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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

They came, they thrived and now they are successes in Melbourne and around the world. From movers and shakers in government, to award-winning entrepreneurs and profit-for-good business leaders, our ex-students continue to make their mark on the globe.

Swinburne graduates have long been known for being self-starters, unafraid of challenges and always looking forward into the future.

It may be due to our focus on technology and innovation, and the emphasis we place on being independent.

Perhaps it's the culture and environment provided by a city like Melbourne, where anything is possible and opportunities abound for those willing to work hard.

One thing is for sure – we make sure we teach our students how to learn. It may sound obvious, but it's the single most overlooked skill by educators. With that sort of knowledge, our students are empowered to take change and disruption in their stride, and craft careers that are wholly their own.

We hope you enjoy reading these profiles as much we enjoyed writing them.

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MELBOURNE

Melbourne is the business and cultural hub of the state of Victoria. Melbourne's four million residents enjoy its nearby beaches, rainforests and snowfields, world-famous restaurants and coffee culture, and a calendar packed with arts, cultural and sporting events. It's easy to see why Melbourne was ranked the world's most liveable city for seven years in a row*.

Welcoming almost one million workers every weekday, Melbourne's central business district is a hub for innovation and opportunity. The city is known for its hidden laneways, rooftop bars and street art. More than half of Melbourne's residents were born overseas, and multiculturalism is an important part of Melbourne's DNA.

* 2011-2017 EIU rankings



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At Swinburne, our goal isn't just to get you ready for your first job, but to prepare you for long-term success.

You'll have access to the latest technology and facilities and be taught by industry-experienced academics and teaching staff who love what they do.

Courses at Swinburne include opportunities for you to get real work experience, such as placements, internships and study tours. To find out more, visit: swinburne.edu.au/current-students/work-integrated-learning

Swinburne offers several scholarships to international students to help with the cost of studying abroad. The best part is that you'll be considered automatically for each scholarship, so you don't need to apply for one separately. To learn more about scholarships, visit: swinburne.edu.au/international/scholarships

HAWTHORN

You'll find Swinburne's main campus on Glenferrie Road in Hawthorn, just a 10-minute train ride from the Melbourne CBD.

Hawthorn is a safe, community-oriented neighbourhood with a friendly atmosphere. Swinburne students have everything they need right on their doorstep, including restaurants and grocery stores that specialise in different cuisines and supplies from around the world.

It isn't just students who populate Glenferrie Road – this is a major shopping strip for locals, with bookstores, fashion boutiques, doctors, pharmacies, a post office and even serviced apartments, for when students' families fly in for visits.

A portrait of Andrew Collins, a man with short dark hair and a beard, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark jacket over a black t-shirt. The background is a dark, solid color.

TURNING RISK INTO REWARD

ANDREW COLLINS

CEO, Mailman Group

Bachelor of Arts

AUSTRALIA

Andrew Collins took a risk when he moved to China and purchased a small media consulting business for \$175,000. It was a risk that would pay off. Today, less than 15 years later, Mailman Group is a global sports consulting business worth \$100 million. As CEO, Andrew travels the world helping high-profile clients including the National Football League (NFL) and Kobe Bryant build their businesses in developing markets. He describes it as “a dream job”.

Andrew’s overseas experiences during his time at Swinburne changed his life. Participating in the Global Leader Symposium in Singapore and Shanghai sparked his love for Asia and completing a student exchange in California was a highlight of his degree. He says that travel gave him perspective and confidence – strengths he continues to use as he builds Mailman into a globally recognised sports media and technology company.

AN ARTS DEGREE OPENS DOORS.

By understanding language, people and culture, a career in a variety of areas could await you. So whether you imagine yourself travelling the world reporting on world events, influencing or setting public policy, or improving the lives of local communities, an arts and humanities degree is where it starts.

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USING SPORT TO BUILD A HEALTHIER, MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY.



KASHIF BOUNS

General Manager, Western Bulldogs Community Foundation

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

PAKISTAN

It is with a strong belief in our shared similarities, not our differences, that Kashif Bouns runs the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation, a charity owned by the famed Australian-rules football club of the same name. In his role as General Manager, Kashif uses the strength of Melbourne's football community to promote health and wellbeing, social inclusion, and youth leadership in the city's western suburbs.

Kashif says his degree helped him formulate the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation's vision, and set the organisation up to be financially sustainable, through improved processes, systems, and people management. With a decade in the sport and community sectors, Kashif says his education opened a wealth of opportunity for him in Melbourne.



LEVERAGING THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

JOANNA CAISLEY

Head of Partnerships,
Three UK
Bachelor of Business (Marketing)

AUSTRALIA

Joanna Caisley says the key to career success is maintaining a sense of wonder. Working in partnerships at Three UK, she collaborates with the best and brightest brands around the world. A recent highlight was brokering a partnership between a major automotive brand and a medical technology company – the two brands went on to develop mobility exoskeletons for children with cerebral palsy in developing countries.

Work placements during Joanna's degree kick-started her impressive career. Her adaptable skillset has seen her work across different fields, including creative, media and marketing. Joanna's goal is to see opportunity in everything and redefine what partnerships can achieve.

