



# 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





# AAS NSW Division Vibration Prize



Donor	<p><b>The Australian Acoustical Society</b></p> <p>The NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society (AAS) is proud to sponsor the Vibration Prize to the most outstanding student in unit 300480 Dynamics of Mechanical Systems at Western Sydney University. The AAS aims to promote and advance the science and practice of acoustics in all its branches to the wider community, and provide support to acousticians. The society was formed in 1964 when meetings were held by people interested in acoustics and vibration. The society was incorporated on 1 April 1971 as a public company. Divisions are active in all Australian states. Its members practise or study acoustics across a wide range of fields including: Architectural Acoustics, Environmental Noise, Marine Acoustics, Engineering Noise Control, Occupational Noise Management, Physiology of Hearing, Audiology Studies, Musical Acoustics. The society provides a source of expertise in acoustics to the public, private corporations, small business, the legal system, standards organisations and government, and encourages interaction between practitioners of the various branches of acoustics. It arranges a variety of activities for its members including divisional meetings, technical talks, on-site visits, seminars, equipment demonstrations and social functions.</p> <p><a href="http://acoustics.asn.au">acoustics.asn.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>AAS NSW Division Vibration Prize</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in the unit Dynamics of Mechanical Systems (MECH3004).
Recipients	Saghar Brookhian Tibor Haljicki

# ADW Johnson Prize in Civil Engineering



Donor	<p><b>ADW Johnson</b></p> <p>ADW Johnson is one of NSW’s largest privately owned companies operating in land development consultancy. Whilst we offer a range of core services in-house, civil engineering is our largest team and undertake works on a variety of projects across NSW.</p> <p>We have a long history of employing undergraduates from a variety of universities and create individual professional development programs for everyone in our team to ensure their professional careers go in the direction they want. We feel that partnering with Western Sydney University will allow us to expand on our existing undergraduate program, whilst allowing us to provide great career opportunities to students that choose to join our team. We are excited and proud to sponsor the civil engineering prize at Western Sydney University!</p> <p><a href="http://adwjohnson.com.au">adwjohnson.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>ADW Johnson Prize in Civil Engineering</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the top performing student in Civil Engineering currently in their 3rd Year of study.</p>
Recipient	<p>Deepak Pulami</p>

# Association of Consulting Architects Awards



Donor	<p><b>Association of Consulting Architects</b></p> <p>The Association of Consulting Architects (ACA) was founded in 1987 as the national peak body representing the interests of employers in industrial matters, including workplace conditions and Award negotiations. This remains the basis of ACA's charter today. Since that time the ACA has grown its responsibility to positively influence and assist the practice and management of the architectural businesses to engage in the wider industry. The ACA helps architectural firms navigate the business of architecture in the changing world of practice by providing regular advice and information on business and employment matters, by promoting awareness of and discussion about business issues, and by advocating for better business practices and Thank you for supporting students at Western Sydney University. Today, the ACA leads the discussion on business matters in architecture in Australia. The association is a registered employer body under the Fair Work Commission, representing architectural employers. Through this leadership, support and advocacy, the ACA helps to ensure the long-term health and viability of the profession, and thereby supports the important contribution that architecture makes to our cities, environments, communities and cultures. ACA members cover the spectrum of practice sizes - from sole practitioners to large practices - and include a range of business types, from individuals to partnerships and companies. The ACA supports students and graduates of architecture to better understand those aspects of practice that foster the successful management and integration of firms into the wider business community.</p> <p><a href="http://aca.org.au">aca.org.au</a></p>
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Prize	<b>Association of Consulting Architects Undergraduate Award</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in the subject BLDG 1017, Non-Residential Building. Bachelor of Architecture Program.
Recipient	Noah Perez
Prize	<b>Association of Consulting Architects Postgraduate Award</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in the subject ARCH 7018 Architectural Professional Practice.
Recipient	Emma Moore



# Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors Award



Donor	<p><b>Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors</b></p> <p>Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) is the peak professional standards body for quantity surveyors and other built environment cost professionals. Since 1971, our members have been dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence and continuous development.</p> <p>This prize is named in honor of Donald Napier, a long term member of the AIQS who was committed to furthering the profession and the education of students and young professionals.</p> <p><a href="http://aiqs.com.au">aiqs.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Donald Napier - Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student with a major in Quantity Surveying.</p>
Recipient	<p>Emily Saysanavongpheth</p>

