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"So the game begins! The classrooms are crammed with interactive technology and minds are filled with knowledge and optimism. It has been a 'darb' of an Academic Year; made fun, enthusiastic and creative by the Middlesex University's Student Learning Assistants, who are managed by the Peer Assistant Learning Team. The Hotsy-totsy PAL crew is made of our Manager - Simbo Ajayi, PAL - Coordinator Beaullah Mlanjira, PAL - Officer Dhana Letchmanan and PAL Administrator - Magda Durka. Every academic year, a brand new crew of SLAs are tallied to the scheme from 6 areas of study: Art & Design, Business, Health & Education, Law, Media & Performing Arts & Science & Technology. The Academics, the PAL Team, Senior SLAs and the SLAs all play a pivotal role in the students' learning sequence. "Lets Blouse" !!

Take a scroll through this Art Deco-inspired publication because it is time to "Know Our Onions"⁴.

Welcome to our 2019/2020 SLA Yearbook.

¹Something deemed wonderful or splendid

² Attractive or pleasing to the eve

³Let's get moving!

⁴To know what's up or what's going on



Here, we are introducing to you The Headquarters of our PAL. These are the forces behind the coordination and management of the SLA scheme. In collaboration with the academics they are responsible for recruitment, training, mentoring and coaching of our newest cohort of Student Learning Assistants tasked with support and facilitation of student learning. Through various training events and workshops combined with reflective practice the PAL Team ensures that all SLAs progress and develop their skills.



2019-2020 has been a remarkable academic year.

This year saw the advent of fresh initiatives including the launch of our Continuing Professional Development framework and training meetings led by Senior SLAs. We were also privileged to take part in the Vice Chancellor selection process of which Nic Beech was eventually appointed.

Certainly, it has been a year that highlighted your unwavering support of other students, your collaboration with staff in academic support and your involvement in university wide campaigns. Your training and individual achievements have transformed you into a successful educators!

2020 will however be set apart for other reasons – mainly the onslaught of Covid-19 and its untold consequences for our university community.

As a result of the pandemic, we could not hold our annual SLA Awards ceremony for the first time in ten years. We will not be able to call out your names to receive certificates or trophies. However, we will always remember the impact you have all played in your relentless support of your peers. We also laud the brave SLAs who put themselves forward to volunteer with our beloved NHS and other key front line services. Well done, everyone!!

We hope that someday in the future, you will use this book as a memento of the good that came out of 2020 and that you will learn from the ingenuity, creativity and innovation that emerged from these unusual time.

Here's to the future! Here's to you!



I have worked as a PAL Coordinator for a few months now and I must say it has been a wonderful experience. To be a part of a team that enhances peer-to-peer support is rewarding and incredible as you get to see how it enriches students and betters their learning experience. Within this short period of time I have been part of events and projects that have been successful and to see how SLAs pour themselves into these projects just to see how it can benefit their fellow student has been outstanding and I have loved working closely with them. The most touching experience is, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have seen SLAs who never gave up supporting their peers and even were looking for ways to support them during a lockdown. That to me proves that this spirit of a community, empathy, kindness and genuine drive to support students is within our wonderful team of SLAs. Lastly, Congratulations SLA Class of 2019-20, we celebrate you and your successes. You are truly inspiring to all, and to myself.



Dhana Letchmanan PAL Officer

2019/2020 Academic year certainly memorable one to all of us in many ways. I particularly remember the excitement of the Student Success Festivals where you impressed staff and students from different Schools and departments. Although we were unable to celebrate the SLA Awards Ceremony due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19 pandemic, I was grateful to be part of the SLA Awards ceremony project team who worked tirelessly in the preparation (led by your Senior SLA Zoya who worked closely with fellow Senior SLAs and SLAs from various fields of study) to make this year's Award Ceremony Event a great success. I have had a glorious time working with SLAs during training, observations, SSF event and in other projects, and I have been privileged to work with so many passionate and committed SLAs. I hope that the dedication you have demonstrated in your SLA role will guide you further in your future undertakings! Thank you all!

