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Aspiring teacher wins inaugural ACE|ASG Student Educators Writing Award



Rachael Heritage from Griffith University in Queensland will soon present her work at a national education conference, for winning the ACE|ASG *Writing the Future* Award.

Rachael who's studying a Bachelor of Primary Education impressed the judging panel with her submission, 'Educators on the edge...Of what?'

The 21 year-old student from Toowoomba says winning the award has opened the door to her career and Rachael says she really hopes to make a difference in the lives of students.

"That is why I asked the question in my paper, 'As educators, what are we trying to inspire in the future generation?'

"This award has also allowed me to embrace my writing, which my parents have always encouraged me to pursue. Making them proud is a great feeling."

ASG CEO, John Velegrinis congratulated Rachael for the depth and maturity she showed in her submission.

"We are proud to be partnering with the Australian College of Educators (ACE) to sponsor the Student Educator Writing Award as part of ASG's ongoing support and commitment to education and the development of the teaching profession in Australia. Initiatives like these will help attract quality teachers who can help ensure Australia builds a world class education."

President of the ACE Victoria Branch, Dr Catherine Scott, who developed the inaugural national award, to help give teaching students a voice, said she was impressed by the response.

"The number and quality of submissions made judging compelling, but it also showed the great talent for thinking and writing that exists in the next generation of Australian teachers."

Rachael will receive her award and will be presenting her paper, at [the ACE National Conference: 'Educators on the edge: Big ideas for change and innovation'](#), alongside well respected education professionals such as Professor Gillian Triggs; President of the Australian Human Rights Commission and Professor John Hattie. The conference will be held in Brisbane, 24 and 25 September.

Rachael will also become a published author in the College publications.

Oliver Lovell from The University of Melbourne, Jane Martens from Griffith University, and Sarah Donnelly from The University of Sydney were announced as the runners-up.

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