FROM QBE INTERN TO ASIA PACIFIC LEADER

DANIEL EASTWOOD-WHITAKER

Regional IT Finance Lead –
Financial Planning & Analysis,
Asia Pacific, QBE Insurance
*Bachelor of Aviation (Management)/
Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)*

AUSTRALIA

Exploring different options led Daniel Eastwood-Whitaker to an exciting career abroad. Daniel joined QBE Insurance in Hong Kong as an intern and now leads information technology and finance projects in the Asia Pacific region.

Daniel completed a semester of engineering and a semester of aviation management before settling on his double degree. He excelled at university, winning an Emerging Leader Award and the Top Graduate Prize. As the recipient of a New Colombo Plan Scholarship in 2014, he spent six months studying in China and secured his career-starting QBE internship. Daniel says exploring his options at Swinburne helped him discover his interests and strengths.



AT THE LEADING EDGE OF INDUSTRY 4.0

PENGCHENG ZHAO

Solutions Architect, Siemens China Ltd
Bachelor of Business (eCommerce)

CHINA

As a Solutions Architect, Pengcheng designs solutions for specific business problems. His solutions can have big benefits – a smart logistics system he helped to build for a leading automobile manufacturer saved the company up to 25 percent in costs. In his role, Pengcheng is at the forefront of Industry 4.0, also known as the fourth Industrial Revolution, and the Internet of Things.

Pengcheng's experience at Swinburne made him feel prepared to enter the job market. He says his degree taught him how to think about problems and develop solutions – key skills for a professional problem-solver.



NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS

YUE CHENXI

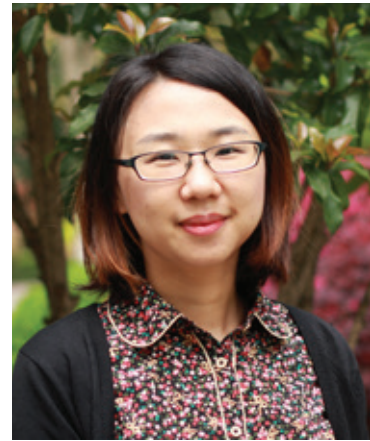
**Marketing Operations Manager,
Chinasoft International**

Bachelor of Business (eCommerce)

CHINA

Hard work, determination and strong relationships have helped Yue Chenxi excel in top Chinese information technology companies. After returning to China, Yue accepted a role at Huawei, one of the world's top 500 enterprises. She now leads marketing operations at Chinasoft International.

Yue believes that a strong network is vital to career success. The lifelong friendships she made at Swinburne have led to several job referrals. She enjoyed the small class sizes and says that her degree gave her better English and a deeper understanding of Western culture compared to many of her peers in China.



FARMING ENTREPRENEUR MAKES THE FORBES' LIST

ABUBAKAR SADIQ MOHAMMED FALALU

Managing Director, Falgates

*Bachelor of Computer Science and
Master of Management*

NIGERIA

Being named one of Forbes Magazine's 30 most promising entrepreneurs in Africa in 2018 is an impressive achievement. And for Abubakar Sadiq Mohammed Falalu, being recognised for his hard work is gratifying. Sadiq founded Falgates, a rice farming and milling company employing more than 180 people.

Sadiq enjoyed the multicultural environment at Swinburne. He says his degree helped him build confidence and interpersonal skills, both of which he uses today in training and mentoring his own employees. He hopes to make Falgates a household name in Nigeria and one of the country's biggest employers.



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A TRULY GLOBAL MARKETING CAREER

MARK BREMOND

Operations Marketing Manager, Interxion

Master of International Business

FRANCE

Mark Bremond's career has taken him all around the world. As a digital marketing professional developing campaigns for brands such as Google and Heineken, he has worked in 10 countries and visited 47.

A naturally adventurous person, Mark had always dreamed of coming to Australia. He says Swinburne was like family, with brilliant lecturers who helped him grow personally and professionally.

Mark is constantly trying to push himself beyond his comfort zone. In the future, he hopes to undertake a PhD and become a true leader in the digital marketing field.

DRIVING ORGANISATIONS FORWARD

FLORIAN ZOTTMAN

Executive Assistant to CEO, EQS Group AG

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

GERMANY

For Florian Zottman, working closely with the CEO and contributing to major strategic decisions is all part of the job. He works at EQS Group AG, a leading international provider of communications and compliance services.

Florian loved his time in Australia and especially enjoyed spending time at the beautiful Swinburne campus with classmates. Another highlight was Swinburne's Global Leadership Program, which included classes at Northeastern University in Boston. He describes this as a "truly amazing experience". He is determined to keep working hard and becoming somebody who can drive organisations forward.



THE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING EXPERT

PUTRANTI LAKSITARENI

Advertising and Marketing Manager, Wicaksana Indonesia

Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management)

INDONESIA

Putranti Laksitaren always wanted to be a businesswoman. Today she is living that dream at advertising agency Wicaksana Indonesia. In her role, she manages around 100 staff and creates out-of-home media strategies for high-profile clients including Coca-Cola Indonesia.

Putranti loved Swinburne's Hawthorn campus and its nearby cafes, bookstores, gym and park. She enjoyed volunteering opportunities in Melbourne and says Swinburne student counsellors helped her maintain a good balance of study and play. Putranti was drawn to Swinburne by the entrepreneurship subjects on offer, which she says have shaped the professional she is today.

CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER OF THE FUTURE

KARISHMA BIRDY

General Manager Business Development, Ogilvy India

Master of Business (Marketing)

INDIA

With multiple awards to her name, Karishma Birdy is known as a rising star in the Indian advertising industry. She set up the New Business department at Ogilvy, one of India's largest communications groups. In her current role she is responsible for helping Ogilvy grow and win new clients.