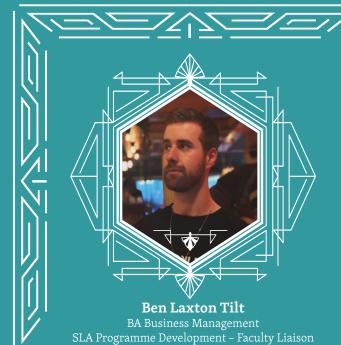


I have worked with the PAL Team for a few years now. In this role I have worked with many amazing colleagues and SLAs to date. Being a fashion designer and generally a creative creature I very much enjoy working within the university environment. SLA Scheme is a unique way of working with and supporting students. We do employ SLAs on yearly basis and each year has its own, very special highlights. You always meet young, passionate people, striving for excellence and wanting to go very far in their areas of study and in life. Each year there are a few SLAs that impress me with their commitment, proactive and creative approach to work and can do attitude. This year was no different. We have even became good friends with some of them.

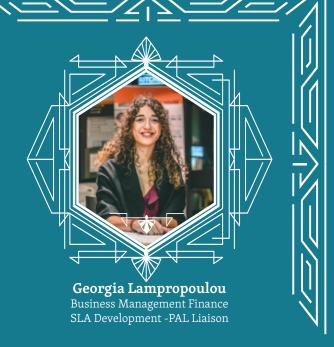


SENION SLAS

Ensuring the smooth running and continuous development of the scheme are our Senior SLAs, who always 'Hit on all sixes' in the mentoring and coaching that guides the SLAs through a 'ducky' transformation journey. They are renowned for their impeccable representation of the SLA scheme and are the role models to the new and returning SLAs. They are also tasked with coordination of their individual projects where through their own innovation and style they contribute to all SLAs receiving quality support service.



"The Senior role has been a really great opportunity for me to improve both my management and organisational skills, but most importantly it was fun. I would like to thank the PAL team, my fellow Seniors and all my SLAs for making this role so enjoyable."



"Having been a SLA for two years prior to being a Senior SLA gave me the insider knowledge and experience I needed to work with my fellow SLAs. It was not easy but definitely a challenge which helped me grow professionally, personally, gave me the confidence to put myself out there and allowed me to gain a vast experience with time and project management."



Christos Andreas Evangelou Education Studies Learning & Research

"I found the senior SLA role enjoyable and challenging at the same time. I have definitely been pushed outside my comfort zone but in turn, recognise that I have developed my personal and professional skills throughout the academic year."



Jerry Okoye
Sports & Exercise Rehabilitation
Publication & Social Media

"My roles as a Senior SLA involve mentoring a group of our SLAs, managing and leading a team of the Publication and Social Media Project while providing continuous in-class support for the year 2 Sports & Exercise Rehabilitation students in the 2019/2020 academic year."



MSc Creative Technology
SLA Database System and Web Access

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Terrann Martin

BA Accounting & Finance

Staff Parternships - StudyHub & Maths Centre

"Believing in yourself is the first secret in success." Becoming a Senior SLA was very easy for me and a great experience for me as a mature student. There was obstacles, but I faced them before they faced me. There was also challenges but I overcame those by not giving up. I was able to care and show my passion for students whom I loved although not knowing them."



Zhoya Bhatti BA HONS Business Management (Finance) Events/Employability

"Working as a Senior SLA was undoubtedly an outstanding experience and an immense opportunity that helped me learn and enhance my skills greatly. I knew that becoming a senior will come with a lot of responsibilities and challenges especially as it was my final year which alone is very stressful. However, I was very confident that I will be able to manage it all really well."



