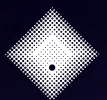


# Victoria University Sport Awards

2024



**VICTORIA  
UNIVERSITY**

# Full Blues

1974	John Butkiewicz	Lacrosse	2008	Liam Adams	Distance running
1980	Larry Sengstock	Basketball	2008	Victor Siciliano	Australian Rules
1983	Tony Dodemaide	Cricket	2008	Marinella Salafia	Australian Rules
1983	Campbell Rose	Sailing	2008	Rohenna Young	Australian Rules
1984	Danny Morseu	Basketball	2008	Susan Dobson	Badminton
1986	Andrew Gaze	Basketball	2008	Luke Farrelly	Baseball
1988	Mike McKay	Rowing	2008	Jonathon Kloester	Basketball
1998	Rachael Dacy	Athletics	2008	Jessica McKenzie	Basketball
1999	Megan Peters	Athletics	2008	Alyce Bertola	Basketball
1999	Sharyn Mullins	Basketball	2008	Sher Wei Ng	Golf
2000	Rebecca Sullivan	Judo	2008	Craig Whitehead	Golf
2000	Jacqueline Wozniak	Judo	2008	Sallyanne Eaton	Golf
2000	Skye Anderson	Netball	2008	James Karagiozis	Handball
2000	Ali Abdo	Wrestling	2008	Jay Abiera	Handball
2001	Benjamin Phibbs	Australian Rules	2008	Dennis Iverson	Judo
2001	Ryan Power	Australian Rules	2008	Amanda Wilson	Netball
2001	Hayley Blackbourn	Basketball	2008	Stephanie Ng	Taekwondo
2001	Jemma Anderson	Basketball	2008	Tarren Otte	Synchronized Swimming
2001	Melissa McCauley	Netball	2008	Daniela Di Toro	Wheelchair Tennis
2001	Tumay Hamza	Taekwondo	2009	Patrick McGrath	Australian Rules
2001	Micah Venturini	Volleyball	2009	James Molony	Australian Rules
2002	Luke Doerner	Hockey	2009	Tess McEvoy	Australian Rules
2002	Scott Smithwick	Australian Rules	2009	Norieul Kinross	Australian Rules
2002	Ana Marinovic	Basketball	2009	Eugenia Tsiakalakis	Australian Rules
2002	Caryn Manley	Basketball	2009	Chantal Mardini	Australian Rules
2002	Elizabeth Williams	Cycling	2009	Panagos Apostolikas	Football
2002	Sarah Harding	Kendo	2009	Joshua D'Alessi	Football
2002	Melissa Diston	Netball	2009	Emma Fonua	Football
2002	Ellen Steele	Swimming	2009	Michael Patrovski	Football
2002	Marie-Lizza Danila	Swimming	2009	Myriad Bartlett	Football
2002	Kevin Anderson	Taekwondo	2009	Katherine Sylvester	Kendo
2003	Mohamad Zeed	Athletics	2009	Olivia Cameron	Netball
2003	Michael Hooper	Australian Rules	2009	Chilhoon Kim	Taekwondo
2003	Katie Rossiter	Netball	2010	Jarrod Gilchrist	Waterpolo
2003	Victoria Graham	Snowboarding	2010	Angelica Gogos	Australian Rules
2004	Jessica Shearing	Basketball	2010	Ashleigh Guest	Australian Rules
2004	Belinda Griffiths	Handball	2010	Stephen O'Bryan	Australian Rules
2004	Lachlan Anderson	Hockey	2010	Sinead Flanagan	Baseball
2004	Charlotte O'Loughlin	Rowing	2010	Rachel McGeown	Basketball
2004	Elizabeth Dwyer	Rowing	2010	Katie Shanahan	Basketball
2004	Rebecca O'Loughlin	Rowing	2010	Elyse Villani	Cricket
2004	Steven Manceschi	Soccer	2010	Ashleigh Bourke	Football
2004	Brett Manzella	Soccer	2010	James Burridge	Netball
2004	Peter Siveski	Soccer	2010	Kate McCalmun	Netball
2005	Constantine Dokolas	Soccer	2010	Leah Dougherty	Sport Aerobics
2005	Leah Percy	Touch	2010	Luke Sims	Squash
2006	Kevin Conlong	Golf	2010	Sanghun Han	Taekwondo
2006	Stacey Keating	Golf	2010	Daehwi Choi	Taekwondo
2006	Alisha Fowler	Golf	2010	Jaeung Choi	Taekwondo
2006	Benjamin Ferrif	Golf	2010	Keunman Park	Taekwondo
2006	Anthony Fulton	Australian Rules	2010	Gene Kapauks	Wrestling
2006	Ashlee Depetro	Netball	2010	Mehrdad Tarash	Wrestling
2006	Casey Price	Netball	2010	Sam Zonca	Volleyball
2006	Mickayla Ward	Netball	2011	Hannah Ibrahim	Australian Rules
2006	Gerard Murphy	Netball	2011	Nicola Stevens	Australian Rules
2006	Stefan Beuke	Soccer	2011	Mark Peduto	Australian Rules
2006	Chad Timmermans	Snowboard	2011	Josh Pound	Australian Rules
2007	Julie Corletto	Netball	2011	Susan Sears	Beach Volleyball
2007	Danielle Stewart	Netball	2011	Ivo Dos Santos	Judo
2007	James Matthews	Netball	2011	Jessica Harrington	Netball
2007	Catherine Atkinson	Netball	2012	Prabhjot Rai	Athletics - Field
2007	Leigh Howlett	Trampoline	2012	Julia Baker	Australian Rules
2007	Erin Carroll	Badminton	2012	John Kyprianou	Australian Rules
2007	Tania Luiz	Badminton	2012	Mitchell Pearce	Australian Rules
2007	Emily Riordan	Hockey	2012	Kane Twentyman	Australian Rules
2008	Liam Adams	Athletics	2012	Ross Smith	Badminton
2008	Liam Adams	Cross Country	2012	Renuga Veeran	Badminton
			2012	Jeremiah Juric	Basketball
			2012	Nicole McMahon	Basketball
			2012	Benjamin Glynn	Beach Volleyball
			2012	Amanda Yew	Cheer

