

A stylized graphic of a person. The head is a large orange circle. The body is a teal shape with a wide, rounded top and a narrow bottom, resembling a t-shirt. The arms are orange, curved shapes extending from the sides of the teal body. The text is centered on the teal body.

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YEAR BOOK

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SIMBO'S LETTER

Dear SLAs,

What a great year it has been working with you! During the main training in September, I remember asking you "Are you ready for this?" This was the BIG QUESTION as I knew that the SLA role would demand your time, effort and commitment. I must say that you proved to be excellent in your role and in all that was expected of you as Student Learning Assistants. Thank you for your help in supporting other students. Your achievements deserve to be celebrated and the positive comments received from students and members of staff alike attest to this fact.

Throughout the year, I have been amazed at your sheer willingness - your willingness to support your assigned students despite your own heavy work load; and above all your willingness to develop and improve skills that you can transfer to the work place in future.

Going through the pages of this year book will bring a lot of memories for you. Imbibe these memories and remember why you took on the role. For most of you, it was about helping others.

Helping other students learn better and achieve their potential is also self-edifying. You will agree with me that you have been able to learn more about the subject you supported but more importantly you would have learnt a lot more about yourself.

I hope you have learned enough this year to build on and excel yourself in whatever you want to do next. Keep striving to learn more from day to day! Most of all, remember what your role stands for:

Succeed!
Lead!
Achieve!

I wish you the best for the future!

Simbo Ajayi

Peer Assisted Learning Manager



SLA PROFILES

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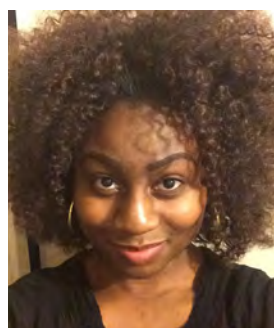
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RACHEL ABEBRESE

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT THIS YEAR FROM WORKING WITH STUDENTS?

I have learnt a lot about how teaching works, and exactly how much effort the tutors go through to ensure that students get the best possible results out of themselves. It has been extremely insightful to see how things work from the other side, helping me to understand why tutors have to make certain decisions. I have learnt how valuable the skill of listening is. I have also learnt much more to appreciate and understand different styles of how people work. All in all the experience has made me appreciate being on the course a lot more.



MOSES ABUDARHAM

WHY I BECAME AN SLA?

During my first year in university I found it difficult to get into my studies. I hadn't studied anything for a long time, and it was a bit of a shock to my system to have to begin to write essays and reports. I would love to be able to help other students to deal with these issues, and show them that it's not so hard.



LUCIAN IONUT ACHIRICIOAEI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

I know that 3 years sound like a lot of time, but it's not! Time will pass really quickly you will find new friends, you will want to have fun, but above all remember why you are here! Here you need to get the most out of your time. If you want to be successful this is the place to start, and now is the time! Motivation is really important so you need to keep yourself motivated all the time. It's not going to be easy but it will worth every minute spent in learning.



IRENE ADAMIDES

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

This is a very intense module, it is important to keep on top of things from the beginning, and not look back. There is a lot to learn but knowledge is not enough, students must practice articulating the different elements, identifying relevant/important information and giving meaning in terms of patient health. Diagnostics is like a riddle to solve and for which there is no 'one' answer but many potential diagnostics possible (differential diagnosis). It might be sometimes discouraging but it is also very rewarding and even fun!



WALIAT ADEBAYO-BADA

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Qualification + work experience + strategy
= a good job



NAVID AHMADI

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Being able to participate, and being a member of community service in Middlesex University. Through this I was able to help the community and gain valuable experience.



CEM AHMET

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

If you are unsure of something, make sure you ask someone! Attend all of your seminars and lectures, and make sure that you catch up if you miss one. Also, if there are any workshops running, ensure that you attend - even if you feel you don't need the help.



HUSSEIN AL NASIRI

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

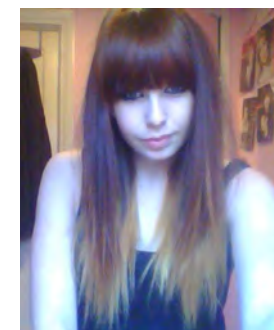
I received irreplaceable support from the SLA's last year, and was as relieved as I could have been about studying Law at MDX, and would not have achieved the success that I have without them, and would love to transfer this feeling on to the first year students who could use the help.



REBECCA ANGELICA ALBERTS

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

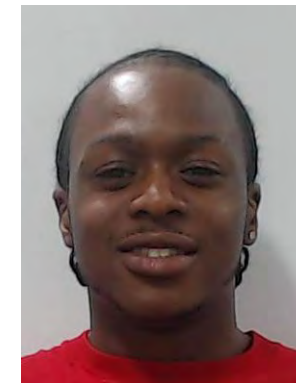
Make friends and ask questions, and whatever you do don't just stay in your room. These might be some of the most defining years of your life, and the people you meet here might end up being your colleagues and friends long after you graduate. Say yes to things and get involved. Use the library and the online resources that we have available for us, some of them are amazing (Rolling Stones Magazine back catalogue anyone?) And get a part time job, its extra money and experience, no matter what you do. And remember to have fun!



VICTORIA ALDIS

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

The first night of our end of year performance of '4:48 Psychosis', as this had been what we had worked towards for some time, and to see the end result, and work together with some great people. It was exhilarating to perform this and felt a great achievement.



LAWRENCE AMADI

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Irrespective of what success is in your eyes, you have to understand that getting from A to B requires discipline and hard work. You must make things happen. You do not really have a choice. My success formula is to write down all my goals, and then think like an expert while seeing myself as a novice.



MICHAEL AMSELEM

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

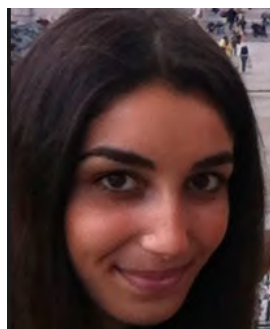
Don't get overwhelmed at first, stay positive, and try to get through the first few months with the right attitude, and things will fall into place. Always work hard and to the best of your ability. Surround yourself with good people that will have a good influence on your life as well as support you when you need it. Make the most of your time now as a student to get the most out of university, it's a one-time opportunity, so make the most of it.



MATTHEW ANNECHARICO

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Lots of coffee, frequent trips to Lidos across the street for good Chinese food, utilize all of the tools available to you as a student at Middlesex, make lots of friends, take detailed notes in class, and start researching for your assignments at least halfway through the term.



MELISSA ARRAS

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment is the Paris trip in second year. Photo Paris was a great experience because I saw a lot of amazing work, some from my favourite photographers, and others I discovered there. I also enjoyed the opportunity to roam the streets of Paris and got inspiration from the beautiful city. I would definitely recommend this trip.



JESSICA ATKIN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

When I got my feedback at the end of the year for my practical assessments. It made me feel like I had achieved more than I could have thought at the start of the year. Hearing that you've improved and are on target from your teacher is the boost you need to keep going.



RAJESWARI AYATHORAI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Be serious about the programme right from the outset. Be committed and consistent in preparation for each module. Be on time for the lectures as the Module Leaders impart with the gems for our success at the beginning of the lecture. Take responsibility for your own learning. Do not be a sheep and follow the crowd. Step up to the plate and start being your own person. 'Be the master of your destiny'. Time is precious so use it effectively. Join the winning team. Stop being distracted by moaners as joining a sinking ship only results in drowning.

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SELINA BANSAL

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

No matter how big or daunting a task may be –believe me, everything becomes easier once you start! Taking the first steps often requires going beyond any fear or expectations, and once you do, you will amaze yourself at how much you learn and how much you actually enjoy it.



STEPHANIE BARKER

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Achieving my first 'first' from a particularly difficult assignment is a great memory for me and has motivated me with other challenging assignments and presentations.



LUKE BELLAS

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I became an SLA because I thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Middlesex University and I wanted the opportunity to enable other students to have a similar positive experience. I would be able to share with students how I overcame some of my problems, as well as guide them to find their own solutions to their individual issues. As well as this I have benefitted from the extracurricular activities at Middlesex University, and I think that I would be able to encourage students to get the most out of their time here.



NAMADEV BHUVANSUNDARA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

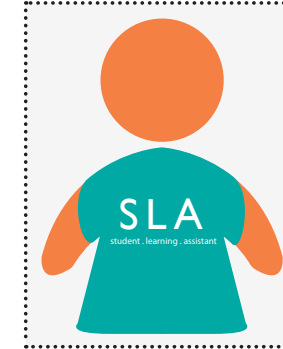
Enjoy your studies. Search for your interest. Team work.



MOHAMMED BISMILLAH

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I became a student learning assistant as I had received help myself from my peers and I believe in giving back, so I wish to pass on my knowledge and first hand experience on this module to new and existing students in order for them to succeed at University and also in their careers. This also gives me experience of assisting learning with students which I absolutely love doing!



KUSHAL BISSESSUR

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

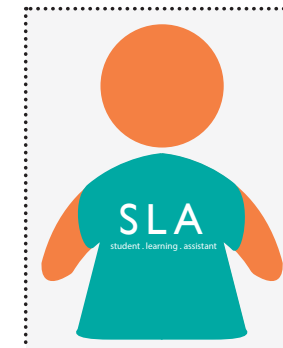
Be yourself and take advantage of every resource that the university provides, for example, SLA's, lecturers' office hours, and the library.



LIAN BLUE

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Go to lectures. Do your course work. Read the material before lectures to prepare. Study with friends to make learning more fun.



JAMILAH BRYAN

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Get as much experience as you can within the field that you want your career in, whether that means doing work experience or getting involved with the Student Union - it will help you in the future. Furthermore, be supportive to those on the same course as you, remembering that you're all going through the same thing academically.



MATEUSZ BULAT

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Being told 'thank you' by students who finished their first year coursework and gained great grades, this feeling is also why I am coming back to be a SLA once again.



HIBBA BUTT

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

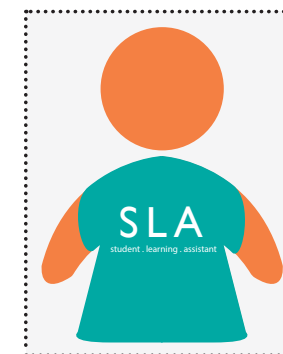
My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was my first day. I was looking forward to it but was also extremely nervous. However, the university had organised some activities at the entrance which were fun to participate in and to socialise with other people, making my first day at university more fun and enjoyable.



LEANNE BUTTON

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I became a Student Learning Assistant because I felt as though I had gained sufficient knowledge during my time at Middlesex University to be able to support other students with their learning. I am extremely personable and a good listener. I am also happy to offer help and advice with study literature, time management, study skills, and revision tips. My aim is to act as a facilitator to other students to overcome any difficulties they may face, and help them to develop their own styles of learning, take ownership of their work, and ultimately reach their goal of success.



