

Yearbook

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THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau
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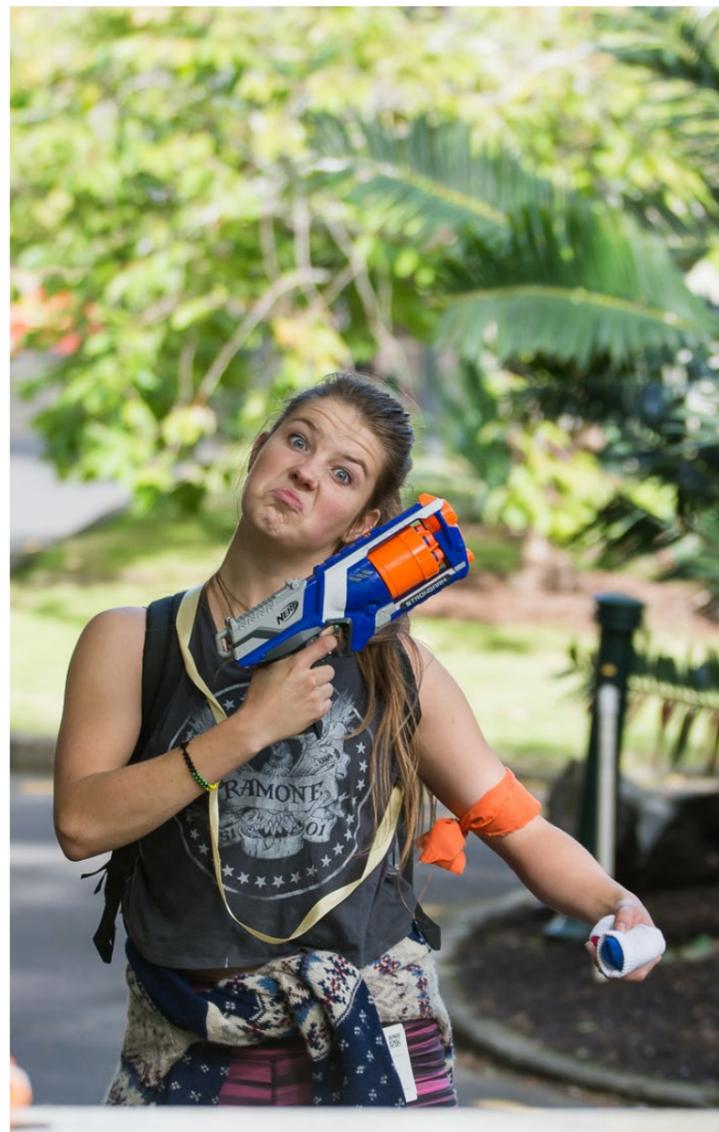
STUDENT LIFE



EVENTS



Student 'Zombies'!



A Midsummer Night's Toga Party

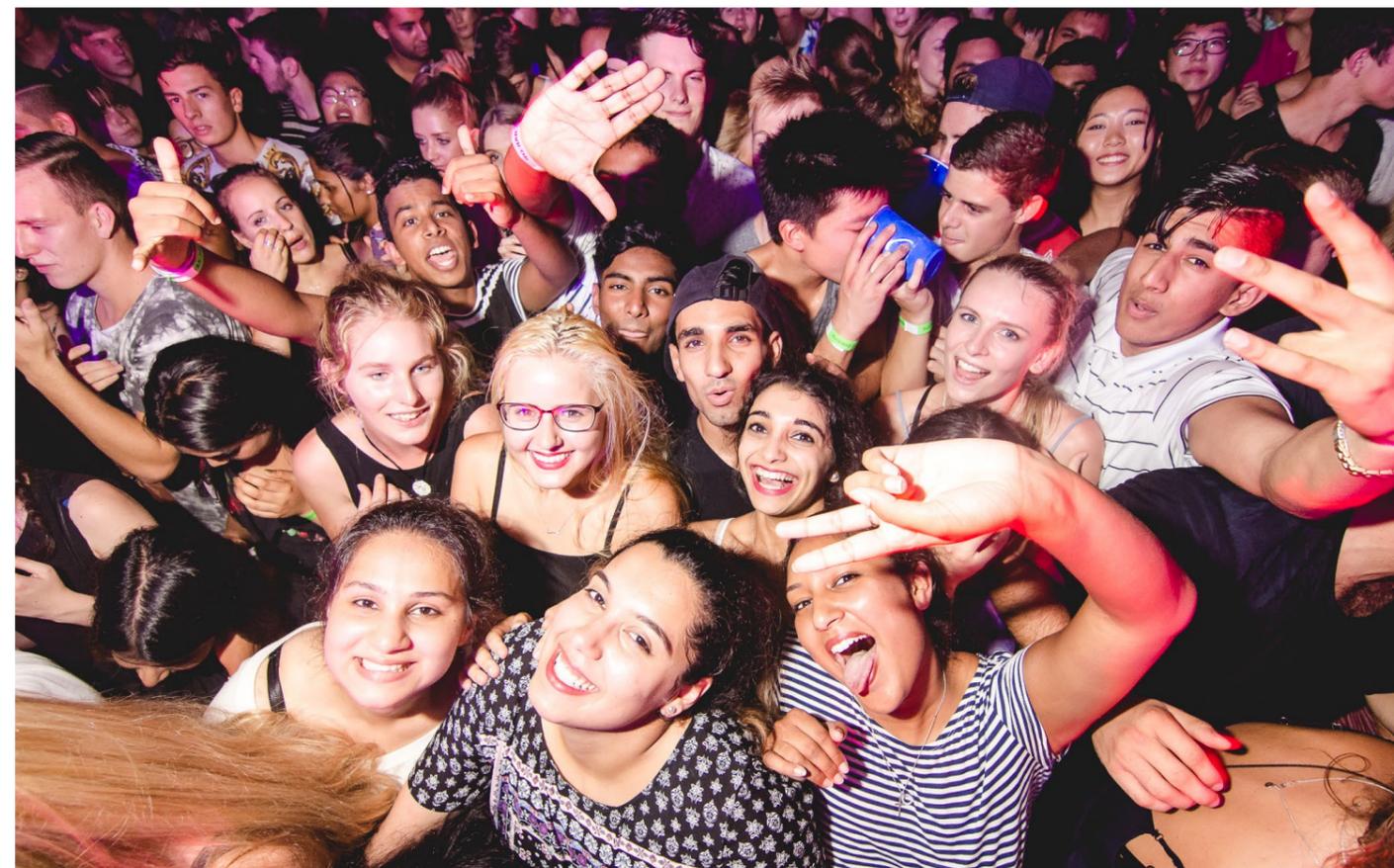


First-year students were welcomed to the University in style at the Midsummer Night's Toga Party. Good tunes, fun costumes and the opportunity to bond with new friends made for a fantastic night!



"It was an awesome night dancing, screaming to the music and just having a mean time with my friends."

O' Concert



Thousands of students packed out Shed 10 at the waterfront to see in the new university year. With great music from Sigma and Jupiter Project, an epic night was had by all.



"My first ever concert was filled with an amazing venue, meeting new friends, and enjoying one of my favourite bands live!"

"Sigma is an international act, so it was awesome to have them perform exclusively for UoA students! Plus Jupiter Project was the icing on the cake, couldn't have asked for more."

The Great Waka Ama Race

The 2015 installment of the Great Waka Ama Race was held at Takapuna Beach on a sunny Saturday in March.

