

YOUNG ALUMNI PROGRAM 2022 RECAP

It was great to see returning and new alumni engaging with the Young Alumni program this year. 2022 marked five years of the Curtin Young Alumni program. It was a fitting milestone to reflect on the achievements of our young alumni community. The Curtin Young Alumni Advisory Board (YAAB) is thankful for your support. Whether you shared a story, donated to the Young Alumni Helping Hand Fund, or attended an event – your support is appreciated. We look forward to connecting, learning with, and supporting you in 2023.

WE CONNECTED THROUGH EVENTS

Wine + Cheese

Our flagship Wine + Cheese event series was held in May at Curtin 137 St Georges Terrace, Perth. The event was sponsored by P&N bank who also presented on all things property. Thank you to P&N Bank Marketing Manager, [Priscilla Pedersen](#), and P&N Bank Senior Manager, Retail Distribution [Gemma Hay](#) who shared many insights into how to navigate being a first-home buyer in the Perth property market. Thank you to Olio's Fine Food for providing the delicious cheese and wine.



Wine + Cheese: Pinot and Property.

The second Wine + Cheese event for the year was held in October at Curtin 137 St Georges Terrace, Perth. Young grads came together to learn about career values, purpose and mindset in the workplace, presented by Curtin graduate and Chief Information Officer at Iluka Resources, [Matt Mueller](#). Following the presentation, guests continued to network and share career lessons over nibbles and drinks from Creative Catering.



Wine + Cheese: Developing your professional growth mindset.

Cocktails & Conversations

A mid-year *Cocktails & Conversations* function was held at Total BS. And Co, Perth. This casual event series brought together young grads from different industries, to share experiences and build connections.



Cocktails and Conversations in July.

Coffee & Conversations

The *Coffee & Conversations* event series continued to be the perfect before-work networking occasion for early birds. In 2022, these were held at Rubra on the Swan and Brew-Ha Kings Square café. In addition, the Curtin Young Alumni Advisory Board collaborated with Curtin's Law Alumni Society (CLAS), to host a *Coffee and Conversations* with law and tax graduates at Community Coffee, Perth. This was a great opportunity for young law graduates to come together and share industry insights, network and learn more about CLAS.



Coffee and Conversations in 2022.

Curtin Young Alumni Program turns 5!

We finished off the year by celebrating a special milestone – the Curtin Young Alumni Program turning 5! Held at the Glamour Bar at Prince Lane Perth, this event was a great opportunity to connect and reconnect with Curtin's young graduates. We celebrated the program's achievements and acknowledged current and former YAAB members. The event had some special surprises including a roving magician, cupcakes, and prizes! As the night wound down, many continued to catch up over light refreshments. It was a great way to come together and cap off a great year. We look forward to seeing more Curtin young alumni connecting at events in 2023.



Celebrating five years of the Young Alumni Program.

WE SUPPORTED CURRENT STUDENTS

The [Young Alumni Helping Hand Fund](#) (YAHHF) raised \$1806 contributed by 31 donors over the year, to provide emergency relief to students facing financial hardship. Over \$2500 worth of funds were distributed to 26 students. These funds were raised via Young Alumni events, recurring staff and alumni contributions, and a kind donation by P&N bank. This could not have been achieved without the generosity and support of the Curtin community.

This message was shared in the September Young Alumni newsletter: Curtin University Social Work Advisor Jagan, is at the forefront and has a special message for the young alumni community “Thanks for providing this support as this has made a huge impact. It helps with the most basic needs, which allows them to have a start to a better outlook for the future”.



WE CONNECTED AND CELEBRATED YOUNG GRADUATES

Young alumni stories

Curtin young alumni stories were shared across the usual social media channels, on the [Curtin Friends website](#), [Curtin Commons](#) and Curtin Alumni social media. This year, the Global stories series was published in a new format via [LinkedIn articles](#), allowing our young graduates to share more photos and insights into their journey after Curtin. An episode of the [#Talks4Change](#) podcast was also published with a new tile image, allowing listeners to see who the featured guest is. Thank you to those who took part! We love hearing stories of Curtin alumni discovering their passion, overcoming challenges, and getting involved in their community.

Social media and Young Alumni newsletter

We continued to build our social media presence and connect with our graduates through [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). The Curtin Young Alumni LinkedIn reached over 900 followers, demonstrating the importance of opportunities to stay connected with and build one’s network, amongst our Curtin young alumni.

Two newsletters were sent to our young alumni community, showcasing news, events, stories and initiatives. In addition, bespoke invitations were sent out with more details about this year’s events. Make sure [your details are up to date](#) so you can receive future Young Alumni news and events directly to your inbox.

THANK YOU!

Curtin's Alumni and Community Relations team would like to thank the dedicated, enthusiastic, and creative volunteers who served on the YAAB and supported the Young Alumni Program in 2022. The Young Alumni Program would not be possible without the ideas, knowledge, and commitment of the following incredible graduates:

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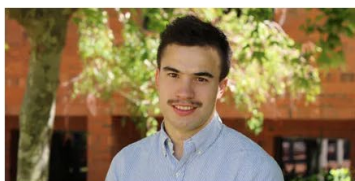
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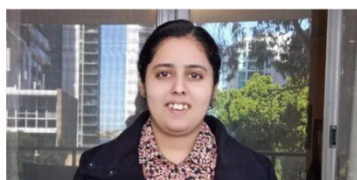
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Not all member photos are pictured.