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Welcome to the inaugural Awards Night for the School of Media and Communication. Tonight we celebrate the achievement of students in their chosen fields of expertise, and the commitment that they have displayed in making the most of their opportunities and talent.

The new School is the largest single entity in RMIT University and as such is a complex organisation. Our discipline bases arise from and contribute to several forms of media practice and intellectual endeavour. However, despite this breadth and depth of activity, the School is firmly oriented towards the common purposes of the University as a whole: a global outlook; a conceptually rigorous grounding to the acquisition of skills; a creative approach to learning; an environment informed by mutual respect between industry and scholarship, and between research and application; and, of course, the development of lifelong learning attributes in all our graduates. It is this flexibility of spirit that will enable our students to succeed in the workplace as leaders, and as creative communicators.

The students make RMIT University the place that we want it to be: disciplined, creative, and focussed on the highest possible achievement in our areas of excellence. Academic staff facilitate that endeavour, through their dedication to teaching and through their ongoing work as scholars and practitioners. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, past and present, for their work in the education and development of the people we are celebrating tonight. These include the program directors, the lecturers, the administrative teams, the discipline leaders, and the many sessional staff who bring specific layers of experience to the classroom and studio. I also thank the generous sponsors of prizes and awards, for continuing to support our future.

Congratulations to all our award recipients.

Professor Stephanie Hemelryk Donald FRSA FASSA
Dean
School of Media and Communication
Advertising, design and photography cluster

Bachelor of Communication (Advertising)

AVA Publishing Prize
Awarded to the best first year advertising student
Winner: Darren O’Mahony

The Bundy Agency Award
Awarded to the best second year advertising student
Winner: Samantha Merkel

Bob Isherwood Prize for Excellence
Awarded to the best final year advertising student
Winner: Emma Le Heron

Master of Communication (Advertising)

Mitchell Media Strategy Award
Awarded to the student with the highest marks in the Advertising Media Strategy course
Winner: Caitlin Davey

Mitchell Media Internship Award
Awarded to a successful candidate chosen to undertake a supervised internship program at Australasia’s premier media corporation
Winner: Dean Schwal

Master of Arts (Advertising)

The Furnace Advertising Strategy Planning Award
Awarded to the student that obtains the highest marks for the Advertising Strategy Planning course
Winner: James Salek

Communication Design

Penguin Book Design Award
Awarded to the best designed 64 page book cover and internal design
Winners: Jason Hamilton, Dan Crawford, Ivan Ip, Stine Kristoffersen, Eunice Yip
(Design and Type) Winners: Eunice Yip, Megan Wardle

Zetta Florence Award
Best overall folio in second year
Winner: Tim Scales

Best overall folio in third year
Winner: Adelaide Daniell

Artisan Award
Most improved results in third year
Winner: Emma Dikyova

Highest results in third year
Winner: Megan Wardle
Advertising, design and photography cluster continued

Mecca Award
Most outstanding final semester Packaging assignment
Winner: Daniel Smith

Graduate Diploma in Graphic Design

Eckersley’s Outstanding Achievement Award
Awarded to the student voted by all teaching staff as most outstanding for effort and achievement
Winners: Simon Browne, Julianne Hodgson, Yvonne Lai

Design Focus Paper Top Graduating Student Award
Awarded to the student with the highest aggregate marks
Winners: Victoria Evans, Juliette Dujardin

Bachelor of Arts (Photography)

The Olympus Prize
Best overall second year performing student, Olympus camera and program scholarship
Winner: Alexandrena Parker

The Earl Carter Editorial/Fashion Award
Best Fashion/Editorial Folio
Winner: Saskia Wilson

The San Pellegrino Prize
Overall winner of the 2009 campaign
Winner: Stefan Stordal

L A Baillot Memorial Trust Award
Most promising final year student
Winner: Cameron Clarke

Kallman Feital Memorial Award
High Achievement in Professional Sphere
Winner: Michelle Lee

Irwin & McLaren Landscape Award
Best Landscape folio
Winner: Jake Lowe

ACMP Rising Star Prize
Complementary membership of the Trampoline and a weeks work experience in a Melbourne Studio
Winner: Samantha Leong