In the elite race, eight faculty and two student association teams took on the gruelling course, paddling five kilometres from Takapuna Beach to Rangitoto Island, running a return eight kilometre to the summit, before paddling back to Takapuna Beach.



Faculty of Science paddlers start the run up Rangitoto.

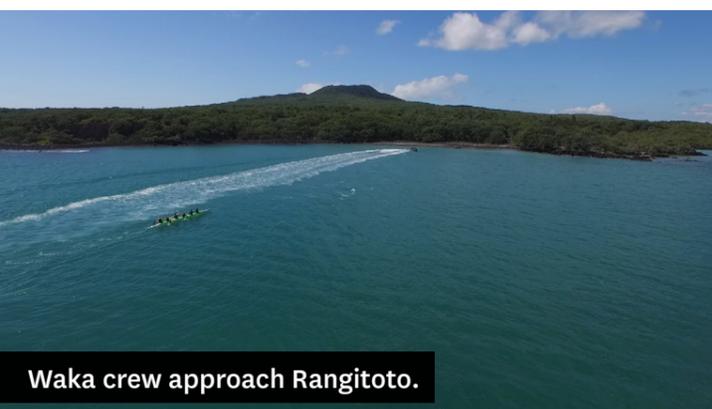
Student association Ngā Taurira Māori (NTM) came in first place after completing the course in one hour and 51 minutes, a full six minutes before their nearest rivals, the Faculty of Law. The Faculty of Engineering rounded out the top three, coming in just 26 seconds later.

The NTM team won the incredible expenses-paid trip to Hawaii, to compete in the Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race which covers 18 miles, or nearly 29 kilometres.

Meanwhile, the beach party on Takapuna included beach volleyball, the popular Halls of Residence relay race and a barbecue while following the progress of the elite paddlers.



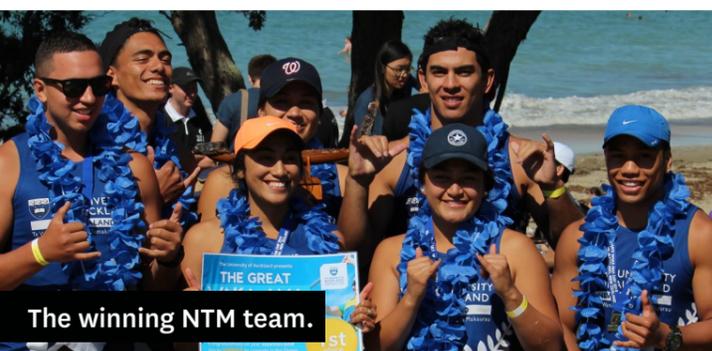
Halls of Residence paddlers.



Waka crew approach Rangitoto.



Halls of Residence paddlers.



The winning NTM team.

Hawaii Trip

Excerpts from paddler Waimirangi Stone's blog post



NTM receiving their karakia.

"The day before departure we had a poroporoaki (farewell) and karakia (blessing) by Heremi Hema alongside our Crew, Whanau, Friends, the Vice Chancellor, our Managers and Coach. The blessing was to guide the team while travelling. It was all about to change in the next 24 hours for #TeamWaipapa!"

"There were around 1,500 paddlers all up aging from 15 to 60+ year olds. Before we knew it the horn blew and we were off!... The water was choppy and there were massive swells. Something we weren't used to given we were training in the peak of winter back in NZ. Luckily for us our Hawaiian steerer Noe (aka Eyes; aka Naomi; aka BUDDY) knew the water quite well."



Before departing for Hawaii!

"One big thing we learnt from this race was not the importance of physical strength, but more so how important your mentality needs to be. Our team was tight and we knew we had each other's back"



The NTM crew during the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Kona, Hawaii.

Humans vs. Zombies

The City and Epsom Campuses were again overrun by the zombie scourge, despite the heroic efforts of more than 200 brave humans who put up a fierce fight!

"It's like the actual zombie apocalypse!"



"The beginning was SO TERRIFYING!! Especially because quite a lot of people got separated from their group. And once you're out there, you get SO paranoid."



Poetry Slam



Ravi Prasad

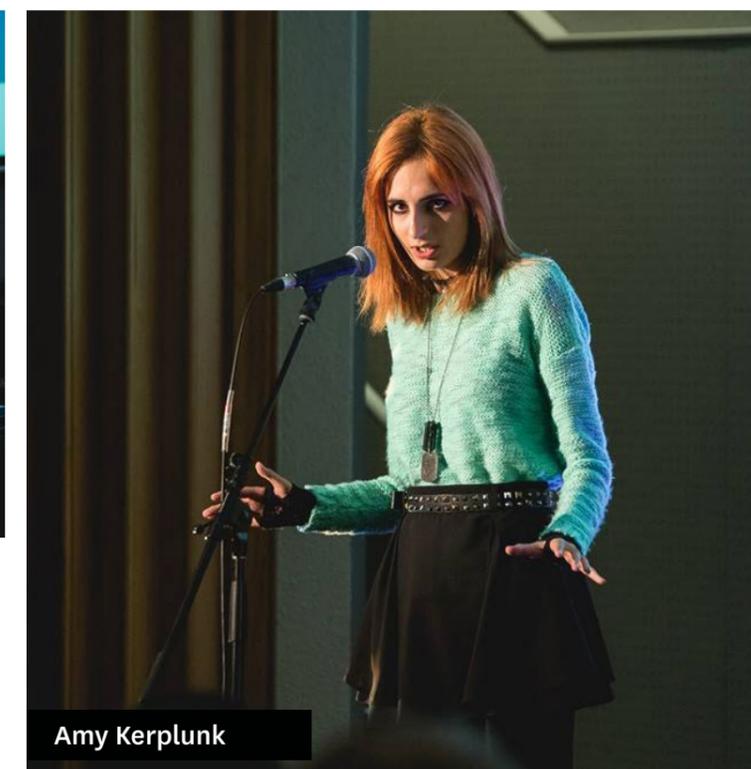
Ten brilliantly creative students battled it out at Poetry Slam in front of an animated audience in Semester One. A huge congratulations to the overall winner Vanessa Crofskey and to everyone who competed!

