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FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

The recent release of the 2021 Census data shone a light on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on our young people. According to the Census results, approximately one in 10 Australians have been diagnosed with a mental illness, and the number was much higher among young people. As you are no doubt aware, while the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns took a toll on everyone, it affected young people the most.

At UC we are focused on our students' wellbeing and, during the pandemic, have significantly increased our resources. Fortunately, this has provided clear benefits for the mental health and wellbeing needs of our students.

The Wellbeing and Students Services team is led by our Dean of Students, Liz and includes our Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Katie, who provides one-on-one counselling to students, as well as proactively reaching out to those in need of additional support. In collaboration with the Student Wellbeing Committee, Katie also organises yoga and other activities. She distributes a monthly e-newsletter covering topics such as managing anxiety, having a healthy relationship with social media and tips for wellbeing during SWOTVAC and exams.

Introduced in mid-2020, our overnight youth workers have also had a clear and positive impact. Most have outdoor education, health or mental health support backgrounds and are experienced first responders in emergency or escalating situations. Maintaining a low-key yet active presence overnight, they engage with our students in ways that have gained their trust and respect. As a result, more of our students are proactively seeking help and there has been a subsequent decline in the

number of critical or escalated incidents overnight. We also have a more complete picture of the fascinating 24/7 ecosystem of college life, which sometimes prompts us to smile when we read the nightly logs.

The quality of care and support extended to our residents is reflected in the universally positive feedback we received recently from those who attended our UC Family Reception. It is testament to the outstanding work of our dedicated staff team. We are proud that UC continues to nurture and support young men and women in readiness for their lives in the 21st Century.

Living in a post-COVID world, our residents themselves are also much more conscious of the need to find balance in their lives. Importantly, they have options which they were denied during the pandemic. Now that international borders are open, some students have chosen to go on study abroad exchange mid-year. Others have deferred or withdrawn from their courses to travel or work.

While most residents continue to work hard and have fun, they also understand the need to step back occasionally and enjoy quiet times together. In his address at the Fellows High Table this semester, Fox Crowley, winner of the Fellows' Medal for the highest academic achievement in 2018

and 2019, reflected on the ingredients of his success:

"I truly believe study is important and will grant you a lot of great opportunities if you are dedicated but ... know that other things are also important in life too. Form close friendships, pursue hobbies that are meaningful and just generally look after yourself...be intentional about looking after yourself...work but be kind to yourself."

Over the past few years, the College has seen many changes, but a guiding principle has always been that we value our history. This year, our 85th Anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved since the College first opened in 1937. UC was built on a foundation of visionary thinking, determination and resilience, at a time when the value of collegiate education for women was not widely understood. For our alumni, and all members of our community, returning to the College brings back vivid memories and a wonderful sense of belonging. Together with our dedicated Council members, they are part of our story and continue to contribute in so many ways. I look forward to celebrating with you all throughout the year.

Dr Jennifer McDonald
Head of College



UCers at the rowing

A year of togetherness and friendship

It is my pleasure to report on the positive and exciting year the University College cohort of 2022 has been able to foster so far.

Orientation Week 2022 was met with enthusiasm and was received in an overwhelmingly positive manner. Alongside Tom Caine, Student Club Vice President, and the rest of the executive team, we were aided by a wonderful group of O-Week leaders. Our main goals were to welcome new students from domestic and international origins to the community, create a sense of comfort, safety, and respect, and promote a community environment for new and returning students. In addition to assisting first years with their academic orientation schedule, the student leadership team planned multiple activities and experiences to create pride and connection within the 2022 UC community.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we were pleased to welcome back more international students, a portion of our community that has been sorely missed. It is always very heartwarming to witness the support friends offer friends in the absence of family and familiar surroundings. Our community is made up of many students from local, regional, interstate and overseas areas. No matter the distance, it is a fresh challenge to live away from home and concentrate on building academic practice along with building social connections. I am constantly impressed by the maturity and empathy of my peers.

There has been a great sense of togetherness and friendship during the start of the year. The passion and creativity of this year's cohort is reinvigorating after a challenging few years. So far, there has been significant involvement in college sports, activities and social events. While some plans were shifted during times of substantial COVID cases, ideas were abundant from students and exec combined. Tom and I are overwhelmed by the extremely encouraging reports of positive UC behaviour and respect during intercollegiate sports and events. I congratulate everyone involved in sports this semester including table tennis, cricket, soccer, hockey and athletics. Meanwhile, Pleasant Sunday Afternoons allow individuals and groups to showcase their musical talents to a warm, receptive audience and the step-up dance competition was again well supported. It is important that all passions and interests are given the same opportunity to be nurtured at UC.

We constantly reiterate the importance of safety and comfort during everyone's time at UC. It has been a positive change from last year to have the Wellbeing Representative on the executive team. This representative, Rachael Mooney, is aided by myself, Tom and our incredible Wellbeing Coordinator, Katie, to ensure that residents have an open space to communicate

concerns. This includes time outside the College, general wellbeing, and more serious observations of behaviour. We have strongly expressed that there is a zero-tolerance policy for acts of sexism, harassment and racism. The information provided by Consent Labs during O-Week was vital in sparking the conversation. Still, it is a conversation that needs to continue and be spearheaded by leaders of all genders. I am optimistic that there is a good sense of respect amongst our community; this is why leadership and the community alike must be vigilant and have preemptive conversations about any concerns.

Due to the attitude set by returners and leaders, the atmosphere at College continues in a positive direction. I must thank my peers for their support and cooperation as we reintegrate into new post-lockdown routines. They have exceeded their roles and have represented the values of our College with pride and respect.

I am incredibly proud of my team and how this cohort has demonstrated their spirit so far this year, and I am anxiously awaiting the rest of the memories waiting to be made.

Samantha Blunn
Student Club President
2nd Year Fine Arts Student
University of Melbourne

Celebrating 85 years of welcoming students to UC

This year UC celebrates its 85th Anniversary, and how our student community has grown since our first cohort of nine students in 1937. Fast forward to 2022 and we welcomed 211 new students on Saturday, 19 February.

As usual our O-Week leaders were on hand to help everyone move in quickly and easily, as once again the difficult decision was made to only permit the new residents themselves to enter the campus due to the ongoing high caseload of COVID in the community. While it is a busy and emotional day for all involved, it is always exciting to welcome a new student cohort and ponder what their individual contributions will be to the next chapter in the College's history.



Frances Jago & Tom Caine (as the Boar)



Aimee Dossor, Casey Speight and Genta Firth



Emily Mitchell, Gretel Hodge and Catherine Quaden



Nick Symons and Geena Reeves



Shania Balapatabendi and family



Prison break at Pentridge

N-week paves the way for 2022

Before the chaos and fun of O-Week, 50 hand-selected leaders came together during N-week for training and activities. After two years of lockdown madness, everyone couldn't wait to be all hands on deck and plan an in-person Orientation Week.

Hoping we'd go ahead without any disturbances, COVID once again threw us a curveball, with a spike in community cases meaning the planned three-day leadership camp was sadly cancelled. But we hosted some in-house and external activities instead. Over the week, our students participated in a variety of leadership, event planning and mental health training. They visited Pentridge Prison for a team building 'prison break' activity, enjoyed a secret picnic put together by staff, participated in abseiling and more. In order to fully embrace the calm before the storm, a wellbeing session featuring yoga and meditation was hosted before the big Welcome Saturday.

The leaders also took the opportunity to plan and finalise the orientation schedule, with the support of Liz, our Dean of Students, and Dr Jennifer McDonald, our Head of College. From contacting new students to completing risk assessments, the team did all they could to make sure everything ran smoothly and safely. By the end of the week, our leaders were trained up, well rested and ready to welcome our new first years!



Secret picnic



Team building at Pentridge



Disco tern



Annie Ireland, Rachael Mooney and Grace Curnow



Gretel Hodge



Cormac Taylor

Disc-O-Week takes off with a groovy line-up



Arguably the best time of the year, O-Week launched with Welcome Saturday and a jam-packed orientation calendar ensured new arrivals were quickly immersed in college life.

