

2023



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORT AWARDS

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Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/
Bachelor of Psychological Studies (2021)



**VICTORIA
UNIVERSITY**

FULL BLUES

1974	John Butkiewicz	Lacrosse	2008	Liam Adams	Cross Country
1980	Larry Sengstock	Basketball	2008	Liam Adams	Distance running
1983	Tony Dodemaide	Cricket	2008	Victor Siciliano	Australian Rules
1983	Campbell Rose	Sailing	2008	Marinella Salafia	Australian Rules
1984	Danny Morseu	Basketball	2008	Rohenna Young	Australian Rules
1986	Andrew Gaze	Basketball	2008	Susan Dobson	Badminton
1988	Mike McKay	Rowing	2008	Luke Farrelly	Baseball
1998	Rachael Dacy	Athletics	2008	Jonathon Kloester	Basketball
1999	Megan Peters	Athletics	2008	Jessica McKenzie	Basketball
1999	Sharyn Mullins	Basketball	2008	Alyce Bertola	Basketball
2000	Rebecca Sullivan	Judo	2008	Sher Wei Ng	Golf
2000	Jacqueline Wozniak	Judo	2008	Craig Whitehead	Golf
2000	Skye Anderson	Netball	2008	Sallyanne Eaton	Golf
2000	Ali Abdo	Wrestling	2008	James Karagiozis	Handball
2001	Benjamin Phibbs	Australian Rules	2008	Jay Abiera	Handball
2001	Ryan Power	Australian Rules	2008	Dennis Iverson	Judo
2001	Hayley Blackburn	Basketball	2008	Amanda Wilson	Netball
2001	Jemma Anderson	Basketball	2008	Stephanie Ng	Taekwondo
2001	Melissa McCauley	Netball	2008	Tarren Otte	Synchronized Swimming
2001	Tumay Hamza	Taekwondo	2008	Daniela Di Toro	Wheelchair Tennis
2001	Micah Venturini	Volleyball	2009	Patrick McGrath	Australian Rules
2002	Luke Doerner	Hockey	2009	James Molony	Australian Rules
2002	Scott Smithwick	Australian Rules	2009	Tess McEvoy	Australian Rules
2002	Ana Marinovic	Basketball	2009	Norieul Kinross	Australian Rules
2002	Caryn Manley	Basketball	2009	Eugenia Tsiakalakis	Australian Rules
2002	Elizabeth Williams	Cycling	2009	Chantal Mardini	Australian Rules
2002	Sarah Harding	Kendo	2009	Panagos Apostolikas	Football
2002	Melissa Diston	Netball	2009	Joshua D'Alessi	Football
2002	Ellen Steele	Swimming	2009	Emma Fonua	Football
2002	Marie-Lizza Danila	Swimming	2009	Michael Patrovski	Football
2002	Kevin Anderson	Taekwondo	2009	Myriad Bartlett	Football
2003	Mohamad Zeed	Athletics	2009	Katherine Sylvester	Kendo
2003	Michael Hooper	Australian Rules	2009	Olivia Cameron	Netball
2003	Katie Rossiter	Netball	2009	Chilhoon Kim	Taekwondo
2003	Victoria Graham	Snowboarding	2010	Jarrold Gilchrist	Waterpolo
2004	Jessica Shearing	Basketball	2010	Angelica Gogos	Australian Rules
2004	Belinda Griffiths	Handball	2010	Ashleigh Guest	Australian Rules
2004	Lachlan Anderson	Hockey	2010	Stephen O'Bryan	Australian Rules
2004	Charlotte O'Loughlin	Rowing	2010	Sinead Flanagan	Baseball
2004	Elizabeth Dwyer	Rowing	2010	Rachel McGeown	Basketball
2004	Rebecca O'Loughlin	Rowing	2010	Katie Shanahan	Basketball
2004	Steven Manceschi	Soccer	2010	Elyse Villani	Cricket
2004	Brett Manzella	Soccer	2010	Ashleigh Bourke	Football
2004	Peter Siveski	Soccer	2010	James Burridge	Netball
2005	Constantine Dokolas	Soccer	2010	Kate McCalmun	Netball
2005	Leah Percy	Touch	2010	Leah Dougherty	Sport Aerobics
2006	Kevin Conlong	Golf	2010	Luke Sims	Squash
2006	Stacey Keating	Golf	2010	Sanghun Han	Taekwondo
2006	Alisha Fowler	Golf	2010	Daehwi Choi	Taekwondo
2006	Benjamin Ferrif	Golf	2010	Jaeung Choi	Taekwondo
2006	Anthony Fulton	Australian Rules	2010	Keunman Park	Taekwondo
2006	Ashlee Depetro	Netball	2010	Gene Kapaufs	Wrestling
2006	Casey Price	Netball	2010	Mehrdad Tarash	Wrestling
2006	Mickayla Ward	Netball	2010	Sam Zonca	Volleyball
2006	Gerard Murphy	Netball	2011	Hannah Ibrahim	Australian Rules
2006	Stefan Beuke	Soccer	2011	Nicola Stevens	Australian Rules
2006	Chad Timmermans	Snowboard	2011	Mark Peduto	Australian Rules
2007	Julie Corletto	Netball	2011	Josh Pound	Australian Rules
2007	Danielle Stewart	Netball	2011	Susan Sears	Beach Volleyball
2007	James Matthews	Netball	2011	Ivo Dos Santos	Judo
2007	Catherine Atkinson	Netball	2011	Jessica Harrington	Netball
2007	Leigh Howlett	Trampolining	2012	Prabhjot Rai	Athletics - Field
2007	Erin Carroll	Badminton	2012	Julia Baker	Australian Rules
2007	Tania Luiz	Badminton	2012	John Kyprianou	Australian Rules
2007	Emily Riordan	Hockey	2012	Mitchell Pearce	Australian Rules
2008	Liam Adams	Athletics	2012	Kane Twentyman	Australian Rules
			2012	Ross Smith	Badminton
			2012	Renuga Veeran	Badminton
			2012	Jeremiah Juric	Basketball
			2012	Nicole McMahon	Basketball

