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## Budding filmmaker supported by fellow students through the TUU Mt Nelson Award

A budding filmmaker, who recently added to her skills by being a set runner on Big Brother and a venue manager for Breath of Fresh Air Film Festival, will tomorrow be awarded the 2015 Tasmanian University Union Mount Nelson Award at the University of Tasmania Newnham Campus.

Isabelle Allen, who will graduate next month from the Tasmanian College of the Arts (TCotA) with a Bachelor of Contemporary Arts (Theatre), will be presented with a certificate and \$3000 at a special ceremony at Degrees Restaurant tomorrow at 10.30am.

The 21-year-old from Patersonia, near Launceston, is aiming to attend the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) in Sydney, where she recently completed a short course, and she is currently in pre-production for a short film *Theodore's Gift* by Elli Illiades as a First Assistant Director.

She is regularly involved with Wide Angle Tasmania's film workshops, has worked throughout fourth term this year at Waverley Primary School as a Playgroup Assistant with the Smith Family, and during the past year she has produced and directed two major film projects.

The Mt Nelson award, established by University of Tasmania students, for students, to recognise not only academic and practical achievements by an individual but also their potential for success in their chosen field and the community at large, will be presented by trustees Stephen Nichols and Justin Cook from Hobart.

There will also be a second presentation of a Special Commendation and \$500 to School of Architecture and design student Tim Stoklosa from Hobart, who obtained a Bachelor of Environmental Design (Architecture) in 2011 and this year will graduate with a Master of Architecture.

Tim has been able to set up a new exchange partnership between the University of Tasmania and Bern University of Applied Sciences in Burgdorf, Switzerland, and has recently been commissioned to work on the design and fit-out of a Hobart waterfront restaurant and DHAB Studios in Sandy Bay.

The Mt Nelson Award is the well-managed legacy of major infrastructure changes to the University in the 1980s.

From 1972 until 1980 the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education operated at the Mount Nelson Campus, Hobart, with its closure resulting in a board of trustees established to put to good use the remaining funds of the Student Association Council.

The Mount Nelson Award was created as an annual prize to full-time students studying at the then newly established University of Tasmania Newnham Campus with the new Student Association managing the application process.

In April 2008 the Student Association merged with its southern counterpart, the Tasmanian University Union (TUU), creating one state-wide body providing services for University students.

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