



# Student Awards Ceremony

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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 Executive Director, Advancement



At Western Sydney University, student success is at the heart of everything we do. The Student Awards Ceremony are a chance to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our hardworking and ambitious students – recognising not just academic excellence, but also the passion and perseverance that will shape their and our collective futures.

These awards would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. By funding prizes and academic awards, donors play a vital role in encouraging students to aim high, supporting their aspirations, and giving them an edge as they step into the workforce. To our donors—thank you for believing in our students and helping them reach their full potential.

The Western Sydney region continues to grow and evolve, so do the opportunities for our students. The University is focused on preparing graduates who are adaptable, innovative, and ready to make an impact. These awards help ensure our students have the recognition, motivation, and confidence to take on the challenges ahead.

To our award recipients – congratulations! We are proud of all that you have achieved and can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CBurden'.

**Christian Burden**  
Executive Director, Advancement  
Western Sydney University



# Aliro Group Prize for Property



Donor	<p><b>David Southon and Aliro Group</b></p> <p>David Southon is no stranger to tough challenges. Launching property investment group Charter Hall with two partners during an economic downturn in 1991, he drew on learnings from his Western Sydney University Bachelor of Business (Land Economy) degree, focusing particularly on property development, investment and funds management, to establish strategies that enabled the business to grow and thrive.</p> <p>‘The first three years were particularly tough,’ he recalls. ‘However, they highlighted the need to focus on revenue and value creation, forming the genesis of the successful and diverse Property Funds Management business.’ In many ways the degree chose him, says David. ‘It was a turning point in my life and career. The course provided a new-found direction where I could connect the application of the theory to tangible and meaningful outcomes, which inspired me to pursue a career in property.’</p> <p>The relationships David made at Western Sydney University also benefited his career from the earliest stages. One friendship with a fellow student opened the door for a cadetship with Leighton Properties, and another has turned into a successful business partnership - as David shared the role of Managing Director with fellow Western Sydney University graduate, David Harrison.</p> <p>David Southon considers growing a successful property funds management business through challenging financial times to list on the ASX in 2005 (and today to have grown to be a high performing ASX 100 company) as his proudest career accomplishment. Today, Charter Hall has approximately \$3.5 billion worth of projects under development, over \$40 billion of assets under management and offices around Australia.</p> <p>In 2017, David, together with his business partner, Daniel Wise, launched Aliro Group, a property development, investment and funds management group. Aliro accesses, deploys and manages wholesale capital and has rapidly grown to 50+ employees with a current funds under management of \$3.1 billion and an on completion funds under management of \$7.5 billion.</p> <p><a href="http://aliro.com.au">aliro.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Aliro Group Prize for Property</b>
Criteria	Awarded to an outstanding third year Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Property) student who demonstrates significant leadership.
Recipient	Arvand Mohebddezfully



# Altus Financial Postgraduate Award in Financial Planning



Donor	<p><b>Altus Financial</b></p> <p>Altus Financial is very focused on understanding our clients, and having deeper connections to help create their vision, strategy, and ultimately the lifestyle they desire. As a growing , energetic and innovative firm, Altus is well positioned to assist clients and business with expertise across Financial Advice and Wealth Management, as well as Business Services, Accounting , Tax and Debt Solutions.</p> <p>The delivery of Financial Advice to the community is a noble vocation, requiring not only technical skills and financial acumen, but emotional connection and understanding - its not just about money, but helping people make some of the most important decisions in their lives.</p> <p>In order to ensure the talented people at Altus provide the best advice possible to our clients, we continually invest in their education and development. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to support Western Sydney University, and its students on their journey to working in the Financial Planning community.</p> <p>The dedication to achieve First place in the subject should be recognized and celebrated. We want to be part of that recognition, and also provide encouragement to all students in their pursuit of excellence.</p> <p><a href="http://altusfinancial.com.au">altusfinancial.com.au</a></p>
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Prize	<b>Altus Financial Postgraduate Award in Financial Planning</b>
Criteria	Awarded to first in Principles of Financial Planning (FINC 7015)
Recipient	Payal Prasad

