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PRESS RELEASE

Harrogate student's success showcases women in science

A Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC) student in the Faculty of Science and Technology at Lancaster University has been rewarded a prestigious prize for high achieving female students studying science and STEM-related subjects.

Former Rossett School student Sophie Lee has been awarded a Women into Science (2018) accolade, and £600, by Ede & Ravenscroft, who supply robes for Lancaster University students during graduation.

The prize aims to draw upon the success of females in science subjects by showcasing their outstanding academic performance.

Miss Lee, who studies for a BA (Hons) Geography degree at Lancaster University, said: "I cannot express how grateful I am to Ede & Ravenscroft, Lancaster University and the staff who made it possible for me to win this award. I have worked hard throughout my degree and it is an honour for this to be recognised.

"I've always been interested in Geography because of its diverse nature, it is a subject that can open you up to different perspectives of the world and its complexities – this is why studying at Lancaster is great. You are taught by experts in the field who are conducting research to solve real world issues.

"I believe it is of the utmost importance to encourage young women into sciences by showcasing the achievements of female students studying these subjects."

The Head of Department for Lancaster Environment Centre at Lancaster University, Philip Barker, added: "We are very proud of our Ede & Ravenscroft prize winners; exceptional students are needed to tackle the major social and environmental challenges facing the Earth.

"This award recognises the achievements of excellent female students and is particularly important in delivering real and lasting change. Many congratulations."

The BA (Hons) Geography degree at Lancaster University allows students to explore the world in a unique discipline that merges social science with the natural. Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk.

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