

# Graduation Program

2026



Australian  
National  
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# Australian National Anthem

## Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are one and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.

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**Llewellyn Hall  
The Australian National University**

Wednesday 28 January

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Chancellor:  
The Honourable Julie Bishop

Interim Vice-Chancellor and President:  
Professor Rebekah Brown FASSA

Esquire Bedel:  
Jake Francis  
Thomas Ritchie  
Sarah O'Callaghan  
Samitha Ramanayake  
Cathleen Yao

University Marshal:  
Megan Easton  
Jake Francis  
Samitha Ramanayake  
Sarah O'Callaghan

# Chancellor's message to graduates

Since its establishment almost 80 years ago The Australian National University has played a critical role as our country's first and only national university.

From your first day as a student here, you have been part of our mission to advance our knowledge of the world and Australia's place in it, through research and learning of the highest calibre.

Australia continues to face significant global challenges including the impact of disruptive technologies, climate change, resource allocation and shifting geopolitical relations.

We also face local challenges which require us to work together to make our community stronger and more sustainable.

No matter the scale of the issue, your time here has given you the opportunity to help shape our world for the better.

As you make the transition from student to graduate, we hope you will continue to engage with and contribute to the works around you with the same rigour and commitment you have demonstrated at the ANU.

You are joining our 150,000-strong family of international alumni working in research, government, business, industry, the professions and many other fields of endeavour.

Whatever your next steps, I am sure you will continue to make us proud for you are, and always will be, part of the ANU family.

I trust you will enjoy this celebration with your colleagues, friends and family.

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for the future.

**The Hon Julie Bishop  
Chancellor**



# Message from the Interim Vice-Chancellor & President

Congratulations on graduating from The Australian National University!

Graduation is a significant milestone reflecting the time, effort and commitment you have invested throughout your study and research at Australia's national university. I hope that some of the most valuable years of your life have been spent on this campus, and that you leave with enduring friendships and a lifelong connection to our brilliant institution.

Today marks the beginning of your next chapter. You will carry forward the knowledge, skills and intellectual curiosity to carve out your own mark on the world. I hope you continue to ask questions, and engage deeply with ideas, drawing on the evidence-based principles and learning you gained at ANU.

Beyond your academic achievements, your ANU experience has been shaped by the people you have learned alongside and from – fellow students, educators, and mentors. The ideas exchanged and relationships formed during this time create a strong foundation as you move into the next stage of your journey.

As a graduate of ANU, you are welcomed into a global alumni community whose work and leadership extend across disciplines, communities and countries. You will always be part of our ANU community, and your achievements beyond ANU will strengthen the standing and reputation of our University.

This year, as ANU celebrates its 80th anniversary, we reflect on the generations of graduates whose curiosity, courage and impact have shaped our past and continue to influence our future. We warmly invite you to return to campus during this milestone year to reconnect and celebrate the University and community that helped shape your journey.

Please stay in touch with ANU as you move forward – you remain an integral part of our community and we are always thrilled to see the contributions you make beyond ANU.

**Professor Rebekah Brown FASSA**  
Interim Vice-Chancellor & President  
Provost & Senior Vice-President



# Acknowledgement of Country

The Australian National University acknowledges the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, who are the Traditional Owners of the land upon which this graduation ceremony takes place.

This Ngunnawal Ngambri land has supported our students throughout their time at ANU and will continue to hold a space for future generations to come together, learning from Country and one another.

We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, past, present and future and acknowledge that this land form which we benefit has an ancient history that is both rich and sacred.

The ANU community makes a commitment to always respect the land upon which we stand and ensure that the voices of this land's First Peoples are both heard and listened to so that we may move towards a future marked by cooperation and shared respect.



# The University

Since the University's inception, ANU academics have taken their ideas to the world, and the world's best have come here to collaborate with internationally renowned colleagues. ANU is Australia's most research-intensive university and is consistently ranked among the best universities in the world.

ANU collaborates closely with other research organisations, national institutions and Federal, State and Territory Governments. Generations of ANU scholars, teachers and graduates have shaped government policy and public debate, making a very real contribution to the economic, cultural and social prosperity of the nation.

ANU is the only Australian member of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) – a strategic partnership between the world's best education and research institutions. The Alliance shares a focus on research-led teaching, a commitment to educating future leaders and tackling some of the century's biggest challenges.

ANU provides an environment in which learning and research sit side-by-side. The University's academic profile is dictated by what we research, and we teach what we research.

ANU graduates go on to take up leadership positions in government, industry, research and academia at home and abroad.

As Australia's national university and Australia's finest university, ANU sets the standard in research, education and public policy, on issues of national and international importance.

## The culture of ANU

The distinguishing culture of ANU is one where the notion of discovery pervades all that we do. For all staff, it is the discovery of new and better ways to research, to educate and to support ANU students and scholars. For academic staff, it is the discovery of new knowledge and new insights, and the creative use of these innovations in further research and education. For students, it is the discovery of new understanding, in breadth and in depth, in their fields of interest.

# Reconciliation at ANU

The University has made a formal commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Australians; launching in July 2009 one of the first Reconciliation Action Plans within the higher education sector. The Plan and its implementation provide a whole-of-institution approach to enhancing broad engagement with Indigenous education, research, employment and culture.

The ANU Reconciliation Action Plan is testament to the University's conviction that it must contribute to righting the wrongs of the past. ANU knows that the future has to be founded on relationships of mutual respect and meaningful partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians – a future where Indigenous culture, connection to country, and world views are treated with respect.

The University's vision for reconciliation is to be a place of learning that respects Indigenous culture and diversity: a place where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people come together to engage with their chosen discipline, contextualised by an understanding of our shared history. ANU aims to make an important contribution to reconciliation by furthering scholarly learning, research and public knowledge of Indigenous issues.

ANU provides a supportive learning environment where Indigenous Australians can realise their potential and achieve their aspirations. It aims to make a significant contribution to improving higher education and employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians. The University community has strong and mutually beneficial partnerships with local, national and, indeed, international Indigenous communities. These relationships provide for the sharing of knowledge and ideas and the opportunity to listen and learn from Indigenous Australians about the past, their current circumstances and their vision for the future.



# Today's ceremony

## The Ceremony

The *Conferring of Awards* ceremony begins with an academic procession that honours graduating students, as it moves from the back of Llewellyn Hall to the stage.

The procession is in two parts.

The first is led by two Deputy Marshals (carrying staves) and they are followed by academic and professional staff of the University.

The second part, the Chancellor's Procession, is led by the University Marshal and two Deputy Marshals. This procession includes members of the University's Council, the Registrar, Deans and Directors of ANU Colleges, Directors of Schools and Research Schools, the Chair of the Emeritus Faculty, the University Librarian, the Master of University House, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, the Pro Vice-Chancellors, Heads of Residential Colleges and Halls of Residence, honorary graduands, special guests, the graduating student speaker and the guest speaker. The Esquire Bedel, carrying the silver mace, leads the Vice-Chancellor, followed by the Pro-Chancellor and the Chancellor. At the end of the ceremony, the Chancellor leads the procession from the Hall.