Getting "Dolled up" to perform at their very best are the Media & Performing Arts SLAs. Being shy and dubious is not mentioned in their 'Artsy' dictionary.



b Bruna Pereira

BA Digital Media

늏 Bruno Giacomazzi Lima

BA Popular Music

***** Busra Okatan

BA Theatre Arts

† Charles Scarr

BA Jazz

Christopher Mckane

BA Theatre Arts

Torey Hennelly

BA Theatre Arts

늇 Cristiana Lucas Silva

BA Music Business & Arts Management

Daniel Coen

BA Photography

Daniel Zikmund

BA Advertising, Public Relations & Branding

Danielle Gnadou

BA Illustration

▼ Elena Cabal Rodriguez

BA Popular Music

★ Ella Garner

BA Fine Art

***** Emily Dreher

BA Dance Performance

Triks Kisko

BA Digital Media

v Evangeline Parry

BA Film

***** Freya Reeves

BA Fashion Styling & Communication



💠 Leah Brady

BA Film

BA Theatre Arts

🚸 Liliana Ferreira

BA Music Business & Arts Management

▼ Isabel Mouchos De Baere Campos Neves

† Luke Hyde

BA Television Production

Maecaella Vasconcelos

BA Photography

***** Marian Dumitriu

BA Games Design

🕏 Marieta Correia Ca

BA Interior Architecture

***** Martin Skworc

MSc Innovation Management & Entrepreneurship

🔷 Mateusz Leszczuk

BA Digital Media

★ Matias Sorli Hatlebrekke

BA Popular Music

† Lauren Young

BA Dance Performance

***** Matthew Ketley

BA Music

* Naomi Thorp

BA Theatre Arts

❖ Phoebe Harverson

BA Fashion Design

* Rebekah (Bekah) Rawsthorne

BA Dance Performance

❖ Samuel Callahan

BA Fashion Styling & Communication

⋄ Sean Hill

BA Fine Art

★ Shane Cosidine

BA Theatre Arts



BA Games Design

❖ Sofia Negri

BA Animation

❖ Sona Fiedorova

BA Graphic Design

⋄ Sophie Ashington

BA Graphic Design

❖ Stephen Quenet

RA Animation

❖ Thu Phuong Nguyenova

BA Music Business & Arts Management

💠 Tolgay Gun

BA Popular Music

Tomas Dos Santos Silva Miguel

BA Visual Effects

🔷 Viktoria Sinkorova

BA Music

Victorial Weighell

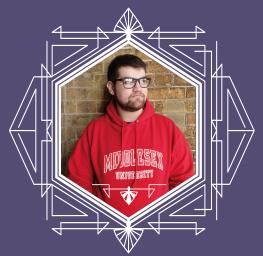
BA Fashiong Styling & Communication

💠 William King

BA Film

🕏 Zuzana Oswaldova

BA Music Business & Arts Management



Jonathan Ogilvie

BSc Games Design

"During the course of being an SLA for the Media Foundation group this year I gained experience that I would not have if I was not an SLA. As a result I have achieved a number of different targets such as improved communication skills, speaking in front of an audience, learning and practicing how to effectively facilitate to students I support, even outside of their lessons."



The "Ducky" Business Faculty "Gets their Giggles on" ensuring that "Heavy Sugars" are made around the world for a fast-growing economy.

¹ very good

³ lot of money



***** Mohamed Ali

BA Accounting and Finance

n Mohammed Ibrahim Khan

BA Business Accounting

v Najmah Jama

BA Marketing

❖ Naveed Ahmad Hazarbuz

BA Business Management with Marketing

🂠 Protthoy Sheikh

BA Accounting & Finance

🍿 Reece Blake

BA Business Management with Project Management

† Ruben Roque

BA Business Management with Finance

v Ruwaida Peerbocus

BA Business Management with Human Resources

❖ Sara Baldassarre

BA Business Management with Finance

v Sharmi Sriwickramarajasingham

BA Accounting & Finance

🕏 Shivani Agrawal

BA Business Management

💠 Soumia Benfares

BA Accounting & Finance

† Tabassum Ahmed

BA Business Management with Finance

† Tarek Aziz

BA Accounting and Finance

Tashreefa Rafeek

BA Business Management with Marketing

† Tawqeer Miakheel

BA Business Management

† Terrann Martin

BA Accounting and Finance

💠 Ugur Sevimli

BA Accounting & Finance

💠 Valentin Zabulica

BSc Banking and Finance

🅏 Valentina Mitrica

BA Business Management

† Wendy Vorackova

BA Human Resource Management

🂠 Zoya Bhatti

BA Business Management with Finance



Nina Carlos-Bose

BA International Business

"I never would have thought that being an SLA would develop my own learning, time management and teamwork skills. What I loved the most about being an SLA was seeing my students' progress at the end of every session and their exam results. I am looking forward to continuing supporting amazing students in the upcoming academic years at Middlesex."



