

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.

This individual has continuously created excellent professional quality content for all our social media. Her passion for the role meant that she always went above and beyond expectations, spending countless hours of her free time to improve the Sailing club's media.

This individual made over 15 impressive videos, managed media for the Big Southwest Race, updated our Logo, created a logo for our Welfare side. They understood that the role was not just about taking photos and used her skills to animate over 50 Instagram stories for our projects such as online teaching schedules, stash releases, and Mental Health Day. They fronted our online Movember fundraising campaign, helping us to achieve £2,000 in donations with her photos, videos and animations.

This club's freshers week video which replaced a presence on forum hill this year achieved over 3,000 views and helped to attract a number of new members. Other university sailing clubs have recognised the high quality content on our social media platforms which ultimately lead to us winning the BUSA Instagram finals and has led to this individual being asked by BUSA to work in conjunction with their current media sec to improve their overall media.

It is without a doubt that this individual's achievements and commitment has been amazing and truly deserves appreciation. She has tirelessly worked to improve our social media and I would encourage anyone reading this to have a look at some of the content she has produced this year, as it really does speak for itself.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the award Achievements in Media from the club Sailing, Liv Teasdale.

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 is one of the best water polo players EUWPC ever had. He made a tremendous contribution in helping the Men's first team getting promoted to the Premier Division. In his second year, he took up additional responsibilities to coach both the women's and men's team. He has spent a lot of time travelling to matches with the women's team as a coach and attending training sessions in Exeter to coach us despite being a Penryn based student. To be able to better support our club, this individual spent considerable time (and money) to qualify as a Level 2 Swim England Water Polo Coach.

In his final year, he was our Head of Performance and he ran every training session that this club had, he helped us keep on top of Swim England Covid guidance and lead our return to the pool after the pandemic. His love for the sport is clearly reflected in his work and he not only made us better players but he also made us more enthusiastic about the sport by often discussing the latest news from top-level international water polo.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the award Student Coach of the Year from the club Water Polo, James Spencer-Boyce.

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.

She has been outstanding this year, taking on the role in a problematic Covid world. She has used so much of her own initiative to carry out the role but nevertheless has ensured the club is organised and is in a safe and stable position for the next academic year.

This individual has always been a very active member within the club and her contributions as Treasurer marks the end of a fantastic contribution to the club over the last few years.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the award Treasurer of the Year from the club Women's Hockey, Katherine Bushell.

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.

This individual has been competition secretary for the Canoe club this year, but he has been so much more than that. Day to day, he has run numerous training sessions, regularly starting loading the bus at 0800, coaching three two hours sessions back to back on his own and then unloading the bus at 1600. He has committed so much time, Canoe normally takes up most of his week.

During the lockdowns, he organised and led online fitness sessions, as well as setting up and leading a large inter-uni Strava competition, regularly liaising with other unis to help them run their Strava challenges. He has looked after a family of freshers this year, sorting social events for them in a year when freshers have struggled to make new friends. In addition, he captains our men's canoe polo team and is setting up practise fixtures for them before heading to BUCS canoe polo in July, which he has also organised for Exeter.

Whilst his committee position requires him to organise competitions, he has gone way beyond this remit, helping with stash handouts, welfare, kit repairs and acquisition, publicity and bus admin, as well as being an outstanding athlete. Outside of the club, he has helped to build bridges with local businesses, outdoor centres and schools, promoting Exeter kayaking and the sport to the local region. He's an exceptional asset to any team and has been utterly selfless this year in his desire to help member enjoy this year despite the restrictions.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the 'AU Unsung Hero' award from the club Canoe, Harry Nuttall-Owen.

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.

This individual has been the heart and soul of Women's Basketball for the last 3 years. She worked her way up the ranks from Vice Club captain, to club captain and now advises the current club captain throughout her year as a masters student. Not only has Chloe been the true MVP of the team on the court (once scoring 50% of our points in a single game!), but she has provided support to develop the club, off the court, throughout her time at Exeter.