Graduates are individually presented to the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor with their name and the award from which they have graduated read out loud. *Testamur* is a Latin word which literally means "We certify", and was traditionally the first word written on the Certificate.





Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy and higher doctorates are presented by the Dean, Higher Degree Research or Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) and will kneel before the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor to have a hood placed over their shoulders. Presented by the Dean; Master and other Graduate students are presented next with Bachelor graduates being last. The Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor also presents University Medals and other institutional-level awards to the graduates to whom they have been awarded. If there is an honorary doctorate, the candidate is presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor.

Presentation of graduates is followed by addresses by a graduating student and the Guest Speaker. There is a musical interlude roughly half way through the ceremony. Finally, the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor closes the ceremony and the Academic Procession leaves the Hall.

## Ceremonial objects

The silver mace, which is the symbol of the Vice-Chancellor's authority, was presented to ANU by the University of Oxford in 1950. It is a replica of the original Oxford mace, made in gold by Benjamin Pyne, the 18th century goldsmith. The mace is carried before the Vice-Chancellor by the Esquire Bedel. The larger end of the mace is carried uppermost in the presence of the Chancellor.

The Chancellor's chair, kneeling stool, mace stand and Marshals' staves were designed and made by George Ingham from the Wood Workshop in the Canberra School of Art, now part of ANU. They feature the University arms, pierced through a polished metal background and a composite structure of timber components. The staves of casuarina torulosa carried by the Marshal and two Deputy Marshals are split at the top to form clips that hold polished stainless steel disks which are pierced with a stylised image of the University arms.

# Ceremonial dress

Traditional academic dress is worn at The Australian National University on ceremonial occasions and at formal events in the halls and residential colleges. The wide range of styles and colours of the academic dress worn by staff at ANU reflects the international character of the University.

Academic dress has been influenced by the fashions of everyday attire since the founding of the first European universities in Bologna, Paris and Oxford. Today's dress, consisting of a gown, hood, cap or bonnet, arose out of the lay costume of the early Middle Ages. As academics at the early universities were mostly in religious orders, the garb they wore became the traditional dress for academics.

ANU academic dress is based on the styles worn at Oxford, Cambridge and the University of London. Different styles of gowns and formation of hoods indicate the Degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor.



The colour of the hood for Bachelor and Master Degrees indicates the ANU Academic College where the award was undertaken. Bachelor hoods have a narrow band of colour; Master hoods are fully lined with colour. Both wear black trencher caps (also known as mortarboards). ANU Doctors of Philosophy wear a black gown faced with blue corded silk, a hood of blue corded silk lined with the same silk, and a black velvet bonnet with blue cord and tassel.

The Chancellor wears a gown of black damask-figured silk trimmed with gold lace and a round black velvet bonnet trimmed with gold lace with a gold cord and tassel. The Pro-Chancellor's gown and bonnet are similar to those of the Chancellor but are trimmed with silver lace and the gown does not have a train.

The Vice-Chancellor's gown is made of black damask silk trimmed with gold lace and a round black velvet bonnet with a gold cord and tassel. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor's academic dress is identical to that of the Vice-Chancellor except that it is trimmed with silver. Other senior staff wear the academic dress for the highest degree they hold. The University Marshal's gown is blue and is faced with gold corded silk and a bonnet trimmed with blue and gold. Deputy Marshals wear similar gowns and bonnets to that of the Marshal, but the gowns do not have collars or lining.

The Esquire Bedel, whose ancient ceremonial role is to protect the Vice-Chancellor, wears a black gown of damask-figured silk trimmed with gold and a black bonnet trimmed with gold, and carries the University Mace. Professors in the University and special guests who do not have their own academic dress wear a black gown with silver facings and bell-shaped silver sleeves and a black bonnet. University Council members other than graduates wear a black Master's gown with silver facings embroidered with the University arms and a black bonnet. Academic staff wear either their own academic dress or a black Master's gown with blue facings and a black bonnet. Professional staff without their own academic dress wear a black undergraduate gown with a black cap. If a person has more than one degree, the dress of the senior degree is worn.



# Proceedings

- Academic Procession
- The National Anthem
- Proceedings opened by the Chancellor
- Welcome to Country / Acknowledgment of Country
- Presentation of Higher Degrees, Masters, Bachelors, Diplomas and Certificates
- Presentation of Prizes and Awards
- Address by Graduating Student
- Address by Guest Speaker
- Proceedings closed by the Chancellor
- Academic Procession and Graduates retire

Graduates and their guests are invited to attend an on-site reception outside Llewellyn Hall immediately after each ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

## **Wednesday 28 January**

### **ANU College of Business & Economics**

#### **10 am, Wednesday 28 January**

- Research School of Accounting

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Steven Roberts,  
Dean, ANU College of Business  
and Economics

#### **2 pm Wednesday 28 January**

- Research School of Management

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Steven Roberts,  
Dean, ANU College of Business  
and Economics

## **Thursday 29 January**

### **ANU College of Business and Economics**

#### **10am, Thursday 29 January**

- Research School of Finance,  
Actuarial Studies & Statistics

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Steven Roberts,  
Dean, ANU College of Business  
and Economics

#### **2pm, Thursday 29 January**

- Research School of Economics

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Steven Roberts,  
Dean, ANU College of Business  
and Economics

## **Friday 30 January**

**ANU College of Systems and Society**

### **10 am, Friday 30 January**

- Undergraduate

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

**Presenters**

Professor Aaron Quigley,  
Dean, ANU College of Systems and Society

### **2 pm, Friday 30 January**

- Master of Computing/Master of Computing Advanced

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

**Presenters**

Professor Aaron Quigley,  
Dean, ANU College of Systems and Society

### **5.30 pm, Friday 30 January**

- Research and Postgraduate

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

**Presenters**

Professor Aaron Quigley,  
Dean, ANU College of Systems and Society

## **Monday 2 February**

**ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences**

### **10am, Monday 2 February**

- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

**Presenters**

Professor Bronwyn Parry,  
Dean, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

### **2pm, Monday 2 February**

- Research and Postgraduate

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

**Presenters**

Professor Bronwyn Parry,  
Dean, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

## **Tuesday 3 February**

### **ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences**

#### **10am, Tuesday 3 February**

- Undergraduate

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Bronwyn Parry, Dean, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

#### **2pm, Tuesday 3 February**

- Undergraduate

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Bronwyn Parry, Dean, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

## **Wednesday 4 February**

### **ANU College of Law, Governance & Policy**

#### **ANU College of Asia & the Pacific**

#### **10am, Wednesday 4 February**

- ANU College of Law, Governance & Policy

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Anthony Connolly, Dean, ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy