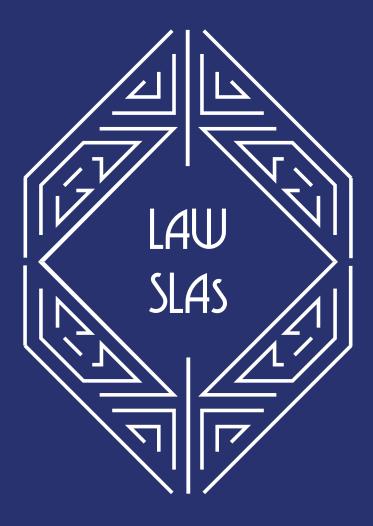
The "Cat's Pyjama's" Health & Education SLAs "Blouse" out of their ways in ensuring the health and wellbeing of the Nation is facilitated.





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"Being able to interact with the 1st years was humbling because I remember how anxious and scared I was and it was like staring at my own reflection. Be true to yourself and the students and be willing to learn from each other."



Think of a "Darb" LAW SLAs, you think of how much they will go out of their way in facilitating justice and freedom.



BA LLB Law

→ Asimina Bibe

BA LLB European Law & Politics

⋄ Aya Mohammed

BA LLB Law

Bethany Paige Kelly

BA Criminology Criminal Justice

🔖 Brigita Valantinaviciute

BA Criminology

→ Daniel Tella

BA LLB Law

→ Daniel Ebeku-Kaniye

BA LLB Law

⋄ Darius White

BA Criminology Criminal Justice

💠 Dayana Aksianova

BA Criminology Criminal Justice

🔷 Emelie Johansson

BA International Politics and Law

→ Helen Chen

BA International Politics

♦ Jessica Hall

BA LLB Law with Human Rights

★ Mbololwa Akapelwa

BA LLB Law

⋄ Nazma Khatun

BA LLB Law

👉 Neema Mukundwa

BA LLB Law with Human Rights

★ Neila Ivanauskaite

BA LLB Law and International Relations

Sylwester Pyrowski

BA International Politics and Law

***** Maria Ntyli

BA Criminology with Psychology



Darius Joshua White BA Criminology Criminal Justice

"As I concluded my SLA role due to the COVID-19 outbreak, I have used this time to reflect on my past year as an SLA. Majority of the year consisted of in-class facilitation however, for the last 2 out 5 sessions we were able to facilitate our own out of class sessions where students focused on their mock exams. This is when the highest student attendance occurred and I provided the most feedback and help students prepare for their 'moots'. During these two sessions I felt that I accomplished the most and some students returned, thanking me for the facilitation and support."



You have to be "Goofy"¹ with science and technological innovation, to dedicate time and effort to learning facilitation of other Sci-Tech students.

¹in-love

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Carolyne Sarracino
BSc Biomedical Science

