

A regular update on UniSA programs and events

Welcome to the third edition of UniSA Links for 2009. With Open Day just around the corner, this edition provides you with all the essential information you need to know about the day. You'll also learn about our new programs and find out what our current students have been up to!

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Open Day 2009 Sunday 16 August 9.00am - 4.00pm City West Campus

UniSA's Open Day is a chance for your students to get a taste of what university is all about. No matter what their interests, every student is bound to come across something which appeals to them – even if they are still unsure about what to do after high school. With over 80 presentations and 50 information booths as well as staff, students, graduates and lecturers on hand to answer all their questions, they can find all the information they need about their future study options. Students can learn about what to

expect in their first year of university study, and find out about accommodation options for those looking to move out of home. There are even presentations for parents on what they can expect when their children study at UniSA.

The day promises to be a fun filled event with a variety of activities happening around campus, live bands and DJs playing throughout the day, food stalls, entertainment and more. This is an extremely valuable day your students



will not want to miss out on.

Check out our Open Day website at unisa.edu.au/openday where your students can create their own itinerary for the day, find out how to get to Open Day, see what competitions are on offer and sign up to CareerShop to receive Open Day updates.

While you're online, make sure you check out our Facebook page.

Open Day brochures have been sent to your schools. If you would like to order additional brochures please contact Future Student Enquiries at study@unisa.edu.au.

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September Information Sessions

After Open Day, your students are encouraged to attend our September Information Sessions where they can take a closer look at any program of their choice. Students can register to visit the actual campus where they'll study, check out the facilities and ask questions to help make an informed decision. For more information visit unisa.edu.au/events.



Health at City East



Business at City West



Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment at City East, City West and Mawson Lakes



Education, Arts and Social Sciences at Magill and City West

Career Counsellor Portal

Have you logged on to your Career Counsellor Portal lately?

Log on to your Career Counsellor Portal at unisa.edu.au/careershop/counsellor to see a number of new additions including:

- Bonus Points
- New 2010 Discipline brochures
- Videos and slides from Career Counsellor Session
- NEW International Business Vodcast
- Professional Development opportunities for teachers

Remember to regularly check to see what's new on the Portal! We are always updating the site with the latest information, news and events to make it easier for you to counsel your students.

If you or your colleagues did not receive the recent Career Counsellor Portal update or have not received your unique username and password please contact Amy Tran via amy.tran@unisa.edu.au

Students bring historic Tea and Sugar Train to life



Australia's historic Tea and Sugar Train was brought back to life by students from UniSA and Carnegie Mellon University in an interactive and educational display at the National Railway Museum.

The iconic train's resident butcher, bank teller, shop keeper and crew are included in the display, in which visitors can call up stories and images, purchase goods in shillings and pounds, and view the vastness of the outback as it passes outside the car window.

Students from UniSA's Media Arts degree have worked with students from Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Centre (ETC) on the exhibit, which was opened to the public at the National Railway Museum's 20th anniversary celebrations at

Port Adelaide. The display, featuring the latest in digital sound and vision technologies, was officially opened on 29 May 2009.

Professor Kerry Green, head of UniSA's School of Communication, International Studies and Languages, said the project brought real-world experience to university learning. "Our students have learnt something valuable about the history of their State while honing their skills in the documentary and digital media fields," he said. "Their work will now be seen and enjoyed by thousands of visitors to the museum."

The National Railway Museum, at Lipson Street, Port Adelaide, is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

For more information about Media Arts degrees visit unisa.edu.au/com

Languages at UniSA

There are many ways to incorporate languages in to your program in the School of Communication, International Studies and Languages. Students can enrol in language courses as part of their chosen degree, undertake a degree focussing specifically on languages and culture or add an Associate Degree to their program.

Depending on the structure of the program, most programs allow you to include at least one or two courses of a language, while some allow for many more. For example, the Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) allows students to undertake language study across the

three years of the program.

If your students are really serious about learning to speak other languages, the Bachelor of Arts (Languages and Intercultural Communication) focuses specifically on language and culture studies. Students are able to study a range of languages within this program.

It is also possible to study languages by adding the Associate Degree in Languages and Culture Studies to their program.

To find out more about these exciting options and which languages are available, please visit unisa.edu.au

From Oklahoma to Adelaide – Studying on exchange

More than 16000 kilometres from home, Oklahoma State University student, Blake Parks, recently completed an overseas exchange at UniSA. Parks, who is studying a Bachelor of Hotel and Restaurant Administration in the US, said the exchange was the perfect opportunity to experience a different culture and gain new skills.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I've had a desire to travel to Australia," says Parks. "It really intrigued me that you could go out of your comfort zone, study in a different place and make worldwide contacts at a young age."