# Australian Steel Institute Undergraduate Steel Design Award



Donor	<p><b>The Australian Steel Institute</b></p> <p>The Australian Steel Institute is Australia's peak steel industry association promoting Australian steel in manufacturing and construction, and representing the whole of the steel value chain.</p> <p><a href="http://steel.org.au">steel.org.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Australian Steel Institute Undergraduate Steel Design Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded for excellence in the 3rd year of the Bachelor of Engineering degree, in steel structures and structural steel design.</p>
Recipient	<p>Sam Abdulwahab</p>

# Built Australia Award for Academic Excellence



Donor	<b>Built</b> Built is excited to partner with Western Sydney University by sponsoring a prize for academic excellence. This prize allows Built to support individual students and the School of Engineering, Design& Built Environment, supporting the innovative minds of the next generation of professionals coming through the industry.  <a href="http://built.com.au">built.com.au</a>
Prize	<b>Built Australia Award for Academic Excellence</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in BLDG1014 Non-Residential Building
Recipient	Vishal Gaikwad

Donor	<p><b>CIOB Chartered Institute of Building</b></p> <p>CIOB is the world’s largest and most influential professional body for construction management and leadership. They have a Royal Charter to promote the science and practice of building and construction for the benefit of society and been doing that since 1834. CIOB members work worldwide in the development, conservation and improvement of the built environment. UG Construction programs at Western Sydney University (Bachelor of Construction Management and Bachelor of Building Design Management) are accredited by CIOB and our students receive free student membership and several benefits.</p> <p><a href="http://ciob.org">ciob.org</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>CIOB Certificate of Excellence Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the highest GPA in the graduating cohort for the Bachelor of Construction Management. The award recipient must be studying an undergraduate Bachelor or Master’s degree in their final year of study, they also must have achieved the highest percentage/ GPA mark in their degree as well as be a student member of the CIOB.</p>
Recipients	<p>Dimitrios Tsalikis Sophie Wickens</p>

# Electric Energy Society of Australia (NSW Chapter) Award in Power Systems



Donor	<p><b>The Electric Energy Society of Australia</b></p> <p>The Electric Energy Society of Australia is the Technical Society of Engineers Australia, established to advance interests in electric energy. The society's objectives are to provide opportunities for continuous professional development, to stimulate research and development, to influence government electric energy policy and to represent community interest on electric energy matters. The society has some 800 members with chapters in NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA. The annual conference provides opportunities for exchange of information and experience, and for members and others to present papers on any aspect of electricity supply or use.</p> <p><a href="http://eesa.org.au">eesa.org.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Electric Energy Society of Australia (NSW Chapter) Award in Power Systems</b></p>
Criteria	<p>This prize is awarded to a third year student (or part-time equivalent) who has the highest mark in the unit Power Systems (ELEC3009).</p>
Recipient	<p>William Cauz</p>

# GJK Facility Services Award for Sustainability and Risk Engineering



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.</p> <p>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. 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.</p> <p>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. 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://gjkfacilityservices.com.au">gjkfacilityservices.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>GJK Facility Services Award for Sustainability and Risk Engineering</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the top performing student in ENGR4011 Sustainability and Risk Engineering
Recipient	Ashish Tiwari

Donor	<p><b>Intermain Pty Ltd</b></p> <p>Established in 2001, Intermain is one of Australia's leading refurbishment construction companies delivering end-to-end services; design, construction, refurbishment, fitout and joinery, for a wide range of commercial, government, healthcare, industrial and educational clients.</p> <p>With offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra, Intermain has delivered spaces for leading organisations such as Mastercard, Centuria, Blackmores, Seafolly, Westmead Hospital and Mirvac earning a reputation for innovative solutions and accountable delivery.</p> <p>We're committed to delivering environments where people thrive, now and into the future, and are proud to provide this prize as a reward for academic achievement and encouragement for students from a diverse background pursuing a career in the Building and Construction industry.</p> <p><a href="http://intermain.com.au">intermain.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Intermain Prize for Women in Building and Construction</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the top performing female student across the Bachelor of Construction Technology, Bachelor of Construction Management, or the Bachelor of Building Design Management courses.
Recipient	Kelsie Stoltenberg
Prize	<b>Intermain Prize in Building and Construction – Indigenous</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the top performing student from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background across the Bachelor of Construction Technology, Bachelor of Construction Management, or the Bachelor of Building Design Management courses.
Recipient	Troy Bunyan