# Apt Wealth Partners Award in Financial Planning



Donor	<p><b>Apt Wealth Partners</b></p> <p>Apt Wealth Partners is a self-licenced, privately owned financial planning firm. With a long history of helping clients live better lives, we manage over \$2.5bn of funds for more than 3,000 families. Apt has offices in Sydney, Northern Beaches, Melbourne, and Geelong, servicing clients across those regions and beyond. We are committed to positively impacting the people we serve and the community around us and were named the FPA Professional Practice of the Year in 2021. We're also proud to be one of Australia's top employers, with the AFR Best Places to Work 2021 recognising us as one of the Top 5 Financial Services employers in the country.</p> <p>One of our four core values is learning, we believe knowledge equals power. By partnering with Western Sydney University, we can help fill the future of the financial planning profession with professionals who have the knowledge and passion to create financial security for all.</p> <p><a href="http://aptwealth.com.au">aptwealth.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Apt Wealth Partners Award in Financial Planning</b>
Criteria	Awarded for First in program Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning (2794)
Recipient	Benjamin Kay



# Australian Property Institute Awards



Donor	<p><b>Australian Property Institute</b></p> <p>The Australian Property Institute (API) is the major property professional association in Australia representing the interests of over 8,000 property professionals located across Australia and overseas. API members practise in property valuation, asset and property management, property funds management, development, property finance, plant and machinery, property consultancy, property transactions, property law and academia.</p> <p>As the peak professional property organisation since it was formed in 1926, the API is pivotal in providing advice on a broad range of property issues to various levels of government in Australia. In addition, the Institute's advice has increasingly been sought by overseas bodies such as the United Nations and the World Bank, demonstrating a level of expertise within the API and its membership that is recognised globally.</p> <p>The primary role of the API is to set and maintain the highest standards of professional practice, education, ethics and discipline for its members. The API is committed to promoting excellence in property education at all levels from tertiary institutions to professional development for experienced practitioners. API membership is synonymous with qualities such as professional integrity, client service, industry experience and specialist expertise together with tertiary level education and lifelong professional development.</p> <p>Members are the API's greatest asset and the Institute is committed to maintaining a strong base for the future of the property profession through the broadening of the expertise and knowledge of the membership.</p> <p><a href="http://api.org.au">api.org.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Australian Property Institute Award for Best Undergraduate Student</b>
Criteria	Awarded to a student graduating in an accredited undergraduate property program, with the highest overall GPA.
Recipient	Michael Baroud
Prize	<b>Australian Property Institute Award for Best Postgraduate Student</b>
Criteria	Awarded to a student who is completing an accredited postgraduate property program, with the highest overall GPA.
Recipient	Ishan Parbhu

# Bev Thompson Award



Donor	<p><b>Western Sydney University School of Business</b></p> <p>The Western Sydney University School of Business is one of the largest business schools in Australia. The school offers the very best teaching, and blends academic rigour with the reality of the marketplace. This means that our graduates have the opportunity to become industry leaders. The research culture in the school is rapidly expanding, as is the research output, with a strong focus on corporate responsibility, business ethics, engagement with business, international business and sustainability in the marketplace. The school offers a range of undergraduate majors, postgraduate courses and research degrees. This award is in memory of Bev Thompson who passed away in 2008. Bev was a lecturer in marketing and was a much liked and respected member of staff who had a great affinity with students.</p>
Prize	<p><b>Bev Thompson Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in MKTG 2011 Customer Insights.</p>
Recipient	<p>Meryana Isho</p>

# Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand Prizes



Donor	<p><b>Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand</b></p> <p>Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) represents more than 134,420 financial professionals, supporting them to make a difference to the businesses, organisations and communities in which they work and live. Chartered Accountants are known as Difference Makers. The depth and breadth of their expertise helps them to see the big picture and chart the best course of action. CA ANZ promotes the Chartered Accountant (CA) designation and high ethical standards, delivers world-class services and life-long education to members and advocates for the public good.</p> <p>Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) is a proud partner of Western Sydney University, and is proud to present this award to encourage the accounting students to become difference makers and help them build their future in the profession.</p> <p><a href="http://charteredaccountantsanz.com">charteredaccountantsanz.com</a></p>
Prize	<b>CA ANZ Prize for Accounting Standards and Governance</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student with the highest marks in the Final Year in subject, Accounting Standards and Governance (ACCT 3003)
Recipient	Kyle Cropper
Prize	<b>CA ANZ Prize for Contemporary Management Accounting</b>
Criteria	Chartered Accountants ANZ Prize for Contemporary Management Accounting (ACCT 2001)
Recipient	Caroline Octaviani

# Charter Hall Prize



Donor	<p><b>Charter Hall</b></p> <p>With over 31 years’ experience in property investment and funds management, Charter Hall is one of Australia’s leading fully integrated property groups. We use our property expertise to access, deploy, manage and invest equity across our core sectors – Office, Industrial &amp; Logistics, Retail and Social Infrastructure.</p> <p>Operating with prudence, we’ve curated a diverse \$88.0 billion portfolio of 1,681 high quality properties. With partnership at the heart of our approach, we’re creating places that help grow communities; turning them into the best they can be and unlocking hidden value. Taking a long-term view, our \$15.4 billion development pipeline delivers sustainable, technologically enabled projects for our customers.</p> <p>The impacts of what we do are far-reaching. From helping businesses succeed by supporting their evolving workplace needs, to providing investors with superior returns for a better retirement, we’re powered by the drive to go further.</p> <p><a href="http://charterhall.com.au">charterhall.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Charter Hall Prize</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded for the most outstanding project in Property Project (MGMT3001) in the area of commercial property markets.</p>
Recipient	<p>Marcus Thomas</p>



Donor	<p><b>Colliers</b></p> <p>Colliers Group Inc. (NASDAQ: CIGI) is a top tier global real estate services and investment management company operating in 69 countries with a workforce of more than 16,300 professionals. Colliers is the fastest-growing publicly listed global real estate services and investment management company, with 2017 corporate revenues of \$2.3 billion (\$2.7 billion including affiliates). With an enterprising culture and significant employee ownership and control, Colliers professionals provide a full range of services to real estate occupiers, owners and investors worldwide, and through its investment management services platform, has more than \$25 billion of assets under management from the world's most respected institutional real estate investors.</p> <p>Established in Australia in 1976, Colliers is Australia's own global real estate success story. Colliers are delighted to be supporting Western Sydney University and its property students because they care about the future of their industry and the young talent that aspires to be a part of it.</p> <p><a href="http://colliers.com.au">colliers.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Colliers Prize</b>
Criteria	Awarded for the most outstanding project in Property Project (MGMT3001) in the area of commercial property sales, leasing and management.
Recipient	Reuben Moreno