The week focused on getting our first years orientated in Melbourne, around university and UC. With a Disc-O-Week theme, our leaders hosted a variety of social events, ranging from dancing to city adventures and movie nights. The brains and the brawn were put to the test in a game of Survivor, challenges were completed in the Amazing Race and capture the flag, and dance moves were shown off at the silent disco and the bushdance. There was something for everyone and strong friendships were formed from day one.

To recharge the social batteries and equip the first years with skills and knowledge of how to stay safe and look after themselves, the mornings were reserved for trainings and workshops. We hosted Consent Labs, academic support workshops, mental health and wellbeing seminars and Minus18 presentations. While some free time was left for our first years to go and explore on their own, we really focused on connecting the community and growing the UC spirit. O-week was a wild success and the perfect introduction to the full university experience.





Traditional smoking ceremony

Commencing a new tradition

On Wednesday 2 March, in the wake of orientation and the return of our second year and senior students, the College community gathered in the Giblin Courtyard for our Commencement Reception. Commencement is the first college-wide event, marking an official start to the year together.

Head of College, Dr Jennifer McDonald, gave the official welcome address and invited Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Bill Nicholson, and his partner Auntie Cathy, to deliver a Welcome to Country (*Tanderrum*) and perform a Smoking Ceremony. This was a first-time honour for the UC community and it was an important step towards acknowledging the history of our country, respecting the land on which we are gathered and building an even more inclusive culture.

“Wominjeka yearmann koondee biik Wurundjeri balluk.”

In delivering this welcome, Uncle Bill invited us to the land of the Wurundjeri people. We were also asked to join and unite with the Traditional Owners of this land in the spirit of mutual respect.

As Uncle Bill spoke, Auntie Cathy built a fire from eucalyptus leaves. As the smoke gently wafted through and encircled the guests, we learned

about the importance and symbolism of the Smoking Ceremony as part of *Tanderrum*. We were then invited to walk through and bathe in the smoke to spiritually cleanse us and to be protected as guests of Country.

Third year resident, Kaytlyn Johnson, officially thanked Uncle Bill and Auntie Cathy on behalf of University College for welcoming us to Wurundjeri land for our Commencement Reception. Kaytlyn is a proud Palawa woman from Tasmania, and is the current Student Club Indigenous Representative. We are, in turn, very proud of Kaytlyn who is this year’s Tasmanian state recipient of the Young Australian of the Year; an honour awarded in recognition of her work on initiatives empowering young rural women and for her fundraising for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

Samantha Blunn, Student Club President, also had the opportunity

to address the 2022 student body from the Ellis balcony, welcoming them to the year ahead. Vice-President, Tom Caine, offered a toast to University College to conclude the formalities for the evening.

The last remnants of the smoke lingered as the courtyard buzzed to life. Students took photos, enjoyed canapés and drinks, and chatted to each other as well as to Uncle Bill and Auntie Cathy, who generously stayed to meet and speak with our students.

Commencement is always an evening full of promise and excitement for what lies ahead, but this year, with the addition of *Tanderrum*, we were encouraged to reflect and to pause for purpose. Now we, as welcomed members of this special college and guests on this sacred land, start a new journey, even more mindful of our special connections.

Liz Agostino
Dean of Students



Olivia Formica and Merdi Yamfu Bwanga



Dr. Jennifer McDonald



Shady Sallam



Tom Caine



Return of key events signify tentative steps towards normality

After several years of hiatus and upheaval, this semester we saw the return of High Tables every Monday night in the Dining Hall. These UC 'family dinners' bring the community together and are an important tradition that we were keen to return to.

With capacity limits removed, we welcomed a bigger student cohort to join us every week, with student groups on rotation to sit at the high table with our Head of College and Deans. Next semester, we are planning to resume Tuesday night High Tables as well, with guest speakers in attendance. These speakers will be academic and career mentors from the University of Melbourne and UC alumni. If you would be interested in coming to speak to our students, please do let us know!

Our annual College photo also made

a comeback after a two year hiatus. In 2020 we cobbled together student headshots to create a photo – but this year we were able to capture the full 2022 cohort, and the returning 2021 cohort in the traditional style for the College photo wall. We even had to hire a new photography company this year, in order to provide enough stands to accommodate the growing student and staff numbers.

In other news, the social life at UC was restored to its previous glory, with the UC Ball, trivia evenings, Assassins

Week and various other initiatives all able to take place. Our students were keen to join in and meet new people, with Jack McNamara taking the lead to organise numerous social events each Wednesday night, such as Singo Bingo, a non-drinking Pong competition and trivia evenings.

Organised by the Student Club, the UC Ball was held at the Plaza Ballroom this year, with over 500 students and friends attending. Everyone enjoyed some drinks, food and photos in the courtyard before heading out to the event. The masquerade-themed ball came at the perfect time, with our students finally able to replace face masks for eye masks. It was a night to remember!

On 8th March, we celebrated International Women's Day. Our Equity Representative, Casey Speight, organised a post-it-note wall, where students contributed thoughts around the most inspiring woman in their life, or what their favourite thing about being a woman is. Our Dean of Students organised fancy cookies for afternoon tea to go with the event. Casey also put together a list of films, books and bios of impressive and inspiring women.

Our community has truly come together and flourished after the spate of lockdowns; we hope to see the continuation and expansion of such social events in semester 2.



Carla Dawson, Geena Reeves and Yang Lane



No shackles for Tom Santa

Tom is a UC resident from Geelong studying a business degree at RMIT. Tom grew up playing soccer but he also has a side passion for music, which recently garnered him worldwide attention. We spoke to Tom about his time at UC and how he ended up signing a record deal!

What have been your most memorable college experiences so far?

It has to be O-Week for sure. Meeting all the lovely people here, having a couple of drinks with mates at orientation events and just enjoying everyone's company. Then the UC ball was my favourite event; suiting up with the lads can't be beaten. It was an amazing night seeing everyone dressed up and having a laugh.

What made you choose to come to college?

I had mates here last year so I popped by a few times and loved every single visit. The culture is like no other, and everyone I met was amazing. I wanted to surround myself with supportive people so I thought, why not come to College!

How long have you been making music and how did you start?

I started off playing drums back in the day. One day my older sister went to Falls Festival and showed me videos of the event. I was instantly captured by the lights and the loud music, so I downloaded some software on my computer and slowly taught myself how to produce music by experimenting with different genres. That's how it started! I came across the house/tech house genre and loved how diverse it could be, so I stuck with it.

As the years passed I began releasing music on SoundCloud and started gaining a fan base. I came across a sample by Mary Mary called Shackles and had an idea. The spark of inspiration became a project and my single *Rainfall (Shackles)* came out perfectly. Just after this most recent Christmas, I've been approached by some of the biggest

labels around the world wanting to sign the single, including Polydor Records, Ministry Of Sound, Relentless Records and Universal Music. I felt Polydor was the right home for me, so I'm now a Polydor artist and have released the single all over the world. It has accumulated close to 10 million streams worldwide. I couldn't be any happier, but there's a long way to go.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is music producing and performing live and I'm lucky enough to be doing that right now.

Where do we find your music?

You can find me on Spotify, SoundCloud and Apple Music as Tom Santa. You can also follow me on Instagram @tomsanta_. The link in bio will take you to all my music platforms or scan the QR code below!



A warm community reunion



Kaytlyn Johnson

Our Donor Reception was held on 4 May with over 80 students, staff, alumni and community members in attendance. For the first time the reception took place in our new Seminar Centre.

After a long delay between community events on site at College, the room was filled with the warm reunions of alumni and donors, as well as in-person meetings of scholarship supporters and grateful scholarship recipients. It was so heartening to see the interactions between our guests and students, who had a fantastic time hearing the stories of our alumni and their connection to UC.

In her remarks, Head of College Dr Jennifer McDonald, reflected on UC's history and our long-standing tradition of alumni and donors offering scholarships to those in need of financial assistance or additional support. Dr McDonald expressed her gratitude to our donor community for their commitment to fostering the education of our student cohort.

