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## NATHAN SPEHR CARVING UP THE COURT FOR NORTH ALABAMA!

Gleeson Old Scholar and University of North Alabama Freshman, Nathan Spehr (2009), has found fine form on the court recently, starring for the Lions throughout the past month.

Nathan signed a four-year contract with the University of North Alabama last year, allowing him to play at an elite level whilst studying a Fitness and Management degree.

The pacy guard hit four three-point baskets and scored a US career-high 22 points, to lead the Lions to an 83-69 away victory against Delta State on Saturday 18th February. He also scored a perfect 4-for-4 from the free throw line on the night.

In early February, Nathan was given an opportunity to take on more court time when the Lions' senior point guard, Keynan Jackson, sprained his ankle. He played an outstanding game and helped the side to a 65-56 victory against West Alabama - the side was trailing by one point with about six minutes remaining before Nathan scored seven of his eight points for the game.

UNA Head Coach Bobby Champagne was impressed with the efforts of his young Aussie recruit:

*"We put a lot on Nathan with KJ (Keynan Jackson) out and he responded,"* Champagne told the Times Daily.

*"That's a lot to ask of a freshman, but he hit a couple of big shots and is gaining confidence."*

The University of Alabama caters for 7000 students and has a live lion as it's mascot, which lives on campus!

Nathan came to the attention of US scouts whilst playing for the Australian 19-and-under Emus Squad that won the gold medal at the Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Germany in 2011. He also averaged 10 points and 3.2 assists per game for Adelaide hometown club, Sturt, last season.

***We congratulate Nathan on his recent performances and wish him all the best for his continued success at UNA - both on and off the court!***



*Right: Nathan Spehr playing for the Lions against West Alabama earlier this month.*



**The University of Alabama Men's Basketball Team:**  
*Gleeson Old Scholar, Nathan Spehr (2009) is 3rd from left in the second row*

## DANIEL PAPADOPOULOS (2011) AWARDED UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP IN 2012

2011 Year 12 student, Daniel Papadopoulos (97.85 ATAR), has been awarded a University of Adelaide Principals' Scholarship in 2012.

Daniel attended a luncheon with the Vice-Chancellor before heading to Bonython Hall for the Scholarships Presentation Ceremony, on Friday 24th February. *The College Community commends Daniel on this outstanding achievement, and wishes him all the best in his future studies.*



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## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**A Happy New Year to all members of the Gleeson College Community. On behalf of the staff, I hope that all families had a wonderful and Holy Christmas and we wish everyone much success and joy throughout 2012.**

On a personal note, my Study Leave during Term 4 in 2011 was a great challenge and a wonderful learning experience for me. University life has changed a lot since my undergraduate days! I was most grateful to Mr Joe Corbo, Mr David Finch, our Leadership Team and other staff who took on roles to enable me to have the Study Leave, which I found to be life giving and timely, both professionally and personally.

This year will be the twenty-fourth year of Gleeson College and I am sure it will be another exciting and successful year for our

community. I would like to extend a very special welcome to the new staff members who have joined us for the first time this year. I pray that God will bless them in their work and that they find personal and professional fulfilment during their work at Gleeson College. This year we welcome eight new staff members to our Gleeson College community:

- Victoria Calleja - Science / Maths / RE
- Dale Clarke - English / Humanities / RE
- Alex Daw - Special Education
- Iva Denton - Religious Education Coord.
- Jessica Foster - Drama / English
- Jessica Gillard - Music
- Joanna Grotto - ESO (Special Ed / VET)
- Nathan Holdinghausen - Science/Maths/RE

We also welcome back Mrs Emily Colville from Maternity and Parenting Leave. I trust all our new and returning staff will enjoy being a part of our vibrant, nurturing and learning community.

This year Mrs Jill Conole (Deputy Principal) has been seconded to a Senior Adviser and Team Leader position at Catholic Education S.A. As a result of Mrs Conole's appointment, the following appointments have been made at Gleeson College:

- Mr Joe Corbo (Acting Deputy Principal)
- Ms Susan Campbell (Acting Assistant Principal – Curriculum)

- Mrs Nancy Mastrogiacomio (Acting Mathematics Coordinator)

We wish all of them a happy and successful year in their new leadership roles for 2012.

### GLEESON COLLEGE IN 2012

This year is also an important time for Gleeson College, as the College implements exciting educational innovations:

- Implementing the revised senior school timetable structure
- Consolidating our Pastoral Care program
- Developing Performance Standards for Years 8 – 10
- Implementing new Professional Learning Community structures
- Implementation of the Australian Curriculum
- Introduce the naming all of our buildings
- Implementing the Strategic Plan for 2012 – 15

This decade we are working to promote and live out our new slogan: **Learning – Community – Mission** because we are a place of learning for all of our community not just the students, we have developed structures over the years to enable us to connect as a community of staff, students and families and as a Catholic school we want to live out the mission of the Catholic Church along with the message of Jesus – we aspire to be a community of love, hope and justice by bringing to life our Gleeson 10.

I pray that God will bless all members of our College Community both past and present, bringing us peace in our lives and guide us as a Catholic Community throughout the year.

