

# DAFYDD LEWIS TRUST 2019 UPDATE



#### **2019 NEW SCHOLARS**

10 young men from a variety of regional and metro based Victorian secondary schools were awarded a Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarship in January and were welcomed to the Lewis network at the annual welcome event in February.

As with previous years, the 2019 scholars cover a wide range of courses including:

- Commerce/Economics
- Computer Science
- Dentistry
- Engineering

- Exercise Science/Physiology
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Science

In 2019, 53 young men in total are being actively supported with a Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarship for studies at a variety of Victorian universities.

#### **2019 DLT SCHOLARS**



10 New Scholars



53
Scholars across all
Victorian universities



**1100+** Scholars since 1943

#### **CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI - Luke Sell**



I was a DLT scholar from 2012 to 2015 completing a Bachelor of Business (Marketing & Management), and then Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) at Monash University. I was lucky enough to receive First Class Honours and was a recipient of the Sir John Monash Medal award in Bachelor of Business degree for my academic results and contribution to advancing the University's goals of social justice, human rights and sustainability.

I am currently Implementation Project Manager for Avetta (a global SaaS company specialising in supply chain risk management services), responsible for client implementations across the Asia Pacific region.

Significant travel has become a key part of my role; quite a change from the days when the most travel I did was driving to and from Uni!

I continue to stay involved with the Dafydd Lewis and Mary Jane Lewis scholarships as a member of the Alumni Committee. I believe in the power of relationships and networks to give back to those students coming through the scholarships who may struggle in early stages of university and their careers. I'm excited to continue to be involved for many years to come.

The Dafydd Lewis Trust was established in 1943 by a businessman who believed in education and hard work. He created a charitable trust to give future generations of young men the benefit of a university education.

The Dafydd Lewis Trust provides equity and merit-based scholarships of \$10,000 a year for 3 years to young men who might not have otherwise received a University education due to the limited financial resources of their parents. Multiple scholarships are awarded every year for full-time undergraduate degrees in most courses at any university in Victoria.



## MARY JANE LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2019 UPDATE



#### MJL ALUMNI - MELISSA GARWOOD



Twenty-six years after being born at Sunshine Hospital, I returned – this time not as a patient, but as a doctor. My life journey until that time was

fraught will hurdles that I overcame to be the contributing member to society I am today.

I was placed into foster care for over a year as an infant and returned to the custody of my father following this time. My parents' relationship was complex, and my siblings and I suffered because of this. My primary and secondary school years were punctuated by financial hardship whereby my family relied on government payments which was never enough. I was the first person in a household of eight (with two adults and an older brother) to have a job at the age of 15. I made it through secondary college

to be Dux in 2008 with the assistance of scholarships as well as my job earnings.

It has been over ten years since I started my undergraduate degree in Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne. In that time, I have completed a Bachelor of Biomedicine, an Honours research year, a postgraduate degree in the Doctor of Medicine, internship and first year residency. I am currently in my third postgraduate medical year at Western Health and undertaking basic physician training.

For the three years of my bachelor's degree the Mary Jane Lewis (MJL) Scholarship provided me with the emotional and financial support I needed to develop a concrete foundation in tertiary education. It was invaluable to my success in university studies and ultimate achievement of becoming a doctor. For this, I will always be grateful to the MJL Scholarship Foundation.

#### **2019 MJL SCHOLARS**



New scholars



23 Scholars over



55 Scholars since 2005

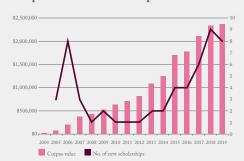
The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation is now endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) under Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997.

#### **MJL FINANCIALS**

Equity Trustees is the Corporate Trustee of the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation and responsible for the prudent investment of the Foundation's assets. It works in collaboration with the Scholarship Trustees to give young women the opportunity to embark upon a University education.

- Raised \$258,800 in donations for 2017/2018 financial year.
- As of mid-May 2019, the Foundation has more than \$2.3M in total assets

#### Corpus value and scholarships awarded



### TRANSPORT FOR VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIPS

Department of Transport has for a third and final year partnered with MJL to provide transport sector scholarships. In 2019, five were awarded.



Department of Transport