2012	Natalie Commons	Cheer	2016	Jack Murphy	Triathlon
2012	Julie Hunter	Cricket	2016	Dion Finocchiaro	Ultra Marathon
2012	Matthew Gaithe	Handball	2016	Noah Jenney	Lacrosse
2012	Nikola Kupres	Handball	2016	Jack Saunders	Basketball
2012	Sara Collins	Judo	2017	Harry Laidlaw	Alpine Skiing
2012	Hannah Trotter	Judo	2017	Paige Hill	Artistic Rollerskating
2012	Tayissa Coppinger	Netball	2017	Sarah-Rae Slater	Basketball
2012	Seda Demirkiran	Taekwondo	2017	Maeve Coughlan	Judo
2012	Shannon Kincade	Taekwondo	2017	Monique Clark	Netball
2012	Gregory Farrell	Triathlon	2017	Emily Rogers	Synchronised Swimming
2012	Greta Stefula	Volleyball	2017	Bailey Lewis	Taekwondo
2012	Jacinta Carroll	Waterski	2017	Shereden Hesketh	Tenpin Bowling
2013	Alwyn Jones	Athletics	2018	Douglas Crawford	Alpine Skiing
2013	Alex Benbow	Australian Rules	2018	Maria Strong	Athletics
2013	Ben Clifton	Australian Rules	2018	Mitchell Dielemans	Basketball
2013	Alex Bogart-King	Basketball	2018	Kristy Harris	Boxing
2013	Shane Crick	Basketball	2018	Georgia Powning	Distance Running
2013	Casey Wright	Cross Country Skiing	2018	Carlo Manolitsas	Distance Running
2013	Mark Varkopoulos	Football	2018	Harry Mezger	Distance Running
2013	Karina Lingner	Handball	2018	Montana Whiteley	Distance Running
2013	David Webster	Rowing	2018	Craig Payne	Dodgeball
2013	Keisuke Yamada	Rugby	2018	Craig Hagan	Dragon Boat
2013	Miao Miao	Table Tennis	2018	Edward Murphy Brown	Football
2013	Minseung Choi	Taekwondo	2018	Liam Park	Judo
2013	Sascha Bondarenko-Edwards	Triathlon	2018	Madison Wilson	Canoe
2013	Brendan Ashcroft	Ultimate	2018	Jake Noonan	Netball
2013	Trent O'Dea	Volleyball	2018	Luke Marko Rawlings	Netball
2013	Ella Sablijak	Wheelchair Basketball	2018	Sarah Szczykowski	Netball
2013	Josh Hose	Wheelchair Rugby	2018	Charmaine Murphy	Tenpin Bowling
2014	Ellen Pettitt	Athletics	2018	Edward Murphy	Tenpin Bowling
2014	Michael Robertson	Australian Rules	2019	Alana Park	Triathlon
2014	Gronya Somerville	Badminton	2019	Shanie Landen	Athletics
2014	Eren Yondemli	Basketball	2019	Jake Perry	Athletics
2014	Jessica Francke	Basketball	2019	Jackson Macrae	Australian Rules
2014	Ashleigh Gunn	Basketball	2019	Evie Patterson	Basketball