The dynamic, multicultural atmosphere at Swinburne helped Karishma develop a global outlook on marketing. She says her degree built her leadership skills, taught her the meaning of team spirit, and made her approach her work more creatively.

Karishma is passionate about creating constant growth, both for her company and herself.

She believes growth should be at the core of every company, and hopes to one day land a role as Chief Growth Officer.





A CUTTING-EDGE CAREER IN THE CLOUD

ANGELYN TAN EE DING

Head of Sales (Google Cloud),
G-AsiaPacific Sdn Bhd
Bachelor of Business (Marketing)

MALAYSIA

Angelyn Tan Ee Ding is creating a career in cloud computing, at the forefront of technological innovation. What she enjoys most about her role is assisting clients in the digital transformation of their business. The role has also brought exciting opportunities, including attending the Google Next conference in San Francisco for three consecutive years. She says that with more businesses adopting cloud technology, it is a great time to be in the industry.

Angelyn believes Swinburne helped her prepare for a career in cutting-edge technology. She says her degree encouraged her to think creatively – something that now comes naturally to her in both work and life.

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP'S BRAIN IN MALAYSIA

IAN PHUA

Data Analyst, London Stock
Exchange Group
Bachelor of Finance

MALAYSIA

After graduating, Ian Phua was thrilled to receive a job offer from the iconic London Stock Exchange's Malaysia office. His role involves analysing common stock, corporate action, mergers and acquisitions and initial public offerings for the Asia Pacific region. He also worked on the Global Equity Index series, where he evaluated stocks to determine whether they met the criteria for inclusion in the London Stock Exchange's indexes.

Working with colleagues from all over the world has taught him many new skills, including data mining. Ian says he is proud to work at what he says is "the best stock exchange in the world".



DATA SCIENCE AND DUMPLINGS

CHRISTIAN TANG

Data Scientist, ANZ and
Founder, Honey Tang's
Dumpling Restaurant
Bachelor of Business

HONG KONG

One career wasn't enough for Christian Tang. He is a data scientist at ANZ, one of Australia's Big Four banks, where he has gained experience in areas including institutional banking and product management. While working full-time, he has also opened his own dumpling restaurant, Honey Tang's in Melbourne. It has been hard work, but Christian believes success is about learning from challenges and never giving up.

He says that his degree gave him the business knowledge he needed to both advance his banking career and establish his own business. He hopes to keep building his professional career and his business side-by-side.

LEADING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND CREATING JOBS

HUONG DANG THI

Director of Marketing and
Partnerships Engagement,
KOTO and Founder, Hopebox
*Master of Entrepreneurship
and Innovation*

VIETNAM

For Huong Dang Thi, success means helping others. She is a leader in Vietnam's social enterprise movement and the founder of HopeBox, a not-for-profit creating jobs for women who have fled domestic violence.

As a young woman, Huong lived on the streets of Hanoi and dreamed of an education. She received a scholarship to study in Australia through Know One Teach One (KOTO), an organisation providing training to disadvantaged youth. After completing her master degree at Swinburne, Huong returned to work at KOTO, the organisation that changed her life. Huong thrived at Swinburne and calls Australia her "second home".





A CFO INTENT ON BREAKING STEREOTYPES

MOVENA KRISHNAN

Chief Financial Officer, Asian Business Software Solutions

Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

MALAYSIA

Movena Krishnan is on a mission to change the 'boring finance person' stereotype. In her role as Chief Financial Officer, she leads a fun and high-performing team. By streamlining processes, strengthening internal controls, and reporting on the company's financial health, she helps management make sound business decisions.

Movena says finance personnel are much more than just bean counters – they connect the operational and strategic departments and play a pivotal role in an organisation's success. Her degree at Swinburne focused on real-life scenarios, equipping her to step into her professional life with confidence.

LEADING THE CHARGE FOR THAILAND 4.0

NUTTAPON NIMMANPHATCHARIN

President and Chief Executive, Digital Economy Promotion Agency (Depa)

MBA and PhD in Strategic Management

THAILAND

Nuttapon is responsible for the digital transformation of Thailand, which hopes to become a startup and innovation hub. To begin, he has drawn up a 20-year roadmap which includes supporting the creation of half a million digital entrepreneurs and increasing internet accessibility in 24,700 communities. His shorter term goal is train 40,000 digitally skilled workers every year between now and 2022.

He was hired by no less than Thailand's Minister of Digital Economy and Society, Pichet Durongkaveroj. Nuttapon is clearly not a technical expert, but interestingly, his background in business strategy, which he honed at Swinburne, was the deciding factor in his hire.



NATIONWIDE CHANGE – ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

AMINATA MANSARAY

Manager Taxpayer Services, Registration & Education Policy – Sierra Leone National Revenue Authority

Master in Strategic Foresight

SIERRA LEONE

Aminata Iyamide Mansaray is a leader and change champion within the Sierra Leone National Revenue Authority. Her mentorship of orphaned girls has also made her a leader in her community. In 2019 she received the prestigious Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.

In her role, Aminata works on major reforms and promotes voluntary tax compliance in the community, creating important change in her country. She is a key member of a \$6 million project to automate domestic tax collection – the biggest project ever undertaken by the Revenue Authority.

