

THE HAZEL NANKIVELL PRIZE AND THE ROBIN LEA ROBERTS HONOURS PRIZE FOR ROMAN/LATIN STUDIES

Establishment

In 2007, Ms Margaret Pont and Professor John Roberts donated \$12,000 to the University to provide for two annual prizes in memory of their aunt Hazel Nankivell and their father, Robin Lea Roberts who studied at the University of Adelaide (BA 1939, B Ec 1956).

The Hazel Nankivell Prize

Background

Hazel Nankivell never went to university. She worked as a manager in a department store and established a family that grew up in Adelaide. However, Hazel valued the benefit of learning and she cared for her brother, Robin (known as Robbie) who was struggling to put himself through the University of Adelaide just before the beginning of the Second World War. She helped him buy books and attend lectures.

While this Prize commemorates the student at the University of Adelaide, it is also in memory of all of those who are not students of the University, but who provide support, both material and motivational, to students who strive to learn in the University.

The benefactors are pleased that Hazel's generosity can be remembered in a way that so closely mirrors what she was able to do for Robbie, as an award to provide resources for talented students to enjoy a better educational environment.

Rules

1. There shall be an annual prize called 'The Hazel Nankivell Prize'.
2. The value of the prize shall be \$250, unless otherwise determined by the Faculty.
3. The prize shall be awarded to the student who attains the highest mark in Latin I.
4. If the examiners consider that in any year there is no candidate suitable for the prize, then no award shall be made.
5. If, in any particular year, the examiners deem that two or more candidates are of equal merit, the prize shall be divided equally amongst them.
6. These rules may be varied from time to time, but the title and general purpose of the prize shall not be changed.

The Robin Lea Roberts Honours Prize for Roman/Latin Studies

Background

Robin Roberts (or Robbie to his friends) graduated from the University of Adelaide in the classics prior to the Second World War. While he also took out an economics degree after the War, it was always classics that were the love of his life. He valued learning and believed that any well-rounded education needed an understanding of classical languages and literature to be complete.

Robbie became an airline pilot, a school teacher and a senior executive but through his diverse career, he never lost his passion for the classics.

He would be well pleased that students from his alma mater, the University of Adelaide (for which he had a considerable affection and respect) are able to learn a little more and understand a little better as a result of this prize.

Rules

1. There shall be an annual prize called “The Robin Lea Roberts Honours Prize for Roman/Latin Studies”.
2. The value of the prize shall be \$250, unless otherwise determined by the faculty.
3. The prize shall be awarded to the student who attains the highest mark at Honours level in Roman/Latin studies.
4. If the examiners consider that in any year there is no candidate suitable for the prize, then no award shall be made.
5. If, in any particular year, the examiners deem that two or more candidates are of equal merit, the prize shall be divided equally amongst them.
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