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BEN CHRISTIE WINS TERRITORY AWARD

Ben Christie has won the prestigious McDonalds NT Career Achievement Award at the 2019 Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards and was presented onstage by Vicki Lettice, McDonalds Licensee in Darwin and Katherine.

With over 250 nominations, Ben Christie won the Award from a strong field of young achievers.

The winners were announced on Friday 5th April at Mindil Beach Casino Resort, hosted by Amanda Pernechele, Moo Media.

Ben Christie, 28 of Muirhead is passionate about improving the health and wealth being of Territorians. A project officer at Menzies School of Health Research, he handles projects on health literacy, indigenous health, alcohol, drugs, and social wellbeing. He previously worked as Life Skills Development Worker at the Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services. In university, he received the Vice Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. Ben volunteers his time and leadership skills as the NT coordinator for Shout Out: Youth Mental Health Initiative. He is also the NT Branch President of the Australian Health Promotion Association.

The twelve category winners are:

- Ben Christie, 28 of Muirhead - McDonalds NT Career Achievement Award
- Rikki Bruce, 28 of Stuart Park - Genesee & Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award
- Metui Tongatua, 28 of Ramingining - Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award
- Georgia Koch, 18 of Bakewell - ConocoPhillips Environment Award
- Roley James, 26 of Katherine - Colemans Contracting & Earthmoving Agriculture Award
- Dylan River, 26 of Alice Springs - Charles Darwin University Arts Award
- Nicole Civitarese, 25 of Tennant Creek - Somerville Community Service Award
- Shadeene Evans, 17 of Borroloola - Zip Print Sport Award
- Matthew Axten, 26 of Alice Springs - NT Government Young Aboriginal Educator Award
- Philamena McKenzie, 22 of Stuart Park - Minister for Territory Families Excellence in Youth Leadership Award
- Brogan Hanrahan - The Black Russian Caravan Bar, 25 of Katherine - NT Government Small Business Achievement Award
- Lily Websdale, 15 of Parap - NT Government Young Carers Award

Rikki Bruce was later announced as the 2019 Northern Territory Young Achiever of the Year.

Winners each received a magnificent trophy and \$2,000 to assist in achieving their goals, courtesy of founding partner TIO. Rikki Bruce received an additional \$2,000 and a prestigious trophy.

Tierneigh Parnell was also announced as The Hot 100 People's Choice Award winner and received an Apple Watch Series 2, courtesy of Hot 100 and thanks to Harvey Norman Darwin.

The Awards night was the culmination of a tremendously successful year with 250 nominations received from across the Northern Territory.

Further information about Ben Christie can be obtained by phoning the Awards office on 1300 148 228, or by emailing ntyaa@awardsaustralia.com

The Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards were created in 1994, with the purpose of acknowledging, encouraging and most importantly promoting the positive achievements of young Territorians up to and including 29 years of age. The awards are an opportunity to demonstrate their achievements and showcase the recipients as role models within the community.