Aminata says Swinburne laid the foundation of who is she today and shaped her thinking, emotional intelligence and leadership skills. During her studies she had the opportunity to attend the UNESCO Global Youth Forum in Paris, an experience that validated her learning. Aminata plans to develop a leadership network for women working in revenue authorities in Africa.





GROWING REVENUE AT COCA-COLA VIETNAM

ANH DUC (JERRY) NGUYEN

**Manager, Revenue Growth Management,
Coca-Cola Beverages Vietnam Ltd.**

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Finance)

VIETNAM

According to Anh Duc (Jerry) Nguyen, his career at Coca-Cola began at Swinburne. During his final year of study, his course convenor introduced him to the Chief Financial Officer of Coca-Cola Vietnam, who offered him an internship. Jerry happily accepted, rose through the ranks and is now Coca-Cola Vietnam's Revenue Growth Manager.

Jerry says his degree sharpened his communication skills, critical thinking and solution-focused approach to challenges. He was a mentor in Swinburne's Peer Assisted Study Session program during his studies and says the valuable facilitating skills he gained have been an advantage in his career.

THIS IS WHAT INNOVATION TASTES LIKE

JOHANA CONTRERAS

**Marketing Manager Oceania,
Sensient Technologies Australia**

*MBA and Master of
Entrepreneurship and Innovation*

COLOMBIA

According to Johana, innovation is a universal language. It is an important part of her role at Sensient Technologies Australia, a global manufacturer of flavours and fragrances, where she leverages consumer insights to develop new product concepts. She says she has found the perfect career to spark her creativity.

Johana developed her entrepreneurial spirit during her time at Swinburne. She incorporates it into her job whenever she can and encourages her colleagues to approach challenges creatively. She measures her success by her contribution to the world and wants to inspire others to make their dreams come true.



MARKETING IN THE WORLD OF BEAUTY

ROMCHAT LERTHARN

**Marketing Manager
- Lancôme, L'Oréal Thailand**

Master of International Business

THAILAND

Romchat Lertarn is making a name for herself at one of the world's top beauty companies. Soon after graduating with her master degree, she joined the Thai branch of L'Oréal Group as a Management Trainee. In the ten years since, she has worked in many different departments of the company, including skincare, makeup and fragrance. She now leads marketing for the Lancôme brand.

Romchat says the key to success is to never stop learning. She enjoyed Swinburne's multicultural environment and is still connected to the strong international network of friends she developed while studying.

FINDING MEANING WITH DATA

JUNAID FAROOQ

**Client Service Associate,
Western Asset Management**

*Bachelor of Business (Accounting
and Finance)*

PAKISTAN

Junaid Farooq knows the value of data. While volunteering for the United Nations, he developed a data visualisation model that leveraged complex public information to inform the allocation of resources. His career highlight came at Deloitte, where he automated a four-hour process to take less than a minute. Now working in his dream role in funds management, one of Junaid's goals is to promote transparency within the investment sector using data visualisation.

Junaid secured an internship in his first year at Swinburne, setting him on the path to his career. He says his degree taught him teamwork, a key skill in his work today.





SPINNING HIS IMAGINATION INTO A BUSINESS

CAVIN AGUSTANTO

Employer Branding Lead, OYO Rooms

Bachelor of Design (Digital Media)

INDONESIA

Cavin Agustanto has fit a lot into the past few years. He has led start-ups, managed more than 1000 designers and conducted business in multiple countries. On top of that, he has co-founded two organisations, including Gerakan Dewantara, a not-for-profit that helps young Indonesians access education. He also says he has developed a formula to create a viral post – but he isn't giving away any hints.

Cavin says Swinburne taught him how to turn his imagination into a business. His goal is to keep building his skills and raise awareness and respect for the design profession in Indonesia.

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PIONEERING ANIMATION IN VIETNAM

LEO DINH

Founder, Red Cat Motion, Founder, Red Cat Academy and Co-founder, Freaky Motion Co. Ltd.

Bachelor of Multimedia Design

VIETNAM

With both design and business skills, Leo Dinh has become a pioneer in Vietnam's animation industry. He has founded several companies including Red Cat Motion, a video agency using visual storytelling to connect brands with people. His client list includes the likes of Google and Facebook.

Leo's time at Swinburne led to many opportunities. He was hired by one of his teachers to work on animation projects and connected with many clients through Swinburne's job portal. Leo is currently working on an animated feature film and hopes his films will one day be watched and recognised around the world.