UC third-year Kaytlyn Johnson, recipient of an Ann Miller Indigenous Scholarship, also spoke about the impact of Ann's support, and the

genuine connection that has formed between them and fellow Indigenous Scholarship recipient, Katie Allison. Kaytlyn is prime example of a student who has worked hard to support herself during the move away from home to follow her educational aspirations.

"It's given me the opportunity to not focus all my energy on working excessive hours just to have an opportunity similar to someone who grew up in the city or a different financial or socioeconomic standing than I had. I'd like to sincerely thank all the donors in the room today and those who couldn't make it for your generous sponsorship of our learning and sponsorship of growing us into the leaders of the future."

– Kaytlyn Johnson

Thank you to all our donors who support the UC Scholarship Program. Your gift makes a hugely important impact on the lives of our students and their families by making college fees more accessible.

If you or someone you know is interested in supporting the UC Scholarship Program, please contact the Advancement Office on +61 3 9349 9113 or advancement@unicol.unimelb.edu.au

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Bridget Callahan and Jill Williams

Our scholarship recipients

Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients this year and thank you to all of our generous donors.

Ruby Dawson	ADFAS Yarra Fine Arts Scholarship
Katelyn Allison	Ann Miller Indigenous Scholarship
Kaytlyn Johnson	Ann Miller Indigenous Scholarship
Olivia Formica	Barbara & Max Murray Scholarship
Ellie Avage	Barbara Howlett Scholarship
Amelia Maheras	Binding Scholarship
Callum Matthew	Botha Family Scholarship Gates Buchanan Scholarship
Otto Mudigdo	Chambers Family Scholarship
Hilary Slocombe	Corbett Family Scholarship
Henry Hurd	Cox Family Scholarship
Morgan Clyne	David Syme Charitable Trust General Scholarship
Joshua Davison	David Syme Charitable Trust Media Scholarship
Grace Mincherton	Deborah Seifert Scholarship Wheeler Scholarship
Can Senyurt	Dr Anne G Jabara Scholarship
William Zhang	Dr Elizabeth Shaw Medical Scholarship
Sam Crosthwaite	Hughes Family Scholarship
Sophia McCarthy	Hurrell Family Scholarship
Rachael Mooney	Jill Eastwood Scholarship
Bridget Callahan	Jill Williams Scholarship
Emily Seiter	Jill Williams Scholarship
Monae Scott-Coutts	Jill Williams Scholarship UC Victoria Scholarship
Marina Gabra	Kathy Skelton Scholarship Lena McEwan Scholarship

Chloe Carboon	Lady Boston Scholarship
Lily Baumgartl	Lovell Chen Scholarship
Harriet Mildenhall	Lovell Chen Scholarship
Alecia Jepson	Lynne Broughton Scholarship
Archie Brewer	Margaret Garson Medicine Scholarship
Ruby Collis	McGregor Family Scholarship
Liam Foley	McGregor Family Scholarship
Ruby Hore	McGregor Family Scholarship
Merdi Yamfu Bwanga	McGregor Family Scholarship
Ben Lin	Meredith McComas Scholarship
Yasmine Peponis	Muriel Crabtree Scholarship Dr Paul Lee Scholarship
Sara Walsh	Myra Roper Scholarship Tweddle Scholarship
Sophie Benbow	QLS Wimmera Mallee Scholarship
Emily Headon	Ros Terry Scholarship
Lauren Richards	Stewardson Walpole Scholarship
Zoe Borger	Triggs Scholarship
Samantha Blunn	UC Leadership Scholarship
Tom Caine	UC Leadership Scholarship
Gabrielle Waterworth	UC New South Wales Scholarship
Flynn Tuckwell	UC Northern Territory Scholarship
Dominic Campaign	UC Queensland Scholarship
Shayan Azari Pour	UC South Australia Scholarship UniLodge Scholarship



Ben Lin



Marina Gabra with Jill Williams

Your support is vital



"Thank you to all those involved in granting me the opportunity to attend the university of my dreams without putting financial strain on my family... It truly means the world to both me and my family."

Morgan Clyne, 2022 recipient of the David Syme Charitable Trust Scholarship



"For allowing me the chance to see and live at this amazing place, I have to say thank you from the very bottom of my heart. I would never have met some of my best friends or had such a memorable time if not for you."

Sunny Handy, 2021 recipient of the QLS Group Wimmera Mallee Scholarship



"Without your scholarship, I would not be where I am today."

Sophie Benbow, 2022 recipient of the QLS Wimmera Mallee Scholarship

With the ongoing impact of the pandemic still being felt around the country, support for the UC Scholarship Program has never been more vital in assisting the next generation of UC students to take advantage of every opportunity life at College can offer.

When UC was established 85 years ago, three young women were the recipients of the first UC Scholarships. This tradition has continued unabated ever since, with 50 scholarships awarded this year.

In our anniversary year, we are striving to increase the number of scholarships available to our student cohort, allowing more of them to have access to financial assistance and fee relief, but we need your help to do so.

Consider a donation today

All donations to the UC Scholarship Fund (no matter the amount) are used to provide more financial assistance and support to our students.

For more information, or to make a donation, contact the Advancement Office on +61 3 9349 9113 or advancement@unicol.unimelb.edu.au. You can donate online by visiting: unicol.unimelb.edu.au/support-uc

If you are not in a position to support UC with a donation, please consider volunteering as part of our UC Mentoring and Career Advice Program to share your experience with our students.

Contact advancement@unicol.unimelb.edu.au to register your interest.



Women's hockey team

Getting our head in the game with the return of intercollegiate sports

Hear our cheers, see our UC colours and feel our spirit. With our game faces and rugby jumpers on, we put our head in the game and were excited to be back competing in intercollegiate sports after a few years of stop-start competition. Sport has always been something that brings our community together, offering people opportunities to try many different games they might never have played before. For us it's not about winning, it's all about letting everyone have a go and bringing our sportsmanship to every event.

This semester we were thrilled to participate in cricket, tennis, cross-country, table tennis, soccer and hockey. We also had the athletics carnival (including the famous mascot race) and the rowing regatta, which always attracts a supportive crowd from UC and the other University of Melbourne colleges. While we didn't bring home any medals this semester, we did come third in women's soccer and our teams brought their A game, with supporters always cheering us on from the sidelines. A big congratulations to our women's cricket and soccer teams for making it to the semi-finals!

We had a lot of fun getting back into sports and meeting people from other colleges. We look forward to another round of competitive sports in semester 2, with netball, football, badminton, basketball, volleyball and mixed squash all on the cards. We will also have a swimming carnival! Let's go UC!



Men's cricket team



Xavier Mitchell



Men's soccer team



Emily Mitchell



Women's cricket



Xavier Mitchell and Henry Hurd



Men's hockey team

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

With life getting back to some semblance of normality, the running of the College has reverted to business as usual. One of the main changes the pandemic has given us is greater use of Zoom meetings. This has proven beneficial for Council, especially during all those lockdowns, as we could continue to meet virtually. With the new year and new order, Council members are looking forward to meeting in person and (for some) getting to see our new rooms for the first time. What a treat!

I am pleased to note that the current Council is quite dynamic, with new members and changing chairs of committees. Kathryn Bellion retired, having expertly served out her term, and was replaced by Miranda Crawley, also a HR expert with many years of experience. Anna Cramer (UC 2002) has taken on the role as Deputy President of Council. The new chair of the Scholarship committee is Karyn Sobels and the new chair of the Governance committee will be Rebecca Lobb (UC 2008).

Now is a good time for any alumni with the time or experience to think about joining Council.

It is a great experience and certainly worthwhile. The remit of Council is to ensure good governance in all aspects of our business.

As a matter of course, external audits are undertaken of our finances each year. It was pleasing to see that we received a clean bill of health from the auditors for the 2021 annual figures. The College also undertakes internal audits. Health checks around wages, cyber security and OH&S have been completed recently. Council committees regularly perform self-evaluations and the Governance committee ensures that we are all working in an optimal manner.

With the assistance of Liliana Bove, the College is checking in with our residents and their families as to how well our application and on-boarding processes perform, and whether there is anything we could improve upon. Whilst I am a great believer in feedback, we do not intend to annoy, with a focus on appropriate communication levels, such as short surveys.



