



# UniMentor *in focus*



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## Dual Award Winners in 2008

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September the 2008 UniMentor Appreciation Ceremony was held in the beautiful Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery. The event was attended by approximately 150 mentors and their guests.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Jon Stubbs, Director of Student Services. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson gave an inspiring speech reflecting on the outstanding contribution that UniMentors make to the University community and presented the awards to our outstanding Mentors for 2008. The ceremony was followed by a supper of refreshments and beautifully presented cupcakes.

The UniMentor Appreciation Ceremony is a very important event for the UniMentor program because it is an opportunity for us to give our thanks to our mentors and formally recognise their contribution to the University.

Please come along to the Ceremony in 2009 if you can. The atmosphere is good, the food is great and you might even win an award!

### Winners in 2008

#### Mentor of the year

Jason Joon Qing Tan  
Balsam Abdul Jabar

#### Outstanding Contribution to UniMentor:

Muhammad Irfan Khalis  
Rosanna Maugeri  
Ben Fitzpatrick  
Balsam Abdul Jabar

In addition, there were 9 students awarded a **High Commendation for their mentoring**, and 6 students awarded a **Mentee Choice Award**.



### 2008 UniMentor of the Year

Dual Recipients Balsam Abdul Jabar and Jason Joon Qing Tan with VC Professor Alan Robson.

Invites for the Appreciation Ceremony will be sent out later in the year.

Mentees will have a chance to nominate mentors.

Make sure your postal address is correct on Student Connect and also keep checking your student e-mail.

Email [unimentor@uwa.edu.au](mailto:unimentor@uwa.edu.au) if you have any questions.



## Keep the date free!

In 2009, the UniMentor Appreciation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Make sure you keep the date free.

# THE AMAZING RACE

## UniMentor Amazing Race moved to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009

The UniMentor Amazing Race has been postponed to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September (non teaching week) to allow as many teams as possible to enter.

The Amazing race has been running for two years and is a great day out. Get together a team with your mentees or friends, and use your teamwork skills and knowledge of Perth to solve the clues. There are some fun prizes and a great lunch at the end.

It really is worth participating in this fun event. Mentors who came along last year with their mentees said that it was a 'bonding' experience and that they got to know their mentees better because of it. **Watch your email in the coming months for further details!**

## MEET THE 2009 STUDENT COMMITTEE



**Aaron Brunt**

The aim of the UniMentor Student Committee is to provide a more visible presence amongst the mentors and allow students to have an active role in the activities of the UniMentor program. The Committee allows valuable mentors further opportunities to develop their skills whilst enhancing the scheme for all students involved. The 2009 Student Committee meet regularly with UniMentor staff to assist with the planning and running of events such as the Appreciation Ceremony and Link-ups.



**Amber Boyatzis**

This year 12 students are members of the Committee: Rosanna Maugeri, Ewan MacLeod, Ben Fitzpatrick, Jaya Wijono, Aaron Brunt, Valerie Lim, Oscar Fong, David Hammond, Hatim Essajee, Balsam Abdul Jabar, Claudia von Peltz and Amber Boyatzis. These students represent different faculties and years and we appreciate their valuable insight.



**David Hammond**

Photos of the other Committee members and more info about the role of the Committee will soon be placed on the website at go to [www.mentor.uwa.edu.au](http://www.mentor.uwa.edu.au)

## What mentees have to say...

My mentor has really helped me out in everything. She was really patient with the loads of questions I asked.

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She made an exceptional effort to check how we were going – meets us for coffee every week!

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Very informative, knows a lot about what's going on around campus and where and what to do eg buying textbooks, starting up my email account and such.

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She's not only helped us ease in to Uni and stay relaxed about subjects and study load, she's really fun and good to talk to about anything.

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When it was a public holiday on Labour Day, she messaged me and told me that it was a public holiday and that the buses and trains will run according to their Sunday times. I was so glad that she messaged me.

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My mentor is a friend now.

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**UniLink Update:** UniLink started well in 2009 with 135 volunteer friends assisting 200 new students through the program. New students enjoyed hearing about what it would be like moving to Perth and got to ask questions of someone in the know! To find out more, check out the UniLink website at [www.transition.uwa.edu.au/welcome/unilink](http://www.transition.uwa.edu.au/welcome/unilink)



## O-Week Photos



**O-Quest Group**



**Kick Off Crew with Arnold from the Guild**



**Campus Tour Leaders**



**Commencement Ceremony**