

Travelport Announces 'Agent of the Future' for 2014

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Travelport, a leading Travel Commerce Platform providing distribution, technology, payment and other solutions for the \$7 trillion global travel and tourism industry, today announces its 2014 winner of the prestigious Agent of the Future program.

Sarah Evans, who recently completed her Certificate III in Travel & Tourism at TAFE Queensland North, was announced as the 2014 Agent of the Future, recognising her as the most outstanding travel and tourism student across more than 60 tertiary colleges in Australia and New Zealand that offer training courses on Travelport's Travel Commerce Platform. As the winner, Sarah has won accommodation and return airfare to Ireland courtesy of Air Tickets and Tourism Ireland.

Travelport's Agent of the Future program has been underway for 13 years, with the aim to help students prepare for a career in the travel industry by reaching high standards of excellence in their studies. Teachers are invited to nominate outstanding students for the award, and the winner was selected by an expert judging panel appointed by Travelport.

Kaylene Shuttlewood, Travelport's General Manager, Pacific, says, "We were thrilled to see the calibre of candidates nominated for this year's award. Travelport is dedicated to the ongoing development of our industry talent and are committed to supporting students who are preparing for a career in travel."

Sarah Evans, Travelport's Agent of the Future winner, says, "I am very proud to be recognised through Travelport's award. Completing my course was a huge accomplishment and this award is the perfect way to end what has already been a memorable year for me. Having just started a job at Cairns Domestic Airport, I am excited for a career in the travel industry."

Travelport is also pleased to announce the winner of the Instructor of the Year Award, Cheryleigh-Anne Lazarus from TAFE Brisbane. Cheryleigh-Anne has received two round-trip flights to Cairns and a 5 night stay at the Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas, courtesy of Sheraton Mirage.

The announcement of the winners follows a week-long series of Learning and Development Forums hosted by Travelport with educators in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Travelport would like to thank Carnival Australia for sponsoring the venue for the Sydney forum, which took place on board the Carnival Spirit, as well as Air Tickets, Marriott, Tourism Ireland and Wynwood Estate for their generous support in this year's program.