#### **2pm, Wednesday 4 February**

- ANU College of Asia & the Pacific

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### **Presenters**

Professor Helen Sullivan, Dean, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

## Thursday 5 February

ANU College of Science  
& Medicine

ANU College of Law,  
Governance & Policy

### 10am, Wednesday 4 February

- ANU College of Science and Medicine - Research and postgraduate

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### Presenters

Professor Kiaran Kirk,  
Dean, ANU College of Science  
and Medicine

Professor Paul Fitzgerald,  
Director, ANU School of Medicine  
and Psychology"

### 2pm, Wednesday 4 February

- ANU College of Science and Medicine – Undergraduate

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### Presenters

Professor Kiaran Kirk,  
Dean ANU College of Science  
and Medicine

### 5.30pm, Wednesday 5 February

- ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### Presenters

Professor Anthony Connolly,  
Dean, ANU College of Law, Governance  
and Policy

## Friday 6 February

ANU College of Science & Medicine

### 10am, Friday 6 February

- ANU College of Science & Medicine

The Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, Presiding

#### Presenters

Professor Kiaran Kirk  
Dean, ANU College of Science  
and Medicine

# Speakers

## Wednesday 28 January

10am, Wednesday 28 January

### Guest Speaker

#### Hieu Huy Hoang (Harry)

From Vietnamese immigrant to one of Canberra's most influential business leaders, Harry Hoang's story speaks to perseverance, purpose and community. As CEO of Tailored Accounts, he has earned national recognition for his leadership, including CEO of the Year and Not-for-Profit Accountant of the Year at the 2024 Australian Accounting Awards. His dedication to strengthening Canberra was further honoured in 2025, when he received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service. Harry is committed to nurturing future leaders and helping others thrive. Across the Canberra business ecosystem, he mentors through programs such as Griffin Accelerator, InnovationACT and Mill House Social Enterprise. He also founded AccountantChange, a program designed to equip university students and recent graduates with the experience and confidence they need to build meaningful careers. Proud of his roots, Harry has played a vital role in creating vibrant spaces for Vietnamese-Australians to connect, grow and celebrate culture. Through the Canberra Vietnamese Golf Association, the Viet Melody cultural group and Vietnamese Business in Canberra (VBIC), he brings people together through sport, music and business.

Harry's remarkable journey shows how professional excellence, cultural pride and community service can transform lives and inspire generations.

### Student Speaker

#### Anjani Garg

Anjani Garg is graduating today from a Bachelor of Accounting. She is an international student who moved to Australia to pursue her education and long-term career goals. Anjani was awarded a scholarship at ANU, recognising her academic ability and dedication throughout her studies.

During her time at university, Anjani has been actively involved in student leadership and engagement. She served as the President of the Indian Students' Association and also held the role of International Representative at her residence, contributing to building an inclusive and supportive community for students from diverse backgrounds. Through these positions, she played a key role in planning and delivering cultural and wellbeing initiatives that strengthened student connection and belonging.

Alongside her academic commitments, Anjani has demonstrated strong organisation, teamwork, and communication skills, and is known for supporting fellow students through guidance and mentoring. As she graduates, Anjani carries forward not only her academic achievements, but also meaningful contributions to student life and community building.

## 2pm, Wednesday 28 January

### Guest Speaker

#### Cris Castro

Cris is a descendant of the Stolen Generations. With a father removed from his mother in Meanjin (Brisbane). Cris was born and raised in Canberra on Ngunnawal lands.

Cris entered the public service in 1999 after undertaking a double degree in economics and commerce through the ANU. Growing up in Canberra with two parents who worked in public sector roles, some might say his pathway into the APS was predictable.

Cris' public service career has included policy and program roles covering Indigenous employment and economic development, strategic policy roles, corporate governance roles, and in vocational education and training policy. Cris is currently working as the Assistant Secretary for Closing the Gap where he leads a small unit responsible for driving the department's efforts to implement the Priority Reforms contained in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Cris took time out of the service in 2020 after winning a Sir Roland Wilson – Pat Turner scholarship, which saw him spend two years back at ANU's College of Business and Economics studying a Master of Leadership. Cris' degree included specialisations in business administration, leadership, and some public policy for good measure. Through his studies, Cris explored how emerging organisational performance frameworks and leadership models can best be applied in the public service context, helping to ensure the APS retains its ongoing relevance to both the government of the day and to the public it serves. Cris was the recipient of the Pat Turner Coursework Prize in both 2020 and 2021.

Cris remains engaged with the ANU through the Pat Turner Scholarship Advisory Board and as a Visiting Fellow at the College of Business and Economics.

### Student Speaker

#### Fangyiyun (Evian) Zhong

Fangyiyun Zhong is graduating with a Master of Business Information Systems. An international student, she has actively engaged in academic, professional, and community activities during her studies. Fangyiyun completed three industry internships in Australia, contributing to projects in data analytics, digital consulting, and AI-enabled business systems.

She has supported the ANU community as a Teaching Assistant and as a volunteer mentor in the Set4ANU Student Mentor Program. She has also volunteered with the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA) Canberra Branch and participated in ANU employability and industry-connected initiatives, including the CBE Momentum Program and the Study Australia Industry Experience Program. Fangyiyun was also selected to participate in the Stephen Fitzgerald Scholars Program and is grateful for the support of her family, friends, and the ANU community.

## Thursday 29 January

### 10am, Thursday 29 January

### Student Speaker

#### My Nghi Nguyen

My Nghi Nguyen is graduating with a Master of Finance. Originally from Vietnam, she came to Australia on the ANU Chancellor's Postgraduate International Scholarship with a vision:

to use financial expertise as a tool for creating opportunity, not just wealth. At ANU, Nhi served as a tutor for the Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies & Statistics (RSFAS), supporting 136 students throughout the semester. Her commitment to empowering others began years earlier in rural Vietnam. In 2019, Nhi founded “For better soft skills of K’Ho students”, mentoring ethnic minority teenagers to lead initiatives supporting 225 households. In 2020, Nhi co-founded “Trust Club” with the Red Cross Society, where she led 15 volunteers in fundraising and delivering over 15,000 gifts to vulnerable communities. Each experience taught her that one person empowered can empower many more.

### 2pm, Thursday 29 January

#### Guest Speaker

#### Andrew (Creel) Price

Creel Price is the co-founder of Investible, Australia’s most active seed-stage venture capital firm, and the Founder and Chairman of Greenhouse, Australia’s largest climate action hub.

An entrepreneur from an early age, Creel launched ten businesses before finishing high school and a further two while at university. At just 25, he co-founded Blueprint Management Group with \$5,000, growing the business to more than 1,000 employees before exiting a decade later at a valuation of \$109 million.

Since that exit, Creel has dedicated his career to championing entrepreneurship and innovation globally. He has invested in more than 200 early-stage technology companies, authored a bestselling business book, and worked alongside Sir Richard Branson supporting developing world entrepreneurs. Sir Richard later described Creel as “the living, breathing

definition of an entrepreneur” in his book *Screw Business as Usual*.