2012	Benjamin Glynn	Beach Volleyball	2016	Casey Morrison	Cheerleading
2012	Amanda Yew	Cheer	2016	Sergei Evglevski	Shooting (Pistol)
2012	Natalie Commons	Cheer	2016	Phong Tran	Taekwondo
2012	Julie Hunter	Cricket	2016	Jack Murphy	Triathlon
2012	Matthew Gaithe	Handball	2016	Dion Finocchiaro	Ultra Marathon
2012	Nikola Kupres	Handball	2016	Noah Jenney	Lacrosse
2012	Sara Collins	Judo	2016	Jack Saunders	Basketball
2012	Hannah Trotter	Judo	2017	Harry Laidlaw	Alpine Skiing
2012	Tayissa Coppinger	Netball	2017	Paige Hill	Artistic Rollerskating
2012	Seda Demirkiran	Taekwondo	2017	Sarah-Rae Slater	Basketball
2012	Shannon Kincade	Taekwondo	2017	Maeve Coughlan	Judo
2012	Gregory Farrell	Triathlon	2017	Monique Clark	Netball
2012	Greta Stefula	Volleyball	2017	Emily Rogers	Synchronised Swimming
2012	Jacinta Carroll	Waterski	2017	Bailey Lewis	Taekwondo
2013	Alwyn Jones	Athletics	2017	Shereden Hesketh	Tenpin Bowling
2013	Alex Benbow	Australian Rules	2018	Douglas Crawford	Alpine Skiing
2013	Ben Clifton	Australian Rules	2018	Maria Strong	Athletics
2013	Alex Bogart-King	Basketball	2018	Mitchell Dielemans	Basketball
2013	Shane Crick	Basketball	2018	Kristy Harris	Boxing
2013	Casey Wright	Cross Country Skiing	2018	Georgia Powning	Distance Running
2013	Mark Varkopoulos	Football	2018	Carlo Manolitsas	Distance Running
2013	Karina Lingner	Handball	2018	Harry Mezger	Distance Running
2013	David Webster	Rowing	2018	Montana Whiteley	Distance Running
2013	Keisuke Yamada	Rugby	2018	Craig Payne	Dodgeball
2013	Miao Miao	Table Tennis	2018	Craig Hagan	Dragon Boat
2013	Minseung Choi	Taekwondo	2018	Edward Murphy Brown	Football
2013	Sascha Bondarenko-Edwards	Triathlon	2018	Liam Park	Judo
2013	Brendan Ashcroft	Ultimate	2018	Madison Wilson	Canoe
2013	Trent O'Dea	Volleyball	2018	Jake Noonan	Netball
2013	Ella Sablijak	Wheelchair Basketball	2018	Luke Marko Rawlings	Netball
2013	Josh Hose	Wheelchair Rugby	2018	Sarah Szczykalski	Netball
2014	Ellen Pettitt	Athletics	2018	Charmaine Murphy	Tenpin Bowling
2014	Michael Robertson	Australian Rules	2018	Edward Murphy	Tenpin Bowling
2014	Gronya Somerville	Badminton	2019	Alana Park	Triathlon
