



# St John's Anglican College Old Collegians' Awards Breakfast 2020

*Celebrating our People of Influence*





# PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies  
Laura Slebos, Old Collegian, Class of 2019

## 7.20am

Official Welcome

Emma Dawson, Class of 2003, President, Old Collegians' Association

Pray Grace

## 7.30am

Breakfast served

Fresh fruit platters and mini croissants

The Hillstone Breakfast with sourdough, smoked bacon, chorizo, tomatoes, hash brown, mushroom and poached eggs

## 7.45am

Guest Speaker, Emma Waghorn, Class of 2006  
Executive Officer, Queensland Ambulance Service

## 7.50am

Awards Presentation

## 8.15am

Closing Remarks

Mrs Maria McIvor, Principal



## President, Old Collegians Association Mrs Emma Dawson

Since graduating from St John's in 2003, Emma obtained a bachelor's degree in Arts in Asian and International Studies, majoring in Mandarin Chinese and International Business from Griffith University. Emma has subsequently been working in the international education sector, specialising in recruitment, marketing, communications, business administration and event management. As a lifelong learner, Emma is in the process of completing her MBA.

Emma is the current President of the Old Collegians' Association and has been a Director on the St John's Foundation Board since October 2019.

# Old Collegian Guest Speaker

Ms Emma Waghorn



Emma Waghorn (nee Daly) graduated from the College in 2006 and has since earned her Bachelor of Health Science (paramedic), Graduate Certificate in Aeromedical Retrievals and is midway through a Masters in Specialist Paramedic Practice.

Emma has been an exemplary employee of Queensland Ambulance Services since starting her career with them in 2010. She has worked hard to secure positions of higher authority and has spent the last 6 months working alongside the Chief Executive Officer during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Emma is a Senior Registered Advanced Care Paramedic II and holds a substantive on-road position at the recently opened Munruben Station in Metro South Local Area Service Network (LASN) after completing almost 10yrs within the West Moreton LASN (commencing January 2011).

While Emma was Executive Officer for the Office of the Medical Director, she worked closely alongside Dr

Stephen Rashford (Medical Director – QAS). She was responsible for supporting the Medical Director during the inception of COVID-19 and reflecting his vision for the Ambulance Service in the strategic management of the pandemic.

Emma is currently working within the Clinical Hub which is a medical cell that oversees potential pandemic cases assisting in the operational deployment of resources and management of the cases to ensure all patients receive the right treatment.

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# Academic Excellence

The Academic Excellence Award recognises outstanding achievements in areas such as academic performance, research, leadership and service in the academic community. Exceptional overall course grades and a sustained record of scholarship and high achievements are indicative of the recipient of the award.

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## Mr Weifan Ethan Goa

Class of 2007

Weifan graduated from Forest Lake College in 2007 and went on to study a Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting and Finance at the University of Melbourne. He obtained First-Class Honours and was on the Deans Honours List. Weifan also spent one year studying a Master of Science, Finance at the Imperial College London receiving a distinction.

During this time, he was Chair and Careers Representative of Student Staff Committee and Student Ambassador of the Imperial College Business School.

Weifan now resides in Hong Kong and has been an Investment Banking Senior Associate for the past six and a half years with Citi Groups where he continues to strive for success.



Some of Weifan's transaction history include:

- Hon Hai's US\$1.4 billion 5-year and 10-year bond offering
- Alibaba Group's US\$13 billion HK secondary listing
- Ping An Good Doctor's US\$400 million pre-IPO and US\$1.1 billion HK IPO
- CR Beer's US\$1.6 billion acquisition of its remaining 49% CR Snow stake from SABMiller
- Central Group's US\$1.1 billion acquisition of Big C Vietnam from Groupe Casino
- Alibaba Group's US\$25 billion US IPO

Weifan, enjoys the different dynamics of each day in his chosen career path while gaining further experience working with several international CEOs and companies.



# Service Award

The Service Award recognises the significant contribution to the local, national or international community. The recipient of this award displays outstanding leadership, dedication to volunteering, demonstrates energy and enthusiasm to create improvements within the community.