Desislava Veleva

BSc Architectural Technology

Dhanraj Patel BSc Architectural Technology Dylan Purewal Elizabeth Warburton

BSc Biology with Environmental Biology

BEng Design Engineering

Emonvuon R. Osaretine

MEng Computer Systems Engineering

Esther De Souza

BSc Biomedical Science

Fadumo Ali Mohamud

BSc Cyber Security & Digital Forensics

Gabriele Meliunaite

BSc Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation

Gaurav Gaurav

BSc Computer Networks

German Didenko

BSc Architectural Technology

Habib Ahmed

BSc Business Information Systems

Hesammudin Yakubi

BSc Biomedical Science

Hussein Altobi

BSc Mathematics

Isaac Gardiner

BSc Medical Biochemistry

Jacob Boothroyd

BEng Robotics Jakub Olender

BSc Mathematics with Computing

Jamie Brown

BSc Psychology with Counselling

Jasmin Hussain

BSc Biomedical Science

Jason Adoteve

BSc Computer Science

Jenard Bengil

BSc Cyber Security & Digital Forensics

Jerry Ugochukwu Okoye

BSc Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation

Jessica Joseph

BSc Psychology with Neuroscience

Joseph Thor Salem

BNeg Product Design

Josephine Dolor

BSc Cyber Security & Digital Forensics

Juelle Piper

Bsc Psychology

Julia Lui

BSc Sports & Exercise Science

Kane William Gilbert

BSc Cyber Security & Digital Forensics

Kenneth Ancheta

BSc Medical Biochemistry

Kieran Morin

BSc Biology

Kieran Yau

BSc Computer Science

Kyle Bowers

BSc Sport & Exercise Rehabilitation

Kyle Pittman

BSc Sports & Exercise Science

Lavanya Hemanth

BSc Biology with Biotechnology

Leila Garrab

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BA Product Design

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Marcia Figueiredo Vaz

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Mateusz Musztafa

BSc Computer Networks

Md Mahi

BEng Electronic Engineering

Mehran Joya

BSc Computer Science

Mikolaj Sotirow

BSc Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Mriyank Bijoy Roy

BEng Computer Systems Engineering

Muhammad Muntasir Mosafeer

BSc Computer Science

Musarat Elahi

BSc Biomedical Engineering

Navpreet Kaur Singh

BEng Product Design Engineering

Nina Bagherian

BSc Biomedical Science

Oliver Deschamps

BEng Robotics

Ozenc Ocak

BSc Computer Science

Paulina Hruszowiec

BSc Psychology

Paul-Lucian Cosareanu

BSc Information Technology

Rokas Guzevicius

BSc Architectural Technology

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BCs Computer Science

Sabina I. Manolache

BSc Biomedical Science

Sana Hussain

BSc Biomedical Science

Simba Teveredzi

BEng Computer Systems Engineering

Sivakorn Greetadamrongdet

BSc Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Smith Dbritto

BSc Computer Science

Sonia Justinsuthakaran

BSc Biomedical Science

Subiang Kenny Chiang Feng

BEng Biomedical Engineering

Sumaya Bouchouya

BSc Biology

Suraj Y Shah

BSc Cyber Security & Digital Forensics

Syed Adeel Akhtar

BSc Computer Science

Szymon Malecki

BSc Computer Science

Szymon Klimek

BSc Computer Science

Tara Lee Charlton

BSc Biomedical Science

Tatiana Brites Inacio

BA Product Design

Thomas Milward

BA Product Design

Thomas Lister

BSc Psychology with Neuroscience

Tiago Rosas Oliveira

BA Product Design

Timothy Pye

BSc Computer Science

Wiktoria Wrona

BSc Biochemistry

Yashkumar Bhardwaj

BSc Computer Science

Zaahirah Karimullah

BSc Biomedical Science

Zaynab T. Hoque

BSc Information Technology

Zoltan Toma

BEng Mechatronics

Kristen Rebello

MSc Creative Technology



Monika Golos

BSc Psychology with Counseling

"Amazing experience which allowed me to support and influence the students that I worked with as well as helped me grow within and form connections and even friendships."



Check out what our SLAs have been up to during this academic year. Ready! Steady! Blouse! ¹

SLA Thaining 2019-2020

SLAs engaged in a series of Hot Dawg¹ session and activities to develop learning facilitation skills.







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STUDENT SUCCESS FESTIVAL

Festival dedicated to fun oriented, learning activities to celebrate the successes of our students.









