

# Youth Showcase 2019

## Award Recipients Profiles

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### Challenge and Change

Recognising young people who have overcome adversity to demonstrate personal growth or achievement of their goals.

#### **Campbell Sims, 20 years**



As a young jobseeker, Campbell participated in an immersive Kitchen Challenge program in 2018, where he demonstrated a high level of skill in the kitchen. The experience affirmed his ambition to become a pastry chef and despite a number of personal barriers, he has grown in confidence and embarked on a Certificate II Patisserie course at TAFE. Campbell is a determined young man who is working hard to carve out a rewarding career pathway.

#### **Mauro Okello Dominic, 18 years**



Mauro came to Australia as a refugee minor in 2017. He has shown incredible determination and commitment to succeed in Australia since his arrival. Despite experiencing disrupted education, Mauro successfully completed one year of Noble Park English Language School before enrolling at St John's Regional College, where his motivation to learn has been recognised by the college. Mauro is a recipient of the Department of Education and Training's Refugee Transition Award in acknowledgment of his academic achievements.

#### **Shanae Petricevic, 13 years**



Shanae's family has experienced great adversity. After disengaging from education, Shanae was quite isolated. She showed great courage and decided to return to education despite the challenges she had experienced in the past. In February, Shanae started at a new school and has engaged well in her classes and with her teachers. Despite facing significant obstacles, Shanae has shown immense resilience and determination to face these challenges front-on and pursue and achieve her personal goals.

## Community Citizenship

Recognising young people who have demonstrated leadership in their community through supporting others and making a positive contribution.

### Manzoor Nazari, 22 years



Manzoor came to Australia as an independent minor with no family or support networks. He has volunteered with Greater Dandenong's FReeZA program for the last 5 years, contributing to the successful delivery of over a dozen major events. He was a 2016 Young Leader where he developed a community social cohesion project. Manzoor is the recipient of the 2018 Australia Day, Multicultural Award in acknowledgement of his community work.

### Isabella Do, 21 years



Bella commenced volunteering through her high school's Community Involvement Program. This included visiting aged care residents, tutoring school students and Joey's Food Van. Bella is as a long-term volunteer with Dandenong SES. She is the former Vice President of Monash Caulfield's Amnesty International Club. She is also a graduate of the 2018 Young Leaders program where she played a key role in delivering the Elevate Youth project.

### Kuang Noi (KC), 19 years



KC has demonstrated a commitment to positively encouraging the South Sudanese community through his work as a mentor with Bounce Back, a mentoring program run by South Sudanese Australian Youth United (SSAYU). KC is a dependable and committed mentor, who was recently recognised for his achievements and was a recipient of SSAYU's Community Spirit and Leadership Award, as well as Most Academic Young Person of the Year Award.

## Academic Achievement

Acknowledging all students who receive at ATAR score of 90 or more during the 2019 academic year.

Rafiq Rashdan, Minaret College - 99.7 ATAR  
Ross Pedridis, Nazareth College - 99.00 ATAR  
Uyen My Pham, Killester College - 98.05 ATAR