

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENTS IN MEDIA

This award recognises a club who have consistently produced positive high quality content on their social media platforms throughout the year. This can include match reports, event photos/videos, creative promotions for their clubs sessions and campaigns and engagement with the AU's social media.

The social media aspect of this club has been one of their strongest points for a number of years now and a lot of this is down to this individual. They've been producing a lot of our media content for three years now, despite this being their first year as our media secretary, including producing our 1st team gifs and Varsity video last year whilst completing their year abroad.

This year the individual has taken the clubs social media content to another level. Whilst still producing the gifs, Varsity video and live tweeting of games that we have done in previous years, this year they've created fixture and results posters before and after every game day, team photos for every 1st team fixture and the incredibly popular and innovative player wallpapers which were a huge hit with the club.

Furthermore, this individual does this all without needing any prompting, never needing a reminder and never missing a fixture or results post. The club twitter is now nearing 3,500 followers and the Instagram nearly 1,900, 500 more than in September and this individual's quality work is the most significant factor in this change.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the award Achievements in Media from the club Mens Hockey, Seb Leman.

STUDENT COACH OF THE YEAR

This award was created in memory of Andrew Vickers. Andrew was a dedicated sportsman and coach and as such this award will recognise hard work and commitment from a current student in a coaching capacity, either as a coach or through the Student Volunteering Scheme. They would have made a significant contribution to their clubs coaching structure or in the local community.

This individual has been an integral part of their club for the past 4 years. Having been official secretary for the last two, they do a lot to keep the club running behind the scenes; this includes organising coaches and umpires. They has been important for the functioning of the clubs BUCS teams by being coach for the last two years. They have also introduced the Development Squad to the BUCS structure, therefore, improving club development and standards at all levels. They have appointed and coordinated 14 coaches within the club and 11 of these are student coaches, highlighting their enthusiasm for coach development. Not only have they coached, but she has also been in the 1st team for 4 years and played a crucial part in the leadership of the team being vice-captain for 2 years. They have also organised first aid workshops for team captains, highlighting how much they care for all club members' safety. The club wouldn't run without this individual.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the award Student Coach of the Year from the club Netball, Maddie Heywood.

TREASURER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a treasurer who has gone above and beyond their role description to keep the club's finances in check. They should be a familiar face in the AU office and have shown understanding in financial processes at the university.

This individual has been a major cog in their club this year. In their role she has budgeted fantastically allowing us to invest in our current and future members. They have also revamped the documents we use for budgeting/financial planning meaning that all future treasurers can easily see what we spent our money on and why. These new documents are also incredibly intuitive to use so future treasurers will be able to make their budgeting planning as easily as possible. On top of keeping our finances in check, they have also been an incredibly active club member, attending all training sessions either as a coach or a boxer. This individual was also in charge of organising most teams for charitable sporting events such as Boob Ball or the International Women's Day Games.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the award Treasurer of the Year from the club Boxing, Nicole Fife.

THE 'AU UNSUNG HERO' AWARD

This revamped award formally known as 'Volunteer of the Year', presented in memory of former Sports Office employee Dan Welch, recognises students who have gone far above and beyond with their time to sport at Exeter. The award is given to the sportsperson who has made a substantive yet unrecognised contribution to sport. They would have contributed to the facilitating of fixtures or events ran by the club or local projects. This may also include participation as an official/coach for the University, club activity, AU events and community projects.

As Vice Club Captain and 2nd team captain, the committee work within his role and outside of it including welfare, aiding with socials etc. are reason enough for him to be nominated for this award. On top of the extraordinary work they have done in these areas they have been a key table official for both male and female clubs. They have acted as a table official for most home games they were available. The time commitment from this individual to do this is significant. Outside of the university they have also been a table official for all of Exeter Otter Wheelchair Basketball Clubs home fixtures- helping to strengthen links between the Otters and the university. Other than table work, they have also extended their coaching to Exeter College helping coach their academy team- fostering a link to the academy that was extremely helpful in the planning and running of our Movarsity event and also resulted in the college having friendly matches against our 3rd team. Their election into the role of club captain for the next academic year proves that their effort and commitment to all areas for the university and for the Exeter community has been acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the 'AU Unsung Hero' award from the club Mens Basketball, Matthew Kerridge.

