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Women leaders enabling women leaders

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CEW Scholars: Andrea Kelly and Jahna Cedar head to INSEAD

Chief Executive Women (CEW) in partnership with the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation announce the 2017 winners of two scholarships offered to attend the highly regarded Leading for Results program at INSEAD, Singapore.

Scholarship winners will attend the program in November, which is designed to provide experienced managers with crucial skills for leading people in a globalised environment.

“CEW is delighted to partner with the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation to provide talented women with the opportunity to build their leadership skills, enrich their experiences and advance their careers.

“The aim of CEW’s Scholarship Program is to provide opportunities that will fast-track the careers of talented women and improve the representation of women in senior leadership roles in Australia,” said Kathryn Fagg, President of Chief Executive Women.

“We are thrilled with this year’s winners. These scholarships provide a fantastic opportunity for high-achieving women to develop skills that are essential for leadership success, and Andrea and Jahna are perfect candidates. I look forward to continue working with these scholarship winners as they progress in their careers and to continue to create positive change for Indigenous Australians,” said Richard Potok, Executive Director of the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation and CEO of the Aurora Education Foundation.

The winners

Two scholarships, offered in partnership with the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, were awarded to women managers who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Andrea Kelly is the Director, Indigenous Strategy Team, Department of Education and Training, Canberra.

Andrea is a Larrakia and Warumangu woman from the Northern Territory and is passionate about supporting and advancing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees across the public service. Andrea leads the Indigenous Strategy Team, responsible for the development of robust strategic policy and advice to ensure the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are explicitly recognised and addressed in all mainstream education policy.

Andrea is excited to be attending Leading for Results and believes the program will “provide an opportunity to explore new and innovative ways to lead, learn from others with international

and business backgrounds, and immerse myself in networking experiences that will further enhance my leadership and sphere of influence in the public service.”

Jahna Cedar is Executive Officer of Gumala Aboriginal Corporation. She is a Nyiyaparli/Yindjibarndi woman from the Pilbara region of Western Australia, and has worked for over 18 years advocating for equal rights and reconciliation of Indigenous people.

“Attending the INSEAD program in Singapore will allow me to further develop my own leadership style in order to be the best leader that I can be. I value diversity, and believe sharing views with participants from all walks of life, will enhance my own perspective,” said Jahna Cedar.

The scholarships

INSEAD’s Leading for Results program provides experienced managers with the crucial skills for leading people in a globalised business environment. It equips participants with a concrete strategy for transforming their leadership abilities, and helps them communicate a compelling vision that can inspire others to perform beyond even their own expectations.

The scholarships are part of the CEW Scholars program, which helps talented Australia women take their careers to the next level by supporting executive education at internationally acclaimed business schools.

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About CEW Scholars (www.cew.org.au/scholarships)

The CEW Scholars program enables women leaders by supporting them at critical junctures in their careers, from their first management roles to top executive positions. More than 150 women have been awarded scholarships to business schools in Australia and internationally since CEW commenced its executive program for women leaders in 1992.

Award Partner: [Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation](#)

In 1983, Roberta Sykes became the first black Australian to graduate from an American university with a PhD in Education from Harvard. She returned to Australia to take up the reins of Black Women’s Action in Education, the group who had raised the funds to enable her to attend Harvard. Over the next 15 years, under Roberta’s stewardship, the Foundation continued to encourage and support Indigenous students to study in Australia and overseas and was the first to offer overseas postgraduate scholarships to Indigenous Australians.

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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 420 of Australia's most senior women from the corporate, public, academic and not-for-profit sectors. Its mission is "women leaders enabling women leaders". Through advocacy, targeted programs and scholarships, CEW works to remove the barriers to women's progression and ensure equal opportunity for prosperity. CEW offers innovative and substantive programs aimed at enabling women's participation and future leadership.

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