Welcome

In the April issue of the Careers Update we would like to introduce you to Dr Corrie Williams who has joined the team recently as a Student Recruitment Coordinator.

Corrie completed a science degree at Monash University, and went on to finish a PhD in the Biological Sciences in 1997. After completing her PhD, Corrie worked at the Monash Science Centre managing the Centres’ exhibition program.

We welcome Corrie into the team.

Kind regards,

The Onshore Student Recruitment Team

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Upcoming events

At Monash Seminar Series
The At Monash Seminar Series are well underway and have provided attendees with a great deal of insight. We encourage all prospective students and their parents to attend a seminar in their area of interest to find out more about Monash courses.

Forthcoming seminars:
- 17 April  Design and Fine Art
- 18 April  Psychology
- 1 May     Law
- 7 May     Health Science and Social Work
- 8 May     Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation
- 13 May    Medicine

For a full list of seminars and to register visit www.monash.edu/seminars

Free lunchtime concert series – Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music
- 11 April  Opera Gallantry
- 18 April  Jazz Staff and Student Showcase
- 2 May     Blackwood Ensemble
- 9 May     Mozart the Innovator
- 16 May    Wind Symphony
- 23 May    School Vocal Ensembles
- 30 May    Classical and Jazz Guitar Ensembles

All concerts are held in the Music Auditorium, Building 68, Clayton campus from 1.10 – 1.50pm. This is a free event and bookings are not required.

For more information, visit www.arts.monash.edu.au/music or call 03 9905 4698.

Academy of Performing Arts Season
- 27 April – 4 May  The Pirates of Penzance
- 13 April  Eric Whitacre in Concert
- 9 May     The Storytelling Project: Stage One
- 17 May    Bach and Schubert Masterpieces
- 29 May    Rites of Passage
- 31 May – 9 June Melbourne International Jazz Festival

For more information including event location, costs and registration details please visit www.monash.edu.au/mapa or call 03 9905 1111.
Student in Focus: Tristan Russell

I completed my undergraduate course (Bachelor of Communications), and I have nothing but positive memories regarding the teaching, facilities and people I encountered there. The reputation, location and variety of subjects on offer was why I chose to study my undergraduate degree at Monash University and I enjoyed it so much that I returned to study my Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary).

I decided I wanted to be a teacher, but was uncertain about making the significant commitment of full time study again. I was lucky enough to gain entry into a Post Graduate Teacher Education course with Monash. Several friends have completed Teacher Education courses with Monash and spoke very highly of them. My course has all pre-service teachers out in schools on placement after only three weeks of semester so there’s no time to sit idle. It’s interesting, challenging and exciting!

I grew up in Leongatha, a country town nearly two hours from Melbourne, and for my communications degree lived on campus for the full three years. Living on campus was a fantastic experience where I was able to make so many new friends from all walks of life and not just from my course. In my last year I was a residential adviser, where I was responsible for all the students in my hall and through my experience I gained leadership, event management and conflict resolution skills that I have been able to utilise at work.

I also had a great international experience at Monash, despite choosing to not study abroad for my degree. There are clubs and societies at uni that openly embrace new cultures, food and friends and I’m proud to say that I have friends from all over the world who I still keep in contact with today. The international experience I gained throughout my time at Monash inspired me to explore and see as much of the world as I could and I have travelled extensively since I graduated. A highlight would’ve been travelling to Africa where I worked for three weeks in Kenya, volunteering at a school in the slums of Mombasa.

My bachelor’s degree enhanced the professional opportunities for me to work in a number of different positions in different industries – publishing, human services and education. It was while I was working in the education industry in the last couple of years as well as my volunteering position in Mombasa that cemented in me a desire to teach.

It’s been six years since I was at Monash and the technological advancements have been profound. All facets of enrolment and orientation were easy with all the online services available. There is now a Monash App for my smart phone which is great too, as there’s no need to print out my timetable. I have also attended some academic workshops to assist the transition from working full-time to studying full-time.

I believe I have learnt a lot in the last six years of my life – from studying communications and wanting to work in the corporate sector to travelling the world and meeting interesting people who have inspired me to go into teaching.

Indigenous Student Experience Monash Day

Indigenous Student Experience Monash Day will be held on Wednesday, 5 June from 10am to 1.30pm at Monash’s Clayton campus.

