

UCLifex is proud to present the 2024 Student Experience Award Winners!



On Campus Event of the Year

The On Campus Event of the Year honors clubs or societies making a genuine effort towards enhancing the campus culture and providing a vibrant campus experience for students. The on campus event can be a social or a professional development opportunity for students, all on-campus club events are eligible, big or small.

Highly Commended: UC Dramatic Arts Club - A Midsummer Night's Dream

Winner - UC Latin American Student Association - Latin American Week

In August, UC LASA organized a week to celebrate Latin-American culture with an exciting and rich event filled with diverse activities. From an incredibly delicious Latin American Asado, Brazilian Forro Dance and snacks, Trivia and immersing in traditional folkloric Latin horror stories by the bonfire, and closing out with an incredible showcase of our food and countries with the Latin Market at UC. LASA UC is deserving of this award



Off Campus Event of the Year

The Off Campus Event of the Year is designed to recognise clubs and societies that are willing to step outside the comfort of working with UC Life on campus and willing to stage physical events off campus. Examples of great off campus events would include Industry Trips, Professional Development or Balls and Galas.

Highly Commended: Faculty of Health Clubs - UC Allied Health Scrub Crawl

Winner - UC Snowsports Club - Perisher Social Trip

From shredding the slopes at Perisher Valley by day to dancing the night away in Jindabyne, UC Snowsports Social Trip was a week of non-stop fun and epic memories. Every attendee definitely had an adventure of a lifetime! Making UC Snowsports deserving of this award



UC Community Engagement Award

The community service award is to honour a club that has contributed to the UC community or has strived to improve connections within the UC community. Community Engagement can be demonstrated in a variety of ways, including clubs volunteering time towards multiple UC events or projects, Orientation Week, Open Day, faculty-led initiatives or even other clubs events at the University.

Highly Commended – Rotaract Club of UC

Winner – UC Nursing Society

The Nursing Society has been hugely active in the community this year. They have participated in Walk for autism, Closing the Gap virtual walk, Virtual market day, Wear it Purple day, R U OK day, DVCS high tea, Deafness awareness week, UC breast cancer awareness morning tea, Mental health check-ins, and Party Pals event for differently abled children. They have also used different awareness days for community outreach via virtual platforms.



Club's Choice Award

The Club's Choice award is for club executive members to nominate the Executive team of another club. This executive team must have contributed to the engagement of students within and outside their club and stayed active within their community.

Highly Commended: UC DEVS

Winner - Politics, International Relations, and National Security

The PIRaNaS Student Association has demonstrated remarkable dedication and engagement this year. Their executive committee has consistently built strong connections with their members, collaborated with other UC clubs, and contributed to the broader UC student community by their strong relationship with embassies as well as the faculty of BGL. Through their active involvement and commitment to enriching the student experience, PIRaNaS earned the support of their peers, winning the majority vote for the prestigious UC Clubs Choice Award!



Social Media Engagement Award

The Social Media Engagement award is to honour the club that has strived to establish a strong online presence, regularly engaged with their club members online, and made a name for themselves within the broader UC Community.

Highly Commended: UC Indian Student Association

Winner - UC CASPA

UC CASPA has earned the Social Media Engagement Award by consistently delivering high-quality, engaging content throughout the year. Their posts have kept things fresh and exciting, showcasing important events, eye-catching graphics, and celebrating special occasions. With their content

regularly reaching over 1,000 people, UC CASPA has demonstrated a strong connection with their audience, making a significant impact across social platforms.



Club Upstart Award

The Club Upstart Award is a long running award to recognise the best new club this year. The club must have affiliated for its first time in 2023 and made a genuine contribution to campus culture.

Highly Commended: UC Stars Running Club

Winner - UC Bangladeshi Student Association

Officially formed on August 28th, 2024, UCBSA made an impressive impact on campus life within its first month. Participating in major events like the Moonlit Markets and UC Open Day, the club quickly gained around 20 members, showcasing Bangladeshi culture and connecting with students across campus. UCBSA has created a welcoming space for celebrating cultural diversity and has already contributed significantly to the UC community. Congratulations UC Bangladeshi Student Association.



Most Improved Club of the Year

This award recognizes a committee that has not only successfully embraced their responsibilities within an established club but has also elevated the club to new heights. Through their leadership, they have transformed an already successful club into an extraordinary one. This award honors their ability to seamlessly transition into leadership, make meaningful contributions to the club's mission, and navigate the complexities that come with leading an established club.

Highly Commended: UC Stars Tennis Club

Winner - UC Stars Gridiron Club

UC Stars Gridiron Club has made remarkable progress, significantly improving member engagement, event planning, and community involvement. After a successful year last year, they created a new men's division this year, which has been a great success. Their dedication to growth and teamwork has strengthened their club's presence on campus, making them a deserving winner of the Most Improved Club of the Year.