SLA CHINISTMAS PARTY 2019-2020

SLAs were 'Dolled up', stockings were whipped out and the dance floor was graced with many 'Oliver Twists' in a 'Sockdollager' Celebration



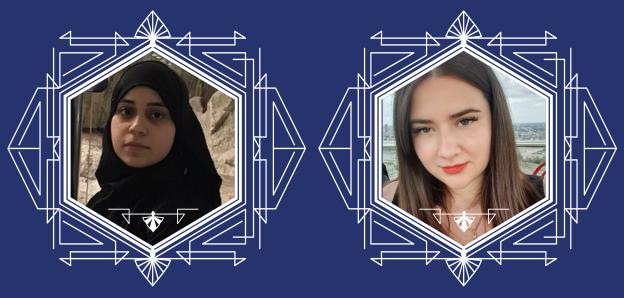




¹Dressed up ²Good dancer

³Remarkable

SLA LASTING QUOTES



Adila Shahzad

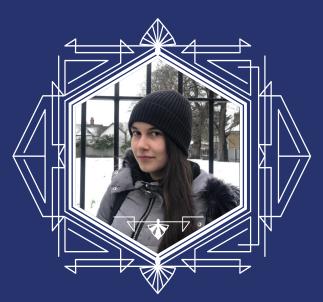
BSc Biomedical Science

"I am very patient when it comes to studying. I always set goals for myself and meet my target time plan. I always take ownership of my own learning."

Elena Erescov

BSc Biomedical Science

"Do nothing in half-measure, become better in your field."



Inga Siwiec BSc Biochemistry

"Don't be afraid of challenges. Although it may seem hard to study and work at the same time, the SLA experience actually helps manage time better. Try to make friends with your students and you will learn from each other"



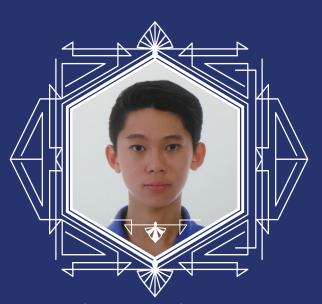
Leidy Paola Jaramillo Ocampo BSc Psychology

"The fact that I became an SLA was something unexpected for me. It has been challenging. I have learned many things and enjoyed it so much. It just takes courage, effort, laughter or maybe love."



Maria Nicoleta Gutui BSc Information Technology

"Although at first I was scared of this role I quickly adapted and grasped the concept of it much quicker. It's an amazing opportunity to be able to assist new students, support University events and achieve our goals together."



Subiang Kenny Chiang Feng BEng Biomedical Engineering

"If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail. So dream big, work hard, and stay humble. "

COUID-19 BEFLECTIONS

Simbo Ajayi PAL Manger

deeply affected by Covid-19. Despite the supporting others throughout the Lockdown. Neither the virus nor technology prevented you care, innovation and creativity shone through! You have surely proven your mettle! Well done!

Cyrus Ahmadnia

BA Marketing

"Although Covid-19 has had a negative impact on the wellbeing and thought process of students they resumed their studies using the NewRow platform. Students adapted well to the changes and communication between them and the lecturers also increased. The move towards online learning environment had been questioned due to the uncertainty of engagement levels, however, I believestudents were more cooperative than when in class."

Christos Andreas Evangelou **Business Management Finance**

"I have adapted and evolved during this difficult time in isolation. I am experiencing an ongoing period of adjustment in working and studying online. Unfortunately, I have unexpectedly lost a close family member. However, I am working on being positive strong minded, staying safe so that we can get through this together."

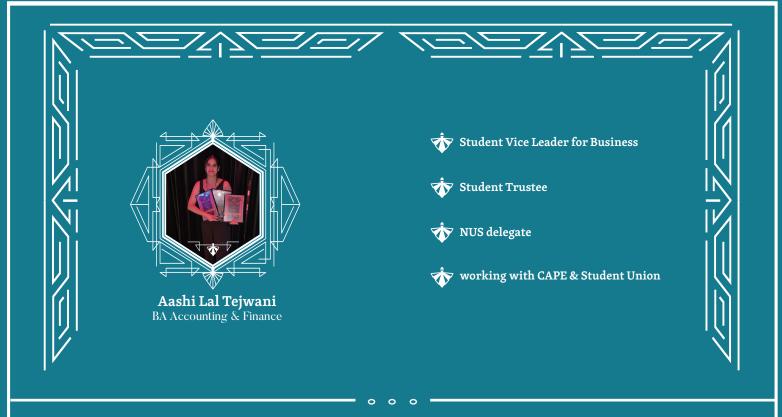
Jonathan Ogilvie BSc Games Design

"I am supporting my students outside of their lessons whilst the university and country is on lockdown. I have been collaborating on this with my lecturers. I have not found it particularly challenging as my students and I prefer to use a combination of online platforms such as WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger in order to communicate."



