

## Awarding the Order of the Carrot

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The Union notes:

1. The Order of the Carrot was started in 1925 by Professor Poyton, the then principle of Northampton College.
2. The core objective was to record and acknowledge the exceptional services delivered by individuals, including those beyond the walls of the university, to the Students' Union.
3. The order consists of three levels, Pachydermatous Protagonist (Gold), Allegorical Anomlay (Silver), and Prosthetical Propitiation (Bronze) along with honourable mentions.
4. Those acknowledged to the order are selected by the Grand Council. In modern times this would include the Students' Unions FTOs, the Vice-Chancellor, the Alumni President and the CFO.
5. The University Chancellor, Lord Mayor of the City of London, was indicated as the presenter of the awards and was part of an annual recurring events calendar that included the Annual Dinner and the Presidents' Ball.
6. The Event invitations have been reserved for those who have previously won awards within the University/Union community, those who are of particularly important to the Students' Union, donors and guests.
7. With the role of the Mayor of London very different from 80 years ago, various other notable guests have presented the awards, including the Apollo 15 crew.
8. The Order of the Carrot is observed as the most prestigious award from the Students' Union.
9. The presidents' dinner has been associated with the Awards of recent years.
10. Funding for such an event has been minimal to the Students' Union with the Vice Chancellor and Alumni providing notable sponsorships.

The Union believes:

1. We are privileged at CULSU to have a Students' Union with a long history with prestigious alumni.
2. Being awarded an order of the carrot awards is a highly valuable way for the Students' Union to show it's appreciation for prolonged activity, support and/or commitment to the Students' Union.
3. Many carrot alumni have discussed in length their pride at winning an Order of the Carrot award and it remains a token of their time at the City Students' Union.
4. An understanding of the history of an organisation can make individuals feel attachment, value and pride for it. This is something lacking in the current Students' Union.
5. There is often very little recognition for individuals who have been part of the Students' Union consistently for a number of years. The carrot awards offers that opportunity.
6. There is almost no opportunity to recognise staff at City University London who are often invaluable allies for the students' Union executive team and the staff during their year in office.

7. Historically the event has been a formal, sit down, dinner as this was felt to be the optimal way to show how highly the Students' Union values students who go the extra mile for City Students' Union. Particularly as other awards often includes similar recognition rewards such as champagne receptions and food.
8. A formal event is also a way for alumni to feel valued, which may lead to further funding for such events in future and be able to network with current leaders and supporters of the Students' Union.

The Union resolves:

1. To create a record of all previous order of the carrot alumni and present them in the Students' Union.
2. To contact previous alumni to investigate if they have any photos or memorabilia from their time at CULSU that can help build a history bank for CULSU.
3. To recognise those acknowledged to the Order at, if financially feasible, an event to offer alumni an opportunity to feel valued and present them with a way to engage with the current Students' Union.
4. The Students' Union should endeavour to look for the funding to make the Order of the Carrot awards a formal event, however, if this is not possible, then a non-formal event can and should go in its place.
5. To look into other opportunities to engage with alumni.
6. To keep attendance for awards free for all attendees.
7. Create a sponsorship package and develop alumni relations to ensure the carrot awards can continue to run regardless of the Students' Unions financial health.
8. To create a page on the CULSU website for the Order of the Carrot, with information gathered.