The new Strategic Plan, developed late last year, takes us through to 2024. Steady as she goes is the key for now, but it is vital we have clear goals and plans in place so we can work towards them.

Some feedback received recently is that there is interest from some of the student body for greater interaction with Council. This is encouraged, as it ensures better communication across a number of levels and helps students understand the workings of a voluntary council, such as ours, which depends upon the generosity and experience of our members.

With the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, the advancement area will become more active again and we hope to see many more of you involved in our events. As I have noted previously, scholarships are an important aspect of our offering to students and it is time we focused more closely on this. We have been a co-ed residential college for over 40 years now and there are many alumni that are now approaching the stage in life where they can give back to causes they care about. After the last couple of serious years, we hope to have a bit of fun whilst we do this.

As always, I thank the Head of College, Dr Jennifer McDonald, and her wonderful staff for their steady hand as they assist our students through the challenges of tertiary study and life away from home.

K. Jane Peck
President of Council



Celebrating our highest academic achievers

On 9 May, 2022 the College organised the Fellows and Academic Achievement High Table. This event celebrated the academic performance of UC students across their studies in 2021 and acknowledged those who received an end-of-year average grade of 80 or above at their respective universities.

The event took place in our Syme Dining Hall and for a number of our recent alumni (who left UC at the end of 2021) this was their first High Table experience in the dining hall since the beginning of the pandemic. Our Head of College, Dr Jennifer McDonald, hosted the event which was attended by Fellow and Governor, Dr Di Bresciani OAM (UWC 1960); Governor, Carol Johnston (UWC 1965); as well as College Council Deputy President, Anna Cramer (UC 2002) and Council members Dr. Zita Unger and Prof. Liliana Bove. Former UC Fellow Medal recipients Fox Crowley (2018 and 2019) and Anna Bartos (2020) were also in attendance alongside UC staff, resident tutors and our graduate students. The evening's keynote address was delivered by Fox, who shared his experiences and offered some advice about how to develop healthy study habits that support academic success in a post-COVID world. In a nutshell, "work but be kind to yourself."

It was a wonderful event, where we recognised the achievement of 36 UC students and alumni and presented each of them with a Fellows Award (and a \$100 Readings bookshop voucher).

UC also presents a Fellows Medal to the undergraduate student who obtained the highest average score. This year the recipient was Ethan Langholcs, who is studying a Bachelor of Fashion Design at RMIT. While Ethan was unfortunately unable to attend the event, we were able to catch up with Ethan afterwards and present him with the medal and a \$200 Readings voucher.

Andre Louhanapessy
Dean of Studies



Andre Louhanapessy, Ethan Langholcs and Dr Jennifer McDonald

"My advice for studying is not particularly profound or poignant, but I think I can boil my own academic success into two main points: habits and grit.

"It is inevitable that throughout your university career you will be faced with challenges and perhaps not meet the standards that you had for yourself...people often think I didn't experience such failures but I certainly did and so I want everyone to know it is a universal feeling. Know that mistakes are inevitable and to just be kinder and gentler to yourself. But also don't give up, because I think you can really surprise yourself if you keep going."

Fox Crowley, keynote speaker and former UC Fellow Medal recipient



The Fellows Award recipients for outstanding academic achievement in 2021 are:

Chelsea Antich	Anna Hardy	Raphaella Seal
Isabella Banks	Clay Hattam	Lily Simatupang
Harry Brakha	Nicole Ho	Paul Spasojevic
Rebecca Brennan	Penelope Kunzler	Casey Speight
Grace Bubb	Ethan Langholcs	Zali Stephens
Barali Burford	Ben Lin	Rachel Tan
Bonita Burford	Jemma Lowe	Olive Weng
Lachlan Careedy	Amelia Maheras	Taila White
Micol Carmignani	Lucinda Matthews	Max Williamson
Amy Cugley	Morgan May	Zoe Winter
Rachel Dickson	Thomas McKendrick	Emma Wong
Meg Eishold	Allison Meyer	Elsbeth Wright



Cancer Council morning tea

Giving back through UC community service

Our student group is very passionate about giving back to the wider community and doing what we can to support those in need. We've had a strong start to the year, with a number of initiatives taking place in semester 1, and we focused on a diversity of events, to give UC students the opportunity to participate in those they felt most comfortable with. In no specific order, here's what we organised this semester.

Australian Red Cross blood donations. Every donation can save three lives. We organised two groups to head to the Melbourne CBD Lifeblood donation clinic to donate blood and plasma. It was a successful trip and we are aiming to run this again in semester 2.



Zoe Borger and Ben Cottrell

Letterbox Project by ConnectedAu.

This initiative aims to support those who are isolated, especially during times such as now, when COVID-19 has reduced human connection and contact. UC students wrote letters, which were posted to a nursing home in time for Mother's Day. The letters included messages about women who have been an inspiration in their lives or memories of their own mothers, and included drawings and photos.

Cancer Council Morning Tea.

On 28 May we hosted a morning tea in the Hogarth Room to raise money for people impacted by cancer. The kitchen prepared a spread of scones with jam and cream and students baked cakes, slices, scrolls and more for the event. We awarded prizes to students with the best baked goods, which were both delicious and well presented. We raised over \$250 for Cancer Council.

Push-up Challenge for Mental Health.

For the month of June, we registered a team to participate in the Push-up Challenge to *push* for better mental health and *raise* awareness of the number of Australians who died by suicide in 2020. Each participant completed 3,139 push-ups over 24 days and we raised over \$1,400, which has gone towards supporting critical mental health services.

It's been a big semester and we're incredibly happy with what we've achieved, the money raised and the people we've helped. Thank you to all staff and students who helped out and got involved. Next semester we're planning to run the 'Do It In A Dress' initiative by One Girl, World Vision's '40 Hour Famine', 'Live Below The Line' and 'Movember'.

Georgia Gibson
Community Service Representative
2nd Year Arts Student
University of Melbourne



Monica Liu, Sean Bellato, Caitlin Kendall, Sher Maine Tan, Jess Sanchez Vargas, Hoon Byun, Jordan Wong and Shady Sallam

The who's who of the SCR

It's like déjà vu all over again! The SCR had so much planned for Semester 1, 2022 however a pesky spate of COVID-19 cases at College put a damper on all things face-to-face – again! But hopefully – touch wood – we've passed the peak and can look forward to life at UC returning to something resembling normal – again!

High Tables have returned after two years of absence, and the SCR is looking to start running all manner of face-to-face events for students, including, but not limited to:

- **Fireside Chats** (where we chat, although ironically not beside a fire these days)
- **Big Ideas** (where we talk about Big Ideas)
- **Study Sundays** (where we hopefully study, hopefully on Sundays)
- **Chat and Chills** (where we... you know what, you probably get the idea, hey?)
- Plus **Shut Up and Write** sessions, guest speakers, a tentatively planned board games night, film nights and arts and craft-ernoons. So watch this space!

I thought I'd round out this year's SCR Report with some brief bios of this year's Resident Tutors:

- **Sher Maine:** Sher Maine currently works as a Molecular Biologist with Monash University, and will be starting her PhD at University of Melbourne this year, focusing on biotherapeutics to combat multi-drug resistant organisms. She enjoys reading, meeting new people and baking, and she's always up for a chat about science with a good glass of wine!

- **Sean:** Sean is a Bachelor of Commerce graduate from the University of Melbourne, majoring in economics and finance. Outside of uni, he enjoys footy and basketball, and he's a proud Western Bulldogs supporter.
- **Rebi:** Rebi's looking to start her PhD next year, focusing on anonymity and disclosure online, and works part-time in the UC archives if you're interested in hearing more about the history of the College. Rebi loves theatre, art and music, and she's often combined these interests as a sound designer in theatre productions.
- **Hoon:** Hoon's currently in his second year of a Masters of Biotechnology, doing research with Mikaël Martino's lab at the Australian Regeneration Medicine Institute. Hoon's tri-lingual (speaking English, Korean and conversational Japanese), well-travelled and also served in the Republic of Korea Army, where he acquired a unique set of skills.
- **Jordan:** Jordan's starting his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Melbourne. Outside of uni, he has worked with several student and non-governmental organisations in event management, so feel free to ask him if you want any advice (I suggest showing him a picture of your pet before you ask – he just can't say no to cute animals).

