Aboriginal Education Awards of Achievement winners

Outstanding Aboriginal Female Year 12 Student - Taneisha Hansen Eastern, Goldfields College
Taneisha is a highly respected student at Eastern Goldfields College, where she excels academically and sets a positive example for her peers. Her ability to cope with challenging situations has helped her to improve her academic results above average. Taneisha is an excellent leader and was selected by Eastern Goldfields College staff and students to represent the importance of education during 2009 NAIDOC celebrations. She was also selected from a wide group of students to attend the year 12 seminar for indigenous students run by The University of Western Australia. Taneisha hopes to study Health Sciences and Business at university.

Outstanding Aboriginal Male Year 12 Student - Jake Louthean, Albany Senior High School
Jake is a high achiever both in and out of the classroom, where his strong school-community links have resulted in a nomination for the 2010 Active Achievers’ Country Week Awards. He is an ambitious student and plans to study Medicine or Engineering next year at university. Being a member of the Claremont Football Development Squad and representing WA in basketball has allowed Jake to give back to the community by umpiring and coaching these sports. Jake is a natural leader in the eyes of his peers, where last year Jake’s leadership ability was recognised as he was awarded the national Future Leaders Indigenous Award. Jake has always been a strong advocate for Aboriginal people through his commitment to Follow the Dream.

Outstanding Female Primary School Student Citizenship Award - Georgia-Rose Gosling, Landsdale Primary School
Georgia-Rose is a year 7 student and excellent contributor to the wider community, where she was recently awarded ‘Aussie of the Month’. She is an active member of the student art committee, is a mentor to other students, and regularly assists with fundraising events. Along with her academic and educational achievements, she is a talented musician and sportswoman having competed in State championships for Little Athletics and Cross Country. She uses her gifts and talents to enrich the lives of her fellow community members, and is also a member of the Junior Community Watch for Cowan.

Outstanding Male Primary School Student Citizenship Award - Callum Ah Chee, Kingsley Primary School
Callum is a year 7 student, admired and respected by all staff and students. He is an active member and leader of the school community, where he is a school councillor, sport team captain and acts as a junior assistant coach for his football team. As a reliable school leader, Callum has become a strong school representative in sporting events, public speaking and leadership meetings. Callum strives for his best and overall has all the attributes of an outstanding Aboriginal student.

Outstanding Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer - Carolyn Bevan, Broome Senior High School
Ms Bevan is a highly-respected member of Broome Senior High School staff and a wonderful role model for students. Ms Bevan has made several significant achievements in her six years at the school; including organising after-school homework classes for Aboriginal students; established links between the school and the Broome Girls Academy; organising NAIDOC activities; and encouraging Aboriginal students through awards programs.
Barry Hayward Award
Outstanding Aboriginal Educator - Clint Bracknell, Lockridge Senior High School
Mr Bracknell is an extremely creative individual who motivates and inspires students in innovative ways. The establishment of a Drum Beat program is just one of the ways he connects with disengaged students. The media teacher is a positive role model for Aboriginal students and has organised many successful cultural awareness events, including celebrations for NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week and Harmony Day. Mr Bracknell established a successful music program and nurtures students’ creativity. This has resulted in the creation of several student rock bands and a school choir.

Outstanding Educator - Peter Williams, Beldon Primary School
For the past four years Mr Williams has worked tirelessly to establish a strong relationship between the school and the Aboriginal community. Mr Williams organised morning teas and information sessions to bring the Aboriginal community into the school. By engaging and supporting community Mr Williams was able help improve the attendance of the school’s Aboriginal students. Parents of Aboriginal students are encouraged to be involved in school events such as Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week and impart their knowledge at specialist art programs and after-school programs.

Ben Drayton Award
Outstanding District Initiative - Warren Blackwood District Education Office
The Warren Blackwood District Education Office was recognised for the establishment of a program that engages Aboriginal students across the district’s 25 schools. The program helps Aboriginal students develop leadership qualities, build on their cultural knowledge, increase their pride in their culture and share their knowledge with others.

Milton Thorne Award
Outstanding Metropolitan School Based Initiative - Brookman Primary School
Brookman Primary School has improved attendance and academic performance of its Aboriginal students through community engagement. The school engaged Aboriginal students and their families in school-based activities. The school also developed a partnership with the local high school, Lynwood Senior High School, so families are engaged throughout their child’s school life.

Milton Thorne Award
Outstanding Regional School Based Initiative- Narrogin Primary School
Narrogin Primary School is leading the way in reconciliation and involvement local Aboriginal people in the school community. Last year the school was awarded an achievement award in the national Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Indigenous Education Awards. The school has a strong focus on Aboriginal education and is commitment to employing Aboriginal community members. The strength of community support for the school has seen improvement in attendance and in NAPLAN literacy and numeracy performances.

WA Aboriginal Education and Training Council Award - Janet Garlett, South Thornlie and Gibbs Street Primary Schools
Ms Garlett has been an educator for the past 29 years and has mentored numerous Aboriginal students and co-workers. She works tirelessly to promote Noongar culture and language. Known by her peers as ‘Elder’, Ms Garlett always makes herself available for others seeking her advice.

Outstanding Leadership in Aboriginal Education Award - Maxine Augustson, Mount Lockyer Primary School
Ms Augustson is an innovative leader and has developed many effective techniques to engage Aboriginal students at school. One such technique was signing a formal agreement between the school and the community. She also established an ‘Elders Circle’ to manage
any issues that arise at the school. Ms Auguston makes sure the Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers feel valued and ensures they receive the support and professional development they require to work effectively.

**Hall of Fame - Isabelle Adams**

After graduating as a teacher in 1963, Ms Adams has worked tirelessly to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Ms Adams was inducted into the Hall of Fame for her work with Aboriginal students during the past three decades, for her involvement with national and State advisory committees concerning Aboriginal education and substantial contribution to the public service.