



Graduate joins the 'fash pack' elite

A former CDU student has been named National Student of the Year by the Textile Institute in Melbourne.

Nadia Foti, 24, who studied clothing and production at CDU before moving to Melbourne to study fashion and design, received the award during a ceremony at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Nadia said she felt "incredibly honoured" to have received the award.

"Just to have been nominated was an incredible feeling, but when I realised I'd won the award I was just amazed and very happy," she said.

And she wasn't the only one. Her mother, Francoise Foti, a Senior Research Associate at the Environmental Analytical Chemistry Unit at CDU, flew from Darwin especially for the ceremony. "I wouldn't have missed it for the world," she said.

It's the second award in less than a year for Nadia. In late 2008 she won the Australasian Young Designer of the Year Wool Award and received the \$10,500 Handbury Scholarship, which she will use to study fashion in Milan, Italy.

In summer 2010, Nadia will attend a summer school at the prestigious Istituto Marangoni, Europe's leading fashion and design school.

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Nadia Foti's show-stopping woollen gown that won her the title of Australasian Young Designer of the Year Wool Award.

CDU, Flinders to grow NT's own doctors

The Northern Territory will soon be producing its own doctors after the Australian Government announced \$27.8 million in this year's Budget for an NT-based medical education program.

The Flinders University initiative, which is supported by CDU, will allow Territory students to undergo their entire medical training in the NT.

In welcoming the funding, CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Barney Glover said the initiative represented the Territory's first full medical education program.

Professor Glover said the Flinders University NT Clinical School, which is part of the School of Medicine, currently provided medical training in the NT for the final two years of a medical degree. The pre-medical studies were offered in Adelaide only.



Territory medical students can now become fully qualified doctors without leaving the NT.

The Budget announcement would mean that the first two years of study would now be taught locally at CDU, Professor Glover said. Up to 40 doctors were expected to graduate in the Territory each year as a result of the program.

"A major focus of the program will be the recruitment and training of Indigenous medical students to become doctors in the Territory," Professor Glover said.

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