



Hi ISANA Member,

Welcome to the first email from your ISANA SA and NT (SANiTy) branch committee for 2024.

National Conference NEWS

2024 has started with a BANG – as we’ve officially won the bid to host the [2024 34th ISANA Conference](#) in December! The committee is absolutely stoked to show Radelaide off to our colleagues across the country and across the pond 😊

So... mark your calendars, put in your budget requests, and dust off your dancing shoes... 4-6 December is going to be an awesome week!

With our theme of *Freshen Up Your Toolkit To Support International Students And Refresh Yourself*, you can trust we’ll have loads of opportunities for **idea sharing**: round table discussions, inspiring speakers, best practice panels, Special Interest Group (SIG) think tanks and **self-care hacks**: networking walks along the river, smoothies and stretch sessions, and micro-mindfulness pauses.

Abstract submission is NOW OPEN! Presentations are encouraged to be focused on original research, case studies, frameworks, or practical applications relevant to the subthemes listed below. Submissions will be reviewed by our program committee to ensure the selection of high-quality contributions for presentation. For more information please visit <https://isanaconference.com/abstracts>

But... you don't need to wait until December to connect in with your colleagues across the international student service, advocacy, teaching and policy space in SA. Your local committee's been working hard to develop touchpoints throughout the year for you.

Professional Development in SA for 2024

Tales from the intake

- Wednesday 10 April, 3.15 – 5 pm
- University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Horace Lamb 422 (via Hub Central)
- Join us at the Uni Bar from 5 pm for networking
- Registration: [PD - 10 April](#) - this is a link directly to your record, please do not share it
- Please direct your colleagues to register via the ISANA website: <https://isana.org.au/isana-2024-professional-development/>

Set as a highly interactive session, this will be a platform for participants to share insights from Semester 1 Orientation programs and learn from peers.

Let's discuss what worked, what didn't, highlights and hiccups, innovative student engagement activities, statistics, most common enquiries. The idea is to make sense of the current trends and identify how we can use this knowledge to best support students.

& SAVE THE DATES...

Jumping on the bandwagon

- Thursday 27 June, 3.15 – 5 pm
- University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Horace Lamb 422 (via Hub Central)
- Join us at the Uni Bar from 5 pm for networking
- Cost: ISANA Members \$30 | Non Members \$50
- Registration: [PD - 27 June](#) - this is a link directly to your record, please do not share it
- Please direct your colleagues to register via the ISANA website: <https://isana.org.au/isana-2024-professional-development/>

Artificial Intelligence has been part of university life for a long time now, and the rise of Chat GPT presents us with great tools to make our work more efficient and dynamic. However,

many of us may be unaware/frightened of all the opportunities embracing it could afford us.

In this session, we will delve into using new technologies to work more efficiently, including how to use Chat GPT for event write-ups and how to produce/enhance presentations that engage our students (Kahoot doesn't cut it anymore!).

Expert guest speaker(s) will be announced in April.

Embracing diversity: A refresh

- Thursday 19 September, 3.15 – 5 pm
- University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Barr Smith South 2060 (via Hub Central)
- Join us at the Uni Bar from 5 pm for networking
- Cost: ISANA Members \$30 | Non Members \$50
- Registration: [PD - 19 September](#) - this is a link directly to your record, please do not share it
- Please direct your colleagues to register via the ISANA website: <https://isana.org.au/isana-2024-professional-development/>

While there are certain trends in our students' geographic and cultural origins, there are many aspects that continue to change very rapidly in terms of diversity. Where are we at with your celebration of students with disabilities, LGBTQA+ students, those with very small representations on campus, and many other groups? Let's talk about how we can embrace them, support them and help them thrive.

Expert guest speaker(s) will be announced in July.

Meet your committee 😊

- Sarah Cruz (StudyAdelaide) and Shawna Hooton (University of Adelaide), Co-Presidents
- Andres Villamizar (University of Adelaide) and Cintia Fiore (Torrens University), Co-Vice-Presidents
- Natasha Pressley (University Senior College), Secretary
- Kathy Matthews (Allianz Insurance), Finance Officer

Members at large:

- Anneliese Elmendorp (Student Confidence)
- Ben Mayne (Alliance College)
- Chris Haas (TAFE SA)
- Emma Norris (Immanuel College)
- Julie Ladic (TAFE SA)
- Mary Ann Seow (The Palladium Group)

The SANiTy Executive at the StudyAdelaide Student of the Year awards Nov 2023. From right to left: Shawna Hooton, Sarah Cruz, Andres Villamizar, Cintia Fiore

We'd love to hear from you!

Please take a minute to answer this [three question survey](#) for your chance to attend our next PD session FREE!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours sincerely,

Shawna and Sarah