Student Awards Ceremony

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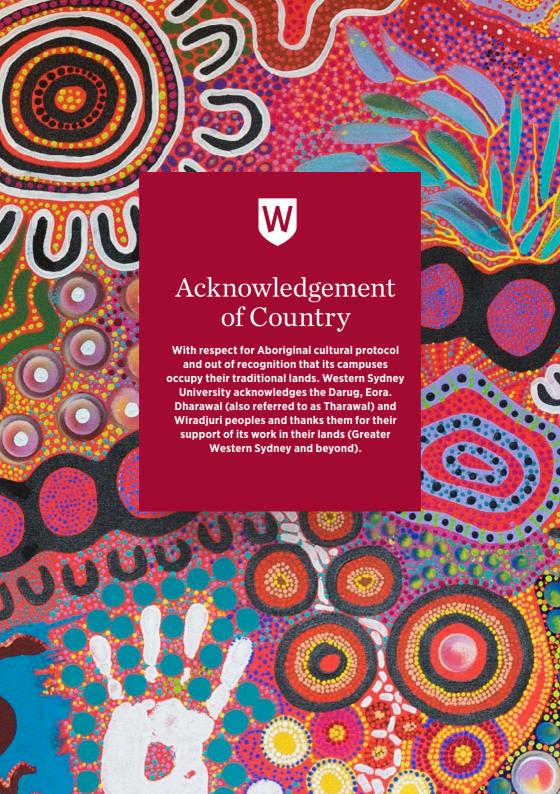
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Acknowledgement of Country

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.

Christian Burden
Executive Director, Advancement
Western Sydney University

Australian Computer Society Award for Professional Practice and Ethics

Donor	**Australian Computer Society** ACS is the leading professional association with over 47,000 members representing Australia's technology community, across industry, government and education. At ACS, our key aim is to grow the nation's digital skills capabilities, industry capacity and inspire the next generation of technology professionals. acs.org.au
Prize	**Australian Computer Society Award for Professional Practice and Ethics**
Criteria	Awarded to the highest performing student in the subject INFO1003 Professional Practice, Communication and Ethics
Recipient	Dana Fazeli

Glover-Collins Prize in Mathematics

Donor	**Emeritus Professor Barney Glover AO** Professor Barney Glover AO is a distinguished academic leader, an accomplished mathematician and mathematics educator with significant experience in developing strong relationships with the vocational education sector. He is well respected for his engagement with First Nations Australians and disadvantaged communities. Professor Glover was Vice-Chancellor and President of Western Sydney University from 2014-24, and in 2019 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to tertiary education, professional associations and cultural organisations.
Prize	**Glover-Collins Prize in Mathematics**
Criteria	Awarded to an outstanding student (with highest GPA) who has completed all the core first-year mathematics subjects in the 3778 Bachelor of Mathematics course.
Recipient	Luka Carroll

Greenultimate Award for Academic Excellence

Donor	**Greenultimate Pty Ptd**
	Greenultimate Pty Ltd is a leading National Solar/Renewable energy company based in NSW, with over 12 years of experience providing clean energy solutions to residential and commercial clients. Greenultimate was founded in 2010 with a vision to promote the use of sustainable energy sources and reduce carbon emissions in the country.
	Over the years, Greenultimate has established itself as a trusted brand in the industry, known for its quality products, excellent customer service, and competitive pricing. In addition, the company offers a range of solar and renewable energy solutions, including solar panels, battery storage systems, solar hot water systems, and energy-efficient lighting solutions.
	Greenultimate's team of experienced technicians and engineers are committed to providing customized solutions that cater to the specific energy needs of each client. They work closely with clients to design, install, and maintain their solar energy systems, ensuring maximum efficiency and performance.
	With a strong focus on sustainability and innovation, Greenultimate has contributed significantly to the growth of the renewable energy industry in Australia. The company has received numerous awards and accolades for its outstanding services and commitment to environmental sustainability. Our commitment to sustainability, innovation, and customer satisfaction has made us a leading player in the market.
	greenultimate.com.au
Prize	**Greenultimate Award for Academic Excellence**
Criteria	Awarded to the best performing student in the subject "HUMN103 Contextualising Indigenous Australia
Recipient	Mina Armijo

Oracle Award for Achievement in Computing

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Donor	**Oracle Australia** Today's IT environments have become so complex that in most enterprises the biggest chunk of IT budget is spent just keeping the lights on. The average company spends about three-quarters of its IT budget on integration, maintenance and routine tasks. That leaves only 25 percent to invest in innovation. Oracle helps organisations shift that spending balance. They help simplify IT environments to free up money, time and resources to invest in innovation. They do this by providing a comprehensive and fully integrated stack of cloud applications, platform services and engineered systems. oracle.com/au
Prize	**Oracle Award for Achievement in Computing**
Criteria	Awarded to the highest achieving student in the highest achieving team in the COMP3018 Professional Experience unit in recognition of professional achievement and teamwork.
Recipient	Lily Straker

School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences Awards

Donor	**Western Sydney University School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences**
	The Western Sydney University School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences is world renowned for the range of high-quality, research-led academic programs that address the global knowledge and skill shortfall of experts in computer science, data science and mathematics.
	The School is a leader in research, development and application of disruptive technologies. We encompass major areas that drive innovation and societal transformation, including connected artificial intelligence, machine learning, mathematical and data sciences, cybersecurity and decision engineering. Engaged with industry and government, our education and research are delivered with a strong commitment to addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and the National Science and Research Priorities.
	www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/socdms
Prize	**School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences Award for Computer Science**
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Computer Science.
Recipient	Nicholas Payk
Prize	**School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences Award for Data Science**
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Data Science.
Recipient	Nowell Reyes
Prize	**School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences Award for Mathematical Science**
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Mathematical Science.
Recipient	Harrison Graham
Prize	**School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences Award for Technology Entrepreneurship**
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Technology Entrepreneurship.
Recipient	Christopher Morris

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