CRAFTING A CAREER OUT OF BEING HERSELF

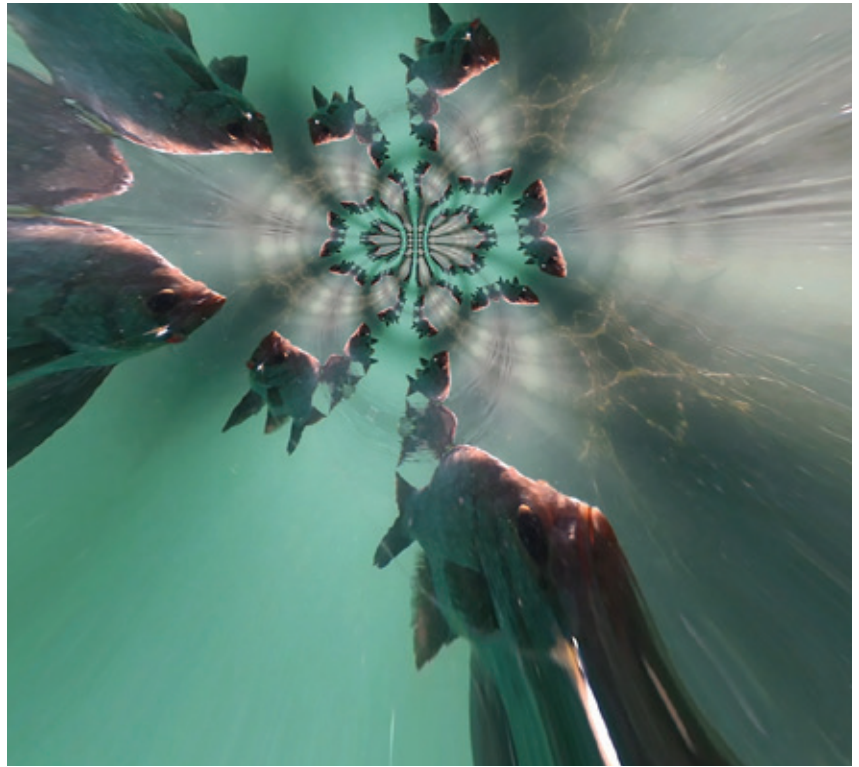
NAMIRA ABDULGANI

Art and Design Director, OMNIMONO and Creative Design Lead, SafetyWing
Bachelor of Design (Digital Media Design)

INDONESIA

For artist and designer Namira Abdulgani, “creating meaningful experiences for other human beings” is what motivates her. As is having the luck to work “amongst extraordinary creative beasts”. In her current role at OMNIMONO, her practice spans moving images, immersive installations, experimental storytelling and creative curation.





Constantly striving to inspire and be a “louder creator”, Namira has many achievements to her name. She exhibited her work in the 2013 Melbourne Fringe Festival, where she received the Digital Creatures award for best new work. She has received several scholarships and grants and collaborated on an art installation in Times Square, New York.

Namira arrived at Swinburne needing guidance and a way to express her creativity. Her studies shaped the way she develops creative concepts and made her care about the ‘why’ as much as the ‘how’. She says that her degree turned her into the successful artist and designer she is today.

Curious about Namira? See her work at namiraabdulgani.com



THESE TOYS ARE SAVING MANY

THUY NGUYEN

CEO, Bobi Craft Exim Co. Ltd.
Master of Communication Design

VIETNAM

Thuy Nguyen has used her design skills and business experience to start a community-spirited toy company. Based in Vietnam, Bobi Craft provides stable jobs for around 400 disadvantaged people, including housewives, farmers and the vision impaired. A natural entrepreneur, Thuy is driven by a desire to create positive change. Bobi Craft is the second business she has founded with little more than a simple logo and website.

Thuy says her teachers at Swinburne challenged her while being incredibly supportive. "As an international student, I had a bit of a rough start. My teachers didn't make it any easier for me, but they were patient enough to walk with me every step of the way."



DESIGN IS A GIFT TO BE SHARED

JORGE HUERTAS

Founder, Design Thinking 24/7
Master of Design

COLOMBIA

Jorge Huertas is doing what he loves. He is so passionate about his chosen career that he created Design Thinking 24/7, a leading YouTube design thinking channel. He also teaches at university in Colombia. He says his time at Swinburne helped him grow and inspired him to give back to his community. His course strengthened his critical thinking skills and allowed him to build a strong network of design professionals.

Jorge believes knowledge is precious. He feels a responsibility to pass his knowledge on to the next generation and is proud to share what he learned at Swinburne.

DESIGNING FOR TOP DEVELOPERS AND MERCEDES-BENZ

TENNYSON CHIA

Managing Director, Sachi Interior Design Sdn Bhd
Master of Design (Interior Design)

MALAYSIA

Tennyson's proudest achievement is founding an award-winning interior design firm only a few years after graduating. His firm, Sachi Interior Design, won a Best Interior Design (Showhouse) award at Malaysia's Designer of the Year Awards 2018. Designing showrooms for Mercedes-Benz is another highlight. His firm designed the first Mercedes-Benz speakeasy café in Malaysia – a hidden space where owners can wait for their car service to be completed. Tennyson describes the project as "a rare and unique experience".

Tennyson says his lecturers taught him to express himself with confidence and to be able to approach projects from both a creative and business point-of-view.





A CAREER PROMOTING AUSTRALIA'S STUNNING NORTHERN TERRITORY

YURI KARDASHYAN

Brand Marketing Coordinator, Tourism NT

Bachelor of Multimedia Design (Honours)

RUSSIA

Yuri has a job many would be jealous of. He gets to explore and promote some of the most incredible parts of Australia, including Uluru, Kakadu National Park and Arnhem Land. He is proud of the diversity of design experience he has gained since graduating, including in print, digital, app development, photography, film and animation.

Yuri says the skills, attitude and work ethic he developed at Swinburne have helped him progress his career. In addition, the university arranged a 12-month industry placement for him at an advertising agency in Singapore, which gave him the chance to put his skills to work and set him on the path to success.

A CAREER THAT SPARKS JOY

VICTORIA BERG

Creative/Art Director, Making Waves

Bachelor of Design (Communication Design)

SWEDEN

Victoria Berg is a creative chameleon. Working in a growing team at a creative agency, she regularly has opportunities to try new roles and broaden her skills based on a client's needs. Quoting Marie Kondo, Victoria says she has built her career based on what "sparks joy" for her.

