

News from the University of Melbourne

➤ Make a Difference - Study Science As Breadth

Science is around us in our everyday lives and in a rapidly changing world, the application of science and technology is crucial. By studying the sciences as breadth, students will be empowered to apply scientific thinking and data to issues that impact on the world.

Having some science knowledge at the tertiary level can be very important as many of the big issues driving our society today have science as their foundation.

Studying science as breadth gives students the opportunity to experience hands-on activities through field-trips and laboratory work, develop communication and leadership skills through group projects, explore new areas that they haven't encountered before and keep abreast of technological and scientific innovation and discovery.

Students can explore their interest in *climate change, life sciences (e.g. biomedical, animal and plant), mathematics and statistics and informatics*. Additionally, they can study subjects in environmental science and biotechnology which integrate several areas of study. Regardless of the combinations that students may choose, exposure to scientific thought will broaden their horizons and opportunities.

For more detailed information, visit: www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au/bachelor/breadth

➤ Profiling – The Melbourne JD - Jacqueline Musiitwa shares her Career Pathway

Jacqueline "Muna" Musiitwa graduated from the Melbourne JD in 2005. As a dual US/Zambian citizen, she chose the Melbourne JD because of the joint attraction of "the most prestigious JD program in Australia" and the idea of moving to Australia to study. On completion of the Melbourne JD, Muna returned to New York to begin her career. We recently caught up with Muna.

Describe your career pathway – what is your current role?

I am currently the Principal Attorney at Hoja Law Group in New York, which represents small businesses, start ups and non profits in corporate and intellectual property matters. I am also the Founder and Executive Director of Transitional Trade a non profit that aims to promote social trade, investment and entrepreneurship in post conflict countries and transitional communities. Lastly, I am an Adjunct Professor at Drexel University and Central Michigan University.

After working for Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (in New York), I decided to pursue career options that I was passionate about. I had always wanted a career that would allow for a flexible lifestyle that would relate to development so when making my next choice I factored that in. Most of the work I do for my clients is virtual so I don't necessarily need to be in New York. Since a number of my clients are in Europe and Africa, my location does not matter much.

I have always been fascinated by international law and also issues related to Africa. During my undergrad, I was very active in the development sector as it relates to Africa so with teaching, I am able to provide very practical lessons from firsthand

experience. With that flexibility I am able to run a non profit in my spare time as well as work as an adjunct professor. For instance, I have been able to spend part of the summer working for the United Nations Special Court for Sierra Leone as well as attend The Hague Academy of International Law.

What has been the highlight of your career to date?

The highlight of my current work is meeting lots of interesting people, including heads of state and other dignitaries on a regular basis.

Describe your experience of studying in the Melbourne JD. What were the highlights?

The JD was challenging, but I learned a lot. I was happy when we got to take our LLM electives. I enjoyed meeting people from different parts of the world.

Career-wise, where do you see yourself in five years' time?

I can't say yet. There is so much I want to do. Among other things, I am considering doing a PhD.

For more information visit www.id.law.unimelb.edu.au



Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Science Information

Evening

Students considering pharmacy and/or pharmaceutical science might like to attend an **Information Session** and **campus tour**. Attendees will have an opportunity to:

Staff and current students will be on hand to answer questions about:

- Entry requirements
- Career options
- Curriculum
- The faculty's new state-of-the-art teaching facilities
- University life

When: Tuesday 8 September, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Where: Parkville Campus, 381 Royal Parade

Admission is free, but registration is essential! For more information visit www.pharm.monash.edu.au/futurestudents/undergraduate-seminar.html, email info@pharm.monash.edu.au.



Celebrate the past. Share the future. **National Institute of Dramatic Art – Short Courses**

Do you picture yourself at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA)? NIDA, one of Australia's premier performing arts institutes, is offering a series of **short courses** in

the performing arts in Melbourne in the September school holidays, from **28 September to 4 October**. Online applications and full program are available at www.nida.edu.au.



University of Ballarat - Acting and Music Theatre

The **Arts Academy @ the University of Ballarat** offers courses aimed at *training professional performers*, each class working to develop skills to a professional level.

For more information about these courses, or to download audition information, visit <http://www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/artsacademy/> or contact Cecilia Morris on (03) 5327 8644.



Charles Sturt University (CSU)

To compete and lead in a changing world, CSU is a great place to start. The university offers numerous industry-relevant degrees in:

- ✓ Agricultural and Wine Science
- ✓ Allied Health
- ✓ Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Creative and Visual Media
- ✓ Dentistry
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Environmental Science
- ✓ Exercise Science
- ✓ Humanities and Social Sciences
- ✓ Information and Communications
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Justice Studies and Policing
- ✓ Library and Information Studies
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Medical Science
- ✓ Nursing
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Theology

For more information, visit <http://www.csu.edu.au/edge>



University of Pennsylvania Information Session

Students and parents are invited to a program about undergraduate education at the University of Pennsylvania in the USA. **Elisabeth O'Connell, the *Associate Dean for International Admissions at the University of Pennsylvania*** will be the guest speaker.

The guest will address issues of particular concern to students applying to American universities. Topics to be covered include: *academic programs, admissions policies, costs and financial aid, and student life*. There will be a general question and answer period in addition to a film of campus life.

Please note that this Information Session is intended only for students seeking information on undergraduate education.

- When:** Friday 11 September 2009
Time: 6.30pm by individual appointment
7.30pm for the general session
Where: Presbyterian Ladies College
Burwood, VIC, 3125 (Melway 60, K5)
Entry via Gate 4 on **Parer Street**, parking is available on site

For more information about the University of Pennsylvania visit www.upenn.edu.