CCP Photojournalism
Best Photojournalist portfolio
Winner: Richard Kendall

The Talbot Award
Best third year scientific portfolio
Winner: Michael Mansheim

Institute of Photographic Technology Prize
Best scientific paper presentation
Winner: Esther Buttery
Media, screen, journalism and music cluster

Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)

BSB Cook Memorial Prize
Awarded to the best graduate student, based on performance in all courses in the program
Winner: Natalie Puchalski

Ormsby Wilkins Memorial Prize
Awarded for best performance in Radio Journalism
Winner: Sarah Ashmore

Nancy Dexter Memorial Prize
Awarded for best sustained and determined performance in all courses over the duration of the program
Winner: Dimitra Kyriakou

The Age Award
Awarded for the best all round performance in second year
Winner: Holly Little

Herald and Weekly Times Award
Awarded for the best all round performance in first year
Winner: Anthony McPhee

The Crikey Award
Awarded for the best performance in Feature Writing by a Graduate Diploma student
Winner: Thomas McIlroy

Network Ten Award
Awarded for the best performance in Television Journalism by a student in second year
Winner: Elizabeth Gallagher

Bachelor of Communication (Media)

RACV First Year Media Award
Best academic performance by a student in first year
Winner: Glenn Patton

RACV Second Year Media Award
Best academic performance by a student in second year
Winner: Josh Mitchell-Frey

RACV Third Year Media Award
Best academic performance by a student in third year
Winner: Jenna Vickers

East Gate Prize for Hypermedia
Best Hypertext work by a student in Integrated Media 1 and 2
Winner: Josh Mitchell-Frey

Metropolis Bookstore Media Award in Communication Studies
Awarded to a Media student who has made an outstanding contribution across all years in their Communication courses
Winner: Ruedilyn Schwegler
Media, screen, journalism and music cluster continued

The Metro Magazine Award for Outstanding Writing About Cinema
Most outstanding work in Cinema Course by a student in third year
Winner: Andrew Lane

Nine Network Award
Outstanding overall academic and production achievement and contribution to RMIT student activities by a graduating student
Winner: Karin Christensen

Bachelor of Arts (Music)

IMMEDIA prize
Outstanding achievement in the field of music broadcasting production and music event management
Winner: Alex Birnie
Writing, communication, public relations and publishing cluster

Master of Communication

Scholarship Award
Awarded to the student with the highest grade point average of high distinction in the first eight courses completed in the MA (Communication) by Coursework program
Winner: Kimberly Loudon

Graduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing

Society of Editors Award
Awarded for distinction in the editorial components of the Graduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing
Winner: Eleanor Collins

Australian Publishers Association
Awarded for distinction in the business components of the Graduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing
Winner: Alison Vaughan

The Publishing Management Award (The Gecko Award)
Awarded to members of the team distinguishing themselves in the project components of the Graduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing
Winners: The Laneway Press Team: Samantha Bok, Laura Crawford, Elizabeth Bryer, Jessica Tran, Alison Vaughan

Bachelor of Communication (Professional Communication)

Herald and Weekly Times Award
Awarded for outstanding academic achievement in first year print Journalism courses by a final year student
Winner: Georgia King

Professional Communication First Year Award
Awarded for the highest cumulative grade point average by a student in first year
Winner: Clare Anderson

Professional Communication Second Year Award
Awarded for the highest cumulative grade point average by a student in second year
Winner: Hannah Bourke

Professional Communication Third Year Award
Awarded for the highest cumulative grade point average by a student in third year
Winner: Andrea Fox

Radio Australia Prize
Awarded for outstanding academic achievement in Media courses by a student in final year
Winner: Kara Parow
Writing, communication, public relations and publishing cluster continued

Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations)

Shoemark & King Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Public Relations Campaigns
Awarded to the student who scored the highest mark in Public Relations Campaigns
Winner: Marnie Kane

Shoemark & King Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Strategic PR Planning
Awarded to the student who gained the highest mark in Strategic PR Planning
Winner: Gemma Browne

Shoemark & King Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Public Relations Research
Awarded to the student who gained the highest mark in Public Relations Research
Winner: Wei Hao Chua