Donor	<p><b>Northrop Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd</b></p> <p>Northrop is a multi-discipline engineering consultancy with an exceptional track record in delivering award-winning solutions and projects in Civil, Structural, Electrical, Mechanical, Hydraulic, Fire, and Sustainability, with extensive expertise in emerging and niche engineering services.</p> <p>We are passionate about leading change to create a positive legacy in the built environment and are committed to climate action and pioneering solutions to real-world problems. Every development, regardless of its built form, will have an impact on its surrounding environment. Our job as engineers is to minimise that impact; and we are therefore dedicated to fostering a workplace and industry that supports individual growth and success with principles of innovation with environmental consciousness.</p> <p>It is a great honour to partner with Western Sydney University in support of Academic Excellence in the area of Structural Analysis together as industry peers and engineers, we will continue to address climate change and propose real world solutions.</p> <p><a href="http://northrop.com.au">northrop.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Northrop Consulting Engineers Award for Structural Analysis</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in CIVL3014 Structural Analysis.
Recipient	Nway Kyaw
Prize	<b>Northrop Consulting Engineers Award for Thermal and Fluid Engineering</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in MECH 3007 Thermal and Fluid Engineering.
Recipient	Stewart Moseley

Donor	<p><b>Richard Crookes Constructions</b></p> <p>A private, family-owned Australian construction company operating across NSW, QLD and the ACT, Richard Crookes Constructions (RCC) has delivered for government and private clients since 1976. Through the delivery of critical social infrastructure, RCC builds a better future - leaving a lasting legacy for local communities and beyond.</p> <p>It is both our responsibility and privilege to support the next generation of industry trailblazers. Through our partnership with Western Sydney University, we enable future leaders to shape their own careers in the construction and property industries.</p> <p>The Richard Crookes Constructions Award acknowledges the highest performing students – those who are striving for excellence and dedicated to delivering for the future. We hope that this initiative will create a more diverse, inclusive and innovative industry. Congratulations to the Award recipients.</p> <p><a href="http://richardcrookes.com.au">richardcrookes.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Richard Crookes Constructions Award</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in CIVL3016 Building Superstructure
Recipient	Wilson Dowling

# School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Awards

Donor	<b>Western Sydney University School of Engineering, Design &amp; Built Environment</b> The Western Sydney University School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment is one of the best schools in Australia, with a strong reputation for working with industry and producing job-ready graduates. The School offers the very best teaching and blends academic rigour with the reality of practice. Our graduates not only become valuable assets for the organisation they will work in but they also have the opportunity to become industry leaders at a global level. The research culture in the School is expanding, as is the research output, with a strong focus on sustainability, digital technologies, digital construction, blockchain technologies, new material and advanced methods, advanced manufacturing, concrete technologies and structural engineering, electronics, biomedical and solar engineering with high profile student-led projects, such as the Solar Car project. The School offers a range of undergraduate majors, postgraduate courses and research degrees. Congratulations to all award winners!  <a href="https://westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soedbe">westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soedbe</a>
Prize	<b>School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Award for Architecture</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Architecture.
Recipients	Cassandra Grass Thomas Fiorenza
Prize	<b>School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Award for Construction Management</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Construction Management Construction Management, Construction Technology, or Building Design Management”.
Recipient	Dimitrios Tsalikis
Prize	<b>School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Award for Industrial Design</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Industrial Design.
Recipient	Mike Zamora



Prize	<b>School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Award for Postgraduate Engineering</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Postgraduate Engineering.
Recipient	Ira Katrina Sumera
Prize	<b>School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Award for Undergraduate Civil and Construction Engineering</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Undergraduate Civil, Environmental or Construction Engineering.
Recipient	Mosses Eldho Mathew
Prize	<b>School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Award for Undergraduate Electrical and Electronic Engineering</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Undergraduate Electrical or Electronic Engineering.
Recipient	Benjamin Brandwood
Prize	<b>School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment Award for Undergraduate Mechanical, Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA in Undergraduate Mechanical, Mechatronic or Robotic Engineering.
Recipient	Ferdaws Shaaya

# Smart Modern Construction Prize

Donor	<p><b>Centre for Smart Modern Construction</b></p> <p>Centre for Smart Modern Construction at Western Sydney University (c4SMC) is an industry collaborative initiative embracing smart technologies and processes in delivering a modern construction industry. Its aims are to:</p> <p>(1) maximise the potential of the construction industry in Western Sydney and beyond as it responds to the challenges of sustainability, digitalisation, industrialisation and globalisation</p> <p>(2) provide practical, innovative teaching and research both at University and on site</p> <p>(3) invest in ensuring the next generation of construction professionals and the enterprises they will lead are future ready.</p>
Prize	<b>Smart Modern Construction Prize (Undergraduate)</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student with the highest mark in the subject BLDG 4011 Construction Thesis
Recipient	Brock Wells
Prize	<b>Smart Modern Construction Prize (Postgraduate)</b>
Criteria	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest GPA in Master of Project Management (Construction Major)
Recipient	Malka Nadeeshani Sammu Handi