The highlights of Victoria's time at Swinburne were her inspirational teachers and classmates who became close friends. She also greatly improved her English while living in Australia, which has been an advantage in her career. She wants to keep pushing herself and never stop thinking outside the box.





HIS EMPIRE'S BUILT ON FUN AND THRILLS

ARUN CHITILAPILLY

Director, Wonderla
Master of Engineering

INDIA

Arun Chittilapilly works in the what he calls “a business of fun and happiness”. He is the Director of Wonderla, India’s most profitable chain of amusement parks.

His career in the industry began when he transformed a small amusement park into Wonderla's first roaring success. “Optimising design and function for effectiveness is what gets me excited,” he says. Today, Wonderla has parks in Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Kochi and welcomed nearly 2.5 million visitors in 2018.

Arun's childhood fascination with machines led him to study industrial engineering. “What I learnt at Swinburne helped me avoid costly mistakes when conceptualising our parks,” Arun says. He says the best part about his career is seeing people enjoy the rides his company has built.

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ENGINEERING FLAVOUR SENSATIONS

DIVYESH PATEL

Managing Director,
Unibite Foods LLP
Bachelor of Engineering

INDIA

As Managing Director of Unibite Foods, Divyesh Patel develops snacks that are tasty and delightfully different. Unicorn popcorn or dill pickle chips, anyone? Things are going well so far – he expects Unibite to achieve a \$100 million turnover within three years. He says the skills he gained from his engineering degree influence his business decisions and make his company stronger.

Divyesh has always been interested in innovation. He sees failure as an essential stepping stone to success and mistakes as chances to improve. At Swinburne he took the opportunity to study an innovation subject – an experience he says gave him a road map for success.

MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE HIS GAME

**SACHITH
RANAMUKHAARACHCHI**

Project Engineer,
Lendlease Engineering
Master of Engineering (Civil)

SRI LANKA

Since graduating, Sachith Ranamukhaarachchi has added many major Australian infrastructure projects to his resume, including light rail, heavy rail, a renewable energy plant upgrade and a high-rise building development. He is currently working on the Ballarat Line Upgrade rail project in Victoria.

The facilities and technology at Swinburne helped Sachith prepare for his career. His lecturers were very supportive during his studies, even helping him find a graduate role as a field engineer. Sachith says the structural engineering placement he completed in third year gave him the confidence to apply his knowledge in real situations.



FROM STUDENT TO SITE ENGINEER

SALONIE SAXENA

Site Engineer, Coleman Rail
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours)

INDIA

For Salonie Saxena, a six-month professional placement at Coleman Rail led to a full-time position. She is now a Site Engineer managing light rail projects in Melbourne, a role she describes as “very hands-on”. She says her degree helped her transition smoothly into the workforce.

Salonie excelled in her studies, receiving an Engineers Without Borders scholarship in 2015. In 2016 she spent over 300 hours volunteering at Swinburne, alongside part-time work and full-time study. She was also a Swinburne Ambassador and tutored a first-year subject for two semesters. Salonie says these experiences helped her become the confident person she is today.

A FILM FESTIVAL FAVOURITE



TAKUMI KAWAKAMI

Filmmaker and Director
Bachelor of Film and Television

AUSTRALIA



When Takumi Kawakami first heard that his short film *Paper Crane* had been selected to premiere at the 2018 Berlin International Film Festival, he thought there must have been some mistake.

He soon realised the news was real. *Paper Crane*, which tells a story of childhood ambitions and family expectations, was a success. The film went on to be part of the official selection at several festivals, including Palm Springs International ShortFest (USA), Melbourne International Film Festival (Australia) and Aesthetica Film Festival (UK). It has been nominated for several awards both in Australia and around the world.

Takumi says he received strong support from his teachers and describes his degree as “challenging but always rewarding”. He continues to pursue making short films, which are his passion.



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BLOOD SPECIALIST AND HUMANITARIAN IN THE MAKING

SUMUDU HEWAWASAM

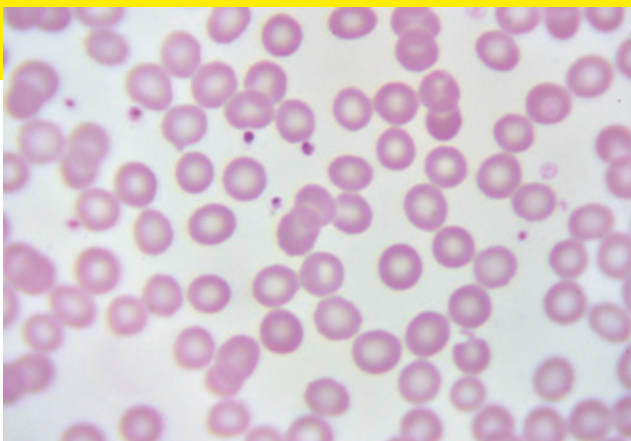
Medical Laboratory Scientist

Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science)

SRI LANKA

Sumudu Hewawasam is fascinated by the science of blood. She works in diagnostic pathology as a haematology specialist, a career that involves laboratory testing, analysis, diagnosis and reporting. Sumudu is respected among her peers for her knowledge, skills and work ethic and has worked for the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

Sumudu wants to use her skills to help those in need. She is a volunteer with the Australian Red Cross and hopes to eventually become a humanitarian aid worker. She says her Swinburne lecturers were always full of encouragement and ready to help, with one writing her a recommendation to assist in her job search.



