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SPAA awards industry's best

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The Self Managed Super Fund Professionals' Association of Australia (SPAA) recognised the best and brightest professionals in the sector with Jenny Power and Joanne Heighway winning the Chairman's Award and CEO Scholarship respectively.

At the SPAA Limelight Award Ceremony last night, the association's chair Graeme Colley said Power won the award for her work within SPAA at a local and national level.

Andrea Slattery, SPAA chief executive, said Heighway was awarded the CEO Scholarship for her work within SPAA over the past five years and after becoming one of the first SMSF Specialist Advisors (SSA) and SMSF Specialist Auditors (SSAud).

The SPAA Prize for the Professional Certificate in Self Managed Superannuation Funds was awarded to Nathan Baker. Slattery said Baker was the top student in the SMSF course run by Adelaide University.

Tracey Scotchbrook won the Praemium Scholarship for her work in SMSF advice and academic excellence. Scotchbrook is a senior associate at a Perth accounting firm and seeks to continue her academic career by undertaking a Certificate in SMSF from the University of Adelaide.

Meanwhile, the Super Guardian Scholarship was given to Julia Xiao. The award means Xiao will work at SuperGuardian, become a member of SPAA and also has the opportunity to complete the certification course at Adelaide University.

In closing the ceremony, Colley announced his two year tenure as chair had ended and announced the appointment of Sharyn Long as the new chair. Long is the principal of Sharyn Long Chartered Accountants.

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