MELISSA CAPLAN

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

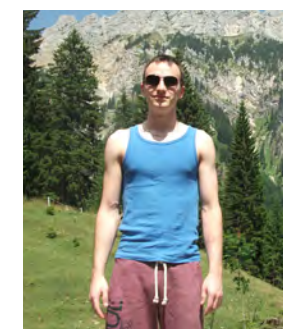
I am a person that has always been involved in my own community. I feel that as I get older my experience is something I can always pass on. I also feel a new endeavour is a way to improve my knowledge and broaden my vision.



DANIEL CECIL

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

ADPARD' 1. Acknowledge your current position. At what point are you now? (Good, bad, do you need help to succeed?) 2. Decide where you want to be. Where is your destination? (Distinction, Merit, Pass, or Fail) 3. Plan on how to reach your destination from where you are. 4. Act on your plan. 4. Review your plan/Evaluate your journey. Is it working? If yes, strengthen it. If no, change or modify plan. 5. Document your success. Write down steps you took, challenges you encountered, and fixes you made. This could help you in the future, or help someone else 'passing through the same/similar road'.



JAKE CHARIE

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

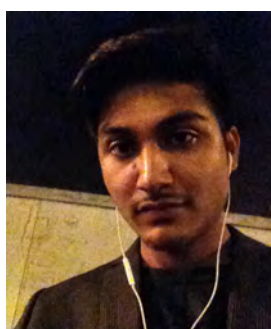
My most memorable moment at Middlesex University would be during my Applied Theatre module - going into a school and running a workshop on Friendship issues. Getting the chance to work with children gave me a massive opportunity to develop my teaching and communications skills, plus it was great fun.



ISAAC CHUNG YIU CHING

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Don't be afraid to ask if you come up with questions. University education is based on independent learning. Lectures are short of time and mostly you need to learn on your own, so in case you have difficulties, find an SLA (especially me) or the lecturers. We are always available to help, be open in mind, and befriend new classmates. They would be your learning peers. Enjoy your study in Middlesex. Treasure your time!



AVINASH CHOHAN

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

One quote I always keep in front of myself
"Never think you can't do, when everybody can, why can't you".



HEI LAM CHOW

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

One of my most memorable moments at Middlesex University was when I found out that I got straight firsts in my 1st year's result.



YVONNE COLE

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

My success formula would be: Hard work + Determination + Positive thinking = Success



LOUISE COOPER

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students would be to never leave projects to last minute. As soon as you get a project it's normal to feel clueless and un-inspired, and to overcome this you have to get straight to the library and start soaking in work from other photographers. Ideas will flow from inspiration. I think the reflective journal is a very good aid for a student's studies, and going to exhibitions and just letting your thoughts out onto the paper can provide a really good backbone for projects.



JOSEPHINE COTTRELL

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I decided to be a part of the SLA team to get involved and help other students with their projects and university experience. I also feel that working with other artists, whether assisting or teaching, is a great opportunity to gather more skills and inspiration that I may use later on.

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FRANCESCA DACK

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

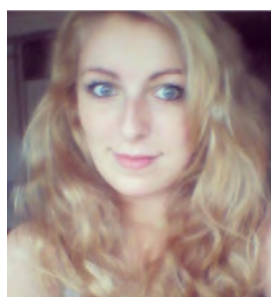
Through a work placement offered by University I have been given the opportunity to work with disabled athletes and get involved with the London Invictus Games. This has allowed me to meet and work with many different disabled athletes to enhance their athletic performance by adapting movements, stretches and exercises to optimize their capabilities, also meeting Prince Harry and Prince William at the games trials.



THOMAS DARBY

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Make yourself available, you have more time than you think, exploit every minute and use it to gain loads of experience. If someone says you can't do that, prove them wrong and do it, and do it good! Have no fear in your abilities as an individual!



BILLIE DAY

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

My success formula is re-writing up lecture notes each week in order to ensure you have learnt all the information. My lecture notes were often scruffy and had information missing. Re-writing notes and adding information makes good revision notes.



RYAN DAY

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University is when I got nominated to be a Student Learning Assistant because it highlighted how hard I had worked throughout the year, in all of my modules, in order to achieve a First overall.



ALEXIA DE JAGER

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I became a Student Learning Assistant because it would be a new life experience and I wanted to help future students to achieve the best grades, as well as the best student experience possible.



AMI DHAKAN

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Don't be afraid of the new marking system. Just be attentive in the class and things will become much easier.



TOESNY DO ESPIRITO

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Your dream is not for sale. If you are not sure what you're dreaming about, keep doing what you have the opportunity to do, and in the future your dream will show up.



MARIA DONNELLY

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I became a Student Learning Assistant to be able to share my knowledge about the modules that I have studied before. Becoming an SLA also meant that I would become someone the students can approach whenever they need help with their coursework or tests. This gives me a sense of purpose and responsibility.



SOFIA DOWNIE

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

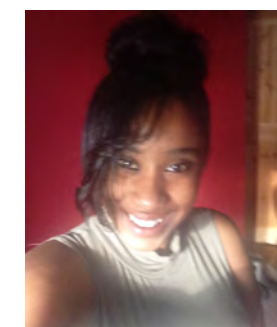
I like living my life one day at a time; however with a constant reminder of what I wish to accomplish, and my dream to be able to hopefully succeed.



SUMMER DU PLESSIS

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I would like to make new students feel as comfortable as possible in order to have the most comprehensive experience at Middlesex that they possibly can. My experience of first year is that it, although wonderful, can be intellectually and emotionally trying at times, and I would like to be the first point of call to ensure students that they are supported by an encouraging network of creative peers who only want the best for them, and who will find the best in them and bring it out.



JESSICA DUARTE DEMETRIO

EXPERIENCE AS AN SLA?

"My experience as an SLA has been a very challenging one in which I had learnt to overcome issues such as using my own initiative when put on the spot. Issues that I was not able to overcome I got an experience from and through keeping the portfolio, it helped me to readdress the situation to learn what I could do better next time. Being an SLA has enhanced my skills that I can use in the future, and with a lot of support from Anastasia and Simbo I was able to fit this around my study."



MAGDALENA DVORSKA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Be open minded. This school gives you the opportunity to explore new things. Don't be fixed on the dream you came with of becoming director or actor but explore all the options and take all the opportunities.

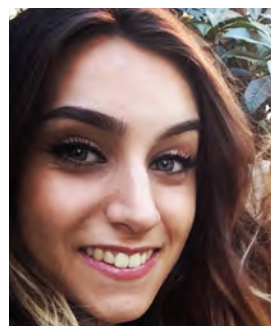
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VIOREL ALEXANDRU IONUT EFTIME

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

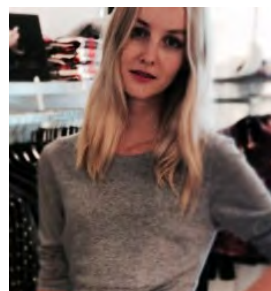
Term time is learning time.



IMAN EL MASRI

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

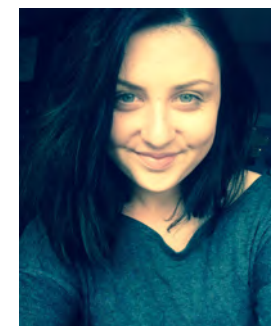
The 'I Love Middlesex' activities in the quadrangle. The atmosphere was great, everyone was socialising, and was great fun meeting new people.



INGHILD ELTVIK WANG

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Always relate the matter at hand to something that will inspire you to finish the task! If a topic seems bland or even straight out boring, try to find something that you can relate the theories with. If the module requires essays, and the essay question(s) is published, keep this in mind throughout the year and think about how you can use the readings for your essay(s).



MOLLY ENGLISH

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Confidence! If you have the confidence to try new things, and work outside of your comfort zone, I believe you can get anywhere in life! I have not yet mastered it but I am working on it, and my confidence and willingness to do different things is growing every day.

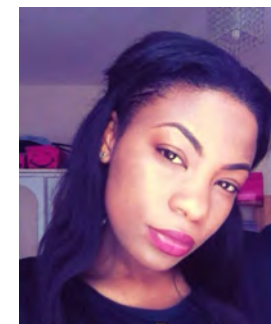


SUJEEVA ERAMPAMOORTHY

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My best advice to new students would be to organize your time, spend at least a few hours a day for each module, do not wait till last minute to start on your assessments, and come to SLA's or your professors or your tutors for help. We are here to help you and make your journey a successful one.

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NADIA FERNANDES

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

My success formula is simple: HARD WORK + DETERMINATION = SUCCESS



SOPHIA FORRESTER

SUM UP YOUR EXPERIENCE AS AN SLA THIS YEAR

My experience as an SLA this year has taught me that in delivering a service to others, I in turn learn more and this has made a deep impression on me. I have enjoyed sharing my experience and knowledge with those whom I worked with and I'm delighted to see the beneficial impact it has made on their learning. I think the SLA scheme is a brilliant method of helping both student and assistant to broaden their learning experience.



KATIE FRANKLIN

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students is to check your university email frequently, ask questions if there is anything you are unsure of, and meet with tutors to check on progress. I would advise students to take notes in lectures and to do the recommended reading before starting assignments. Middlesex University has a lot of facilities so I would recommend utilising them.



AALIYAH FREEMANTLE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

You're going to hear a lot the same advice being repeated, but honestly it is all very true and important. Keep focused is one of the most important things. Also stay on top of your work, and read a lot, and practice a lot. One other important piece of advice is to use the resources that your university provides, it is very helpful. Good luck!



TITUS FRIMPONG

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

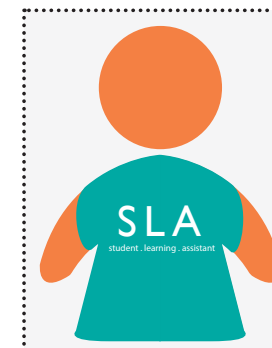
Find good friends: for that I meant for social and study because they may be good where you are weak. Make sure that you are surrounded with good people. Work hard and let success make the noise.



MARINA FUENTES

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

I have had many memorable moments at Middlesex. Founding the Marketing Society in first year was most definitely a very exciting moment and an honour when I was named president of it. Additionally, getting the opportunity through Middlesex to go on exchange to Hong Kong for my second year was a memorable year in itself.



JANNAH FURNE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Ensure you actively participate in all aspects of the course; involve yourself in discussions and debates. Do not just do the bare minimum to scrape through to the next year as you will be forever playing catch up. Do not be afraid to ask for help and don't be scared if you do not grasp everything that has been taught to you - University is hard but it is possible and it is so rewarding. Take full advantage all of the services offered to you at MDX, they are unbelievable! Never regret not doing something.

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RADHIKA GAJJAR

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

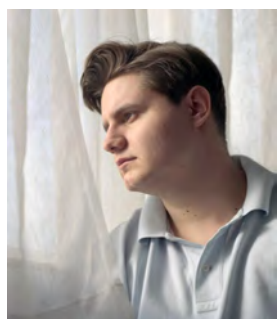
I had the opportunity to become a SLA after finishing my second undergraduate year at Middlesex University. Studying and having various other responsibilities has been difficult but I chose to become an SLA because the support that the SLA's have provided to me was essential to help me develop skills and relevant knowledge about the module; and now I want to be part of a team seeing the success of other students and helping them through their journey.