# CPA Australia – Parramatta Commerce and Industry Discussion Group Awards

Donor	<p><b>CPA Australia - Parramatta Commerce and Industry Discussion Group</b></p> <p>CPA Australia, the primary professional association for qualified accountants in Australia, facilitates a number of programs that members can utilise in order to maintain their current state of knowledge within their chosen profession. One such program is the 'Discussion Group' which allows members to keep up to date in their areas of interest, earn CPD points and generally network within the local commercial environment.</p> <p>Members meet monthly, and in the case of the Parramatta Commerce and Industry Discussion Group, they review and discuss any contemporary issues that have a commercial flavour. Meetings are often led by an outside expert on the topic chosen for that month, and allows for a more informal discussion and exchange of ideas than may be apparent at a formal fee charging seminar.</p> <p>The members are drawn from commerce and industry establishments within the area and are conducted at a time convenient to allow attendance whilst homeward bound. Future members may well come from Western Sydney University graduates. The Group has existed for over 40 years and, since its meeting place is on the Western Sydney University Parramatta campus, it has some interest in the education and direction taken by Western Sydney University Accounting undergraduates.</p>
Prize	<b>CPA Australia – Parramatta Commerce and Industry Discussion Group Award for Accounting</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the best student from the final year unit of the Accounting program, The Accountant as a Consultant (ACCT 3011).
Recipient	Lisa Clough
Prize	<b>CPA Australia – Parramatta Commerce and Industry Discussion Group Award for Financial Accounting Applications</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the highest achieving student in the first year unit of the Accounting Program, Financial Accounting Applications (ACCT 1007).
Recipients	Raquel Sofi Aqsa Dumba

# Dr John Waters Memorial Prize



Donor	<p><b>The Waters Family</b></p> <p>This prize is dedicated to the memory of Dr John Waters (1936-2023). John hailed from a family of Hunter Valley timber cutters and coal miners and was the first person in his family to attend university.</p> <p>John was a lifelong learner who always loved to read. He was encouraged to pursue his education by his mother while a student at Newcastle Boys High School. Ultimately, he attained five degrees from four institutions, all while studying part time or when semi-retired. John had a strong interest in business and innovation. His final degree was a PhD awarded by Western Sydney University in 2005 with his thesis “Knowledge and Commitment in Innovation Processes”.</p> <p>While John started his professional life as an electrical engineer, he went on to spend 26 years working for 3M Australia during which time he completed an MBA, a BA and an MLitt, all of which were the foundation of his interest in organisational psychology. After 3M, John went onto consulting and teaching work with the Australian Graduate School of Engineering Innovation, then part of the University of Sydney.</p> <p>John highly valued the opportunities of a university education yet was very humble about his achievements. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to attend university and was a regular supporter of other university students through donations to the institutions he attended. John was committed to community service, having spent more than 50 years as an active and engaged member of Apex and Rotary. John’s wife Marjorie, and family, are delighted to acknowledge the academic achievements of students who, like John, are from the first generation in their family to attend university.</p>
Prize	<b>Dr John Waters Memorial Prize</b>
Criteria	Awarded to an outstanding first year student with the highest GPA studying a Bachelor of Business degree.
Recipients	Bradley Gilbert Levi Jones



# Esencia Wealth Award



Donor	<p><b>Esencia Wealth</b></p> <p>Esencia Wealth, a Sydney-based financial advice firm committed to building and sustaining genuine wealth, in a way that changes clients' lives. Esencia is derived from the term "essence", the purest distillation of an entity or idea. This is what we aim to achieve for our clients - to extract, distill, and clarify life goals, then provide a pathway to achieve them. This award provides us with a great opportunity to contribute to our commitment to learning and to playing a role in the growth and development of professionalism in our industry.</p> <p><a href="http://esenciawealth.com.au">esenciawealth.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Esencia Wealth Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded for First in Statement of Advise assesment in Financial Planning (FINC 3004)</p>
Recipient	<p>Carlie Fyfe</p>