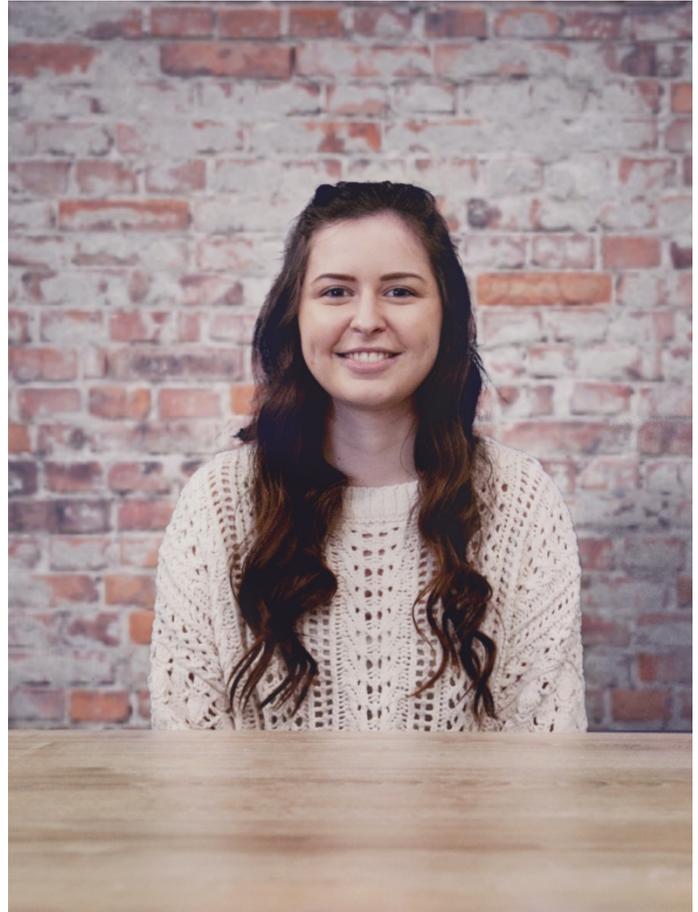
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## Ms Rebecca Quick

Class of 2015

After graduating St John's in 2015, Rebecca began her dual bachelor degree of Business Management and Creative Industries at QUT, graduating in 2019 with distinction. Whilst there, Rebecca simultaneously studied for her Associate Degree in Ministry at Malyon Theological College (graduated 2019) as well as a Diploma in Event Management at Upskilled Online Learning (graduated in 2019). Rebecca is currently studying a Master's of Digital Communication and is due to graduate in 2021.

Whilst studying, Rebecca spent her study breaks venturing around the world visiting 42 countries in total across Europe, South East Asia, Central and South America. She has climbed to Machu Pichu, paraglided in Brazil, swam with nurse sharks in Bolivia, bathed an elephant in Thailand, quad biked through Cambodia, seen the sunset at Angkor Wat, kayaked in Halong Bay, snowboarded and bungee jumped in New Zealand, been in the salt mines in Poland, ice skated in Austria, climbed the Eiffel Tower in France, visited the ancient ruins in Athens, bathed in the Roman Baths in Budapest, been in a gondola on the Venice canal, rode a camel at sunrise in Uluru, skydived in Redcliffe and even more!



Rebecca has worked in a start-up company creating accessible travel accommodation for people with disabilities and has been lucky to work with other organisations such as Spinal Life Australia and STAR Community Services as a part of that. Rebecca has raised almost \$15,000 for Captain Courageous and Haven's Hope for a family affected by Diamond Blackfan Anemia. She has also organised the Gig to Give in 2018, to encourage local emerging bands to play for great causes such as Beyond Blue, Children's Hospital Foundation, Kick On and others. Rebecca has volunteered in her local church, for a charity called MND and Me and mentored many young people not to mention volunteering at the Something Digital Conference, as well as been an active member of the Ladies Up community, empowering women in business.

Rebecca now works as a part of the production team at a digital marketing company called Excite Media in the website production team as a project manager and project support.



# Old Collegian of the Year – Principal's Award

The Old Collegian of the Year Award recognises graduates who have exhibited exceptional success in the workplace or in an industry, academic excellence or a significant contribution to the community. The recipient of the award demonstrates professionalism, strong commitment to professional development, leadership, dedication and achievement in their field of endeavour.

