



# Who is the University of Malta's Most Outstanding Alumnus?

**PATRICIA CAMILLERI** writes about a new Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. Who would you nominate?

**THE UNIVERSITY** of Malta produces many of Malta's top professionals who excel both at home and abroad. Some are remembered through paintings, such as the superb portrait by Edward Caruana Dingli of Sir Themistocles Zammit—a revered University alumnus. But how many more important and influential alumni have contributed to the good of the country yet remain unremembered or under-recognised?

The University of Malta is about to change this by offering current alumni, and all University of Malta staff members and registered students the opportunity to put forward the name of an alumnus or alumna who they think has used their education and career for the good of society in Malta or abroad.

The chosen Awardee could be, for example, a well known businessman

who built up a company that not only contributes to the economy but who has used the business to assist others—someone who has gone that proverbial 'extra mile'. The Awardee could equally be someone unheard of locally, but who has contributed to research with benefits to society worldwide. The Awardee's actions need to fulfill the ethos of the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award (OAAA), as explained in the regulations.

The Committee of the OAAA looks forward to receiving nominations and feels sure that its challenge will be the '*embarras de choix*'. Living alumni of the University of Malta number around 30,000. In 2014 alone there were 3308 graduates. The University's oldest living alumnus is 96 and graduated with a B.Sc. in 1937. Choos-

ing one outstanding alumnus will not be easy.

Successful nominees will be honoured guests at a University reception and s/he will be presented with a specially designed commemorative pin and a certificate. The Awardee's name will also be inscribed on a list of all those who receive the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. The OAAA plaque will be placed in a prominent position on campus. Current staff of the University of Malta are not eligible for the award.

The deadline for nominations is 15 April 2015, with further information at: [www.um.edu.mt/alumni/oaaa](http://www.um.edu.mt/alumni/oaaa) or contact Patricia Camilleri on 2340 3080.

Who do you know that deserves this award? ●

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