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From the Chancellery

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There was strong demand for UniSA programs in the first SATAC round with a 5.6 per cent increase in first preferences compared to the same time in 2009.

Demand is strongest in the fields of Education, Health, Society and Culture, and Creative Arts.

Two stand out examples of our strong showing this year are the first preference demand for the law programs (which is up 23 per cent compared to last year), and the revamped Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management program (up 33 per cent this year).

Another case in point is our new Bachelor of Medical Science which offers a new and unique degree in collaboration with the Australian National University (ANU).

The Medical Science program is characterised by having the expert input of staff from both UniSA and ANU; offering UniSA students the opportunity to visit ANU during the first year of their program.

As well, high-achieving students are provided with opportunity to complete substantial parts of the senior year of the program at ANU, working towards a jointly-badged Degree.

In addition, ANU will set aside places in its postgraduate medical program for high achieving graduates of the jointly-badged Degree.

On top of strong interest for first preferences it has proven a firm favourite with applicants aiming for a career in Medicine and Dentistry.

With 65 first preferences and 455 total preferences, applicants have tended to package their preferences with Medicine and Dentistry, or degrees that could lead to Medicine.

More than 50 offers have been made, and figures are expected to strengthen further once the acceptance rate of interstate applicants is known.

The first cohort of Medical Science students, with a TER of 92.6 or above, consists of students from most of the broad range of pathways to degrees at UniSA.

They can look forward to an interesting and vibrant degree with opportunity to exit with a parchment jointly-badged by UniSA and ANU.

Professor Peter Høj
Vice Chancellor and President
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New frontier for space industry

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by Michele Nardelli

A UniSA Pro Vice Chancellor is among a group of Australian industry leaders who will help realign the space industry as a priority for the nation's development.

Pro Vice Chancellor of the Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment Professor Andrew Parfitt has been appointed to the newly formed Space Industry Innovation Council (Space IIC).

Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Senator Kim Carr made the announcement at a special visit to UniSA's Mawson Lakes campus where he addressed a group of space science industry leaders to present the Federal Government's plans for the new Council. The Council was established as part of a new model for Australian economic development.

Prof Parfitt said he believed people would be amazed at the extent to which the space science touched almost every aspect of Australian life.



The foundation of the new Space IIC will help to foster the development of the space science industry by supporting Australian innovation to counter problems associated with climate change and national security and improve natural resource management, forestry and agriculture, and disaster management.

"Australia is reliant on a huge range of space services that include satellite communications, navigation and positioning systems and earth observation, supporting areas ranging from environmental management to emergency response," Prof Parfitt said.

"Despite its importance the sector has remained fragmented and uncoordinated for many decades.

"The space industry faces a range of challenges and opportunities and the Space IIC will examine Australia's current civil space activities, risks and strategic priorities focusing on the areas mentioned with a view to making the most of the talent and enterprise we have here."

Previously Director of UniSA's Institute for Telecommunications Research and the Chief Executive Officer of the Cooperative Research Centre for Satellite Systems, Prof Parfitt has an international reputation in satellite communications and space technologies. Prof Parfitt also chairs the Australian Academy of Science National Committee for Radio Science.

Other appointments

Prof Parfitt's appointment as one of only two academics on the Council follows the appointment last year of UniSA Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research Professor Caroline McMillen to another of the new Federal Government innovation councils - the Automotive Industry Innovation Council.

Meanwhile, UniSA alumnus of a Graduate Diploma of Education, George Brown, has been appointed to the Board of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. Dr Brown, Group Academic Director of *Think: Education Group*, began his four-year term in January, and is looking forward to new initiatives in the higher education sector coming to fruition during his appointment.

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67 years adds up

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Two colleagues from Applied Physics celebrated their retirement together at the end of 2009 and between them they have an impressive 67 years of service to UniSA under their belts.

Professor Geoff Goodwin and John Pattison from the School of Electrical and Information Engineering, both began their UniSA careers at its antecedent institution – the South Australian Institute of Technology (SAIT).

UniSA Professor of Applied Physics and Discipline Leader, John Thomas acknowledged their valuable and sustained contribution over many years.



"It is an outstanding achievement and we thank both of them for their long serving work," Prof Thomas said.