More recently, Creel stepped down from the board of the B Team and his role as Chairman of the AI Coalition to spend time with his family, regenerative farm and to focus on helping large organisations accelerate their emissions reduction targets through the adoption of breakthrough technologies.

#### Student Speaker

#### Harrison Clubb

Harrison Clubb is graduating from a Bachelor of Finance, Economics and Statistics

(Honours). Originally from Sydney, he moved to Canberra in 2022 to pursue his studies at the Australian National University (ANU).

While studying, Harrison worked with the Australian Government Department of Finance, supporting the coordination, quality assurance, and delivery of Budget, MYEFO, and FBO papers. In 2024/25, he completed an internship with the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), conducting specialised research and analysis within the Bank’s International Department. In 2026, he will return to the RBA as part of a two-year graduate program.

His academic interests lie in macroeconomic policy and applied economic research. His Economics Honours thesis, *Stuck on a Sticky Wicket*, examined the financial implications of superstar effects and COVID-19 on consumer demand for Australia’s Big Bash League T20 cricket tournament. Outside of his studies, Harrison is a keen footballer, playing AFL with the Eastlake Football Club, and has represented the ANU Debating Society at the Australian National ‘Easters’ competition.

# Friday 30 January

## 10am, Friday 30 January

### Guest Speaker

#### Kim Jackson

Kim Jackson is one of Australia's leading private investors in both venture capital and infrastructure. She co-founded Skip Capital, where she serves as CEO and Chief Investment Officer.

With degrees in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and Commerce from the Australian National University, and two decades of experience in investment banking, Kim brings a rare combination of technical insight and financial expertise. Kim has served on the boards of Sydney Desalination Plant, Transgrid and ElectraNet, and currently sits on the boards of Harrison. ai, Inquisitive, and Neara.

She is also the Co-Founder of the Skip Foundation, which supports education, environmental resilience, and economic opportunity, including scholarships for women from regional Australia studying engineering at ANU.

### Student Speaker

#### Amy McWilliams

Amy McWilliams is graduating from a Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics). She has been highly involved in the Australian National University community and speaks both French and Russian. Amy was an active member of Robogals Canberra for five years, during which time she served as President. In this role, she led teams of volunteers delivering STEM workshops to students across Canberra and rural New South Wales, personally reaching over 5,000 students and encouraging the next generation of STEM leaders. Amy also founded and led Canberra

CIPHER, Canberra's first competitive robotics team for FRC, where ANU students mentored young women from local high schools to compete in an international robotics competition. In recognition of her advocacy for women in STEM, Amy was awarded the 2025 Natasha Linard Scholarship. Moreover, she has published a research paper on the use of artificial intelligence in high school particle physics education, with a further paper currently under review. Amy is looking forward to starting her full-time career as a software engineer in February.

## 2pm, Friday 30 January

### Guest Speaker

#### Michelle Melbourne

Michelle Melbourne is one of Australia's most accomplished technology entrepreneurs having built an iconic and enduring global company from her headquarters in Canberra.

She studied psychology, statistics and computer science at the ANU back in the late 1980s. Not a common combination of units back then, but so very relevant in today's context.

She specifically chose computer science electives as a component of her Science degree because her dad said to her: 'it might come in handy one day honey'!

Michelle 'accidentally' fell into the software world straight after graduation in 1990. It is interesting to note that this time was still two years before the very first release of 'Microsoft Windows'.

After working on major technology transformation projects around the world, she came home to Canberra where she applied all her knowledge of that unique experience to co-found 'Intelledox', an enterprise software product. This smart software has grown to become the go-to process automation

solution used by hundreds of top companies, governments and citizens around the world every day.

In recent years her company was acquired by the leading global player in the intelligent process automation field.

Michelle now devotes her time to coaching and investing in technical Founders who are scaling up their own businesses, including many from right here at the ANU.

Michelle is also a governance leader and board director where her deep expertise between people and technology is regularly called upon. She now has over three decades of experience driving digital transformation and data governance across public and private sectors around the world.

An esteemed Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Michelle has served on prominent boards and advisory committees, including with the Royal Australian Mint and Chair of the Canberra Business Council. She has been a Governor of the ANU Foundation Board; and is a new Member of the ANU's Audit, Finance and Risk Committee.

Michelle was also a recipient of the ANU Alumni of the Year Award for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in 2015.

Outside of work, Michelle enjoys playing field hockey, snow skiing, adventure scuba diving ... and she is currently learning to fly!

#### **Student Speaker**

#### **Jiawei Ye**

Jiawei is graduating today with a Master of Computing from The Australian National University. She is an international student whose academic journey has taken her from Singapore to Sydney and now Canberra. During her time at ANU,

Jiawei was actively involved in student representation, serving as a student representative with ANUSA and on the Academic Quality Assurance Committee (AQAC), where she helped organise college events, listened to student feedback and represented postgraduate perspectives in discussions with academic staff and the college leadership team. She was also a core founder of Google Developer Groups (GDG) on campus at ANU, a student-led tech community supported by Google. In addition, Jiawei has contributed over 100 hours of volunteer service across technology and community events, reflecting her strong commitment to collaboration and community involvement.

#### **5.30pm, Friday 30 January**

#### **Guest Speaker**

#### **Dr Francesca MacLean**

Dr Francesca Maclean leads social procurement for Melbourne's iconic Yarra Trams, creating supply chain opportunities for Aboriginal businesses and social enterprises. Responsible for the conversion of over \$20m to Aboriginal businesses and social enterprises in construction and transport, Francesca is recognised as an industry leader in social procurement, named Social Trader's Game Changer of the Year. Of note, she is the architect of the innovative Shared Value Partnership between Yarra Trams and social enterprise SisterWorks, which enables migrant, refugee and asylum seeker women to supply safety critical parts and creates sustainable employment. This partnership was profiled by SBS World News, and awarded Social Traders' Social Impact Partnership of the Year.

During her PhD, Francesca co-Founded Fifty50, the student-led organisation to promote gender equity in STEM

which is still in operation, for which she was named ACT Young Woman of the Year and the Post-Graduate Student of the Year in the 2018 ANU Alumni Awards. She is a sought after speaker and adviser on gender equity, engaged by organisations including Cochlear, Australian Embassy in Jakarta, and Department of Defence. Francesca excels in her field by leveraging her skills managing complexity, people and the interfaces of many disciplines; skills first honed during her time at ANU.