# SoCLA Academic Excellence Awards



Donor	<p><b>Society of Construction Law Australia</b></p> <p>The Society of Construction Law (Australia) is a single national organisation of members, at all stages of their professional career, who share an interest in construction law.</p> <p>The Society encourages the active involvement of all of its members and discourse across the broad spectrum of issues relating to construction law, including matters of policy and legislation, “front end” issues, dispute avoidance, and all forms of dispute resolution.</p> <p><a href="http://scl.org.au">scl.org.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>SoCLA Academic Excellence Award - Masters Program</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student with the highest GPA of four, year-one subjects after their first year study in the Master of Construction Law program.
Recipient	Ismaeel Julius
Prize	<b>SoCLA Research Excellence Award - Research Project</b>
Criteria	Awarded to a student who has completed a construction-law focussed research project with a high grade or published a construction-law focussed research paper in a recognised journal or conference in the Master of Project Management (Construction Major) program, the Master of Laws, the Juris Doctor program, or the PhD program.
Recipient	Augustine Kukah

# Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia Award in Concrete Structure



Donor	<p><b>Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia</b></p> <p>The Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia (SRIA) is the leading non-profit national organisation providing a high-quality technical support and information service to the Australian building industry on the use of reinforcing steel in concrete, primarily reinforcing bar and reinforcing mesh. The organisation actively supports and encourages the use of Australian capability and quality in the processing and use of reinforcing steel in concrete in an increasingly competitive global market. The SRIA offers practical solutions to meet the diverse and ever-changing needs of the Australian building industry.</p> <p><a href="http://sria.com.au">sria.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia Award in Concrete Structure</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding third year student in Concrete Structures (CIVL3002).</p>
Recipient	<p>Nway Kyaw</p>



# Transurban Excellence Award



Donor	<p><b>Transurban Group</b></p> <p>Transurban, starting in Melbourne in 1996, has since expanded to Sydney, Brisbane and North America and grown to become a top-15 ASX company. Transurban's NSW story started with our partnership to deliver the Westlink M7, which opened to traffic in 2005. Since then, we have been planning, building and operating toll roads that have delivered real and lasting benefits for Sydney's motorists. Our purpose is to strengthen communities through transport. By working to be a partner of choice for governments, our customers, the community and our investors, we have helped to deliver a toll road network that has transformed the way people, goods and services move in Sydney.</p> <p>Expected to open in 2026, our M7-M12 Integration Project will provide new lanes to increase road capacity, reduce congestion and improve travel times for motorists and freight around Western Sydney. The project is supporting the growth of Western Sydney by widening a 26-kilometre stretch of the M7 Motorway and delivering a seamless connection to the 16-kilometre M12 Motorway. This integration will eventually provide direct access to the coming Western Sydney International Airport.</p> <p>This project involves the construction of 41 new and upgraded bridges so through this award we want to recognise future engineers and how you could play a part with future projects like this one.</p> <p><a href="http://transurban.com">transurban.com</a></p>
Prize	<b>Transurban Excellence Award</b>
Criteria	Awarded to an outstanding student with the highest GPA in the subject CIVL2007 Introduction to Structural Engineering
Recipient	Talal Hassan

# Zac Homes First Year Prize for Building and Construction



Donor	<p><b>Zac Homes</b></p> <p>Zac Homes is Sydney’s leading custom design home builder. From million dollar-plus homes to sought-after estates, from the North Shore and Northern Beaches to the Hills District and Greater West, ZAC Homes has built an enviable reputation over two decades as one of the leading home builders in Sydney.</p> <p>Zac Homes has established this prize to encourage and reward excellence among the future generations of building and construction professionals. Their commitment to local community and long-term presence in Western Sydney aligns with the University’s deep connection with the region.</p> <p>Zac Homes warmly congratulates the recipient of the Zac Homes First Year Prize for Building and Construction, and all meritorious students being recognised with awards.</p> <p><a href="http://zachomes.com.au">zachomes.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Zac Homes First Year Prize for Building and Construction</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding first year student across the Bachelor of Construction Management, Bachelor of Construction Technology and Bachelor of Building Design degree programs.</p>
Recipient	<p>Ezekiel Russell</p>





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