2014	Eren Yondemli	Basketball	2019	Shanie Landen	Athletics
2014	Jessica Francke	Basketball	2019	Jake Perry	Athletics
2014	Ashleigh Gunn	Basketball	2019	Jackson Macrae	Australian Rules
2014	Brea Roadley	Canoe Kayak	2019	Evie Patterson	Basketball
2014	Nathaniel Fox	Football	2019	Andre Ascui	Cycling
2014	Tamara Elshaar	Netball	2019	Chloe Turner	Cycling
2014	Sally Portbury	Netball	2019	Harry Mezger	Cycling
2014	Jackson Harrison	Rowing	2019	Julian Ursini	Cycling
2014	Lauren Staveley	Snowboarding	2019	Montana Whiteley	Cycling
2014	Kotuku Ngawati	Swimming	2019	Carlo Manolitsas	Cycling
2014	David Powell	Table Tennis	2019	Georgia Powning	Cycling
2014	Jiheon An	Taekwondo	2019	Georgia Powning	Track and Field
2014	Solyi Im	Taekwondo	2019	Shannon Barnes	Floorball
2015	Nikki Spencer	Basketball	2019	Vanessa Augustini	Netball
2015	Liam McInerney	Basketball	2019	Ella Bertacchini	Netball
2015	Frank Barilla	Football	2019	Tayla Nolte	Taekwondo
2015	Masih Safi	Football	2022	Jack Hale	Athletics
2015	Vani Shamoon	Football	2022	Erik Kafritsas	Basketball
2015	Beau Summers	Football	2022	Myra Wood	Basketball
2015	Madison Tormey	Beach Volleyball	2022	Eleanor Bollands	Basketball
2015	Alex Welsh	Para - Cycling	2022	Ebony Sans	Basketball
2015	Todd Hodgetts OAM	Athletics - Shot Put	2022	Tegan Hindle	Basketball
2015	Aoife Coughlan	Judo	2022	Sophie Molineux	Cricket
2015	Eoin Coughlan	Judo	2022	Steve Obeid	Cricket
2015	Lauren Scherf	Basketball	2022	Maxi Shanahan	Football
2015	Angus Robinson	Mountainbike Orienteering	2022	Madeleine Wright	Indoor Cricket
2015	Azizulhasni Awang	Track Cycling	2022	Noah Nightingale	Judo
2015	Clare Cherry	Weightlifting	2022	Ryley Rametta	Judo
2015	Michael Ridley	Ultimate	2022	Danny Vojnakovic	Judo
2016	Kaitlyn Wakartschuk	Basketball	2022	Ben De Bortoli	Karate
2016	Jack Saunders	Basketball	2022	Max Noble	Karate
2016	Nicolas Gonzalez	Football	2022	Rron Govori	Lacrosse
2016	Brayden Pastore	Netball	2022	Michael Davis	Shooting
2016	Jaeyheok Lee	Taekwondo	2022	Manar Mahfouz	Swimming
2016	Lauren Camilleri	Boxing			
2016	Daniel Bailey	Cheerleading			