RACHEL GAON

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Enjoy your time at University, enjoy what you study and the social. If you don't understand something ask for help... that's what the teachers are there for!



OLIVER GARNER

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Always enjoy what you are studying. If you enjoy and believe in what you are creating then it won't seem like such hard work.



ROYA GHABAEI

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Broaden your horizons and interests. Go and see that play you saw a poster for the other day. Try out a new exhibition at an art gallery. Does it have similar themes or imagery to your work? Think outside the box as there is never a wrong answer in the Theatre. Work hard; dedicate yourself to your project. Be a team player and always accept help from your lecturers as they are helpful, experienced and inspiring.



ELIF GOKHAS

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Use all the resources available. They are there for a reason & you will need them throughout your entire course at Middlesex.



NATALIE GOREHAM

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

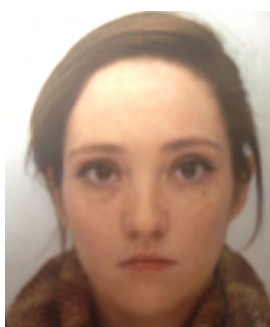
Passion, preparation, and perspective.



GREG GOTTLIEB

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

This year I was privileged with the task of being the Senior SLA for Media and Performing Arts. Getting together with other SLAs and discussing learning strategies, solving problems together and laughing at the unique challenges we sometimes face as SLAs has been an incredibly rewarding experience; I am happy to say that I have learned so much from each encounter. I feel very grateful for having had this most excellent experience - I highly recommend it to any SLAs who think they might like to apply for the position in future!



ALICE GRIFFITHS

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

A reason why I would like to become a Student Learning Assistant is because it is something new to me and would give me the chance to work for Middlesex University, something I haven't done before. Being a SLA would also mean that I can help and work with new people which is something I enjoy doing. In addition, being an SLA could also allow me the opportunity to talk more about topics I enjoy, theatre, and hearing other people's views and opinions.



BENJAMIN GROVES

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I became a Student Learning Assistant as I felt it would allow me to utilise my current set of skills, but also enhance them. Not only would it allow me to share what I had already learnt in the module with new students, but I could also learn new ideas from them to apply to my own studies. I looked forward to being able to assist others in achieving their goals and bettering themselves as independent students and professionals.



BENJAMIN GURNEY

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

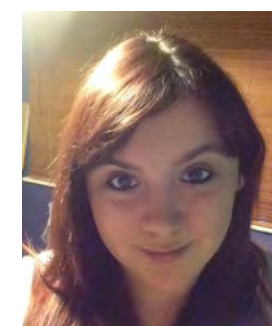
Keep an open mind. Always be willing to try new ideas and new ways of working. The best moments of creativity happen on your feet, not sitting down.



ASHIK GURUNG

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

As a new student it is really important that you get started on your coursework as soon as possible. Also keep on checking your emails as your teachers could have sent you something important, which could be useful for you course. You must make full use of the library this university offers, as they have so many books and other resources which can help you become a better student. You must remember never to give up and make sure you always work hard, never miss a lesson and always hand in your work on time.



JORDAN HAGERUP

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University so far is difficult to choose because so much happens, but it has probably been the Halls of Residence experience and living with 6 guys. You're away from home for probably the first time, cooking for yourself, cleaning and learning to budget, all whilst living with complete strangers. Those first two weeks are both the worst two weeks having to deal with being away from home but also one of the best two weeks where you get to form some friendships with people that will last a lifetime.

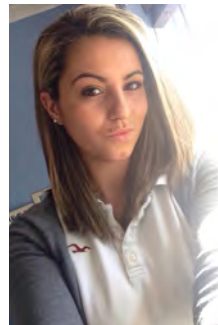




PATRICIA HAGUE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

You get out whatever you put in to university life. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it, we all go through times where we want to give up, but recognize it happens to everyone - character is built through perseverance.



FEHAMET ELIZABETH HALIL

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Making sure you ask questions when you are confused will allow you to understand your work easier. Although it may be scary at first, you have to make sure you know and understand everything you need to know to succeed. Time management skills are also very important. Starting coursework which is due the next day will not give you enough time to complete the work to a high standard. I made sure I always completed my work way before the deadline was due, so that I had time to perfect my work.



EVAAN NIGEL HERATH

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

I'd probably have to say Valentine's day, having walked into campus and just getting hugged by a giant heart which was quite unexpected!



SARA HELENA HORACIO PEREIRA

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

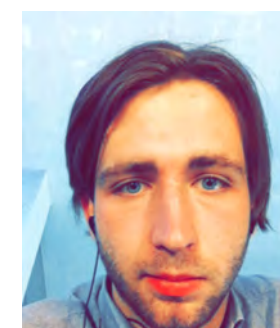
My third week in the first year of University. I remember leaving a lecture that I truly enjoyed feeling incredibly excited, relieved and scared (in a way) for the year to come, and promised myself that I would do my best to succeed.



LAURA-JAYNE HUMPHREY

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

When given a group assignment to write a financial report for my Accounting module, my friends and I decided to work together. Although this was a challenging assignment, we kept organised and motivated. On the day of completion, we sent off the work and I remember us all being so cheerful and relieved that our assignment had come to an end! My most memorable moment was seeing the grade we achieved and sharing it with my friends who were just as pleased as I was. All of our hard work had paid off!



KRZYSZTOF HUNCZAK

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

When we campaigned for Bite the Ballot in Camden Town. Basically we set up a booth with a camera inside and tried to get random people to talk about any issue that is related to politics so we could make a video out of it afterwards. At the same time we also gave them opportunity to register to vote. And even though we went to few other places too, Camden Town is most memorable because of the participation we experienced. We ended up with quite a lot of footage from that day and also met extremely interesting people.



KOROBI HUSSAIN

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

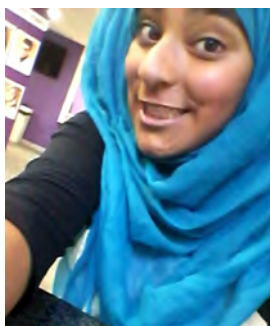
The most important thing to remember when trying to achieve a good grade is to get lots of reading material which helps in supporting your points in assignments, and what I used to do is plan my assignments when they first got set so I had a rough idea of what I wanted to include.



MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

I would advise them to enjoy their university life as it is a lifetime memory and stay focused to their studies. Schedule your time for studies and extracurricular activities. BE SINCERE to your EDUCATION.



NADIA IQBAL

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

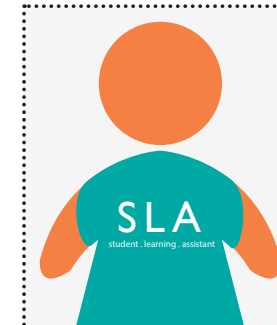
The Student Learning Assistant Scheme is an invaluable experience. Not only does the scheme ensure the SLA's are given responsibilities towards the class, but furthermore involves them with lecturers, thus ensuring they are given a full experience. Throughout the process, not only is there the satisfaction of facilitating students, but also a personal development which is noticeable to oneself. The scheme leaders are all actively involved throughout the process which creates a sense of comfort and ease for the SLA's as support and advice is always provided. A fantastic community is encouraged by the scheme leaders whom organise events regularly.



FARHANA ISLAM

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

My success formula is to be self-motivated! Self-motivation incorporates attending all of your seminars and lectures, remaining enthusiastic, listening attentively, contributing in seminars, taking plenty of notes, and keeping up-to-date with further reading. Self-motivation is possessing the knowledge that YOU are capable of achieving the best of your potential, through exhibiting hard-work, dedication, and positivism, for the reward is immensely beneficial.



TANZINA ISLAM

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

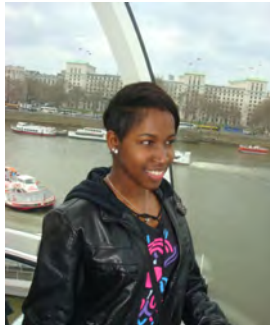
Organisation! For me, organisation is the key factor in succeeding. Keeping a diary with important dates and deadlines and ensuring lecture notes are organised by topic and week will make studying life easier. Then, of course, is the studying. Making sure to revise throughout the year and not the weeks leading up to the exams and making sure to produce draft copies of assignments well before the deadlines and obtaining feedback on them from Lecturers and SLA's, is also key.



MARTIN FELLANI JACK BAJOURI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

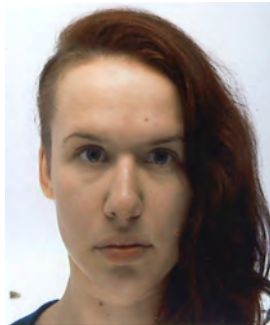
To HAVE the results that you want, you have to DO the work by BE-ing the best that you can be.



LEONIE JACKSON

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice is to use the support service available it is not only for those who are failing, there is always room for improvement. Follow the tutor's advice to read more, it really does work. And show up for lectures and seminars; if you don't show up you will miss out.



SIMONA JAKSTAITE

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I enjoy exploring my own capabilities, and constantly seek for new ways of personal development. I enjoy teaching other people things that I am passionate about, and also see it as a way to expand my own knowledge about the subject - in terms of both the diagnostic skills module and the different practices of complementary health. Lastly, I am excited about meeting fellow students, sharing ideas and building friendships.



EMMA JEANS

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Recipe for success: 1. Attend lectures/seminars. 2. Meet and plan towards deadlines. 3. Be open to other people's ideas and input. 4. Ask for help when needed. 5. Don't be afraid to put forward ideas and acknowledge good ones in others. 6. Know when to have fun and when to get serious. 7. Don't leave work to the last minute. 8. Get involved and involve others. 9. LISTEN TO THE ADVICE AND EXPERIENCE OF YOUR TUTORS. 10. Know what's out there; use support services and the library.



RIANNA JOHN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Meeting everyone on my course on the first day



IRINA JURJ

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students would be to make the most of their time at university by taking in as much information as possible and making it into their own work, by creating new bonds, and by having fun. Not too much fun, of course, because we all have those 9 a.m. lectures.

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PARASKEVAS KAFETZIIS

COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE: FROM A STANDPOINT AS AN SLA, I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER...

The smile of student's face after helping them during our one-to-one sessions and in the classes. I will always remember them coming back to me and sharing with me how did their test/coursework/presentation go, and thanking me again for my help. These were the most rewarding moments for me as an SLA as this was my goal to achieve. In addition, I will always remember the friends I made in the past two years being an SLA.



PHILIP KAMPS

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

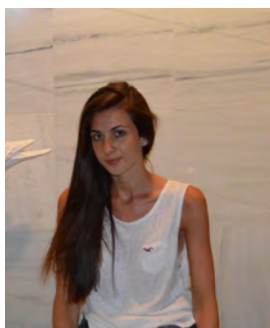
Work hard, dream big, stay humble.



