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Welcome to the first edition of UniSA Links for 2007.

This edition includes a fax back form for you to provide us with your contact details as well as details of recent developments and initiatives at UniSA. This newsletter is also available online at: www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers/unisalinks.asp



L-R: Ryan Bailey, Carolyn Donlan, Kolynda Maguire, Judy Sykes, Shona Mathieson, Darren McInnes, and Kerry Purtle. Rebecca Graeber was on maternity leave when this photograph was taken.

DOMESTIC STUDENT Recruitment Team

by Darren McInnes
Manager: Domestic
Student Recruitment

The Domestic Student Recruitment Team for 2007 consists of a dynamic group of people who are enthusiastic about making sure you and your students receive the information you need, when you need it.

There have been a few changes to the team from 2006. **Kolynda Maguire** has returned from maternity leave and, along with **Ryan Bailey** and **Shona Mathieson**, will form an experienced and dedicated team of Student Liaison Officers. **Carolyn Donlan** also returned from maternity leave however has been successful in gaining a position at our Mawson Lakes campus as a Disability Advisor. I encourage you to make

contact with any of the Student Liaison Officers for career and parent nights, counsellor events, school visits and campus tours.

Rebecca Graeber (also returning from maternity leave) and **Kerry Purtle** work in the Future Student Enquiries Centre and are available to provide expert advice via phone or email to students, parents and teachers about UniSA Programs and admission processes.

For Counsellors who receive queries from parents or friends about returning to study, **Judy Sykes**, our Senior Equity and Diversity Officer, is happy to provide advice on alternative entry pathways into UniSA.

Finally, I would like to introduce myself as the new Manager of Domestic Student Recruitment at UniSA. I am looking forward to meeting many of you during 2007 and will be working hard

to ensure that UniSA continues to provide you with excellent service and support.

The contact details for the Student Liaison Team and Future Student Enquiries are provided on the last page of this newsletter. I encourage you to contact us at anytime – we are only too happy to help!

We look forward to working with you in 2007.

Scholarships

At UniSA we believe tertiary education should be a viable option for everyone. That is why we offer a range of scholarships designed to help fund the costs of tertiary education. UniSA provides a broad range of scholarships and grants to international, domestic, undergraduate, postgraduate coursework and postgraduate research degree students.

In particular, UniSA is offering over 2,000 grants to undergraduate students through the:

[UniSA Study and Priority Grants scheme](#)

These grants provide financial assistance to students from designated UniSA equity groups. The scholarships represent UniSA's largest ever contribution to scholarships or grants funding and will help more students than ever to successfully undertake a higher education degree.

Applications for the UniSA Study grants, [UniSA Transition Grants](#) and the [Commonwealth Learning Scholarships](#) can be submitted by enrolled UniSA students via the application form available at www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/applynow.asp

KEEPING YOU up-to-date



Work Practicum to attract students

The School of Commerce is pleased to introduce its newly developed work placement program – the Commerce Work Practicum.

This exciting initiative is designed to provide high achievers with the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical and actual business setting while gaining credit towards their degree.

Students will be matched to organisations in a range of areas, generally corresponding with their current study program.

They will work on real business problems and projects within their host organisation, will prepare and write reports, analyse results and present their findings at the end of the project.

The Work Practicum will provide students with invaluable experiences that will undoubtedly enhance their employability. They will gain greater insight into business environments, have the chance to develop valuable workplace skills, make essential industry contacts and will begin to identify the career path that best suits them.

Are your year 9 and 10 Science students hungry for a challenge and the chance to win \$500?



Associate Professor Stuart Andrews, Program Director of the Nutrition and Food Sciences Program, with one of the successful entries (hamburger from Pembroke School).

Then enter in UniSA's "Nutrition and Food Sciences - Journey of Discovery" Competition 2007.

UniSA's, School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences is very excited about its innovative program 'Bachelor of Nutrition and Food Sciences', which commenced this year.

To encourage students to indulge in their passion for science and love of food, UniSA is providing Year 9 and 10 Science teachers and their students the opportunity to win \$500 for their school by entering

the "Nutrition and Food Sciences – Journey of Discovery" Competition.

This class-based competition provides a series of interactive and thought-provoking questions that teachers can incorporate into their science lessons.

The competition closes on 31 August 2007 and further details about the competition will be distributed to Schools early in February. Please contact Barb McFarlane at barb.mcfarlane@unisa.edu.au if you require any further information about the competition or the new program.

ANNOUNCEMENT: UniSA School of Law

UniSA is pleased to announce the establishment of a new Law School. The school will sit within the Division of Business and will be based on our City West campus. The new UniSA Law degree will be developed to the standards required for all Australian Law degree programs and will have its first intake of students commencing in 2008.

Regular updates will be provided to you in the coming months. Watch this space!

Is there a better program for Law?
You be the judge.

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Experience. The Difference.



Eric Granger, State Manager, Mutual Community and Tony Spawton, Head of The School of Marketing, UniSA sign the Graduate Marketing Internship agreement.