It was a case of perfect timing. Oklahoma State University and UniSA had just negotiated a joint exchange program and Parks became the program's first student.

It was Parks' love for events

and festivals that attracted him to Adelaide. Unable to study event-related courses at his home university, he took festival and event electives at UniSA.

"When I researched Adelaide, I found out that it was the festive state. At UniSA, I was able to take festival and event management courses through the School of Management. I also enjoy photography and enrolled in photography classes through UniSA's School of Art."

During his five month exchange, Parks volunteered at many events, including the Clipsal 500, the Amazing Race for charity, CanDo; Anzac Day, the Snowy Mountains' Music Festival. Also completing an Environmental Studies Certificate in Oklahoma,



Parks took the opportunity to assist the Conservation Volunteers in South Australia.

Having made many new contacts and friends, Parks says he would recommend an international exchange to others.

"It is great to step out of the box. When you're an exchange student, you team up with different students from all over the world. There has been so much that I've enjoyed. It has been great meeting other people my age who are ambitious and study abroad. Adelaide has been a great place to study and have a good time."

NEW Program: Bachelor of Arts

UniSA is now offering a new Liberal Arts degree focussing on the notion of ethical citizenship.

The new Bachelor of Arts offers students a choice of five strands of study – Communication, Creativity and Culture, History and Belonging, Languages and Literature, and Politics and International Studies.

The added value of this Bachelor of Arts is that it provides a pathway to other programs such as Law and Journalism.

This is a program for students interested in international affairs, communicating in a global environment, and internationalising their life experience.

The interdisciplinary nature of this program aims to develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the humanities and social



sciences. It offers students a variety of choices to arouse their interest and fire the imagination, while at the same time developing critical and analytical skills.

The Bachelor of Arts educates students on key concepts, theories and significant issues facing Australians in an era of globalisation. Students will engage in debate and dialogue with their peers on topics such as human rights, ethics, the environment, cross-cultural understanding, war and peace, communication, politics, history and identity, as well

as the meaning of citizenship.

Development of professional experience is embedded in all of the courses of the Bachelor of Arts in order to prepare students for

careers beyond their university education. The program prepares you for a variety of career pathways in communication, government, community organisations, and the corporate world. Graduates could find themselves working for large multinational corporations in Asia or Europe, the Australian government, or non-government agencies.

For more information contact Future Student Enquiries at study@unisa.edu.au

Book a CareerShop Presentation for your students today!

Formerly known as the SAVVY Program, UniSA have updated this careers program to be more aligned with the SACE changes and PLP requirements. You can request a UniSA CareerShop Presentation for your Year 10 students from the end of August to December. Book now as presentations are filling up fast! Bookings can be made by filling out the online form on the Career Counsellor Portal at unisa.edu.au/careershop/counsellor.

Digital marketing in retail



Daniel Ryan (left) presenting a prize in Melbourne as part of a Harris Scarfe competition.

Daniel Ryan could have entered almost any degree path he chose because of his strong TER results, but he said the focus of studies "should be on something you're interested in." Now in his final semester of a UniSA Bachelor of Management (Marketing), he is glad he has studied something he has enjoyed, and is also working in his chosen profession.

At 21, Daniel has been active in developing the web presence for National Retailer Harris Scarfe Australia, since October last year, and has worked in various marketing activities at the company previous to his marketing coordinator role.

Mr Ryan got his foot in the door by doing some volunteer work experience during the early stages of his degree, and after seven weeks it turned into a paid role. "If you volunteer, people know you're there for experience, so you tend to be exposed to a variety of work."

His study, particularly the range of electives, has helped him in his marketing role at Harris Scarfe. "I was interested in one course, Digital Age, and I was able to tailor what I learnt back into my job," he said.

For more information about business degrees visit unisa.edu.au/business.

Caleb's experience of UniSA's Open Day A student's perspective.

During Year 12 I was encouraged by both my school career counsellor and my parents to attend UniSA's Open Day, which turned out to be a really good move for me! At the start of Year 12 I was 90% sure that I wanted to be an accountant as I like analysing numbers, solving problems and working with people, and I knew I could study Commerce at UniSA.