#### **Student Speaker**

#### **Ary Wibowo**

Dr Ary Anggara Wibowo was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in July 2025

and is attending his graduation today. During his PhD candidature, Ary published four papers as first author and co-authored more than eighteen peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals through collaborations within ANU, across Australia, and internationally. In 2022, he served as a Session Chair for the Nanotechnology and Nanoscience session at the 3rd International Conference on Materials Science and Engineering (Materials Oceania 2022). He also contributed to teaching Photovoltaic Technologies in 2022 and 2023, tutoring Engineering Honours and Master's students. In addition, Ary was highly active in representing the College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics (now the College of Systems and Society) as a Student Consultative Committee member from January 2022 to December 2024, advocating for and addressing HDR-related matters and contributing to the development of sound HDR-related university policy. He further contributed to luminescence laboratory management and student mentoring within the Photovoltaics group. He is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Australian National University, where

his research focuses on developing novel wide-bandgap materials for solar cells and where he has secured a total of A\$150,000 in competitive funding from the Australian Centre for Advanced Photovoltaics through the ACAP2 Collaboration Fund 2025.

## **Monday 2 February**

**10am, Monday 2 February**

#### **Guest Speaker**

#### **David (Dave) Johnston**

Dave Johnston is a highly respected Indigenous archaeologist and one of the first Aboriginal Australians to graduate with honours in archaeology from The Australian National University in 1989. He later completed a Master's degree in London and has since built a distinguished career dedicated to the protection and recognition of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage.

Over more than three decades, Dave has led and contributed to over 2,000 Indigenous archaeological projects across Australia. He has played a pivotal role in shaping ethical practice in archaeology, including driving the adoption of Codes of Ethics for both the World Archaeological Congress and the Australian Archaeological Association, and serving as the founding Chair of the Indigenous Archaeologists Association.

Dave has advised government at the highest levels, including membership of the Australian Government's Indigenous Advisory Committee from 2006 to 2014, and continues to contribute through roles with the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee and the Canberra Museum and Gallery. In 2014, he received the Sharon Sullivan National Heritage Award for his outstanding contribution to Australia's Indigenous heritage environment.

## **Student Speaker**

### **Minh-Chau Doan Ho**

Minh-Chau Ho is graduating today with a Bachelor of Classical Studies (Honours) from the Australian National University. As a first-generation migrant, Minh-Chau has been actively involved in campus and community life throughout her time at ANU, with a strong focus on cultural engagement, leadership, and student support. She served as President and Vice-President of the ANU Vietnamese Students' Association, leading community initiatives that were recognised with two ANUSA Best Cultural and Language Club awards. Minh-Chau has also been actively involved in student mentoring and volunteering within and beyond the University, including supporting students through the SET4ANU programme and engaging in community volunteering with Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services. More recently, she returned from the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme, where she worked as an Assistant Language Teacher in a local Japanese high school, supporting cultural exchange through education. Minh-Chau remains passionate about community-building, inclusion, and the shared journeys that shape the student experience.

**2pm, Monday 2 February**

## **Guest Speaker**

### **Jessica Rogers**

Associate Professor Jessa Rogers CF GAICD MAIATSIS is a Wiradjuri researcher, educator and board director, and Associate Dean (Indigenous) in the Faculty of Education at the University of Melbourne. She holds a continuing appointment as Associate Professor and is an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow. With over fifteen years' experience across school and tertiary education, her research focuses on

Indigenous research methods and methodologies, and Indigenous peoples' experiences of education.

Jessa was the founding principal of Australia's first boarding school for Indigenous young mothers and babies in Far North Queensland. She is a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University, a Churchill Fellow, and a recipient of a National NAIDOC Award for her contributions to Indigenous girls' education. Her work foregrounds Indigenous student voice, particularly Indigenous boarding school experiences across Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, Hawai'i and the mainland United States. Jessa is an experienced board director and graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, with current and past ministerial board appointments across education, health and digital inclusion.

## **Student Speaker**

### **Medha Majumdar**

Medha Majumdar has been a member of the ANU community for over 10 years, having graduated with a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (First Class Honours) in 2016. Today, Medha is graduating from a Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Politics and International Relations. Her doctoral research considered the causes of democratic backsliding in South Asia, with a focus on citizen's attitudes democracy. Medha's passion for South Asia studies took her to India as a researcher and adviser, having been awarded the ANU's Bhati Family Grant and National Parliamentary Fellowship. During her time at ANU, Medha volunteered with community organisations to further education accessibility and was a Senior Resident at Toad Hall. She is a recipient of the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship, the Fox International Fellowship to Yale University, and the Julia Gillard Next Generation Award.

# Tuesday 3 February

**10am, Tuesday 3 February**

## Guest Speaker

### Ruth Wallace

Professor Ruth Wallace is the interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor of First Nations Leadership at Charles Darwin University.

Ruth is a leader in Indigenous education with specialised expertise in education policy and systems in regional and remote areas. She has a special interest in understanding the role of Aboriginal knowledge in education and how particular strengths can be used to improve student success.

Her research has spanned workforce development and learning pathways in urban and remote areas of the Northern Territory.

Ruth's career has enabled her to focus on building and maintaining high-profile national and international partnerships with institutions and the government. Through these connections, Ruth is passionate about advocating for marginalised learners, developing effective learning and workforce development pathways, particularly through remote-based enterprises.

## Student Speaker

### Emalisa Edwards

Emalisa Edwards is graduating today with a Bachelor of International Relations and a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics. As an international student, her time at the ANU has been nothing short of an amazing adventure. Emalisa has been actively involved in the ANU's BIPOC department, serving as treasurer in 2023 and as social director in 2024, and playing an instrumental role in building the BIPOC community on campus. Over the last two years, she has been a team

member for the Brian Kenyon Student Space at the ANU Student Association, providing a safe space for students to access everyday necessities and assistance.

**2pm, Tuesday 3 February**

## Guest Speaker

### Ann Curthoys

Ann Curthoys is a historian who has worked on many aspects of Australian history, including Indigenous-settler relations, women's history, and Cold War history, as well as on questions of historical theory and historical writing. She grew up in Newcastle and then enrolled in an Arts degree at the University of Sydney. As a student, she was involved in the Freedom Ride of 1965, in which a group of university students travelled by bus to several towns in New South Wales, protesting against racial discrimination against Aboriginal people. After completing her BA with first class honours in History at the University of Sydney in 1967 and a PhD at Macquarie University in 1973, she established the Women's Studies programme at ANU in 1976-7. After 17 years at the NSW Institute of Technology which became the University of Technology, Sydney, she returned to ANU in 1995 where she became the Manning Clark Professor of History until 2008. Her final academic position was as an ARC Professorial Fellow at the University of Sydney, where she retired in 2013.

Since then she has continued to publish books and articles in Australian history. Her books include *Freedom Ride: A Freedomrider Remembers* (2002); (with John Docker) *Is History Fiction?* (2005); (with Ann McGrath), *How to write History that People want to Read* (2009); (with Jessie Mitchell) *Taking Liberty: Indigenous Rights and Settler Self-government in Colonial Australia* (2018);

and most recently *The Last Tour: Paul and Eslanda Robeson's Tour of Australia and New Zealand* (2025).

