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2022

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Sponsorship Portfolio**



# A Refugee Fund for the Future

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Recipients of refugee and asylum seeker scholarships embody the spirit of Western Sydney University. They overcome adversity in order to seize educational opportunities for themselves and their families. For me, both as NSW Coordinator General for Refugee Resettlement and Chancellor, this issue is of paramount importance.

As I noted in my report to the Commonwealth Government in 2019, investing in refugees is a means of investing in Australia. Equally important, it is a way to extend the hand of friendship to those who seek sanctuary from unspeakable tragedies. We pride ourselves on our tradition of giving people a fair go. This is to be celebrated and promoted. It is a means for us to let refugees know how much their skills and resilience are valued.

Western Sydney University has a history of welcoming students who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend university. We have far more students from refugee backgrounds than any other higher education institution in Australia. Our University leads the sector in ensuring ongoing support to refugee and asylum seeker students. We know that, with your assistance, we can do far more.

For my final Town & Gown event as Chancellor, I hope to leave a legacy of ongoing change, by establishing a **Refugee Scholarship Fund**. This will be an endowed fund, ensuring that scholarships for refugee and asylum seeker students are offered in perpetuity.

**I warmly invite you to join me at Town & Gown 2022 by becoming an event sponsor.**

Hosted by Ray Martin AM, Town & Gown will feature the 2022 Alumni Awards, a stellar line-up of entertainers and will be held for the first time in the impressive William Ingliss venue at Warwick Farm.

**In addition to sponsoring a table, we are seeking outstanding leadership gifts which will be matched by the University, doubling the impact of your generosity.**

I have had the privilege of witnessing at first hand the immense contribution that refugees make when they get the support and encouragement they need. Your donation will not only help refugees take back control of their lives, but also enrich the economic, social and cultural life of Australia. All of us will benefit.

I urge you to consider contributing to the Refugee Scholarship Fund and to supporting Town & Gown 2022.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Peter Shergold AC,  
Chancellor

# Western Sydney University

**Western Sydney University is recognised as the leading advocate for the Western Sydney region and as a dynamic and young global university. Our growth and transformation are pursued in service to our communities and alertness to the challenges and uncertainties they face.**

## **Our Mission**

*Starting in Western Sydney, our students will succeed, our research will have impact and our communities will thrive through our commitment to excellence, sustainability, equity, transformation and connectedness.*

Town & Gown 2022 is an opportunity to come together, after a period of disruption and uncertainty caused by the global pandemic. We invite you to join us as we celebrate the diversity, innovation and leadership that our community has shown through this difficult time.

As the most culturally diverse university in Australia, Western Sydney University has over 170 cultural and ethnic groups represented across our community. We are committed to providing access to education for those whose journey is not traditional.

## **The theme for Town & Gown 2022 is refugee scholarships.**

A dedicated fund will be established, which over time will provide scholarships to some of our most deserving and impressive students.

This is a particularly special event as it will be the final Town & Gown gala dinner attended by Professor Peter Shergold AC in his role as Chancellor of the University.

Please consider becoming a sponsor for Town & Gown 2022.

**Together, we are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change makers.**



## Event details

- Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Time:** 6:00pm – 10:30pm
- Venue:** The William Inglis Hotel  
155 Governor Macquarie Drive, Warwick Farm
- Dress:** Black tie

# Celebrating Success: Our Refugee Stories



**SANTIGIE TARAWALLY**  
**BACHELOR OF ACCOUNTING 2018**

## **2016 Western Sydney University Refugee Scholarship**

Originally from Sierra Leone, Santigie arrived in Western Sydney with his wife and children in 2013. Santigie has overcome circumstances most of us can only imagine. Fleeing civil war and tragically losing his first wife in childbirth made Santigie determined to build a new life for himself and his family.

In 2016, Santigie was awarded a Western Sydney University Refugee Scholarship. Having successfully graduated with a Bachelor of Accounting in 2018, as winner of academic prizes including the Academic Excellence Award 2018, Dean's Merit Award 2016, and as Golden Key International Honour Society Member 2016, Santigie now works for one of Australia's leading banks.

"Without having the qualification here in Australia, it would have been extremely difficult to get into gainful employment. Thanks to that scholarship which paved the way and removed all the barriers"

Now an Australian citizen, Santigie is continuing further study with Western Sydney University, including a CPA (Certified Practising Accountant) course. He has established a charity in Sierra Leone, awarding scholarships to children who do not have the opportunity to attend school.

