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Memorial scholarships reward students across three disciplines

The annual presentation of the three Jim Bacon Memorial Scholarships today celebrated the academic and personal achievements of three University students studying fine arts, political science and the care and treatment of cancer.

The scholarships are in memory of former premier Jim Bacon, who was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer that caused his untimely death in June 2004.

Each scholarship is valued at \$10,000 for one year of study.

University of Tasmania Chancellor Michael Field congratulated the recipients.

“Any scholarship presentation is an occasion for celebration in the University community. To see students excelling academically is a highlight in any educational institution.

“However, the Jim Bacon Memorial Scholarships are particularly special,” Mr Field said.

“Not only do they honour the memory and interests of a past Tasmanian leader, they recognise and reward excellence across three distinctly different disciplines, demonstrating the University’s diverse strengths.”

The 2014 Jim Bacon Memorial Scholarship recipients and their field of study:

Hassan Elgizawy – The care and treatment of cancer

Hassan is studying for a Master’s degree in the field of Pharmaceutical Science. As part of Dr Nikolas Dietis’ research group in the School of Pharmacy, he will investigate the anti-cancer properties for clinically-used opioids in different types of cancer, in order to contribute to a clear understanding of their mechanism and role. Hassan has also volunteered in St Vincent de Paul soup kitchen in his spare time.

Julia Knight– Fine arts

Having successfully completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts with a double major in Sculpture and Photography, the focus of Julia's proposed Honours study will include an exploration of the impact of signs. Her current practice involves working with remnants recovered from the bushfires of January 2013 that devastated the local community. For the past two years Julia has volunteered at the Art Camp for the Falls Festival.

Georgia Allen– Political science

Georgia's proposed Honours project will focus on democratic participation in Tasmanian Parliamentary Inquiries. Georgia plans to continue her tertiary education by studying for a PhD in Political Science in the future. Her key area of focus is law reform and the distribution of political power. She wants to continue working on progressive law reform that benefits disadvantaged groups and the Tasmanian community.

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