The Prayer below reflects our hopes for 2012 and beyond:

***We pray for the students and staff in our school who gather each day to share their journeys of learning and formation. We also pray for their families, all who are involved in Catholic Education SA and all our Old Scholars, that they may be nourished and supported by the Spirit of God ever present in our Community. Loving God, hear our prayer.***

**Phil Lewis, Principal**



**2011 SACE Merit Award Winners (L-R): Anne Macnamara (Year 11) - Information Processing & Publishing, Principal Phil Lewis, Jade Ryan (Year 11) - Information Processing & Publishing, and Angelica Barrientos (Year 11) - Spanish (School of Languages). Absent: Michael Bird - Research Project**

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011!

On Wednesday 22nd February, our Academic Awards Assembly was held in the Dame Roma Mitchell Centre, with our 2011 Year 12 Graduates returning to receive recognition for their outstanding achievements.

It was very special to be able to celebrate the efforts of those students who received Merits in individual subjects, an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 or more, along with those who were named Dux of Subject.

The Dux of the College for 2011, Scott Cutler, was presented with the Thomas Medal by Principal, Mr Phil Lewis.

We thank the students from the Class of 2011 and their families for coming back to Gleeson to accept our congratulations for their wonderful work. We wish them all the best for the future and certainly hope that Gleeson will remain a joyful memory for them and that they will maintain contact with us as they venture out into the world.

**Mr Joe Corbo, Acting Deputy Principal**

## 2011 DUX OF SUBJECTS Honour Roll

<b>Stephanie Baker</b>	English Studies
<b>James Barker</b>	Biology
<b>Michael Bird</b>	Research Project
<b>Samuel Campagnale</b>	Mathematical Methods, Nutrition & Physical Education
<b>Luisa Caruso</b>	Workplace Practices
<b>Pellegrino Coscia</b>	Chemistry & Physics
<b>Scott Cutler</b>	Information Technology
<b>Erin Dunn</b>	Food & Hospitality
<b>Melanie Geldart</b>	Child Studies
<b>Corey Grenfell</b>	English Communications & Tourism
<b>Monique Moderiano</b>	Religion Studies
<b>Daniel Papadopoulos</b>	Mathematical Studies & Specialist Mathematics
<b>Jade Ryan</b>	Info. Processing & Publishing
<b>(Year 11)</b>	
<b>Angela Tripodi</b>	Ensemble Performance & Solo Performance
<b>(Year 11)</b>	
<b>Alexander Hewson</b>	Psychology
<b>(Pedare)</b>	



**2011 Dux of College:** Scott Cutler addresses the College Community at the Academic Assembly.



Principal, Mr Phil Lewis, presents Scott Cutler with the Dux of College Thomas Medal.



**2011 Dux of Subject Winners (L-R):** Luisa Caruso, Daniel Papadopoulos, Samuel Campagnale, Jade Ryan, Scott Cutler, Erin Dunn, Angela Tripodi, Corey Grenfell, Melanie Geldart, Pellegrino Coscia and James Barker. Absent: Stephanie Baker, Michael Bird, Alexander Hewson (Pedare), Monique Moderiano.



**2011 90+ ATAR Award Winners (L-R):** Scott Cutler, Pellegrino Coscia, Daniel Papadopoulos, Samuel Campagnale, Jake Crammond, Thomas Wherry, Corey Grenfell, James Barker, Sarah O'Connor, Michael Mazzotta, Anthony Silvestri. Absent: Monique Moderiano.

## OLD SCHOLARS SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH EX-L STUDENTS

Three Gleeson College Old Scholars shared their stories of school memories, finding a career direction, studying at university and the reality of the workforce they are now employed in, with our young Year 8 Ex-L students.

The Shared Facilities Dining Room was the venue for the welcome lunch for Year 8 students from Gleeson College and Golden Grove High School, who were invited to be part of the Ex-L program for gifted and talented students, held on Friday 12th August 2011.

After a lunch of soup and donuts, students listened intently to the inspiring life-experiences of Gleeson graduates' **Rebecca Walsh (2002)**, **Lucy Simeoni (2003)** and **Amy Walsh (2005)**.

Rebecca Walsh graduated in 2002 and is now an architect with Hames Sharley, the company responsible for the design of Fairview Green.

An associate at Kelly & Co Lawyers, Lucy Simeoni, who was a Gleeson College President in 2003, explained her journey towards working in taxation law.

With six months experience in the workforce, Amy Walsh [Class of 2005] an engineer at GPA Engineering, provided an inspiring and motivational talk to the students.

