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TASMANIAN TRAINING AWARDS 2021

Congratulations to the TasTAFE trained students who were recognised with Tasmanian Training Awards on 10th September, 2021.

The Tasmanian Training Awards celebrate excellence in Vocational Education and Training, and are the peak awards for the sector in Tasmania.

TasTAFE-TRAINED STUDENT WINNERS WERE:

	Apprentice of the Year	Sophie Russell (Cert III in Carpentry).
	Trainee of the Year	Ashling Cannell (Cert III in Education Support).
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year	David Lowery (Cert IV in Forest Operations).
	Vocational Student of the Year	Gypsy Rose Blackberry (Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care).
	Equity Apprentice/Trainee of the Year	Frances Daisy Walsh (Cert I in Hospitality) -Trainee (Cert III in Heavy Vehicle Mechanical Technology) - Apprentice
	Equity Vocational Student of the Year	Claire Draayers (Cert II in General Education for Adults).

EMPLOYERS SUPPORT TASTAFE



Tasmanian construction company Eiszele Construction throws its support behind current TasTAFE structure, slams proposed TasTAFE changes.

"From my apprenticeship, to all the apprentices I have now, TAFE has been the major training provider in Tasmania for as long as I can remember," Business owner Luke Eiszele said. "It would be a shame to change it now when we've developed such great skilled tradespeople in Tasmania, where we're nationally renowned for having great tradespeople, especially in the carpet industry."

"TasTAFE provide excellent service to all employers in Tasmania across all trades. The (TasTAFE staff) skills and knowledge is tenfold. Without that knowledge and skills that's kept there and the service they provide, the skills of Tasmanian apprentices is going to drop-off and that's not going to be any good for any industry."

"If TAFE was to be dissolved and broken up and new people are put into place, it'll end up being on of those 'tick-and-flick' processes where students will do their things online, they'll have no interaction with TAFE teachers and, in-turn, students won't learn the valuable skills they need to, by skilled teachers and our industry (then) suffers, not now, but down the track."



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STUDENTS SUPPORT TASTAFE

"If I wasn't in TAFE now, I probably wouldn't be anywhere," says TasTAFE construction student Allyshia.

"I reckon I'd be sitting at home not going to school, because I struggled there. I was behind on everything and would get overwhelmed. But when I came to TAFE, it was probably the best option for me."

"TAFE's taught me my maths, I'm understanding the work I'm having to do – they've got so much support in TAFE with everything."

"When I got into TAFE I was so happy I called everyone. Since starting TAFE it's been probably the easiest thing I've done – I'm actually smiling at my maths work, I'm getting my work done and things are so much easier – maybe because it's something I enjoy doing."

"I want to encourage other people my age, if they're struggling at school, to do their best, finish high school, get into a trade – (it's) probably the best thing you can do for yourself."



THE LANCE BARNARD MEMORIAL AWARD

Congratulations also to James Gravina who received the Lance Barnard Memorial Award which is presented to an apprentice or trainee employed in Tasmania under Group Training arrangements. James is undertaking a traineeship with Work and Training at host employer MacKillop Catholic College with **TasTAFE as his training provider** for the Cert III in Information, Digital Media and Technology. The award is specifically given for encouragement and recognition of potential by the Apprenticeship Employment Network – Tasmania.

TASTAFE STAFF AND STUDENTS RECOGNISED AT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS

TasTAFE staff and students have been recognised at the Study Tasmania International Education Awards announced on 13th September, 2021. The annual event provides an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution made by international students, staff members and industry partners to the international education sector and to Tasmania's cultural diversity.

TasTAFE staff and current and former international students were recognised with three awards.

	International Education Staff Member of the Year Award	International Student Advisor team, TasTAFE (Angie Wu, James Field and Edgar Fergus Ho).
	International Graduate of the Year	Huynh Van Phuong Nguyen (Anny) – TasTAFE Cookery graduate.
	International Student of the Year for VET	Mandeep Jaiman – TasTAFE Engineering student.

Winner Anny is a role model for graduate students in Tasmania. As well as being an amazing cookery student while studying at TasTAFE, she has managed to start two businesses in Devonport after completing her qualification. Anny was nominated for not only her amazing success but also because she gives back to the community by providing fellow international students with job opportunities and work experiences at her restaurants.





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TASTAFE-TRAINED APPRENTICES WIN MASTER BUILDERS TASMANIA AWARDS

Two TasTAFE-trained apprentices were recognised at the Master Builders Tasmania Awards for Excellence in 2021.

	State Apprentice of the Year	Scott Vucetic, from Davies Design and Construction.
	Hands-on Skills Apprentice of the Year	Bradley Young, from Vos Construction.

WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA 2021 – FIVE MEDALS FOR TASTAFE-TRAINED TRADESPEOPLE

Team Tasmania won five medals at the WorldSkills Australia National Championships – Australia's biggest vocational education and excellence competition. All five were TasTAFE trained apprentices and tradespeople.