1st: Vanessa Crofskey 2nd: Jessie Fenton
3rd: Serena Simmons



Vanessa Crofskey

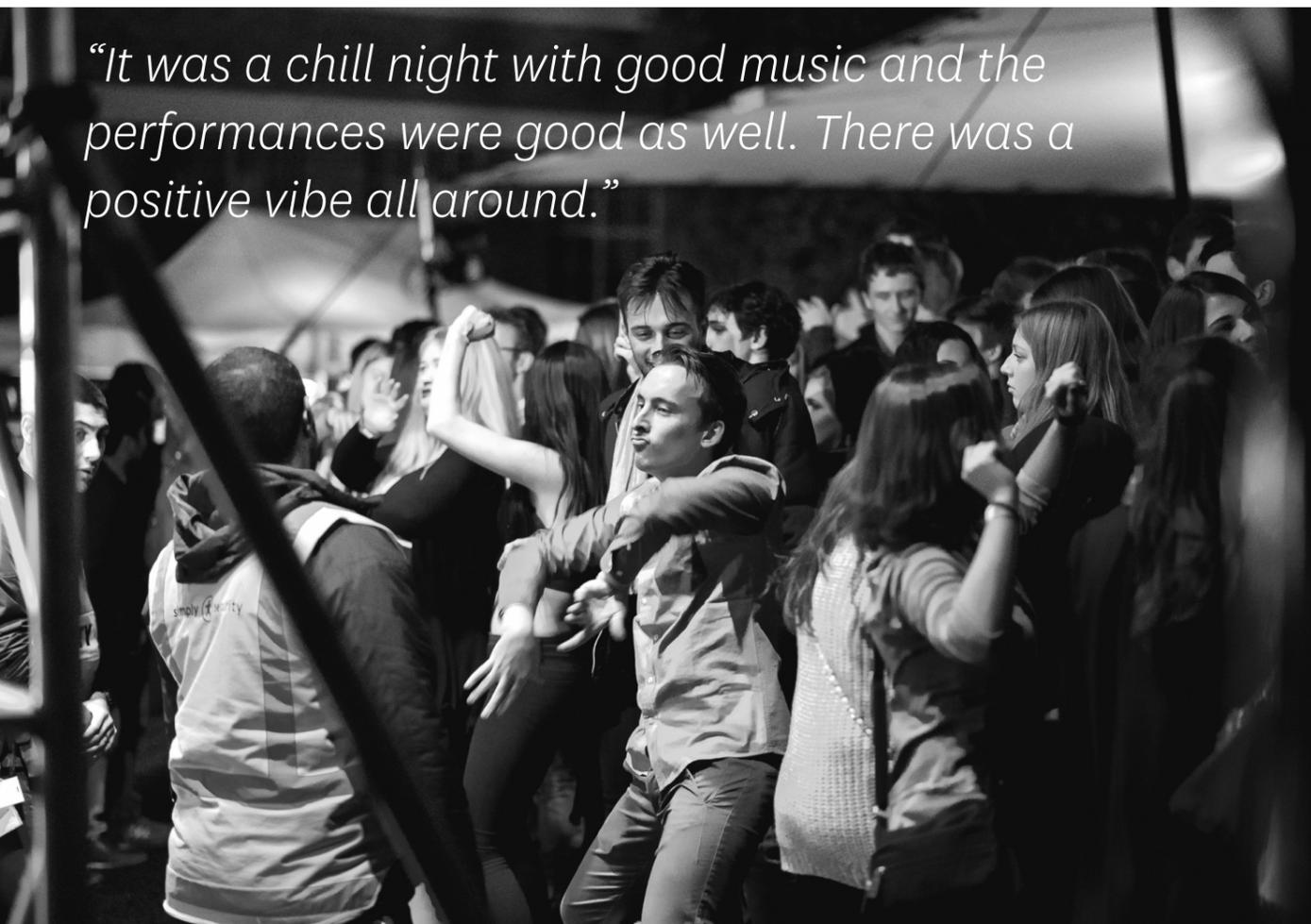
"To be able to watch stimulating and talented individuals is fantastic. One of the best events the University puts on."



Amy Kerplunk

Winterfest

"It was a chill night with good music and the performances were good as well. There was a positive vibe all around."



A crisp, clear winter's night, carnival games and food, aerial acrobatics from the Dust Palace and a cranking set by Kiwi DJ P-Money combined to make Re-O Week's Winterfest Carnival a festive start to Semester Two.



Comedy on Campus

A collection of hilarious students contested for laughs at Comedy on Campus in the Maidment Theatre in Semester Two. Congratulations to the winner, Julia Holden, and to everyone who competed – your jokes made it a great night full of fun and laughter!



"It was absolutely hilarious! I couldn't stop smiling even after it was over."

Julia Holden

"It was great to see up and coming student comedians get an opportunity to perform."



"The circus acts were amazing."



The Comedy on Campus contestants, with guest comedian Ben Hurley (far left) and MC Jamie Bowen (far right).

Open Kitchen

With cooking classes ranging from dumpling making to Thai, beer tasting to Mexican, Open Kitchen introduced students to culinary delights around Auckland.

Suitable for the beginner through to the more advanced, students brushed up on their cooking skills, met like-minded foodies and ate delicious food that they made themselves.



Dumpling making at Sachie's Kitchen.



Just desserts!



Making an Italian feast!

Diwali



Great food, amazing performances from student and community groups and a festive atmosphere made for a great Diwali celebration!

“It was great seeing how happy everyone was at the event and just how lively everything is.”



The University of Auckland Indian Society dancers put on a great show.

Inter-Res Talent Quest

Hosted by MC Dietrich Soakai, a spoken word poet, the annual Inter-Residential Talent Quest took place in October 2015 at the Maidment Theatre.

More than 300 students and staff enjoyed an evening of talent, laughs and an impromptu dance-off.

Returning judges Teesh Szabo and Dr. Kirsten Zemke were joined by Ji Fraser, lead guitarist of SIX60, who had the difficult task of picking just one winner on the night!

Notable performances included Huia resident Shoichi Isobe playing an original composition on the shamisen, and Carlaw Park Student Village resident Rapheal Mathis performing Humanity, an original slam poem, but ultimately it was a pitch perfect-esque group performance from residents at Huia which took out the competition.

Congratulations Huia Residence!



MC Dietrich Soakai.



The audience was treated to a fantastic range of performances throughout the night.



Huia residents take out the competition.

Residential Excellence Gala

2015 marked the inaugural Residential Excellence Gala, an evening to celebrate our student residents who have made a significant contribution in accommodation. Attended by nominated residents and staff, the awards were held on Monday 19 October in OGGB with performances from our talented current and ex-residents Cindy Corne, Rapheal Mathis and Natalie de Burgh.

Award recipients

Excellence in yourself

Adrian Robb, Amy Sun, Clara Todd, Daniel Carson, Eins Lee, Islay Dickie, Jennifer Crisp, Jonti Cullen, Joshua Woolley, Matthew Munro, Modi Deng, Shintaro Fushida-Hardy, Yuqing Wang.

Excellence in your residence

Amie Limbrick, Callum Tatton, Cherie Novecosky, Connor McDowall, Jack Robertson, Julia Lee, Mark Wang, Maruia Willie, Mitchell Raine, Olivia Hardie, Sufia Farooqui, Thilini Maddegoda Vidanelage, Ganapathy Jeyakumar.

Excellence in the University

Alex Mayer, Emma Sun, Esther Hunter, Nicole Toy, Silvia Perin, Steph Shen, Tejal Acharya, Vanessa Crofskey.

Excellence in the community

Adriana Bird, AJ Moke, Anna Wainwright, Ben Alsop-Ten Hove, Charlie Norton, Claudia Crow, Jhonny Gaglione Scolaro, Leandrie Young, Micah Hill-Smith, Tanya Fourie, William Webster.

Volunteer Academic Mentors

Adam Miller, Aidan Crawley -Tobin, Andrew Bester, Angus Pryde, Cassy Osokin, Ella Stolwerk, Evelyn Kennedy, Holly Wright, James McElligott, Jennifer Muhl, Jessica Fenton, Johnston Tan, Kanika Solanki, Kieren Roe, Matthew Grigg, Tushar Srivastava, Rubayet Arefin.

