

## Prize Students Step-up to Receive Awards

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Two talented University of Birmingham graduands are set to receive prizes next week for their outstanding contribution to student life.

On 14 July, Medical student James Fullerton will receive the Chancellor's Prize 2008, when he graduates from the MB ChB (Graduate Entry) programme. The prize is awarded to an outstanding mature student on behalf of the Chancellor Sir Dominic Cadbury.

James has already been awarded several prizes for his achievements on his course. A dedicated student, charity campaigner and researcher, James spent his elective period working in the South Pacific, where he also worked on a medical ward.

Dr Kate Thomas a senior tutor (welfare) from the University's Medical School said:

"His academic record has been outstanding and his contribution to the life of the School and his fellow students has been exemplary. James combines scholarship with a warm, engaging personality and a willingness to work for the good of others: patients, fellow students and the University. He will make an outstanding doctor."

Helen Nanjala Nyabola will receive the Vice-Chancellor's Prize 2008 on 11 July, when she graduates with a degree in African Studies and Political Science. Each year the prize is awarded to the best all-round student.

Born in Kenya, Nanjala has worked as a student mentor and volunteer, contributing to building connections between Birmingham and Africa to investigate standards of teaching in schools across three African countries. She has also visited different countries to teach HIV/AIDS awareness. She also published a series of articles calling for peace and reconciliation in Kenya.

Professor Thomas Diez of the School of Social Sciences said:

"For her commitment to linking the pursuit of knowledge with the pursuit of justice and peace, and for the awesome energy and organisational talent she has brought to bear on this, Nanjala is someone of whom the university can be very proud."

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