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Recent graduate Debbie Carson takes out CQUniversity School Medal

Debbie Carson graduated in 2016 after completing with Distinction a CQUniversity Bachelor of Accounting / Bachelor of Business (Management). Debbie has recently been informed that she will be awarded a School Medal from the School of Business and Law for outstanding achievement at GUC's 2017 Graduation Ceremony in April at the Queens Park Theatre. We caught up with Debbie to ask her about her experience at GUC and to congratulate her on her special achievement.

What was your experience at GUC and how do you think it has benefitted you?

"I felt very supported at GUC, the tutors and staff were always very helpful and accommodating to our needs as students. As a working mum who was also studying through GUC full-time, it was an amazing opportunity to be able to study a predominantly online course, but also have the academic and administrative support locally. Having access to the GUC tutors was an asset to my learning, and I feel that it was their contribution and support that enabled me to achieve the academic results that I did."

You graduated last year with Distinction and now you have been awarded the School Medal, how does this make you feel and think about your achievement?

"I'm really proud of this achievement, it was completely unexpected of course, but really nice to be acknowledged for the hard work, commitment and sacrifices that it took to be deserving of this award."

What ambitions might you have for your professional career now that you are an award winning graduate?

"I'm currently working in local government and am lucky to have been given further professional development opportunities in this industry since graduating. I have always been interested in community development and charitable projects and ventures, and I'd like to continue this work as well as explore local business opportunities in the future."

What advice would you give to current students at GUC or students in the mid-west who are thinking about doing university studies?

"I would strongly urge people who are considering a university education to consider the courses available at the Geraldton Universities Centre. There are so many benefits to be gained from studying locally to both the student and the region, not least of all is the opportunity for students to remain close to their support networks, which I feel is really important. My advice as a former student would be to really commit, work hard, be organised and don't give up, because this will stand you in really good stead for your professional career in the future."

Anything else you would like to add?



"I would like to thank Central Queensland University for the student medal, it is a privilege and an honour to receive it and to be acknowledged by the School of Business and Law in this way. I would also like to thank the Geraldton Universities Centre staff and Board as without their involvement, facilitation and support it is unlikely that I would have returned to tertiary study or received my business and accounting qualifications."

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Photo Credit: Debbie Carson at the 2017 GUC Graduation receiving the School Medal from CQUniversity Provost Professor Helen Huntly.