2014	Brea Roadley	Canoe Kayak	2019	Andre Ascui	Cycling
2014	Nathaniel Fox	Football	2019	Chloe Turner	Cycling
2014	Tamara Elshaar	Netball	2019	Harry Mezger	Cycling
2014	Sally Portbury	Netball	2019	Julian Ursini	Cycling
2014	Jackson Harrison	Rowing	2019	Montana Whiteley	Cycling
2014	Lauren Staveley	Snowboarding	2019	Carlo Manolitsas	Cycling
2014	Kotuku Ngawati	Swimming	2019	Georgia Powning	Cycling
2014	David Powell	Table Tennis	2019	Georgia Powning	Track and Field
2014	Jiheon An	Taekwondo	2019	Shannon Barnes	Floorball
2014	Solyi Im	Taekwondo	2019	Vanessa Augustini	Netball
2015	Nikki Spencer	Basketball	2019	Ella Bertacchini	Netball
2015	Liam McInerney	Basketball	2019	Tayla Nolte	Taekwondo
2015	Frank Barilla	Football	2022	Jack Hale	Athletics
2015	Masih Safi	Football	2022	Erik Kafritsas	Basketball
2015	Vani Shamoan	Football	2022	Myra Wood	Basketball
2015	Beau Summers	Football	2022	Eleanor Bollands	Basketball
2015	Madison Tormey	Beach Volleyball	2022	Ebony Sans	Basketball
2015	Alex Welsh	Para - Cycling	2022	Tegan Hindle	Basketball
2015	Todd Hodgetts OAM	Athletics - Shot Put	2022	Sophie Molineux	Cricket
2015	Aoife Coughlan	Judo	2022	Steve Obeid	Cricket
2015	Eoin Coughlan	Judo	2022	Maxi Shanahan	Football
2015	Lauren Scherf	Basketball	2022	Madeleine Wright	Indoor Cricket
2015	Angus Robinson	Mountainbike Orienteering	2022	Noah Nightingale	Judo
2015	Azizulhasni Awang	Track Cycling	2022	Ryley Rametta	Judo
2015	Clare Cherry	Weightlifting	2022	Danny Vojnakovic	Judo
2015	Michael Ridley	Ultimate	2022	Ben De Bortoli	Karate
2016	Kaitlyn Wakartschuk	Basketball	2022	Max Noble	Karate
2016	Jack Saunders	Basketball	2022	Rron Govori	Lacrosse
2016	Nicolas Gonzalez	Football	2022	Michael Davis	Shooting
2016	Brayden Pastore	Netball	2022	Manar Mahfouz	Swimming
2016	Jaeyheok Lee	Taekwondo	2023	Millie Bongiorno	Alpine Snowboard
2016	Lauren Camilleri	Boxing	2023	Liam Cashin	Athletics
2016	Daniel Bailey	Cheerleading	2023	Matias Gonzalez	Football
2016	Casey Morrison	Cheerleading	2023	Ronaldino Salvatore	Football
2016	Sergei Evglevski	Shooting (Pistol)	2023	Leon Sejanovic	Taekwondo
2016	Phong Tran	Taekwondo	2023	Sarah Upton	Taekwondo



