Meet Samuel Miller: Samuel completed the Bachelor of Environmental Science/Bachelor of Social Science (Environment) at RMIT.

What was your course like? This degree is excellent if you have an interest in the environment. I chose this degree because I wanted to understand the science behind our most pressing environmental issues as well as how these issues can be solved.

The course exposes you to a broad range of subjects - everything from biology and ecology to environmental politics and the history of social ideas. It also lets you choose the aspect of the environment you’re most interest in and connects you with potential employers so that you’re more likely to get a job after you graduate.

What were some of the best parts of your course?
- Living and studying in inner city Melbourne.
- The broad range of subjects (from politics and sociology to biology and ecological management).
- A 6-month University Exchange to Norway.
- A final year study tour to Southern Vietnam.
- Field trips for Environmental Science subjects (including to Lakes Entrance in Victoria and Lizard Island on the Great Barrier Reef).
- An internship at the United Nations Environment Programme in Germany immediately after graduating.
- A research project for the City of Melbourne, which helped me land my first job.

What are you doing now in your graduate position? My first graduate job was working as an Urban Forester for the City of Melbourne. In this role I helped develop environmental strategies to improve Melbourne’s urban ecology. I am now an environmental and social justice campaigner. I currently work for a union called United Voice where I campaign to reduce the increasing gap between the rich and poor in our society. In my spare time, I campaign on climate change and other environmental issues.

What do you enjoy about your job? I mostly enjoy being able to engage with people to right social injustices, to stand up for fairness and equality and to help society become more environmentally sustainable.

Meet Charlotte Turner: Charlotte completed a Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communication) at the University of Melbourne. She will be graduating from a Master of International Relations (Chinese Studies) at the end of the year.

What was your course like? My Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) course was challenging but extremely engaging. I was required to read (a lot!) and write quickly and succinctly under pressure. Over the three years, I developed strong verbal and written communication skills and critical and analytical abilities. I also had the opportunity to study with intelligent and articulate people who shared my passions and perspectives – and also those who challenged them!

Charlotte at the Taj Mahal during her exchange to India
What were some of the best parts of your Bachelor degree?

- Completing an internship at the ABC Newsroom in Melbourne during the final year of my course.
- Having the opportunity to travel overseas to India and China to study at different universities.
- Learning a language (Mandarin Chinese).
- Having the opportunity to learn from and build relationships with leading academics in my field.
- Extra-curricular opportunities – including attending St. Mary’s College and joining clubs and societies.

What are you doing now in your graduate position? I am currently working in the Communications Team at the University of Melbourne, working across the Digital Media platforms for the University. I am also studying my Master of International Relations, which I hope to have completed by December 2015. Next year, I am planning on working as a policy graduate in Canberra, with a focus on foreign affairs, defence and Australia’s relationship with China.

What do you enjoy about your job? I love my job because I get to work within the communications for a University – which involves investigating and writing about the University’s research and academic programs for students and alumni. Quite often I have the opportunity to work on projects that I am passionate about and which are intellectually stimulating.

Working across digital media, I am also required to react to online news trends and breaking news. This means that everyday I get to work on something different and unexpected!

Meet Jenna Phillpott: Jenna completed the Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management at William Angliss Institute.

What was your course like? It was a four-year course, which included one year of compulsory industry placement. It was a balance of subjects, which provided hands-on learning of the practical elements required in the industry, but also a strong focus on many areas of theory and academic learning with a direct link to the current and past trends of the industry.
Missed out on applying for the Defence Force Army Gap Year Program? Don’t worry because applications have now re-opened for the positions of Unit Quartermaster, Administration Clerk and Driver Specialist, and will close Friday 31 July. For information and to apply, go to - http://bit.ly/1dVvxxV

Do you ever wonder what university is like? Curtain University and 2and2 have developed an online game called Campus Quest. As you solve the game quests, you will need to balance your money, time, assignments and social life, get good marks and make friends along the way. Go to www.campusquest.com.au for more information.

