

Valuing our International Students: Learning Living & Working together

International Student Panel: Global Talent in WA: How International Students Learn, Work and Contribute



Vivian Oh

Vivian Oh is a high school international student from South Korea. She is a young student with strong passions for engineering, chemistry and mathematics. She is fluent in both Korean and English and has consistently demonstrated enthusiasm for learning new languages and cultures. She is also working currently as a barista and a nail technician, while pursuing her ATAR studies. Her goal is to study chemical engineering and make a significant impact on the human medicine field or weaponry development. Vivian attends Carine Senior High School



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Thais Carrascoza

Thais Carrascoza is an international student from Brazil passionate about community development, cultural diversity, and social inclusion. After moving to Perth to focus on family and studies, she overcame challenges including COVID-19 and self-taught English while raising her children. Graduating with distinction in Community Services, she gained hands-on experience with local government, LGBTQIA+, and refugee support organisations. In 2024, she founded the Brazilian Community Association, fostering belonging through cultural events and programs. Now completing a Master of Community Development at Murdoch University and serving as a Guild Councillor, Thais continues to empower communities and champion inclusion.



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Ignacio Maggio

Originally from Argentina, Ignacio holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management from Universidad del Salvador and has eight years of experience in the metal industry, working in HR administration, onboarding, employee relations, payroll support, timesheet management, and accounts payable. After relocating to Australia, Ignacio completed a Diploma of Project Management at Keystone College of Business & Technology and is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Management. Through hands-on roles such as trade assistant and farm work, he has developed strong resilience, adaptability, and teamwork skills. Passionate about professional growth, Ignacio aims to build a career in Australia while continuing to enhance his English and management expertise.





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Felipe Pinto

Felipe Pinto is a Master of Information Technology student at Kaplan Business School, specialising in cybersecurity. With over 10 years of experience in customer service across industries such as e-commerce, airlines, and hospitality, he brings strong communication, analytical, and problem-solving skills to his new field. Originally from Chile, Felipe moved to Australia to pursue a career shift into technology, combining his passion for people with a growing interest in digital security. He also volunteers in cyber awareness programs for senior citizens, promoting safe online practices and digital inclusion in his community.





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Janvi Shah

Janvi Shah was born and raised in Kenya, with roots tracing back to India — a unique blend of cultures that has shaped her identity and perspective. From a young age, she was fascinated by how things are built and how structures come to life, inspiring her to pursue Civil and Structural Engineering at North Metropolitan TAFE. As she prepares to graduate, Janvi reflects with pride on a journey defined by learning, resilience, and growth. With her diverse background and passion for sustainable development, she is eager to contribute to creating a better, stronger, and more sustainable world through engineering.



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International Alumni Panel: From Learning to Leading: The WA Alumni Experience



Hollie Tran

Hollie Tran is an international graduate from Vietnam who completed a Bachelor of Business at Edith Cowan University in 2013, after progressing through a pathway program. With over 12 years of experience in student and academic support within the higher education sector, Hollie is passionate about fostering positive student experiences and building cross-cultural connections. She currently serves as an Administrative Officer at the School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry at Curtin University and is the Vice-President of the Australia Vietnam Talent Network (AVTN), where she actively supports initiatives that strengthen Australia-Vietnam educational and professional engagement.





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Natalia Murcia Garcia

Natalia is a fashion designer with an Associate Degree in Fashion Business from South Metropolitan TAFE, with experience in event production and costume assistance. Her career in Perth includes involvement with culturally diverse organisations that prioritise First Nations values. Her journey as an international student in Perth has been marked by significant milestones. Her internship with Perth Festival as a Fundraising and Events Intern, where she managed a supporter event at the WA Museum - Boola Bardip 2021. As the International Student Ambassador for StudyPerth 2019 -20, she advocated for international education and upskilled in events management, leadership, effective communication, and networking. These skills have been crucial to her career progression in the Perth business industry and to her current life in regional WA.



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Alberto Aguilera Revillot

Alberto is a Chilean Business Administrator who came to Australia seven years ago, driven by curiosity and a desire to grow. In Perth, he completed a Master's in Business Analytics at Kaplan Business School, where he became deeply engaged in the student community through volunteering, mentoring, and leading study groups. His dedication earned him the Dean's Award Scholarship, one of his proudest achievements. After completing his Master's, Alberto joined Kaplan as a lecturer, a role he continues to enjoy. Recently, he transitioned from a Data Analyst position to a Demand Planner role, proudly applying his knowledge and experience to his career journey.





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Vishwa Patel

Vishwa Patel began her academic journey at Curtin College in 2018, completing the Diploma of Health Sciences before progressing to a Bachelor of Nursing at Curtin University. As an international student, she embraced opportunities to learn and connect, serving as a Peer Academic Mentor, StudyPerth Ambassador, and Rotary associate. Her academic dedication was recognised with a Curtin College Scholarship and the 2020 WA International Tertiary Student of the Year Award by CISWA being the first student from Curtin to receive this award. Now working as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in mental health, Vishwa remains passionate about meaningful connections, wellbeing, and community contribution.