Prof Goodwin joined SAIT in 1971 after working at the University of Queensland and the Weapons Research Establishment.

He retired from full-time work with UniSA in 1994, after spending most of his 24 years as Head of Applied Physics. However he stayed on as an adjunct appointment, continuing his research with the University.

John Pattison began working at SAIT in 1967 and is the longest continuously serving academic staff member of SAIT/UniSA.

"He also worked at the Defence Standards Laboratories before joining SAIT, so his scientific career is approaching half a century," Prof Thomas said.

"During that time he has made significant contributions to the medical and radiation physics profession, including running courses in radiation safety and protection for industry, long term editorship of the journals *Australasian Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine* and *Medical Physics* and working as a consultant to the SA Health Commission and other bodies in the area of radiations safety and protection."

And while Pattison has retired from paid work, he hasn't wrapped up his career just yet. He has taken up a new appointment as Adjunct Senior Research Fellow for the Knowledge Based Engineering research group which is part of UniSA's School of Electrical and Information Engineering.

He recently had a research paper published about a project he led that casts doubt on the aftermath impact of exposure to radiation from depleted uranium munitions. More information about the project can be found [here](#).

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National award for people-focused engineer

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by Katrina Kalleske

A UniSA professor has received a national award for his contribution to biomedical engineering.

Prof Andrew Downing, Head of the School of Electrical and Information Engineering, was presented with the David Dewhurst Award for 2009 in December, by Engineers Australia.

Prof Downing joined UniSA three years ago, however the award acknowledges his whole professional career and in particular his support for young engineers and his work for older people coming to grips with technology, and younger people living with a disability.

"Engineering is a very people orientated industry – it's not just about technology," he said. "It's about providing facilities, infrastructure, products and services to benefit people."



As a biomedical engineer, his contributions focus on developing health technologies and systems to make life easier for people with specific needs. Projects that were highlighted at the award presentation included research into telecommunications options for people with a disability. Prof Downing was the co-founder in 1994 of *Seniors on Line*, an organisation that until recently had been helping up to 1000 older people each year to acquire new computer skills in a social environment. He has also had a 35-year association with Novita Children's Services, and is their current President.

In presenting the award to Prof Downing, the Chair of the Engineers Australia's College of Biomedical Engineers Mike Flood, said his leadership had always been exemplary, whether it is academic or through his service to Engineers Australia.

"As a former Engineers Australia SA Division President and National President, Andrew's ability to manage, lead and inspire others to action is to be both congratulated and admired," Flood said.

"Andrew's positive relationship with engineers of all ages, particularly young engineers, saw him held in very high esteem during his year as National President, especially by the Young Engineers Australia National Committee."

Prof Downing said he was very surprised to be honoured with the national biomedical engineering award. Along with helping people by developing new biomedical infrastructure, he said his engagement with students and young engineers progressing towards their chartered status as engineering practitioners were career highlights.

"It is always good to see the development of students and where they move onto," he said.

Prof Downing spent 15 years at Flinders University implementing new engineering education programs, and is now focusing on a new internship program for engineering students at UniSA.

In collaboration with the Australian National University in Canberra, this initiative will provide a more structured work experience program for engineering students from both universities.

"It will see students engage with industry sooner and we'll have specific learning objectives set-up to make sure the students, the companies, and the universities all gain the maximum benefit from work placements," he said.

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Rural research by city students

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by Katrina Kalleske

At the end of each university year, a handful of Adelaide students pack up their bags to spend four weeks in a regional area to work on a research project.

By the end of that month, the students have learnt valuable professional skills, made new friends and experienced life away from the city; while the local community has benefited from the outcomes of their projects.

Run by the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School in Whyalla and the brainchild of the School's Associate Professor Gary Misan, the Rural Vacation Research Bursary Program has seen about 25 students take up this opportunity since the program began in 2005.



The latest group was made up of five students from the Division of Health Sciences who all worked on an individual community project.

Twenty-three year old Mary Masters was one of the students. Her project involved cataloging all the health services that are available in Whyalla. The Bachelor of Nutrition and Food Science graduate thought it was a great opportunity to gain some research experience.