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Victoria University (VU) acknowledges the Elders, families and forebearers of the Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) and Wathaurung (Wadawurrung) who are the custodians of University land and have been for many centuries.

We acknowledge that the land on which we stand is the place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal, and that the Kulin people's living culture had, and has, a unique role in the life of this region. VU supports the aim of Reconciliation Australia to build better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

WELCOME

On behalf of VU Sport it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 20th annual Victoria University Sport Awards and congratulate all of you who have made the year such a success.

Victoria University is a global leading university of sport, offering Australia's most complete tertiary education ecosystem for health, sport and active living, with a proud tradition of sporting excellence.

Individual students and teams regularly exceed expectations competing at national university championships and elite student-athletes excel at major international events including Olympic Games, Paralympics, Commonwealth Games, World Championships and World University Games (Universiades).

In 2023, the inter-university and clubs programs returned to full sport calendars with a string of impressive on-field performances and hallmark vulture spirit throughout. All teams recorded top 6 performances at the 2023 Unisport Nationals, including 3 teams contesting finals and our Football (Soccer) Men going within a whisker of clinching the championship title to take the silver medal. VU was also proudly represented at the 2023 Indigenous Nationals furthering the positive collaboration and student engagement with Moondani Balluk, the Universities Indigenous Academic Unit.

The Basketball Men's and Women's teams competed in the 3rd year of the University Basketball League (UBL) building on their admirable 2021 and 2022 campaigns and elite student-athletes and alumni shone brightly at international and national events. Including Liam Cashin competing for the Australian Unirooms in the 3,000m steeplechase event at the 2023 FISU World University Games Chengdu, winning his heat to make the final. First year student Leon Sejanovic's historic bronze medal at the World Taekwondo Championships Baku, Australia's first World Championships medal in 10 years. While Judo Olympian and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Aoife Coughlan continued her consistent form with podium results at a string of Grand Slam and Grand Prix events, paving the way for Paris 2024.

In addition to the outstanding achievements of athletes, we acknowledge the tireless service of student team managers and coaches for UniSport Nationals events and competitions as well as the volunteer committee members and sporting alumni who keep clubs active and successful. Dedicated contributions of student leaders like Team VU Captains Stella Rose Lay and Rocco Papalia. Stella's impactful contribution to the university sport sector is also felt nationally and globally in her role on the UniSport Australia Student Advisory Committee and as Student Ambassador for the International Sports Federation (FISU).

University sporting experiences form some of the most endearing memories for many and we hope tonight will add another page of vibrant and treasured moments for you as we celebrate the 2023 year that was and the bright and active future that awaits us in 2024.

Congratulations to all awardees and finalists. Sport is a wonderful means to connect and stay connected. For those completing studies this year, we warmly encourage you to continue your association with us through future Sport Awards, our sporting networks and Alumni programs.

Scott Cashmere
Sport Services Manager
VU Sport

James Nightingale
Director
VU Sport

It was an absolute honour to lead VU as your Overall Team Captains at this year's UniSport Nationals. Seeing everyone rally behind and support each other was a victory in and of itself, demonstrating the remarkable strength and unity within our "Vulture Culture". This collective spirit not only set the tone for the 2023 Nationals but also promises to be the foundation for many events to come.

From our students proudly representing VU at UniSport Nationals through to the feats of elite student-athletes it has been an amazing year in sport. To all award nominees and recipients congratulations, your achievements have been outstanding!

Stella Rose Lay
University Team Captain

Rocco Papalia
University Team Captain

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT HISTORY

Competitive sport involving Australian universities has a long and proud tradition with competitions in Rowing, Rugby, Athletics and Australian Rules dating back to the late 19th century. More recently national and regional College of Advanced Education (CAE) competitions were established in the early 1970's and conducted up to 1992. With the merger of the university and college sectors in the early 1990's the numbers of universities and students involved increased dramatically. In recent times Australian Universities have competed in a range of national championships in over forty team and individual sports at national and regional University Games and championships. Australia is also an active member of FISU, the body governing international university sport, and is represented in World University Games (Universiades) and Championships.

