



MARY JANE LEWIS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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MJL SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEE AND ALUMNI – ANASTASIA PLISCHKA



Obstacles were always a part of my life. I entered foster-care at five, both of my parents suffer from schizophrenia, and I come from a low-income household.

However, my parents always pushed my education from the sidelines and my last foster family supported my educational endeavours. I strived to achieve the highest results possible and was on track to achieve my dreams until I developed Chronic Fatigue Syndrome at 16. Nevertheless, I continued to push through and fought for high enough results to be accepted to a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne.

Ten years have passed since I graduated high school and the MJL Scholarship provided me not only with the financial, but also emotional,

support to complete my undergraduate degree, travel the world, and begin a Master of Engineering. I am now only a few months off completing this degree. In balancing study with my career, I have gained extensive experience in the mining industry, and I am now tackling the construction industry. The MJL Scholarship allowed me to pursue a career in industries with less female representation. I have been able to champion MJL's message in these industries and with that I have received recognition as the Victorian Exceptional Young Woman in Mining (2015) and I have been included on the WIM(UK) 100 Global Inspiration Women in Mining in 2016. I am happily engaged, financially stable, and looking forward to where my life is taking me.

Now, being a Mary Jane Lewis Trustee, I relish the opportunity to give back to the foundation that gave me my leg-up in life.

2018 MJL SCHOLARS



9
New scholars
(one deferred)



19
Scholars over five
Victorian universities



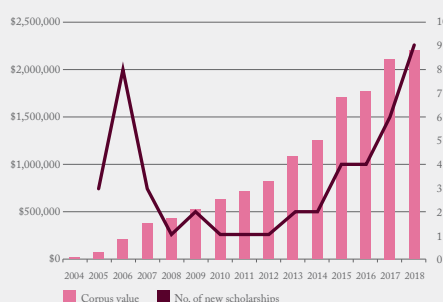
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Scholars since 2005

MJL FINANCIALS

Equity Trustees is the Corporate Trustee of the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation and responsible for the prudent investment of the Foundation's assets. It works in collaboration with the Scholarship Trustees to give young women the opportunity to embark upon a University education.

- Raised \$294,390 in donations for 2016/2017 financial year.
- As of mid-March 2018, the Foundation has more than \$2.2M in total assets

Corpus value and scholarships awarded



TRANSPORT FOR VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) has for a second year partnered with MJL to provide Transport Sector Scholarships. In 2018, five were awarded.

