

# Top students heading to



A GROUP of seven Indigenous students have received scholarships to prestigious universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard.

They will share in almost \$800,000 worth of scholarships in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements, and commitment to giving back to their communities

Awarded by the Aurora Education Foundation, the scholarships are the largest financial commitment from Aurora since the organisation began in 2006.

The scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the Charlie Perkins Scholarship and the Roberta Sykes Scholarships, which are delivered by Aurora.

This year's cohort includes one Charlie Perkins Scholar and six Roberta Sykes Scholars.

Aurora's CEO Leila Smith said that by affirming Indigenous achievement,

excellence and leadership, these scholarships have transformed education opportunities for First Nations students.

"Twelve years ago, an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person had never graduated from Oxford or Cambridge.

"Today, we've seen almost 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars studying and teaching at these top universities," she said.

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"That it's not about a predetermined path, it's about tailoring support to these scholar's versions of success.

"At Aurora, we catapult Indigenous

students to the best courses in the world for their goals so they can come back home and make change.

"It takes courage to look outside of your comfort zone for opportunities to develop and pursue your aspirations, and I couldn't be prouder of our 2023 scholarship recipients."



**Charlie Perkins Scholar Dunghutti Gumbaynggirr woman Teresa Cochrane.**

Teresa has recently completed a Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (Honours) at Charles Sturt University. Teresa currently works at the CSIRO in the Young Indigenous Women's STEM academy as an academic co-ordinator. This year she will move to the UK where she will study a Master of Philosophy in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management at Oxford University.



**Roberta Sykes Scholar Anaiwan man Connor Haddad.**

Connor completed a Bachelor of Communication (Honours) at The University of Queensland in 2019. For the last three years he has been working in Public Policy and has developed a passion for youth justice. Connor will study a Master of Public Administration in Public Policy and Public Value at University College London.

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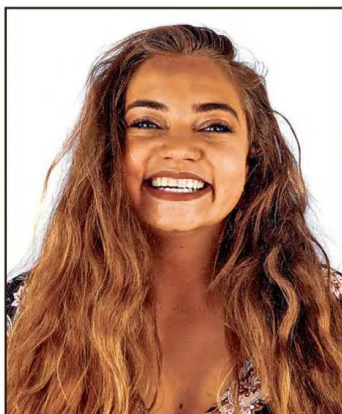
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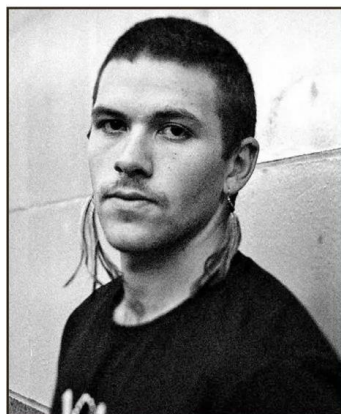
**Roberta Sykes Scholar**  
Darumbal woman **Mi-kaisha Masella.**

Mi-kaisha is a current New York University student and is in her final year studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Recorded Music at the Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music. Mi-kaisha has a background of working in music at both the ABC and AIME, she hopes to support the continuation of First Nations arts industries through her work.



**Roberta Sykes Scholar**  
Gija woman **Naarah Barnes.**

Naarah graduated with a Bachelor of Music majoring in Voice from The University of Tasmania in 2019. Since then, she has gained extensive experience in the entertainment industry with a focus on musical theatre. With this scholarship, Naarah has her eyes set on a Master of Music Theatre at the Royal Academy of Music in the UK.



**Roberta Sykes Scholar**  
Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr man **Dakota Feirer.**

In 2020 Dakota completed a Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies at the University of Wollongong. Since then, he has been working at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney as Program Producer. Dakota will study a Master of Arts (Museum Studies) at New York University.



**Roberta Sykes Scholar**  
Anaiwan man **Nicholas Harvey-Doyle.**

Nicholas is a student at New York University where he intends to use this scholarship, he is studying a Master of Arts in Media, Culture and Communication. Prior to this Nicholas completed a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws at the University of Newcastle. Through his study Nicholas would like to identify barriers to achieving diverse representation in media.



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