# Acknowledgement of country

Victoria University (VU) acknowledges the Elders, families and forebearers of the Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) and Wathaurung (Wadawurrung) who are the custodians of University land and have been for many centuries.

We acknowledge that the land on which we stand is the place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal, and that the Kulin people's living culture had, and has, a unique role in the life of this region. VU supports the aim of Reconciliation Australia to build better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.



Artist: Paola Balla, Moondani Balluk, 2017

# Welcome

On behalf of VU Sport, it is our distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 21st annual Victoria University Sport Awards. Congratulations to all of you for your remarkable contributions to making this year a resounding success.

Victoria University stands as a global leader in sport, offering Australia's most comprehensive tertiary education ecosystem for health, sport, and active living. We are proud of our rich tradition of sporting excellence, where our students and teams consistently exceed expectations—whether representing VU at national university championships or competing on the world stage at events including Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Championships, and World University Games.

In 2024, our inter-university and club programs flourished, delivering outstanding performances that showcased the hallmark VU spirit. Teams and individuals represented VU with distinction across various sports, competing in UniSport Nationals, leagues, and intervarsity tournaments. Meanwhile, our elite student-athletes continued to shine on the global stage, including five VU students and alumni who proudly represented Australia at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

Tonight, we come together to celebrate these exceptional sporting achievements while also acknowledging the invaluable contributions of student team managers, coaches, volunteer committee members, and our dedicated sporting alumni. Your efforts are the foundation of our vibrant sports community, helping to make VU a thriving place to study and work.

This evening is not only a tribute to the accomplishments of our athletes, both past and present, but also a celebration of the unwavering support systems that have shaped their journeys. University sport creates lifelong memories, and we hope this event adds to those cherished moments as we reflect on the successes of 2024 and look forward to an exciting future for sport at Victoria University.

Sport has the unique power to foster enduring connections. For those completing their studies this year, we encourage you to stay involved through future Sport Awards, our thriving sporting networks, and the VU Alumni programs.

Thank you for joining us for what promises to be an inspiring evening of celebration.

**Scott Cashmere**  
Manager - Sport Services

**James Nightingale**  
Director - VU Sport

It was an incredible honor to serve as Overall Team Captains for VU at this year's UniSport Nationals. Not only was this one of our most successful Nationals to date, but it was also a testament to the pride we all take in representing VU. Witnessing the entire team come together with such dedication and spirit truly embodied our "Vulture Culture." From the exceptional achievements of our elite student-athletes to the unwavering support from the entire VU community, this year was about much more than just competition. Congratulations to all award nominees and winners—your remarkable efforts have set a high standard, and we look forward to even greater successes in the year ahead.



**Casidhe Green**  
University Team Captain



**Hamish Inglis**  
University Team Captain



# Representative sport history

Competitive sport involving Australian universities has a long and proud tradition with competitions in Rowing, Rugby, Athletics and Australian Rules dating back to the late 19th century. More recently national and regional College of Advanced Education (CAE) competitions were established in the early 1970's and conducted up to 1992. With the merger of the university and college sectors in the early 1990's the numbers of universities and students involved increased dramatically. In recent times Australian Universities have competed in a range of national championships in over forty team and individual sports at national and regional University Games and championships. Australia is also an active member of FISU, the body governing international university sport, and is represented in World University Games (Universiades) and Championships.

In 2018, Australian University Games transitioned to a divisional, national championship model. The Nationals are comprised of two flagship events, the UniSport Nationals Div 1 and 2, and a number of standalone competitions throughout the year, including Nationals Snow, Indigenous Nationals, T20 cricket, 3x3 basketball, triathlon, and others. UniSport Nationals provide quality and spirited competition attracting increasingly competitive individuals and teams and the opportunity for students to meet people across campuses and colleges of VU and all over Australia. Victoria University has a proud record of performance at University Championships, 2024 has seen another outstanding year of student sporting achievements and we look forward to seeing what success 2025 brings.