In 2018, Australian University Games transitioned to a divisional, national championship model. The Nationals are comprised of two flagship events, the UniSport Nationals Div 1 and 2, and a number of standalone competitions throughout the year, including Nationals Snow, Indigenous Nationals, T20 cricket, 3x3 basketball, triathlon, and others. UniSport Nationals provide quality and spirited competition attracting increasingly competitive individuals and teams and the opportunity for students to meet people across campuses and colleges of VU and all over Australia. Victoria University has a proud record of performance at University Championships, 2023 has seen another outstanding year of student sporting achievements and we look forward to seeing what success 2024 brings.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

1997	Australian Rules - Men	AUG Melbourne	2010	Netball - Women (Div 2)	AUG Perth
1997	Diving	AUG Melbourne	2011	Basketball - Men (Div 2)	AUG Gold Coast
1998	Australian Rules - Men	AUG Melbourne	2012	Handball - Mixed (Div 2)	AUG Adelaide
2000	Netball - Women	AUG Ballarat	2012	Judo - Women	AUG Adelaide
2004	Soccer - Men	AUG Perth	2012	Taekwondo - Women	AUG Adelaide
2005	Golf - Women	AUC Perth	2013	Tennis - Men (Div 2)	AUG Gold Coast
2006	Netball - Women	AUG Adelaide	2014	Basketball - Men (Div 2)	AUG Sydney
2008	Netball - Mixed	AUG Melbourne	2018	Basketball - Men	Nationals Div 1 Gold Coast
2008	Golf - Men	AUG Melbourne	2019	Football - Men	Nationals Div 2 Gold Coast
2010	Australian Rules - Women	AUG Perth	2022	Basketball - Women	Nationals Div 1 Perth
2010	Netball - Mixed	AUG Perth			





2023 REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

In 2023 students were eager to compete across a range of sports that provided rich student experiences and some great successes over the year.

Victoria University Basketball Men and Women fiercely competed in an action-packed season of the **2023 University Basketball League (UBL)** including interstate tour clashes. The men's team demonstrated resilience to secure 10th, while the women's team in a very strong showing placed 4th advancing to the semi-final narrowly defeated by the University of Sydney in a nail-biting contest.

The UBL continued its growth in 2023, boasting participation from 13 universities spanning six states, A total of 132 games were played and live-streamed, reaching audiences in more than 35 countries worldwide. VU's men's and women's teams attracted record-breaking live stream viewership in a thrilling opening home round showdown against the University of Tasmania at the Victoria Community Sports Stadium.

VU was represented in a combined team with Deakin University at the **2023 Indigenous Nationals** in mixed sport competitions of touch football, basketball, netball and volleyball, hosted at Monash University. Seven VU students and one staff member competed in an extraordinary week marked by unity, sportsmanship, pride and culture. *(Read more about this unique event and student experiences in our featured section at the back of program booklet)*

Liam Cashin represented the Australian Unirooms in the 3,000m steeplechase event at the **2023 World University Games Chengdu** recording the fastest time of 2 heats to make the final, placing 6th. VU has a strong history of representation at the World University Games (WUG). The

Summer WUG is second only to the Olympic Games in participant numbers and countries represented, bringing together the world's best student-athletes for 12 days of intense competition.

Back at home, following a series of trials, training and practice games 65 students, led by Captains Rocco Papalia and Stella Rose Lay proudly represented VU at the **2023 UniSport Nationals Gold Coast** – showcasing incredible athleticism and team spirit.

The VU Vultures were represented in the sports of Taekwondo Women, Basketball Men and Women, Beach Volleyball Men and Mixed, Football (Soccer) Men and Netball Women.

Standout achievements included elite student-athlete Sarah Upton winning gold in Taekwondo (Poomsae). The Football and Basketball Men's teams both securing silver medals in their respective competitions, with our Division 1 Football claiming the mantle of second-best team in the country. In the fiercely contested Division 1 of the Basketball the Women's team demonstrated remarkable tenacity to finish top 5.

In other 2023 inter-university sporting events VU students proudly competed at the UniSport Nationals Athletics, Southern Shield Netball Tournament and UniLax Lacrosse competition.

2023 VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORT AWARDS

The University's Sport Awards is managed by the VU Sport Department. VU Sport offers sporting opportunities to students including sporting clubs, representative sport, elite athlete support and scholarships, campus based sporting competitions and the management of sport and fitness facilities and health services.

