**Julia Gillard citation**

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Julia Eileen Gillard.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa) is being awarded to the Honourable Julia Gillard, AC, in acknowledgement of her exceptionally distinguished service to Australian society and to the University.

Ms Gillard was born in Barry, Wales, in 1961 and migrated with her family to Adelaide in 1966. She attended Mitcham Demonstration School and Unley High School. Ms Gillard was a student of the University of Adelaide and then the University of Melbourne, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Laws in 1986 and a Bachelor of Arts in 1989.

During her time as a university student, Ms Gillard worked with the Australian Union of Students and was president from 1983 to 1984.

In 1987, Ms Gillard joined the law firm Slater & Gordon, and became a partner of the firm in 1990, specialising in industrial law.

In 1996, Ms Gillard became chief of staff to the leader of the Labor Party in Victoria, Mr John Brumby, and subsequently entered politics.

Ms Gillard was first elected to
becoming the member for the seat of Lalor. Following the 2001 election, she joined the Shadow Cabinet, and after Labor Party
Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. At that time, she was made Minister for Education, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, and Minister for Social Inclusion.

On 24 June 2010, Ms Gillard was elected by her party to become the 27th Prime Minister of Australia. She is the first woman to serve as Deputy Prime Minister, and the first woman Prime Minister of this country.

As Prime Minister, Ms Gillard played a central role to the successful management of the Australian economy, the 12th biggest economy in the world. Her success on this front is even more noteworthy as it coincided with the Global Financial Crisis. Ms Gillard helped to position Australia to
paper, *Australia in the Asian Century*. Ms Gillard developed nation-changing policies, including reforming education at every level, from early childhood to university.

Under her Prime Ministership, Australia created an emissions trading scheme, improved the

national scheme to care for people with disabilities, restructured the telecommunications sector, and built the National Broadband Network.


developed the relationship with China and India, and deepened the relationship with Japan, Indonesia and South Korea. Ms Gillard has represented Australia at the G20    including winning the right for Australia to host the 2014 meeting    the East Asia Summit, APEC, NATO    International Security Assistance Force, and chaired the Commonwealth Heads of

United Nations Security Council.

Ms Gillard retired from politics on 5 August 2013.

In September 2013, the University of Adelaide announced that Ms Gillard had accepted the title of Honorary Visiting Professor, to contribute to the fields of History and Politics within the                              Since then, she has made direct and ongoing contributions to student education at the University, and has given a series of lectures to the University community.

Ms Gillard is a Distinguished Fellow with the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institute in Washington. In 2014, she was appointed chair of the Global Partnership for Education, a leading organisation dedicated to expanding access and quality education worldwide. Ms Gillard also serves as the Patron of Camfed, the Campaign for Female Education, which tackles poverty and inequality by suppor
empowering young women to become leaders.