NEELAM KAPOOR

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

The most memorable moment for me at Middlesex University has to be when I had received my second year exam grades in which I obtained a 1st in all my four modules. But then I had gone to meet my Law module lecturer in order to find out my exact percentage for the exam. To my surprise I had received the highest in class and not only that, he also claimed this was the highest he had given in his six years of teaching at Middlesex.



IPEK KARATEPE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Maintain a high attendance throughout the academic year, as every lecture, seminar and workshop is highly important. In addition, be confident and try to be positive through the tough and stressful periods. Don't forget to contact your module lecturers, tutors, GTAs and SLAs for any assistance needed.



EMMANUEL KEBOH

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS?

Find that what you enjoy doing and pick a module that can help you do that. One way to find that what you enjoy is to ask yourself "What would I choose to do for the rest of my life without getting bored if earning money wasn't a factor". Also, it is a very tough world out there upon graduation and good is never good enough when better is expected so, your university time might be all you have to attain the required heights.



SUMAIRA KHALFE

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

The most memorable moment I had is making new friends with people from different ethnic backgrounds and sharing knowledge with each other.



AYESHA KHAN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

When I received my results for all the modules for the first time. All the essays I wrote were marked by my teachers, and I remember how proud I felt because I pushed through all the difficulties in first year.



FAHIM KHAN

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

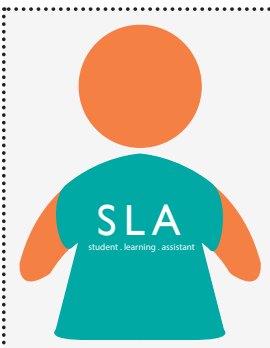
Simple: Work on your weaknesses first and focus on your strengths later. Follow my formula and you will succeed on this module at least.



HAMZA KHAN

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I was always enthusiastic about helping my colleagues with their studies and becoming a Student Learning Assistant provided me the best platform to help them. I really enjoyed the module in my second year and wanted to make it an enjoyable experience for others as it was for me. I also learned from my experience in previous years that students are unable to take full advantage of the learning resources provided by the university which are extremely helpful in their exams and coursework hence I thought my experience can be helpful to others.



ANJALI KHATRI

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I became a Student Learning Assistant because, having an experience of SLA's in my first year, I felt that I could talk freely about things I wasn't sure about. Having said that, I wanted to share my experiences of my first year with people that are going through the same things as I did. I find it easy to talk to people as well as being approachable for people to talk to me.



BEGENCH KLYCHEV

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

The very first year at the University is time to enhance your mind and your experiences

- Set high academic and personal standards for yourself, and live up to them
- Get to know your student representatives and learning assistants, we are here to help
- Don't forget to be a well-rounded person and join sport clubs and societies
- Make use of University facilities especially students' union and careers office
- Lastly, enjoy your University life!



SARVIGA KUGANESWARAN

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

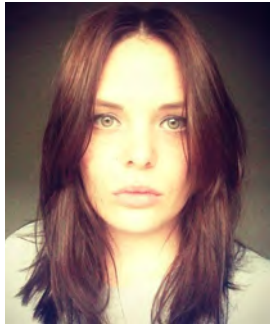
Always stay up-to-date with your reading, it's really difficult to get all of it done in one go before an exam. Take your time with research; good research can make a lot of difference to your grade.



RAJAS AMBADAS KUTE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students would be attend every lecture, seminar, and lab... Be socially and academically part of the University to make the most of Middlesex University, and mainly enjoy your time in university.



AMY LAKER

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was the BA Illustration trip to Venice in December 2013. I was able to experience a new culture and visit new places which I have always loved to do. I am grateful that Middlesex can provide this alternative and exciting way of learning in addition to studio work and informative lectures about the history of Art & Design.



TONMIE LEE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students would be to do your best to make the most out of university. Join clubs, join societies, go to events with other students, help out with events, try your best to meet new people and take advantage of what the university has to offer for example the careers office. However do take your education seriously as it can be stressful, so do things that make it easier for you as the student.



CHRISTINA LEONTIOU

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

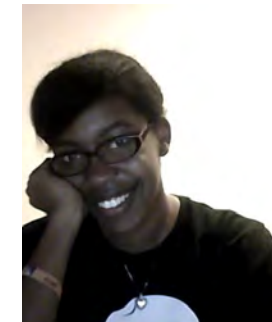
My most memorable experience at Middlesex University is without a doubt having the opportunity to do a year abroad teaching in Spain. It was one of the best experiences of my life and I have learnt so many valuable skills which will help me in the future and during my last year at Middlesex University.



DHANA LETCHMANAN

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

It is important to organize your independent study time apart from classroom hours. This will surely help you to achieve the most out of your academic experience. Especially when it involves coursework and assignments, please start early and do not leave it to last minute.



LATASHA LEWIS

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice would be to not think about what other people think about you, because it will stop you from performing to the best of your potential. It's okay to feel like you can't do something because everyone feels like that at some point. I've realised that the best way to succeed is to tell yourself you can do things. One thing I did a lot of during my first year was talk to my tutors. They can help you a lot and you feel a lot better. They're very understanding and it's okay to go to them.



IAKOVOS LOUKAS

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Meeting my teachers-to-be was a very memorable moment as they are all musicians I have admired for a long time. I remember how excited I was at the prospect of learning from them.



CAROLINE LOVEJOY

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

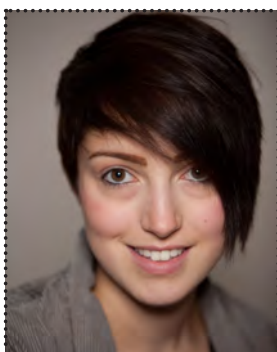
I would say that it was when we all got together after the written and practical exams and swapped cringe-making but funny stories about all the stupid mistakes we'd made. Thankfully however, what we did do right more than outweighed the mistakes.



JIE YANG LOW

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Try to make learning as fun as possible! You will be surprised how much you could improve yourself by learning in a fun environment. Manage your time well. Work hard and play even harder! Don't be scared to approach your lecturers. They will try their very best to help you!



AMY LUCAS

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students is to engage at every possible opportunity, read what you're interested in - there is amazing scope to build on top of the books and articles already required for the modules - and don't be afraid to ask for advice. Above everything, it is just to remember that everybody can feel overwhelmed in their first year.

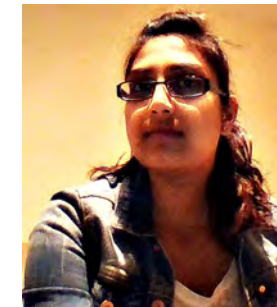
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MOHAMED HOMAM MADI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

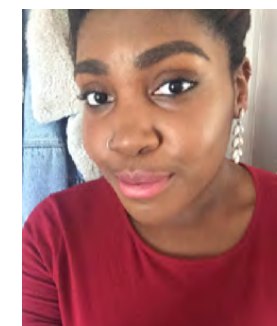
Don't waste your Time, work hard to get the grades that you deserve.



SRAVYA MAGANTI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

"Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing where with we fly to heaven" – William Shakespeare. Believe in gaining knowledge and try to understand the concepts rather than memorizing answers, don't be afraid to get help from friends or lecturers in order to achieve that. Avoid missing lectures, seminars and workshop because they help you a lot. Don't leave assignments till the last minute; learn to team up with others professionally and effectively. Finally, Life is too short... live the moment!!



JULIA MAGNUS GEORGE

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was the social event at the beginning of the year. It was a chance for me to meet the friends I have today and also interact with the lecturers.



JAANAM MAHBOOBANI

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I became a Student Learning Assistant to help new students feel welcome at the university as well as guide them in Public Law. Public law is the hardest module of first year and requires a lot of reading. During first year, I found it very difficult and disliked it. But then, during seminars, along with the teacher, the SLA explained everything and I gradually started understanding it and liking it. Therefore, I want to help students with any problems they face in this module.



MADHAV MAHENDRA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

A little hard work each day goes a long way. I sincerely believe in putting a little effort in each day towards achieving our goals. Whether it's short term goals such as the essay due next week, or long term goals as aiming for a first at the end of the year. I feel it is necessary to put in a regular effort towards accomplishing our goals rather than putting all the hard work in the last minute. Not only does that increase stress levels, it also reduces our efficiency and the quality of our work.



CRISTIANO MAIA

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I want to be as helpful as the SLA was for me in my foundation year. I know how important it is to have someone who already did all the hard work to give some tips to do it the easy and best way.



KENNETH MALOBA

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

During the international students orientation week, I made a lot of friends from different cultures and parts of the world.



SERGE MALUAMBA

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

This would be the time I received my results and the first time I got introduced to the module because I realised how much I didn't know about the module or networking in general. This module has taught me a lot of things which now I feel proud to say that I know about.



VESNA MANASIEVA

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

I would say that the most memorable moments would be the ones spent during lab sessions as well as group work where students get to learn more efficiently as well make new friends.



JIGAR MANKANI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Make a time slot to do work and stick with it; it makes your life easier.



RUGARE MARUZANI

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

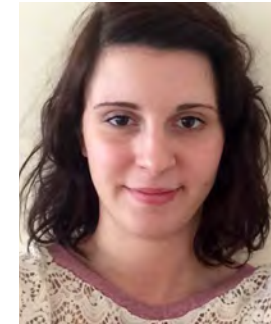
Read journals, books and molecular biology magazines, and most importantly.... Don't do it later, do it now.



MALACK MARWAN

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students is to work hard and stay motivated, because that is what will get you through 3/4 years of university. And never be scared to ask questions! There are plenty of staff and students who will be more than happy to help you with any queries you might have.



MARTA MATUSZEWSKA

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

I think that it is important to know what you want to get from the course from the start. That way you will be more likely to achieve whatever your long term goal may be. Having some sort of goal to aim for gives you more motivation to work harder.



PRANALI MAYEKAR

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

The graduation ceremony.



ADAM MCCARTHEY

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I became a student learning assistant because I want to share my talent with others... start again, I was fortunately picked out for my work, and I like to talk about ideas and share ideas with other students because graphic design isn't a solo course, the more people you talk to the better the work and the experience will be, so that's why I wanted to become an SLA.



KATIE MCGREGOR

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Talk to other people on the course and in higher years, we're all here for the same reason, don't be afraid, we don't bite.



FREITAS MELO SAMBA

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I became an SLA first of all because I like teaching and doing this will help me for my future career as a teacher. This also will serve me as work experience.



VERONIKA MELOSOVA

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

TRUST YOURSELF.



VIKKI MARIE MENNELL

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Keep up to date with everything, make notes when you leave lectures, it will save you time recapping a topic!



ALEXIS MERTALLA

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

Becoming an SLA I thought would give me more opportunities in my 2nd year and will help get the best out of my whole university experience. The way the SLA's helped me last year made me want to do the same for others, sharing experiences I had in my first year to help the new first years. Truthfully, it would look great on my CV too, and not to mention you also get rewarded for your hard work, meaning you do get a pay check! So what more motivation could you have other than inspiring and guiding others of course!



