

## Media Release

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## Arts/Law graduand tops her class, nationally

A University of Tasmania Arts/Law graduand has come first in her class, nationally.

Gilda Sorella recently won the Law division of the Grad Connection Top 100 Future Graduates Awards.

Gilda will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws with Honours today (Tuesday, 16 December) at the University Centre, Hobart.

The awards attracted more than 2500 entries across the country. Grad Connection is an organisation designed to link top-performing students and graduates to businesses seeking new recruits.

“It’s an honour to be a part of such a high achieving peer group, and I would not have made it this far if not for the support and encouragement from the University staff,” she said.

Gilda studied an Arts/Law degree, majoring in Journalism, Media and Communications.

She was admitted to the Dean’s Roll of Excellence for the Faculty of Arts in 2010 and 2012; and has received the David McQuestin Memorial Foundation Scholarship (2012), Val Haynes Federation Scholarship in Law (2013), and the Golden Key International Honour Society: Asia-Pacific Study Abroad Scholarship (2013).

One of her many highlights was travelling overseas to study as part of the University of Tasmania Foundation Overseas Exchange Scholarship (2013).

“I had a great experience on student exchange in Copenhagen, Denmark and getting to experience life abroad in a Scandinavian country studying alongside students from so many cultures,” Gilda said.

During her studies she also acted as honorary youth consul to the Italian government.

“I intend to do my Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice next year and I have a few options for my future, to become a lawyer or to take my communications degree and go into a marketing/PR position,” she said.

“It’s a hard decision as I am passionate about both fields.”

The selection process for the organisation's Top 100 involved extensive written applications, online testing and video interviewing carried out by a number of organisations working in graduate recruitment.

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