Welcome to the ANU College of Business and Economics alumni update.

It has been an exciting year for the ANU College of Business and Economics (CBE) and its alumni community. In our final quarterly update for 2019, I would like to share some highlights from our alumni events, research and educational accomplishments, and CBE Employability Programs, as well as what we have planned for 2020.

Alumni events

Throughout the year, we have hosted 12 alumni events domestically and internationally with over 900 attendees. Our alumni regularly shared their industry insights as keynote speakers and panellists at these events.

Most recently, the CBE Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Dinner saw seven eminent alumni receive the College’s Alumni Hall of Fame Award. These awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of the College’s alumni who have made significant societal impacts, and for the first time introduced the category ‘Young Alumni Award’ for outstanding alumni 35 years of age or younger. Congratulations to this year’s recipients.

Research and academic accomplishments

2019 has seen many achievements on the academic front, with several of our faculty receiving prestigious awards, grants and recognition.

Earlier in the year, four of our academics were awarded the Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Education. Dr Jananie William and Dr Marina Iskhakova received the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Ms Katerina Kormusheva was recognised for her outstanding contributions to student learning, and Mr Augustus Panton was the recipient of the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Tutoring.

Recently I announced that two CBE-led proposals have secured funding through the ARC’s Discovery Projects 2020 Scheme (DP20), with a third funded by the Russell Sage Foundation. Congratulations to Professor Prashant Bordia, lead Chief Investigator (CI) on a DP20 proposal, Professor Markus Brueckner, also lead CI on a DP20 proposal, and Dr Eva Vivalt, sole CI on a Russell Sage Foundation proposal.

I would also like to acknowledge the achievements of Dr Francis Hui, recipient of an ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA 2020), Professor John Stachurski, for receiving the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant, and Emeritus Professor Alison Booth, who was elected Fellow of the Econometrics Society. As well, I am pleased to share that Professor Shirley Gregor AO has been appointed as an Emeritus Professor of the University in recognition of her impressive career and academic achievements.

Employability Programs
Our wide range of CBE Employability Programs have continued to enable students and recent graduates to build the professional skills that employers are seeking. More than 300 CBE students completed these various programs in 2019, which are made possible through the quality of the support and opportunities provided by our alumni and industry partners.

I encourage you to read about Ridhima Anand’s experience interning at the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation and the benefits she attained from it.

**Looking ahead to 2020**

Colin Allen has recently joined us from the US as CBE’s Head of Advancement and will work closely with Associate Professor Vinh Lu, CBE’s Associate Dean for Advancement and Engagement, and myself in this space.

We are committed to increasing our domestic event activity and look forward to hosting more events overseas in 2020. We aim to provide more opportunities for our alumni community to meet, network, and reminisce about their time at ANU.

I would like to thank the CBE alumni who have been involved with and contributed to the success of our events and programs. I hope we continue to foster this engagement in the New Year.

For more stories and information related to alumni engagement, research and student experiences at the College, I encourage you to stay connected with us through our LinkedIn page.

Wishing you and your families a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Professor Steven Roberts
Dean, ANU College of Business and Economics

**ALUMNI STORIES**

- **CBE Alumni Hall of Fame 2019**
  The CBE Alumni Hall of Fame recognises the achievements of the College’s alumni who have made significant societal impacts.
  Find out more »

- **Crime, collusion and cryptocurrency**
  An ANU panel of cryptocurrency specialists share their industry and legal insights.
  Find out more »

- **Visions of a New Indonesia**
  At an event in Jakarta, a panel of alumni discussed their visions of Indonesia.
  Find out more »

- **Reaching Multiple Verticals**
  Alastair J M Walton discusses his responsibilities as Consul-General of Australia in New York.
  Find out more »

**RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**
Welfare hidden in unclaimed properties
Dr Eva Vivalt has received a grant from the Russell Sage Foundation to shed light on unclaimed property.
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Job ads and gender in developing countries
When firms are allowed to be specific, they prefer to hire younger women and older men, research finds.
Find out more »

Creating tools to fine-tune learning
Prof. John Stachurski has received the prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant to fund the development of tools for creating next-generation scientific textbooks and lecture series.
Find out more »

Corporate aspirations and irresponsibility
The aim of the project is to improve public sector organisations' understanding of the information that they hold.
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