# GJK Facility Services Award in Business



Donor	<p><b>GJK Facility Services</b></p> <p>GJK Facility Services is a comprehensive provider of cleaning, restoration, grounds, projects, maintenance, and facility services. At GJK, our focus is on delivering exceptional quality and sustainable solutions to our valued clients. We strive to create safe, clean, and productive environments that enhance their operations. Customer satisfaction, innovation, and environmental stewardship are at the core of our business philosophy. We are committed to exceeding our clients’ expectations by offering services that not only meet their needs but also align with their sustainability goals. We continuously explore innovative approaches and technologies to drive efficiency and minimize our environmental impact. In line with our belief in the transformative power of education, GJK has chosen to support Western Sydney University. Our decision is rooted in several factors that make the university a deserving recipient of our support. Firstly, we recognize the university’s unwavering commitment to providing exceptional education. Western Sydney University’s dedication to academic excellence, innovative research, and fostering an inclusive learning environment resonates with our values and objectives.</p> <p>Moreover, we are inspired by the university’s profound impact on the local community. Western Sydney University plays a pivotal role in driving social and economic development in the region. By supporting the university and its students, we aim to contribute to the growth and success of Western Sydney by empowering talented individuals to realize their full potential. We firmly believe that education is a catalyst for positive change. By investing in the education of students at Western Sydney University, we are investing in the future of our community and society as a whole. We are honored to be part of their educational journey and excited about the transformative impact they will have on their communities and beyond.</p> <p>At GJK, we remain committed to our mission of delivering excellence in facility services while actively supporting initiatives that create a brighter future. Together with Western Sydney University, we are confident that we can make a lasting difference and drive positive change in our society.</p> <p><a href="http://gjkfacilitieservices.com.au">gjkfacilitieservices.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>GJK Facility Services Award in Business</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the Outstanding Indigenous Student with highest GPA in the Bachelor of Business
Recipient	Amelie Rich

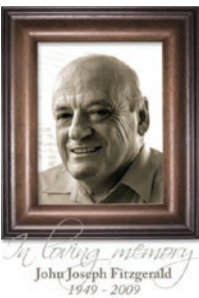
# Industrial Relations Society NSW Prize in Enterprise Industrial Relations



Donor	<p><b>Industrial Relations Society NSW</b></p> <p>The Industrial Relations Society of NSW organises and fosters discussion, research, education and publication within the field of Industrial Relations. It is highly successful in bringing together representatives of trade unions, employers and Government, the legal profession and academics - all of whom have contributed to the promotion of better Industrial Relations.</p> <p>The Industrial Relations Society of NSW is proud to sponsor prizes at universities across the state for the top performing students in eligible units that promote high quality education in the field of Industrial Relations. Prize winners are strongly encouraged to consider an exciting, meaningful and impactful career in Industrial Relations.</p> <p><a href="http://irsnsw.org.au">irsnsw.org.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Industrial Relations Society NSW Prize in Enterprise Industrial Relations</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in the unit BUSM 2014 Enterprise Industrial Relations.
Recipient	Shi Lin



# John Fitzgerald Award for Management Foundations



Donor	<p><b>Western Sydney University School of Business</b></p> <p>The Western Sydney University School of Business is one of the largest business schools in Australia. The school offers the very best teaching, and blends academic rigour with the reality of the marketplace. This means that graduates have the opportunity to become industry leaders. The research culture in the school is expanding, as is the research output, with a strong focus on corporate responsibility, business ethics, engagement with business, international business and sustainability in the marketplace. This prize is dedicated to the memory of John Fitzgerald, who passed away in September 2009. John joined the University in 1994, and had an immediate affinity with both his colleagues and his students. In his teaching, John was particularly notable for his support of students, often making time to get to know them as individuals, with a genuine interest in students from varied backgrounds and the challenges they faced. John's dedication to his students, his colleagues, his family and friends have left a deep and lasting impact upon all who knew him.</p>
Prize	<p><b>John Fitzgerald Award for Management Foundations</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in BUSM 1008 Enterprise Leadership.</p>
Recipient	<p>Ryan Sanderson</p>