On the day of Open Day, Dad and I arrived at UniSA's City West campus, and had a chance to walk through all the different booths before we could attend a Commerce lecture and a Property lecture. It was really helpful to hear from the two different areas, and after each presentation we went and spoke to academic staff about the kind of things that are taught. The rest of the day we were able to check out the campus, listened to some bands, and have lunch. It gave me a chance

to look around the campus and get an understanding of what it would be like to study at UniSA.

I ended up deciding to study Property at UniSA, which still allows me to work with numbers, and people, but also incorporates research which I love. It was so much easier to make a decision when I had a chance to look at the two programs in more detail. Now I have finished the first semester and am really enjoying my program! Open Day really helped me with my decision and I would recommend all students check it out this year!

Open Day updates

Make sure your students sign up for exclusive Open Day updates on CareerShop at unisa.edu.au/careershop to receive announcements on live bands, interactive activities, entertainment and more!

Kate takes the prize

Foundation Law student, Kate Guy, took home an outstanding six prizes at the recent School of Law Prizes and Awards Ceremony. But her achievements are much more than a good GPA. Not only is she more than capable in the classroom, but Kate has also gained work experience at the Supreme Court. This allows Kate to apply her knowledge in a practical way.

When speaking about her position Kate says, "The experience is invaluable. The exposure to the court process, and to different styles of advocacy, has already de-mystified the court experience for me, and will help me in my degree."

Kate's advice for prospective



Kate Guy pictured above with Professor Paul Fairall, Foundation Dean of Law

law students is to ask lots of questions. "If you are unsure about the best database to use to find Canadian cases or the best person to speak to about selecting electives, or why that judge reasoned the way they did, just ask."

For more details about a degree in Law visit the Law School website unisa.edu.au/law

Spotlight on Bachelor of Business (International Business)



The Bachelor of Business (International Business) is an innovative program that provides students with the unique combination of business skills, global focus and international experience necessary to meet the demands of modern business. The program also offers students the exciting opportunity to study at an overseas university which is supported by one of the most generous exchange scholarships in Australia. For more details and to view the new video which gives an insight from a student's perspective please visit unisa.edu.au/commerce/Programs/international_business.asp

Katharina Surikow is a graduate who completed her degree in Bachelor of Business (International Business), with Bachelor of European Business, Normandy Business School in 2009.

"I chose UniSA because they have a practical approach to education and there are such close links with business. Lots of the tutors actually work in business, or have worked in the fields that they teach, so they make it relevant to the 'real world'. There were many options to specialise through elective streams, and the offering of double degrees enabled a lot more flexibility. I really liked the international exchange option and took up the offer of a one year exchange with the Normandy Business School in France where I was able to put my French into practice."

For further information on the Bachelor of Business (International Business) degree program please visit unisa.edu.au/commerce

CareerShop Corner

This month on CareerShop you can read about our most recent scholarship recipients, watch new videos and read the latest new profiles and stories on UniSA students and graduates! You can check all this out by logging on at unisa.edu.au/careershop

Check out our new videos and profiles!



If your students are passionate about visual communications and art, they can check out a range of videos showcasing the 2009 Come Out Festival exhibitions at UniSA's Samstag Museum and hear directly from the artists. You can also find the latest profiles and stories on students and graduates in Law, Environment, Physiotherapy and Communications.

CareerShop & Palace Nova competition winner

Sarah Agius from Eynesbury College was the lucky winner of a private movie screening to see *Sunshine Cleaning* for her and 30 of her mates at Palace Nova Cinemas these July school holidays.

This is what Sarah had to say about CareerShop: "I first joined Career Shop when I was in year 9 after UniSA visited my school and talked about all the different career options available to us. Now that I am in year 12 and will be going to university next year, Career Shop has helped me navigate my way through courses and enabled me to compare courses against other universities." Visit CareerShop for other competitions on offer!

Scholarships focus



Meet Jess Allison (left), the Don Hawke Scholarship recipient and Matthew Lay, the

David Pank Northern Areas High Achiever Scholarship recipient, who tell us what it means to them to be awarded the latest UniSA scholarships. You can check out these and many more featured scholarships by logging onto CareerShop.



Sarah Agius (middle) with her friends at Palace Nova Cinemas

Bonus Points at UniSA!

Recently you would have received an email telling you how to calculate the number of bonus points your students are entitled to when they apply to UniSA. We believe that with the expansion of USANET and the introduction of Subject Bonus points, education should be accessible to everyone. You can find out the USANET and Subject Bonus points that apply to your Year 12 students and order copies of the Bonus Points at UniSA brochure by simply logging on to the Career Counsellor's Portal at unisa.edu.au/careershop/counsellor

Do you have international students at your school?

