

## A World of Amazing Opportunities

It's hard to believe that five years have passed since my time at Samaritan College. In that time a lot has happened, changed and I've learnt so much. To be perfectly frank, nothing went the way I first pictured it. When I graduated in 2012, I was excited to make the move to the Big Smoke and start my University studies. Eagerly I got stuck into what was my first preference at the time, a double degree, Bachelor of Journalism and Bachelor of Arts: Professional and Creative Writing at the University of South Australia. I was set on becoming a sports writer for Triple M or The Herald Sun; writing about footy and cricket. Living the dream.

At Uni I did everything I could to make my goals a reality. I wrote sports blogs, produced amateur footy interviews, and even came home in summer to write for the Whyalla News. Eventually, perseverance paid off and in the final year of my four-year course I secured an internship at Southern Cross Austereo (SCA). For those that don't know SCA, it's Australia's largest media company, and to the point, they own Triple M (my dream job!) and Hit 107. I got a position with, and still work for these radio stations in Adelaide. I even finally got to write footy and cricket articles for Triple M!

Then, it all got a little topsy-turvy. To explain, I'll share some advice. You grow up. A lot. Now, for some this can mean that what you want crystallises and you become assured in the process you have decided to take. But for me, I became a different person. The goals I set in high school, the laser focus that drove me forward from 2012, became all muddled up. Through my studies I was exposed to new ideas, ways of critical thought, and eventually my whole world view changed. I became more interested in social problems, in particular the impact of media, the power of gender roles, and the acceptance of dangerous forms of nationalism. My 18-year-old self would have killed me, but I decided to keep studying. I actually declined a few media positions I was offered. Instead, I studied for and took up a job as a personal trainer, stepped down from my internship for a casual promotions role with SCA, and began a full-time Honours degree majoring in Sociology and Media.

2017 was busy! For starters, my promotions role at the radio stations had me doing crazy, exciting and amazing things like: handling snakes at a Guns and Roses concert, running 5K in a pink morph suit during a



Colour Run, dancing in front of thousands for RnB Fridays, and of course, attending plenty of sports games. Plus, my full-time work as a trainer had me out of bed at 5am, six days a week. To be fair, the payoff was that I was able to train, talk and hopefully help all sorts of interesting people. Meanwhile, my studies were letting me explore ideas and issues that I have a real passion for. Somehow, I even snuck a trip to Spain in. Running with the Bulls is hands-down the most thrilling thing I've ever done. Essentially the whirlwind year was full of work, lessons and experiences that I would never take back.



What's next? Well, that's a fantastic question. I'm on the move. Through discussions with a few universities it's clear that I'll be relocating from Adelaide for further Graduate Studies. The destination is undecided, either domestically in another Australian State or potentially to California in the United States. In the meantime, my thesis is in the process of being condensed to be published as a chapter in a nationalism text-book, while I'm also juggling the research for a couple of upcoming journal articles. My goals have completely changed. Well, I don't want to be a sports-writer anymore at least. I guess I just want to contribute to knowledge that can empower marginalised worldviews and help better understand the issues in our society. Whether that's by writing, teaching or yelling it into my SnapChat I don't really know!

Just to finish, please make the most of your time in high school. It sounds like a broken record, but I still remember some of the stuff that my teachers or the school told me, and not really valuing it at all. Then that same stuff somehow came back and held me up when I needed it most, in both Uni and outside of it. Some of the things you are learning may not end up helping you immediately, or even being what you think you need, but it will shape, prepare, and set you up. Think of it as you're in a state of constant learning, trying to grow into a better, smarter and brighter person.

Juan Estepa

## Work Experience in 2018

Our Work Experience program has been revamped for 2018! The dates are now much more flexible and allow students greater opportunities to undertake Work Experience at times that suit them. In the past, specific weeks were set aside for Year 10 and 11 Work Experience, but from 2018 students can choose more convenient dates. All Year 10 and 11 students will still be expected to undertake Work Experience (and for our VET students, this is a compulsory part of their courses), and they will still need to undertake pre-Work Experience work health and safety training and complete the Workplace Learning Agreement Form (available on the website or from my office). I am hopeful that this more flexible timing will enable all students to attend their preferred work sites (last year several students missed out on placements due to clashes with other schools), whether in Whyalla or further afield.

## Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to two of our Doorways2Construction students, Callan Boundy and Tom Quinn, who have gained part-time jobs at Mitre 10.

