programs have been developed over a number of years with input from a wide range of health professionals. The Academy of Applied Hypnosis is proud to support the Emeritus Professor Jim McKnight Memorial Prize.

Professor McKnight was an extraordinary man. He was always available to help people. It was his 'leg up', to use his expression, that assisted the Academy of Applied Hypnosis to achieve ongoing vocational education accreditations in clinical hypnotherapy. Everyone who knew Professor McKnight remembers his intelligence and immense knowledge, but more than that they remember his unswerving devotion to improving whatever he touched. Professor McKnight devoted time, energy and resources to helping other people develop themselves and their environment far beyond that which they could conceivably achieve on their own.

Professor McKnight gave his knowledge, skills and professionalism to the academy and the profession of clinical hypnotherapy. This prize is the academy's way of thanking Professor McKnight.

aahypnosis.com.au

Prize

Emeritus Professor Jim McKnight Memorial Award in Psychology

Criteria

Awarded to a student enrolled in unit (subject) BEHV3011 History and Philosophy of Psychology, who demonstrates a history of stark contrast and ingenuity, having studied a variety of units from differing disciplines and interest areas.

Recipients

Katarina Khitra

Great Irish Famine Memorial Award

Donor**Great Irish Famine Memorial Award**

The international movement to establish memorials to the Great Irish Famine amongst the nations that received significant numbers of Irish immigrants was inspired by the former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, in a speech at Grosse Isle, Quebec, Canada in August 1994.

Her address emphasised the importance of remembering and honouring the voiceless victims of the Great Irish Famine (1845-1850). President Robinson has said that the narrative of Irish dispossession and belonging has become one of the treasures of Irish society.

Following her visit to Sydney in 1995, and with her encouragement, the preparatory work on the Australian Monument to the Great Irish Famine commenced. Representatives of the Irish community approached the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales with a proposal to place a sculpture at the Hyde Park Barracks as this was the first female place of refuge for victims of the Irish famine. The monument was inaugurated by the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, in September 1998 and unveiled by His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Deane, in August 1999. The monument is kept alive by a commemorative gathering on the last Sunday of August each year.

irishfaminememorial.org

Prize**Great Irish Famine Memorial Award****Criteria**

The Great Irish Famine Memorial Award is awarded to a female student who has come to Australia as a refugee and who is working hard to build a career and a life in this country. The student must be studying on a humanitarian visa and must have completed one full year of study at the University. The prize is based on the student's marks and evidence of a capacity for leadership, community involvement, inventiveness and professional endeavour.

Recipients

Nibras Jasim

Professor Rick Richardson Prize for Psychology

Donor **Professor Rick Richardson**
Rick Richardson is a Professor of Psychology, and has established these prizes to recognise outstanding academic performance by students studying psychology. In particular, as an encouragement to those who are either the first in their family to attend University and or have overcome significant challenges or disadvantage on their journey to higher education.

richardsonlab.com.au

Prize **Professor Rick Richardson Prize for Psychology - Honours Year**

Criteria Awarded to an outstanding student enrolled in the honours year of an undergraduate psychology degree.

Recipient Ashlee Gronowski

Prize **Professor Rick Richardson Prize for Psychology - Year 2**

Criteria Awarded to an outstanding student enrolled in the second year of an undergraduate psychology degree.

Recipient Antoinette Dagher

Prize **Professor Rick Richardson Prize for Psychology - Year 3**

Criteria Awarded to an outstanding student enrolled in the third year of an undergraduate psychology degree.

Recipient Laura Fimmano

School of Psychology Prizes

2022 APS HONOURS THESIS PRIZE

Divya Nanwani

School of Health Sciences

Dean's Medals

Maria Dasler

Bachelor of Health Science

Yathugiri Logathassan

Bachelor of Health Science

Amanda Naumovska

Bachelor of Health Science

Tatiana Nguyen

Bachelor of Health Science
(Health and Physical Education)

Ashlee Scott

Bachelor of Health Science
(Health and Physical Education)

Liam Bruton

Bachelor of Health Science
(Paramedicine)

Briana Car

Bachelor of Health Science
(Paramedicine)

Yvonne Mudliar

Bachelor of Health Science
(Paramedicine)

Chloe Prideaux

Bachelor of Health Science
(Paramedicine)

Teah Saville

Bachelor of Health Science
(Paramedicine)

