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## "PEARL PYAE: BREAKING BARRIERS AND INSPIRING CHANGE – A TRIUMPH IN WOMEN'S BUSINESS LEADERSHIP"

The Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship (JMK) supports women pursuing undergraduate and master's degrees in business management, breaking down gender barriers from the classroom to the boardroom.

Our 2023 District and International Scholarship Winner, Pearl Pyae, is an Edith Cowan University (ECU) School of Business and Law student, studying a Master of Business Administration (MBA) International full-time, owns and manages a successful e-commerce store, works part-time, and volunteers her efforts and expertise to several committees and organisations.

"Pearl demonstrated a high academic standing, outstanding community involvement in Myanmar and Western Australia, strong entrepreneurial and business skills, and contributed to the lives of women through creating business opportunities, making her a worthy winner of the Scholarship." Ms Tinning said (JMK District 23 Coordinator).

Recognised as the distinguished recipient of the 2023 JMK Women in Business Scholarship, Pearl was honoured with an award of AU\$1,500. Beyond this local achievement, her outstanding application stood out in District 23, earning her the opportunity to compete at the international level. Her submission was subsequently forwarded to Zonta International (ZI) for careful consideration, where she not only secured recognition but also emerged victorious as one of the 32 District winners, securing a substantial international award of US\$5,000.

"I am deeply grateful and humbled to have been recognised by the Zonta Club Perth Northern Suburbs and selected as a lucky recipient of the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business International Scholarship. Through Zonta's generosity and acknowledgment, this award will significantly ease the financial burden and stress associated with being an international student. It will enable me to focus on my studies and successfully complete my MBA and continue to pursue my aspiration of becoming a small business owner. As Zonta supports me in achieving my dreams, I aspire to pay it forward by assisting other young women in the future. "Ms Pyae said.

Winning the Zonta International Award is a tremendous achievement and a true testament to Pearl's hard work, dedication, and passion.

Since the program's inception, Zonta has awarded 713 scholarships, totalling more than US\$1.8 million, to 559 women representing 70 countries.

This award recognises individuals who demonstrate outstanding academic achievements in business-related subjects; relevance of volunteer activities to career goals and community service; and display initiative, ambition, and commitment to pursuing a career in business.



Congratulations to our District 23 recipient, Pearl Pyae, of this prestigious award, and may she continue to inspire and make a positive impact in the world!

Zonta International is a leading global organisation building a better world for women and girls.

For more information about the organisation, refer to our websites: www.zonta.org, or <a href="https://www.zontadistrict23.org.au">www.zontadistrict23.org.au</a>, or contact us via secretary@zontadistrict23.org.au.

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