

Monash University journalism student Julian Trantino has won the 2009 Melbourne Press Club/ Siemens Award for Student Journalism.

Julian, a second year student, collected his award before more than 100 people at Crown Palladium just minutes before the Victorian Opposition leader Ted Baillieu addressed the luncheon.

Julian secured an interview with Italian soccer legend Francesco Totti – the player who ensured the Socceroos exist from the 2006 World Cup with a controversial last-minute penalty. His story ran on the front page of the Soccer International magazine.

The judges said his work married the best of old and new media. “He used old fashioned tenacity and weeks of legwork to secure an interview on Skype ... his entry is proof that the effort involved in getting the story is sometimes as commendable as the story itself,” the judges said.

Julian won \$2000, one week of work experience at The Age and two tickets to the Quill awards dinner on March 19.

Click here to see a copy of Julian winning article.

<http://www.soccerinternational.com.au/features/51-franc-tottis-roman-empire?showall=1>