## Championships

<b>1997</b>	Australian Rules - Men	AUG Melbourne	<b>2010</b>	Netball - Women (Div 2)	AUG Perth
<b>1997</b>	Diving	AUG Melbourne	<b>2011</b>	Basketball - Men (Div 2)	AUG Gold Coast
<b>1998</b>	Australian Rules - Men	AUG Melbourne	<b>2012</b>	Handball - Mixed (Div 2)	AUG Adelaide
<b>2000</b>	Netball - Women	AUG Ballarat	<b>2012</b>	Judo - Women	AUG Adelaide
<b>2004</b>	Soccer - Men	AUG Perth	<b>2012</b>	Taekwondo - Women	AUG Adelaide
<b>2005</b>	Golf - Women	AUC Perth	<b>2013</b>	Tennis - Men (Div 2)	AUG Gold Coast
<b>2006</b>	Netball - Women	AUG Adelaide	<b>2014</b>	Basketball - Men (Div 2)	AUG Sydney
<b>2008</b>	Netball - Mixed	AUG Melbourne	<b>2018</b>	Basketball - Men	Nationals Div 1 Gold Coast
<b>2008</b>	Golf - Men	AUG Melbourne	<b>2019</b>	Football - Men	Nationals Div 2 Gold Coast
<b>2010</b>	Australian Rules - Women	AUG Perth	<b>2022</b>	Basketball - Women	Nationals Div 1 Perth
<b>2010</b>	Netball - Mixed	AUG Perth	<b>2024</b>	3x3 Basketball - Men	Nationals Div 2 Sunshine Coast







**University Basketball League**  
Casidhe Green – Overall University Team Captain





# 2024 Representative Sport

In 2024, the inter-university and clubs programs were in full swing with some impressive performances and hallmark vulture spirit displayed.

The 2024 sporting year commenced with the University Basketball League (UBL), which featured a challenging 9-week home-and-away schedule, including interstate matchups against the University of Sydney and the University of Sunshine Coast. The men's team displayed impressive resilience with a fresh roster, while the women's team shone brightly, advancing to the quarterfinals before narrowly losing to the University of Sydney.

The basketball action continued with two teams representing VU at the 3x3 Championships on the Sunshine Coast. The women's team demonstrated determination in a fiercely contested Division 1, while the men's team triumphed, claiming the gold medal in Division 2.

VU students also participated in a variety of other inter-university events, including UniSport Nationals Athletics and swimming, Southern Shield Netball Tournament, and UniLax Lacrosse competition.

Paralympic medallist and former world champion shot putter Todd Hodgetts OAM once again donned the VU colours, securing a silver medal at the Uni Nationals Athletics.

Following rigorous trials, training, and practice games, 70 students, led by captains Casidhe Green and Hamish Inglis, proudly represented VU at the 2024 UniSport Nationals in Canberra. The VU Vultures demonstrated outstanding athleticism and team spirit across the sports of AFL 9s Mixed, Basketball (Men and Women), Beach Volleyball (Men), Football (Soccer) (Men), Netball (Women), and Taekwondo (Women).

Notable performances included Sarah Upton, an elite taekwondo athlete pursuing a Bachelor of Paramedicine, who clinched gold in her division for the second consecutive year. Five out of six teams progressed to the medal rounds, with the AFL 9s team securing silver, the men's beach volleyball duo earning bronze, and both the men's football and women's basketball teams finishing in the national top four. The women's netball team also claimed silver in Division 2, marking an exceptional year of competition for VU



# 2024 Victoria Univeristy Sport Awards

The University's Sport Awards is managed by the VU Sport Department. VU Sport offers sporting opportunities to students including sporting clubs, representative sport, elite athlete support and scholarships, campus based sporting competitions and the management of sport and fitness facilities and health services.

## The Sport Awards system endeavours to:

- ◆ Recognise and reward the outstanding sporting achievement of individual students representing the University
- ◆ Encourage students to represent the University and improve the overall performance at national competitions
- ◆ Recognise and reward the outstanding sporting achievement of individual students representing state or country
- ◆ Strengthen and further develop University sport clubs
- ◆ Increase awareness of sporting opportunities

## The Sport Awards Committee meet each year to consider nominations for the following awards:

### BLUES (INDIVIDUAL AWARDS) AWARDED FOR

Outstanding performance representing the University at regional and national championships. Australian selection at World student Games and championships. World Championship, Olympic or Commonwealth Games selection. Outstanding performance at state or national championship and outstanding performance for a University Club.