STEPHANIE MINGO

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice for new students would be making sure that you keep yourself organised and being on top of things from day one of university. Thus meaning, knowing what your term dates are, keeping aware and prepared for your upcoming deadlines, reading what is essential before it is due, and re-reading and reflecting on what you have learnt during your seminars and lectures. However, having a balanced university life is always the best method through rewarding yourself for your hard work.



YASMIN MOHAMED

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students would be have fun but know when it's time to put down the shot glasses and pick up a text book! :) Your first year is really all about getting to know people and places around you, as well as learning about yourself - Learning what works for you, for example, how to manage your time better or perhaps new revision techniques. You learn your strengths and weaknesses along the way, which sometimes makes it easier for you to decide which career route you want to take. Good luck everyone! :)



ADAM MOHAMMED

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

So far, it has been amazing meeting some incredible people! Whether it is new friends or a guest lecturer, I have to say it has all been really fun so far! The amount of laughs that you will share is fantastic!



YUSAF MOHIUDDIN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

The most memorable day for me at MDX, was when Rev. Jessie Jackson did a speech in the Quad. I did not have a ticket, however I sweet talked the security guard who helped me get a seat with a great view, his speech was amazing and he gave every single person Goosebumps.



ADMILSON MONTEIRO

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

The formula for success in everything is hard work, resistance and confidence. I am nothing without these 3 elements. Working hard academically means don't leave my studies for tomorrow, don't let the different topics of the module accumulate and study more than the necessary. Resistance, basically means never give up, if I do not understand I will keep searching for answers, it might be in books, SLA or lecturers. I believe that at the Middlesex University we have all the tools to find the answers. And confidence, takes away all the nervous that can ruin a perfect exam.



COLLETTA MUGAIRI

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Finding myself talking to complete strangers in the long queue during registration. Funny how it turned out that we became best friends and a discussion group.



MELISSA MURPHY

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

I became a student learning assistant because I really enjoyed the subject and even though I gratefully received a good grade for this module, I still do not know everything there is to know about the topic, therefore becoming a student learning assistant essentially forces me to revise and learn more (perhaps parts I missed) on this subject matter. I also like the fact that being a student learning assistant is a paid position and it would look great on my CV for the future.

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NENE MUSA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Take advantage of all the services that the SLA'S, LDU and the tutors offer you. Be annoying when it comes to asking for help and looking for answers. Do not stop until you get the information and knowledge that you need and want. Everyone at university is there to help so don't be afraid to use them. Also have a blast, make university the most memorable years of your life.



KATHIRAVAN MUTHU

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one. -Malcolm Forbes



HANNAH NAGLE

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I had a very positive experience as a second year student receiving help from SLAs and I wanted to experience this again but from the other side. Not only did I see how much it helped me and my year group but also how much it helped the Student Learning Assistants. It helped boost our confidence and their confidence and it was great to have people there to help you who knew exactly what you were going through. This encouraged me to apply for the position as I felt it would be an incredibly rewarding experience.



TEHILLAH NAPIER

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was during the Applied Theatre Module, we had the opportunity to lead a workshop in a school with selected pupils for the day. It was very fulfilling as I have always been keen to become a drama teacher, and by having this opportunity to lead a workshop in a school it has definitely confirmed that is what I want to do in my career.



NAVISA NAQIBULLAH

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Middlesex Marrow Society provided me the platform to enhance my skills and social life, where I made some amazing friends. The journey was made even more remarkable when Middlesex Marrow won the 'Best Society of the Year' award, and it will always be my most memorable moment at Middlesex University.



HUYEN NGA NGOC NGUYEN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was the first day as a fresher at the university. As an international student everything was new and completely different. I was amazed by the first speech about the course in a huge lecture theatre, which I had never experienced before. Moreover, the first day at the university is very special for me; it was a day when I met my best friend. Thanks to my friend, my days in the university have been full of fun.



HOANG NGUYEN

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Hard work + Library resources + Other help (e.g. Lecturers, GTA, SLA, LDU etc...) = Success



IOAN RAZVAN NITICA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Take advantage of all resources available on campus and always ask questions when feeling confused, as this might happen a lot!



ANNIELL OLSEN

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Learn that it is OK to ask for help! Even if you feel that you can do this alone, or that it is too “embarrassing” to ask. Realize that you can’t do everything alone. Even George Clooney asks for help sometimes!



TOLUWALOPE ONI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Meet the right people in your first year. The right atmosphere helps you develop in all kinds of ways, even academically. Study hard as well when you’re not off partying and having the time of your life.



ANDREW OSBOURNE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Use the University and its resources to gain as much knowledge and experience as you can. Your time at the university goes by very quickly, and then you’re on your own. Use the time you have to good use so that you are well prepared for your chosen vocation. If possible attach yourself to the students in higher years, most will be happy to help you if you have questions.



LEILA OSTERBO

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was the first time I saw the campus. It all felt so intimidating and overwhelming, and I believed that I would never find my way around it. Fortunately, it took me about two weeks to know my way around it, and it was such an amazing feeling when I finally managed to get from A to B on my own, without relying on anyone else. It was the first time it felt like home, and it has felt like this ever since.



JUSTYNA OSTROWSKA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Start studying independently from the beginning of the first year, and don't leave things for later! ;) Ask questions! There are no stupid questions when you study.



OGILE OZE

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Plan, act and never relax.



LEONOR PARRA

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moments have been at the end of each year when I see how much I have improved, from having no experience with 3D or animation, to having created my own animated films and video games.



NINA PETEL

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

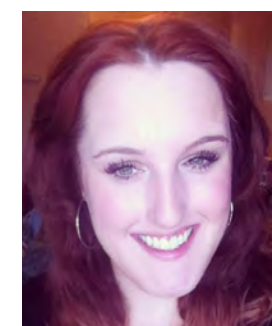
Never give up, and feel confident in yourself. You need to keep a balance in university work and having fun. I believe if there's a Will, there's a Way!



LATIFA PELLETIER AHMED

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Volunteering in the herbal garden and helping fellow students learn about the beautiful world of plants.



REBECCA PESKETT

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

If you see something on the course that you haven't done before and fancy it, do it! Take every opportunity available!



ALICIA MELANIE PHILLIP MATHURIN

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I think sharing is essential. To me being able to learn incredible things over the past years, has given me the passion to want (NEED) to share it. I am so very eager to be within education as working at Camden Arts Centre had shown me how my unique approach to teaching works. My tutors had also wanted me to apply for the role, since they thought I would be great for the job.



PEDRO HENRIQUE PIRES DE GODOY

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Always think “What is success to me?” I don’t think success is a universal concept. Each one of us has our own goals, desires and expectations. If you were to see yourself in the future with a smile on your face, where would you be? Who would be there with you? What would your dreams be? That is success. And you start building up your path to success on your early days. At University, be outgoing when it is time and focused on your studies when you must. Like that, you will enable success to yourself.



VIDYADHARAN POLICE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Be punctual to the lectures and participate actively in seminars. Enjoy your university life. Good luck.



DEVON PORTER

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment would be when I and others on my module took a structured workshop on friendship into a school. No matter how many times we had practiced the workshop with our peers nothing could compare to doing it with children. We had to be as active as possible and be completely adaptable for change especially when things didn’t go the way we expected them to! It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and went much better than I expected it to.



EMMA POTTER

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Don’t panic! As soon as you get your assignment brief break it down into sections and start researching in different books, collections, references etc. Make sure you keep on top of your work as it will only get bigger. If you have any questions regardless of whether you think they’re silly, ASK them! Your tutors and SLAs are here to help so come and ask any questions and don’t let your worries build up. I am easily approachable and would be more than happy to help.



KADIE ANN PROSPERÉ

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I became a Student Learning Assistant based on my positive experiences with previous SLA’s. I felt they were hugely beneficial to me achieving my results. From this experience I would like to assist students in the same way. Also I am a very helpful person and I want to see students succeed.

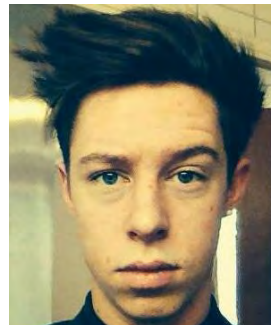
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ELEONORA QUARIO

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Listen to other people's advice, especially who have more experience than you, but be aware of yourself enough to know if an idea that you have could actually work, even when most people don't believe in it. Be consistent, keep your eyes open for every opportunity that surrounds you because everything could teach you something new, and never stop trying.



CALLUM QUINE

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

First lesson, as I walked into the cold studio, my teacher bursts in with this powerful presence. He instantly lit up the room and all eyes were on him. In a trance like way he asks us to close our eyes. We stand there in suspense, not a noise to be heard. He then says, 'put your mind in your feet'. I wondered what he meant, what a strange request. I then realised what he meant and I remind myself of that moment ever since. An actor must focus their attention on every body part, for attention to be on them.

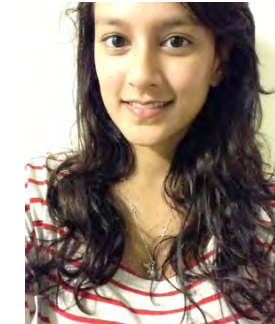


TARO QURESHI

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

Memorable Moment this might be the first time I set foot in the university for my interview. Although the experience was peppered with anxiety, there was a determination that carried me onwards. In the coming years I would spend many hours in the Grove, working towards deadlines. As I entered the interview room, atmosphere heavy, our tutor Martin Ursell asked us to sign our names on a register. I asked for a pen. 'Illustrator without a pen? Interesting.' I couldn't have blown it already. But he was the first person to call me an Illustrator. And an Illustrator I became.

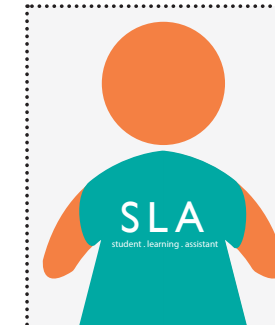
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FARYAL RABBANI

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University is climbing to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro with MDX RAG Society, having raised over £15,000 for charity collectively, and spending summer building a school in Tanzania. It was difficult and required a lot of determination and team work, but was definitely worth every moment. In my attempts to fundraise this money, I was also awarded the "Most Inspirational Middlesex Student" Award by the Students Union, who not only supported our collective efforts, but were paramount to the success we had.



KIRANDEEP RAI

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

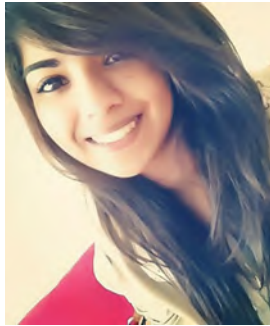
I became an SLA so that I could improve my CV and gain experience and be able to help other students just as I was helped in my previous years. I was able to achieve a first class result in Management accounting with the help and guidance of a SLA in my second year, and this inspired me to do the same for other students.