# Jones Partners Prize for Accounting



Donor	<p><b>Jones Partners</b></p> <p>Jones Partners is a specialist insolvency and restructuring firm composed of highly skilled professionals that proactively and collaboratively manage a variety of complex financial appointments and investigations.</p> <p>Our firm has a strong focus on the importance of financial literacy and is committed to educating and sharing the knowledge we have acquired with the Australian community. Through the years, Jones Partners have assisted a plethora of businesses and individuals from all walks of life navigate, and ultimately overcome, financial hardship. We are passionate about our role as liquidators, administrators, bankrupt Trustee and restructuring practitioners.</p> <p>The pursuit of excellence will inevitably encounter some form of failure. The way in which an individual responds to such adversity remains the critical factor. Within the core of our firm philosophy, there is a deep appreciation for the dichotomous relationship between success and failure. We understand the utility of failure, and know that without adversity, wisdom could never develop.</p> <p>For many years, Jones Partners has supported Western Sydney as the epicentre for small business. We are honoured to support the outstanding achievement of First place in Accounting but wish to extend our congratulations to all students within the subject.</p> <p><a href="http://jonespartners.net.au">jonespartners.net.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Jones Partners Prize for Accounting</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student who achieves the highest mark and grade, in a calendar year, in the subject ACCT 3007 Corporate Accounting Systems.
Recipient	Wing Tin Chan

# Kevin Austin Award for Managing Operations



Donor	<p><b>Western Sydney University School of Business</b></p> <p>The Western Sydney University School of Business is one of the largest business schools in Australia. The school offers the very best teaching, and blends academic rigour with the reality of the marketplace. This means that graduates have the opportunity to become industry leaders. The research culture in the school is expanding, as is the research output, with a strong focus on corporate responsibility, business ethics, engagement with business, international business and sustainability in the marketplace. The school offers a range of undergraduate majors, postgraduate courses and research degrees. This prize is dedicated to the memory of Kevin Austin, who passed away in 2010. Kevin joined the University in 1999 and taught primarily in the management program. This award is to recognise Kevin’s commitment to students.</p>
Prize	<p><b>Kevin Austin Award for Managing Operations</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in BUSM 3045 Managing Operations.</p>
Recipient	<p>Lucas Martinez</p>



# Max Ruddock Memorial Award in The Australian Macroeconomy



Donor	<p><b>Max Ruddock Memorial Trust</b></p> <p>Maxwell Stanley Ruddock was born in Marrickville and spent his early years living in Windsor and Eastwood, before living in Penrith, Canberra and Pennant Hills with his wife Emmie and their children.</p> <p>In 1938 Max completed a Master’s Degree in Economics. During and after the War, between 1942-1948, Max was the Deputy Prices Commissioner in Canberra. He held various public service and executive positions, before becoming a public accountant in 1956. He also topped Australia in Accounting and was an Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants.</p> <p>Max’s political career began in 1954 when he became a Councillor with Hornsby Shire Council, a position he held until 1965. In 1961, he was appointed to the position of President of the Shire and held a number of positions within the Liberal Party, Pennant Hills Branch, and Eastwood and Hornsby electorate conferences. From 1959-1962 Max served as the General Secretary to the NSW Wheat and Woolgrowers Association. In March of 1962, Max was elected as the Member for The Hills, an office he held until 1976; the year he passed away. He also served as Minister for Revenue, an office which he held until 10 October 1975 when he was made Minister for Transport and Minister for Highways.</p> <p>The Max Ruddock Memorial Award in The Australian Macroeconomy was established by his wife, Emmie, and his three children, Philip, Janice and Suzanne, as a fitting and heartfelt memoriam.</p>
Prize	<b>Max Ruddock Memorial Award in The Australian Macroeconomy</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in ECON 1013 - The Australian Macroeconomy
Recipient	Chelsea Du Buisson-Perrine