Residential Advisory Committee Representatives

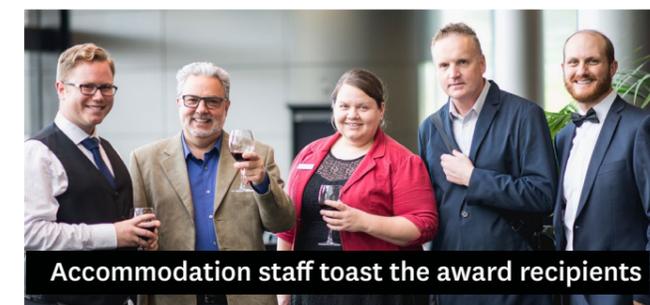
Apurva Kasture, Francesca van Doorn, Ganapathy Jeyakumar, Kristy Toy, Lucas Fairweather, Mcrae Keane, Richard Hart, Rubayet Arefin, Thomas Winter, Yi Huang.



Residential Advisors Denyce Su'a and Ella Hawthorne.



Residents Johnston Tan, Andre Lichteiner and Jennifer Crisp.



Accommodation staff toast the award recipients

O' Week

Students congregated on campus for the first week of the year, raring for a taste of university life. In 2015, for the first time ever, the home of AUSA O' Week was Albert Park, just across Princes St. The park played host to Orientation in the Park, a week-long festival of markets, beanbags, music and great entertainment in the sun.



Highlights included a great line up from Miloux to Estere on-stage in the park, and an afternoon of comedy featuring some of Auckland's best performers. The park also played host to the inaugural O' Week Talent Quest, with a performance of soulful acoustic guitar taking home the \$1000 prize despite stiff competition from students with talents ranging from belly dancing to cheerleading to rock music. And, of course, there was plenty of late-night fun too, with the O' Week stein theme "When I Graduate..." presenting plenty of opportunities for students to reflect on their potential future careers!



Battle of the Bands

2015 marked the inaugural AUSA and 95bFM Battle of the Bands. Twelve up and coming student bands faced off against one another across two sweaty heats for a spot in the final and a shot at the grand prize.

Paprika Jones triumphed on the night to take home a sweet haul of cash, recording time and a 95bFM NZ Intro Package, with Dukebox and Scared of Girls hot on their heels.



The Auckland University Students' Association hosts a packed calendar of events each year for students to enjoy. These events are run by students, for students, and range from parties to balls to quizzes. Particularly fun are the themed "weeks" AUSA runs during the year, where there is something for everyone! Some of these have been running for decades, including Womensfest, Cultural Mosaic and Ecofest, while others are more recent additions to the University calendar, such as Politics Week and Pride Week.



End of Daze

Summer wound down, as ever, with AUSA End of Daze in the Quad. The weather came out to help us celebrate the last day of classes with a garden bar in the Quad. Later on, the party moved up to Shadows for a true send-off to the academic year with Tiki Taane crooning acoustic classics on stage. A great incentive to get up early for Queen's Birthday weekend and hit the books, no doubt!

Pride Week

In 2015 Pride Week was back for the second time, kicking off with the unveiling of the new-look Queerspace. The week featured guests ranging from Kelly Ellis to Michael Stevens, and celebrated the stories of a wide range of LGBTQ students. A highlight was the Rocky Horror Picture Show screening at Shadows, featuring outrageous costumes and even more outrageous costumes!



Womensfest

The Women's Rights Officers are always raising women's issues on campus, but Womensfest is the chance for them to take front and centre. 2015 saw a great line-up of events ranging from debates, Model UN conferences and breakfasts with politicians, to talks on the white ribbon campaign and on the progress of pay equity. The week finished off with a bang as the WROs reclaimed Shadows with a great line-up of woman performers.



Politics Week

Campus is always a place of great political thought and debate, and never more so than in AUSA Politics Week! Politics Week brought a range of politicians on campus, including Andrew Little, Marama Fox, Gareth Hughes, Jacinda Ardern, Alfred Ngaro, Chris Bishop and Tracey Martin, for classic events including the Great Debate and Backbenches with Wallace Chapman. Of course, the student wings on campus also had their chance to shine with political stalls and a mini youth Backbenches event. The week also featured talks on New Zealand exports and public sector careers, and was topped off by a talk from Don Brash a week later.

Re-O' Week

The party was back for Re-O' Week with a great line-up of events in Shadows, your student bar on campus.

More than 20 students tried their hand at the Re-Open Mic Night in Shadows, mostly very successfully! More dramatically, more than 500 avid Game of Thrones watchers packed into the bar to compete for the status of Auckland's most knowledgeable fans. Faced with questions ranging from the minutiae of GoT geography to identification of characters from only the soundtrack of their dying screams, the teams kept on top of the questions (and the poor quizmaster's pronunciation!) with the winning team dropping only half a point all night to take home the glory (and a bar tab).

On Friday, Shadows Bar was transformed so that everyone could pretend summer was back for just a day, and performances from The Kaleidoscopes and Dan Aux upped the heat later that night. Shadows filled up once again the following Wednesday for the Re-O' Week Comedy Hangover Cure, featuring Guy Williams and more than a few off-colour jokes about Shadows' upholstery!



Re-O' Week Comedy Hangover Cure host, Guy Williams.



Big smiles for the Game of Thrones pub quiz at Shadows Bar.



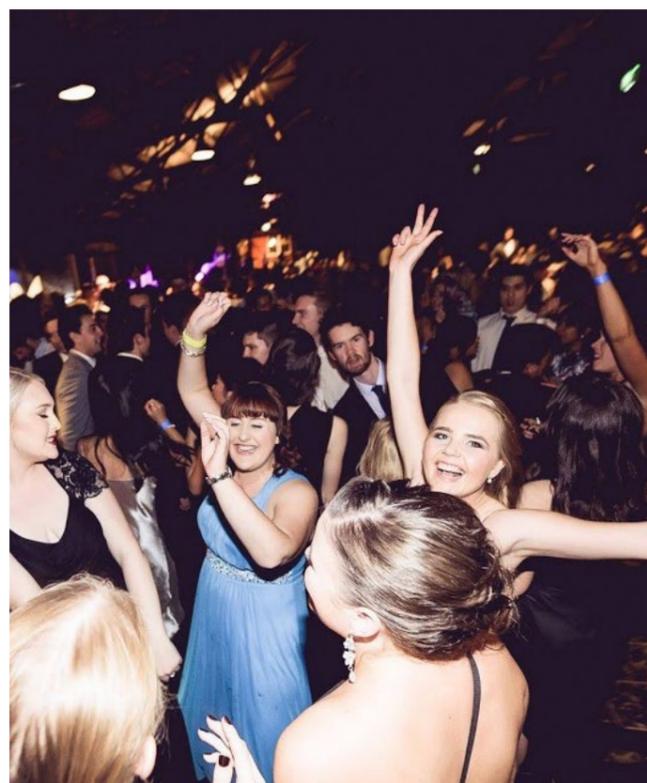
More than 20 students tried their hand at Re-Open Mic Night.

Ball



The AUSA Ball is always a highlight of the social calendar, bringing with it the excuse to dress up and strut your stuff. Hosting a student ball was one of the reasons the Association was formed in the first place way back in 1891. It took a while for the idea to grind into action, with the first University ball not hosted until the turn of the century, but it is now firmly entrenched in the annual calendar, and subsidised by your students' association so all have the opportunity to attend.

In 2015 the ball took place at Shed 10 on the waterfront, and was themed Midnight Cruise to suit the views. While the weather didn't quite participate on the night, Shed 10 was all the cosier for it. More than 600 students danced the night away in their finery to One Night Stand, and seized the opportunity to take Titanic-esque photos with a giant ship's wheel!