UniSA Marketing degree now offers internships

In August 2006, UniSA's School of Marketing and iconic SA brand Mutual Community joined forces to offer a special new internship that has nothing to do with becoming an MD. The initiative, the Graduate Marketing Internship, will give marketing graduates experience in their chosen profession in a real business environment.

Head of the School of Marketing at UniSA, Tony Spawton, says the

internships will give graduates a head start in their careers.

"Successful interns will get the kind of direct industry experience they need to capitalise on the theoretical knowledge at the core of their studies.

"Working with a company such as Mutual Community will give the successful intern experience working for an SA brand that is part of an Australian company with over one million customers.

"That kind of experience can only strengthen the graduates' skills and ability to progress their careers."

In 2006, SA Lotteries joined Mutual Community to provide two exclusive internship opportunities. Both organisations appointed an intern from a strong field of UniSA marketing graduates. For further details please contact the Head of the School of Marketing Associate Professor Tony Spawton on 8302 0714.



Profiling Human Resource Management

Elyse Wooldridge, Bachelor of Management (Human Resource Management) Graduated 2006.

"Studying within the Human Resource Management discipline has provided me with superior general and specialised HR knowledge which strongly contributed to my acceptance into a leading international organisation in a Graduate HR Advisor role.

The University of South Australia gave me the opportunity to understand broad business and management theories, while also focusing my learning on people and people management. Specifically, through my studies, I have learnt practical skills and theories which will be able to be easily transferred to work situations."

SIEMENS SCIENCE Experience 2007

Each year UniSA is involved in the Siemens Science Experience, a three-day science event held for students entering Year 10. This year, Siemens Science was held from January 16 - 18 and gave students the opportunity to participate in hands-on, interactive science and technology activities at both the Mawson Lakes and City East campuses.

The activities enjoyed by students included: building bridges as civil engineers, fun with electronics, seeing is believing, experience nursing, living like animals, making sun cream, getting DNA from an onion, building a sustainable future with the natural environment, interactive gaming and a visit to the Planetarium.

Siemens Science Experience is supported by local Rotary clubs.

If your current Year 9 students are interested in participating in the 2008 event, please ask them to contact their local Rotary or Sabine Dathe at UniSA on 8302 3142 or sabine.dathe@unisa.edu.au

A student participating in the "Living with Animals" activity, which helps students to understand fundamentals of animal behaviour and ecology



Students making their own sun cream the way a pharmacist would in their day-to-day work. The students added Zinc to a cream base and mixed the paste, with the final product labelled and ready to use!

Showcasing careers in Health for Indigenous Students

In 2006 UniSA held a specific event for indigenous students which showcased careers in health. Forty Indigenous students and staff from high schools across South Australia met at UniSA to learn more about careers in health from organisations across the tertiary sector.

The event was hosted by UniSA, in partnership with Adelaide University, Flinders University, and TAFESA, and the students were

also able to hear from the Department of Health, and the Children, Youth and Women's Health Service about the support that they provide to Indigenous students studying in the area of health sciences.

Students not only had the opportunity to hear directly from indigenous students and graduates about their personal experiences, they were also able to visit campus facilities at City East including the nursing skills

labs and the nutrition and food sciences labs.

UniSA will again be involved in presenting information about health careers and study pathways via a specific event for Indigenous students to be held in April this year. To find out more please register the name of your Career Counsellor or Aboriginal Resource Teacher by calling Pamela Thompson on 8302 2978.

Do you have students that missed out on gaining entry to University in 2007?

If so, then they might like to consider the SAIBT pathway to UniSA.

SAIBT diplomas lead to 2nd year of UniSA bachelor degree programs in business, computing,

media communications and related areas. Information sessions are being held every Wednesday during

February, phone 8302 2343 or visit www.saibt.sa.edu.au for more information.

GROSS SUCCESS

12 years of Yr 12s

This year, a little over 1700 offers for entry to UniSA undergraduate programs have gone to school leavers through the USANET Special Access Scheme. The students receiving those offers are from 170 schools spread throughout SA, Victoria, N.S.W. and the Northern Territory and can be expected to result in more than 1200 enrolments. A far cry from the first USANET intake just twelve years ago (121 students from 24 SA schools), the latest figures highlight not just dramatic growth, but outstanding success.

One of the main reasons for the success is the ongoing commitment to the scheme. As part of the process of annual review USANET has undergone numerous structural and procedural changes since inception, yet the broad aim and target has remained constant. It has not wavered from supporting students who may have suffered educational disadvantage resulting from their low socioeconomic circumstance or rural and isolated location.

This commitment extends even further to a very clear focus on the students as individuals and also as a discrete group. Success and retention rates have been monitored from day one and individual student feedback is sought in an open and honest manner. Often this becomes the basis for reform, refinement and future development.

Over the last couple of years, one of the most common responses from USANET students in the first year at uni, is that a clear understanding of how the Scheme works is of great benefit during Year 12. Not only can it provide a feeling of support or backup, but more importantly many have said that it made them try harder because they could see that it was really possible to get into a particular field.

The provision of specific, accurate and timely information to students or staff is just one example of where USANET personnel may be able to assist you. Visits can be arranged for times most suitable to schools with lunchtime presentations proving increasingly popular.