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## Dr Joshua Sansom

Class of 2007

Upon graduating from Forest Lake College, Joshua headed to Queensland University of Technology to complete a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences, General. Joshua then made a big change to move to Melbourne for Medical School in the newly re-jigged MD – Doctor of Medicine, Medicine, MD2 at the University of Melbourne. He also completed a graduate diploma in Perioperative Medicine at Monash University.

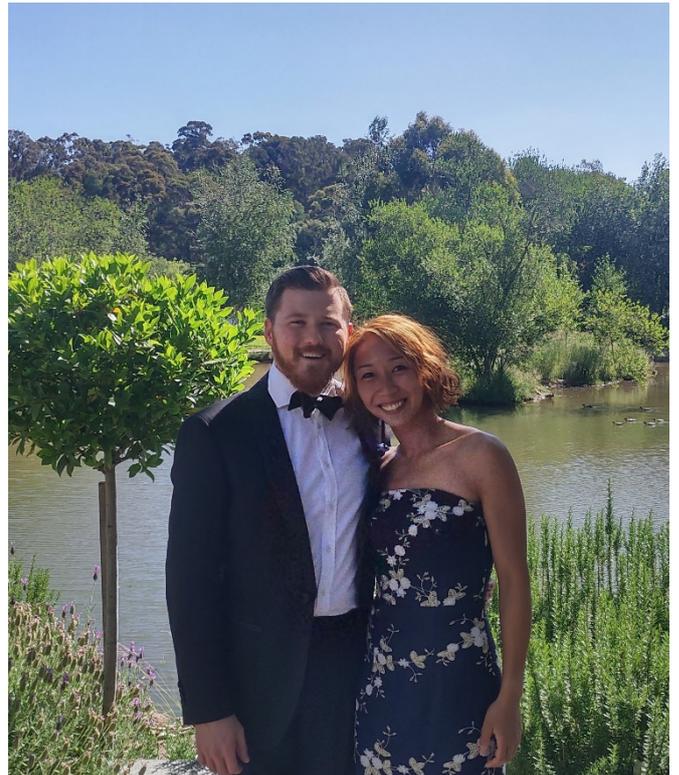
Highlights for Joshua at this point were the change in environment and new friendships and found a new hobby in cycling which many Melbournians do and which he continues now. It is also in medical school that Joshua met his partner Yi in 2014.