During her time on committee, she has overseen the development of numerous schemes and initiatives, all aimed to enhance the experience of our members. During her time as captain, she taught her Vice everything they needed to know about running the club. A key example of this was her influence on the welfare support our club offers our members; without her introduction of welfare drop ins, the club couldn't have developed the welfare support they have today, which became a vital resource during Covid-19.

This individual's guidance and advice has been crucial in ensuring members continued engagement. They have provided more than enough support to all members of the club throughout a very challenging year.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the 'Bruce Coleman' Contribution to Sport award from the club Women's Basketball, Chloe Alfonso.

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.

This individual has been an exceptional Captain this year, leading from the front, adapting to new measures with ease, driving the Canoe club through restrictions and always providing quality sessions for members. His consistent hard work and unparalleled dedication throughout, highlighted by his numerous talks and campaigns which he has led, have added a whole new element to the club. He invited a disabled kayaker and a famous female paddler to give talks which raised the profile of disability and female paddling in the Southwest, alongside enhancing links with the local community. In addition, he liaised with a local charity to paddle rubbish collected from the sea to a recycling plant in Exeter, which promoted Exeter Uni's commitment to the environment across the whole region as it was broadcast by the BBC. Moreover, this individual has improved accessibility within the club by winning £6000 from the Alumni Fund so larger members can for the first time, compete at Canoe polo.

Furthermore, he has fostered excellent links with the AU through anticipating RA changes and prepping admin for the AU weeks in advance. On committee, he has led by example and has taken on the responsibilities of kit sec, welfare and socials alongside looking after the welfare issues of the actual incumbents. He is an outstanding role model, leading on and off the water and genuinely cares for every member of the club. The club has thrived this year despite Covid and it has all been because of Ed's determined leadership.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the Club Captain of the year Award from the club Canoe, Ed Nuttall-Owen.

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 and for his club.

In a year where it seemed little progress was possible and stability was essential, this individual has stepped up to bring cohesiveness, unity and leadership. This individual wields an unusual ability to command respect whilst being approachable to all. With great uncertainty and tough decisions to be made, his extensive planning and attention to detail ensured preparation for every change in government/university policy.

He's taken the lead in communications with the AU. This individual introduced a membership capping policy at a time when it became obvious that without it the club would be oversubscribed, brought in highly qualified, professional coaching for the first team and was instrumental in the purchase of a professional match filming and analysis package and securing sponsorship for the first time in at least 5 years. He's driven the first team to higher performance and an unbeaten season. They persuaded first team footballers to give up their time to regularly coach the intramural teams and organised the highly successful 'Bleed Green' league.

He's been a totem at the helm of a club of over 350 members, attending the majority of our 22 weekly sessions, coaching, playing and supporting, ensuring he knows every boys name and making them all feel included. This individuals enthusiasm and charisma is infectious and in a year where sport has been limited, he's upheld club morale. He would never want to claim any credit for his work but deserves recognition for his contribution.

This individual is an extraordinary example of putting club and others over himself.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the Sports Personality of the Year Award from the club Men's Football, George Warne.

CLUB AWARDS

FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a club which have gone above and beyond to raise money for an initiative or cause. This could have been through physical exercise across club members, or any other means of raising money. This does also include individual club contributions towards Movember.

These two AU clubs cofounded WeNeed2Talk, a student led campaign that aimed to spread awareness about sexual violence and consent. Over the course of the two weeks, a few individuals from both clubs worked tirelessly to fundraise money through several events. These included a mixture of stash raffles, self-defence classes with Karate and one individual running 100km over 10 days. Cumulatively the campaign raised over £2000 for Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services, double the original target, as well as posts and videos created by the team being shared across several university platforms. The campaign was so successful that it will return for the next academic year.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following clubs with the Fundraising event of the Year: Boxing and Riding.

ONLINE EVENT OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a club's initiative and originality during Covid times. This award recognises the effort and success of a one-off event.

