Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences

Awards Night

17 April 2019
Congratulations to all scholarship, bursary, honours and prize recipients in the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences.

Information about the awards presented today is enclosed. As you’ll read, some awards have a long association with the Faculty and recognise significant people in our history. We are proud to have these associations.

There are also some new awards this year, including:

**June Bostock Wenker Scholarship**

**Kate Gordon-Addison Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Travelling Scholarship**

**Prize for Excellence in Agriculture**
(established by the Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited)

All our awards and prizes contribute to developing the next generation of skilled workers, practitioners, teachers, researchers and industry leaders.

Thank you to our many donors and sponsors for your kind generosity. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated. It makes a significant difference to our students and our academic community.

This evening is a celebration of achievement, potential and philanthropic support; I wish all the prize recipients continued success in their academic careers and in their future endeavours.

**Professor John Fazakerley**
BSc, MBA, PhD, FRCPath, FRCB
Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences
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Reception
Following the ceremony, please join us for refreshments in the foyer
Scholarships, Bursaries and Prizes

Alan Blakney Memorial Scholarship
Chelsea Hall
Established by Mrs Lorna Waller to commemorate her brother Alan Blakney (1919-83) who attended Dookie campus and graduated in 1940. During WWII he served in the air force and won the Distinguished Flying Cross. He took up a soldier settlement farm in northern Tasmania and later near Hobart, eventually settling and farming in Western Australia.

Arthur Sims Scholarship
Hollie Pogorzelski
Awarded to the student with the highest average mark in animal science subjects.

Established in 1949 by Sir Arthur Sims (1877-1969) who was a pioneer in exporting frozen sheep meat from Australia and New Zealand to the UK, and who established pastoral and business interests in Australia, New Zealand and Southern Rhodesia. He established scholarships throughout the British Commonwealth.

Bienvenu Foundation Scholarship
Jordan Botten
Lauren Kelly
Euan McLean
Yushara Wijerathna
Awarded to support rural students wishing to study veterinary science.

Albert Henry John Bienvenu bequeathed his residuary estate to be held upon trust for the purpose of establishing the ‘Albert and Constance Bienvenu Foundation’ to support students residing in Victoria to study veterinary science.

Brunning Prize
Chloe Findlay
Awarded to the best plant collection from an undergraduate agriculture or science student.

Established in 1947 with funds from Mr Leslie Herbert Ashley Brunning, a seed merchant in Elsternwick and author of many editions of the highly popular “The Australian Gardener”, for well over a century, the authoritative work on home gardening.

Cecil C Taylor Bursary
Isobel Christie
Isabella Clarke
Eleyne Ferguson
Harrison Goy
Chelsea Hall
Hayley Jackson
Noah Richardson
Funds bequeathed by Cecil C Taylor to support recipients to attend a University at which a course in agricultural science is provided.

Awarded to Bachelor of Agriculture students attending Dookie Campus.

Clare Leslie Memorial Prize and Medal
Emily Webb Ware
Awarded to the final year student in the Bachelor of Agriculture who is voted best all-round student by the final year students.

The endowment for this fund was provided by the family and friends of Clare Leslie who was a final year student in Agricultural Science at the time of her premature death in 1986.
Diploma in General Studies Scholarship
George Batten
Adam Cornelius
Madeline Tomkins
Awarded to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to make the transition to university. Scholarships are designed to contribute to the costs associated with beginning at university, such as Student Services and Amenities Fees, books, discipline-specific equipment and technological devices.

Established with funds provided to the University in 2013 by the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training Regional Partnerships Facilitation Funding.

Diploma in General Studies in Transition Residential Scholarship
April Lachal
Awarded to support students from disadvantaged regional backgrounds to make the transition to university. The scholarship is designed to support the student transitioning to a Bachelor Degree at the Parkville Campus by offering a residential scholarship for one year to Ormond College.

Established with funds provided to the University in 2018 by the Australian Government Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP) Participation Funding.

Dr Betty Elliott Agricultural Science Scholarship
Georgia Cassels
Established in 2015 by alumna Dr Betty Elliott. Her will left a number of bequests to the University, including one for the purpose of supporting, in perpetuity, a scholarship of one or more undergraduate students in financial need, who have academic ability and are studying Agricultural Science at the University.

