

## Media Release

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## Top Awards for NW Med Students

North West medical students featured strongly in the annual Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) awards presentation prior to the University of Tasmania graduation ceremony today in Hobart.

More than a quarter of the graduating cohort spent one year training on the North West Coast at the Rural Clinical School in Burnie.

Almost half of the 21 prizes awarded to high achieving medical students went to individuals who had studied at the Rural Clinical School.

Victoria Jordan from Hawley Beach took out three prizes including the JF Correy Prize in gynaecology, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Prize and the Royal College of Surgeon's Prize.

Ms Jordan is a former Don College Student who completed the final two years of her degree in the North West at the Rural Clinical School.

"When I was studying at Don College I decided that I wanted a secure career that would be satisfying and contribute at least something to society. I thought something in the health sciences would be a pretty good option for me," Ms Jordan said.

"The last two years of the course, at the Rural Clinical School were definitely the most enjoyable for me. We were able to spend most of our time seeing patients, learning new skills, and getting practical experience in the hospital and GPs on the North West coast.

"The Rural Clinical School and hospital staff were very generous with their time so we got a lot of hands-on experience and felt like part of a team, which is one of the best things about learning in a smaller hospital."

Kaitlin Duell, who also studied at the Rural Clinical School in Burnie, received two awards at today's ceremony including the Frank Gaha Prize recognising her as the student who obtained the highest standard in General Practice during her course. Ms Duell also received a leadership award at the prize giving ceremony.

Other successful students from the Rural Clinical School included Conrad Jackson who received the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Prize; Jessica Beachey was awarded the Grudip K Sindhu Prize in paediatrics; Shahab Pathan was presented with the University of Tasmania Prize in Ophthalmology; Katelyn Brooks received the Therapeutics Guidelines Prize.

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