Do they need assistance with their program choices or applications to UniSA?

We have a dedicated international student liaison officer who can assist your international students with decisions about their program choice at UniSA, give information about the application process and alternative pathways for international students to enter UniSA. If you or your international students would like any information, please contact Melissa Keane on 8302 0591 or Melissa.keane@unisa.edu.au

Contacts and Bookings

Contact one of our Student Liaison Officers for more information. Please allow for a minimum of two weeks notice when making bookings.

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Ask UniSA – get answers 24/7. Visit www.unisa.edu.au for more info.

UniSA has ANU Medical Science degree!

Bachelor of Medical Science



UniSA, in conjunction with the Australian National University (ANU), is excited to introduce the new Bachelor of Medical Science degree, the first joint Medical Science degree of its type in Australia.

If your students are interested in the scientific basis of medicine but don't know which area to specialise in, the flexibility of a degree in Medical Science will allow them to explore the diverse range of opportunities in this field. Depending on the combination of courses taken, they can go into areas such as medical research, biotechnology, medical informatics, medical sales and marketing or medical education; all with a particular focus on practical skill development.

Being linked with the Australian National

University, this degree provides many unique opportunities for students entering university in 2010. One of these is the opportunity to visit ANU in their first year, all expenses paid, as well as the option for students to study at this prestigious institution for a portion of their degree. UniSA and ANU staff will also partake in frequent exchanges to provide students with a diverse learning experience.

Successful completion of the Medical Science degree will also give students the option to enter into postgraduate study in Medicine, Optometry, Dentistry, Pharmacy or even Physiotherapy.

Do you or your students want to know more? Visit unisa.edu.au/health/programs for further information.

Entrepreneurs of the future

Over 70 Year 10 and 11 students attended the Young Achievement Australia (YAA) Management Skills seminar on June 25th in UniSA's Bradley Forum. The students work in teams to form a business as part of the YAA program.

Hosted by UniSA's Division of Business, the YAA Management Skills Seminar promotes entrepreneurship. It provides students with an entrepreneurial tool kit for running and managing their own small businesses.

The high school students, who were split into their own management teams, attended workshops run by experienced industry mentors. The mentors

provided the students with information about effective small business management, covering areas such as marketing, finance and human resources.

The YAA runs a Business Skills Program for senior school and tertiary students. The program is designed to ease the transition from school to work and encourages students to become leaders in business management.

For more information about Business degrees visit unisa.edu.au/business

For more information visit www.yaa.org.au or to learn more about Business degrees at UniSA check out unisa.edu.au/business.

Occupational Therapy students helping mums with Multiple Sclerosis



Occupational Therapists (OTs) work with people in a variety of settings, to help them achieve their goals and potential following an injury, disability, disadvantage or illness. Occupational therapists do this by enhancing the individuals' ability to participate in everyday activities by modifying the environment, or by adapting the activity to better support their needs. But OT is not just about helping people in a physical sense, as was demonstrated by fourth year students Kara Story and Shaun Donohue in their recent Participatory Community Project (PCP).

The PCP enables students to utilize the skills they have obtained throughout their degree and engage with the community in a way that simulates what they would experience as registered OT practitioners. In their project titled 'Mums & Bubs: Providing women with Multiple Sclerosis

access to information and services for pregnancy and early motherhood', Kara and Shaun identified a lack in resources for mothers suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and set out to improve this. In conjunction with the MS Society of SA & NT, they interviewed, surveyed and participated in meetings with mothers living with MS across South Australia and the Northern Territory to gather information regarding their experiences relating to MS and pregnancy.

Mothers with MS decided on the project direction which resulted in an online resource that covered topics considered to be significant to women with MS considering pregnancy and motherhood. This information is now available to women on the MS Society of SA & NT website at www.ms.asn.au/services/projects.asp

Knowledge is the greatest gift of all.

You're invited to UniSA's Gift of Knowledge public lectures that will influence the way you live, work, think and grow.

A Diversified Approach to Water Security: desalination and water reuse.

Associate Professor Linda Zou
Wednesday 12 August 2009
6.00pm – 7.00pm
Mawson Centre, Mawson Lakes Campus

Australia's punishing drought coupled with the increasing impact of climate change and its effects on rainfall patterns are compelling researchers to examine new sources of water to supplement traditional



supplies. A diversified approach is considered the most viable option. This lecture will discuss current and future research in the desalination and water reuse technologies.

For more information on other lectures in the Gift of Knowledge series and to register, please visit unisa.edu.au/giftofknowledge