THE 'BRUCE COLEMAN' CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD

This award was created to honour Bruce Coleman's continued support and work to student sport at Exeter. Bruce's dedication and commitment to the Athletic Union, the Exec Committee and to ensuring the whole student experience is at the highest level possible, has been remarkable. The recipient of this award will be someone who is heavily involved in sport not just in a playing capacity but who offers time and assistance encompassing all elements of Athletic Union activity. To reflect Bruce's dedication and commitment, the recipient of this award should be in their final year of study, who has contributed throughout their time at Exeter.

Whilst at Exeter, this individual has had a significant impact on the club. As a player they've had two seasons with the 1s and 2s each, winning Fresher and Player's Player Awards. In his last year of which, due to the 1st team coach's health issues, they stepped down as a player to take over coaching. They have spent 3 years on committee, acting twice as Social Sec (2017-19) and twice as Club Captain (2018-20), in the second year of which they also ran EUBCs social media. Over the 4 year's they have spent an enormous amount of time as table official for teams and travelling to away games in support.

They have been heavily involved with the clubs improvement seeing them win AU Development Award 2019. He's helped develop and sustain the club's intramural with some restructuring and this increased club members by +50%, seen the club become strong financially and organised our first Varsity with almost 500 attendees.

They have shown commitment to charity/welfare, leading our Movember campaign, running 3v3 tournaments and donating Varsity proceeds. They have also greatly advocated for the 'Good Lad Initiative' within the club. He's worked with the wider community - starting yearly wheelchair basketball events with Exeter Otters, organising friendlies with Exeter College and dramatically improving the clubs reputation with our regional league, making running the club smoother.

This individual's work has been recognised by BUCS as part of the Chris Potter Bursary Award for Contribution to Sport. It's clear to everyone who knows him how much Ryan loves the club and wants to see it succeed in the future.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the 'Bruce Coleman' Contribution to Sport award from the club Mens Basketball, Ryan Turner.

CLUB CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the hard work and success a club captain has achieved through their time with their club. The following criteria are considered: Actions taken to improve the club ; Communication and relationship with the AU ; Events or Campaigns ran/supported by the club, where the club captain was heavily involved ; Positive Role Model towards club and University ; Effective leadership and management of the clubs committee.

Throughout the 2019/2020 playing season, this individual has consistently proven himself time and time again to be outstanding in his role of leading our club to a brighter future, striving for excellence wherever he finds it and bringing the best out of his fellow club members. After successfully securing 100% of the votes in the 2019 AGM, this individual took to their role with urgency and has not faltered in his responsibilities to the club for the year, usually providing heavy assistance to the jobs of other committee members. Their specific focus on welfare, was undoubtedly his flagship policy during his tenure and evidence of this was seen with their Movember efforts, galvanising members to attend the 'Good lad initiatives' and being on call 24/7 for anyone with personal or public problems. The clubs well- developed recruitment strategy and connections ensured that we gained the most members the club has ever had, as well as two official coaches, (one which was a volunteer) and oversaw our 2nd XIII's most successful season. During this Covid-19 crisis this individual once again took it upon himself to co-ordinate club activities to increase club morale and extend himself to anyone who needs help. Although their time as club-captain is over, I have no doubt that they will remain a mentor and a great friend to the remaining club members and will continue to be an example of an individual with levels of dedication, work ethic, pragmatism and compassion that future individuals will strive to achieve.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the club captain of the year from the club Rugby League, Greg Cooke.

