

Macquarie graduates still Celebrate!



Dr Michael Egan & Nicholas Dawe

The night started with the graduating class of 2013 being handed a copy of their Yearbook as they arrived, as something to look back upon in coming years.

MC Dr. Jack Sahagian, reminded us of the years spent in Macquarie University. From our year spent in the 'shed' with excellent acoustics whilst waiting for our current elaborate skills rooms to be refurbished, to the way we were taught by Stephen Esposito to hone our psychomotor skills with 'Load, Preload, Adjust!'

Keynote speaker of the night was Dr John Kelly, who delved into the past and his own experiences in Chiropractic education to give a highly inspirational yet entertaining speech. He spoke about the importance of mentors, especially extending beyond registration, and highlighted the passion and desire for change that goes into Chiropractic education. His thoughts were motivational for the class of 2013, who are looking forward to making their mark and giving back to the Chiropractic profession in the years to come. Following Dr Kelly was Martin Schutte, speaking on behalf of The Chiropractic Alumni's Student of the Year Iris Rudy.

We were presented with the Chiropractic Oath which we read as a class and as chiropractors. Along with the theme of the day from Martin's speech we were once again reminded of our newfound roles and duties as a chiropractor for the wider community that we now serve.

Special mention was given to Dr. Rosemary Giurato, for standing firm and guiding the department and us students through the extremely testing year of 2013. For fronting not just the Department but also the future of the profession, she gave us students the assurances we need and also brought the course through its re-accreditation. From the administrative staff to tutors whom we have grown so familiar with, a big thank you for every little small thing that you have done for us to get us to where we are today.

The gala evening also included the presentation of the Academic awards. The CAA National Award for Student of the Year which was won by Brett Gannon and Dean Petersen. NSW CAA X-Ray Excellence Award was won by Martin Schutte who also won the CAA Qld Ellie Fernie Award and the Ed Devereaux Award for contributions to the Student Body! The Chiropractic Alumni Award was won by Iris Rudy; The Gary Stavrou Award for Adjustive Skills was shared by Mattijs Clijsters and Bjorn Rognhaug; The Australian Spinal Research Foundation Prize was won by Mattijs Clijsters and Franceso Fronzoni; The Chiropractic Education Australia Award for Clinic Internship was jointly won by Laura Elliott and Iris Rudy; The CAA NSW Academic Excellence Award First Year Masters was presented to David McNaughton and the COCA Award for proficiency in Preclinical Studies was won by Carla Sullivan Myers.

For all of those who did not make it to the Ball, we could only wish you were here for this day of celebration. To put a formal end to the years of our lives that we spent as chiropractic students, to celebrate this achievement with our families, friends, partners, tutors and last but not least, each and everyone of us from the Class of 2013. Attendees and especially graduates would like to thank the tremendous and irreplaceable contributions of Anthony O'Reilly, Aron Downie, Amos Fong and Rebecca Travers, without whom this event would not be possible.
Amos Fong



Dr John Kelly



Dr Anthony O'Reilly & tCa Students' Student of the Year Award



Dr Joe Ireano & Student of the Year Award



Dr Chris Jolliffe & Martin Schutte



Dr Joe Ireano & Martin Schutte



Dr Scott Philipson & Laura Elliott



Dr Peter Tuchin & Carla Sullivan-Myers



Dr Martin Timchur & Martin Schutte - Ellie Fernie Award



Dr Nimrod Weiner & Francesco Fronzoni

