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AWARDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE

An ex St Peter's College student currently studying the Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Adelaide has been awarded \$2000 through the Lois Harris Scholarship in recognition of academic excellence.

The Agricultural Bureau of SA announced Nicholas Riddell as the 2019 recipient of the respected Lois Harris Scholarship. Nicholas received the highest Tertiary Entrance Score (TER) for a student entering the Agricultural Science course in 2019 with an outstanding TER of 99.65.

The scholarship which is in its 20th year recognises high achieving students entering into their first year of tertiary education.

Agricultural Bureau of SA Chair, Mark Grossman said the Lois Harris Scholarship supported and encouraged young people looking to pursue a career in the agricultural industry.

"We are very pleased to present this year's scholarship to Nicholas, who plans to pursue career options in plant biology or agronomy after his studies," Mark said. "Nicholas will use the scholarship to help cover his HECS loan, as well as fund work experience trips over the duration of his degree."

Nicholas didn't grow up on a farm, but grew to love agriculture while living in the Adelaide Hills throughout his childhood.

"I have lived in the Hills around agricultural businesses and often visit the farms of nearby relatives and friends," Nicholas said. "I also have worked on a local cherry and lemon orchard for the past five years.

"I have always enjoyed working on the land and interacting with other people, so I figured that the Degree in Agricultural Science at Adelaide University offered what I wanted. Many friends have also mentioned about how it's such a great degree and the employability it creates.

"I am very grateful for the prize and would like to thank the Agricultural Bureau of SA for making it possible."

The scholarship is named in honour of a former Agricultural Bureau of SA Board Member (1995-1998), the late Lois Harris, in recognition and support of young people entering into the agricultural industry in South Australia.

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