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

This award, is the AU Presidents award for contribution to the AU, it recognises students who are positive role-models for the University. The recipient of this award will have been heavily involved in sport at the University, be this in a playing capacity or otherwise.

Anyone who knows this individual is aware of his love for sport. They have been heavily involved with sport at Exeter across different AU clubs.

This year the individual expanded their repertoire as they swapped boats for basketballs, balancing representing EUBC 3rd team and being Canoe Club General Secretary. The large time commitment of being on committee of one club and competing for another is huge but they have never let his commitment to either club wain. He also used his experience of working with the AU to help Basketball even further, supporting Team Captains by acquiring transport for games, dealing with admin and even secure new Player Layer Kit.

He is always the first in line to help with anything either club needed, from EUBC selling varsity tickets and managing the PA at varsity, to driving a new bus from Scotland and providing accommodation for celebrity speakers. Along with this, he has always been a friendly and welcoming face, and often puts his 20hr Student Minds training into practice, regularly offering a listening ear – a skill that has earned the role of Welfare Officer for Basketball next year.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the sports personality of the year from the clubs Canoe and Mens Basketball, Adam Evans.

CLUB AWARDS

CLUB DEVELOPMENT OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a club which have made significant positive growth within the year. This can be through club size, BUCS and non-BUCS competition success, new or improved events from the club, or improved engagement with the club members and wider student/non-student community.

This year, this club officially became the biggest in the world in their sport. Growing to 582 members in Term 1 and adding an extra 90 members in Term 2! In September they had their most popularly attended taster sessions ever. Their average attendance for our Tuesday sessions was 120 for the first hour and 100 for the second, and their average weekly attendance is around 500, providing healthy activity for a gigantic number of students. Their session quality improved massively upon the previous years of the club through a better organised committee, who were all making massive improvements as volunteer coaches. They had a massively success non-BUCS boxing event and one was on track to be even better but a week before had to be cancelled due to covid. These events had club members competing against each other in what was for most of them their first time competing competitively, which helped to provide people with the opportunity to have such an experience was a great honour for us as a club. Overall, they have come a long way this year. Growing massively both in size and in depth. The quality of their club has been astounding and it has been a pleasure to be involved in the process.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following club with the Club Development of the Year award to the Boxing Club.

INCLUSION CLUB OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a club's continuous effort to be as inclusive as possible to all students at university. Events and campaigns they run would have promoted inclusivity in their clubs including health, well-being and accessibility events as well as opening sessions to all students at key points in the student calendar. They would have also engaged with the AU and University of Exeter's inclusivity campaigns.

This club strive to create a community that is welcoming to all, irrelevant of ability or any other factor. This year in particular they had a strong surge in beginners' interest which was great and meant they got to run even more lessons and events than before. A couple of their members also took great interest in helping out locally by volunteering with an association called Riding for the Disabled or RDA. This charity helps disabled people to get out and take part in sport through horse riding which can also be a great therapy to them. This is an aspect of their club we're particularly proud of. As a club they have a diverse range of members with nearly a quarter of our membership being made up of international students! They look after their members and cater for their needs which is why they plan sober socials such as movie nights to introduce members that might not enjoy the drinking aspect of university. Most importantly they strive to take part in workshops such as the Good Lad Initiative and wider reaching events like International Mental Health Day so that their members and committee alike feel constantly welcome and aware that they have a wide support network within the club.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following club with the Inclusion Club of the Year award to the Riding Club.

PARTICIPATION CLUB OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the effort that clubs have put into participation programmes to develop their club and provide wider opportunity outside of BUCS activity. This may also include non-BUCS inter-university competitions or local community events entered as a university club.