"I have been thinking about going into research and I wanted to see what it was all about," she said.

Coordinator of the Rural Vacation Research Bursary Program, Chris Thompson, said there have been many successful outcomes from the program.

"It is a great way to encourage city-based students to even consider doing research and it also encourages them to look at doing that in a rural setting," Thompson said.

"The Spencer Gulf Rural Health School and the Centre for Rural Health and Community Development, have substantial post-graduate research capacity, so students are always needed to carry out work.

"Over the years, the students have delved into a variety of topics, some closely related to their degree programs, while others have challenged students to move out of their comfort zones to do something quite different.

"We hope that by getting a taste of rural-based research, students might be encouraged to come back after graduation to do Honours or PhD work here."

Thompson explained that in some years students work as a team on a large single project. For example a team of five allied health students and one computing science student researched, scripted, filmed, edited and produced a 'how to' CD on procedures that health science students might

encounter while on placement in a rural area.

The vacation research opportunity is open to students from any program. Under the bursary, all accommodation and travel costs are paid for and students are provided a living allowance. The program runs at the end of Semester Two each year.

More details about UniSA's Rural Vacation Research Bursary Program are [online](#).

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Student research unpacks the “Lance” factor

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UniSA Sport and Recreation Management students may have some vital information to contribute about Tour Down Under tourism following a wide survey of interstate and international visitors at the event last month.

The students completed the project as part of their summer course in Sport and Tourism Development.

Course coordinator Anne Eastgate said the students researched visitors’ motivations for attending the 2010 cycling event; what other activities they intended to do while they were in South Australia; how satisfied they were with their event experience around the Tour; and the likelihood that they would return to Adelaide.



Eastgate said research conducted previously by the students and academic staff at the 2009 Tour Down Under, highlighted how much the presence of Lance Armstrong influenced cycling fans to attend the race. The findings showed that personal involvement in cycling was also a key factor.

“Among domestic tourists, Armstrong’s attendance had less effect on those more involved with cycling because they would have come anyway – but it had more influence and impact on those less involved with cycling,” she said.

“And with international tourists involved in cycling already, Lance Armstrong’s attendance was the prime motivation for travel to Adelaide, whereas those less involved in cycling tended to come to the event as part of an overall trip.”

Other findings showed that fans were generally very satisfied with the event but they would like more shade, more stands and more food and drink outlets.

“The students did this research to gain an understanding of the role that events like the Santos Tour Down Under play in the bigger picture of tourism in South Australia,” she said.

“Many of these students are looking to work in the events industry when they graduate so the survey project helps them to think about the challenges and opportunities that are part of the industry.”

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Solar art prize

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A UniSA graduate has blended her passions for art and the environment to establish an art competition with a difference – the prize pool includes \$34,000 of solar panel vouchers.

Pip Fletcher is encouraging UniSA students and staff to enter the Solar Art Prize, with entries open from now until April 2.

“I wanted to promote the reduction of carbon output while also celebrating nature and the environment,” Fletcher said.



“This is a small beginning. People power can show governments the way if we all switch to green energy and demand this of our industries.

“A lot of people seem to have excuses for why they can’t make sustainable changes such as getting solar panels for their homes, so this is one way to help them achieve that.”

The art prize is a concept Pip Fletcher has been thinking about for a few years now – since her brother-in-law passed away and left her some money to “do something for art”.

There are four sections in the competition – paintings (oil and acrylic); works on paper; technical plans or designs; and sculpture, photography, mixed media, cartoons, comic strips, unpublished illustrated children’s books or tapestries.

The winning entries, including the overall winner, eight section winners, eight merit awards and a People’s Choice, will all be exhibited from April 25 until May 23 at the Royal South Australian Society of Arts’ Gallery (first floor, Institute Building at the corner of North Tce and Kintore Ave, Adelaide).

For more information you can email [Pip Fletcher](#) or phone 8267 4428.

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Learning links with the wider world

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The Centre for Participation and Community Engagement (PACE) is encouraging academic and project staff from across all Divisions to use its community and industry links, when developing their STEP 2010 plans.

STEP 2010 is the University's \$6 million project to implement a revised Teaching and Learning Framework. The new framework is designed to improve the quality and quantity of student engagement through experiential learning and to ensure that around one-third of all learning experiences are active experiences for students.