Unsung Hero Award

The Unsung Hero Award is to acknowledge individuals who may not hold a leadership position within their club, but have made a positive impact on the club or society. These are the people who can make a huge impact on leaders and members in the club without realising or asking for acknowledgement.

Highly Commended: Darlene Riveros (LASA UC & UC PSYCHOLOGY CLUB)

Winner - Luke Lancaster (UC SLAP)

Luke, being a first-year student, stepped up in a big way for his club. From representing their peers to helping at every event—whether it's cocktail parties, BBQs, or market stalls—he was there every step of the way. He even ran an entire lawn bowls event solo when no one else from the committee could attend. That is Why Luke is deserving of this years Unsung Hero Award.



Club Person of the Year

The Club Person of the Year is awarded to a member of the campus community who stands out as having made the most outstanding contribution to their club, the university and the broader community over the course of the year that is above and beyond what is expected of them. This can be any executive committee or club member from the UC Community.

Highly Commended: Beth Campbell (UC PIRaNaS)

Winner - Joel Thomas (UC Indian Association)

Joel has made a significant impact as UCIA's vice president, leading a variety of cultural and social events like Onam, Holi, Meet and Greet, and sports activities. His effective communication, organization, and strong connection with students have boosted event participation and raised UCIA's profile, making him a vital part of the club's success and this year's Club person of the year.



President of the Year

The President of the Year award has been established to recognize an outstanding individual who embraces the mission of their club while challenging its executive committee and members to advance new initiatives, acquire new skills, encourages engagement at all levels within the UC community and promotes an environment that inspires others to think outside the box. This can only be achieved if this individual shows great leadership qualities and commitment that spearheads the club and lays the foundations for ongoing success.

Highly Commended: Beth Campbell (UC PIRaNaS)

Winner - Chloe Hunter (UC Occupational Therapy)

Chloe Hunter has demonstrated exceptional leadership as president of both the UC OT Society and UC Stars FC. For the OT Society, she tripled membership, fostered collaboration between different year levels and programs, and organized the first-ever OT Ball, making it accessible to all students. She also secured two sponsors to support professional development, raising the profile of Occupational Therapy at UC.

At UC Stars FC, Chloe has been instrumental in organizing key events like Club Days and the season launch, while uniting the men's and women's teams. She distributed nearly 300 uniforms, strengthened communication between players and the board, and fostered a sense of inclusivity within the club. Her tireless efforts behind the scenes and dedication to the club's success have made her an invaluable leader.



Club of the Year

The Club of the Year Awards are divided into four categories reflecting the vast array of clubs on campus. They are: Academic, Sporting, Social and Cultural.

The club of the year is awarded to a club working at its best in each category. These clubs have practiced and refined the ways in which they engage with students and members to create an exceptional student experience.

Sporting Club of the Year - UC Stars Football



Highly Commended: UC STARS VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Social Club of the Year - UC Queer Club



Highly Commended: UC Recreation and Entertainment Club

Cultural Club of the Year - UC Indian Student Association



Highly Commended: UC LATIN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Academic Club of the Year - Student Led Association of Physiotherapy

UC SLAP (Student Led Association of Physiotherapy) has made a remarkable impact this year, becoming one of the largest academic clubs on campus. The club has created a supportive environment where physiotherapy students from all year levels can connect, seek advice, and share resources. Through multiple events, they've facilitated opportunities for students to study together, socialize, and interact with clinics outside of the university, providing valuable education and professional connections. UC SLAP's efforts have ensured that every physiotherapy student, from first to fourth year, had an engaging and meaningful experience this year. Making UC SLAP 2024's Academic Club of the Year.



Highly Commended: UC Occupational Therapy

Make Your Own Awards

Now it's time for some "Make your Own" awards. These custom awards Honor unique achievements by individuals who have truly gone above and beyond in their roles within their clubs. Let's get started!

Freak n' the Sheets Award

This award goes to the most thorough, efficient, and Excel-proficient treasurer in the UC Club community. Whether it's actioning payments, preparing budgets, or mastering the balance sheet, their work behind the scenes makes them a true "freak in the (Excel) sheets."

Winner: Cooper Shaw and Jakob Winkler

Barbecue Excellence Award

Winner: Luca Prego-Sanchez

Networking Ninja Award

the Networking Ninja Award, given to someone who has truly pushed the limits in establishing valuable connections with industry professionals, companies, and organizations. Thanks to their efforts, their club has gained some incredible external resources.

Winner: Joshua Astron

Last Minute Panic

this award is for someone who has worked tirelessly under pressure and pulled things off in the nick of time. For those moments when everything could have gone wrong, but somehow they made it work

Winner: Sajeevan Suresh

Email Nobel Prize

Winner: Rushank Lashkari

Congratulations!