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Graduating to bigger things – more than 1500 students share academic success

More than 1500 University of Tasmania students will from today celebrate their academic success at graduation ceremonies in Hobart.

In 11 separate ceremonies, University of Tasmania Chancellor Mr Damian Bugg AM QC and Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew will award higher and first degrees to 1558 graduates in Hobart, including 261 international graduands.

An additional 909 students graduated in the three Launceston ceremonies last Saturday.

Students will graduate from the faculties of Education; Law; Health Science; Business; Science Engineering and Technology; and Arts.

Mr Bugg said the University was honoured to have been entrusted with the task of preparing its graduands for the next, exciting chapter of their lives.

“Our graduands have been given the best possible preparation for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and can stride confidently along the road to a rewarding career,” he said.

Professor Le Grew said all graduands had reason to be proud of their outstanding achievement.

“Graduation day recognises the years of commitment and hard work by our graduands, together with the support of their family and friends. They are the proud face of our University, which continues to grow in stature around the world for the quality of our research and teaching,” he said.

The Hobart ceremonies will be held today and tomorrow at 10am, 1pm, 4pm and 7pm, and at 10am, 1pm and 4pm on Thursday, at the University Centre, Sandy Bay Campus.

Distinguished speakers who will give the occasional address for each Hobart ceremony are:

Tuesday 10am – Science, Engineering and Technology: **Dr Robert Mensah**, BSc *UST Ghana*, PhD *Tas*, Cert, Pest Mgt *ICIPE Kenya*, Director and Science leader, Australian Cotton Research Institute.

Tuesday 1pm– Science, Engineering and Technology: **Professor Johanna Laybourn-Parry** BSc *Reading*, MSc *Wales*, PhD *Stirling*, DSc *Reading*, Dip Ed *Jordanhill*, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research).

Tuesday 4pm– Science, Engineering and Technology: **Professor Chris Letchford**, BE *Old*, DPhil *Oxf*, MASCE, FIEAust, CPEng, RPEQ, Head, School of Engineering.

Tuesday 7pm - Education: **Mr Malcolm White**, HCertCommEng *RMIT*, MBA *Tas*, CEO TAFE Tasmania (Deputy Chair, University of Tasmania Alumni).

Wednesday 10am – Business: **Ms Tiina-Liisa Sexton**, BCom, CPA, Professional Standards Advisor.

Wednesday 1pm – Business: **Mr Anthony Howland-Rose**, JP, BSc *Belf*, MSc *Lond*, DIC, FGS, FIMMM, FAusIMM, MAICD, FAIG, CEng, Director and Chairman, Allegiance Mining NL

Wednesday 4pm – Health Science: **Professor Craig Anderson**, BMedSc, MBBS *Tas*, PhD *WA*, Director, Neurological and Mental Health Division, The George Institute for International Health.

Wednesday 7pm – Law: **Dr Dennis Rose** QC, esteemed constitutional lawyer.

Thursday 10am – Law: Tasmanian Police Commissioner **Richard McCreadie** AO, APM

Thursday 1pm – Arts: **Professor Nigel Roberts**, BA *Tas*, MA *Essex*, Professor of Political Science at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Thursday 4pm – Arts: **Ms Lynne Uptin**, formerly Director, Arts Tasmania.

Potential media opportunities:

Tuesday:

- **10am:** Jemima and Richard Stuart-Smith, met at UTAS, married, started their PhDs in Zoology at the same time and will graduate at the same time.
- **10am:** Married couple Scott and Danielle Hardie – Scott will graduate with a PhD in Life Sciences and Danielle a Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems.

Wednesday:

- **10am:** Former Attorney General Sir Max Bingham will join the academic procession, while his grandson, Timothy Bingham, will graduate (Bachelor of Commerce) at the same ceremony. Three generations of Bingham UTAS graduates will be present.
- **10am:** Brothers Adam and Simon Foster – Adam, 23, will graduate Bachelor of Economics with Honours, while Simon, 21, will graduate Bachelor of Economics.
- **1pm:** International student Huang Kai (Frank) will graduate with a Master of Professional Accounting before a delegation from the Shanghai Bangde Vocational Technical College which has a training partnership with TAFE Tasmania and is where Frank began his studies in 2003. He continued on to an Advanced Diploma of Logistics with TAFE in Hobart, before completing a UTAS undergraduate degree and now a Masters. (Frank's mobile: 0415 810 268)

The Shanghai Bangde delegation includes:

Zhu Deyan, Chairman

Zhu Wujian, Executive Vice-President (and Chairman Zhu's daughter)

Zhang Shanshan (Chairman Zhu's wife)

Thursday:

- **10am:** Hobart Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman Eva Ruzicka will graduate
Bachelor of Arts, Honours.

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