- **Jess:** Jess holds a Master of Public and International Law from the University of Melbourne, as well as a Masters of Environment, specialising in governance policy and markets. Jess is passionate about her country, Colombia, and sharing her culture, and enjoys camping, hiking and canyoning in her spare time.
- **James:** Last but not least, me! I'm doing my PhD in Creative Arts and English, focusing on the representation of queer communities in fiction, specifically in crime fiction. I also enjoy film and TV, graphic novels and Mario Kart.

Until next time – when hopefully we will have lots of events to report on.

James Brown
Senior Common Room President



Sher Maine Tan and James Brown



Holistic wellbeing is key

2022 has been off to a busy and productive start, with students showing great enthusiasm after two years of lockdowns and challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. We've resumed in-person counselling appointments, which has helped boost student engagement around accessing wellbeing support. It has also allowed for me, as the Wellbeing Coordinator, to have a more active presence within the UC community.

We began the year with a jam-packed O-Week, putting emphasis on consent training and education for both first year students and returners. The organisation Consent Labs came all the way from Sydney and stayed with us on campus for a week to facilitate training on topics such as foundations of consent, drugs and alcohol, and how to be an active bystander. The combination of lectures and small group work allowed our students to be proactive and practise applying all of the new information and skills. Our aim is to continue empowering our students to feel confident in engaging in and promoting healthy and respectful relationships on campus and in their personal lives.

The beginning of the semester reminded us all that even though we had fewer restrictions, 'Rona' was still very much present within UC and broader Melbourne communities. We spent the first several months of the year promoting messaging around our health and making conscious choices. We also provided students

with resources and advice on how to access medical support and manage the stress of university study requirements while unwell. We successfully supported students who tested positive for COVID by providing them with practical assistance, delivering meals during their isolation period, as well as offering counselling sessions via Zoom to help manage the emotional impacts of illness and isolation.

Our Wellbeing Committee elected its new members for 2022 and got off to a fantastic start under the leadership of our Student Wellbeing Representative, Rachael Mooney. The Committee organised a very successful Wellbeing Week, during which they hosted activities to promote taking time off to relax and connection with others. Some of the many activities they offered included head and shoulder massages, corridor decorating, movie night, yoga, a picnic in the park, organising staff to bring in their pets, and hosting a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon BBQ with student musical performances.

One of our committee goals for this year is to promote holistic wellbeing. While we will continue to place a strong emphasis on student mental health, our committee also recognises the need for facilitating wholesome activities that can bring the community together, providing alternatives to nights out at the pub and promoting positive ongoing relationships and change.

There are a lot of great ideas planned for this year, so watch this space for more to come!

Katie Saya
Student Wellbeing Coordinator





Harry Sulikowski, Charlene Phua, Victoria McKenzie, Otto Mudigdo, Nick Symons and Ian Robertson

Getting our hands dirty for a greener 2022

This year we had a renewed focus on making the College more eco-friendly and sustainable. Looking after the environment is an important value at UC and we couldn't wait to get our hands dirty. With over 20 students recruited to the sustainability committee, we had lots of ideas and the manpower to execute them.

We kicked off the semester with Earth Hour on 26 March. The whole college got around it and people turned off their lights for the duration of the event, using candles and torches instead. It was awesome to see the community come together and reduce their power usage for an hour.

On 6 April we organised our first Garden Day for the year, where we planted various herbs and vegetables, such as cauliflower, coriander and eggplant. We can't wait to harvest these in the foreseeable future and use them in our everyday meals. During our gardening session with Ian and Ardi, we were also educated about composting and how it is managed by the kitchen staff (don't forget to chuck your veggie and fruit scraps in the compost bin!) It's crucial to reduce our food waste as much as possible by only grabbing small portions of food, but when you do have leftovers, compost what you can.

Finally, this semester we also had meetings with the ICAC Sustainability Committee to discuss initiatives to improve the collective college environmental footprint. Stay tuned for more information!

This has been an awesome semester thus far, so thank you to the UC community for getting on board with our events and initiatives. I look forward to a productive semester 2 and introducing more ideas to the College – we are hoping a quiz night, clothes swap and more recycling facilities will all be on the cards.

Nick Symons
Sustainability Representative
2nd Year Geospatial Science Student
RMIT





Intercollegiate Open House

The UniMelb residential colleges worked together to organise a highly successful Open House event to welcome prospective students back to our campuses.

Now that we've largely left the 'virtual' reality we lived in over recent years behind, we didn't want to miss another opportunity to host an in-person event.

So on Saturday 21 May, all ten University of Melbourne affiliated colleges opened their gates for the afternoon and offered tours, with the day designed to complement our main Open Day in August. The weather did not disappoint, and while it may have been a little chilly, we were treated to sunshine all day long. Despite clashing with the Federal Election, we welcomed over 200 prospective students and their families throughout the afternoon. We handed out our famous mini cupcakes, UC information packs with jelly beans and hundreds of coffees from our coffee cart. Our kitchen staff prepared an excellent lunch spread, with platters of croissants, sandwiches, sushi and fruits for our guests to eat on the move as they travelled between colleges. Over 30 UC students put their hand up to act as tour guides, showing people around our facilities and sharing their experiences of our community.

We were pleased to receive so much positive feedback about the day, with a number of people deciding to submit an application for UC. The event was a hit and we couldn't be more thankful to all the students and staff involved.



Lulu Fitz leading a tour



Madison Coldham leading a tour



Grace Cutts and Lauren Richards leading a tour



Zoey Maiden with tour guides



Ally Spain

Welcome and celebrations with family and friends

COVID visitor restrictions over the past two years have meant very few friends and family members have had the opportunity to explore the UC campus and its facilities. So on the evening of 21 May we were pleased to be able to host a Family Reception to officially welcome our students' nearest and dearest to UC.

The chilly but sunny weather meant we could host the reception in the stunning Giblin Courtyard, which was decorated with fairy lights for the occasion. The event was even more popular than expected, with over 300 students and their guests in attendance, many travelling from regional Victoria, interstate and even from overseas. The reception provided an excellent opportunity for parents to take a tour, meet UC residents and network with other family members. Drinks and roaming canapés were provided, before a number of people headed out for dinner, supporting our local restaurants.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening a great success – we hope to host you again in the not-so-distant future.



Imogen Smyth and Yasmine Peponis with family



Bridget Callahan and Ruby Morton with family



James Norris and mum



Dr Jennifer McDonald addressing guests



Jane Peck and Jenny Stewardson

Governors afternoon tea

Head of College, Dr Jennifer McDonald, and President of Council, Jane Peck, welcomed 17 of our College Governors for an intimate afternoon tea in June.

In her remarks, Dr McDonald reflected on the important role played by our Governors and their service to College, saying: "with your support and leadership, we will continue to build our capacity to provide a collegiate educational experience, where students enjoy a living and learning experience that can be truly transformative."

Along with sampling delicious afternoon tea offerings prepared by the College chefs, guests were given an overview of UC's significant achievements over the

past few years, including improvements in accommodation and facilities; developments in our marketing and fundraising strategies; and the quality of UC's academic support. The Governors were also updated on the successes of the College's wellbeing and student services team.

It was wonderful to welcome these important members of the UC Community to College, and enjoy a lovely afternoon together.

Governors are appointed by the College Council in recognition of their contribution to UC. There are currently 111 Governors of the College located around Australia and the world, reflecting the global nature of our community.

Stephanie Rogan
Fundraising and Alumni Relations Advisor



Helen Murray, Dr Jennifer McDonald and Barbara Murray

100th birthday celebration

In January we were privileged to host the Mackie family as they celebrated the 100th birthday of UC Governor, Bill Mackie.

Bill's late wife Kathleen was a student at University Women's College in 1944, and his daughter Merran is also a UC alumna.

It was wonderful to see so many generations of the family come together for Bill's momentous birthday, which was hailed as a "marvelous event" and a "great celebration."