	Gold	Cabinetmaking	Carly Bird
	Gold	Butchery	Doug Scott
	Gold	Carpentry	Ben James
	Silver	Automotive Electrical	Evan Cripps
	Bronze	Bricklaying	Jake Scott


TASTAFE DRYSDALE APPRENTICE WINS BAKERY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AWARD

	2020/21 Excellence in Baking	Crystal Lee Stewart, a TasTAFE Drysdale apprentice with Brighton's Best Bakehouse won the 2020/21 Excellence in Baking - Official Australian Apprentice Pastry Cook at the Bakery Association of Australia Awards.
	BAA's Australia's Best Pie Competition Winner	TasTAFE Drysdale teacher Jason Mizzen is also a consistent winner at BAA's Australia's Best Pie Competition

NESTLE GOLDEN CHEF'S HAT – TASMANIAN COMPETITION

	The Tasmanian division of the Nestle Golden Chef's Award was won by 3rd Year TasTAFE Apprentice Chef Semra Peach who is employed by Delish Fine Foods in Burnie.
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2020 AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

	2020 Vocational Student of the Year Award	TasTAFE student Heetham Hekmat. He learnt English through TasTAFE's Young Migrant Education Program and has gone on to earn numerous vocational education qualifications, including a Diploma in Community Service.
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	Apprentice of the Year 2020	won by TasTAFE student Caitlin Radford who was completing a Certificate III in Agriculture.
		TasTAFE was one of three registered training organisations nationally shortlisted as a finalist in the Large Training Provider of the Year category.

TASMANIAN TRAINING AWARDS 2020

	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year	Awarded to TasTAFE student Jessica Matthews, who was studying a Diploma of Nursing.
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AUSTRALIAN GLASS AND WINDOW ASSOCIATION'S APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

	Tasmanian industry Award	TasTAFE apprentice Ashley Maxfield (Certificate III in Glass and Glazing)
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TASMANIAN TRAINING AWARDS 2019

The following TasTAFE students and teachers won awards at the 2019 Tasmanian Training Awards (TasTAFE Annual Report 2019-2020).

	Apprentice of the Year	Marek Porter (Certificate III in Electrotechnology - Electrician).
	VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year:	Darren Scott (Drysdale South – Butchery).
	School-based Apprentice/ Trainee of the Year	Daniel Ragg, (Certificate III in Electrotechnology – Electrician). Hobart College, Training provider TasTAFE.
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year	Gypsy Rose Blackberry (Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care).
	Industry Collaboration Award	St Lukes Health with TasTAFE and MEGT.
	Trevor Leo Medal	Lyndene Bowen, TasTAFE's Manager Quality, received this award for her outstanding contribution to VET.

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS 2019

	Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award	Debra Guntrip, TasTAFE Teacher
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2019 WORLDSKILLS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, KAZAN, RUSSIA


	TasTAFE-trained Cabinetmaker Joshua Boon represented Australia in Cabinet Making, finishing sixth in the world.
	TasTAFE Cabinet making teacher, Jai Maluga went to Russia as an international expert in Cabinet making. He was Joshua's training manager in the lead up to the competitions.



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NECA NATIONAL EXCELLENCE APPRENTICE AWARDS 2019




	Apprentice Industrial category	Marek Porter (Certificate III in Electrotechnology).
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MASTER BUILDERS TASMANIA AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2019

	Apprentice of the Year	Adam Gelston (Certificate III in Carpentry).
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SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND BURSARIES

RH Purden and NP Saunders Metal Industry Tasmania Scholarships 2019:

	Jack Woodward (Certificate III in Metal Fabrication).
	Ryan Tatnell (Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade).
	Roydon Featherstone (Certificate III in Metal Fabrication).

These scholarships honour Robert Purden, owner of Purden Engineers Pty Ltd, who passed away in 2007, and Nick Saunders who is chairman of Saunders and Ward Pty Ltd.

	Rheem Apprentice Plumber Grant	Lewis Bracey (Certificate III in Plumbing).
	Burnie City Council Education Bursary	Jacinta Lang (Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management).
	Find Contemporary Jewellery Collective Bursary	Samantha Dennis (Certificate IV in Visual Arts).

STATE GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TASTAFE

In July 2019, TasTAFE received re-registration for seven years from the national regulator – called the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), and the Government endorsed annual TasTAFE 2019-2020 report noted:

“Given seven years is the maximum term for re-registration, this is an extremely positive result for Tasmania. This achievement demonstrates the quality of TasTAFE’s training and assessment and is testament to the hard work and commitment of more than 800 teachers and support staff who deliver high quality vocational education and training to our students. We take this opportunity to thank TasTAFE staff for their efforts that resulted in such an excellent outcome.”

PRAISE FOR TASTAFE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

In 2019, TasTAFE’s Diploma of Nursing received [accreditation from the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council \(ANMAC\) Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Committee](#). The Council representatives conducted site visits and commented:

“the commitment and dedication of staff and support services has been clearly visible throughout the site visit.”