NAVEED RAMZAN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

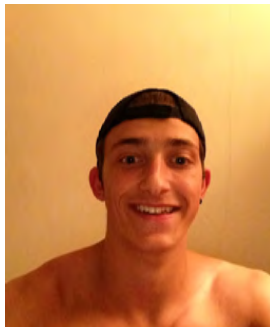
When I entered third year and was approached by students who I facilitated the year before who then thanked me for the help which they had received.



KEERTHANA RAVEENDRAN

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

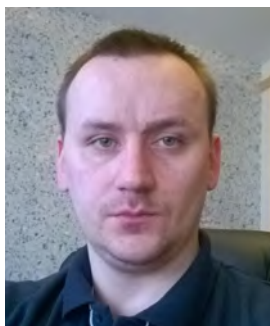
My success formula is firstly to attend lectures and seminars as much as you can. Also, do not rely on lecture slides alone. There are numerous books and videos to help as well as asking peers. Definitely seeing a lecturer during office hours is important if you need one on one help. Contributing in class helps boost confidence and you may answer someone else's question who was too shy to ask. Making sure you do seminar questions is the key to practice what you've learnt.



LEWIS ROGERS

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Hard work never hurt anybody and neither does a smile.



MICHAL ROSIEK

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

One of my tutors said to me "Michael have you ever considered being a teacher? Do you like it? I can see potential in you". After his words I believe I can really do what I want to do in my life.



PHILLIPPA RULE

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

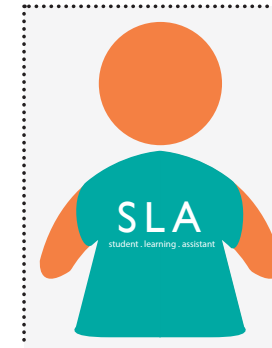
Take every single opportunity you can, and don't be afraid of going wrong as sometimes the best things happen when you do something you didn't plan.



JENS RUUD

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

As an international student I was at first uncertain about how things worked at Middlesex University. Finding a place to live in a new country, adapting to a new culture and performing academically in a second language were all challenges I had to overcome. As an SLA I hope to be of use to new students that would need help with facing the same challenges as I did.



SILVIE SABERI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Try not to fall behind with your work because studying at university requires lots of reading and research which cannot be done last minute. If you find yourself struggling with the tasks, take an advantage of additional support and resources university offers to its students. It is also very important to find some friends as you can discuss the work together, support each other and also make your time at Uni more enjoyable.





ARDEN SABEY

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Plan, plan, plan. Get something down on paper, even if it makes no sense. Research your topic well. Listen to your lecturers as they want you to do well.



MASEHULLAH SADIQI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Time at university flies. In no time you will be at the end of your year. It is really important to stay focused and don't lose track. Make sure you do your tasks well before deadlines and don't leave it until last minute as they will pile up on you.



STAFFINI SAGAYANATHAN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment across the past two years is during the exam times when we used to spend most of our time as a group of friends in the library revising for the exams. We made sure that we would work together as a team and help each other with any doubts we came across. At the same time we had a lot of fun during the revision times. I had the opportunity to get to meet people.



BIDEMI SALAMI

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I became a Student Learning Assistant because I wanted to come out of my comfort zone and try something different.



MARGELA SALEIRO

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

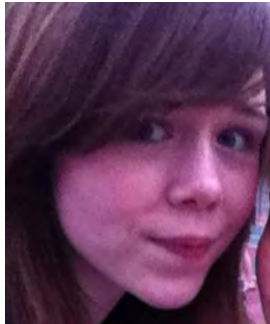
My advice to new students is that you always attend your lectures and pay attention to everything the lecturer says. It is important to be on time because sometimes missing the first few seconds or minutes of the lecture can make it much harder to understand the rest. Always re-cap what you have learnt in your lectures before your seminars to get the most out of your seminars as well. I advise all students to not be afraid to ask for help when they need it and to take advantage of it.



AISTE SATKUTE

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment was when I got my grades. I was very gratified that my hard work paid off.



PHOEBE SAUNDERS

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

I have a strong desire to help others reach their full potential in life, both academically and personally. I have overcome my fair share of academic struggles in the past, and hope to help others overcome their struggles.



SOUMYA SAXENA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students is to not worry too much about starting university. You'll get tons of help from both students and staff around campus. You will also make tons of friends so don't worry about anything. All you need is to stay focused on why you are here - To Learn. It's a fresh start so take your time, study little and often, but most of all enjoy what you study!



ROSHNI SHAH

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

he most memorable moment at Middlesex University is seeing students from different countries and being able to get to know them. The hard work that I have put into my course assignments, projects and tests. I have learned so much and got some new skills and experience. The lecturers and tutors were always helpful to me.



UME LABEB SHAH

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

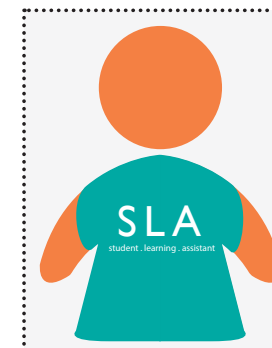
Never actually letting myself get to the position where I now had to panic, instead I worked hard and genuinely took an interest in the content, then surprisingly enjoying most of the topics and information I was given which in turn made it more memorable for exams too.



PRASHANT SHARMA

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Learn from others, listen and observe. There is a lot you can learn from just listening, observing people and what they have to say. In addition, never be negative and shut down a person's idea.



AHMED SHEIKH

WHY ARE YOU AN SLA?

University life can be hard and having an SLA can help you settle in that life, especially with the academic aspect of it. Not all students are at the same level (knowledge wise), therefore it's important to give extra support to those who may require it the most.



PAUL SHEPHERD

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

This is YOUR LIFE, your moment is NOW. Listen to your tutors. Go to class. HELP yourself, and your colleagues. Simple really.



YASHFA SHOHID

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

You often hear that your first year “doesn’t count” but that depends on how you look at it. I started off on BA Business Accounting and due to my ‘fantastic grades’ - not my words, I was able to move to BA Accounting and Finance; so do not be disheartened if you didn’t get into the course of your choice because with good grades you are able to, so pull up your socks from the very beginning and you will get as much as you put in.



DIANA SIMEONOVA

HAS BEING AN SLA HAS IMPROVED YOU?

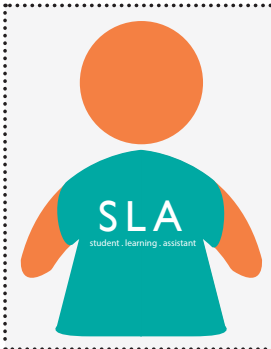
I would say that I definitely see a good change in myself. I was successful in collaboration with the tutor and the other SLA, as well as with all my students. I did exercise good management skills during sessions through careful planning and preparation on the learning material. Moreover, my students felt relaxed and more confident while discussing different topics, assignments and during group seminar activities. I was well prepared for every class and maintained a cheerful, friendly environment for my students in order for them to fully show their potential and knowledge. I performed well with this role as I respected the needs, knowledge, skills and preferences of individual students using time management and good interpersonal skills.



AGNES MARIANNA SIMEONIN

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

It is difficult to pin point a specific moment as there has been some great times worth remembering in the last 3 years. I came as a mature student and I was really unsure about my ability to study again after so many years. I guess one of my greatest memories was to hear that I got a ‘first’ for my overall grades in Year 1. It really helped me to boost my confidence to carry on, albeit all the tiredness and stress of the studies. Meeting and mixing with people much younger than my age was also very exhilarating!



CASSANDRA SISNEROS

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Positivity is key! If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z Is equal to; 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 then H+A+R+D+W+O+R+K ; 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11=98% K+N+O+W+L+E+D+G+E ; 11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5=96% however... A+T+T+I+T+U+D+E ; 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100% .



JAMES SKINNER

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Talk to as many people as possible, you never know who will be the one who could help you out in a time of need. Work hard, you don’t want to pay the fees to come out feeling as if you’ve under achieved. And most importantly, enjoy university!



HELEN SOLOMON

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

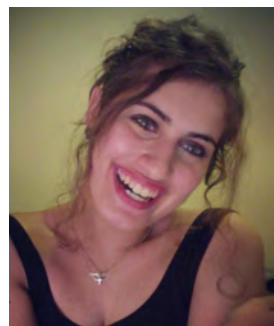
Do your best, that's all you can do.



AGNIESZKA STACHOWIAK

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Ask - think - grow



PARASKEVI STAVROU

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students is balancing their multitude of commitments, being their academic studies and extra-curricular activities, as well as satisfying the requirements of the student role.



JOSEPH STOLL

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice for new students is to understand that law is very challenging, however not impossible. If you challenge yourself and put the work in, the success will come.



FRANCESSCA STOTTER

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Motivation, dedication & preparation is my key to success.



ANITA STRAND

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Always read your assignments at least twice, trust me, you might understand it differently the last time. One of the biggest challenges lies in understanding your assessment correctly. I have also found great use of the offers at MDX such as the student learning development.

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LEA STUNDNER

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

When one of the students I was helping out in BIO1601 sent me a massive thank you email and that she had actually done better than me. Also, helping another student find a passion for a topic he had never studied before and absolutely hated. Great moments :)



ZAHRA TARIGHAT

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Never leave your study for the exam's night before, and be brave to ask questions and get as much help as you need, and join group study.



NABIL TESFAY

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

My success formula includes attending all lectures and seminar sessions, proper time management i.e. utilising my revision time effectively, following instructions appropriately, and ensuring any coursework tasks are completed to time. Moreover, I tend to regularly use feedback in a constructive way to continuously improve my academic performances.



BAVITHHIRA THAVAKUGATHASALINGAM

SUM UP YOUR EXPERIENCE AS AN SLA THIS YEAR

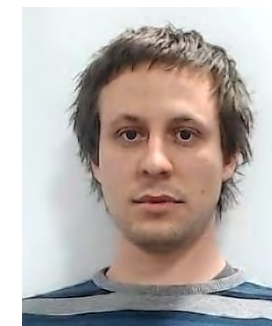
My experience as an SLA this year has taught me a lot about myself. I feel that I had the opportunity to understand myself and found things that I can improve of myself. I also learned that I am capable of helping others in a way I would never have imagined myself. I think each and every student I helped has taught me how to improve myself (i.e. better time management, no procrastination etc.). I enjoyed meeting other SLA'S!! I LOVED BEING AN SLA!



LEWIS TOOMBS

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

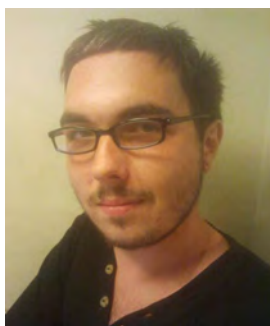
My advice to new students would be to get involved with the university any way you can. Join societies, go to social events, you would hate to finish your university life with any regret!



JAN TOPINKA

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Work hard, have an open mind, listen to tutors, they know their stuff.



IGOR TOPOLSKI

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Don't be scared, there's a solution for every problem.



ELLA TRESSLER

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

If you don't build your dream, someone else will hire you to help them build theirs.