The SLAs made this academic year a 'Duck Soup'¹ despite the tasks and responsibilities they faced when facilitating students' learning. Participating in various projects and extracurricular activities, they also went above and beyond of what was expected. 'Let's Blouse'² and enjoy the highlights of our SLAs this year!

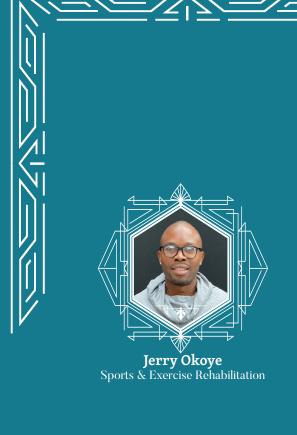
¹Easy/piece of cake



- first aider volunteer at St. John's Ambulance
- participant at international research placement







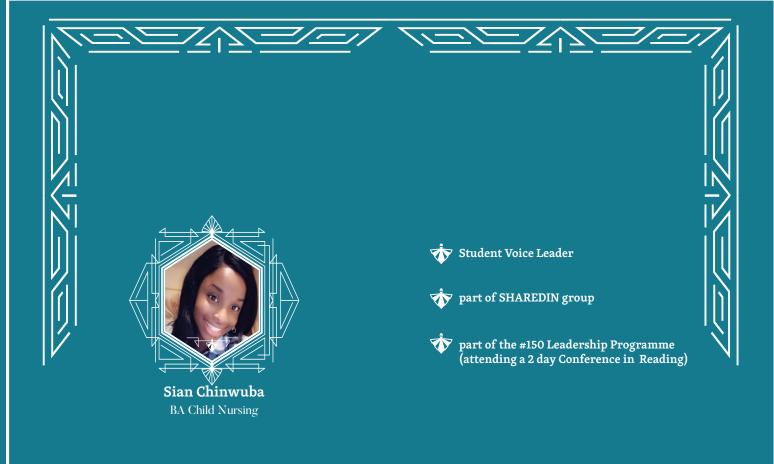
- member of the panel for appointment of MDX Vice-Chancellor
- represented SLA Scheme at North London Higher Education Fair
- enjoys being a DJ
- Senior SLA project leader: Publications & Social Media

