



## ALEXANDRA GRIGG

Alexandra Grigg was awarded one of The Order of Australia Association Foundation (OAAF) Scholarships in 2011 (funding for Alexandra’s scholarship was provided by the Riddiford Trust). Alexandra, who was studying a double degree in Economics and Finance at the time, was awarded the scholarship for a combination of academic excellence, leadership potential and community involvement. The Foundation was able to introduce Alexandra to an outstanding public figure and business woman, Ms Jillian Broadbent AO, to become Alexandra’s mentor. Ms Broadbent was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for her service to economic and financial development in Australia. She has provided Alexandra with support and helpful career advice.

Since receiving the OAAF scholarship, Alexandra has been able to dedicate more of her time to community involvement. During her time at university, she represented Adelaide University at the United Nations and Humanitarian Affairs Leadership Symposium in Manila, established a mentor program with the Leaders Institute of SA and has undertaken leadership roles with the University’s Faculty of the Professions (including CPA student ambassador and Adelaide Advantage ambassador). Alexandra also undertook research for the South Australian Parliament. Working under Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, Alexandra completed a research paper on the value of institutions to rural communities, paying attention to social welfare multiplier effects. This particular research led to three motions being passed in Parliament.

Following the completion of her undergraduate double degree, Alexandra has completed an Honours degree in Economics at Adelaide University. Her honours thesis explored the impact of the Reserve Bank of Australia’s monetary policy communication on market participants’ expectations in foreign exchange markets.



Alexandra Grigg (third from right) at United Nations and Humanitarian Affairs Leadership Symposium in Manila.



Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AC CVO presents the 2011 Foundation Scholarship Award Certificate to Alexandra Grigg

During her honours year, Alexandra was also awarded the Adelaide University Honours Scholarship.

In the past year, Alexandra began working full-time as an analyst for Duxton Capital (Australia), a boutique asset management company with the dual focus of emerging markets and agricultural investment. In this role, Alexandra has been able to raise awareness of the value of agriculture and highlight the importance of investing in this sector in order to support global food security. With a passion for the future of Australian agriculture, Alexandra wrote an essay explaining why the industry should forget the pursuit of productivity and instead focus on premium markets. For this essay, Alexandra was awarded the Australian Farm Institute’s John Ralph Essay Prize in the Novice Category and had this piece of work published in the Australian Farm Policy Journal, Summer 2015 issue. Alexandra is generous in her praise for the benefits of her Foundation Scholarship. *“This whole process has been such a wonderful experience so early in my career and I sincerely thank The Foundation for their support and advice along the way.”*

Most recently, Alexandra has been involved with listing a new company, Duxton Water, on the ASX, via an Initial Public Offering. Duxton Water presents an opportunity to invest in Australian Water Entitlements (also known as water licenses or water rights), a key production input into a number of agricultural industries. Duxton Water was listed on the ASX on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 under the ticker D2O.

Even though Alexandra finished her studies in 2014, she still is involved with the University of Adelaide. Recently, she took part in a video which was used to showcase the achievements of Adelaide University Economics Alumni to prospective students at their Open Day. She was also part of the panel discussion for the University’s ‘Future You’ career event, where she spoke to students about career paths and her journey to where she is now.

Alexandra has also taken on a role as Board member and Program Development Group member with the Adelaide Festival of Ideas.