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2019 Graduate *Rainier Juanta with his family.*



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2019 Graduation

On Wednesday 11th December 2019, Campion College celebrated its 12th Graduation Mass and Ceremony, at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.

We were honoured by the presence of two distinguished guests: Very Reverend Anthony Percy, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and Professor of Bioethics Margaret Somerville of the University of Notre Dame Australia.

Very Rev Percy celebrated the Mass and gave a stirring homily on the importance of the two great "lights" that human beings are gifted with: faith and reason. He used the Prophet Isaiah (40) as his "bouncing board":

*Young men may grow tired and weary,
youths may stumble,
but those who hope in the Lord renew their strength,
they put out wings like eagles.
They run and do not grow weary,
walk and never tire.*

with great joy and hope for the future. And may you remain, throughout long, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually rich personal and professional lives, the very best examples of ethical lemmings. Be not afraid. Be brave. And may you always be Blessed."

(Read Prof Somerville's full graduation address at: www.campion.edu.au/margaretspeech)

The Valedictory Address was given by outgoing Campion College Student Association President, Rainier Juanta, who reflected on the intellectual and spiritual benefits of his time at Campion. "Campion is a strange place to the rest of the world. But it is also strange in the best of ways. Because nowhere else can you find a group of people like our year, who embrace their strangeness." In his speech, Rainier explained what he meant by this "strangeness" during his Valedictory Speech. "It is strange to think that these people braved the wind and the rain for hours to stand up for the unborn; they cut short those precious hours of sleep and missed out on lunch to visit our Lord in the chapel. They leave their homes and reject offers from prestigious universities to study the Liberal Arts in little old Toongabbie." (Read Rainier's valedictory speech at: www.campion.edu.au/rainierspeech)

CCSA President
Rainier Juanta.

Campion College Graduation Mass.

Campion graduates (from left): Rainier Juanta, Rebecca Cooper, James Landon, Sarah Ryan and student Lawrence Pereira.



St. John Paul II in *Fides et Ratio*, the only papal encyclical to be translated into Arabic, used the imagery of the "wings" of faith and reason. By these "wings" the human spirit is able to soar to God, and so whilst time continues its relentless march, human beings are able to maintain youthfulness in spirit. The message hit the mark.

“ Graduation is always a wonderful and moving occasion. ”

In Prof Somerville's opening address she said, "It's customary for speakers at graduations to try to communicate to graduates some words of wisdom that they will treasure, and I mused on what they might be." Prof Somerville went on to speak about choosing our area of work, transcendence, cynicism, hope, obligations to future generations, lemmings, science and religion. She concluded saying, "So, to sum up, my one piece of advice to you, today, as you leave your alma mater, Campion College: It is that in making decisions which will affect your life you should give much weight to considerations of where you are most likely to find meaning, experience transcendence - the feeling of belonging to something bigger than just yourself - and encounter amazement, wonder and awe. This is a wonderful day for you and your families and friends - may you celebrate it

The 2019 graduating class included 28 graduates and five diplomates. Additionally, two students: Simon-Pieter Doodeman and Cecilia Kent, received the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts and also the Diploma of Classical Languages.

This year the college medal, Campion's highest academic achievement, was awarded to Brianna McKee. Her average mark was 90.

Campion President Dr Paul Morrissey thanked the families and friends of the graduates for supporting them on such an important occasion. "Graduation is always a wonderful and moving occasion, and I want to thank all the families and friends for making the time to come and show their support for our graduates, not just at Wednesday's ceremony, but throughout their years of study at Campion."

The day ended with an afternoon tea with family and friends celebrating the students' graduation.

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Campion College Medallist Reflection



My first year at Campion College opened my eyes to the complexity of human thought, human history and the human condition. The dynamic interplay of factors on the historical stage such as brokenness and redemption, mind and matter, and faith and reason were brought to life by inspiring lectures and engaging tutorial discussions. The next two years helped me to develop a framework within which to understand some of this complexity. As a beneficiary of the Western intellectual tradition taught at Campion, I not only see the world differently but I also process my experiences of the world differently. I have been impacted and changed by the goodness, truth and beauty that is present not only in the Liberal Arts but also in the staff and students of Campion. Receiving the College Medal was surreal but the three year journey prior to this point has been the real treasure. *Brianna McKee*

Left: Mr Joe de Bruyn and Campion College Medallist Brianna McKee.