The Sport Awards system endeavours to:

- » Recognise and reward the outstanding sporting achievement of individual students representing the University
- » Encourage students to represent the University and improve the overall performance at national competitions
- » Recognise and reward the outstanding sporting achievement of individual students representing state or country
- » Strengthen and further develop University sport clubs
- » Increase awareness of sporting opportunities

The Sport Awards Committee meet each year to consider nominations for the following awards:

BLUES (INDIVIDUAL AWARDS) AWARDED FOR

Outstanding performance representing the University at regional and national championships. Australian selection at World student Games and championships. World Championship, Olympic or Commonwealth Games selection. Outstanding performance at state or national championship and outstanding performance for a University Club.

SERVICE AWARDS

Awarded to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the development and maintenance of sporting clubs and representative teams of the University (students and non students).

COLOURS

Awarded to each student who represented the University in a medal winning team at an Australian University Championship.

SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

Awarded for outstanding team achievement at the Australian University Games or at an Australian University Championship for that year.

SPORT CLUB OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the team or club competing in a community sporting association that has achieved significant success and improvement from the previous year.

CLUB COMPETITOR AWARD

Where a student has rendered exceptional sporting service to a University club in that they have won the senior best player award and polled in top 10 of association best player award.

RISING STAR AWARD

Awarded to a student in their first year of study considered to have achieved outstanding sporting performance with great potential for future success in their sport.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the best performed student for that year (Male and female).

JACINTA CARROLL

ACADEMIC AND SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Where a student has achieved outstanding performance both sporting and academically.

HALL OF FAME

Where a Full Blue holder has achieved outstanding sustained performance in sport, completed studies at Victoria University and has retired from elite level sport.



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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

5:30pm **Pre - Awards Hors D'oeuvres**

6:00pm **Victoria University Sport Awards Presentation**

Opening of Proceedings | Welcome

Individual Awards
Blues

Team/ Club Awards
Individual Service
Sport Club of the Year
Representative Team of the Year
Rising Star Award
Jacinta Carroll Academic and Sporting Excellence Award
Sports Person of the Year
Male
Female

Sport Hall of Fame
Citation and Induction

7:30pm **Food and Refreshments**

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

BLUES

Millie Bongiorno	Full Blue	Alpine Snowboard	2023
Nicholas Antonino	Half Blue	Athletics	2023
Liam Cashin	Full Blue	Athletics	2023
Keira Whiley	Half Blue	Australian Rules, Lacrosse	2023
Matias Gonzalez	Full Blue	Football	2023
Ronaldino Salvatore	Full Blue	Football	2023
Evie Stansby	Half Blue	Hockey	2023
Zara Walters	Half Blue	Netball	2023
Saffron Canny-Smith	Half Blue	Short Track Speed Skating	2023
Leon Sejranovic	Full Blue	Taekwondo	2023
Sarah Upton	Full Blue	Taekwondo	2023
Karly Flahive	Half Blue	Water Polo	2023

TEAM SERVICE

Zachary Polglaze	Service	Basketball	2023
Josh Burgan	Service	Basketball	2023
Marcus Flores	Service	Football	2023
Lee Bevan-Woodley	Service	Netball	2023
Marcus Brooke	Service	Multi-sport	2023

SPORT CLUB OF THE YEAR

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT TEAM OF THE YEAR

RISING STAR AWARD

JACINTA CARROLL ACADEMIC AND SPORTING EXCELLENCE

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Male Finalists



Leon Sejranovic
Taekwondo



Liam Cashin
Athletics

Female Finalists



Aoife Coughlan
Judo



Millie Bongiorno
Alpine Snowboard

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORT HALL OF FAME

2022	Josh Hose OAM	Wheelchair Rugby
2019	Miao Miao	Table Tennis
2018	Ali Abdo	Wrestling
2017	Mel Jones OAM	Cricket
2016	Kelvin Templeton	Australian Rules
2015	Julie Corletto	Netball
2014	John Butkiewicz	Lacrosse
2013	Luke Doerner	Hockey
2012	Tony Dodemaide OAM	Cricket
2011	Brad Johnson	Australian Rules
2010	Peter Thomson AO CBE	Golf
2008	Rachael Dacy	Pole Vault
2007	Danny Morseu	Basketball
2006	Campbell Rose	Sailing
2005	Larry Sengstock	Basketball
2004	Rebecca Sullivan	Judo
2003	Mike McKay OAM	Rowing
2002	Andrew Gaze AM	Basketball