Director of PACE, Karen Grogan, said the Centre has a strong presence in the northern area and is now expanding out to the western areas of Adelaide.

"Our focus is to connect the needs of primary and high schools and community groups to the aims of the various STEP 2010 projects," Grogan said.

"We are currently working with the School of Psychology to connect their ideas to our existing community partners and with the School of Health Sciences looking at how we can help to roll out their mobile community clinic.

"We also have some exciting developments on the go with the School of Mathematics and Statistics and the School of Management.

"I know that some areas within the University already have well established experiential learning programs. However, STEP 2010 gives all areas an opportunity to expand the experiential learning they are already undertaking and go outside the essential criteria of the program."

The Centre for Participation and Community Engagement was established late in 2009 to coordinate the University's aim of increasing opportunities for participation and inclusion in education and lifelong learning.

"We are focusing on developing students' aspirations and the pathways to access higher education, as well making sure they have all the support they need to become successful university students," Grogan said.

The Centre brings together a range of existing programs including the Northern Adelaide Partnerships and liaison work, University Orientation Programs and the Student Employability Skills and Community Service.

For more information about the Centre visit www.unisa.edu.au/pace or call Karen on 8302 3654.



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Hamnett's planned move

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by Michele Nardelli

It may be a sign of the times that the Environment Resources and Development Court of South Australia is about to increase the working hours of its Commissioner with planning expertise, but it is a mark of his calibre as a professional that UniSA's Professor Stephen Hamnett has been chosen to take on that role.

Having been awarded the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) Lifetime Achievement Award in November 2009, Prof Hamnett is about to move on from his 25-year career as Head of Planning at UniSA, to increase his engagement at the pointy end of planning in SA.

Prof Hamnett says the PIA award was a personally gratifying achievement in a year that also marked the 60th anniversary of Australia's first planning program, established in 1949 at the SA Institute of Technology, an antecedent institution of the University.



Head of UniSA School of Natural and Built Environments Professor Patrick James, says Prof Hamnett's leadership has been exemplary.

"In strong collaboration with his colleagues he has kept the planning programs at the University in excellent health and has fostered a continuing and successful research performance in the discipline," Prof James says.

"He has also ensured that UniSA planning graduates are held in high regard by the profession and this has been underlined with the recent successful re-accreditation of our planning programs for a further five years by the Planning Institute of Australia.

"We'll be sad to lose his successful leadership, but Stephen will continue a formal relationship with the School through a number of key projects and activities, including his role as a Chief Investigator for our Institute for Sustainable Systems and Technologies in an ARC linkage project focused on transit-oriented development along Adelaide's northern rail line; his chairmanship of the Mawson Lakes Fellowship Fund; and his work on a book for Routledge on Asian Cities due out in 2011.

Professor Hamnett will leave the University at the end of the month and colleagues will host a send off for him on February 23.

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Sponsorship with art at the heart

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by Michele Nardelli

UniSA's City West campus will be buzzing with artistic energy in February and March as the University presents a program of key events for the 2010 Adelaide Festival.

As a major partner in presenting the Visual Arts program of the Festival and as sponsor of the inaugural Adelaide International 2010, *Apart, we are together* exhibition, UniSA has ensured the campus will be a hub for both aficionados and newcomers to the visual arts.

The University is also backing the renowned *Artists' Week* program of talks, forums and workshops by international and Australian speakers.

The wonderful Samstag Museum will be at the heart of the Adelaide International (opening February 26) providing an ambitious, multi-venue exhibition curated by Victoria Lynn, featuring eleven international artists and collaborations, located across four other Adelaide public galleries - the Australian Experimental Art Foundation, Contemporary Art Centre of SA, Flinders University City Gallery and the Jam Factory Contemporary Craft and Design.

A key exhibition in the museum will be the amazing work of installation artist Tara Donovan. Her delicate almost, biological creations, guarantee you will never look at a polystyrene cup in the same light.

