Catherine tops class

SOUTHERN River student Catherine Mah has added to a staggering tally of academic achievements by winning a UWA Vice-Chancellor’s Award of Distinction.

The commerce and law student was among a group of WA’s best young students, most of whom are recent high school graduates, who will benefit from scholarships offered by UWA.

UWA Vice-Chancellor Professor Alan Robson said the UWA-Fogarty Foundation scholarships were awarded to students who not only demonstrated significant academic potential but also a strong sense of community responsibility and involvement.

“These scholarships inspire students from across WA to pursue their tertiary education at this university and to actively participate and contribute to their local community throughout their studies and beyond,” Prof. Robson said.

The former Lynwood Senior High School student was also recognised recently for her strong performance in the 2007 Curriculum Council awards for high school graduates, picking up a Certificate of Distinction after finishing in the top 0.5 per cent of candidates sitting the council examination.

Last year, she ranked among the top Year 12 public school students and collected one of the State Government’s Best and Brightest prizes.

Catherine has also been a strong supporter of the 40-Hour Famine and became the international aid organisation’s youth ambassador in WA, travelling to Laos last year for the role.

Also last year, she was selected as a delegate for a United Nations youth conference in Canberra.