If you would like any information about how USANET can support you and be of benefit to eligible students in your school, contact:

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A couple of interesting facts from the Graduate Careers Council of Australia

- Fields of education with high proportions in full-time employment at the time of the Australian Graduate Survey included mining engineering, pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, post-initial and initial nursing education and civil engineering.
- The top ranked fields in terms of starting salary were dentistry, optometry, medicine, engineering, earth sciences, education and mathematics.

SOURCE: *GradStats and GradFiles 2006, Graduate Careers Council of Australia*

SERVICES and Contact Information

Career Counsellors' Sessions

Invitations to our Career Counsellors' Sessions will be posted out to you soon. We are providing two alternative dates and times which we hope will assist you in your planning. Please pencil the following dates into your diary as tentative options for the Career Counsellor Sessions.

Wednesday 11 April 2007
8:30am – 11:30am
City East Campus

OR

Thursday 12 April 2007
3:30pm – 6:30pm
Mawson Lakes Campus

Campus visits are also being organized to provide Careers Counsellors and subject teachers with an intimate look at the teaching and research facilities at each of the University's local campuses. Details regarding these visits will be available soon.

Open Day

Once again students will have an opportunity to attend program information sessions, and meet our academic staff and students at the University of South Australia's Open Days. Dates for our Open Days will be as follows:

City West Campus
70 North Terrace
Sunday
26 August 2007

Whyalla Campus
Thursday 23 August 2007
Evening and Friday 24
August 2007

Mt Gambier campus is planning to host an Open Day in September. More details will be provided in the next edition of UniSA Links.

Detailed information about Open Day 2007 will be available at: www.unisa.edu.au/openday/

There are a wide range of services that the University of South Australia can provide for both you and your students. Our staff are available to present information about university entry and programs to students, both local and international, parents and staff.

STAYING in touch

Each year we try to update our contact details for you and how you like to receive your copies of UniSA links. This year we are also trying to gather more information for our contact list so that we can provide better services to you. Please take a few moments to fill in the 'Keep in Touch' fax back form inserted inside this edition, so that we can develop our relationship. Thank you.

Services

University of South Australia Presentation

A University of South Australia presentation can be provided to your students. The presentation contains information about career pathways and UniSA programs, entry requirements and support services. A standard presentation with some discussion time will take approximately 45 minutes but it can be modified for different requirements.

The presentation can be tailored for year 10, 11 or 12 and can be made at your school or you can arrange to have the presentation on one of the university's campuses. At year 10 level the presentation is focused on career pathways and by year 12 it focuses on university options.

Campus Tours

Campus tours can be organised for City East, City West, Magill and Mawson Lakes campuses. Different tours are available for year 10, 11 or 12.

Please note: a staff to student ratio of 1:20 is necessary on campus tours

Tours can also be arranged for the Whyalla Campus by contacting Shawn Dewar, Marketing and Project Officer, phone: 08 8302 8001, 8647 8001 or email shawn.dewar@unisa.edu.au

Savvy presentation

The SAVVY presentation, designed to assist Yr 10 students in identifying their interests, strengths and possible careers paths, can be presented in your school or on a UniSA Campus. Presentations of up to 180 students are possible if required.

The savvy program also has a great website that will provide students with tips on how to identify career options, choosing subjects at school and preparing for university. Student testimonials and virtual campus tours bring university to life and students can also join the savvy program, which provides them with ongoing career and study information.

For further information about the savvy program visit the website at www.unisa.edu.au/savvy/

Career and Parent Information Evenings

UniSA staff and students can attend your career and/or parent evenings.

International Student Liaison

Does your school have an international cohort?

If so, why don't you make use of the services provided by UniSA International's Regional Officer? The Officer, responsible for international students already residing in Adelaide, can provide a number of services for you and your students including:

- Attending your school's career evenings
- Providing advice to students in years 10 and 11 on program selection for university

- Presenting relevant information to international students, such as the SATAC process, accommodation information and international student fees
- Conducting informal discussions and one-on-one meetings with students and parents/guardians
- Conducting UniSA campus tours

For more information, please call Melissa Keane on 8302 0591 or email melissa.keane@unisa.edu.au

Bookings

Please contact one of our Student Liaison Officers to schedule in your events or email studentliaison@unisa.edu.au

To ensure that the service provided to you from our staff is of the highest quality, please allow for a minimum of two weeks notice when making bookings.

Contacts

Student Liaison Officers
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Future Student Enquiries Centre
The Future Student Enquiries Centre has information on all UniSA programs. The friendly, professional staff can assist students, parents and teachers with high-quality information about prerequisites and admission processes.
Phone: 8302 2376 or 1300 UNI NOW
Email: study@unisa.edu.au

Useful Websites

For students in Year 10, 11, 12, adult entry students, parents and student advisers
www.unisa.edu.au/future/

For Student Advisers
www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers

Interesting articles about the wonderful work UniSA graduates are doing following their study
www.unisa.edu.au/graduate

A fascinating insight into the research activities of the University www.unisa.edu.au/researcher/

Events and Conferences that are held at UniSA, some of which may be of interest to you or your subject coordinators
www.unisa.edu.au/news/events.asp