Harry Potter Quiz

In October, nearly 1000 students packed Shadows Bar (also known as The Hog's Head) over two nights to compete in the second annual Harry Potter Pub Quiz. The nights were filled with great costumes, Shadows's house-made butterbeer and elixirs, and even some real-life Harry Potter tattoos.



Roonil and the Wazlibs and Snapes and Ladders took out the top outstanding grades on each night, proving that they'd give Hermione a run for her money in the OWL exams. What's more, the contestants donated so many cans to the student foodbank on entry that AUSA's shelves were full for months!



CLUBS



Clubs Awards.

UoA Volunteers

Volunteering is an incredibly rewarding experience. When you volunteer with UoA Volunteers, you may find that volunteering is an enjoyable experience. Your encounters as a volunteer may inspire you. You may discover that you have a passion for a certain cause. Or you may realise that volunteering is something that gives you purpose and direction.

Joining and volunteering with UoA Volunteers gives you the opportunity to support others in the community, learn more about yourself, and change someone's life for the better.

www.facebook.com/UoAVolunteers



Volunteering at the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust Easter Show in May.

“2015 saw our enthusiastic club volunteers spend more than 2,500 hours volunteering in 30 events for 18 different charities! Our volunteers have had a significant contribution to the wider community this year – and this is certainly something we are very proud of.” – Cathlyna Saavedra, President.



UoA Volunteers at the club's AGM.



Tree planting at Unsworth Reserve in August.

Debating Society

Get amongst it! The Debating Society is a great place to meet new friends, build a community, and make the most of University.

The skills you learn (logical reasoning, critical thinking and public speaking) will hold you in good stead for the rest of your life. The club will open your eyes to a whole range of interesting issues, and if you're lucky, be an opportunity to travel to national and international tournaments.

www.debating.co.nz

“The biggest highlight this year, amongst other things, was winning Joynt Scroll (The New Zealand Prepared Debating Championships) for the first time in a decade. After having made many finals, it was great to finally take away the trophy.”

– Aditya Vasudevan, President.



Jessica Storey, Paul Smith and Aditya Vasudevan with the Joynt Scroll.



The University of Auckland Debating Society celebrating success at the Solbridge Australs.

Clubs Awards



AU Cook Islands Students' Association members
From left: Iaveta Karika, Robert Heather and Ben Toru

This year's Clubs Awards nominations saw an impressive 400 submissions come in for 35 clubs, the most to date.

Nominations came from club members, club leaders, as well as staff members aiming to recognise all the hard work that is being done. The quality of the applications was excellent, making it difficult for the Clubs Support Committee to choose just one winner per category. Congratulations to the Clubs Awards winners!



Kiwi Asian Club.

New Club of the Year
Auckland University Strength and Powerlifting Association
Runner-up: Robogals Auckland



Auckland University Strength and Powerlifting Association.

Cultural Club of the Year
Kiwi Asian Club
Runner-up: Cantonese Student Society of Auckland



Robogals Auckland.

Sports Club of the Year
Auckland University Canoe Club
Runner-up: Auckland University Underwater Club

General Club of the Year
The Food Appreciation Society
Runner-up: Social Innovation UoA

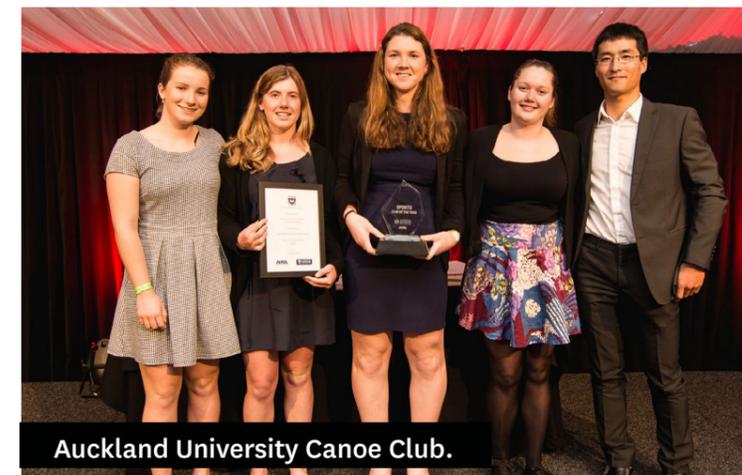


University of Auckland Anime and Manga Club.

Club President of the Year
Carey Lintott, Auckland University Canoe Club
Runner-up: Ben Kirkpatrick, Auckland University Law Students' Society

People's Choice Club of the Year
University of Auckland Anime and Manga Club

Overall Club of the Year
Auckland University Canoe Club



Auckland University Canoe Club.



University of Auckland Snowsports Club.



University of Auckland Classical Society (CLASSOC).



Auckland University Goju-Ryu Karate Club.



AU International Social Network (AUISN).

PROGRAMMES



Engineering students strategise in the Interfaculty Basketball Tournament.

Interfaculty Sport

Each year, Sport and Recreation hosts the Interfaculty Sports Championship, consisting of sports tournaments throughout the year where faculties compete for the title. After nine tournaments, the points are tallied to determine the overall champions.

The Engineering Eagles took home the hand-carved Sir Colin Maiden Shield as the 2015 Interfaculty Sports Champions, reclaiming their title from 2014 winners the Commerce Cougars.

Engineering, who narrowly missed out on the 2014 title by a one point count-back, won six of the nine tournaments over the year. Taking out Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Women's Basketball, Men's Futsal, Volleyball and Netball, Engineering won the overall championship by an impressive 15 points over runners up the Science Spartans.

[Watch the video](#)



Property players Hoi Key Tham and Danielle Fuemana.

"We are thrilled to bring the Sir Colin Maiden Shield back home to the Engineering Faculty! The dominant results were a credit to everyone who wore the purple jersey with passion and pride throughout the year"

- James Holland.



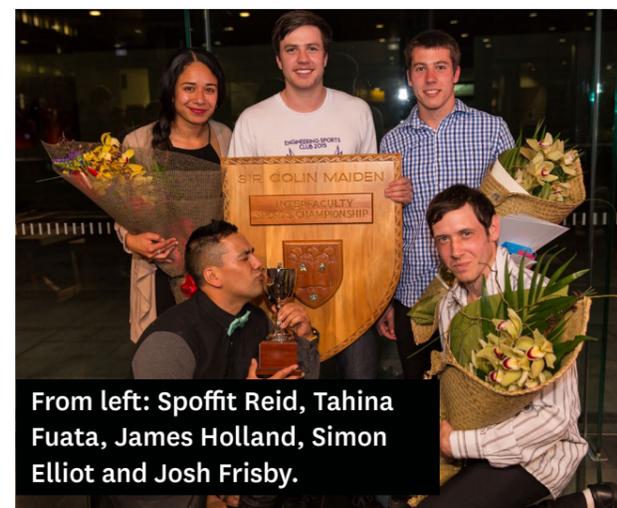
Science Spartans Netball team.



Interfaculty Rugby at Colin Maiden Park.



Caitlin Wiseman shooting in the netball final.



From left: Spoffit Reid, Tahina Fuata, James Holland, Simon Elliot and Josh Frisby.

