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PRESS RELEASE

ESCP Business School recognises outstanding students with the prestigious new Dean's Award



FT-ranked ESCP Business School recognised the outstanding achievements of several of its students with the newly created Dean's Award at an inaugural prize-giving lunch on 1 June.

The aim of the award is to encourage and recognise students for their active participation and contribution to the ESCP community. All students had the possibility of nominating or being nominated for the award. The criteria for selection included:

- Exemplifying the values of ESCP
- Achieving excellent academic and non-academic results throughout their schooling
- Having made an outstanding contribution to the school, fostering its European community and furthering student life on campus through entrepreneurial or associative initiatives

Winners of the award underwent a rigorous selection process, during which a total of over 300 entries had been assessed by both student representatives and staff.

Four winners were selected by a jury composed of the Dean, Faculty Dean and EVP for Student Experience.

1. **Bautista Aguirre Celiz** (3rd Year Bachelor programme): Founder of the Blockchain & Crypto Association at ESCP, Bautista has been recognised for bringing students together, promoting a sense of community and encouraging intellectual exchange;
2. **Farah Houari** (MBA programme): President of the *Women in Leadership* association and member of the GenZ Observatory of the ESCP HEC Turning Points Chair with Cartier. Farah has been recognised by her peers for her ability to collaborate and willingness to contribute positively to the MBA programme and to the ESCP community.
3. **Hemisha Newaj** (MSc Digital Project Management & Consulting): Also a graduate of ESCP's Bachelor programme, she holds the ESCP record for serving four years as a student representative in the student union, Agora, where she currently holds the position of vice president. Hemisha is recognised by her peers for having a 'great work ethic' and being 'committed to improving student life'.
4. **David Kurzmann** (1st year Bachelor programme): Recognised as an outstanding achiever, David put in place a maths support network for his classmates during his first semester at ESCP. In addition to tutoring, David is the president of the Student Philanthropic Foundation in Paris and founded the social impact startup Vipi.Education.

Léon Laulusa, Dean of ESCP Business School, stated *"I am delighted to be able to recognise the achievements of our students in this manner. Their focus, dedication and teamwork across such a wide range of areas is truly inspiring and underlines ESCP's role in educating and empowering purpose-driven leaders who choose to act from day one of their studies."*

Elisa Somà, President of AGORA, ESCP's student union, added *"It was an honour to work alongside ESCP's leadership team to establish the Dean's Award. Our students have applied themselves across multiple sectors, from finance to charitable work whilst excelling academically and supporting each other. As such, they embody the spirit of ESCP and are an example to us all."*

ABOUT ESCP BUSINESS SCHOOL

ESCP Business School was founded in 1819. The School has chosen to teach responsible leadership, open to the world and based on European multiculturalism. Six campuses in Berlin, London, Madrid, Paris, Turin and Warsaw are the stepping stones that allow students to experience this European approach to management.

Several generations of entrepreneurs and managers were thus trained in the firm belief that the business world may feed society in a positive way. This conviction and ESCP's values - excellence, singularity, creativity and plurality - daily guide our mission and build its pedagogical vision.

Every year, ESCP welcomes 9000+ students and 5000 managers from 130 different nationalities. Its strength lies in its many business training programmes, both general and specialised (Bachelor, Master, MBA, Executive MBA, PhD and Executive Education), all of which include a multi-campus experience.

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