Thank you to Bill and his family for allowing UC to be part of such a special day.



Bill Mackie and Dr Jennifer McDonald



Bill and family



VALE

We pay tribute to members of the UC community whose passing we have been informed of in the past six months.

Patricia Carter (UWC 1950) 06/10/1931 – 01/2022

Fredrick Davidson AM KSJ (Governor) 14/11/1936 – 10/11/2021

Delma Durrant (Governor) 20/04/1938 – 27/02/2022

Dr Patricia Ellis AM (UWC 1964) 20/11/1946 – 06/05/2022

Alison Tingate (UWC 1945) 24/10/1926 – 2020



To add remembrances or notify us of the passing of a member of the UC community, please contact us on +61 3 9349 9113 or community@unicol.unimelb.edu.au

MEMORIES OF UC

Micaela Jemison

(nee Main) (UC 2004)

I grew up on a dairy farm near Echuca and was always a fan of nature and animals. My childhood was filled with fishing trips and catching frogs, spiders and snakes on my family's farm. Like most environmentalists of my generation, the documentaries of Sir David Attenborough ignited a spark within me, and I desperately wanted to pursue a career in environmental conservation. So I enrolled in a Bachelor of Science (with honours) at the University of Melbourne.



Micaela and Grey-headed Flying Fox

Living at UC, I formed lifelong friendships and found my husband there too. University College enabled me, as a country kid, to explore the expanding world of the city and university life with a sense of security and belonging. I had an instant family and support network living at UC. While many of my UC friends have moved around the world, I am still in contact with most of them.

Some of my fondest memories are of the events held at college, like UC Day, the in-house 'tern' parties and the university balls. But beyond the parties, the camaraderie found in the dining hall at breakfast and the dressing up for high-table dinner are also special. To my non-college friends, running around in our robes like Harry Potter at high table dinners sounded like incredible fun. And they weren't wrong. But beyond the events themselves, UC gave me opportunities to see what life outside the sheltered world of university could be like. The external guests invited to events like high table allowed me to have conversations with experts and professionals that shaped my aspirations for my career outside university.

UC also gave me opportunities to get out of my comfort zone and develop my own confidence in non-academic areas. My first and only experience in the theatre was as a soldier in UC's production of South Pacific. Singing in public was something that I would not have attempted had it not been for the supportive culture of UC. Looking back

now, it is a treasured memory from my third and final year living at UC.

After graduation, I worked for six years as a threatened species biologist at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research. Whilst there I conducted a wide range of research, from grassland monitoring to Southern Brown Bandicoot conservation. But working on our threatened bat species was my passion. My time working with Grey-headed Flying Foxes and the Southern Bent-wing Bat gave me a window into the fascinating lives of these animals that so few get to see. From this realisation, I started the next phase of my career as an environmental advocate and science communicator.

I moved to Washington DC (USA) where I was fortunate enough to spend two years working and learning from some of the best communicators in the world at the Smithsonian Institution – the world's largest museum, education, and research complex.

As a science communicator in the Central Office of Public Affairs, I was given a front row seat to the wide range of fascinating research being conducted across the Smithsonian's 21 museums and the National Zoo.

My decision to go abroad was directly influenced by my time at University College. In my second year at UC,

a handsome American exchange student moved into the room across from mine. After six months together at UC and two years long distance afterwards, Cory would return to Australia to be with me. We have always been grateful to the wonderful staff at UC who helped us with the various immigration paperwork we needed over the years. Cory is now an Australian citizen and we are married with two wonderful young boys, Hamish and Riley.

Of course I moved for love, but I would also say it was the best move I could have made for my career. Academia can be incredibly rewarding but it can also be hard to see change happening out of the research you publish. I personally found it very frustrating when the research I was involved with seemed, to me at least, misconstrued or just not being acted upon. At the time that I did my masters, the discipline



Cory Jemison, Micaela Main and T'mir Julius

of science communication was in its infancy in Australia. Moving to the United States I was able to connect with experts in the field and see the power of science communication and the impact that could be made by engaging communities and other stakeholders.

Washington DC is an epicentre of not only academic research, but also world leading conservation organisations and, of course, politics. My experiences there really have shaped my view on what it takes to get action on environmental issues.

Conservation is a team effort across a wide range of people – scientists, government environmental staff, land managers, fundraisers, communicators, politicians, community leaders, and much more.

We need all of these people to make conservation happen. Scientists alone can only help us understand the problems.

In my opinion, the Smithsonian is one of the most amazing places to work in the world. Only my passion for bat conservation could tempt me to leave. I went on to join Bat Conservation International as their Director for Communications & Public Engagement and spent three years promoting the organisation's work to conserve threatened bat species around the world.

Now, having returned to Melbourne, I am working to raise a voice for all of nature, including bats, with the Wilderness Society. As their Manager of Content and Collaboration, I work on environmental campaigns that unite everyday Australians in a movement to protect nature. Through my journey, I have come to realise that science alone will not save our endangered species. We need the community behind us and the political will to do so. That is why I am proud to be advocating for new national nature laws in Australia to help end our extinction crisis.



To view some videos of Micaela's exciting work, please scan the QR code.



Micaela with the Smithsonian mammal collection

Career highlights

As a threatened species biologist:

- Co-authoring the National Recovery Plan for the Southern Bent-wing Bat.
- Spending months exploring old gold mines and catching bats to help determine the range of one of Victoria's threatened bat species.
- Conducting studies that involved catching, handling or observing up close many of our amazing native animals like bettongs, quolls, bandicoots, bats, Leadbeater's possum, greater gliders, smokey mouse, goannas, skinks and more.
- Talking about microbats and introducing kids to a bat called George on Channel Ten's *Totally Wild*.

As a science communicator:

- Helping a team of scientists push a preserved giant mountain gorilla through a CT scanner. This was part of a project to digitise mammal specimens for scientists to access from around the world.
- Holding a kiwi while interviewing her keeper at the Smithsonian National Zoo.
- Interviewing the world's leading palaeontologists while making a documentary about the Smithsonian's dinosaur collection – they might study fossils but they had amazing stories!

- Being a member of the mammal department at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. I was assigned keys that allowed me to open any drawer in the collection. It was amazing to delve through and discover one of the largest collections of mammal life on Earth – from thylacines to the world's largest bat collection.
- Holding an Emmy award won by Bill Nye in the American National History Museum.

As a conservationist:

- Being featured on the TODAY show in the United States talking about bat conservation in front of the largest bat colony in the world (Bracken Cave, Texas with over 20 million Mexican freetail bats).
- Taking bats to the White House including some of Australia's Grey-headed Flying Foxes! This was part of an annual event at the White House during Easter that celebrated nature and conservation.
- Working with senators and holding events at the US Congress to further bat conservation efforts.
- Back in Australia, being part of a national movement that is raising nature protection and climate change as top political issues in the country.



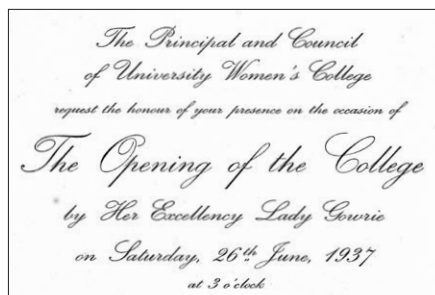
First intake of students with Miss Susie Williams at the official opening

History in the making

2022 marks the 85th anniversary of University College (formerly University Women's College). Since our foundation in 1937, the College has enjoyed a rich history. For those who may not be aware of its growth over the years, we have highlighted some of the key events below – with a particular focus on the last five years since our 80th milestone.

1917

- 'Wanted – A Women's College': a group of women associated with the University of Melbourne set up a Provisional Committee to establish a nondenominational college for women equal in status to the existing four men's colleges of the University.



