Honorary Degree Recipient
Alison Gaines
Doctor of the University

Chancellor, the award of an honorary doctorate is recognition of exceptional achievement in a field of endeavour.

Tonight’s recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of University has made an indelible contribution to Murdoch University, in particular the Law School. She is also a tireless supporter of charity and community groups.

Alison Gaines is no stranger to Murdoch University. She was a member of the University Senate for nine years performing in such roles as Deputy Chancellor, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Member of the Governance and Nominations Committee, Member of the Chancellor’s Committee, Member of the Governance Reform Committee and Chair of the review of Academic Council. She holds a Master of Arts (Public Policy) from the University and has lectured in legal ethics and tutored in Social and Political Theory.

She is currently an Adjunct Professor at Murdoch University Law School and is involved in developing and delivering the semester two legal ethics seminar program- a new compulsory course for all law students.

In addition to this, Ms Gaines established a mentoring program for penultimate year law students from all Western Australia law schools in collaboration with Murdoch University Law School and the Murdoch University Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre.

She is also a financial supporter of some of the University’s fundraising campaigns including The Banksia Association Scholarship Program and the Genesis Campaign.

Outside of the University, Ms Gaines is an active member of the local, national and international corporate sector through her current role as Global Practice Leader Board Consulting at Gerard Daniels. She is also Chairman of the College of Law (WA), Director of Leadership WA and a Council member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (WA Division).

She has received recognition for her work through a series of esteemed awards in recent times. In 2008 she won the LIST Inspire Professional Women Award and was a WA Finalist.
in the Telstra Business Woman of the Year in 2000. She was also invited by the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, to attend the 2020 Summit in Canberra.

Ms Gaines is a tireless supporter and campaigner of community groups and charities and offers pro-bono governance work to a diverse group of local companies and industries.

It gives me great pleasure to present the award of Honorary Doctor of the University to Alison Gaines.