Dr James (Jim) Richard Gannon Scholarship
Melissa Closser
Awarded to a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine student with a strong interest in small animal clinical sciences, with a preference given to students with demonstrable interest in greyhounds.

Established in 2011 by Kerry Bradley and Michele Gannon-Miller (1956-2018) in commemoration of their father Dr Jim Gannon (1930-2010), who was a leading veterinary practitioner and teacher.

Dr Robert Neville McCarthy Scholarship
Theodora Tan
Awarded to support students to undertake a research project related to veterinary science.

The scholarship was established by Dr Neville McCarthy AO and Mrs Margaret McCarthy (1928-2014) to commemorate their son, alumnus Dr Robert McCarthy (1962-1993), research scientist at Werribee.

Eileen Mary Harris Honours Scholarship
Vikesh Ajith
Eileen Mary Harris Scholarship
Madeline Goldsworthy
Sophie Hanna
Mrs Eileen Harris bequeathed her property at Warracknabeal to the University in 1992. Scholarships were established to assist postgraduate and undergraduate students for study and research in agriculture.

Erskine Scholarship
Wai-Kiu Ryan Lam
Awarded to assist a student completing a research project in animal welfare/behaviour with a preference for canine welfare/behaviour as part of their final year assessment.

Established in 2016 by Mrs Lynda Erskine and Mr Robert Erskine.
Future Generations Scholarship
Hollie Pogorzelski
Hoi Kiu Wong
Established by donations to the University 2006 Annual Appeal to assist graduate students.

HC Forster Prize
Carissa Bailey
Awarded to the highest placed student in the second year of the Bachelor of Agriculture.
First awarded in 1968 with funds donated by friends and associates of Professor Carl Forster OBE (1903-81), who was Professor of Agriculture and Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture 1957-68.

Henry Gyles Turner Scholarship
Rani Nako
Awarded to a graduate student commencing or currently studying in agriculture to assist financially with study and living expenses.
Donated by the late Henry Gyles Turner to encourage the scientific study of Agriculture.

Irene Rogers (Lowe) Scholarship for Agriculture
Livpreet Kaur
Awarded to support students of Agricultural Science.
Established in 2013 by Mr Bill Rogers AO to commemorate his mother Irene Rogers nee Lowe (1895-1983), who was the first female student in the Bachelor of Agricultural Science and the first female student at Dookie.

JM Higgins Prize
Hollie Pogorzelski
Awarded to the student with the highest aggregate marks in third year Bachelor of Agriculture or the agriculture subjects undertaken in third year Bachelor of Science degree. In 1920 the University launched a general appeal to which Sir John and Lady Higgins donated funds and established this scholarship. Sir John Higgins (1862-1937) was Chairman of the British Australasian Wool Realisation Association.

James Cuming Prize
Aaron James
Awarded to the highest placed student in Agricultural Chemistry.
Established in 1910 by James Cuming, Head Chemist and later Manager of fertilizer company Cuming Smith and Co. He was founder of the Society of Chemical Industry of Victoria and is also commemorated by a lecture theatre and research laboratory in the School of Chemistry.

John and Jenny Barnett Memorial Prize
Madeleine Holmes
Awarded to a student undertaking an honours or masters project in animal welfare.
Established by family and friends of John and Jenny Barnett. Associate Professor Barnett was a lecturer and researcher in animal welfare who, with his wife Jenny, perished in the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009.

John and Olga Lawless Ziegler Scholarship
Emily Fasham
Madeline Herne
Tanya Nguyen
Established with funds bequethed by John Ziegler (d 1987) to support students of Agricultural Science.

John James Woodward Rural Prize
Hamish Rowlands
Awarded to support a high-achieving student who is studying subjects which deal with the preservation of the Environment and, in particular, in the field of Australian Flora.
The donor’s father, Ivo (Fraser) Cumberland Agnew, studied at Dookie before World War I. The prize, established in 2001 by Mrs Lesley Phillipa Woodward memorialises the Donor’s late husband, Dr John James Woodward who had a life-long interest in rural and environmental issues.
June Bostock Wenker Scholarship
Lucy Davies
Awarded to students commencing their final year of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Ms June Bostock Wenker bequeathed her estate to be held upon trust for the purpose of establishing a scholarship to support the training and education of Veterinary Doctors and Veterinary Scientists.