Indigenous Australian students in Years 9 to 12 are invited to attend and gain hands-on experience through a large range of interactive activities at Monash.

Students will meet current Indigenous students and staff across an array of study areas and gain information on how to apply to university.

This is a free event and lunch is provided on the day.

For further information or to RSVP, please contact Kristel Keleher at kristel.keleher@monash.edu or 03 9905 8699.
Art Design & Architecture

Monash University Art Design & Architecture Workshops

Monash University Art Design & Architecture (MADA) is again hosting a range of three-day workshops for year 11 and 12 students interested in studying creative disciplines.

Aimed at assisting students with developing their university entrance folios and introducing them to studies in various disciplines, these workshops will be an invaluable experience for students wanting to explore their tertiary options.

- Communication Design Folio Building Workshop $310
- Industrial Design Folio Building Workshop $310
- Fine Art Folio Building Workshop $310
- Architecture Foundation Workshop $330
- Interior Architecture Folio Building Workshop $330

Prices include all necessary materials and lunch.

When: 2–4 July, 10am–5pm or 1–3 October, 10am–5pm

Where: MADA studios
Monash University
Caulfield campus

For more details visit monash.edu/mada/workshops or contact artdes-enquiries@monash.edu or 03 9903 1517.

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Further information

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For more information, visit http://melbourne2013.org.au or call Georgina Gibson on 03 9902 0344.

Focus on Languages

Did you know Monash Arts offers ten different languages? Monash’s School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics is one of the largest in Australia with a diverse range of offerings and a strong international focus. We offer Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish and Ukrainian. You can take a language within your three year Arts degree or tack on a one year Diploma of Languages, www.monash.edu.au/pubs/handbooks/courses/2201.html

We also offer ‘English as an International Language’, an increasingly popular area of study which was recently featured in The Age 15/02/2013 newspaper. Here is a snippet of the featured article:

A degree for those learning English?

No. “We do not teach English,” explains Farzad Sharifian, founder and convenor of Monash’s English as an International Language (EIL) program. “This is not an ESL [English as a Second Language] course. This is an academic program requiring the same level of English as any other subject.”

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Engineering

Scholarship celebration

A record number of scholarships were awarded to high achieving commencing undergraduate students this year. The 137 scholarship recipients were feted during the Monash Engineering scholarship celebration on Thursday, 14 March 2013 at the Alexander Theatre on Clayton campus.

Professor Tam Sridhar, Dean of Engineering, congratulated the students on their exceptional achievements and was pleased they had chosen Monash to further their studies.

Over 300 people attended the event, including scholarship recipients, their families and representatives from high schools in Victoria and interstate. Each student and their school were formally acknowledged for their achievement.

There are 40 Women in Engineering Scholarship recipients this year, reflecting a growing trend among girls choosing to study engineering. Engineering alumnus Rachel Mace spoke about her experience with the Monash Motorsport team while studying a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering. Rachel led the team to win the Australian Championship for the first time in history. The following year the team competed in F-SAE UK where they placed third overall on the world stage. Monash Motorsport is now ranked second in the world out of 500 teams. Rachel, who attended Nazareth College in Noble Park, now works for Knorr-Bremse, a German company specialising in braking systems for truck and trailer applications.

Business and Economics

Become a leader with the Bachelor of Economics Advanced with Honours

Graduates from the Faculty of Business and Economics’ new Bachelor of Economics Advanced with Honours will be well placed to become leaders in their careers. Whether working as an economic analyst or policy maker in a large corporation, the government or a professional firm, graduates of this program will have skills and work experience that place them well above their peers.

“A great economist uses ideas, data and models to uncover the workings of the economy. Our program encourages logical thought and detailed analysis, but our faculty also thinks outside the financial square,” Professor Russell Smyth, Head of the Department of Economics said.

“For example, we’ve modelled the economic effect that events like the Sydney Olympics and the Melbourne Grand Prix have had on our economy, and we’ve been engaged by the US Department of Homeland Security to quantify the economic effects of the H1N1 flu epidemic,” Professor Smyth explained.

