MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENT LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES

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Fantastic opportunities have been offered for two Territorians who were presented with a Charles See Kee Leadership Scholarship this week to launch their education.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Peter Styles said the Giles Government funded scholarship would give the students the opportunity to support their studies at Charles Darwin University.

“This scholarship offers fundamental support to students who have resettled in Australia, which allows such a great starting point for their studies,” Mr Styles said.

“Two scholarship holders have been selected for the 2014 Charles See Kee Leadership Scholarship and I am excited for what they can achieve.

“Scholarship holders must undertake Higher Education at Charles Darwin University

“This is the fourth year of this program, and it has proven time and time again that it helps students get a great start to a life in Australia.”

Mr Mohammad Yaseen Afzali and Ms Naimo Sharif Abdiwahid have both been awarded scholarships to provide assistance towards their education at Charles Darwin University.

Mr Styles said he was pleased that both Mr Afzali and Ms Abdiwahid have this opportunity to enhance their employment and leadership outcomes through their studies.

“The scholarship holders will each receive $14,000, paid in amounts of $3,500 per annum during the course of their studies,” he said.

Mr Afzali has enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering. He came to Australia from Afghanistan and while studying, he also provides support to community members to assist them in settling into Darwin.

Ms Abdiwahid is enrolled in a Bachelor of Design. She is also involved in Somali community events. For more information, visit www.multicultural.nt.gov.au.

The scholarship was named after the well-known pioneer for multiculturalism in the Territory, Charles See Kee, who made an outstanding contribution to advancing multiculturalism in the NT.

“In 1977 he established the Ethnic Communities Council of the Northern Territory, which now is called the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory.

“I wish both students the best of luck in their studies.”

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