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New UTAS students benefit from local support

A group of new UTAS students from the North-West coast have benefited from local support, with more than \$200,000 being invested in this year's bursary program.

More than 15 students are recipients in the 2009 West North-West Scholarship and Bursary Program, designed to provide financial assistance to North-West students pursuing tertiary studies at the University of Tasmania.

Many of the awards were presented today with donors joining award recipients and family members for the ceremony at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus.

Totalling more than \$230,000, the program is only made possible by the generous financial support pledged by local businesses, individuals, groups and governments.

"For some of these students, their dream of attending university and ultimately pursuing their career goals is only made possible through the program," UTAS Cradle Coast campus Acting Director Professor Janelle Allison said.

"The scholarships and bursaries really make a difference to a student's education journey, where businesses, individuals, groups and governments provide invaluable support and encouragement."

Several scholarships and bursaries are yet to be announced including James Fenton Memorial Scholarship and Devonport City Council Cadetship.

Sponsors and recipients of the 2009 West North-West Scholarship and Bursary Program include:

LGAT Assist Bursary: Jack Muir Wilson

Alumni Association WNW Bursary: Maitland Cameron

Flora Fenton Tasmania University Scholarship: Jessica Spinks

Premier of Tasmania WNW Bursaries: Serena Loring, Alexander McKenzie, Nicholas Courto

Burnie City Council WNW Bursary: Olivia Lucas

Burnie Chamber of Commerce and Industry WNW Bursary: Gene Medwin

City of Burnie Lions Club WNW Bursary: Hannah Millar

Devonport City Council WNW Bursary: Alex Hardy

Caterpillar Underground Mining WNW Bursary: Laura Nilssen

Harold Carroll Memorial Scholarships: Samuel Kingshott, Caitlin Burk (correct spelling)

Gordon Cahill Memorial Scholarship: Anne Garratt

Murray Goulburn Co-op Ltd WNW Bursary: Robert Snare

Tasports WNW Bursary: Matthew Shaw

Waratah Wynyard Council Bill French Memorial Bursary: Fletcher Cruickshank

Graeme Foster Scholarship in Education: Kayla Hite

Fairbrother Foundation: Luke Webb, Kirsty Nugent
MST Workplace Solutions WNW Bursary: Louise Murphy
Circular Head Council Mayor's Education Fund Bursary: Haylee Huisman, Natalie
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