Kate Gordon-Addison Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Travelling Scholarship
Emily Spierings
Yatchi Yan
Awarded to support the travel of students in their final year of study to support immersion in the veterinary profession through extramural placement.

Established by Kate Gordon-Addison (1965-2018) who commenced employment with the Faculty of Veterinary Science in 2014. Following her career as a ballerina and in the corporate environment, Kate was extremely passionate about her work coordinating extramural study placements, and improving the program for the benefit of students. Unfortunately due to ill health, Kate worked her last day in March 2018 and set up the scholarship to be able to assist students in their education, enabling them to take opportunities available to them.

Loxton Bequest Scholarship
Dylan Astley
Joseph Cotela
Nicholas De Luca
Samuel Waddell
The prize was established with funds bequeathed by Francis Henry Loxton (d 1959) to support students of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences.

Maggs Johnson Travel Bursary
Samantha Rulli
Established in 2010 by Faculty alumnus Dr David Maggs and his wife Dr Lynelle Johnson. The bursary supports a student of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine to travel to University of California Davis as part of their extramural experience, with priority given to students residing at St Hilda’s College.

Maud Isabella Aird Scholarship
Anna Gabrielson
Georgina Pritchard
Lauren Voss
Awarded to a female student undertaking the study of Veterinary Science.

Established with funds bequeathed by Maud Isabella Aird to the Victorian Ministry of Education which has been transferred by the Ministry to the University which in 1992 became the trustee of the residuary estate.

Nancy Millis Agricultural Students Scholarship
Katherine Archer
Colette Suter
Awarded to support students living in rural areas studying the Bachelor of Agriculture.

The scholarship, established in 2010 by an anonymous gift, honours Emeritus Professor Nancy Millis AC MBE (1922-2012), agricultural science alumna, distinguished Microbiologist, pioneering Biotechnologist and renowned Educator.

Noble Stewart-Hamilton Scholarship
Connie Ly
Awarded to support students living in rural areas studying the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

The scholarship was established with funds bequeathed to the Faculty in 2005 by Joyce Agnes Stewart-Hamilton (nee Noble) who was unable to realise her ambition of becoming a veterinarian.
**Prize for Excellence in Agriculture**  
Jamie Lee  
Awarded to support a student entering the final year of Bachelor of Agriculture who resides in Victoria.

The Prize was established by the Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited (FFVL) in support of agricultural education.

**Quinton de Soyres Prize**  
Hollie Pogorzelski  
Funded from the estate of Isabella Mary de Soyres and awarded to the dux of the Bachelor of Agriculture.

**Robinson Family Scholarship**  
Noah Richardson  
Established in 2009 by Miss Isobel Robinson (1916-2010) to commemorate her family who, for many years, farmed in the Nagambie-Seymour district and whose brother Frederick had graduated from Dookie in 1939.

**Richard Ruwolt Scholarship**  
Isobel Christie  
Elyne Ferguson  
Awarded to a second or third year student to support their residential experience at Dookie Campus.

**Sir Samuel Wadham Medal**  
Hollie Pogorzelski  
Awarded to the dux of the Bachelor of Agriculture.

Professor Sir Samuel Wadham (1891-1972) was Dean of Agriculture (1926-57), Dean of Veterinary Science (1938) and President of the Royal Society of Victoria (1937-38). He wrote and broadcasted on aspects of agriculture, and was well-known and popular in farming communities.

**Tallis Family Agricultural Scholarship**  
Bowjess Souter  
Awarded to support students living in rural areas studying Agricultural Science.

Donated by Mary and Peter Tallis OAM (1932-2018), long-time supporters of agricultural education and of the Dookie Campus. For more than 60 years the Tallis family have farmed at Boorinda, a property neighbouring the Dookie Campus.

**Vam Deo Dhar Memorial Scholarship**  
Melissa Chang  
Awarded to international students of the Bachelor of Agriculture.