President Dr Paul Morrissey.

Occasional Speaker Prof Margaret Somerville.

Very Reverend Anthony Percy, celebrant of Graduation Mass.

Academic Procession.



Where Are They Now?



FENELLE McLAURIN

I graduated from Campion College in 2012 and started working for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. I loved my work at the Archdiocese and found myself repeatedly drawing on my Campion knowledge, especially in the areas of Catholic teaching, ethics and philosophy and church history. Now as a wife and mother, the knowledge I gained during my time at Campion resurrects itself frequently in the discussions my husband (and fellow alumnus) and I enjoy, the way we raise our children and the way we order our priorities in life: some of our most prized family possessions are books! To say that Campion has enriched my life is an understatement. Campion College provided me with a foundation for professional success, introduced me to the wonderful world of philosophy, initiated me into a community of beautiful people, and set me on a path that enables me to pass on the awesome inheritances of the Catholic faith and a love of education to my children.



MOLLY HEALY

Since graduating from Campion I have been lucky to work and live all around the world doing what I love, helping those in need. For the past three years I have been working as an elementary school teacher in Haiti, for the non profit organisation 'Hand in Hand for Haiti'. Campion provided me with not only a strong liberal arts education, which allowed me to work in many different facets, but a love of education; a love which is the foundation of my current humanitarian work in Haiti. Campion has shown me that education is a humanitarian need that effects change not only in oneself but within the community. I'm proud to call myself a Campion graduate.

Campion Réveillon Dinner



CCSA from left: *Dominica Funnell, Thomas Galouzis, Rainier Juanta, Anneliese van Rensburg, Phoebe Lawrence, Xavier Power.*

On Thursday 21 November 2019, we celebrated the end of another academic year. The evening commenced with Mass celebrated by Fr Piotr Kruk OP, College Chaplain, followed by dinner. During the evening awards and prizes were handed out to students.

The Campion College Student Association outgoing committee handed the reins over to the newly elected students:

Anneliese van Rensburg – PRESIDENT

Phoebe Lawrence – SECRETARY Thomas Galouzis – TREASURER

The evening ended with a lot of laughter with the third-year farewell speech by Elisabeth Fanning and Xavier Power, who reflected on their three years at Campion as a treasured time in their lives.

Campion's Wish List

Campion opened its doors in 2006, which means our equipment has aged and requires renewing and replacing. We have created a wish list of new items that we are seeking, just to name a few:

- Classroom resources:
projectors and whiteboards upgrade
- Recording studio equipment
- Ride-on mower
- New Campion Bus

We ask that you please consider donating one of the above-mentioned items or contributing funds towards them.

For further information on how you can support or a detailed Wish List, please contact: Yvette Nehme, Director of Development 02 9896 9318 / y.nehme@campion.edu.au

Entertainment Membership



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RE Certificate Available Now at Campion

We are excited to announce that we have launched a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (Primary). It is designed to serve a dual purpose:

- a) as a foundation for university graduates seeking a qualification in theology who do not have any prior qualifications in this field.
- b) as professional development for teachers currently working in primary schools.

This marks Campion College's first post-graduate program of study.

The units are:

RED501: Historical Context of Catholic Teaching

This unit of study traces the historical development of Catholic life and teaching and explores how this can be presented to students at various levels.

RED502: Catechesis in Sacramental Theology

Students completing this unit will develop a body of knowledge related to the education in sacramentality and sacraments of students in primary schools.

RED503: Challenges and Strategies in Religious Education

Students completing this unit will explore developmental theory and curriculum principles applicable to the religious education of students.

RED504: Introduction to Biblical Studies

Students completing this unit will develop a body of knowledge related to the Bible and its interpretation according to the Catholic Tradition.

Please note, RED502 and RED503 will be offered in 2020.

RED501 and RED504 will be on offer in 2021.

Mode of Delivery: Lectures and Discussion sessions are all online. Lectures are asynchronous. Discussion sessions are synchronous.

Students completing this course will have a body of knowledge related to theological studies. They will be equipped to undertake professional work related to their specialisation, and use it as a basis for further learning. If you are interested in finding out how to enrol contact Christine Vella 02 9896 9303 or <https://www.campion.edu.au/grad-cert-admission>