The beginner's sessions, encourages participation and improvement from beginners every year. Absolutely anyone is welcome, even if they're still in armbands can come along and learn from their coach. One Member Said "I hated swimming and could barely swim a length at the beginning of the year...[but has] ...really seen the benefit of Pete's amazing coaching and Friday morning swim." The dedication and attention our coach provides every Friday morning has helped turn complete beginners into international athletes". A club alumni was a complete beginner last year, recalls being "absolutely terrified" in his first swim session and "didn't even want to put [his] head under the water!" He doubted he'd have come back for a second week without the "support of everyone there" and the attention of our coach Pete, who "spent hours with [him] on [his] swimming technique and mind-set." Since graduating, this alumni has qualified for the 2020 European Standard Distance Triathlon Championships and the 2021 European Standard Distance Duathlon Championships

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following club with the Participation Club of the Year award to the Triathlon Club.

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

FRESHER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a first-year student who has achieved success within their sport. The recipient of this award will be someone who has made a positive impact in their club and has achieved success at a high level. In sports where possible, this athlete may have attained national or international representation.

This individual has had a dramatic influence her first year at Exeter University. They have been influential in her first year in driving the EUNC 2nd Team to winning the Western Tier 1a league and also the team in reaching the Quarter finals of the cup. This individual has been a dedicated freshers' who leads by example and is constantly driving members of her squad to achieve. They are a motivational player, leader and also a great Role Model.

In their first year at the university they have not only led by example across all areas of netball but was selected for Team Bath U19s National Performance Squad where she was appointed Captain. She combines her academic studies and intense training schedule with ease and her communication is second to none. She is always willing to help out with club functions and gives up her time to show prospective students around the University. As well as being member of BUC's 2nd Team and Team Bath NPL Squad she has been a vital member of the Exeter Netball Club this season competing for the Regional 1 Squad in the Netball South West Regional League 1. Another achievement for this individual was in March when she was successfully selected to be part of the English Universities Netball Squad for the 2019-2020 season.

Finally the culmination of all these achievements was the news that she has been invited to attend the U19 England Netball Roses Academy programme trial this summer which is a fantastic recognition and achievement.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the Fresher of the Year award from the club Netball, Emily Beconnall.

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a female who has achieved success within their sport. The recipient of this award will be someone who has been a positive representative of the University and has achieved success at a high level. In sports where possible, this athlete may have attained national or international representation.

This individual is an outstanding athlete, and has continued to achieve high level performances throughout the past year. Last year they won this award, and arguably she has achieved even more this year, so it is only right to nominate her for this award again! They have been a valuable member of the U21 GB EDP team and is part of the leadership team. They have also played in the Europeans in GB U21 squad. Despite all these incredible achievements, arguably their most significant would be being selected to play in a practice match for the GB senior squad against India earlier this season, as well as playing in the three inter-squad matches with the seniors. They have been a key member of the 1st XI team for the past three years, representing the university in the highest BUCS league and National League at the weekend.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the Sportswoman of the Year award from the club Womens Hockey, Nicole Bowen.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a male who has achieved success within their sport. The recipient of this award will be someone who has been a positive representative of the University and has achieved success at a high level. In sports where possible, this athlete may have attained national or international representation.

This individual has been an integral part of the 1st team for the past two years and his consistently high performances have been recognised with him making his senior debut for the Georgian national rugby side in February, in a 78-6 drubbing of Belgium. It was a proud moment for the forward as he became just the seventh full international to have represented EURFC. They recorded his second international cap against Portugal in March and would have been set to play in further Rugby Europe Championship games this spring had it not been for COVID-19. At just 21 years of age, this achievement is highly impressive considering he is still studying in his fourth year at university and international honours for tight five players often don't happen until players are older, especially in an experienced Georgian pack full of fully physically developed athletes.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the Sportsman of the Year award from the club Mens Rugby, Lasha Jaiani.

TEAM CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a team captain who has truly fulfilled their role as a leader, role model, and sports person with their team. This may include: High levels of success in BUCS and non-BUCS competitions ; Dedication to wellbeing of teammates ; Positive behaviour towards other teams as a representative of the University ; Good organisation on and off the pitch ; Effective communication with AU staff.