2023 SPORT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

ELLE STEELE PLY – SWIMMING

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

5x Australian Swimming representative
2002 FESPIC Games (Far East and South Pacific Games for Disabled) Busan
Australian team captain
400m freestyle - Silver
400m x 4 freestyle - Silver
50 m freestyle - Silver

2000 Paralympic Games, Sydney
2000 qualification recording 5th fastest time in world for 400m freestyle (S8)

1999 FESPIC Games, Bangkok
100m freestyle - Gold
50m freestyle - Silver
100m backstroke - Silver

NATIONAL

Multiple records
Australian team captain

2002 Victoria University Australian University Games, Adelaide
800m freestyle - 7th

VIC Wheelchair Rugby representative post swimming career (as the only female representative in team)

RECOGNITION

2023-2024 Change Our Game Ambassador
Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) Scholarship for eight years

2002 Victoria University Sport Award - Female Athlete of the Year
2002 Victoria University Sport Award - Full Blue

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

2023 - current
Project Manager for the 'Building Inclusive Sport Clubs' program - promoting access and inclusion of people with disabilities in sporting clubs across Australia

2023-2024 Change Our Game Ambassador – bringing more awareness to grassroots sporting opportunities for young girls with disabilities and to show community the most inclusive act in sport is implementing accessible practices to level out the playing field.

TEDx Speaker, working in personal development as The Self Belief Agent and motivational speaker.

Former Physical Disability Australian Board member

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

2008	Bachelor of Business (Music Industry/Event Management)
2003	Advanced Diploma of Business (Public Relations)
2004 - 2007	Victoria University Sport Awards Committee
2023	National Project Manager - Building Inclusive Sports Clubs. A collaborative project with Disability Sport Australia and Victoria University

INDIGENOUS NATIONALS

Victoria University was represented by students and staff as part of a combined team with Deakin University at the 2023 Indigenous Nationals, The Indigenous Nationals is the only event on the Australian University Sport calendar where mixed-gender teams compete in four sports: basketball, netball, touch football and volleyball.

The Games began in 1996 as a joint class project of 13 students enrolled in a Diploma of Aboriginal Studies at the University of Newcastle. Nearly thirty years later, they have grown into the Indigenous Nationals. This year it was hosted by Monash University, with First Nations students from more than 30 universities coming together for fun, friendship and fitness. The event provided an opportunity for more than 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and to: foster unity, promote health, fitness and wellbeing, demonstrate self-determination, build new connections and friendships and reinforce their identity through positive role models whilst having fun in a culturally-safe environment.

This was the second time Victoria University had participated in the Indigenous Nationals, previously competing in 2017 as part of a combined team with Swinburne University. The 2023 event presented a great opportunity for further collaboration between VU Sport and the University's Indigenous Unit - Moondani Balluk

ensuring engagement in the event and strengthening relationships with indigenous students on campus and between universities across the country.

All team members had a fantastic time,

“Thank you Marcus, VU and Deakin for making this happen! It was such an amazing experience to be a part of and felt so special to be able to play, meet and connect with mob from all over Australia. I made memories and friendships that will be with me forever. I’m grateful and so proud that I was a part of something so amazing and memorable!”

Kirraeyani Callope – VU Bachelor of Health Science

“A great first experience, I’m keen to go back again, as a student connecting with students you can relate to one another and what you’re all going through.”

Eeron Bevan-Woodley (Bones) - VU Bachelor of Biomedicine

“Being my first Indigenous Nationals, there was so much love around the week and a wholesome atmosphere. Appreciating our culture and our people, mob coming together and connecting.”

Stella Rose Lay - VU Graduate Certificate In Project Management







THANK YOU

SPORT AWARDS COMMITTEE:

James Nightingale
Alison Whan
Rohenna Young
Jessica Harrington
Rocco Papalia
Stella Rose Lay
Liam Adams
Kevin Ball
Scott Cashmere
Julz Nannetti

2023 COMPETITORS, COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Scott Cashmere
Julz Nannetti
Jessica Harrington
Luke McCartney
Stella Rose Lay
Rocco Papalia

EXECUTIVE:

Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Adam Shoemaker
Deputy Vice-Chancellor External Relations and Partnerships The Honourable Wade Noonan
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous, Equity and Inclusion Professor Peter Radoll

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SPORT PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