Mr Vam Deo (Vic) Dhar (1931-2007) was born in India and undertook his BAgSc (1954) and MAgSc (1955) at the University of Melbourne. He left funds for the establishment of a scholarship to support international students of Agricultural Science.

**Warren Thornton Memorial Scholarship**  
Jack Wilson  
Awarded to a Bachelor of Agriculture student, from the Goulburn Valley with an interest in dairy production.

Established by Ms Betty Thornton to commemorate her brother (George) Warren Thornton (1929-2012) who farmed at Tallygaroopna and was active in the Goulburn Valley community.

**WH Ferguson Memorial Prize**  
Jesica Campo  
Awarded to the highest placed student in Agricultural Geology (Soil and Water and Resources).

Donated in 1959 by Joan (BAgSc 1936) and Neville Haughton to perpetuate the memory of Mrs Haughton’s uncle, William Hamilton Ferguson, Victorian Government Geologist, who in 1903 mapped the coast around Inverloch and uncovered the first recorded dinosaur fossils in Australia.
**William Allan Stewart Bursary**
Ebony Hunter
Awarded to students enrolling in the first year of the Bachelor of Agriculture.

**William Allan Stewart Scholarship**
Anna Boulton
Heidi Farrer
Maddison Hammond
Indi Kebbell
Zoe Zhi Yi Li
Rylan McCracken
Samantha Tsz Yan Lo
Awarded to students in the Bachelor of Agriculture and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Established in 1999 with funds bequeathed to the University by Dr William Allan Stewart (d 1958), medical practitioner of Monegeetta.

**William Buckland Foundation Residential Scholarship**
Trent Cossar
Emily Fasham
Jack McCracken
Awarded by the William Buckland Foundation in conjunction with St Hilda’s and St Mary’s Colleges to provide residential support for students of the Bachelor of Agriculture.

William Lionel Buckland (d 1964) was a highly successful businessman and pastoralist in the mid 20th century. On his death a Foundation was established, as he said, “to benefit a wonderful country and a wonderful people, Australia and Australians”.

**Wrixon Exhibition**
Lillian McEvoy
Awarded to the highest placed student in Honours in agriculture/animal science.

Donated by the Hon Sir Henry Wrixon KCMG (1839-1913) Member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly (1868-77 and 1880-94), Member of the Legislative Council (1896-1910) and Vice-Chancellor of the University in 1906.
Graduate Research Awards 2018

Agricultural Fellows Travel Award
Pablo Alvarez Hess
Anna Kosovac
This travel award was established by members of the Society of Old Agricultural Fellows (OAFS), retired senior members of the Faculty, including former Dean Lindsay Falvey.

Dairy Farmers of Victoria Post-Graduate Scholarship in Veterinary Science
David Beggs
Some Victorian dairy farmers presented to the University the sum of £4,115 for the purpose of providing a scholarship in Veterinary Science. The scholarship may be awarded annually to a graduate of the University or of a university approved for this purpose by the Faculty to enable the pursuit of research or higher studies in a field of veterinary science relating to dairy cattle.

The Dr Frank Cope Scholarship for Agronomy
Sajitha Biju
Neeta Lohani
Awarded to support research in agronomy.
Established with funds donated to the University in 2014 by Mrs Renu Cope to commemorate the work of her husband Dr Frank Cope (1925-2013), who received a Master of Agricultural Science from the University in 1957.

Dr Robert Neville McCarthy Scholarship
Fabian Zhi Xiang Lean
Awarded to support a graduate research degree student of Veterinary Science to travel overseas to present their research at international conferences or gain experience in research laboratories.

The scholarship was established by Dr Neville McCarthy AO and Mrs Margaret McCarthy (1928-2014) to commemorate their son, alumnus Dr Robert McCarthy (1962-1993), research scientist at Werribee.

Dr Sue Newton Scholarship
Carlos Loncomon Pardo
José Quinteros Ugarte
Filimon Mitiku Haile
The scholarship assists postgraduate students of Veterinary Science to travel overseas to present their research at international conferences, or gain experience in research laboratories.

