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Tertiary Scholarship winners announced

A Bachelor of Medicine student who aims to return to the bush after completing her studies has been awarded a scholarship renamed in memory of a late farming champion.

Heidi Goldsmith has been awarded the inaugural Graham Blatch Memorial Goobang Scholarship and aims to make a contribution to rural and regional healthcare when she finishes her studies at the University of Wollongong.

Selection Panel Chair Sarah Thompson says Heidi is one of seven students who stood out for their passion for learning, and their commitment to rural communities.

"It's extremely encouraging to see young students pursuing a wide range of careers that are so important to rural and remote areas of NSW," she said.

The scholarship recipients are:

Michael Clarke, Central Mangrove	Goobang Vocational Scholarship
Megan Davies, Coonabarabran	NSW Farmers' E.L O'Brien Scholarship
Heidi Goldsmith, Coonamble	Graham Blatch Memorial Goobang Scholarship
Sarah Groat, Rankins Springs	NSW Farmers' John White Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Johnson, Yeoval	NSW Farmers' Scholarship
Virginia Tapp, Narrabri	NSW Farmers' Scholarship
Timothy Wilkin, Coonabarabran	Goobang vocational scholarship

The NSW Farmers' Tertiary Scholarship Program was established in 1993 and is available to students undertaking a full-time Australian university course in their second or subsequent year of study.

Applicants, their partners or their parents must be current Full Producer Members of NSW Farmers' and must have been for at least two consecutive years. Each scholarship recipient receives an award of \$5,000.

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