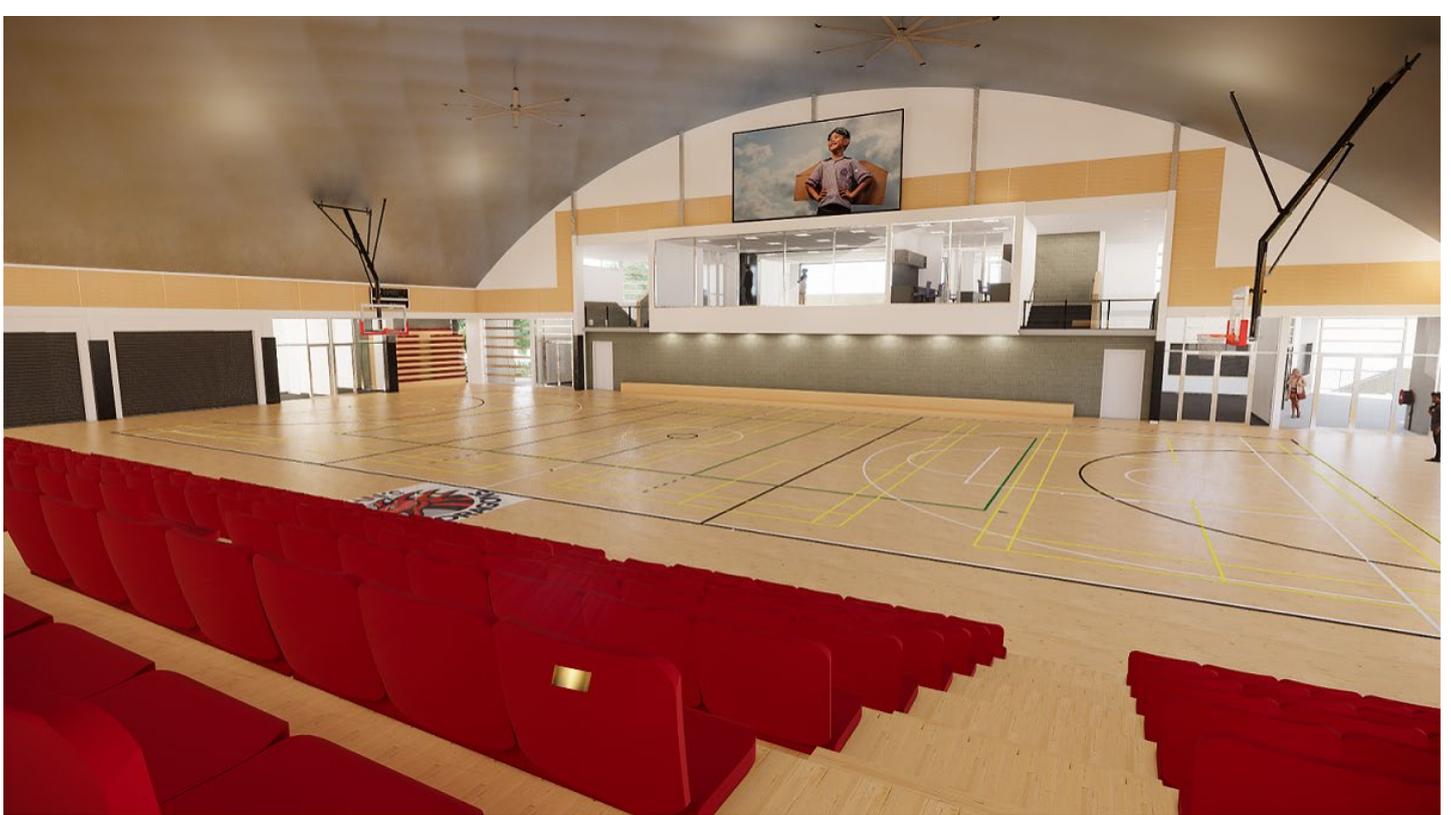
Joshua was fortunate to be involved in research on Sexual Rehabilitation post-stroke which has given way to numerous publications.

From medical school Joshua completed an internship in the regional centre of Bendigo, again another change in scenery. Since then he has been working at Western Health completing physician training. He has also spent time working in the rural and regional hospitals of Swan Hill, Dubbo and Grafton, experiences that have given Joshua an appreciation of the differences in healthcare access endured by rural Australians.

This year has been an exception to the straightforward path. COVID has entirely changed the practice of medicine – some good, some bad – and many are still adjusting. Joshua has spent several weeks working with acutely unwell COVID patients, as did many of his colleagues and he hopes we have seen the last of it in this country, at least in such great numbers.

The future, while never certain, will at least not be dull with a plan to move to the UK next year (fingers crossed) for both Yi and Josh to complete further training in their field.





## 2021 Sports Centre Seat Naming Campaign

Following a rigorous application process, the St John's Anglican College Foundation has successfully received a funding grant through Perpetual's 2020 IMPACT Philanthropy Application Program to support the installation of Retractable Seating in the new Sports Centre. The additional new seats will build on the current capacity of this sports hall, enhance the spectator experience, and provide further opportunities

Early in 2021, the St John's Foundation will embark on a new project offering our families the opportunity to dedicate a seat in the **Sports Centre Seat Naming Campaign**. With a limited number of seats available, families will be encouraged to purchase their dedication early to not miss out. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to dedicate a seat in the name of:

- A Family
- A graduating student of St John's
- A current student
- An Old Collegian
- A loved one – children, grandchildren, parent or grandparent

Further details on the price per name plaque and how to make your donation will be released in 2021. However, if you would like to register your interest in supporting the Seat Naming Campaign please contact St John's Development Office on 07 3372 0013, email [developmentoffice@sjac.qld.edu.au](mailto:developmentoffice@sjac.qld.edu.au) or visit [stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au](http://stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au).

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