Merrin Curry-Howie

Bachelor of
Occupational Therapy

Jonathan Chin

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Anjali Fernandes

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Elizabeth French

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Thiwanka Jayamaha

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Kathryn Phillips

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Eray Selvi

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Rebecca Tran-Lam

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

John Vargas

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Christine Yen

Bachelor of Traditional
Chinese Medicine

Olivea Chan

Master of Chinese Medicine

Rebecca Amanda

Master of Public Health

Christabelle Elbitar

Master of Public Health

Kathleen O'Connor

Master of Public Health

School of Medicine

Dean's Medals

Amanda Gonzalez Pegorer

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Elizabeth Gosbell

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Charlotte McKay

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Stephen Oborn

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Frederick Webb

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Qinying Li

Graduate Diploma in Vascular Sonography

Chun Lo

Master of Medicine (Pathology)

Mthulisi Viki

Master of Medicine (Pathology)

School of Nursing and Midwifery

Dean's Medals

Anita Comensoli

Bachelor of Midwifery

Bronte Crispe

Bachelor of Midwifery

Tracey Crow

Bachelor of Midwifery

Nadine Fragosa

Bachelor of Midwifery

Sibylle Lucey-Eichenberger

Bachelor of Midwifery

Erin Quinn

Bachelor of Midwifery

Caitlin Siboulet

Bachelor of Midwifery

Ala'a Alassadi

Bachelor of Nursing

Kimleng Ban

Bachelor of Nursing

Keith Bennett

Bachelor of Nursing

Ashleigh Bower

Bachelor of Nursing

Alexandra Brown

Bachelor of Nursing

Stephanie Buxton

Bachelor of Nursing

Naomi Gwen Canlas

Bachelor of Nursing

Quynh Cao

Bachelor of Nursing

Leigh Circosta

Bachelor of Nursing

Diana Djukic

Bachelor of Nursing

Shirley Eichorn

Bachelor of Nursing

Siena Felicioni

Bachelor of Nursing

Megan Fontana

Bachelor of Nursing

Geetanjali

Bachelor of Nursing

Marija Golub

Bachelor of Nursing

Tehnushree Gopee

Bachelor of Nursing

Anu Gosai

Bachelor of Nursing

Donna-Maree Harmon

Bachelor of Nursing

Mohamed Khaled

Bachelor of Nursing

Mengzi Li

Bachelor of Nursing

Michelle Mann

Bachelor of Nursing

Lachlan Marriott

Bachelor of Nursing

Robyn Marshall

Bachelor of Nursing

Catherine McKeown

Bachelor of Nursing

Natalie Miller

Bachelor of Nursing

Sangita Naidu

Bachelor of Nursing

Monira Naim

Bachelor of Nursing

Sally O'Neill

Bachelor of Nursing

Ayuni Palihenage Don

Bachelor of Nursing

School of Nursing and Midwifery

Dean's Medals

Deborah Pearce

Bachelor of Nursing

Celine Sabeen

Bachelor of Nursing

Cara Smith

Bachelor of Nursing

Rebecca Stead

Bachelor of Nursing

Jade Vaiciurgis

Bachelor of Nursing

Julie Vella

Bachelor of Nursing

Sidney Widjaja

Bachelor of Nursing

Nicole Wilding

Bachelor of Nursing

Tania Avila

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Sabiha Bashir

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Trudie Evans

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Eva Kooma De Bie

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Stephanie Peacock

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Alysha Roby

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Tim Shmigel

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Abbey Street

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Uma Budhathoki

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

I Kwan Silvia Ho

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

Justin Chia

Master of Nurse Practitioner
(Mental Health)

Chantelle Grey

Master of Nurse Practitioner
(Mental Health)

Angelina Joma

Master of Nursing

Melissa Lawson

Master of Nursing

Amy Peachey

Master of Nursing

Heena Puri

Master of Nursing

School of Psychology

Dean's Medals

Oliver Gashi

Bachelor of
Psychology (Honours)

Madeleine Leehy

Bachelor of
Psychology (Honours)

Chatha Mache

Bachelor of
Psychology (Honours)

Kim Alford

Bachelor of Social Science
(Psychology)

Nadia Alvinia

Bachelor of Social Science
(Psychology)

Nicola Lopino

Bachelor of Social Science
(Psychology)

Morgan Pogoriutchnig

Bachelor of Social Science
(Psychology)

Julyani Salim

Bachelor of Social Science
(Psychology)

Minh Tran

Bachelor of Social Science
(Psychology)

Emily Brooker

Graduate Diploma in
Psychology

Emily Danson

Graduate Diploma in
Psychology

Thomas Ertas

Graduate Diploma in
Psychology

Lauren Knez

Graduate Diploma in
Psychology

Yiu Leung

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Psychology

James Martin

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Psychology

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