Haystac First Year Academic Achievement Prize
Awarded to the student who gained the highest overall marks in their first year of study
Winner: Beth Kaabar

Haystac Second Year Academic Achievement Prize
Awarded to the student who gained the highest overall marks in their second year of study
Winner: Wendy Urquia

Merle Howard Award
Awarded by the Public Relations Institute of Australia (Victoria) for the most outstanding research project in the final year course “Public Relations in Society”
Winner: Marnie Kane

Professional Public Relations Student Leader Prize
For the third year student with the strongest overall academic record, who has also demonstrated leadership in university life and in broader community activities
Winner: Jillian Dent

Graduate Diploma in Public Relations

The Noel Turnbull/RMIT Award
Awarded to the student with the highest aggregate marks
Winner: Jennifer Roberts

Haystac Award Public Relations Issues Research Prize
Best individual research paper by a student in the course “PR Issues”
Winner: Jarrod Lenne

Thrive Award
Awarded to the top first year student in PR Techniques
Winner: Sonia Maclean
**Scaffidi Hugh Jones Prize**
The first year student who receives the highest aggregate marks in the Graduate Diploma (PR) or Master of Communication (PR)

*Winner: Crystal Ladiges*

**The House Award**
Awarded to the top Graduate Diploma (PR) student in Law and Regulation

*Winner: Jarrod Lenne*

**Bachelor of Arts (Creative Writing)**

The inaugural prize for academic excellence in the Bachelor of Arts (Creative Writing)

*Winners: Adrian Lawson, Dan Rooke, Stephanie Van Berkel*

**Master of Creative Media (Creative Writing)**

**Vice Chancellor Award for Academic Achievement**

*Winner: Xavier Toby*
Games and animation cluster

Bachelor of Arts (Animation and Interactive Media)

First year prize
Winner: Domenico DeRosa

Second year prize
Winner: Rebecca Hayes

Third year prize
Winner: Young Ha Kim

Bachelor of Arts (Digital Art)

Games Program Leadership Award
For students demonstrating academic excellence and leadership in design in their third year
Winner: Paul Smith

Bachelor of Arts (Games Graphic Design)

Games Program Leadership Award
For students demonstrating academic excellence and leadership in design in their third year
Winners: Alexandra Lester, Nadav Tossia

Bachelor of Design (Multimedia Systems)

First year prize
Winner: Leonard Taus

Second year prize
Winner: Troy Spitty

Third year prize
Winner: Elliot Condon

Master of Creative Media (Animation and Interactive Media)

Best Animated Production
Winner: Nasser Samman

Best Interactive Production
Winner: Katie Turnbull

Best Research in the field of Animation and Interactive Media
Winner: Görkem Acaroğlu
TAFE

Professional Writing and Editing

Judy Duffy Award
All round achievement and contribution to the Professional Writing and Editing program
Winner: Ann Condon

Photoimaging
For achievement in excellence in photo imaging

Academic Award
Winner: Kylie Grinham

Major Study Award
Winner: Emma Brennan

Best In Show Award
Winner: Thea Petrass

Commercial Award
Winner: Randy Pradhana

Conceptual Award
Winner: Kylie Grinham

Advertising Award
Winner: Suzy Barraclough

Fashion Award
Winner: Emma Brennan

Portrait Award
Winner: Stephanie Burrows

Black & White Award
Winner: Stephanie Burrows

Photojournalism Award
Winner: Thanaphum Prasertchaikul

Peoples Choice Award
Winner: Emma Brennan

Editorial Award
Winner: Thea Petrass

First prize – Colour Award
Winner: Kanisa Noppan

First prize – Black & White Award
Winner: Trent Perrett
Dean’s award

Awarded for the best all round performance by an international student in their course of study in their first year

Advertising, design and photography cluster
Winner: Anna Hedberg

Games and animation cluster
Winner: Sunnefa Palsdottir

Media, journalism, screen and music cluster
Winner: Eric Calatayud

Writing, communication, public relations and publishing cluster
Winner: Jared Haube

TAFE
Winner: Michelle Kabatoff
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