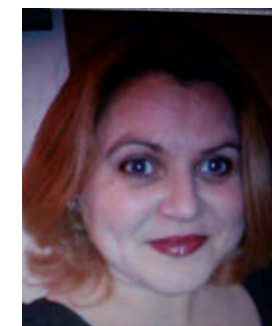
MICHAL TYS

HOW HAS BEING AN SLA IMPROVED YOUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Working as an SLA gave me an opportunity to understand different types of learning styles and techniques and also teach me how to identify individual student's needs. Definitely, my role as a learning facilitator improves in a significant way my interpersonal skills in general, and visualizes how teamwork and leadership are important for Peer Assisted Learning. I believe that experience which I have earned from the SLA Scheme will accelerate one of my future career goals: to become a technical trainer. Apart from this, the SLA scheme gave me a huge satisfaction and helped me realize the importance of my work.

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ALINA URSULEANU

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

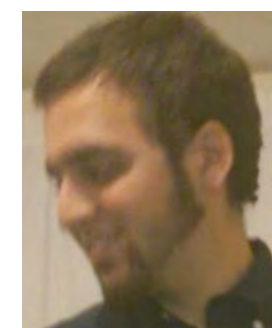
I decided to become an SLA because I know from my own experience how important is to have academic support when you feel lost and bombarded with new information. I feel that I could not have achieved such good grades without additional support and I would like to give back some of the help I received in my first year at university. I find it very fulfilling helping my fellow students and I am very grateful for this opportunity.



MIKESH VAGHELA

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

I have had a lot of memorable moments, but a great moment for me that would be most interesting for you would have to be playing table tennis and dancing in the middle of a graphic design presentation because we made it work for our design brief.



ZOUBAIR VAHED

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

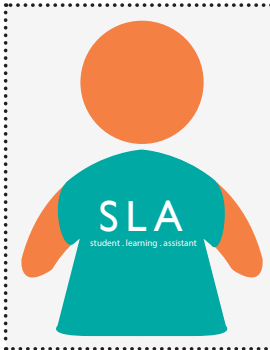
Try to be One Step Ahead of Everyone and share your knowledge with everyone - "knowledge shared is knowledge gained".



MYROSLAVA VAN NELSON

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

In my opinion the key to success in life is finding balance between work and leisure. After some trials and errors I have realised that the best way to get things done and not feel overwhelmed is to break the big tasks into smaller tasks and use the time during the breaks to do nice things.



ANNA VASILEIOU

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

The most memorable moment at University for me was the first ACC1110 lecture during which the lecturer had commenced her teaching with the song "History" by Michael Jackson. She had focused on the following lyrics "Every day create your history, every path you take you're leaving your legacy", which made me think I should always be responsible for myself in every path I decide to take. Therefore in this case, I should be responsible for my studies and try to achieve the best possible results.



NIKITA VISENCUK VISENKO

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Genius is 10% inspiration 90% perspiration.



SZILARD VITAI

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

After I met with other Student Learning Assistants I became interested in their work. I think this program is very useful for students and for SLAs as well (studying, work experience, planning future career etc.). As I have heard about this opportunity to join, I applied immediately.



MILAN VU

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice: make a lot of connections. Find good friends in your course that will support and help you. Being a loner is not always the wise thing to do. You may be new but so are the others. There will be times when you will feel really desperate and a helping hand from a friend is always welcomed. Likewise, helping a friend/course mate is always rewarding.



KATERYNA VYSHNYAK

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

In this world there is nothing impossible if you set your mind to it and work hard towards your targets. Treat everyone with respect as everyone at University is there for you, to help you, to shape your intelligence, and release into the big world with a winning attitude!

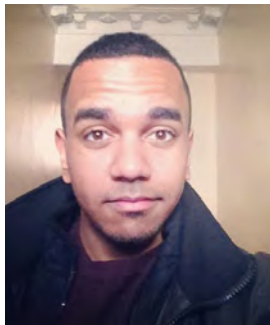
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SOPHIA WAGNER

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

If uncertain, always (!!!) asking questions, and planning my time effectively helped me complete my first year successfully. Also keeping a diary and reminders of when to start with which assignment helped me to not miss any deadline.



KENNEDY WALKER

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

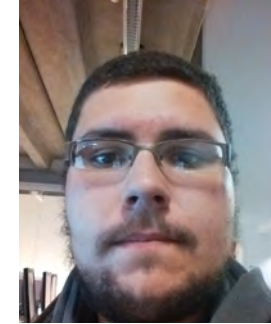
“Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value” - Albert Einstein. Work hard and have the right motivations, and work some more.



FAITH WARNER

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

The secret to successful education is time. Always give yourself enough time to learn anything. And look after yourself - this means getting enough sleep, eating well, taking exercise and taking the time to commit knowledge to memory. Do this and the grades look after themselves.



KARL WATKINS

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at MDX was when my friends Paul, Jon and myself went into the CCE1000 lecture on a Thursday morning, all wearing the exact same hat that he wears all the time and seeing his face break out into a huge grin and start laughing. Priceless.



CYDNEY WEBSTER

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

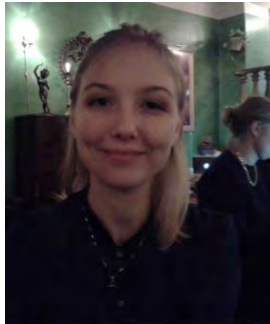
To help other students become more comfortable and settled in their studies at Middlesex, and to share my experiences as a student with others.



AGNIESZKA WEJKNIS

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

Believe in yourself and study hard (but have a life).



JOSEFIN WERME

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

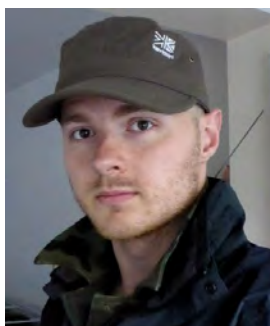
I have a great passion for psychology, education, and research, and I see it as an amazing opportunity to be able to facilitate the learning and understanding of first year students at Middlesex, as well as being there to assist them with any kinds of issues or queries that they may have. Apart from giving me the privilege of helping others, I also view this as a great chance to develop my pedagogical skills and gain further insight into supporting and coaching others.



DAWID WYSZYNSKI

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was my first day when I came there and I felt completely lost. I did not know what is going on around me, where to go or who should I ask for help to find the room where we had the first meeting. I remember that I sat next to my actual friend and started a short conversation; it was kind of awkward because he felt as lost as I did.



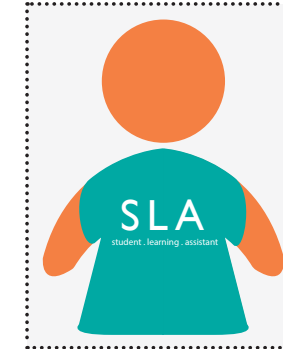
PIOTR WYSZYNSKI

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

“As long as you fight, you are the winner!”
Everybody has sometimes a worst day, everybody struggles sometimes, that’s part of becoming better. Don’t give up, fight.

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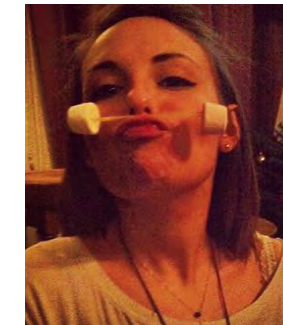
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KYLE XUEREB CUNNINGHAM

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

My advice to new students is to not be afraid to make mistakes and to challenge yourself throughout the year - Don’t be shy to ask for help or feedback on your work.



BEATRICE ZACCO

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT MIDDLESEX

My most memorable moment at Middlesex University was during the first lecture of Media Analysis. Theresa, the lecturer, showed a video talking about the image of women in Advertising. Watching that video, and listening to what Jean Kilbourne had to say about the real intentions behind the use of women in media, made me feel in the right place for the first time. It might sound cheesy, but once at home I cried of happiness.



KATARZYNA ZIELINSKA

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

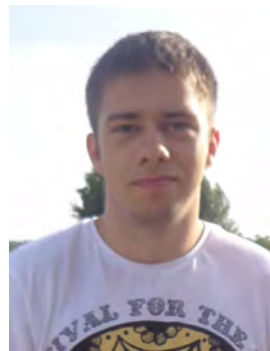
Take as much from this experience as it is possible. Time goes fast, manage it right to get the highest grade on your degree, and great memories to take with you once you finish studies! Don’t forget about making friends! Middlesex is giving you a great opportunity to meet peers from all around the world, you might create some true bonds in here :)



TEODORA ZIATEVA

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

I believe that to be successful at university you need to be very committed, ambitious and motivated to learn new things, but also you need to be socially active, meet new people and expand your horizons. Being at university is the transition period leading into adulthood, so it is important that we achieve academic success and achieve the balance between academic and social life so we find and follow our path in life.



BARTOSZ NOWAK

WHY I BECAME AN SLA

To revise things I've learned, share a bit of experience I have with new students and to meet new people.



SILVIU STOIAN

MY SUCCESS FORMULA

"The future belongs to the people that believes in the beauty of their dreams"



MAGDA DURKA

PEER ASSISTED LEARNING SCHEME ASSISTANT

I graduated from BA Fashion Textiles and became a GTA (Graduate Teaching Assistant) in the Fashion Directorate here at MDX.

I have worked with the PAL team on the SLA Scheme since July 2014, while also studying MA in Fashion. The SLA Scheme not only allowed me to have an insight into departments outside of Art and Design, as science, computing, law or business, but also I got to know and work with interesting and exceptional people across the board. My role is very diverse with focus on communication and liaison with academic and administrative staff as well as students and of course SLAs. From piloting the Senior SLA roles, contribution to the StudyHub, co-facilitation of the events as 'ReWise' or 'Here for You' to organisation of the SLA Awards Ceremony it has been an exciting and invaluable experience. It is rewarding to be involved in peer assisted learning, where SLAs contribute to facilitation of student learning within the University.

LASTING STATEMENT

“
It was fun.
”
- Mateusz Bulat

“
Best year for me in terms
of academia and surely
FUN.
”

- Muhammad Ibrahim

“
The SLA scheme has been
really insightful and a rewarding
scheme to be part of! I would like to
thank the Senior SLA team and Simbo
for all their help.
”

- Rachel Abebrese

“
It was a great experience and opportunity to network
with students and academics. I really enjoyed it and
had some good memories out of this experience. All
best for next year SLAs!
”

- Kasia, Katarzyna Zielinska.

“
It was a great experience being
an SLA and it was the best year
at University, I will definitely
miss it.
”

- Paraskevas Kafetziis

“
SLA scheme strengthened my
dream to be a teacher in the
future! Good luck to all fellow
SLAs and wish to see you
graduate with successful results
”

- Isaac Chung Yiu Ching

“

Thanks for the experience, knowledge support.
From me, Julia Magnus-George and the
students in the module I support Thanks for
fun :D

- Bartosz Nowak

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“

Thank you soooo much for giving me the opportunity
to be a part of the SLA scheme, I really enjoyed my time
as an SLA and I am sad to leave the scheme this year.
ALL THE BEST TO THE FUTURE SLAs.

