

**Ketan Bhakta**

**Cluster Accounts Manager, Jurys Inns**

**Winner: Financial Management, Stage 3, completed September 2017**

Ketan is currently working in the position of Cluster Accounts Manager after graduating on the Jurys Inn two-year Finance Graduate Scheme. Through the programme he is gaining experience with both the operations and head office finance functions of Jurys Inn.



Ketan receiving his award from Harry Murray, President of HOSPA.

Prior to starting the programme, Ketan gained a 1<sup>st</sup> Class BA Hons in Accounting and Business Management. After completing the scheme, he hopes to gain a managerial position “with the view of becoming a Cluster Financial Controller in 5 years’ time”.

He tells us how he believes the Financial Management course is benefitting him now and how he thinks it will help him in the future:

*“The current HOSPA programme provides a good theoretical resource which compliments my current role. HOSPA provides the opportunity to see the theory behind the daily tasks conducted and the exposure to more high level tasks such as creating Income Statements, Statement of Financial Position, etc. This provides greater understanding to the industry and provides greater value on the daily tasks conducted as it is beneficial to the company. In addition, attaining a recognised qualification within the hospitality industry is favourable, as when progressing in the industry you can be recognised by experience and academically.”*