"The scholarship is awarded to us as individuals, but what they don't see is the multiplier effect, how it impacts on the lives of many. Through this scholarship I have been able to place myself in a situation where I help others in similar circumstances. Thank you."



**MISS ANGIE (MUNA) MATTI LALOO**  
**MASTER OF FINANCE**

## **2016 Western Sydney University Refugee Scholarship**

Angie (Muna) Matti Laloo was an accomplished university graduate studying to become a lecturer at the University of Mosul when life in Iraq became too dangerous to stay. After fleeing the conflict, and arriving in Western Sydney with her brother and sister in 2013, Angie knew it was essential to improve her English language skills and obtain local qualifications.

With scholarship support, Angie was able to improve her English, providing the confidence needed to secure casual employment and continue her university studies to Masters level. Having graduated from Western Sydney University in 2017 with a Master of Finance and a Dean's Merit Award, Angie is now employed as a Senior Analyst at Deloitte.

Angie's goals for the future include providing a positive role model for the local Iraqi community and for people who arrived in Western Sydney as refugees.

"I'd say thank you so much for their consideration... I was shocked, people don't know me but they've chosen to put their money down for some good cause. They believed that their donation would benefit someone who really needs it. They probably hope that their donation makes a really big difference, which it did, which I'm sure it did for many other scholarship recipients, refugee or not refugee, it's really great."



**MISS RANEEN NASHI**  
**BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONOURS)**

**2019 Katie Page Scholarship for Refugee Women**

Raneen was raised in Baghdad, Iraq where she was studying Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering before being forced by war to flee with her family to Turkey.

Raneen had always had an interest in mechanical systems and their integration into people's lives. She was unable to continue her studies in Turkey, so instead focused on learning the local language and working as a preschool teacher.

Upon arriving in Sydney in 2017 she studied English before enrolling in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree at Western Sydney University.

Raneen Successfully completed and graduated from her degree in April 2021 and secured a graduate position as a mechanical engineer at one of Australia's most diversely skilled civil contracting businesses.

"Thank you for believing in me and for choosing me to be the recipient of the Katie Page Scholarship for Refugee Women. I feel so honoured, happy and grateful for receiving this scholarship and I will do my best to continue to show the world that a refugee woman can shine and can serve and can give back to this great country if given the opportunity. So, thank you for giving me the opportunity."



**MR SALAM WERDY**  
**BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING ADVANCED (HONOURS)**

**2020 Western Sydney University Refugee Scholarship**

Born and raised in Iraq, Salam never imagined leaving his hometown and never thought of it until it wasn't safe anymore to stay. Now, Salam is happy with the way his life is turning out to be and thankful for all the support he has received in Australia.

Salam always dreamed of being an engineer - ever since he was a child. His father worked as a mechanical engineer in their hometown. Salam chose Western Sydney University because he felt like he belonged there. One of his long-term goals, alongside being a successful engineer, is to have his own workshop with a variety of tools and machines where he can work on personal projects, just like his father used to do.

"It is an honour for me to be a recipient of this scholarship. It is proof of the amazing support that Western Sydney University provides for its students. It will be of a great financial help in my journey of studying at University. It means a lot to me and it is very appreciated."

# Platinum Event Partner

## \$50,000

- ◆ Premium table for 10 guests including senior University representative
- ◆ Event Partner co-branding on Town & Gown 2022 website
- ◆ Event Partner co-branding on Town & Gown 2022 invitation and tickets
- ◆ Event Partner mention in media releases, social media posts and event collateral
- ◆ Event Partner logo on main screen at event and corporate banner prominently displayed
- ◆ Hamper with Western gifts
- ◆ Event Partner recognition by MC at event



## Gold Sponsor – \$25,000

- ◆ Premium table for 10 guests including senior University representative
- ◆ Gold Sponsor corporate logo on Town & Gown 2022 website
- ◆ Gold Sponsor mention in media releases, social media posts and event collateral
- ◆ Gold Sponsor corporate logo on sponsor page on main screen at event
- ◆ Hamper with Western gifts
- ◆ Gold Sponsor recognition by MC at event

## Silver Sponsor – \$15,000

- ◆ Premium table for 10 guests
- ◆ Silver Sponsor corporate logo on sponsor page on main screen at event
- ◆ Hamper with Western gifts
- ◆ Silver Sponsor recognition by MC at event



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