These four AU clubs organised a joint international women's day online event. Members from each club hosted a 30 minute session over zoom. EULCC held a yoga session, followed by a workout from EULFC, then EUWRFC held a stretch session, and the evening ended with a quiz from EUWBC. This event brought together members from traditionally male dominated sports in a celebration of everything that women can do. This event was a great way to promote international women's day, as all 4 clubs promoted the event. This event was successful because all clubs encouraged members to attend, and lots of effort was put into the planning of the sessions. This has left a legacy of collaboration between the clubs.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following clubs with the Online Event of the Year Award: Women's Rugby, Ladies Cricket, Ladies Football and Women's Basketball

ENGAGEMENT CLUB OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a club's initiative and originality during Covid times. This award recognises the efforts of a club who have gone above and beyond to ensure members have a memorable experience. This can constitute a consistent virtual programme, online social events or anything else that the nominated club has done to provide stimulation.

This club has strived to provide continuity to its members; they set the precedent for online training through swiftly moving to an online platform in March 2020. Since then, online training has run consistently, thus providing continuity, emotional support and fitness opportunities to members. This also allowed members to continue grading and so advancing.

This club has run three online sessions each week throughout the year, led by both external and student coaches, focusing on traditional, sport and self-defence karate respectively; even during COVID-19, our members were still given ample opportunity to train in a variety of different types of karate training. In order to increase their outreach, these sessions were available to everyone through the provision of the zoom codes on our social media. Not only did they have members joining from the US, Croatia and Hong Kong, but they also regularly had alumni and local karateka joining our online sessions.

Furthermore, they ran online socials and events, e.g. hosting Boran Berak (European medallist and Olympic hopeful), and teaming up with another club for a self-defence course for the #weeneed2talk campaign. They also advertised external events which allowed members to train with a variety of elite karateka globally, thus in actuality providing them with more opportunities than in a traditional year. Committee maintained regular communication with members and provided them with support if needed. Outdoor training recommenced as soon as practicable and this club has continued to provide three outdoor training sessions weekly, regardless of weather, thus continually offering variety and consistency.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following the Engagement Club of the Year award to the Karate Club.

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

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.

Both of these individuals were involved in the England Senior 6 nations squad. They were both selected in the match day squad for an international friendly against France, which is an incredible achievement at such a young age. They both have regular involvement in the England u20s and are key players for the Exeter Chiefs Premier 15s side. Overall, they have played a significant role in their inaugural season.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following students with the Sportswoman of the Year award, from the club Womens Rugby, Merryn Doidge and Flo Robinson.

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 performed to an exceptionally high standard through the last year. Over the course of the last year he has continued to perform at the top of his golf game. The pinnacle of this came at the 2021 Welsh Youth Open Championship, where he won over 4 days in a field of the 144 of the UK's finest young golfers, leading to recognition by national press. Furthermore, he was U21 Faldo Midlands Champion and his consistency is shown by his 71.33 scoring average over the 2020/21 golf season. At his home club he holds the 36 hole Beaconsfield Club Championship record at 8-under par. All these continuing achievements have been recognised with an R&A Scholarship. Furthermore, his impressive form has impressed globally with top US Universities contacting him.

This individual is at the top of their golf game nationally and in Europe.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the following student with the Sportsman of the Year award from the Golf Club, Ben Quick.

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

In a year like no other, this club has adapted and thrived. They have run innumerable training sessions and events in person and online, with speaking events like triple amputee kayaker, Jon White and female paddler, Sal Montgomery, providing inspiration to members at the height of lockdown.

They have maintained excellent links with the AU and have enhanced their standing within the local community through the talks and environmental initiatives such as helping to paddle rubbish from the sea up to Exeter to be recycled.

The club has maintained a large members base despite the impact of the pandemic and has seen improvements in accessibility for larger paddlers through award of the Alumni Fund grant. They have raised a club record this year for November, alongside raising money for violence against women's charities and the Royal Marine's charity.

Throughout the year, this club has always offered some activity for their members, refusing to give up, and have ensured that all members have a fantastic and memorable student sport experience.

THE STUDENT SPORT TEAM is graciously pleased to award the Club of the Year award to the Canoe Club.