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A SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION

ABDUL HAFIZ

Managing Director,
Purplesoft Technology Pty Ltd
Master of Information Technology (Network Systems)

INDIA

Abdul Hafiz always wanted to run his own business. In 2016 his dream became a reality when he launched Purplesoft Technology, a leading Australian software development and digital marketing company.

Purplesoft was named one of Anthill Magazine's Top 100 Coolest Companies in Australia in 2018 and is also a finalist in the 2019 Australian Small Business Champion Awards. Keen to keep growing, Abdul recently acquired two other companies, including a food deals app which will launch in Australia in 2019.

Abdul loves hearing people's stories and believes that he can learn something new from everybody he meets. He says that working part-time during his degree helped him build his network and taught him valuable lessons about having a successful career in Australia.



A GLOBAL IT START-UP

TARUN BISHT

Co-founder and CEO,
Innovitt Global
Master of Information Technology

INDIA

Tarun Bisht, co-founder and CEO of software development company Innovitt Global, loves the fact that working in a start-up allows him to play many different roles. He and his business partner launched Innovitt Global in 2018 to help businesses increase their value using information technology. Within its first year, the start-up had clients in India, Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai and employed more than 20 people.

Before launching his own business, Tarun grew his experience at companies including Microsoft, Adobe and Cognizant. He enjoyed the cultural events on campus during his time at Swinburne and says the knowledge he gained in his degree helped him progress his career.

AN I.T. LEADER OF THE FUTURE

RUBEN RAMDHONY

Managing Director, Lant3k IT
Solutions Pty Ltd and Senior
Consultant, Cigniti Technologies
*Bachelor of Business
(Information Systems)*

MAURITIUS

Ruben Ramdhony is well on his way to becoming a leader in the IT industry. He is already an entrepreneur, having founded Lant3k IT Solutions to provide affordable tech support to small businesses. He also works as a contractor for Cigniti Technologies, a global software testing company, and, is a mentor to recent migrants looking for work in Melbourne.

Ruben says his degree gave him more than just academic knowledge – it also prepared him for the Australian workforce. He believes studying business, marketing and accounting alongside information technology gave him the skills to work successfully with senior managers and eventually launch his own start-up.



DEFENDING THE CENTRAL BANK AGAINST CYBERCRIME

BERNADETTE CALEB

**ICT Security Manager,
Bank of Papua New Guinea**

*Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology
(Network Design and Security)*

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Cybercrime is a serious issue in today's world. Data breaches can cause not only financial losses but also major reputational damage. This is where Bernadette is making a difference in her country. She single-handedly managed cybersecurity for the Bank of Papua New Guinea for two years, before setting up the bank's first Security Unit and growing her team.

Bernadette believes having an international degree has given her an advantage in her career. She says that the practical experience she gained at Swinburne equipped her to succeed in her role.

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PROUDLY PLAYING HER PART IN TIMOR-LESTE'S INDEPENDENCE

FELISMINA CARVALHO DOS REIS

**Communications and Translations Officer,
Maritime Boundary Office**

Bachelor of Computing

TIMOR-LESTE

Felismina holds a role of national pride in Timor-Leste. She supported former Prime Minister Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão's team on the 2015 negotiations with Australia and Indonesia to finalise the country's permanent maritime boundaries.

For the people of Timor-Leste, this was an important culmination of the country's long struggle for independence and full sovereignty, which began with an official declaration in 2002. She says sharing this milestone with the world as part of her communications role has been her greatest honour.

Felismina believes her Swinburne degree developed her emotional intelligence, helping her thrive in the workplace. Felismina describes Swinburne's support services as "vital", particularly for help managing her time and finances while in Australia. She says her studies prepared her for the real world and made her stand out in her community.



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RECRUITING FOR THE WORLD'S LARGEST PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

AMY SCHULTZ

Director, Talent Acquisition – Product, LinkedIn
Bachelor of Arts – Media and Communication

AUSTRALIA

Working at LinkedIn, the online network with more than 500 million members, is a dream job for Amy Schultz. She is currently based in San Francisco leading the team that hires LinkedIn's product specialists. She uses her media and communication skills every day and says they are even more relevant now than when she first graduated.

Amy has grown her career by seizing opportunities, including moving to China, Singapore and the U.S. for roles. She says taking calculated risks has made her a more confident, happy person. She has many close friends from university and describes her time at Swinburne as "absolutely defining".



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USING WORDS TO CARVE HER OWN PATH

THI THUY HOANG

Literary Agent, Thuyhoang Literary Agency, Poet and Freelance Translator

Bachelor of Media and Communications

VIETNAM

Thuy loves words. She runs her own literary agency in Vietnam, where she represents international authors to local publishers and introduces Vietnamese authors to the world. In 2014 she worked as an interpreter for Australian director David Bradbury's film *The Crater*: a Vietnam war story. She won the 2013 June Shenfield Poetry Award and hopes to publish her first book of poems soon.

Thuy describes her time at Swinburne as "boot camp for the brain". Besides studying, she regularly contributed to the student-run *Burn* magazine. On whether Swinburne has given her an advantage in her career, she said, "I don't compare myself to my peers, but to my old self. I'm so much more mature and able to thrive in this ever-changing world."