Featured artists represent a "round the world" creative catalogue - Rossella Biscotti (Italy); Tara Donovan (USA); Nina Fischer & Maroen El Sani (Germany); Julian Hooper (New Zealand); Iman Issa (Egypt); Donghee Koo (Republic of Korea); Li Mu (Peoples Republic of China); Lucy and Jorge Orta (United Kingdom/France); Raeda Saadeh (Palestine); Praneet Soi (India/Netherlands); and Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Thailand).

From Friday February 26 to Monday March 1, the Artists Week program will unfold at UniSA's Hawke Building. The four-day program of lectures and workshops with the theme of Art in the Global Present will include an examination of art and politics; the impact of increasingly networked communities; a look at art in counterpoint to science; and artistic collaboration. More information is available in the official Festival [program](#) online.



More on campus

And to make the most of the Festival occasion, UniSA's School of Art, Architecture and Design is hosting its own series of events focused on art education and practice.

On February 26 UniSA will launch its Kurna public art project – the result of a summer school

intensive program that brings together leading South Australian artists James Doss and Paul Hoban with students from visual art, architecture, visual communication, industrial design and interior architecture – who will explore creativity in all its dimensions by creating a vibrant public mural adjacent to the Aroma café. The mural project will be a unique learning experience for students from different fields of creative practice.

Other highlights include *Twisting Mirrors*, a graduate symposium with Michael Taussig, internationally renowned author and Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University. Professor Taussig's seminar will look at colonial politics and its influences on visual art.

The South Australian School of Art Gallery in the Kurna Building will also host an exhibition entitled *Temperature* featuring the SA artists George Popperwell and Anton Hart (opens Feb 27 at 6pm).

The *Heartlines* exhibition, an installation and performance art showcase for 25 leading and emerging SA artists will be held on February 27 and 28, bringing extra colour and action to the SASA gallery, Fenn Place and the walkway to George Street.

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The 2010 Santos Tour Down Under marked the 10 year anniversary of UniSA's sponsorship of the event – a journey that has seen the University move from being just one of many local sponsors, to become sponsors of Australia's only national team in the first professional event on the annual international cycling calendar.

Team UniSA-Australia riders put in a solid performance during this year, taking out jerseys in the first three stages of the race.



South Australian youngster Tim Roe took out the King of the Mountain and Most Aggressive jerseys in the first stage; David Kemp won the King of the Mountain in Stage Two and was competitive in the sprints; and during Stage Three Simon Clarke was part of a breakaway group, earning himself the Most Aggressive jersey.

Team UniSA-Australia coach Dave Sanders said that the strength of the team was in the fact that every year the young Australian riders had to take an attacking stance in the race to match it with the might of their competitors.

"These young Australian riders are often riding side by side with athletes who are on million dollar contracts," Sanders said. "They are up against big moneyed team machines. Sometimes luck and their talent come together to win us a stage or a jersey – one year we missed out on winning the whole event by two tiny seconds. We have done well over the years."

To read more about the Team's performance, go to our TDU [news pages](#).

UniSA's involvement in the Tour runs much deeper than naming rights for Australia's national team.

UniSA also hosted the Mutual Community *Mini Tour for Kids* on the last day of the race, in which 225 children took part. The UniSA Divisions also ran a week long display in the in the Tour Village.

About 100 UniSA staff, family and associates also took part in the Mutual Community Challenge Tour, which saw more than 8000 amateur cyclists ride up to 160.5km from Norwood to Goolwa – just a few hours before the pros undertook the same circuit.

Acting Pro Vice Chancellor: International and Development, Alan Brideson said the 10-year sponsorship journey with the Santos Tour Down Under had been very rewarding.



"Over the years we have seen the University's official and unofficial involvement with the Tour grow enormously," he said.

“We are of course very proud to sponsor the national team in this important cycling event and to give opportunities for young talented athletes to launch their professional cycling careers. But we are also delighted with the broader engagement and connections our sponsorship has forged – providing among other things important hands-on learning opportunities for our students and more broadly, the encouragement for everyday South Australians to improve their health and fitness.”

For more photos from the Tour Down Under week, go to UniSA's TDU [photo gallery](#).

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Adelaide City honours orphan advocate

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by Katrina Kalleske

UniSA student Tessa Henwood-Mitchell had a surprising Australia Day – she was named the City of Adelaide's 2010 Young Citizen of the Year.

