

NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Welcome from Chris Oldham

CELEBRATING STAFF EXCELLENCE
ESTATES AND CAMPUS SERVICES

NOMINATIONS OPEN!

2 April 2020

- THE ESSEX PROFESSIONAL AWARD
- THE GOING THE EXTRA MILE AWARD
- THE NEWCOMER AWARD
- THE PROJECTS AWARD
- THE CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD
- THE TEAM AWARD
- THE UNSUNG HERO AWARD
- THE REGISTRAR'S AWARD
- THE LONGSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- THE TONY RICH MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Do you know someone brilliant?

Nominations open
24 January – 24 February

Visit www.essex.ac.uk/events/2020/04/02/celebrating-staff-excellence-2020
or look out for paper nomination forms which will be available across campus soon

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Welcome to the February edition of the Estates and Campus Services Newsletter. This month I would like to take the opportunity to focus on the amazing staff and teams of Estates and Campus Services.

Do you know a brilliant individual or team that has gone above and beyond? If so, it is time to cast your vote for the [Estates and Campus Services Staff Excellence Awards](#). Open to everyone, this event is an opportunity to look back over the previous year, to celebrate contributions from our individual members of staff and teams in achieving the University of Essex's mission and for a fun get together across the departments.

[Nominations](#) will be open until Thursday 24 February 2020. You'll be able to nominate by placing your vote in the ballot boxes that are in Estates and Campus Services break rooms, staff kitchens and at the EMS Helpdesk. Alternatively you can vote [online](#).

[Tickets](#) for the evening will be available from Monday 2 March 2020 on a first come first serve basis. Head to the ticket website to set your [reminder](#) now as you don't want to miss out.

Information about the awards categories are on the Estates and Campus Services Staff Excellence Awards [homepage](#).

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday 2 April 2020 at the Ivor Crewe Lecture Theatre between 5 - 8pm. Evening entertainment and food and beverages will be included.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

[Nominate here](#)

[Tickets](#)

Sustainability Photography Competition



[The University of Essex Sustainability Team](#) are holding a photography competition to showcase the biodiversity of the campuses. Open to all staff and students, your entry should capture the nature and environment of Colchester, Southend or Loughton Campus.

There are two categories in which you can enter your photo into. The categories are, "Spring into action" and, "Show the campus in a new light".

Two winning photos will be chosen from each category. Each winner will win a £30 voucher of their choosing from [highstreetvouchers.com](https://www.highstreetvouchers.com). Competition closes on Friday 28 February 2020.

[Submit your photo](#)

Hip hip hooray!



What a transformation of the [Physiotherapy Teaching Lab](#) by the Maintenance and Capital Development Team. The teaching spaces used to consist of three practical lab spaces that were used daily. After 14 years they required significant maintenance and redecoration. The teaching lab also suffered from problems with sink waste, heating and AV equipment.

The teaching lab now boasts flexible teaching areas with London Wall partitions, new vinyl throughout, updated showers and changing facilities, smart storage and furniture that adapts to the teaching being delivered. The corridors outside the teaching lab were also refreshed with new lighting, suspended ceilings and paint.

All the refurbishments were successfully completed for the start of the new 2020 academic term.

£1 ticket offer - Hoop, there it is!



For just [£1](#) you can swoop in and watch the men's and women's [Essex Rebels](#) teams in a Triple Header of Basketball games at [Essex Sport Arena](#) on Saturday 29 February.

Essex Rebels Men II take on Bury St. Edmunds at 3pm and Essex Rebels Women take on Newcastle Eagles at 5pm. The final game at 7pm will be a humdinger as the Essex Rebels I Men fight to keep their position at the top of the leader board against Ipswich Basketball Club who are in second place.

The women's game at 5pm will be LIVE STREAMED on the WBBL [YouTube](#) channel. Essex Sport will also be filming all the action on the day.

[Buy your £1 ticket](#)

Flippin' heck!

[Essex Food](#) invite you to take part in their Great Annual Lemon Hunt. Novelty lemons will be hidden across campus for you to find on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

When you find a lemon make sure you go to the Essex Food gazebo on Square 4 where you will receive a free pancake!

Don't forget to tag us in your photos using the tag [#essexlemon](#)



[Essex Food Rewards](#)

Climbing rocks



On Sunday 16 February, [Essex Sport](#) is hosting a master class in rock climbing at the [newly refurbished climbing wall](#), led by expert climbers Andrew and Rosie Taylor. Andrew will also be giving a **FREE** talk about his experience of climbing Mount Everest. Spaces must be booked in advance, please call 01206 873250.

- Master Class: 10am-12pm. £12 per person. For ages 8 and over.
- Everest Talk: 12-2pm. **FREE!**
- Climbing Taster Session: 2-4pm. £10 per person. For ages 8 and over.

[Event details](#)

Welcome to...

Welcome to the Estates and Campus Services Marketing and Communications Team frontrunner, Bianca Dandu.

Bianca is originally from Constanta, Romania. She finished Latin American Studies with Business Management at the University of Essex and decided to stay here a little longer to continue her studies. Bianca is currently doing her MA in Advertising, Marketing and the Media.

Bianca comments, "The University of Essex is my home. I have had so many good experiences and opportunities here that I am more than excited to work as a frontrunner for the marketing team of this great university."



We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you'd like to contribute to the March edition, please send your story to ecskomms@essex.ac.uk by 29 February 2020.



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