CAREER HIGHLIGHT – WORKING THE TRUMP-KIM SUMMIT

KRYSTAL SANTA MARIA

Video & Digital Media Producer, Picture Perfect Production
Bachelor of Arts (Majoring in media; Co-Majoring in film and TV)

MALAYSIA

Working in a buzzing production house in Singapore keeps Krystal Santa Maria busy, but she wouldn't have it any other way. In 2018, she worked with Fox News on the live broadcast of the historic Trump-Kim summit. This year she produced and directed a video learning series for Cutis Medical Laser Clinics and an animated video for JP Morgan.

Gaining practical experience during her degree, including a six-month internship with a digital agency, helped Krystal prepare for the working world. She aims to eventually create her own original content with the likes of Vice or HBO.



THE VOICE OF DUBAI'S MORNING RADIO

EVITA LOUIS

Radio Presenter, Heart Breakfast, Shock Middle East
Master of Arts (Media and Communications)

INDIA

If you live in the United Arab Emirates, chances are you wake up to Evita's voice. She is a breakfast presenter on Heart 107.1, one of the UAE's top radio stations. "I love that I get to work with the two most fun co-hosts anyone could ask for. It's like hanging out with two friends and talking about our lives. And thankfully, that entertains our listeners."

Her journey to her current role included volunteering at 3MBS in Melbourne and working for three years in internet and in-store radio. Evita is proud to have secured such an exciting role so early in her career.

Evita says it was the practical course content and expert lecturers at Swinburne that set her up for success. She describes her degree as "one of the best master courses in media".

PERFORMER, EDUCATOR AND AWARD WINNER

SOSINA WAGEYEHU

Director, Gamo Circus School

*Bachelor of Small Companies and Community Theatre
National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA)*

ETHIOPIA

Circus professional Sosina Wogayehu describes herself as "a big dreamer". What really sets her apart though, is that her dreams tend to come true. Sosina received a prestigious Order of Australia Membership (OAM) for service to the performing arts in 2019. She was a finalist for Victoria's Young Australian of the Year in 2004 and the first NICA graduate to secure a permanent position with Circus Oz.

Sosina, who became an Australian citizen in 2002, now runs Gamo Circus School in Ethiopia. She wants to help her students become the best performers in the world and use arts, education and culture to build a bridge between Australia and Ethiopia.

Sosina says her studies taught her not only performance, but also lighting, sound, stage management, production management, costume design and marketing. These are skills she is using now in her own circus school.



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NEO GIFT MONCHO

Head of Inspection Services,
Department of Agriculture,
Forestry and Fisheries
Master of Science
(*Good Manufacturing Practices*)

SOUTH AFRICA

Neo Gift Moncho is the only person in South Africa with a master degree in Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). In his role, he ensures agricultural products are manufactured and distributed in accordance with legislation. He is proud to be involved in an initiative that will see the government department he works in issue GMP certificates to stock remedy manufacturers. This will allow those companies to export their products, boosting jobs and economic growth in South Africa.

Neo Gift says the campus culture at Swinburne was very welcome and diverse. He developed strong relationships with his lecturers, and still consults with them today.



SCIENCE WRITER WITH A PASSION FOR PLANETS

LAUREL KORNFELD

Correspondent, *Spaceflight Insider*
Graduate Certificate of Science (Astronomy)

USA

Laurel Kornfeld followed her love for outer space into a career writing about astronomy and spaceflight. She has given public talks on Pluto and the issue of planet definition and plans to write a book about the Pluto controversy.

Studying astronomy at Swinburne taught Laurel to read and interpret academic papers on planetary science – a skill that enhances the quality of her science writing. She says studying online worked with her schedule while allowing her to meet fellow students from all around the world. Debating complex ideas with classmates who shared her interests was one of the highlights of her course.

Next, Laurel wants to complete her master degree in astronomy and contribute to prominent science publications.





PIONEERING BIOTECHNOLOGY IN ZAMBIA

CHRISTOPHER SIMUNTALA

Senior Biosafety Officer –
Standards & Technical Liaison,
National Biosafety Authority
Master of Science (Biotechnology)

ZAMBIA

Christopher has pioneered many firsts for biotechnology in Zambia. As the only Zambian with his unique qualifications, he designed and set up the country's first Animal Health Biotechnology Laboratory. Now he is a leader at the National Biosafety Authority, the country's first biotechnology and biosafety regulatory institution. In this role he liaises with local and international organisations to regulate biosafety and gene modification.

Christopher says the world-class laboratories and practical work in his degree gave him the skills to set up and run a laboratory back home. He believes Swinburne made him the scientist he is today.

OPENING CAREER DOORS WITH ASTRONOMY

JOHN DRUMMOND

Science Teacher, Gisborne Boys High School
Master of Science (Astronomy)

NEW ZEALAND

John Drummond loves exploring space. His collaboration with Ohio State University led to the discovery of an Earth-massed exoplanet orbiting a star in a binary star system. This discovery, published in *Science*, made astronomers rethink the formation of solar systems.

Having his master degree in astronomy has opened many career doors for John. Since graduating he has been president of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand, lectured on astronomy around New Zealand and become a high school science teacher – he loves teaching the topic that he's most passionate about. John wants to keep researching comets and asteroids and hopes to complete a doctorate in astronomy.



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