For her contribution to historical scholarship and research, she has received many honours and awards, including membership of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia and the Australian Academy of the Humanities; a History Citation awarded by the History Council of New South Wales in recognition of her “outstanding contributions as an historian to teaching, scholarship and the community”, and in 2021 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her contribution to social history and research.

#### **Student Speaker**

#### **Bridie Miller**

Bridie is a PPE graduate who moved to Canberra from outback QLD to pursue her studies. Bridie spent two years at Burgmann College, after being awarded the Charles Price Scholarship in 2023. Bridie has contributed to the University through the Set4Anu mentorship program, and in 2024 won the EY Tax Consulting regional finals on behalf of the ACT and SA. She enjoys travel, being outdoors, fostering cats and phone calls to her mum.

## **Wednesday 4 February**

**10am, Wednesday 4 February**

#### **Guest Speaker**

#### **Tsogtbaatar Damdin**

Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin is an Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and currently a member of the Mongolian State Great Khural (Parliament). He earned Master's degree in Political Science (with. Hon) from the

Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO) and Master's degree in International Law (with Dist.) from the School of Law, Australian National University.

Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin is a diplomat and a politician. Furthermore, he has served as Mongolia's Minister for the Nature, Environment and Tourism (2012), Minister for Construction and Urban Development (2014-2015) and Minister for Foreign Affairs (2017-2020). He also served as a foreign policy advisor to two Presidents of Mongolia. He was the Chairman of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on Human Rights between 2016-2017, and was elected twice to the National Parliament (2016 and 2020).

During his tenure as the Minister for the Nature, Environment and Tourism, he was instrumental in passing the new package of laws by the Parliament, which brought drastic changes to the legal framework on the environment. Also, during his tenure, the Ministry of the Nature, Environment and Tourism's status moved up from a line ministry to a main stream policy ministry. As the Minister of Construction and Urban Development, he focused on making the philosophy of the sector “human centric” and successfully implemented initiatives, such as “Rental Housing Program” for the first time in Mongolia and decreasing the down payment on mortgages to 10 percent and extending the term to 30 years.

Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin started his diplomatic career as an attaché in the Asian Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994, served as State Secretary of the Ministry (2008-2011) and later on as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (2017-2020). During his time at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he initiated a number of sweeping reforms both in the mindset and practice of the Mongolian

diplomacy. His initiative to establish an International Think Tank for Land Locked Developing Countries, to be the first-ever international inter-governmental organization based in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He also initiated “Peacebook Forum” in collaboration with the Facebook Inc., to strengthen peace and mutual understanding among the youth around the world using social media. Also, his policy on introducing number-crunching culture into the foreign policy development practice, making it economic-growth oriented added pragmatism into the diplomacy of Mongolia.

#### **Student Speaker**

#### **Archie Horneman-Wren**

Archie came to ANU from Ipswich, Queensland, on the ANU All-Rounder Scholarship. After falling in love with the college experience, Archie was elected President of Ursula Hall and served as ACT Representative on the National Association of Australian University Colleges. He participated in Inward Bound, Big Night Out, the ANU Law Review and the Edinburgh Fringe, as well as many other attention-seeking endeavours. Through ANU Law, Archie represented the University at the Australian Law Students' Association's National Conference, won the Sir Francis Forbes Society Legal History Essay Prize, and was selected to participate in ANU's on-Country Law elective in Mparntwe, Alice Springs. He is also an active member of the ANU Law School Law Reform and Social Justice Initiative and a long-standing Student Representative on the ANU Appeals Panel. Today, Archie graduates with a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History and minoring in Australian Indigenous Studies.

**2pm, Wednesday 4 February**

#### **Guest Speaker**

#### **Margaret Jolly**

Margaret Jolly, AM FASSA is a Professor Emerita in the School of Culture, History and Language in the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University and a founding mother of the ANU Gender Institute. She has taught at ANU, Macquarie University, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the University of California at Santa Cruz and supervised over 60 PhD students and many Postdoctoral Fellows.

She was an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow (2010–2016) and has written extensively on gender in the Pacific, gender equality and gender violence, intersectional and decolonial feminisms and gender and climate change.

She held a Poste Rouge (Visiting Professor) at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in France in 2009. She was conferred as a Member of the Order of Australia for contributions to Gender and Pacific Studies and received the Peter Baume Award, the ANU's most prestigious award, both in 2020.

#### **Student Speaker**

#### **Safreen Arakkath Salahudheen**

Safreen Arakkath Salahudheen is graduating with a Master of International Relations from The Australian National University. Alongside her academic work, Safreen demonstrated strong leadership and service on campus as a Student Lead for the ANU+ Award Program, supporting volunteer coordination and capacity-building initiatives for ANU

students. She also served as Art Sub-Editor at Woroni, ANU's student media house, contributing original artwork to multiple print publications, and represented her cohort as the Student Representative for the Master of International Relations program.

ecological approaches to prioritising conservation action across large landscapes. In recognition of his work and leadership, Dr Sopniewski was recently named among Canberra's 30 Under 30 by The Canberra Times.

## Thursday 5 February

### 10am, Thursday 5 February

#### Guest Speaker

#### Dr Jarrod Sopniewski

Dr Jarrod Sopniewski is a conservation biologist and Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Canberra, based in the Centre for Conservation Ecology and Genomics. His research focuses on biodiversity conservation, with a particular passion for amphibians and the complex challenges they face from disease and environmental change.

Dr Sopniewski is currently leading a major conservation project aimed at reintroducing the green and golden bell frog to the ACT, where the species has been locally extinct since the 1980s. The project trials innovative habitat interventions to reduce the impact of the amphibian chytrid fungus, a globally invasive pathogen responsible for widespread amphibian declines. Across wetlands in Canberra, his team is installing purpose-built habitat features, including frog saunas and salt-bath satellite ponds, designed to support the species' long-term recovery.

He completed his Honours research at The Australian National University, where he was awarded the RSB Director's Prize for Honours, examining the effects of climate change on Australian frogs and amphibian disease. He later earned his PhD from the University of Western Australia, developing novel genomic and

#### Student Speaker

#### Qianhui Chen

Qianhui Chen is graduating today with a Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy from the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics at ANU. She is an international student who moved from China to Canberra following the reopening of Australia's borders after the COVID-19 pandemic. Qianhui's research focuses on the evolution of spiral galaxies, which she describes as "reading the wrinkles on a galaxy's face." She has also contributed extensively to teaching and outreach, facilitating physics workshops for over 500 undergraduate students and participating in more than 50 public outreach activities. Outside of research, Qianhui enjoys climbing, playing board games with friends, and spending time caring for her rabbits.

### 2pm, Thursday 5 February

#### Guest Speaker

#### Julia Gillett

Julia Gillett is a proud alumna of the Australian National University and a Clinical Psychologist based in Canberra. She completed her Bachelor's, Honours, and Master's degrees in Psychology at ANU. Since her time at ANU, Julia demonstrated enduring commitment to service, volunteering with organisations such as Lifeline, Marymead and Headspace. Her contributions have been recognised through nominations for Young Australian of the Year, Young Canberra Citizen of the Year, and ACT Volunteer of the Year.