This degree is highly unique in that it includes the opportunity for every student to participate in and learn from two separate 12-week industry placements, as well as a scholarship worth $24,000 ($12,000 for each placement). With an extra year of advanced study (honours), graduates will end up with both an advanced qualification as well as hand-on experience.

Starting wages for honours graduates are generally higher, with many employers, such as key corporations, government departments and the large-scale professional firms, only employing students with an honours qualification. Graduates of this program may also be eligible to undertake further postgraduate study in economics.

For more information, please visit www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/4430 or call Stephanie Hah on 03 9903 1159.
Law

Giving debating a voice in Africa

Three Monash University students are making a difference overseas by helping to encourage and develop debating in universities in Africa.

The brainchild of Monash Association of Debaters (MAD) members Kiran Iyer, Sashi Balaraman and Damien Bruckard, African Voice was set up with the hope of sending Monash debaters every year to countries in Africa that are transitioning to democracy, but have had limited exposure to debating.

“We wanted to use the skills we developed through our time with MAD to make a difference in countries with leaders that have traditionally resisted the transformative potential of discourse and debate,” Kiran said.

“Debating in African universities has developed over the last few years, but we believed that our initiative could accelerate the transition.”

During a year of planning, Kiran, Damien and Sashi contacted universities and non-government organisations in several countries so they could tailor programs to suit the African students’ specific needs.

Pharmacy

Free VCE chemistry and biology development seminars – places still available

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is pleased to support current VCE biology and chemistry students.

The eight seminars have been designed to reinforce each term’s key learnings and will be delivered by expert VCE teachers.

They will run on selected Wednesdays from 4.30 – 6pm at the Monash Parkville campus on the following dates:

**Biology Series:** 5 June, 28 August and 9 October

**Chemistry Series:** 12 June, 4 September and 16 October.

These seminars are free however registration is essential and places are capped.

To register simply visit www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events.

For more information, please call Sarah Salter on 03 9903 9594.

The trio were able to spend part of their time teaching students at Monash University’s South Africa campus. Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor David Copolov’s Office, the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law funded the training programs.

“The students we met were extremely engaged by politics and passionate about making a difference in their communities,” Kiran said.

“However, they had often never received the training in public policy issues or in advocacy that would enable them to effectively articulate their views. Our training program was not aimed at imposing our values, but rather sought to empower these young leaders with the skills to better express themselves.”

“We integrated the concepts we were exposed to in our arts, law and commerce degrees into our workshops, as legal policy, international relations and economics are central to debating,” Kiran said.

“We are hopeful that we can send generations of debaters to Africa to transfer the skills they have developed at Monash University.

For more information visit the African Voice Facebook page. If you are interested in supporting African Voice, please send an email to africanvoice2013@gmail.com.

Further Information

Medical, Nursing and Health Sciences

Indigenous Student Support Fund

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences is committed to supporting Indigenous student access in all courses including undergraduate and postgraduate, coursework and research degrees. Recently the faculty established an Indigenous Student Support Fund to provide financial assistance for Indigenous students studying at Monash.

The fund includes emergency and additional support requirements not covered elsewhere by the University for students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

To find out more about the fund, please complete an application form available at the following site:
or email med.indigenoushealth@monash.edu

Psychologists for the future

With mental health more firmly on the public agenda, the need for skilled psychologists to make a difference is growing.

“The Bachelor of Psychology (with Honours) prepares graduates to work to improve psychological and neurocognitive well-being and to conduct research that translates into societal impact,” says course convenor from Monash’s School of Psychology and Psychiatry, Dr Penelope Hasking.

For those wishing to practice psychology or become a member of the Australian Psychological Society, honours study is often the first step to a successful career in the field (access based on third-year results).

Throughout the degree, students gain broad, interdisciplinary knowledge of psychology and a deep understanding of specific areas, such as brain injury, culture and mental health, forensic behavioural science, neurodevelopment and mood, movement and sleep disorders. They also work with those at the fore of research.

“Among other developments, our researchers have created novel light therapies to improve alertness, mental performance and mood in neuropsychiatric patients and a smartphone app to gather data on how music affects mood, especially in adolescents.”

Duration: Four years with exit point at three years for those not completing honours

Where: Clayton campus

Application intake: Semester 1 only

For more information, please visit: www.med.monash.edu.au/psych or call 03 9905 3968.