



UWA Law School Dean's Circle 2021 Impact Report

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You are helping shape their future

Thank you to the new and continuing members of the Dean's Circle. Your support continues to have a significant impact on our students, providing access to life-changing funds and invaluable academic and personal assistance. In 2021, we welcomed three new members, Professor John Tarrant, Kanaga Dharmananda SC and the Honourable Daryl Williams AM QC to this valuable group.

This report showcases just some of the students and initiatives that have benefited from the generous support of the Dean's Circle. The UWA Law School is immensely grateful for your ongoing contributions and leadership. It will ensure that we can continue to thrive and support and empower our students to become future leaders.



Scholarships

2021 Dean's Circle Juris Doctor Scholarships

2021 saw the creation of three new scholarships funded solely through the Law School Strategic Fund. These scholarships were established to enable high achieving students experiencing financial hardship, or other significant barriers, to commence the JD. The inaugural recipients were:

Dalton Whittle

Mark Donaldson

Keshi Moore

Thank you to the Dean's Circle members who support the Law School Strategic Fund. Because of you, these students, and many more in the future, have access to much needed financial assistance.

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Mark Donaldson spent many hours covering court cases as a journalist, which prompted the career shift.

He is dad to a two-year-old boy Sid (pictured) and a baby girl, Peggy (6 months) who made the life-changing decision to study law after being a senior journalist at Community News and a freelancer for ten years.

“I’m studying full time, so your donation will help a lot while juggling parenting and the university workload.

We have no lawyers in the family, so I’ll be looking to change that. Many thanks again - it made my day when I was told I had been awarded the scholarship.”

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Dalton Whittle has benefitted greatly from receiving the scholarship.

“Even though I have worked and supported myself since I was 15, during my previous undergraduate studies at UWA I struggled with these costs to the detriment of my educational experience and performance, and the Dean's Circle Juris Doctor Scholarship has meant that this has not been an issue for me.”

Dalton is hoping to volunteer at a Community Legal Centre and is interested in areas of law with a social justice focus.

“I am extremely grateful for the support this year and the opportunity the Dean's Circle has granted me to start my studies and future in the best way possible. **The scholarship has helped me meet and exceed my educational and personal goals, given me a great first year and a foundation for my degree and career in the law.**”

Melvin Yeo Jessup Moot Scholarship

Dean's Circle member, Melvin Yeo, has established the Melvin Yeo Jessup Moot Scholarship, to encourage high-achieving students experiencing financial hardship to undertake the Jessup Moot International Competition.

Eimear Reynolds is the 2021 scholarship recipient. "Thank you very much for your generosity in making this scholarship available. It will have a huge impact on my ability to wholeheartedly participate in Jessup this summer."

As a student who competed in the Jessup Moot while at UWA, Melvin understands the financial pressures that are placed on participants. Receiving the scholarship provided Eimear with the funds needed to participate in the competition. "When applying for Jessup, I was hesitant because I knew it was a huge commitment to undertake without financial support. **Receiving this scholarship is a huge relief and I am ever grateful to you for that.**"

Dean's Circle Scholarships in 2021

Thank you to our Dean's Circle donors who fund individual scholarships. Last year, we saw four other scholarships awarded to deserving students.

Melissa Dinnison - Anna and Nicoletta Ciffolilli Scholarship for Women in Law

Olivia Roberts - JD Scholarship for the Promotion of Social Justice

Sona Yawary - The Honourable Serge Ferrier Family Law Bursary

Adam Bond - K. W. Hatfield Q.C. Memorial Scholarship in Law

We are also grateful for the three-year scholarships supported by Dean's Circle members. The ongoing recipients are:

Tyson McEwan - Paul Bendat Memorial Indigenous Scholarship in Law

Megan Menon – McCusker Law Scholarship



Beasley Law Library Renovations

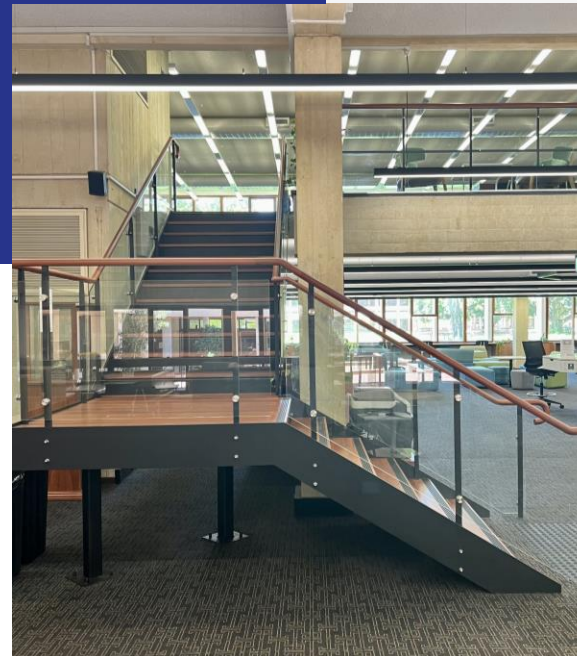


The ground floor and upper mezzanine has been redesigned to enhance student learning and collaboration.

A new staircase from the ground floor has made the upper floor more accessible, and has opened up the space,

exposing more light and enhancing the friendly and expansive atmosphere.

Thanks to the generosity of Dean's Circle members, 2021 saw the completion of the Beasley Law Library refurbishment. The renovations provide modern learning and research spaces to grow our research and enrich the student experience.



Regroup, Reset, Recharge Space

Wellbeing plays a central role in the newly refurbished law library with a dedicated space for students to take “time out” and relax in a technology free room.

This wellbeing room is located on the ground floor of the library and provides students with a dedicated device-free reset, regroup and recharge space.

These important enhancements to the Beasley Law Library would not have been possible without the generous support from the Dean's Circle.



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