Julia remains closely connected to ANU, balancing teaching roles with her private practice, where she works with adolescents and young adults. Through her clinical, educational, and community work, she brings a deep understanding of the challenges young people face, alongside an unwavering focus on this age group. Julia's journey reflects a sustained and heartfelt commitment to the wellbeing of individuals in her hometown of Canberra.

### **Student Speaker**

#### **Mia Cohen**

Mia Cohen is graduating today with a double degree from a Bachelor of Science (Major: Human Biology, Specialization: Neuroscience and Physiology) and Bachelor of Science (Psychology). She grew up in Sydney before moving to Canberra to continue her athletic and academic careers. Mia has furthered her studies in Neuroscience by conducting research and contributing to policy measures for the care of individuals with traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), with this subsequently implemented in hospital settings across NSW and the ACT. In 2024 Mia was invited to compete in Athletics at the University of Oregon (UO) where she ran track whilst completing studies and working in the cardiology department alongside Professor Aaron Harding before moving back to graduate in 2025. In her spare time, Mia also enjoys spending time outside and staying active with peers.

**5.30pm, Thursday 5 February**

### **Student Speaker**

#### **Ilham Dwi Hatmawan**

Ilham Dwi Hatmawan is graduating today with a Master of Public Policy with a specialisation in Contemporary Regulation. Trained as a criminologist,

Ilham came to ANU driven by a commitment to social justice and evidence-informed policymaking. During his time at ANU, he participated in the 2024 Summer School at the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in China and presented his policing research at the 7th International Public Policy Conference in Thailand. Ilham has also contributed to the academic community as a sessional academic, tutoring a criminological course for nearly 100 students at the ANU Centre for Social Policy Research. Ilham has also been actively involved in student leadership, serving as a Senior Resident at Wamburun Hall (2025) and Yukeembruk Village (2024), and as a student member of the ANU Student Safety and Wellbeing Committee (2024-2025). Beyond campus, Ilham founded a research-informed advocacy initiative supporting children deprived of liberty in Indonesia, grounded in his commitment to child protection. Through his academic training at ANU and internship at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), his research interests have since broadened to include policing, responsible artificial intelligence, and institutional governance, which will be the focus of his upcoming doctoral studies. He is now an entrepreneur and adjunct faculty member at the Department of Criminology, Universitas Indonesia.

## **Friday 6 February**

**10am, Friday 6 February**

### **Guest Speaker**

#### **Melinda Walker**

Melinda has 35 years' experience with the ANU Landscape and Conservation team, she has vast knowledge of the ANU campus environment.

Melinda commenced work as an apprentice gardener in 1990 and after obtaining a trade certificate in horticulture, undertook further studies with a certificate in arboriculture followed by a diploma in arboriculture. Starting as an apprentice gardener in a male dominated industry, Melinda slowly worked her way up through the ranks from Gardener, Gardening supervisor, Tree surgery supervisor, Horticultural technical officer, Assistant Grounds Manager and finally Manager Trees and Conservation.

With qualifications in amenity horticulture and arboriculture Melinda has played a key role in the sustainable development, maintenance and conservation of the trees and landscape at the ANU Acton Campus.

For over 20 years Melinda has been responsible for the management of the University's tree population. (Over 10,000 trees including over 500 considered to be of exceptional significance). Melinda's urban tree management strategy has been a holistic approach to planning, risk management and conservation. This has included careful and considered species selection with a forward view to amenity value, risk management, biodiversity and adaptability to climate change.

Melinda has been involved in a large number of development projects providing advice and recommendations to protect and minimise impacts on trees as well as input into the selection of species in the new landscapes.

Melinda is highly respected in her field and widely recognised as a leader in best practice and innovation in urban tree management within the ACT. Conservation strategies (often informed by expertise within the ANU academic community) include the retention of habitat trees, carving/installing hollows, understorey habitat enhancement and soil health initiatives.

Over the years Melinda has shared her knowledge and expertise. She has collaborated extensively with the Fenner School of Environment & Society and Research School of Biology. She has encouraged and supported the ANU grounds to be used as a living laboratory for valuable undergraduate teaching and student research projects. Melinda has appeared as a guest in several courses and her encouragement and cooperation has enabled the successful completion of many Honours and PhD projects on topics as diverse as the behaviour of birds, the ecology of native bees, conflict between people and possums and Urban Tree Management.

Melinda's contribution to the University is one that will endure and be enjoyed and appreciated by many generations of future ANU Students, staff and visitors.

### **Student Speaker**

### **Shridhar Manjunath**

Shridhar Manjunath is graduating today with a Doctor of Philosophy specialising in Nanophotonics. A first-generation graduate, Shridhar moved to Australia to pursue his academic career. His doctoral research focused on the development of nanophotonic sensors for biological and gas sensing applications, with a particular emphasis on disease diagnostics. Beyond his research, Shridhar co-organised two international student conferences and held multiple leadership roles within optics and photonics student chapters. He also served as the HDR student representative for the Research School of Physics for four years. In his spare time, Shridhar organised several outreach activities educating school students about photonics.

# Prizes

## Student awards

### University Medal/ Postgraduate Medal for Academic Excellence

The University Medal and the Postgraduate Medal for Academic Excellence recognise demonstrated exceptional academic excellence. For all students awarded a University Medal and Postgraduate Medal for Academic Excellence today, please visit the following page to view their details:



### J.G. Crawford Prize

The J.G. Crawford Prizes were established in 1973 to recognise Sir John Crawford's outstanding contribution to the University. Sir John held the posts of Director of the Research School of Pacific Studies for seven years (1960-1967), Vice-Chancellor for five years (1968-1973) and Chancellor from 1976 to 1984.

The Crawford Prizes are awarded to those graduate students most deserving of recognition for the quality of their graduate work. The main criterion for selection is academic excellence, and contributions to the life of the University may also be taken into account. Two prizes are available for award to doctoral students who have submitted theses during the preceding calendar year,

normally one for the natural sciences and one for social sciences and humanities. One prize is also available for excellence in the Master degree where the program of study has been composed of or included research and preparation of a thesis. The prize takes the form of a medal and, where possible, the Crawford Prizes are presented at the University's Graduation Ceremonies.

Awardees for 2025 can be found [here](#):



### Tillyard Prize

The Tillyard Prize is the oldest and most prestigious prize available to bachelor degree students of the University. Originally established in 1940, the Prize is awarded to the student whose personal qualities and contribution to University life have been outstanding and who in the year of the award has completed a Degree of Bachelor with Honours. The Prize commemorates Dr Robin and Mrs Patricia Tillyard, who were important contributors to the formation and early life of the University as well as to the wider Canberra community.