Would like to work with boats and the marine environment? The Boating Industry Association of Victoria has developed a fantastic careers guide that highlights employment, education and training opportunities in the industry. The potential to develop your career is endless, from small craft construction to super yachts, engine repairs to sails, marine equipment to marine electronics, marina management to marine tourism. Download the guide here- http://bit.ly/1DpIdDT

Are you a high achieving student who would like to undertake a research degree at university? Australia National University offers the following undergraduate research degrees:
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science
- Bachelor of Engineering (Research & Development) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Research & Development) (Honours)

Information sessions to promote these degrees are being held on the following dates:

A Day in the Life of an Astronomer: Have you ever wondered why we find the heavens inspirational? That’s precisely why Dr Nick Cvetojevic got into astronomy. Want to know what cool job he does for a living? Go to the following link to find out- http://bit.ly/1CRO7mj

La Trobe Young Writers Award- If you are in Year 10 and attend a school in Victoria, you are eligible to enter the Young Writers Awards. This year’s theme is ‘Home’. Entries close Friday 21 August. For information about the competition and how to enter, go to http://bit.ly/1SwTtoU

New Regional Reward program at La Trobe: From 2016, all new undergraduate students studying at a regional campus will be eligible to receive:
- Access to a Work Integrated Learning subject
- A $1000 Student Mobility Exchange Grant to assist with expenses to undertake a semester based overseas exchange program.

For information on the program and and eligible courses, go to http://bit.ly/1Mk2bs0

Take part in the Melbourne Writer’s Festival! Paper Cuts 2015 is open to all Year 7 to 12 students. To enter, create a book trailer or design a book cover and be in the running to win an iPad and books supplied by Penguin Random House Australia of your choice to the value of $200. You can also win a $200 Penguin book voucher for your school. For information, go to http://bit.ly/1gJTn1r

Are you considering applying for undergraduate medicine at Monash University? Interview dates have just been released for international, Victorian and interstate students - http://bit.ly/1ebkP6v

Interested in trades? RMIT has combined the Construction and Plumbing pre-apprenticeship programs to allow students to complete units from both qualifications. These combined skills provide a pathway for students who are unsure which trade they would like to undertake and they can try each one before making a final decision. Contact Luke Buchannan, sove.eoi@rmit.edu.au
### Interested in IT and Engineering?
If you are considering attending the Monash University Open Day on Sunday 2 August, head over to the ICT area to learn about their Future Burger initiative, which aims to show participants how IT and Engineering is immersed into our everyday lives. You could be served a burger by a drone, watch the 3D Printer in action, play a fully immersive low poly game strapped into Oculus Rift and watch the Future Burger lab change with your breathing. For information, go to [www.futureburger.com.au](http://www.futureburger.com.au/)

### RMIT’s Urban Futures Competition is now open!
The competition is an exciting opportunity for students with ideas to help tackle the challenges our cities face today and in the future. Year 10, 11 and 12 Victorian secondary school students are invited to enter to win the first prize of $500. [http://bit.ly/1JaqyoY](http://bit.ly/1JaqyoY)

### Interested in industrial design?
RMIT industrial design students have positioned themselves as leaders in their field after blitzing the International Bicycle Design Competition in Taipei. Five students from the Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours) have been awarded accolades for their contemporary bicycle designs. The third-year students submitted concepts designed during their Cycle Futures Lab studio at RMIT, which explored the shifts in the small parts automotive sector. Go to this link for information about the course [http://bit.ly/1VkDwXc](http://bit.ly/1VkDwXc)

### Have you considered pharmacy as a career?
The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University has launched its digital magazine, Alchemy. It contains stories and commentary on the education and research at the pharmacy school. The digital magazine allows readers to learn more about the Faculty through interviews and video. Alchemy can be viewed here [http://bit.ly/1CL8Kko](http://bit.ly/1CL8Kko)

### Radiography, medical imaging, physiotherapy and medicine at Monash:
If you are planning to apply for one of the following courses, you must apply via VTAC between Monday 3 August – Wednesday 30 September. This is because of the interview requirement, which is part of the selection process.

- Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Honours)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Radiography & Medical Imaging (Honours)

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### OPEN DAYS – 1 & 2 AUGUST

- **Monash University:** Berwick and Peninsula campuses, Saturday 1st, Clayton, Caulfield and Parkville campuses, Sunday 2nd, [http://monash.edu/open-day](http://monash.edu/open-day)
- **Swinburne University/TAFE:** Hawthorn Campus, Sunday 2nd. Travel scholarships available for regional students, [www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/)
- **Deakin University:** Warrnambool campus, Sunday 2nd, [http://openday.deakin.edu.au/](http://openday.deakin.edu.au/)

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#### September Events
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