The award was established by the family of Dr Sue Newton (1955-2003), Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Animal Biotechnology at the University, and Head of the Molecular Vaccines Department, Victorian Institute of Animal Science.
Elizabeth Ann Crespin Scholarship
Rama Harinath Reddy Dadu
Awarded to support research in agriculture.
Established with funds bequeathed to the University in 1971 by Elizabeth Ann Crespin, formerly of Malvern.

Leslie H Brunning Research Fund
Thudugala Mudalige Ruchika Sandaruwan Perera
Awarded to support research in agriculture.
Established with funds bequeathed to the University in 1947 by Leslie Herbert Ashley Brunning, seed merchant of Elsternwick.

Mary Sloane Travelling Scholarship
Sophia Callaghan
Awarded to support postgraduate students of Agricultural Science.
Established with funds bequeathed to the University by Mary Sloane, formerly of Windsor.

John Nevill Research Scholarship
Mohammed Haronur Rashid
Mr John Nevill bequeathed funds to the University to establish an endowment of a Veterinary Research Scholarship to enable a suitable candidate to carry out research work in veterinary science.

Sir Ian Clunies-Ross Prize
Yaqing Jiao
The prize is awarded for veterinary research undertaken in Australia that will benefit the Australian sheep and wool industry. In awarding the prize, preference is given to research in the field of veterinary parasitology.

Sunshine Foundation Scholarship
Sara Mahdizadeh
Established with funds from the Sunshine Foundation for a graduate of the University to enable the pursuit of research or higher studies in the field of veterinary science.

VW Officer Prize in Veterinary Science
Rosemary Waite
Established by the members of the Graziers' Association of Victoria and the Graziers' Association of Riverina as a tribute to Vernon Wicker Officer, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the Graziers' Association of Riverina from 1940-1969. The prize recognises merit in a field of work relating to diseases and husbandry of sheep and cattle.
Dean’s Honours List

Dean’s Honours are awarded to students who achieved academic excellence in 2018

School of Agriculture and Food

Bachelor of Agriculture (first year)
Thomas Baker
William Foster
Emma Hair
Abbey Hants
Aaron James
Benjamin-John Mckenzie
Le Gia Minh Nguyen
Mitchell Priestly
Natasha Reading
Sukit Virathana
Maya Watt

Bachelor of Agriculture (second year)
Annabel Arnold
Carissa Bailey
Jesica Campo
Jia Shuen Chia
Hanyue Feng
Elsa Gurban
Jamie Lee
Vivienne Ng
Audrey Pritchard
Yidan Tang
Emily Thursfield

Bachelor of Agriculture (third year)
Vikesh Ajith
Brittany Armstrong
Emily Attard
Kiana Barrie-Gresham
Jocelyn Bennett
Madison Hall
Michael Heran
Casey Jordan
Xin Liu
Valerie Phung
Hollie Pogorzelski
Jordan Smark
Emily Webb Ware
Isabella Xu

Master of Agribusiness
Stuart McLean

Master of Agricultural Science
Emerson Carpenter
Melissa Legendre
Larissa Naoroji
Heather Smillie

Master of Food Science
Scasia Fortunata Halim
Xiying Li
Jennifer Tsz-Yan Tam
Hsi-Yang Tang

Master of Food and Packaging Innovation
Si Dai
Melbourne Veterinary School

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
(first year)
Anna Boulton
Yuen Ting Cheung
Zena Hudnott
Bridgette Murphy
Nicole Surgijati
Lauren Voss

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
(second year)
Sarah Dunlop
Harriett Garvey
Stephanie Macdonald
Georgina Pritchard
Amara Truong
Jan Voss
Victor Zou

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
(third year)
Georgia Arnold
Jessica Bibby
Clare Condos
Lucy Davies
Natasha De Bondi
Mitchell Dodds
Amanda Drilling
Bridget Harrison
Jessica Kenworthy
Jasmine Lowe
James McClure
Euan Mclean
Millie O’Brien
Madeleine Petch
Emily Spierings
Helena Tran
Tommie Van Veghel
Holly Winter

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
(fourth year)
Honours Award Certificates for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine have previously been distributed.

Please note: All information is true and current at the time of printing