# MBS Insurance Award for Insurance and Risk Management



Donor	<p><b>MBS Insurance</b></p> <p>MBS Insurance is proud to partner with Western Sydney University as a show of support for financial planning students coming through the degree.</p> <p>We are a large growing insurance advisory business based out of North Sydney, we also have offices in Melbourne, WA, Brisbane and Tasmania. Due to our expansion, we are always looking to grow our adviser numbers.</p> <p>MBS is an insurance advisory business that specialises in Life insurance, Total and permanent disability, Trauma, Income protection, Keyperson and business buy sell insurances. We work with Professional services firms (Wealth and Accounting mainly) to provide comprehensive insurance advice to ensure our clients families and business's are well covered in the event of something unforeseen happening. Due to our scale (the largest independent insurance advisory business in Australia) we have been able to obtain market leading product and pricing solutions, enabling us to achieve better outcomes for our clients and referrers.</p> <p>We pride ourselves on being a business that enables all staff the ability to constantly progress their careers. We also have a great culture and thoroughly enjoy working together. We are very optimistic about the future for our firm and all the staff involved. Insurance is the best segment of financial planning with a massive need for more advisers in this space. We have a full programme to support the training and development of young planners coming into the industry.</p> <p><a href="http://mbsinsurance.com.au">mbsinsurance.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>MBS Insurance Award for Insurance and Risk Management</b>
Criteria	Awarded for first in subject FINC 7010 Insurance and Risk Management
Recipient	Andrew Tatarinoff

# Merv Rayner Memorial Award



Donor	<p><b>Ken Rayner in memory of Merv Rayner</b></p> <p>As Head of the School of Management, Merv Rayner established the Western Sydney University Property Degree in 1976. This was done to support the then Australian Institute of Valuers and the valuation profession, being the first university-based property degree program in NSW. Over the subsequent years, Western Sydney University has continued to provide high-calibre property graduates for the property industry across the full range of professional careers, including property valuation, property investment and property development. This has seen the Western Sydney University Property degree being highly regarded at both a national and international level. This prize acknowledges the vision and leadership of Merv Rayner in establishing the property discipline at Western Sydney University. Sadly, Merv passed away in 2011, and we are sure he would be very proud of the Property discipline's stature and track record at Western Sydney University.</p>
Prize	<p><b>Merv Rayner Memorial Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded for the most outstanding project in Property Project (MGMT 3001) in the area of Innovation.</p>
Recipient	<p>Myles Okorn</p>

# Pitcher Partners Award in Financial Planning



Donor	<p><b>Pitcher Partners</b></p> <p>Pitcher Partners Sydney is a Professional Chartered Accounting firm located in the heart of the CBD. We are a leading network of independent firms, working together to enable growth and ambition for our clients and our people.</p> <p>Pitcher Partners offers both cadet (whilst in university) and graduate programs aimed at students majoring in accounting. We give you the opportunity to work with a variety of clients, partners, and divisions, as well as to experience the culture of the firm. Working at Pitcher Partners as a cadet/graduate is quite special – it is a place where you will make lifelong friends and feel as though you really belong. We genuinely care about our staff and work hard to ensure graduates have the best start to their careers. We also provide amazing training and development programs.</p> <p>Jordan Kennedy has been with the Pitcher Partners Sydney since 2013 and joined the partnership in 2016. He provides strategic wealth advice to high net wealth individuals and families, corporate executives, sporting professionals and self funded retirees. Protecting and building personal wealth, Jordan assists clients with a range of financial planning, investment and advisory services including investment selection, investment management/review, strategic advice and superannuation strategies.</p> <p><a href="http://pitcher.com.au">pitcher.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Pitcher Partners Award in Financial Planning</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student in Bachelor of Accounting majoring in Financial Planning.
Recipient	Maria Hanosh

# Professor Michael Halliday Award in Marketing Management



Donor	<p><b>Western Sydney University School of Business</b></p> <p>The Western Sydney University School of Business is one of the largest business schools in Australia. The School offers the very best teaching and blends academic rigour with the reality of the marketplace. This means that our graduates have the opportunity to rise to become industry leaders. The research culture in the school is expanding, as is the research output, with a strong focus on corporate responsibility, business ethics, engagement with business, international business and sustainability in the marketplace. The school offers a range of undergraduate majors, postgraduate courses and research degrees. This award is in memory of Professor Michael Halliday who taught and researched primarily in the marketing area. Michael was a friend to many and greatly enjoyed his work, bringing passion and enthusiasm to everything he did.</p>
Prize	<p><b>Professor Michael Halliday Award in Marketing Management</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in MKTG 7019 Marketing Systems.</p>
Recipient	<p>Kristan Ian Cabana</p>

