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BP AUSTRALIA AWARDS TWO \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

BP Australia presented \$5,000 scholarships to two promising Indigenous student-athletes (male and female) at the UniSport Australia gala dinner awards last night in Melbourne.

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients, Jasper John, a Nyikina man from the Kimberley region of Western Australia who has relocated to Perth to study, and Asha Steer, a Barkanji woman currently studying at The University of Melbourne.

In addition to the financial assistance, the scholarship recipients will also be offered mentoring and professional development opportunities with BP Australia.

Richard Swyny, HR Director BP Australia & New Zealand, said BP was honoured to be supporting young, talented Indigenous students with their academic and athletic endeavours.

“We established our partnership with UniSport and designed this scholarship programme to connect with Indigenous students, support the next generation of talented individuals, and to demonstrate our commitment to building a diverse workforce across Australia,” said Swyny.

“We are thrilled with the response we had to the scholarship programme in its first year. We thank everyone who applied and wish all the students the best for the future.”

Student, Barkanji woman, and orienteering champion, Asha Steer, said: “This means a lot to me, not only for the generous financial award but also for the recognition of my sport and the opportunity to represent Aboriginal people in such an influential way.”

The scholarship programme is one component of BP Australia’s new partnership with UniSport Australia. The organisations will come together again next month to present the 2019 Indigenous Nationals, hosted in Perth by The University of Western Australia on 23 - 27 June 2019. The Indigenous Nationals not only celebrate the rich sporting culture of indigenous Australia but also the heritage and history of the participating student-athletes.

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