### *Move over STEM skills – there's something else we're overlooking*

Lauren Ahwan

*CARING and nurturing skills is predicted to have far greater importance than STEM skills for workers of the future. A new report by Dell Technologies has found 85 per cent of the jobs that will exist in 2030 have not been invented yet, causing confusion for those trying to determine a future career path. But Rod Crozier, staffing general manager at information and communication technology consultant Ajilon, says it is still possible to train for a "forever job" that will be largely unaffected in an increasingly automated world. He says key to forever jobs are skills in caring, empathy, intuition and innovation – unique people skills that can never be replicated by robots.*

*"Think carers, teachers, nurses, midwives – how can a robot help (a mother) feed a new baby?" Crozier says. "A doctor – instead of racking their brain (for a diagnosis) will put in their observations that they can see and get a shortlist of possible scenarios ... but they're still going to be needed to look you in the eye and work out whether you are sick from the symptoms you are talking about or whether you just want a day off work."*

*Crozier says the skills in high demand today will be of far less importance in the longer term, while the roles now considered low-skilled will become far more valued. "In the short term, and that's possibly the next five to 10 years perhaps, STEM (science technology, engineering and mathematics) is definitely the place to be. There's no doubt about that," he says. "But ironically, a greater competency in STEM will accelerate change and ... we will more quickly arrive at the point where STEM (skills are) not as critical because they're no longer required."*

*Australian College of Nursing chief executive Kylie Ward believes nursing and other care roles are the best option for long-term job security. "There will always be a role for doctors, physios and nurses – only a very small proportion of what they do can ever be replaced by artificial intelligence," she says. "Human connection can't be replaced. Patients don't want to be seen by robots." University of South Australia midwifery study Shannon Harrison, 35, has seen first-hand the effects of automation and job offshoring on the employment market. "Ten years ago, I worked for a big accountancy firm and they were already sending a lot of work off to India to be done," she says. "But midwifery will always be around – a robot can't do this job. "There's a whole lot of issues surrounding women and babies and their families where you need that personal, human touch."*

<https://www.perthnow.com.au/news/move-over-stem-skills-theres-something-else-were-overlooking-ng-bd424ef06e99b1c404d88d797b7ce6f8>

**UMAT**

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test

### UMAT

Students who wish to gain entry to medicine and health science subjects at university in 2019 need to sit the UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admission Test). Registrations are now open and close on Friday, June 1 at 5pm. The UMAT test date is Wednesday, 25 July 2018. For further information, including test conditions and fees, see <https://umat.acer.edu.au>

## Career Dates

Mark the following career education dates in your diaries:

Thursday, April 5

Careers Expo at Edward John Eyre High School - 4pm

Sunday, April 8 (10am-4pm) and

Monday, April 9 (9:30am-1:30pm)

Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo (Adelaide)

Find out about your study and career options. Talk to experts, employers and careers advisers to get some inspiration about your study and career opportunities.

More details – <http://www.careersevent.com/tscea/>



Wednesday, May 16

**Lesson 5:** University of Adelaide Careers Workshop  
(Year 10)

**Lesson 6:** University of Adelaide tertiary  
study presentation (Year 12)

*Held at:*



*Presented by:*



Friday, May 25 (9am–3pm) and

Saturday, May 26 (10am–4pm)

Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo

Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showground

The free event offers the opportunity for students and job seekers to connect with organisations for guidance, clarity and career opportunities.

Find out more – <http://careersemploymentexpo.com.au/Adelaide.html>

**Adelaide**

**careers & EMPLOYMENT expo**

**TERTIARY ▶ SKILLS ▶ TRAINING ▶ JOBS**

## Great career and study advice:

### Breaking bad study habits

Start the new school year off right with these great tips for staying focused while studying.

Check them out – <http://learningfundamentals.com.au/blog/breaking-bad-study-habits-16-effective-habits-for-success/>

### Rediscovering your love of learning

This article argues that you shouldn't obsess about marks and instead should focus on the process.

Read more to think about whether this will work for you – <http://learningfundamentals.com.au/blog/stop-obsessing-about-getting-good-grades/>

### Jobs of the Future Will Pay Off

The study is hard work, but there are growing job opportunities in the science sector that pay well and are in high-demand.

Read more at [http://www.amma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20180131\\_-Adelaide-Advertiser\\_Jobs\\_of\\_the\\_future\\_will\\_pay\\_off.pdf](http://www.amma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20180131_-Adelaide-Advertiser_Jobs_of_the_future_will_pay_off.pdf)

### What is being a forensic scientist like?

It sounds like the coolest job in the world – find out what it actually involves from a forensic scientist over at Careers with STEM.

Read the article – <https://careerswithstem.com/mythbusting-jobs-forensic-scientist/>

## Competitions and Scholarships:

### National NAIDOC poster competition

#### Entries close Monday 5 February

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists over the age of 13 are invited to submit to this year's NAIDOC poster competition. The winning entry will be used on all promotion for this year's NAIDOC week, the theme of which is 'Because of her, we can.'

Read more here – <http://www.naidoc.org.au/2018-national-naidoc-poster-competition-entry-form>

### Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Scholarships

Students who are interested in studying overseas are encouraged to apply for one of several Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Scholarships. There are several on offer, including an SA-only scholarship for students in Year 9 and 10. Successful students get to go on a free exchange to the country of their choice (excluding Japan and China) for 5 or 10 months, leaving in August/September this year. Go to [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) for more information and to download an application.

**The Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC)** is encouraging students who are interested in mechanical engineering, business, building management, systems design and electrical trades to consider careers in the climate control industry. Career pathways include:

- Climate control and refrigeration systems design
- Mechanical engineering
- Business owner
- Facility/building manager
- Refrigeration and air conditioning technician

#### Training pathways include:

- Certificate III in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Engineering degree

See [arctld.org.au/careers](http://arctld.org.au/careers) for more information