### SERVICE AWARDS

Awarded to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the development and maintenance of sporting clubs and representative teams of the University (students and non students).

### COLOURS

Awarded to each student who represented the University in a medal winning team at an Australian University Championship.

### SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

Awarded for outstanding team achievement at the Australian University Games or at an Australian University Championship for that year.

### SPORT CLUB OF THE YEAR

Awarded to club has achieved significant success and improvement. Delivered outstanding participation, performance and/or development outcomes and demonstrated an inclusive and positive club culture.

### OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to members of the VU community (student, staff, alumni or other individuals) who have shown outstanding service to sport at the University as either a plyer, coach, volunteer and/or administrator.

### CLUB COMPETITOR AWARD

Where a student has rendered exceptional sporting service to a University club in that they have won the senior best player award and polled in top 10 of association best player award.

### RISING STAR AWARD

Awarded to a student in their first year of study considered to have achieved outstanding sporting performance with great potential for future success in their sport.

### SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the best performed student for that year (Male and female).

### JACINTA CARROLL ACADEMIC AND SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Where a student has achieved outstanding performance both sporting and academically.

### HALL OF FAME

Where a Full Blue holder has achieved outstanding sustained performance in sport, completed studies at Victoria University and has retired from elite level sport.



**Unisport Nationals**  
Football – Men





**Unisport Nationals**  
Beach Volleyball – Medallists





# Order of proceedings

**6pm**

**Pre - Awards Hors D'oeuvres**

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**6:30pm**

**Victoria University Sport Awards Presentation**

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Opening of Proceedings  
Welcome

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Keynote address

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Individual Awards  
Blues

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Team/ Club Awards  
Individual Service  
Sport Club of the year  
Representative Team of the Year  
Rising Star Award  
Jacinta Carroll Academic and Sporting Excellence Award  
Outstanding Service Award  
Sports Person of the Year  
Female  
Male

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Sport Hall of Fame  
Citation and Induction

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**8pm**

**Food and refreshments**

# Victoria University Sport Awards recipients

## Blues

Leith McKenzie	Half Blue	Athletics	2024
Felicity Theodore	Half Blue	Basketball	2024
Darcy Beer	Full Blue	Beach Volleyball	2024
David Hammersley	Full Blue	Beach Volleyball	2024
Boris Stanish	Half Blue	Biathlon	2024
Riley Galea	Full Blue	Canoe Kayak	2024
Bianca Puglisi	Full Blue	Cross Country	2024
Eisay Adhanom	Half Blue	Football	2024
Marcus Piscopo	Half Blue	Gymnastics	2024
Alannah Joyce	Half Blue	Judo	2024
Andy Htaik	Half Blue	Karate	2024
Alexandra Hodgson	Half Blue	Netball	2024
Saffron Canny-Smith	Full Blue	Short Track Speed Skating	2024

## Team Service

Maxwell Viitala	Service	Basketball
Melanie Bell	Service	Netball
Devin Johnson	Service	Lacrosse
Kasey Thornson	Service	Multi-sport



## Sport Club of the Year

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## Representative Sport Team of the Year

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## Rising Star Award

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## Jacinta Carroll Academic and Sporting Excellence

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## Outstanding Service Award

