

## **Personal Statements – Undergraduate**

### **Gypsy O’Dea**

I am a mature age student currently enrolled in H345 Bachelor of Psychology. I was a Peer Mentor in the Faculty of Health this year, and am currently employed by HSAS to review the peer mentor program. I have just secured a position as a writing mentor with the SHS drop in station commencing in T1 2015. I have a wide range of experience on community and education boards and committees, and believe I have a good perspective of the student experience at Deakin to bring to this role.

### **Katarina Arandjelovic**

Katarina Arandjelovic is in 3rd year of the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at Deakin Medical School. She has previously completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science, also at Deakin University. During this time she participated in O-Week, Open Day and the Faculty of Health's Peer Mentoring Program. In 2013, Katarina was the co-chair of the Deakin Surgical Interest Group. She is currently the Undergraduate Student Representative on the Faculty of Health Faculty Board, a position that has given her an incredible insight into the inner workings of the Faculty. She has thoroughly enjoyed this role and is keen to continue in 2015.

### **Gerard Bolger**

I am currently studying a Bachelor of Psychology at Deakin as a mature age student integrating study with my career working for YMCA Victoria. My full time function is as an Executive Officer overseeing local community recreation operations spanning 22 local government areas throughout Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Working to the YMCA Victoria Board as part of the Executive, I note the synergies of governance described in the Health Faculty guidelines and wondered if I could make a contribution, providing insight at a Board level with a student lens.

### **Leo Chen**

Leo Chen holds a Bachelor of Science in Community Health from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a Master of Science in Forensic Science from the University of Illinois Chicago, a Master of Public Health from Deakin University, and is currently a medical student at Deakin University. He completed a one semester internship at Carle Hospital in Urbana Illinois with the hospital research office and has worked as a research assistant with the school of health at Deakin University.

### **Penelope Bywater**

In 2015, I will be completing my third and final year of a Bachelor of Nursing. I have actively participated in Deakin through activities on O Week, Open Day and as part of the Peer Mentor

Program. I was also selected to be part of the inaugural Barwon Health ALIGN Nursing Fellowship Program. It would be an honour to be elected to the Deakin University Faculty of Health Board for 2015 for a second term. If successful, I will work collaboratively with other member representatives to ensure the Faculty of Health continues to be a diverse, healthy and competent governing body, leading positive change.

**Steven Kloprogge**

I am a medical student in final year for 2015. Previously I have held the role of communications officer for a postgraduate student association and more recently I have worked as a clinical trials coordinator which involved chairing and minuting meetings. I would like to ensure that students have a clear voice to the Faculty and also that proposed changes by the University are communicated to students. My primary goal is to ensure that students across all campuses and health fields have an equal opportunity to excel.