developed self-belief during Foundation
Year

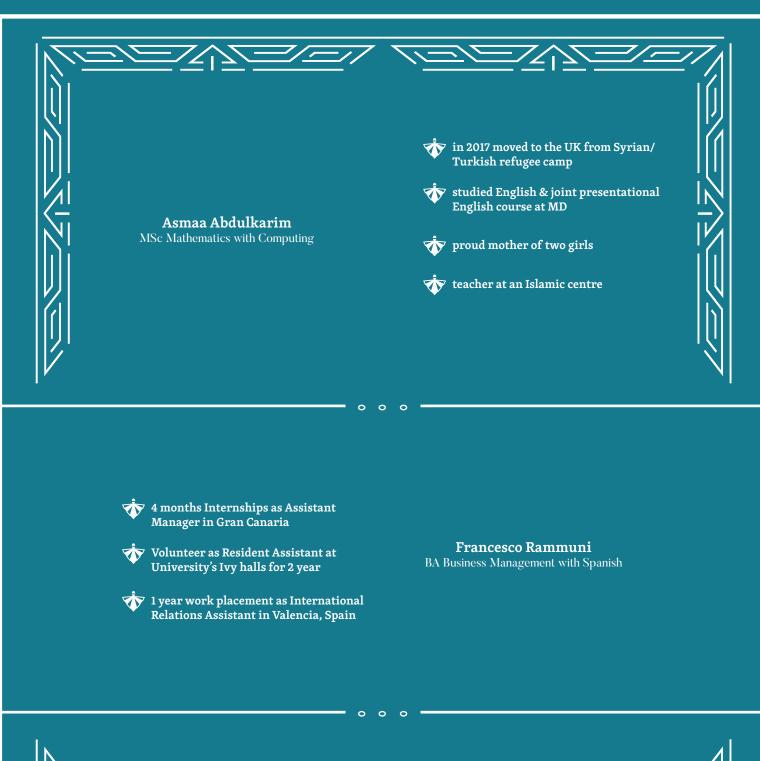
Student Voice Leader

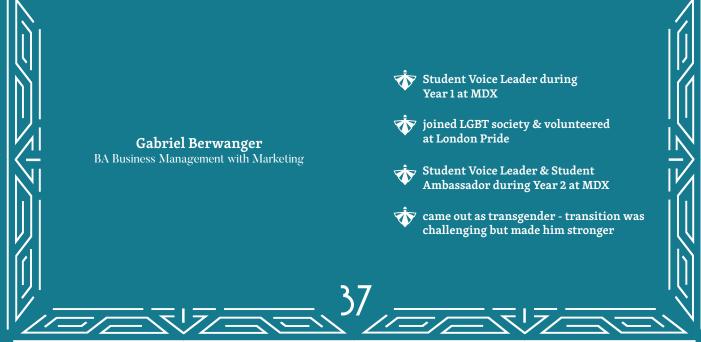
President of CAMAS society

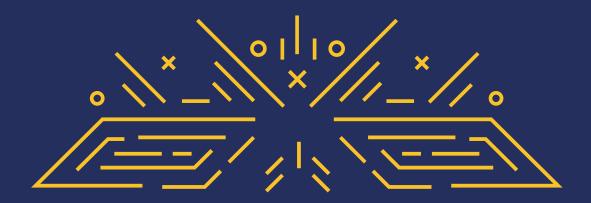
Maria Ntyli
BA Criminology with Psychology











SLA AWANDS



The Awards presentation marks a moment where our SLAs are celebrated and rewarded for their tremendous achievements throughout the academic year. So 'Let's Blouse' and reveal the winners of the SLA Awards!

WINNERS

Outstanding Awards



Foundation Year

Maria Ntyli

Musarat Elahi

Faculty of Arts and Creative Industries



Alice O'Donnell

Marieta Janete Correia Ca

Stephen Quenet

Faculty of Professional & Social Sciences



Soumia Benfares

Aleksandra Helena Skrobosz

Brigita Valantinaviciute

Faculty of Science and Technology



Catarina Cardoso

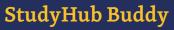
Jessica Joseph

Paul Greetadamrongdet



Reflective Practice Award

Zaahirah Karimullah



Terrann Martin





SLA Ethos and Professionalism

Dayana Aksianova

Student Learning and Engagement

Subiang Kenny Chiang Feng





Proactivity and Commitment

Gabriel Berwanger



Ben Thomas Laxton-Tilt





Mentoring Excellence

Christos Evangelou

PAL STAR Award for Innovation and Creativity

Kristen Rebello





GOOD-BYE

"Is learning so demanding or knowledge so powerful as to be acquired through collective teamwork? Together we can achieve greatness! Special tribute for our learning and knowledge empowerment is bestowed upon our PAL Team Executives; our Seniors SLAs and our 'Hotsy-totsy' Student Learning Assistants in all departments. Their combined collaboration in the continuous development of the PAL Scheme; implementation of innovation to facilitate mentoring and coaching skills of the SLAs and learning of our students is unrivalled. We also would like to acknowledge all the Academics and members of staff who have contributed to our 'darby' work over the 2019/2020 Academic Year.

Never cease to inspire, motivate and encourage in the path of knowledge.

Thank you for reading our 2019/2020 SLA Yearbook"!

¹Attractive or pleasing to the eye

²Something deemed wonderful or splendic



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