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## Media Release

## Alice Hashiguchi wins 2019 PSA Mylan Pharmacy Student of the Year award

Alice Hashiguchi from the University of Western Australia has won the 2019 PSA Mylan Pharmacy Student of the Year (PSOTY) Award, announced at the *PSA19* Gala Dinner in Sydney tonight.

PSA National President Dr Chris Freeman congratulated Ms Hashiguchi on her exceptional achievement.

"The PSOTY Award gives outstanding pharmacy students the chance to showcase their counselling skills to their peers and the wider profession," Dr Freeman said.

"We saw many rising stars of pharmacy apply their clinical knowledge and communication skills in this year's competition."

Kiralee Gross from James Cook University took home the People's Choice award.

The judges were impressed by the strong field of finalists:

- Alice Hashiguchi, University of Western Australia
- Kiralee Gross, James Cook University
- Alyssa Murray, University of Queensland
- Patrick Bevan, University of Tasmania
- Sadaf Keshtiar, Monash University
- Samuel Watts, Monash University.

This year's competition was once again sponsored by Mylan. The winner receives the National Travel Prize for pharmacy-specific education of an expenses-paid trip to a pharmacy conference.

Mylan Country Manager Sylvain Vigneault spoke of the organisation's ongoing support of pharmacy students.

"Mylan has been a proud supporter the Pharmacy Student of the Year award since its inception.

"We recognise the important contribution that pharmacists make in facilitating better patient outcomes within their community. We feel strongly about encouraging pharmacy students to learn, grow and explore the role they will play, delivering better health in Australia," he said.

"PSA thanks Mylan for their ongoing support of this award," Dr Freeman said.

Photo caption: (L-R) 2019 PSA Mylan Pharmacy Student of the Year Ms Alice Hashiguchi and Mylan Marketing Manager – Pharmacy Ms Jordana Sunderland

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