- Malack Marwan

“
Had an
amazing
time yo
”

-Anonymous

“

We have come a long way. We saw immense
success at the IFP Programme this year. I am
definitely looking forward to the upcoming
academic year.

- Dhana Letchmanan

“

I've had a really good
experience working
as an SLA and have
learnt many things

- Vidyadharan Police

“

It was the great opportunity to study at MDX, I really
enjoyed three years. Thank you for giving me the
opportunity to be an SLA. I wish all of you the best.

-Muhammad Ibrahim

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Being an SLA has been fantastic!!! I've been here as
an SLA for 4 years and every year has been different
and fun, I've had the chance to meet and work with
lots of interesting people. I can't believe it's the end of
Uni and SLA-ing! Thank you to Simbo and all the SLAs
that I have worked with

- Selina Bansal.

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Aahhhhh here it is, the end of my degree! Being an SLA has been one of the most challenging but most inspiring and fun things I have ever done! I hope in the future I get to work with such remarkable and insightful people! Thanks for all the help Simbo, Magda and Ted and to all my other SLAs. I'm going to miss the work it's been brilliant – long live the SLA scheme!

- Anonymous

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The SLA Scheme is a great initiative that affords students the opportunity to get the best out of their learning experience. I am proud to have been part of it.

- Oze Ogile Madux.

“

I had a great time being an SLA.
Had lots of fun and good moments.

- Diana Simeonova.

“

Great time at University, great time being an SLA, I am proud to be one. All the best for the future generation.

- Kateryna Vyshnyak.

“

Being an SLA was the most enriching experience of my time at Middlesex University, where I gained more than I gave.

- Navisa Naqibullah

”

“

Great Year to
be an SLA.

- Naveed Ramzan

”

“

Being an SLA has been an incredible experience. I'm so glad that I took part. I've met some amazing people and learned some valuable skills which is more than I could have asked for.

- Nene Musa

”

“

I have had such a great time at MDX and I will definitely miss all of the great people that I have met. If I had the opportunity to, I would do it all over again.

- Laura-Jayne Humphrey

“

Being an SLA was the most important experience that I have got.

- Roshni Shah

”

“

Wow, what an incredible year! Thank you to Simbo and also the Law Department! Never give up on your dreams. Smile, be positive and work hard. Determination will lead you to your path and the treasure you seek.

- Ipek Karatepe

“

I enjoyed my three years and it seemed it went by quick. I wish everyone the best for future.

- Nina Patel

”

“

I've enjoyed being
an SLA and will miss it
when I leave!!!!!!!!!!!!

-Sophia Forrester

”

“

Being an SLA has been a very special and informative experience. I've enjoyed the rewards of helping others learn and explore the possibilities of their learning potential.

- Latifa Pelletier

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“

Well it's been so rewarding to be an SLA, challenging and enjoyable equally. Thank you to Simbo and all the team who supported us, and thank you for organizing a nice party at the end of each year!! Wishing the best to all and may more SLAs inspire future students, and more students benefit from the support!!

- Marianne Simonin

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SLAS ASSIST WITH EMPLOYABILITY E-PORTFOLIO PROJECTS.

ASANKA DAYANANDA

SENIOR ACADEMIC DEVELOPER

Adding the student touch to the employability e-portfolio working in partnership with staff from Criminology and Sociology, Centre for Academic Practice Enhancement and the Employability Service a team of SLAs introduced the Employability e-portfolio to 1st year students.

Drawing on their e-portfolio experience SLAs created Mahara e-portfolio pages and LinkedIn profiles to show 1st year student how to create their own portfolios. Over the summer SLA are leading a number of projects including:

The skills matrix project. The project lead Lea Stundner, Senior SLA, Science and Technology says "the skills matrix is a great tool to easily identify a student's skillset. It will help students to record evidence of how they acquired/used skills and function to prepare students to answer standard interview questions".

Tricia Hague, Senior SLA, Arts and Design, is leading a project to create 'day in the life' practitioner/alumni experience videos. She says the project 'aims to motivate students by helping them to visualise their lives post-study'. She plans to give a few criminology and sociology alumni a Go-pro camera to record reflection of their day. These are used to create a series of vlogs and videos demonstrating different employability options and career avenues.

How do we capture student attention and encourage regular portfolio updates? Oliver Garner, SLA, Arts and Design, leads a project that attempts to use visual prompts to highlight skills and remind students to update their portfolios.

Both Oliver and Trisha have started to capture student stories in two minute bite size videos and digital stories. Currently they are interviewing students with work placement and voluntary experience. Students asked to share how they secured these posts and tips for making the most out of work opportunities available at the university and in the local area.

Tricia and Oliver are keen to develop an EmployMe App to link the different aspects of the employability e-portfolio together and prompt students to keep a monthly record of the skills they develop.

Yusaf Ejaz Mohiuddin, SLA, Criminology and Sociology, recently joined the portfolio team. Yusaf leads a project that looks at organising work experience for students interested in a teaching career.

A big thank you from the e-Portfolio Project Team to the SLAs for their hard work on this project.

GRADUATE STORIES



NADIA IQBAL

What an experience the SLA Scheme has been! I have been involved with the scheme for 2 years now, and it deeply saddens me knowing the journey is ending, however the experience will stay with me throughout my career as I have developed throughout my role as an SLA, and then Senior SLA. The role not only allowed me to develop the current skills I possessed, but also put me outside my comfort zone in new scenarios, which resulted in me gaining new skills. The scheme has helped me develop communication skills at both sides of the spectrum, interacting with teachers and assisting students through their university experience. I also assisted with office work behind the scenes, which was an eye opener to how much work goes into making the scheme so successful. My future plans are to travel for a year (as I have a few exciting countries lined-up!), and take care of the elders within my family whom without gaining this education would not be possible. Alongside this I hope to be doing an internship, after which I will consider Masters or continue within the business workplace. Thank you to the office staff, teachers and my students who have encouraged and appreciated me, it would not have been the same without you all!

JENS RUUD

'I have applied for a MSc in Psychology in Denmark. This will allow me to become a certified psychologist back in Norway. My current plan is to eventually pursue a PhD, which will let me specialise within a specific field of psychology that I am really interested in.



IPEK KARATEPE

Being an SLA for Criminal Law and EU Law has been a great experience. I have learnt a lot of skills throughout the academic year, which will help me for my future. I have built up a lot of good relationships with the students since October 2014. When the students received their Criminal Law and EU Law coursework grades, I received a lot of emails thanking me for my help and they wouldn't have been able to achieve the grade without my assistance. Throughout my role as an SLA, I have found myself not only assisting students with their Criminal Law and EU Law, but also discussing career paths and talking about our experiences at university. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to be a part of this experience. Through learning key lifetime skills, thus also legal skills throughout my LLB Law degree, I have been able to gain 5 secure places at various law schools and also scholarships for the next stage, which hopefully will allow me to follow my aspirations in being a lawyer. The opportunities that I have had throughout my degree have been unbelievable. I can honestly say time at Middlesex University has been incredible.



DIANA SIMEONOVA

I would say that I definitely see a good change in myself. I was successful in collaboration with the tutor and the other SLA, as well as with all my students, I did exercise good management skills during sessions through careful planning and preparation on the learning material. Moreover, my students felt relaxed and more confident while discussing different topics, assignments and during group seminar activities. I was well prepared for every class and maintained a cheerful, friendly environment for my students in order for them to fully show their potential and knowledge. I performed well with this role as I respected the needs, knowledge, skills and preferences of individual students using time management and good interpersonal skills

Also I would like to say that I would like to do my Masters but I will probably give myself a year break. During this time I will try to find a job suitable for my degree and have some experience in the fields of Business. Then I am planning to return back to my studying by completing a year of Masters.



SLA EVENTS

Student Learning
Assistant SLAs

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- increase
- discuss
- develop
- provide
- review
- evaluate

Student Learning Assistant

LOVING THE HAT



*PLENTY
OF FOOD
&
CRACKERS*



*SEASONS
GREETINGS.*

SHE'S GOT MOVES

CHRISTMAS PARTY

TRAINING

MAD DISPLAY SKILLS



READY FOR THE DAY



WORKING



BUSY BUSY!



HEY NADIA!



SIMBO & COMPANY



GETTING READY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

REWISE



SLA AWARDS

SLA AWARD NOMINEES

BUSINESS

DIANA SIMEONOVA
PARASKEVAS KAFETZIIS
PEDRO DE GODOY
TOLUWALOPE ONI
TITUS FRIMPONG

LAW

JULIA MAGNUS-GEORGE
LEANNE BUTTON
MALACK MARWAN
SUJEEVA ERAMPAMOORTHY
IPEK KARATEPE

ART AND DESIGN

KYLE CUNNINGHAM
LOUISE COOPER
MIKESH VAGHELA
OLIVER GARNER
HANNAH NAGLE

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

ALEX EFTIME
CEM AHMET
KOROBİ HUSSEIN
LATIFA PELLETIER AHMED
VESNA MANASIEVA

MEDIA AND PERFORMING ARTS

IAKOVOS LOUKAS
IRINA JURJ
JAKE CHARIE
MATTHEW ANNECHARICO
THOMAS DARBY

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DANIEL CECIL
MARTA MATUSZEWSKA
PHILIP KAMPS
PHOEBE SAUNDERS
ASHIK GURUNG

SLA AWARD WINNERS

BUSINESS TITUS FRIMPONG

HEALTH AND EDUCATION CEM AHMET

LAW JULIA MAGNUS-GEORGE

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DANIEL CECIL

ART AND DESIGN MIKESH VAGHELA

MEDIA AND PERFORMING ARTS IAKOVOS LOUKAS



SAX MAN



A HEALTHY BUNCH



BYE TED



GOOD TIMES!!!



ONE PROUD SLA



*THE HOSTS WITH THE MOST
GIVE US A TOAST*



JAZZY BABY

WHAT VITTORIO VICTORY YUM YUM



*WHERE WOULD WE BE
WITHOUT OUR SENIOR
SLAS?*

AMAZON HERE
I COME



NO NEED
FOR INTRODUCTION

BEAUTIFULL



PROUD



MY MOMENT



MR MATTHEW LAWSON, EVERYBODY

GREEN SCREEN

*WATCH OUT FOR
FALLING COCONUTS!*



*CHARLIE'S
ANGELS!!!*



SALUTE !!!



*DREAMS CAN
COME TRUE*



*GANGS OF
NEWYORK*



THE FIRST RULE OF FIGHT CLUB



*TRYING TO
NAIL IT IN
HOLLYWOOD*

We would like to thank everyone involved in the SLA scheme for believing in us, trusting us and for helping us all along to make this venture possible.

To the students,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our knowledge and experience with you.

To Simbo Ajayi and Magda Durka,

Thank you for offering us the chance to become an SLA, and for your great efforts to make this scheme successful.

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Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us enhance the Students' Middlesex University Experience.

To our AWL colleagues,

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To LSS teams,

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To Ted and Tricia,

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on behalf of all the SLAs.