

## **Outstanding Achievements**

**Education, Children's & Adult Services Committee: 8 October 2015**

### Jonathan Evannett - First Class Honours

Jonathan Evannett has graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Engineering from Strathclyde University. Jonathan is a profoundly deaf former Dingwall Academy pupil, and was supported through his education by the Highland Deaf Education Service.

### Kirsteen Graham – Traditional Music Hall of Fame

A Skye-based Gaelic singing tutor who has spent the past 24 years supporting Highland Council's Gaelic Medium schools on the island, Kirsteen Graham has been inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame. Kirsteen retired from working in schools at the end of the last academic session, and was honoured at a ceremony held in Inverness Airport on 11 September. Depute Provost of Inverness Councillor Jean Slater supported the awards and presented prizes to those honoured.

The Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame is dedicated to giving acknowledgement and recognition to musicians and industry people who, by their dedication and hard work, have supported and influenced the development of Scottish traditional music during their lives

### Nancy McAdam - Lifetime Achievement Award

Black Isle resident Nancy McAdam was recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Scotland's Dementia Awards 2015. The Awards are a partnership between Alzheimer Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland, NHS Health Scotland and the Scottish Social Services Council.

Nancy lives on her own on a remote croft, and was diagnosed with vascular dementia at the age of 58. In 2004, she was the joint founder of the Inverness Dementia Memory Group – the first Highland Involvement Group for People with a diagnosis of dementia.

### Megan Sutherland – Harvard Summer School

A care leaver from Highland, Megan Sutherland, completed the Harvard Summer School in 2015. She ran a successful blog of her experiences, with over 8,000 hits, at <https://highlandstoharvard.wordpress.com/> A pupil of Culloden Academy, Megan hopes to go on to university to study medicine.