

VU ALIA STUDENT OF THE YEAR TAKING A BIG STEP

Margarita Quintero is the 2014 winner of the Victoria University ALIA Student of the Year Award.

The award was presented at Victoria University's celebrations for National Library Technician Day 2014, as part of a full day's program for the library technician students organised by the University's Library Studies Team.

The program, which was designed to share experiences and give practical advice on working in the library and information services sector, also featured presentations from past students and colleagues now working in varied roles at the State Library of Victoria. Genevieve Pergl, a past VU student, has been working in the area of digitisation of collections for some years, while Box Hill graduate Sandra Axford shared her experiences of cataloguing and from working in country libraries. Melanie Ngo's role focuses on document supply and collection management and she also spoke about her experience working in software help desk support.

The One Umbrella's Brad King was on hand to provide practical advice and tips on ways to be job ready and job hunting via multiple channels including ALIA's website, job websites, social media, and specialist employment agencies.

VU's ALIA Student of the Year Margarita Quintero echoed the advice of all the speakers to 'give things a go', being adaptable, and developing strong professional and personal networks, telling the audience that she obtained her current position at Melbourne University by initially applying for a project role and subsequently gaining ongoing work, both at Melbourne University and at La Trobe University as a casual.

Margarita thanked ALIA and all the staff at VU for their support and added that the course and staff had changed her life after coming to Australia. Changing professions from foot care technician to library technician was a 'big step', she said.

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