Awardee for 2025 can be found [here](#):



### **Love Prize**

The Love Prize recognises students who have an outstanding academic record and have demonstrated influence and leadership through contributions which have positively impacted the Canberra, regional, national or international communities

Awardee for 2025 can be found here:



## **Honorary Conferrals**

Honorary degrees may be awarded for outstanding achievement as a scholar in any field of scholarship, letters or the arts; or outstanding contributions in the service of society; or outstanding service to the University.

### **10am, Friday 30 January**

- Ms Kim Jackson

### **2pm, Friday 30 January**

- Ms Michelle Melbourne

### **10am, Tuesday 3 February**

- Professor Ruth Wallace

### **2pm, Tuesday 3 February**

- Professor Emerita Ann Curthoys

### **10am, Wednesday 4 February**

- Mr Tsogtbaatar Damdin

### **2pm, Wednesday 4 February**

- Professor Emerita Margaret Jolly

### **10am, Friday 6 February**

- Ms Melinda Walker

# Musical items

## Organ

Dr Calvin Bowman

LMusA, BMus(Hons) MMus Melb, MMA  
DMA Yale University Organist

Calvin Bowman was the first Australian to graduate with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Yale University, with the assistance of a Fulbright scholarship.

In 2001, he was granted the privilege of re-opening the Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ, following its multi-million-dollar restoration, by presenting the world première performance of 'Voices' by Philip Glass in the composer's presence.

An especial love of the music of J.S. Bach has led to multiple performances of the complete organ works including a performance in one sitting for the Melbourne International Festival in 2009.

As keyboardist he has also premiered works by Peter Sculthorpe, Ross Edwards, Richard Mills, Graeme Koehne, Andrew Schultz and others, and appeared as soloist with many of the major Australian orchestras.

Dr. Bowman's song 'Now Touch the Air Softly', recorded by Emma Matthews with the Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra for Deutsche Grammophon/ABC Classics, has become one of the most popular Australian artsongs. The author of the text, William Jay Smith, described the setting as 'magnificent and flawless'.

Dr. Bowman's has composed two operas: 'Lost to the Music', to a libretto by John Marsden, was written for the National Boys' Choir; whilst 'The Magic Pudding - The Opera' was commissioned and premièred by Victorian Opera in 2013.

Dr. Bowman's major awards include an Australia Council Fellowship. He has been commissioned by many individuals and ensembles such as the Flinders Quartet, Tinalley String Quartet, Greta Bradman, Steve Davislim, Stefanie Farrands, and the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra. Recent performances of his songs have taken place at the Musikverein and the Elbphilharmonie, and the Salzer Foundation has commissioned two major works for performance in 2027.

His début discs of artsong entitled 'Real and Right and True' were released by Decca/UMA in 2018.

Dr. Bowman was appointed University Organist in 2011.



## Wednesday 28 January

### 10am, Tuesday 4 February

#### National Anthem

Rylee De Salis

#### Musical Interlude

Leo Forner

*Waltz Op. 64 no. 2*

Frederic Chopin

### 2pm, Tuesday 4 February

#### National Anthem

Rylee De Salis

#### Musical Interlude

Leo Forner

*Romance From 'the Gadfly'*

Dimitri Shostakovich

## Thursday 29 January

### 10am, Thursday 29 January

#### National Anthem

Rylee De Salis

#### Musical Interlude

Leo Forner

*Waltz Op. 64 no. 2 in C sharp minor*

Frederic Chopin

### 2pm, Thursday 29 January

#### National Anthem

Oscar Boswell

#### Musical Interlude

Leo Forner

*Romance From 'the Gadfly'*

Dimitri Shostakovich

## Friday 30 January

### 10am, Friday 30 January

#### National Anthem

Oscar Boswell

#### Musical Interlude

Matilda Roszkowski

*Ballade no. 3 op. 10 in B minor*

Johannes Brahms

### 2pm, Friday 30 January

#### National Anthem

Oscar Boswell

#### Musical Interlude

Matilda Roszkowski

*Ballade no. 3 op. 10 in B minor*

Johannes Brahms

### 5.30pm, Friday 30 January

#### National Anthem

Oscar Boswell

#### Musical Interlude

Matilda Roszkowski

*Ballade no. 3 op. 10 in B minor*

Johannes Brahms

## Monday 2 February

### 10am, Monday 2 February

#### National Anthem

Rylee De Salis

#### Musical Interlude

Tyler Nguyen

*Cat Waltz*

Hayato Sumino

### 2pm, Monday 2 February

#### National Anthem

Rylee De Salis

#### Musical Interlude

Tyler Nguyen

*The Bambooula*

Samuel Coleridge Taylor

## Tuesday 3 February

### 10am, Tuesaday 3 February

#### National Anthem

Rylee De Salis

#### Musical Interlude

Tyler Nguyen

*Liebestraum No. 3*

Liszt

### 2pm, Tuesaday 3 February

#### National Anthem

Bianca Tzioumis

#### Musical Interlude

Tyler Nguyen

*Cat Waltz*

Hayato Sumino

## Wednesday 4 February

### 10am, Wednesday 4 February

#### National Anthem

Emma English

#### Musical Interlude

Tyler Nguyen

*Cat Waltz*

Hayato Sumino

### 2pm, Wednesday 4 February

#### National Anthem

Emma English

#### Musical Interlude

Tyler Nguyen

*Liebestraum No. 3*

Liszt

## Thursday 5 February

### 10am, Thursday 5 February

#### National Anthem

Emma English

#### Musical Interlude

Leo Forner

*Waltz op. 64 no. 2 in C sharp minor*

Frederic Chopin

### 2pm, Thursday 5 February

#### National Anthem

Emma English

#### Musical Interlude

Leo Forner

*Waltz op. 64 no. 2 in C sharp minor*

Frederic Chopin

### 5.30pm, Thursday 5 February

#### National Anthem

Bianca Tzioumis

#### Musical Interlude

Ollie Wong

*Hommage à J.S. Bach*

Béla Kovács

## Friday 6 February

### 10am, Friday 6 February

#### National Anthem

Emma English

#### Musical Interlude

Leo Forner

*Waltz op. 64 no. 1 'minute Waltz'*

Frederic Chopin

10am, Wednesday 4 February

## College of Law – Pledge

I RECOGNISE my privilege in having received legal education and training and the responsibilities that come with it;

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to always respect and uphold the rule of law;

I WILL BEAR IN MIND the values of social justice and human rights throughout my career;

I WILL USE THE LAW as an instrument of justice, and will be guided by what is ethical, not just by what is permissible;

I WILL RESPECT AND UPHOLD the integrity of the legal profession without compromise;

I WILL GIVE to my colleagues, both senior and junior, the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL MAINTAIN the reputation and integrity of the ANU College of Law and its alumni;

I WILL VALUE health and well-being, appreciating their importance for high quality work;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease, disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to impact upon my keeping of these promises;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely and upon my honour.



## Medical School –The Physician’s Pledge

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTISE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honour and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, wellbeing, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honour.

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