

Citation

Talia Rosemaree Pettigrew

Bachelor of Science, with First Class Honours (Chemistry) 2012

2013 Graduate of the Year

Chancellor, Talia Pettigrew was Dux of German and Ancient History at Somerville House in 2007 where she won essay prizes and writing competitions as well as the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Award of Excellence in the National Chemistry Quiz.

In 2012, she completed her Bachelor of Science with Honours Class 1 at The University of Queensland and was Valedictorian for the Faculty of Science. Talia received a Dean's Commendation for academic achievement in each semester for the years 2008 to 2011.

In 2010, Talia was awarded a UQ Student Exchange Scholarship and undertook a one-semester exchange at the Technical University of Berlin where she completed an organic chemistry course in German. Talia also holds a Bachelor of Arts with majors in German and English Language and Communication, from The University of Queensland. Throughout her University life, Talia has undertaken peer tutoring and has enjoyed seeing her students grow in understanding and knowledge. Talia maintains a strong interest in both science and the humanities, but perhaps science was always destined to win out for the girl who as a child was often heard to say, "If I didn't see it, it doesn't exist".

Currently, Talia is pursuing her passion for communicating science by studying for a Master of Science Communication Outreach at the Australian National University in Canberra. She has greatly enjoyed her travels throughout Australia this year with the Shell Questacon Science Circus and the opportunities it provides to engage students and members of the public with the wonders of science.

Chancellor, in recognition of her outstanding scholarship, I present to you Ms Talia Pettigrew, Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours in the field of Chemistry with a grade point average of seven for her entire course of study. Talia was awarded a University of Queensland Medal in 2013 and is a very worthy recipient of a 2013 Graduate of the Year Award.