Interfaculty Championship Awards

Supporter of the Year

Harry Clay
Runner Up: Sam Brothers

Rookie of the Year

Jahmal Beckmanflay
Runner Up: Kayla Fuemana

Manager of the Year

Kevin Joeng
Runner Up: Elaine Feiloakitau

Coach of the Year

Joseph Xulue
Runners Up: John Henry Tavave and Saia Pahulu

Team of the Year

Science Spartans Netball Team
Runner Up: EDSW Doggies Touch Team

Sportswoman of the Year

Danielle Fuemana
Runner Up: Jahmal Beckmanflay

Sportsman of the Year

Dillon Manuirangi
Runner Up: Peter Hita

Elizabeth Campbell Cup for Outstanding Individual Contribution to Interfaculty Tournaments

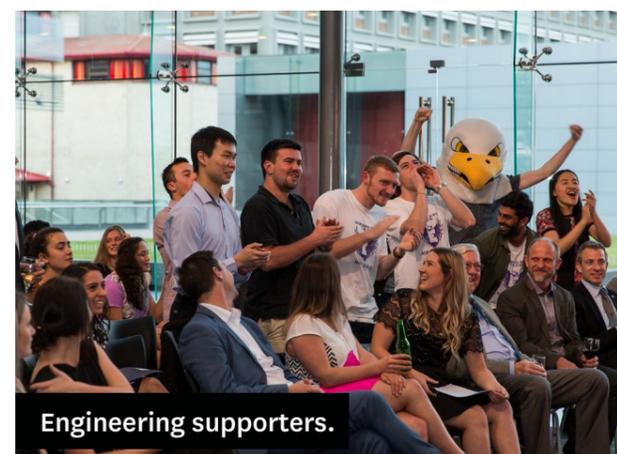
Spoffit Reid
Runners Up: Simon Elliot and Tahina Fuata



The Interfaculty Cricket Tournament at Keith Hay Park.

Overall standings

Place	Team	Points
1st	Engineering Eagles	25
2nd	Science Spartans	40
3rd	Commerce Cougars	42
4th	FMHS Seabass	53
5th	Law Lions	61
6th	Arts Alligators	63
7th	Education Doggies	70
8th	NICAI Narwhals	84
9th	Property Pirates	90



Engineering supporters.

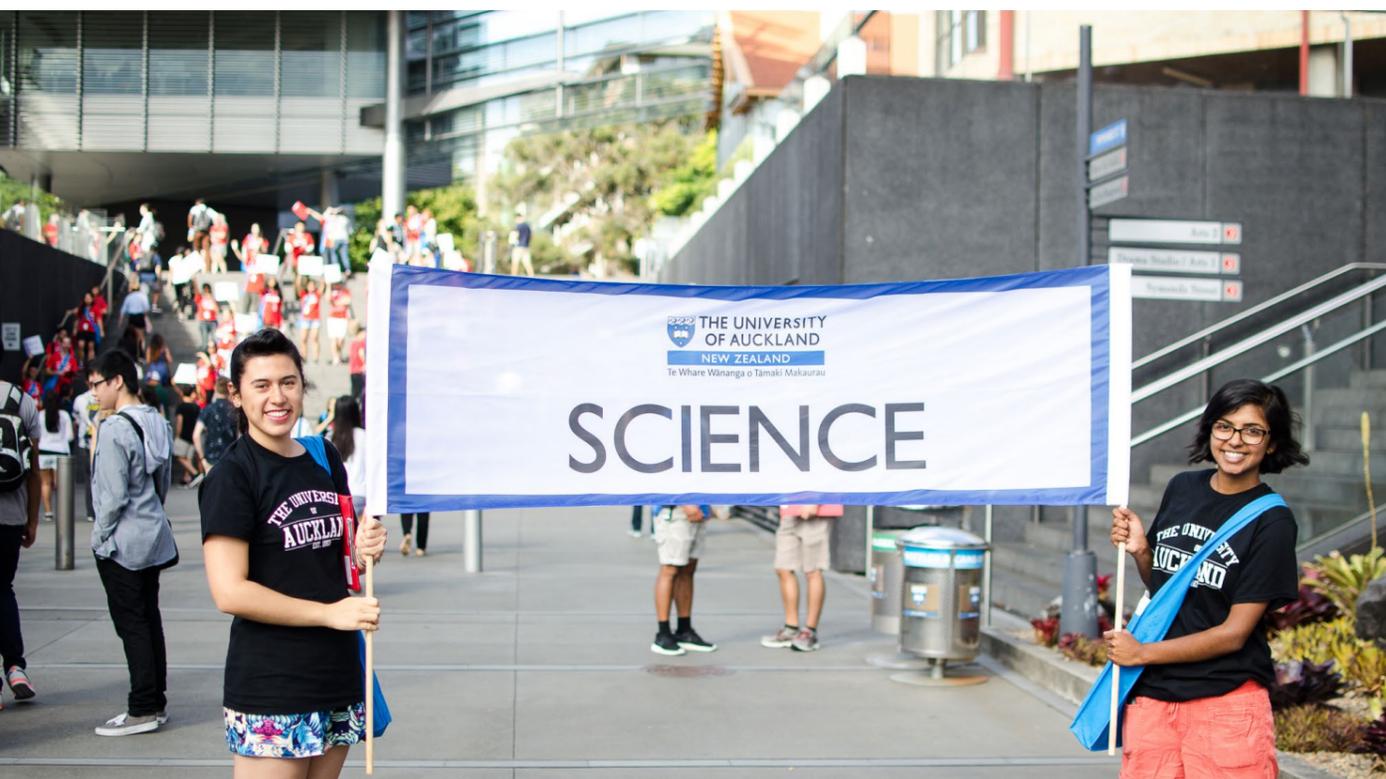
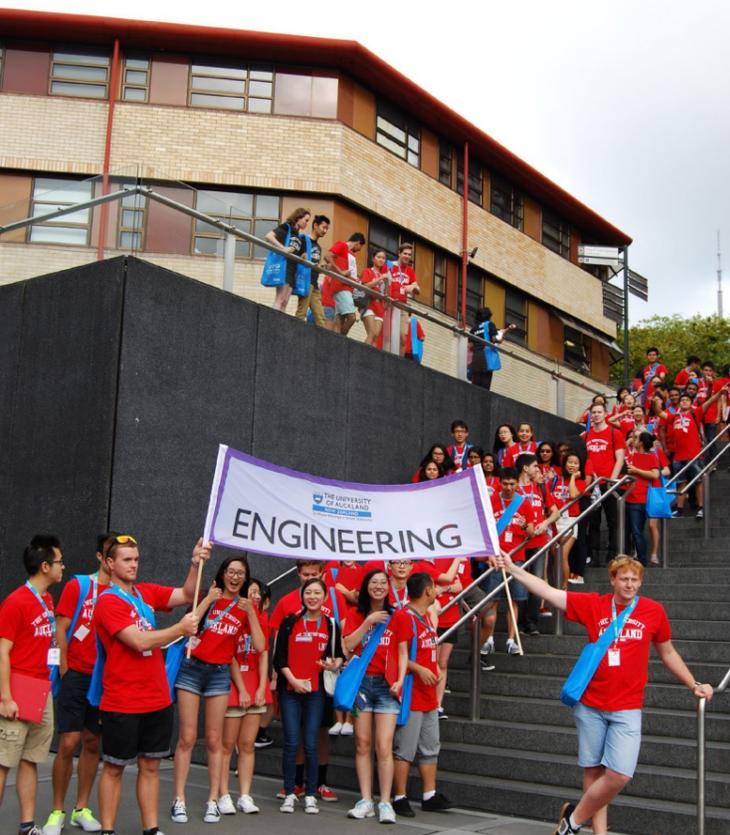


Director of Sport Louis Rattray with Harry Clay and Sport Manager Albie Eaton.