1930s

- **1933:** After 16 years of struggle, the Provisional Committee was granted by Act of Parliament five and a half acres of Crown Land to establish 'A Residential College for Women at the University of Melbourne'. Architect Kingsley Anketell Henderson designed the College Master Plan.
- **1936:** A fundraising campaign began and the Foundation Stone was laid.
- **1937:** University Women's College opened with the first wing named after founder and benefactor, Dr Georgina Sweet. There were just nine students and Miss Susie Williams was appointed Principal.
- **1938:** A third storey was added to Sweet Wing, creating a total of 25 rooms. Following Miss Williams' retirement, Dr Greta Hort was

appointed Principal. Mrs Eilean Giblin was elected as first President of the inaugural College Council. The College motto adopted by the Council was 'Frappe Fort'. If translated literally this means 'Strike Hard', although the Council preferred to interpret it as 'What you do, do with a will'.

- **1939:** Ellis Wing, named after founder and benefactor Dr Constance Ellis, was completed.

1940s:

- **1939-1945:** After World War II broke out in Europe, further developments were restricted. Funds or approval for building projects and support staff were difficult to obtain.
- **1947:** Miss Myra Roper was appointed Principal.



Library 1954



The first cohort of male students were enrolled in 1976

1950s:

- **1953:** Syme Wing, named after founders and benefactors, Misses Eveline and Kathleen Syme, was opened.
- **1958:** The north block of the Fraser Wing, named after benefactor, Miss Sarah Jane Fraser, was opened. 126 students were in residence.
- **1959:** The main entrance to the College was relocated to its present location on the eastern side of Sweet Wing. Williams Wing, named after the first Principal, Miss Susie Williams, was opened.

1960s:

- **1960:** Leitch Hall, named after benefactors Sir Walter and Lady Leitch, was completed. Dr Angela Milne was appointed Principal.
- **1963:** Roper Wing, named after the third Principal, Miss Myra Roper, opened. 132 students were in residence.
- **1967:** Mrs Margaret Russell-Smith was appointed Principal.

1970s:

- **1975:** University Women's College was renamed University College after the College Council decision to admit male residents.
- **1976:** The first cohort of male students (40) was in residence.
- **1979:** Mrs Heather Hewitt AO was appointed Principal.

1980s:

- **1985:** Fraser South Wing opened. 164 students were in residence.
- **1986:** The Head's Residence, designed by architect Daryl Jackson, was built.
- **1987:** A third floor was added to Syme Wing.

1990s:

- **1990:** The Greta Hort Memorial Library, named after the second Principal, opened.
- **1996:** The Graduate Apartments for graduate students and visiting academic guests, opened.
- **1997:** Hewitt House, named after the sixth Principal, Mrs Heather Hewitt, opened. It provided additional apartments for academic visitors. 213 students were in residence.
- **1999:** Dr Susanne Pearce was appointed Head of College.



Opening of Fraser North block 1958



Redevelopment project



Opening of Dining Hall 2017

2000s

- **2001:** The Academic Centre, now the Leitch Academic Centre, opened.
- **2002:** Dr Deborah Seifert was appointed Head of College.
- **2008:** The Recreation Centre, now Leggatt Wing, named after Lady Dorothy Leggatt, College Founder and Council President, opened. 221 students were in residence.
- **2008:** Dr Jennifer McDonald was appointed Head of College.
- **2009:** The armillary sphere sundial, gifted by Professor John Lovering AO and Mrs Kerry Lovering OAM, was installed at the College's main entrance.

2010s

- **2010:** The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden was established.
- **2011:** Inaugural Art and Design Week was held. Perimeter Fence Project (Stage 1) began.
- **2013:** Following a bequest from Miss Lena McEwan FRCS FRACS the perimeter Fence Project (Stage 2) was completed.
- **2014:** Lovell Chen architects were appointed to design a new Master Plan for the College.
- **2016:** The UC Redevelopment Project began, the largest capital works project since the College first opened its doors in 1937. The Williams and Roper Wings were demolished to make way for the project.

- **2017:** The Syme Dining Hall was officially opened, completing the first part of the project.
- **2017:** A delay in the project meant the College community was spread across two campuses with a temporary campus established at UniLodge on Swanston Street. 258 students were in residence.
- **2017:** The AC Courtyard was renamed the Giblin Courtyard to honour College Founder and first Council President, Mrs Eilean Giblin. The Rose Garden was renamed McEwan Courtyard in honour of benefactor, Miss Lena McEwan.

2019:

- The official opening of the UC Redevelopment Project took place, introducing the community to our 190 ensuite rooms, Seminar Centre and common rooms.
- The UC men's cricket team won their first premiership since the inception of intercollegiate sports, 98 years ago.



Cricket team 2019



Covid protocols 2020



Front of College with sundial

2020:

- The Design Studio opened.
- Women's cricket was officially recognised as a sport on the intercollegiate calendar.
- The COVID-19 pandemic was declared (WHO, 11 March) followed by state government restrictions, including lockdown (23 March). Australia's international border was closed.
- Social distancing practices were introduced throughout the College. In-person events were cancelled (including sport and social activities). Academic and wellbeing programs, staff and Council meetings transitioned online. Visitors were not permitted onsite.
- With wellbeing becoming an increasingly important focus for

the College, youth workers were introduced to offer additional support to students overnight.

- Our Kitchen Garden celebrated its 10th anniversary.
- The armillary sphere was returned to the College entrance after being temporarily moved during the project.
- 320 students were in residence.

2021:

- We welcomed the largest ever cohort of students at UC: 346 residents.
- College events were adapted for a COVID-normal environment (such as small, al-fresco High Table dinners in the Roper Courtyard).
- External guests were welcomed back for the first time in over a year.

2022

- Syme and Fraser Wings were newly refurbished over the summer break.
- International students returned for the first time in two years.
- In person events, sporting and social activities returned, as featured in this issue.

If you are interested in more information about the College and its history, we will be releasing our 85th Anniversary publication later in the year, and in September we will host a celebration to recognise this important milestone. So keep an eye out for your invitation!

Anniversary celebrations reach new heights

To celebrate our 85th Anniversary this year, we decided to try something a little different. Using a makeshift compass and some flour, we mapped out a giant 85 on the lawn of the Giblin Courtyard. Then we gathered a bunch of enthusiastic students and staff and had them stand on the shape while we captured the image with a drone from the air. Thanks to everyone who joined in – can you spot yourself in the image?



COUNCIL MEMBER PROFILE: MIRANDA CRAWLEY

Tell us a little bit about you! What's your background? Where did you grow up? What did you study?

I'm a twin – with a brother who is 11 minutes older. I grew up on a farm in a country town called Nagambie, in the Goulburn Valley. It's known for its lake, vineyards, sheep and wheat.

I studied behavioural science, followed by a Graduate Diploma in Applied/Organisational Psychology and then did some further study in trauma counselling and critical incident debriefing. Then later, another Graduate Diploma in Human Resources and Industrial Relations, and most recently, completed accredited mediator training.

What do you bring to the College Council?

Kathryn Bellion, a very accomplished and experienced HR professional who I admire greatly, was completing her term with the Council, and I was fortunate that my own HR background and professional experience was seen as being able to fill that need/skill balance created by her departure.

One of my first management roles was with the Florey Neurosciences Institute, and as a result I came into contact with many students from University College and came to appreciate the role that colleges play in a student's life. Not only do they provide a sense of belonging, a

home away from home, but they help sustain students through challenging courses of study.

Being part of a supportive community can be the difference between completing a degree, or not, and brings lifelong mentors and friends into your world! The sense of community, the friendliness of the students and staff and the lovely atmosphere is why I really want to support UC and help build this fantastic experience of college and university life for students.

What was your first job?

HR didn't exist as a profession when I was first starting out. My first job was as a youth worker in Canberra, then I returned to Melbourne and worked in an occupational health and counselling consultancy. I have always been interested in people and as the HR field began to emerge, I realised this was the career for me.

Who has influenced your career most and why?

A lot of my tutors and lecturers in my undergraduate years – they taught me how to write properly and to be brave about questioning and discussing ideas. They opened my mind to thinking about the world as a place of possibilities, waiting to be explored. They also introduced me to some scientists, trailblazer philosophers

and thinkers, from past to present, that still influence my work and values today.

I've been lucky to have some great mentors in life, especially a couple of bosses who really believed in me and encouraged me, and have always been generous in sharing their own experiences, learning and perspectives.

