

Otago Polytechnic Community Pacific Island Scholarship and Secondary School Recognition Awards 2018

The annual Otago Polytechnic Community Pacific Island Scholarship and Secondary School Recognition Awards were held on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at The Hub, Otago Polytechnic with approximately 200 students, staff, family and supporters in attendance. Special guests representing our sponsors included Kathy Grant, Chair of Otago Polytechnic Council, Chris Morland Deputy Chief Executive Otago Polytechnic, Barbara Bridger, Chief Executive Otago Community Trust, and other members from Otago Polytechnic Executive Leadership Team.

After an initial welcome from compere Sue Thompson, Te Kaihāpai, and a speech from Chris Morland and Barbara Bridger, presentations began which were made by Barbara Bridger to Otago Polytechnic students who had achieved success in the 2018 academic year. This year we have been able to reward 20 students with fees contribution scholarships. Each of the Otago Polytechnic recipients spoke briefly of their study journey and their thanks for the award, these responses demonstrated both humbleness and pride in their achievement to date.

The next presentations were made by Chris Morland to 20 nominees from 10 Dunedin Secondary schools as Recognition Awards to high achieving secondary school students. Two nominees from each secondary school (one junior, one senior) received a certificate, gift card and the senior student also received a scholarship offer. Each of the students added their vote of thanks and a wonderful celebratory event concluded with refreshments.

We would like to thank our sponsors PEF, Otago Community Trust and Otago Polytechnic for the generous support of such well deserving students and we hope that we can continue this initiative in the future.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

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Brenna Fields, Columba College; Jaiyushka Pratap, Kaikorai Valley College; Adi Garnett, Kavanagh College; Mahonri Auva'a, Kings High School; Kate Will-Tofia, Logan Park High School; Judah Nika, Otago Boys High School; Oceana Campbell, Otago Girls High School; Ana Finau, Queens High School; Inez Meeuws, St Hildas; Erica Siboharawai, Taieri College.

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Chenoa Metua, Columba College; Rayhaan Hakik, Kaikorai Valley College; EJ Lam Cheung, Kavanagh College; Jayden Maumau, Kings High School; Bella Sefo, Logan Park High School; Ratu Fosita, Otago Boys High School; Anja Matapo-Kolisko, Otago Ghirls High School; Morgan Fuli, Queens High School; Helen Knott, St Hildas; Nikhil Chand, Taieri College

Otago Polytechnic 2018 Pacific Island Students Community Scholarship recipients

Katalina Ahokovi, New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3); Kimberley Bates, Bachelor of Design (Interiors); Trinity Bunge-Krueger, Health Bridging Certificate; Theresa Faleatua-Taumaoe, Bachelor of Social Services; Paris John, New Zealand Certificate in Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Multi-Sector) (Level 4); Khyla Johnston, New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 4); Dorothy Lal, Bachelor of Nursing; Miimetua McFelin, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy; Rangi Moore, New Zealand Diploma in Engineering; Tiperia Muaimalae Bachelor of Nursing; Briana Nooroa, Bachelor of Design (Honours); Desmond 'Emila Makasini Marculy Ola, Bachelor of Architectural Studies; Lisati Paulo-lakopo, Bachelor of Applied Management; Kiana Pelasio, Bachelor of Applied Management; Vaine Taitoa, New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4); Mohammed Tariq, Graduate Diploma in Design (Specialty); Mathew Teo, Bachelor of Design (Product); Karishma Turner, Bachelor of Nursing; Leilani Va'a, Bachelor of Midwifery; Vaciseva Vakalala, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy