# President’s Report

Looking back over 2009 we see a year that has been a glorious year: full of fun, memories, hard fought times and yet a year deeply invested into making the future brighter and even more brilliant. Each member on the Health Science Society committee has achieved above and beyond to create amazing opportunities for our fantastic student body.

This began with our Health Ball and was followed by “Where Is Health Science Taking You”, a wine tour, a scribble party, a pub tour, new committee elections, a pub tour, a combined international cross culture Cocktail Evening and our incredible Careers Breakfast. All of this just touches the surface of HSS’s involvement. HSS also represents Health Science Students at faculty, school, and guild levels. These tireless efforts led to the Health Science Society being recognised as the "Most Innovative Society" at UWA, receiving 1 of only 2 society awards at the Guild Ball last year.

This past year as illustrious as it was is not nearly as exciting as the year to come. We have already begun plans for another fun filled, brain bending Charity Quiz Night and as well as our spectacular Health Ball. We’re also planning new HSS shirts, which may help establish some event sponsorship from outside industry through co-branding efforts. Furthermore, we are looking into preparation for the implementation of the futures framework.

However, despite all these fantastic goals we hope to achieve in the next year, we cannot do any of this without the aid from friends and staff that make our Health Science Family so great.

Each and everyone one of you has been a part of these memories or will be a part of those to come. If you missed any of the events from last year, this update from 2009 will bring you up to speed and get you excited for more incredible accomplishments and exciting events to be held in 2010.

Sincerely,
Courtney Taylor
Health Science Society President

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## HSS Team 09

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  - 2nd Year Reps

- **Sophie Wolfer**
  **Melanie Still**
  - 1st Year Reps

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A Faculty Society for the School of Population Health,
The University of Western Australia
**HSS Careers Breakfast**

Health Science Society's annual Careers Breakfast took place on the 26th of August at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel. This year, collaborating with the Health Science Alumni, we had over 25 representatives attend.

The breakfast began with our first guest speaker Dr. Jo Clarkson, Director of Health Promotion at Healthway followed by Dr. Tarun Weeramanthri, Executive Director of Public Health and Chief Health Officer from the WA Department of Health. Both Dr. Clarkson and Dr. Weeramanthri offered a great insight into careers in public health and provided some very useful advice for our students. Ms. Erica Anderton from UWA Careers Centre was also able to join us to speak to our students about employment and training services offered on campus.

Overall the Careers Breakfast was a great success and we’d like to thank all the students who attended as well as the industry representatives and the Parmelia Hilton Hotel. If you missed out make sure you come along next year - it's a fantastic opportunity to meet people working in the industry and to find out the many career paths you can take as a Health Science graduate!

For more information about career opportunities and employment services, visit the UWA Careers Centre website:
http://www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/ss/careersctr

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**UWA Health Ball**

The 2nd Annual ‘UWA Health Ball’ (headed up by HSS) was held at the Perth Exhibition Convention Centre on Friday 22nd May. PROOF-the Band, and DJ Gray saw the evening out with their live entertainment. The theme of the event was Masquerade and the decoration team did a fantastic job with setting up. The red carpet was laid out and photo opportunities abounded in our photo marquee.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of three major awards recognising the efforts of students and staff in the Health Science Degree & the School of Population Health. The inaugural ‘UWA Health Science Society Excellence in Teaching/Student Support Award’ was won by Dr Alex Bremner, a most worthy recipient; with commendations going to Prof. D’Arcy Holman & A/Prof Jane Heyworth. The Health Science Alumni’s Community Achievement Award was won by Esther Dawkins; and Fatima Haggar won the UWA Population Health Post Graduate Society Academic and Community Achievement Award.

With dinner and formalities out of the way, it was great to see so many people take to the dance floor for some boogying, particularly to some special song requests. It was great to see staff and their partners join in the fun too! All in all it was a great night: full of the glitz and glamour we come to expect and fun, fun, fun!

We’ll look forward to see you at our next ball!

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**Link Week 2009**

The 3rd week of first semester is the most common drop out time for first year students. Based on this, UWA hosts “link week”, a week devoted to including, supporting and encouraging first years to allow them to establish themselves at university. The Health Science Society strongly supports this and this year we held a Speed Connect Afternoon Tea in the Sunken Garden. Free food and drink was provided as were the topics of conversation that broke the ice as students and committee ran through their speed dating styled introductions.

It was a great afternoon with lots of fun, laughs and established some great friendships.

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**HSS Pub Tour II: Emergency Services**

On the 18th September, HSS held its second pub tour. Starting at the Basement on Broadway, an eye-catching crew of doctors, nurses, policemen, and firemen jumped on a pimped out party bus with outrageous challenges and rockin’ tunes, stopping at The Leedy, The Deer, The Hip-E Club, and finishing in Murray St. Perth. Discounted drinks and good times were enjoyed by all in attendance! See Facebook for photos!
**Multinational Bondage**

On Friday the 28th August 2009, International Student Services (ISS) endeavored to host an evening in which domestic and international students could get together and “close the gap” and broaden the social horizons at UWA. This is the first uni event in Australia of its kind. After some criticisms that the night would crumble, “Multinational Bondage” raised to great heights.

Together with help from a variety of domestic and international club societies at UWA, HSS partook in planning and coordinating the night. Wine, beer, canapés, skits, inspirational speeches and games are some of the few things that you could find at the Sheraton on the night. Our own guild president commended the evening as “one of the best uni events I have been to in a long time”.

On behalf of the HSS committee, Courtney and I would like to thank all who attended the evening and who continue to support our attempts to break down the social barriers between international and domestic students at UWA.

**Where Is Health Science Taking You?**

As the name suggests this is an initiative established by HSS to answer that age old question that Health Sciencer’s get asked where-ever they go, “so what will you do after you graduate?” This year we had 6 wonderful speakers: Associate Professor Jane Heyworth, Practicum placement coordinator and Lecturer Ania Stasinska, Pippa Rob a post graduate working for HBF, Rudey Pillay an honours student and Mia Zic who had been accepted into the graduate program.

These amazing speakers shared from their experience, gave advice and answered every possible question thrown at them before mingling over coffee in the glorious architecture gallery. This was a superb evening that provided vision, hope, and opportunities that shouldn’t be missed. We look forward to seeing you there next year.

**HSS Beach Day**

Hey there boys and girls.

What a day it was! There was food, sand and copious amounts of partially clad bronzed bodies. Okay, fine, after exams most of them where pasty and white, but that’s what a day at the beach is all about, right?

The day started off at 2:30pm, and this meant that the turnout was great! The weather cooperated all day, giving everyone a chance to have some food, have a swim and catch up a bit. Several people had brought balls and soon some impromptu beach sport was on its way, with some serious competition developing between certain members of the HSS committee. Names withheld for privacy reasons.

But alas, towards the day’s end the weather changed and it was time to go, but it was all great fun, and a great way to forget about the E-word.

So for now, I wish you all the best with the holidays and for an awesome year coming up. Let’s do this again soon!

**Let’s get Excited!**

For more information about any of these articles or upcoming events, or to inquire about membership, contact the HSS team:

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