

PSA Student of the Year winner 2012



### **Bibi Noorie Shaheen Karimbocus**

**Noorie is an inspirational individual who immersed herself in both the academic and extra-curricular side of life at Birmingham. Noorie has demonstrated that she is dedicated, ambitious and considerate by not only focusing on developing her own skills, but also the skills of others during her time as a student. Her vast amount of experience and achievements are truly impressive and encouraging for other students.**

#### **Noorie's outstanding achievements whilst at university include:**

- Being a Student Associate, undertaking teaching in an SEN school. She went on to become an Ambassador for the scheme following her experiences.
- A Student Mentor Team Leader, providing advice and guidance to students within Halls of Residences on a range of issues that affect students. This included leading a team of other Student Mentors and developing her leadership skills.
- A PASS (Peer Assisted Student Support) Leader for Biochemistry; this included representing Birmingham at a national PASS Conference.
- A contributor to the "Children's University" a network that aims to promote social mobility, through learning activities and experiences to children. This included designing workshops on science and on Urdu.
- International Students Officer at the University, a non-Sabbatical position that she successfully gained by a cross-campus election campaign. Noorie represented the needs of international students to both the Guild of Students and the University; whilst planning and delivering large scale events.
- Pursuing her career in academia, Noorie undertook two research placements whilst studying for her degree: one with Cancer Research and the other with the London Research Institute.
- Noorie worked as a student representative on a 'feedback on assessed work' project the University's Centre for Learning and Academic Development led on.
- Noorie secured a studentship for her PhD with the **European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)** in Germany, which is Europe's flagship laboratory for research in molecular biology.