UniGuides

Nearly 300 current students volunteered to help new students get settled into university life through the UniGuide programme. From campus tours to arranging group hangouts, weekly check-ins and answering questions about life at uni, nearly 4,000 new students benefitted from this valuable programme.

www.auckland.ac.nz/uniguides



UNIM8S Social Sports

The UNIM8S Social Sports Leagues remain as popular as ever, with hundreds of students involved throughout 2015.

[Watch the video](#)

Volleyball, Futsal, Basketball, Indoor Netball, Turbo Touch and new addition Ultimate Frisbee were offered in both semesters, held at the Recreation Centre on city campus and nearby Action Indoor Sports facility.



UNIM8S Indoor Netball champions.



A winning UNIM8S Basketball team.



Men's Social Basketball winners 'Dance to Thabeat'.

Volunteer Hub

More than 1,300 students were registered on the University's Volunteer Hub in 2015. The Volunteer Hub gives students the opportunity to volunteer for a wide variety of organisations and community projects, including Red Cross, SPCA, Girl Guides, Coastguard and many more.

www.auckland.ac.nz/volunteer



Student leadership



The 360° Leadership Programme wrapped up for 2015 with a graduation ceremony for the students who completed the programme. Thirty students entered into the six-month development programme, where they engaged in challenging what it means to be a leader and explored their own leadership style.

Aiming to offer leadership development opportunities to a wider range of students, the University piloted L.E.D Talks - a series of interactive and engaging talks around leadership, education and development. Topics in 2015 were 'Emotional intelligence and the leader' and 'Persuasion, negotiation and influence without authority'.

www.auckland.ac.nz/leadership

STUDENT SUCCESS



William McKenzie and Tam Lindsay.

High Performance Student Support Programme

The University's High Performance Student Support Programme (HPSSP) helps students with the challenges of juggling tertiary study with the commitments associated with their chosen sport or activity.

Elite athletes or students who perform in the arts and culture sphere at a high level are offered support juggling their studies, a free gym membership, and are eligible to apply to the Sports Support Fund and Vice-Chancellor's Student Support Fund.

www.auckland.ac.nz/hpssp



Charlotte Hoonhout

A para-equestrian rider, Charlotte and her horse, Amarante, are on the road to qualifying for the 2016 Rio Paralympics. Retaining her North Island, National and Horse of the Year titles from 2014, the Bachelor of Commerce student also turned out a number of personal best scores this year.



Nicco Tagle

A Law and Commerce Student, Nicco smashed his way to selection in the New Zealand junior badminton squad in 2015.

The national age group champion represented New Zealand at the World Junior Championships in Peru, and picked up a number of other titles throughout the year, including North Island champion in singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.



Eleanor Adviento

Eleanor represented New Zealand at the Pacific-Asia Curling Championships in Kazakhstan. She also competed in the Audi Quattro Winter Games earlier in the year with her partner, placing seventh out of a strong field of 12 international teams.



Dylan Schmidt

A Bachelor of Commerce student, Dylan took gold at the Australian National Trampoline Championships, before representing New Zealand in Russia and placing fifth at the Trampoline World Cup in Spain.

Dylan also set a new New Zealand record of 59.2 while competing in Australia.



William McKenzie and Tam Lindsay

Engineering students and sailors, William and Tam had a strong year competing in the 29er class. The pair were selected to represent New Zealand at the Youth World Sailing Championships in Malaysia, placed second at the New Zealand team trials, were awarded Yachting New Zealand Youth Performance Awards and placed third at the United Kingdom 29er class National Championships.

High Performance Support Programme students

Alice Boyd	Pole vault	Josh Stove	Ice hockey, inline hockey
Brittney Ford	Canoe racing	Kate Burley	Netball
Dylan Schmidt	Trampoline	Kim Thompson	Canoe racing
Eleanor Adviento	Curling	Manjot Lall	Hockey
Elise Salt	Triathlon	Michaela Sokolich	Netball
Eliza McCartney	Pole vault	Olivia Mackay	Yachting
Elizabeth Lamb	High jump	Rebecca Cole	Canoe racing
Ellie Copeland	Rowing	Roisin Giles	Taekwon-do and Olympic weightlifting
George Muir	Hockey	Symone Tafuna'i	Athletics
Helen Murray	Ice hockey, inline hockey	Tam Lindsay	Yachting
Jake Guy	Rowing	Taylor Sheehan	Water polo
Jonty Keaney	Hockey	Tia Tuiburelevu	Karate

Blues Awards

Major Award winners

The 2015 Blues Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 25 September at Shed 10 on the waterfront. More than 100 Blues were awarded to students who had achieved in Sports, the Arts and Service and Leadership. Congratulations to the major award winners!



Sportsman of the Year Award: George Muir

George is a member of the Black Sticks hockey team. The team made it to the semi-finals of the World Hockey League in Buenos Aires and won gold at the 2015 Sultan of Azlan Shah Cup Malaysia.

Sportswoman of the Year Award: Eliza McCartney

Eliza represented New Zealand at the World University Games in South Korea, winning silver in the women's pole vault. She holds all of the age group and senior New Zealand records for women's pole vault and was a finalist in the Emerging Talent category for the Halberg Sports Awards earlier this year.

Māori Sportsperson of the Year Award: Michael Brake

Ngāti Porou rower Michael Brake is part of the Auckland Regional Performance Centre Squad. Michael won gold in the Coxed Eight and Coxless Four in 2014 and U22 Coxless Four and Premier Coxed Four in 2015 at the New Zealand Rowing

Award for the Most Meritorious Performance (Sport): Roisin Giles

Roisin was the gold medal winner for Senior Female 1st Degree Patterns and also won the silver medal for New Zealand in the Senior Female Team Patterns at the 2015 ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships.

Award for the Most Meritorious Performance (Arts): Joshua Cesan

Joshua is an award-winning hip hop dance performer and choreographer with two consecutive silver medal successes at the World Hip Hop Dance Championships. He is Head-Choreographer, Company Director and Dancer in both Identity Dance Crew and its umbrella company IDCO.

Award for the most outstanding contribution (Service and Leadership): Hazel Wilks

Hazel is the 2015 Auckland University Medical Students' Association President. During her Presidency she pioneered the establishment of a portfolio for student advocacy on major health-related issues, to raise awareness and tackle broader health issues such as climate change, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, child poverty, global health and mental health.

Blues Award Recipients



Joshua Cesan, centre, with Identity Dance Crew.



MC Hilary Barry.