# Sam Cuccurullo

## Award for Leadership in a Property Major



Donor	<b>Sam Cuccurullo</b> Mr Sam Cuccurullo graduated from Western Sydney University with a property degree in 1998. Sam is now Head of Property and Asset Management, Cushman and Wakefield, Asia Pacific. He serves on the University Property Courses Advisory Committee, as well as regularly presenting guest lectures to Western Sydney University Property students in Commercial Property Management. Sam seeks to recognise and reward outstanding leadership and mentoring by a third year Property student.
Prize	<b>Sam Cuccurullo Award for Leadership in a Property Major</b>
Criteria	Awarded to an outstanding third year Bachelor of Business and Commerce student who demonstrates leadership and mentoring of other students in a Property major.
Recipient	Miray Tablie

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Prize	<b>UniSuper Undergraduate Award for Retirement and Succession Planning</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student who is first in subject in Retirement and Succession Planning (FINC3014)
Recipient	Vinaykrishna Sreekrishnan
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Criteria	Awarded to the student who is First in subject in Superannuation (FINC7020)
Recipient	Andrew Tatarinoff



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Donor	<p><b>Viridian Advisory</b></p> <p>Viridian Financial Group Ltd is honoured to be a part of this awards ceremony. We are excited and are passionate about the future of financial advice and supporting the next generation of professionals entering the industry. We believe that this could be one of the most exciting times for financial advice and it has never been more needed by more Australians.</p> <p><a href="http://viridianadvisory.com.au">viridianadvisory.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Viridian Advisory Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded for First in program Master of Financial Planning (2793)</p>
Recipient	<p>Tjay Ratnawardana</p>

# Yvonne Kan Memorial Prize in Applied Finance



Donor	<p><b>Yvonne Kan Memorial - supported by Mr Kin-Mun and Mrs Kay Kan</b></p> <p>The Yvonne Kan Memorial Prize in Applied Finance commemorates the life of Yvonne Wei-Meng Kan. Yvonne was a student in Applied Finance at the University and attained outstanding results in her studies. Sadly, Yvonne died suddenly from a cardiac condition in late 2011, very soon after completing her course. She was unable to apply the knowledge and skills she acquired in her studies. Yvonne was posthumously awarded the degree of Master of Applied Finance with Distinction.</p> <p>This prize is donated by Yvonne’s parents and is awarded to encourage students to work with diligence and enthusiasm in the course, as Yvonne did. It is hoped that the prize will provide some assistance to students working towards a rewarding career.</p>
Prize	<p><b>Yvonne Kan Memorial Prize in Applied Finance</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded annually to the most outstanding student in the Master of Applied Finance (2759).</p>
Recipient	<p>James Scadden</p>

# Dean’s Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research



Donor	<p><b>Western Sydney University School of Business</b></p> <p>The Western Sydney University School of Business is one of the largest business schools in Australia. The school offers the very best teaching, and blends academic rigour with the reality of the marketplace. This means that our graduates have the opportunity to become industry leaders. The research culture in the school is rapidly expanding, as is the research output, with a strong focus on corporate responsibility, business ethics, engagement with business, international business and sustainability in the marketplace. The school offers a range of undergraduate majors, postgraduate courses and research degrees.</p> <p><a href="https://westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sobus">westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sobus</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Dean’s award for Outstanding Doctoral Research</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded for outstanding doctoral research performance through high-quality and impactful research</p>
Recipients	<p>Jiahe Chen Nargess Ghassampour</p>





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