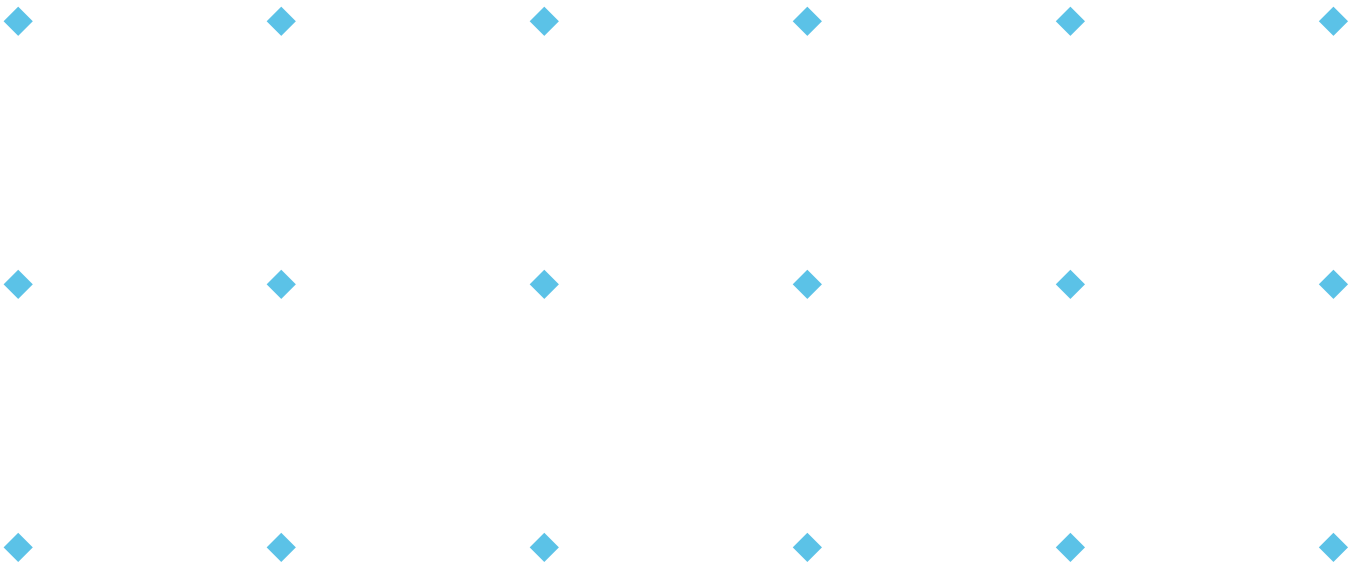
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## Sports Person of the Year

Male

Female

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# Victoria University Sport Hall of Fame

<b>2023</b>	Elle Steele	Para Swimming
<b>2022</b>	Josh Hose OAM	Wheelchair Rugby
<b>2019</b>	Miao Miao	Table Tennis
<b>2018</b>	Ali Abdo	Wrestling
<b>2017</b>	Mel Jones OAM	Cricket
<b>2016</b>	Kelvin Templeton	Australian Rules
<b>2015</b>	Julie Corletto	Netball
<b>2014</b>	John Butkiewicz	Lacrosse
<b>2013</b>	Luke Doerner	Hockey
<b>2012</b>	Tony Dodemaide OAM	Cricket
<b>2011</b>	Brad Johnson	Australian Rules
<b>2010</b>	Peter Thomson AO CBE	Golf
<b>2008</b>	Rachael Dacy	Pole Vault
<b>2007</b>	Danny Morseu	Basketball
<b>2006</b>	Campbell Rose	Sailing
<b>2005</b>	Larry Sengstock	Basketball
<b>2004</b>	Rebecca Sullivan	Judo
<b>2003</b>	Mike McKay OAM	Rowing
<b>2002</b>	Andrew Gaze AM	Basketball





**VU Sport Hall of Fame**  
Joshua Hose – Wheelchair Rugby





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# 2024 Sport Hall of Fame Inductee

## Jacinta Carroll Waterskiing

### International representation

- ◆ 5 x World Record Holder (current)
- ◆ 5 x World Champion

### World records

- ◆ 193' 58.8 m May 17 2015 Sunset Lakes Groveland, Florida
- ◆ 194' 59.1 m May 17, 2015 Sunset Lakes Groveland, Florida
- ◆ 194' 59.2 m Sept 26, 2016 Lake Grew, Polk City, Florida
- ◆ 198' 60.3 m Sept 26, 2016 Lake Grew, Polk City, Florida
- ◆ 201' 61.3 M Oct 31, 2021 McCormick's Polk City Florida

### World Championships Titles

- ◆ 2013 Santiago, Chile
- ◆ 2015 Chapala, Mexico
- ◆ 2017 Paris, France
- ◆ 2019 Putrajaya, Malaysia
- ◆ 2021 Groveland, US

