

Inspiring teachers nominated by Curtin students

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Inspiring teachers at Curtin University have been nominated by their students and rewarded for their excellence in teaching by the Curtin Student Guild.

The Guild's Excellence in Teaching Awards, now in their 16th year, recognise Curtin staff members who are outstanding teachers, are passionate about their area of study and who inspire their students to achieve.

This year's top honour, the Outstanding Achievement in Teaching was presented to Curtin Business School (School of Marketing) Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Coordinator Dr Isaac Cheah whose overwhelming enthusiasm motivates students and whose passion (especially for consumer behaviour) has been described as infectious.

Senior lecturer in Communication and Cultural Studies and the Course Coordinator of Literary and Cultural Studies, Dr Christina Lee was the recipient of the Undergraduate Lecturer/Tutor Award in Humanities. According to students, the fun and bubbly lecturer is passionate about mentoring young people.

Curtin Business School lecturer Dr Abhijeet Singh was nominated for the Undergraduate Award in Business for his conscientious attitude. His students say that Dr Singh teaches from his heart and makes that extra effort for his work and his students.

School of Science Sessional Lecturer Anne D'Arcy-Warmington motivates and engages her students which promotes an effective learning environment. She was the recipient of the Undergraduate Award in Science and Engineering.

Faculty of Health Sciences Lecturer Dr Ajanthy Arulpragasam makes her lectures in the complex area of sustainability easy to grasp – and students love it! She was awarded the Undergraduate Award in Health Sciences.

Curtin Business School Senior Lecturer Dr Tomayess Issa, won the Postgraduate Coursework Award for her dedication and diligence, coupled with her knowledge and passion to provide guidance to her students which makes her a standout in the crowd of other lecturers.

Acclaimed School of Pharmacy Professor Jeff Hughes is a role model who always ensures the success of his students. A luminary in the in the area of clinical pharmacy education and practice, Dr Hughes is a former head of the School of Pharmacy and a former Vice President of the National Board of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

The Guild Excellence in Teaching Awards also included the following honourable mentions.

Honourable Mention – Dr Anne Ryden (Humanities)

Honourable Mention - Associate Lecturer Rhianna Chisholm (CBS)

Honourable Mention – Dr Aaron Hunter (Science and Engineering)

Honourable Mention - Mrs Gemma Devenish (Health Sciences)

Honourable Mention - Dr Lucinda Black (PG Coursework)

Honourable Mention – Associate Professor Moira O'Connor (PG Research)

Honourable Mention – Miss Victoria Cousins (UniPass / Science and Engineering)

According to Curtin Student Guild President Liam O'Neil, these awards are especially important because Curtin staff are nominated by the student community.

“Great teachers can change the lives of their students and these awards are a thank you to those extraordinary individuals at Curtin who have inspired their students to realise their full potential,” said Mr O'Neill.

“All our award winners have demonstrated excellence in classroom communication, engaged and promoted student participation with passion and enthusiasm.”

Award winners receive \$1,000 to spend on improving the learning experience of their students.

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