

Chancellor

I have the honour to present to you MaryAnn Bin-Sallik whom Council has determined should be accorded the title of Emeritus Professor of the University.

This honour is made in recognition of her distinguished academic service to the University, and her tireless dedication to advancing the Indigenous education.

Professor Maryann Bin-Sallik has made a major contribution to advancing indigenous education through being involved in numerous government and other university and community advisory and review groups throughout her career which have subsequently influenced government education and equity policies for Indigenous Australians. The outcome being that there are now more than 6,000 indigenous students enrolled in higher education degrees in Australian universities.

MaryAnn has structured her academic career around attempting to overcome the effects of social and political disadvantage of Indigenous Australians through higher education by successfully working towards:

- Increasing the numbers of Indigenous Australian enrolments within the higher education sector;
- Contributing to the development of aboriginal studies as a multi-disciplinary area of study including the development and incorporation of indigenous knowledge and indigenous ways of knowing and doing into the mainstream curriculum.
- Provisions to increase indigenous enrolments in the sciences, allied health and engineering and promoting indigenous inclusively models to enable graduates in these areas to gain a better understanding of their indigenous clients and peers.

During her long and distinguished career MaryAnn has achieved many firsts. MaryAnn was the first Indigenous Australian to be trained as a general nurse at the old Darwin Hospital; the first Indigenous Australian to be appointed as a full-time academic at an Australian University; the first Indigenous Australian to undertake a review of Indigenous education; and the first Indigenous Australian to receive a Doctorate from Harvard University.

MaryAnn has served as a member of the National Indigenous Council, the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, the National Accelerated Literacy program, the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council, the Regional Women's Advisory Council, the Australian Vice Chancellor's Committee's Indigenous Advisory Committee and the Women's Advisory Network for the National Breast Cancer Centre.

Professor Bin-Sallik has been a visiting lecturer at several overseas universities. She has published extensively in the international literature, and has been invited to deliver papers and keynote addresses at international conferences in the USA, Germany, Norway, Mexico, England, and Brazil.

Today, in recognition of her distinguished academic service to Australian tertiary education, her outstanding contribution to the University and to improving educational outcomes for Indigenous Australians, MaryAnn Bin-Sallik has been accorded the title Emeritus Professor of the University.

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