This Individual led the 1st team to a BUCS silver medal. Fundamentally, this person is role model both on and off the pitch, always willing to help others develop. They have been sure to encourage team bonding outside of training, such as team meals and meetings. They have played a crucial role in this social element of the team, getting on with everyone and bringing a smile to people's faces. They have led from the front, training hard and finding success during the BUCS campaign, scoring consistent runs throughout the group stages and the finals. This individual has the best attendance at High-Performance sessions, both training and gym, across the team. You will often see them at the drop-in sessions early on a Thursday morning. She has a brilliant relationship with the staff coaching team, working with them to organise feedback, plan sessions and choose squads. Alongside her captaincy, she has been a consistent member of the University coaching team, as well as taking on a coaching job at the university. She has also played a huge role in supporting club campaigns, being one of the most active members during the Movember initiative. Her commitment to the club is incredible, from training to showing her support at social sport such as intramural and the inter-club indoor league. Despite not having the opportunity to play BUCS summer cricket this year, Izzy's commitment to the club as captain and coach should not go unnoticed.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the Team Captain of the Year award from the club Ladies Cricket, Izzy Bunn.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is awarded to an AU team that has achieved a high level of success within their sport. This may include notable BUCS achievements (or equivalent where there is no BUCS competition) but also team success off the field of play e.g. notable charity fundraisers.

As the only unbeaten Team in the Premiership this year, this team have done something no other team in the country has managed to do this season. Over the course of the season they amassed a staggering goal difference of 155, only conceding on average 4 goals per game. Compare this to the top team in the North, Durham, whose goal difference over the season was a mere 91. At the start of the season when the team were faced with preseason and the first month of the official season without a coach the team trained exceptionally hard creating excellent foundations and atmosphere for when Erica arrived. The run to the BUCS finals was impressive. Having won the league outright before Christmas, the only first team to do so in recent history the team focused on the knockout matches which were to come in March. The home games in the quarter and semi-final saw some inspiring play being played, the midfield winning the draws, the defence holding out the opposition attack and the attack capitalising on possession and scoring some insane goals. The semi-final game was a battle, in front of a roaring home crowd and finishing on a golden goal, scored of course by Exeter. It is hard to know what the result would have been in the BUCS final had it gone ahead, but the statistics speak for themselves and the team were on course for their own BUCS gold.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following team with the Team of the Year award from the club Lacrosse, Womens First Team.

FINALE

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Club of the Year is awarded to the club who has achieved high levels of success across a wide range of sporting and non-sporting activities. The following criteria are considered: Level of success in BUCS or equivalent competitions across teams/individuals ; Positive image of the University has been promoted by the club ; General behaviour by the club has consistently been exceptional ; Progress the club has made towards their development plan with the AU ; Engagement in AU organised events, including (but not limited to) SVS and AU Campaigns

This club has gone from strength to strength this year as they became number 1 in BUCS for the first time since 2015. The 1s, 4s and 6s were all crowned league winners, whilst in the cup the 1s were unbeaten in reaching the Championship semi-final and the 4s won BUCS Silver in the Conference cup. This remains a fantastic achievement because the competition at this level is fierce, with all teams playing in the highest leagues possible which is a testament to the hard work and excellent performance from all involved. Off the course, the club really got behind Movember this year as they raised £2,234 through their campaign this year. This was through their MoBros, Move for Mo and James & Jack's 72-hole challenge. The club has grown to over 135 members this year, the largest it has ever been. The club has had a very successful growth in intramural sport this year, consistently putting out 6 aside, 11 aside football teams and a mixed netball team each week, offering the most for members and helping to engage non-BUCS playing students as well. From a socials point of view, the club hosted both the Christmas Dinner and Waz Extravaganza at the Warren Golf Club, both events left them with exceptional feedback from everybody involved on the behaviour of the club and the enjoyment of the event.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following club with the Club of the Year award to the Golf Club