Here are some comments from students who attended the lunch:

*"The presentations were very useful and gave us a good insight into how other*



*Photo (L-R): Gleeson Old Scholars' Amy Walsh (2005), Rebecca Walsh (2002) and former College President, Lucy Simeoni (2003), at the function for Year 8 Ex-L Students.*

*people have been successful. It was good fun and I met new people."*

**Ben Altieri (Year 8, 2011)**

*"The Ex-L lunch was an enjoyable experience for everyone. Listening to the three guest speakers was very inspiring. Each one of them gave a great and informative speech about different choices we should make in the future. All in all it was a great afternoon."*

**Serena Martino-Williams (Year 8, 2011)**

*"The guest speakers inspired me to go*

*for my dreams and never stop trying. I found Lucy was very up front with her descriptions of the workplace and she gave us a good insight into life as a lawyer. I'm excited to be involved in the Ex-L program in 2011."*

**Simone Lowe (Year 8, 2011)**

A sincere thank you to Rebecca, Lucy and Amy for their visit - it was greatly appreciated by both the staff and students of Gleeson College and GGHS.

**Helen Gillen, Ex-L Coordinator**

## VICTORIA & ERIN EARN SFX LAP STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Gleeson Old Scholars, **Victoria Macnamara (2009)** and **Erin Wilkinson (2010)**, were presented with 'Outstanding Senior Student Volunteer' Awards for their work with LAP (Learning Assistance Program) students at St Francis Xavier's Regional Catholic School.

Victoria, now a 2nd year student at University, has volunteered her time to the SFX LAP for the past 3 years, spending time with students in need.

Erin volunteered her time assisting students

in the SFX LAP whilst she was completing her Year 12 studies at Gleeson College in 2010.

Both girls were highly commended for their organised, caring and supportive manner, which they displayed throughout their involvement with the program at SFX.

**Well done Victoria and Erin!**

*Photo: Victoria Macnamara with her Outstanding Senior Student Volunteer Award for her ongoing assistance with LAP students at St Francis Xavier's Regional Catholic School in Wynn Vale.*

## WORLD FOOTBALL NEWS



Jordan Elsey (2011) has been named in the preliminary Adelaide United FC 27-man squad for the upcoming AFL Champions League. *Well done Jordan!*



Craig Goodwin (2009) made his Hyundai A-League debut for Melbourne Hearts earlier this month. He played exceptionally well and was named best on ground for the game. *Well done Craig!*



Alex Mullen (2010) signed a one-year contract to play for Mars College (North Carolina) in the US last year. Alex has been playing well in the highly competitive men's division. *Well done Alex!*

## Learning Community Mission



### ATTENTION: OLD SCHOLARS OF GLEESON COLLEGE

*Do you have children in pre-school  
or primary school?*

*Did you know Gleeson College  
will guarantee a placement for  
your child, if you lodge an  
'Application for Enrolment'  
by the end of Year 5!*

### ENROL YOUR CHILD TODAY!

Call (08) 8282 6600 or visit:

[www.gleeson.sa.edu.au/Enrolment](http://www.gleeson.sa.edu.au/Enrolment)

to download an

'Application for Enrolment'.



## Gleeson College Open Night

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 4-8pm

Visit our outstanding facilities and discover how we can enhance the learning outcomes of your child. Alternatively, call us for a prospectus and/or reserve a place at one of our Principal's Tours held in May and September 2012.

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# OLD SCHOLAR CELEBRATIONS



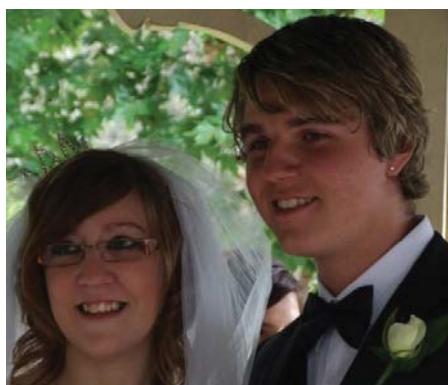
## **DAMIANO PENNINO (2003)**

**Damiano Pennino (2003)** married Larissa Turci at Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church, Henley Beach, in June 2011. The couple went on to enjoy a honeymoon in beautiful Bali. *Congratulations to Damiano & Larissa, and best wishes for the future.*



## **KATE MORGANTE (2004)** *(Nee Fryer)*

**Kate Fryer (2004)** married Peter Morgante at St Laurence's Priory, North Adelaide, in November 2011. *Congratulations to Kate & Peter, and best wishes for the future.*



## **TARA PFEIFER (2008)** *(Nee Van Der Linden)*

**Tara Van Der Linden (2008)** married Matthew Pfeifer in November 2010. The pair joyfully welcomed their first child, Jayden Eli Pfeifer, in 2011.

*Congratulations to Tara & Matthew on their wedding and also on the birth of cute little Jayden - we wish you all the best for the future.*



## **GRACE NAPOLI (2004)** *(Nee Rizzotto)*

**Grace Rizzotto (2004)** married Sam Napoli at Rostrevor College Chapel in February 2012. *Congratulations to Grace & Sam, and best wishes for the future.*



## **TAHNEE CURZON (2004)** *(Nee O'Shaughnessy)*

**Tahnee O'Shaughnessy (2004)** married Paul Curzon at St Peter's Cathedral in February 2011. *Congratulations to Tahnee & Paul, and best wishes for the future.*



## **WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR NEWS!**

Please send your Old Scholar News to Rebecca Sinclair, Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator at: [info@gleeson.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@gleeson.catholic.edu.au)

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