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## **Suzanne's knowledge of nutrition pays off**

Curtin University of Technology dietetic graduate Suzanne White has won the Western Australian Branch of the Dietitians Association of Australia's Underwood Award for the most outstanding student.

The Canning Vale mother-of-three received the award at a special ceremony recently.

Mrs White was delighted to receive the prestigious award.

"I found it hard at first to go back to study, so to receive this award makes all the hard work even more worthwhile," she said.

"At first I wanted to complete the dietetics course because I'm a mother and I wanted to provide my family with a nutritious diet, but now I'm excited about the impact I can have on ensuring that people can lead longer, healthier lives."

Mrs White is part of the largest cohort of dietitians to graduate from Curtin, with 28 new graduates about to enter the workforce.

Curtin's Head of the School of Public Health, Professor Sue Fyfe, congratulated Mrs White on her achievement.

"We are always proud of our student achievements and being recognised by a national association is especially important," she said.

"The record number of dietitians to graduate in 2009 will be an important addition to the health care system in Australia, especially as nutrition is important in helping fight the obesity epidemic."

Mrs White is currently working as a locum at Graylands Hospital.

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