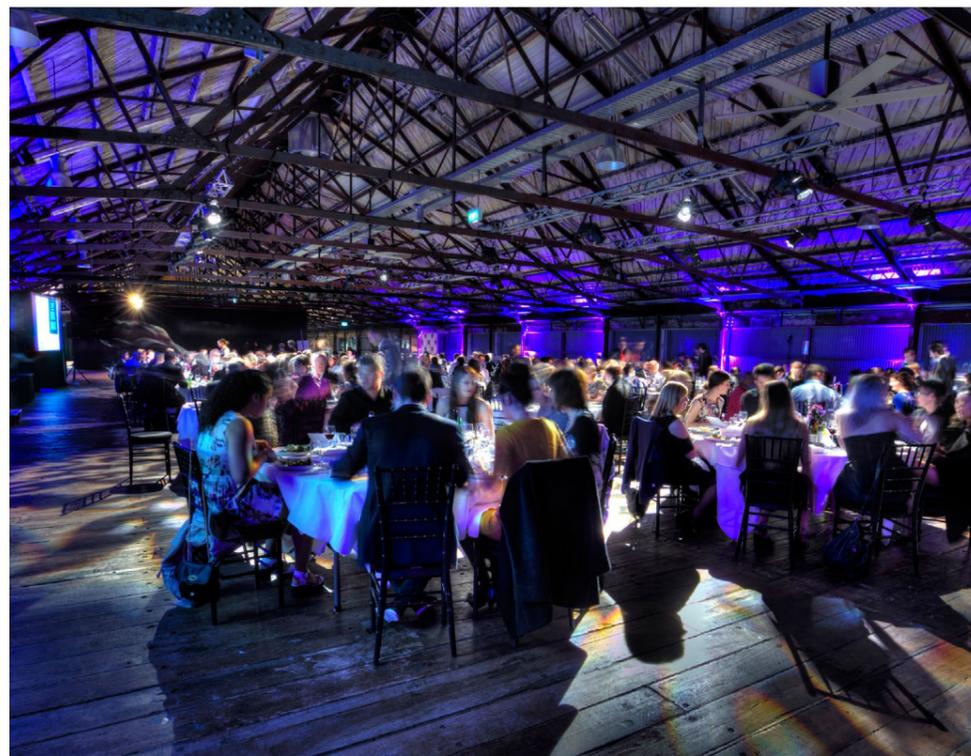
From left: Josiah Carr, Alexander Eichelbaum, Zac Johns and Callum Blackmore.



Alzeena Levi, Sporting Blue in lawn bowls.



Rachel Brebner, Service and Leadership Blue (left) and Matthew Sokolich.



Sports

Alexander Stewart Carr
 Alexandra Rout
 Alexis Poulter
 Alice Mason
 Alice Rachel Isobella Boyd
 Alister Kennedy
 Alzeena Ellen Finetagi Levi
 Andrew Ranford
 Ben Davies
 Ben McDonald-Sporle
 Billy Armstrong
 Braeden Drennan
 Callum Phillips
 Charlotte Joy
 Charlotte Moss
 Christopher Tan
 Danyon Kemp
 Eleanor Delos Reyes Adviento
 Elise Salt
 Eliza McCartney

Elizabeth Lamb
 Ellie Copeland
 George Muir
 Hannah Coombridge
 Helen Murray
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 Henry Ling
 Jack Barker
 Jak Tan
 Jamie Banhidi
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 Jefferson Haldane
 Jenni Scott
 Joanna Chamberlin
 Joseph Nihotte
 Kim Thompson
 Laurence Carey
 Leo Golder
 Liam Jay Robertson
 Louis van Velthooven
 Lucas de Rijk
 Mackenzie Keenan

Maika Phillips
 Matthew Goodall
 Megan Robertson
 Melody Yong
 Michael Brake
 Molly Elizabeth Victoria Swanson
 Nicole Drummond
 Oliver Wilson
 Olivia Mackay
 Pippa Hayward
 Rebecca Cole
 Reid Stannus McGowan
 Roisin Giles
 Tamryn Lindsay
 Tarryn Davey
 Taylor Sheehan
 Thivya Jeyaranjan
 Tia Tuiburelevu
 William Baker
 William Mckenzie

Arts

Bradley Wood
 Callum Blackmore
 Denyce Ali'itasi Tuputausi Su'a
 Erica Clare Kenny
 Hash Perambalam
 James Penn
 James Rankin
 Jeremy Wymer
 Jessica Storey

Ji-Hyun (Jane) Sohn
 Joshua Baxter
 Joshua Cesan
 Josiah Carr
 Kim My Huynh
 Li Geng Xin
 Lucy Harrison
 M. Louise Webster
 Matthew Bartlett
 Modi Deng

Natalee Tan
 Norman Wei
 Paul Smith
 Raimana Jones
 Ruby Porter
 Shauno Isomura
 Vivian Hosking-Aue
 Yusef Patel
 Zac Johns
 Zee Shake Lee

Service and Leadership

Alexander Eichelbaum
 Benjamin Kirkpatrick
 Carmen Yen Chan
 Charles Norton
 Cynthia Tieu
 Elinor Swery
 Eunice Ng
 Hazel Wilks
 Henry Ling
 Kate Boersen
 Mark Bekhit

Max Lin
 Miriam Bookman
 Natalie Germann
 Nathanael Lucas
 Nicole Taylor
 Nigel Yu
 Rachel Brebner
 Russet Dewy Sacayan
 Sarah McLean
 Serena Sarika Lal
 Siobhan Lenehan
 Albert Tungalaa Vete

Tertiary Sport



Volleyball players Sam Brady, Simon Connolly and Alani Nicklin.

Northern Tertiary Challenge

Nearly 150 University of Auckland students competed across seven sporting codes in the 2015 Northern Tertiary Challenge. Held at the Trusts Stadium on May 22nd, our University players faced teams from AUT University, Waikato University, Unitec, North Tec, MIT and Massey University.

Team University of Auckland claimed the top spot in six out of seven sports, winning Touch Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Football and Ultimate Frisbee, with a very close second place in the Volleyball against a strong Waikato University team.

In addition to the team successes, University students Jeremy Sim (Basketball) John Henry Tavae (Netball) and Miles Bennett (Ultimate) were awarded Most Valuable Player in their sports.

The Northern Tertiary Challenge shield remains proudly displayed in the trophy cabinet at the Recreation Centre, with hopes to keep it there for 2016 and beyond.



Waikato Invitational

Over 70 of our students travelled to Waikato University in Hamilton for the third annual Waikato Invitational. On Friday August 14th we took students to participate in Netball, Basketball, Football, Touch and Volleyball. The teams departed in the dark of the morning on two double decker buses to arrive in Hamilton for the first games.

Off the back of the success at Northern Tertiary Challenge UoA were the hot favourites at this event. With old foes AUT not attending this event, UoA were dominant and although weather conditions were rough came away winning three golds and two silvers to also take the overall title.



Dakota Ruta kicking off in the Grand Final.

National Tertiary Nines

Universities from all over New Zealand came together for the inaugural National Tertiary Nines on January 30 at Fowlds Park; a tournament co-run by the Auckland Rugby League and the NZ Tertiary and University Sports Council.

Coached by Rob Nathan, The University of Auckland was undefeated in round robin play, beating Otago, Wellington and Waikato and drawing with AUT. The final against AUT was a tightly fought battle, the University eventually taking a 16-14 point victory.

"I wasn't expecting this much competition and rivalry throughout the day, it was quality footy and was such a good day".

-Tom Kavaliku, team captain.

The winning side received a trophy and \$2000 prize money, while several players were shortlisted for the New Zealand Tertiary side, with coaching staff watching on throughout the day.



Mohammed Sabri receiving his 'Golden Glove' award for best keeper.

National University Futsal Champs

The inaugural National University Futsal Championships took place during August this year. Men's and Women's teams from UoA attended this weekend event hosted by Massey University and NZ Football.

With the guidance and support of head coach, and Futsal Whites captain, Marvin Eakins the teams were able to have a successful weekend. University Men's team narrowly lost to the University of New Caledonia in the final and the women's team also placed second, losing to AUT in the final. This tournament was also somewhat of a recruiting opportunity for regional futsal teams. From this tournament, twelve University of Auckland students were selected for the Auckland Football Federation and Northern Football Federation squads for Nationals this year.

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