### US Masters Titles

- ◆ 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

### Moomba Masters Titles

- ◆ 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

### Recognition

- ◆ International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation- Female Waterskier of the Decade (2010-2019)
- ◆ 2 x Victoria Institute of Sport Athlete Career and Education Awardee

### Victoria University – Awards

- ◆ 2012 Victoria University Full Blue
- ◆ 2012 Victoria University Female Athlete of the Year
- ◆ 2013 Victoria University Female Athlete of the Year
- ◆ 2013 Victoria University Outstanding Student Alumni Award
- ◆ 2014 Victoria University Academic and Sporting Excellence Award
- ◆ 2014 Victoria University Elite High Performance Scholarship holder

### Victoria University – Education

- ◆ 2014 Bachelor of Exercise Science and Human Movement

### Dual career

- ◆ Current Physiotherapist - Queensland Academy of Sport and Tennis Australia.
- ◆ 2019 - 2022 Head Physiotherapist - Brisbane Lions Academy
- ◆ Physiotherapist to Junior and Senior Australian Waterski Teams and Weightlifting athletes



# Elite Athletes Shine Bright on the International stage

Victoria University (VU) students and alumni once again represented Australia at some of the world's most prestigious sporting events, with five exceptional athletes competing in the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris. With the VU community cheering them on, these athletes showcased their dedication and talent on the global stage.

## Olympic and Paralympic Games

**Leon Sejranovic** made history with a bronze medal at the 2023 World Taekwondo Championships and followed it up with an impressive 2024 Olympic debut in Paris.

Fellow student **Aoife Coughlan**, a Commonwealth Games gold medallist, returned to the Olympic stage for the second time in judo, continuing her legacy as a top performer. Aoife was supported by her sister Maeve Coughlan, a VU alumna and elite athlete, who served as her training partner in Paris.

**Liam Adams** a VU alumnus represented Australia in the marathon at his third Olympic Games, while **Sergei Evglevski** (Pistol Shooting) VU alumnus had his eye on the prize in his second Games.

**Danni Di Toro**, VU alumna and true legend of sport made an extraordinary eighth Paralympic appearance. Competing in Para-table tennis, Danni has earned multiple international medals across her illustrious career, including in wheelchair tennis, and her journey continues to inspire.



Left to right: Liam Adams, Aoife Coughlan, Leon Sejranovic, Sergei Evglevski, Danni Di Toro.

## World University Championships

Two VU students also represented Australia and VU at 2024 World University Championships, making their mark in very different sports and conditions.

VU student **Bianca Puglisi** was the first Australian UniRoo to cross the finish line at the 2024 FISU World University Cross Country Championships in Oman. Battling extreme 35-degree heat and desert terrain, Bianca secured a 21st place finish in a highly competitive field of 31 athletes.

"I have been incredibly excited for this competition and I am so ecstatic with my result," Puglisi said. I was nervous about the conditions but knew we were all in the same boat. I felt comfortable and I am happy with my execution and how smart I ran. It has been an amazing experience and I have learnt a lot from the opportunity."

In "polar" opposite conditions VU student **Saffron Canny-Smith** showcased her skills on the ice as Australia's sole representative at the FISU World University Speed Skating Championships in Norway.

## Celebrating VU's Depth of Talent

A number of other students being recognised and celebrated tonight represented Australia at World Championships and Oceania Championships, highlighting the depth of talent within the VU community and the continued excellence on the global stage.



Saffron Canny-Smith | Elite Student Athlete



Elite Student Athlete  
Bianca Puglisi





Elite Student Athlete  
Aoife Coughlan





# Thank you

## **Sport Awards Committee**

James Nightingale  
Alison Whan  
Liam Adams  
Jessica Harrington  
Hamish Inglis  
Casidhe Green  
Rohenna Young  
Kevin Ball  
Julz Nannetti  
Scott Cashmere

## **2024 competitors, coaches and Team Managers**

### **Representative Sport Management Team**

Scott Cashmere  
Julz Nanetti  
Casidhe Green  
Hamish Inglis  
Taylah Daffy  
Rachael Cullen

Mark Stewart, Athletics Australia

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