Even after finding out she had been nominated, the bright, bubbly and unassuming 22-year-old certainly didn't expect to win the award.

Her passion to help a group of orphans she met in South America during a university volunteer program inspired her to try to make a difference.

Tessa visited Bolivia from June to October in 2008 through UniSA's Hawke Ambassador International Volunteer Experience and when she returned she was moved to establish Tia International Aid which has now become an Incorporated Association.

"Once I started thinking about setting up a program to help the orphans, I couldn't stop," said Tessa who studies a double degree in International Studies and Social Work.

"I got very attached to the children I was working with.

"We have now been able to supply medical supplies to the orphanage, Ciudadela Sedeges, which houses 83 children under the age of 14."

Since starting the enterprise in February last year, Tessa has raised more than \$17,000 and recruited a team of volunteers.

"We are also in the process of replacing the entire water system because there is no running water to any of the buildings at the orphanage," she said. "I went back last year in July to get the ball rolling on that project.

"We've also funded a music program at a blind rehabilitation centre called Manuela Gandarillas which works with 35 blind children. The program has been running since April and the results are promising."

Terry O'Callaghan, Associate Head of the School of Communication, International Studies and Languages, nominated Tessa after seeing her dedication to the project throughout the past year.



“The Hawke Ambassador experience is extremely challenging for students and a lot of them follow up on a project they started when they come back home,” Associate Professor O’Callaghan said. “It’s often a ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ experience for students and it has a significant impact on them all.

“Tessa has worked particularly hard at setting up the charity, and she is someone to be admired.”

About 20 UniSA students take part in the Hawke Ambassador program each year, living with a host family in a third-world country for three to six months.

More information about Tessa’s charity, Tia International Aid is available [online](#).

Tessa says she is always on the lookout for more volunteers. Her next fundraiser for the Bolivian orphans will be at the Capri cinema on March 6.

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Strong support gives new students a boost

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by Kelly Stone

Megan Ackers is just one of the 8500 new students starting undergraduate degree programs at UniSA in the coming weeks.

Megan, from Paralowie, will study the four-year Bachelor of Social Work at Magill campus. But it was a decision that she only made early this year after speaking to University staff.

"I chose Social Work because I've always had a goal to help people in my career," said Megan, who completed Year 12 at Thomas More College last year.



"I want to be able to help people who need that extra support, whether it's children who have suffered abuse or people who are struggling with alcohol or drug problems."

Megan attended UniSA's Preference Information Event held at the City East campus in January, where students had the opportunity to meet with UniSA staff and discuss their options.

"I actually ended up changing my preferences after attending the event," Megan said.

"It made me think about the type of person you need to be to make a success of certain careers, and it also helped me to consider my expectations around my Tertiary Entrance Rank and think more deeply about following my passion.

"I'm really happy I've been accepted into Social Work and can't wait to get started."

Megan received another bonus by attending the Preference Information Event. She was the lucky winner of a Dell laptop from a random draw of attendees. She said it was a fabulous win for her because she did not have a laptop and it would be a great help with her university studies.

This year the most popular degree programs by first preference at UniSA are the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Human Movement and Health Studies, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Education (Primary, Junior Primary), and Law, including double degrees with Law.

The new Bachelor of Medical Sciences is off to a good start, with the TER set at 92.6, a steady foundation for an important new program in the Division of Health ([read the Vice Chancellor's column for more about the new degree](#)).

A new specialist Bachelor of Arts also commenced this year with a TER of 80.4.

UniSA's Foundation Studies program, which is designed as a pathway back into study for anyone aged 18 and over, experienced very strong growth. There was a 70 per cent increase in first preferences for Foundation Studies in 2010 compared to 2009, proving the value of the program in

providing a bridge back into higher education for many students who might otherwise miss out.

UniSA welcomes all of its new and returning undergraduates and postgraduates to the 2010 academic year.

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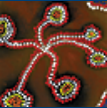
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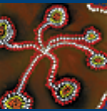
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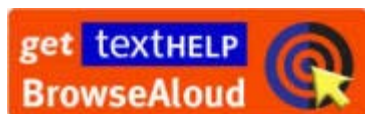
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