What is the best piece of advice that you have ever been given (personal or professional)?

To believe in myself, and focus on my own values as a way of grounding myself and making decisions in tough times. It is okay not to be perfect and to be honest about it – this gives other people freedom to do the same!

I really enjoy the principles of stoic philosophy – Marcus Aurelius and his peers might be writing from another age, but their wisdom is timeless. It's having a real moment in workplaces and self-leadership right now, mostly thanks to a book called *The Daily Stoic* by Ryan Holiday. I have recommended it to so many people because I've found it so helpful. It's permanently sitting on my bedside table!

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

Definitely Lyon, France. To me, it's a second home. I love the old city and its history, Traboules/alleyways, the food, and the people (Lyonnais are very friendly and relaxed!) I have really missed it during Covid, and look forward to returning after a two year absence in a few weeks' time – to see friends and loved ones, eat lots of cheese, and re-polish my French, which has become a bit rusty!

Name one person you'd like to have dinner with and why?

It's hard to choose just one person – I think it would be a tie between Hedy Lamarr (the Hollywood actress who was a scientist and inventor in her 'spare time' – and who created the precursor to WiFi) and Ernest Shackleton, the great polar explorer.



Miranda Crawley and Kathryn Bellion

A gift to the College

We are grateful to have received two Martinelli pedestal urns, generously donated to the College by Margaret and John Robertson, parents of our Gardener, Ian Robertson. The urns were purchased in the mid-1990s for their home in North Carlton.

These beautiful garden ornaments now adorn the Roper Courtyard. They have been planted with Arthropodium and Cyclamens complemented by Cymbidium Orchards and Agaves in terracotta pots. We thank Margaret and John for their generous donation to this much loved courtyard.



Interested in joining UC's Council?

University College is always on the lookout for volunteers to join our Council and contribute to the vision and direction of the College.

If you are interested in gaining an understanding of non-executive leadership in a friendly and supportive environment, joining Council is an ideal place to start. You will be surrounded by our experienced governance team, helping you build upon your knowledge and develop your leadership skills.

Becoming a Council Member and contributing to UC's governance offers an enjoyable and stimulating role for those with an interest in the higher education sector and community building.

To register your interest, or recommend a future candidate, contact our College Secretary at:
CollegeSecretary@unicol.unimelb.edu.au

Revitalising an important source of support for our students

It was the vision of the College Council and Head of College, Heather Hewitt (1979 – 1999) to introduce an additional revenue stream to the College’s operations to help mitigate the cost of student fees. To that end, the College began offering day and accommodated conference venues for use by external groups, primarily in the winter and summer breaks. These conferences also provide essential additional income to support student wellbeing, academic programs and facilities.

After two years in lockdown, this important aspect of the College’s operations has recommenced in our wonderful new Seminar Centre.

In Semester 1 the College was the venue for *Conversation at the Crossroads*, an innovative series of lectures, presentations by world experts in their respective fields, Q&A, debates, role play, small conversation groups, brainstorming sessions and skilling workshops. The series comprised seven three-hour sessions run on consecutive Tuesdays from 26 April to June 7, 2022. It was hosted by Professor Joseph Camilleri OAM who discusses the series here.

The Best of Times, The Worst of Times – “Navigating Life at the Crossroads”

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of darkness.” – Charles Dickens, Tale of Two Cities 1859

To say we live in challenging times is now a cliché. There is no point denying the reality: a perilously warming planet, a pandemic that refuses to go away, new levels of polarisation and mistrust, the war in Ukraine, plummeting stock markets, media that are less than reliable, and a public conversation often light on substance.

With this in mind, two years ago a number of us launched *Conversation at the Crossroads*. After staging several webinars, forums and conversations attracting hundreds of people, we

decided to run something a little different – a series that would pose difficult questions, probe below the surface of things, and offer a compass for the way ahead.

The series was conducted in person and online. We discussed: global warming in Covid times, ‘Black Lives Matter’, US-Russia-China relations, new ideas for civic engagement, and much else.

The Seminar Centre is a lovely venue. The lighting, seating arrangements, projection facilities, the generous serving of food and drinks, and above all the extremely helpful staff, all made for a relaxed yet engaging atmosphere.

We look forward to continuing the conversation at the College in the months to come.

Joseph A. Camilleri OAM



Joseph A. Camilleri OAM





Karyn Sobels

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2022 STUDENT CLUB EXECUTIVE



President:

Sam Blunn
Bachelor of Fine Arts
(Theatre), VCA,
University of Melbourne

I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to become part of the history here at UC, to be a voice for my peers and meet as many wonderful people as possible. I love being in the middle of a dance floor, especially with my UC friends.



Vice President:

Tom Caine
Bachelor of Agriculture,
University of Melbourne

So far my favourite thing about being a part of the student executive is organising the college wide events and seeing everyone get involved.



Secretary:

Emily Mitchell
Bachelor of
Biomedicine,
University of Melbourne

I love being part of a team that strives to make the College a safe and happy environment for all UC students every day. But most of all, I love organising and making Google drive folders :)



Treasurer:

Lauren Richards
Bachelor of Science,
University of Melbourne

What I love most about being on the exec is being part of the reason your college has a friendly and welcoming community. A fun fact about me is I hid my nose ring for months before my mum accidentally found out.



Social reps:

Emily Seiter
Bachelor of Arts, ACU

I am so excited to have the opportunity to plan events that all of UC can enjoy this year and to be able to make lasting connections with those in and around UC.



Victoria Wright
Bachelor of Commerce,
University of Melbourne

I've loved being involved with the College and planning fun events for everyone to enjoy.



Sports reps:

Gretel Hodge
Bachelor of Science,
University of
Melbourne

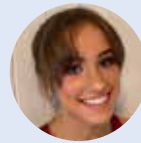
I love being able to encourage mental and physical wellbeing through sport and provide an opportunity for people to get to know UC residents better.



Xavier Mitchell

**Bachelor of
Engineering, RMIT**
I have really enjoyed working alongside my peers and getting

to know everyone that is getting involved in the sports.



Equity rep:

Casey Speight
Bachelor of
Biomedicine,
University of
Melbourne

I love being on the student club exec as it has brought me a lot closer with everyone at college and made me realise the hidden complexities behind our wonderful community. I particularly love my role as Equity Representative as it gives a platform to engage with the greatest variety of people at college and express their voices on issues that are important to us as young adults.



ICAC rep:

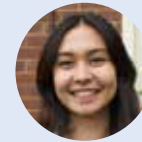
Adam Walduck
Bachelor of Design,
University of
Melbourne

Exec has been an amazing opportunity to organise some of the best events college has to offer!



International rep:
Amy Cugley
Bachelor of Science,
University of
Melbourne

I'm super excited to be working with this year's lovely group of execs and make anyone who's moved to Australia for the first time feel welcomed and at home.



Wellbeing rep:

Rachael Mooney
Bachelor of
Biomedicine,
University of
Melbourne

I've loved working with the Wellbeing Committee. There's always new ideas and initiatives introduced and brought to life. It's been really rewarding. Fun fact: I'm named after Rachel from Friends!



First year reps:

Hunter Masfen
Industrial Design,
RMIT

I have always lived by the motto 'Leave the place better than you found it'. It is an extremely difficult task at UC because it is already the best college on the Crescent, but I've enjoyed putting in the effort to achieve that goal.



Helena Haldane
Bachelor of Arts,
University of
Melbourne

Being part of exec has been a wonderful experience, it allows me to interact with and learn from our outstanding second-year leaders whilst providing a voice for the first years that furthers their support and place in this community. It was vital for me that UC was a space where everyone feels they belong and are valued, this role with exec has allowed Hunter and I to support the first years through this time of change and strengthen the UC family. It has been a fantastic opportunity!



Third year rep:

Chloe Manson
Bachelor of
Occupational
Therapy, ACU

The exec has been an amazing group of people to work with this year. Everyone's so devoted to making sure our college is the best place possible. Fun fact: I once had a broken foot for two months without knowing.



**"Living at College has been incredible.
The people are what make it...
I truly believe that it's where you make
life-long friendships." Jayden**



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