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Alanah Charlotte Jones

Faculty of Arts and Education

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Anh Thu Anna Nguyen

Faculty of Arts and Education

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Eloise Marren Page

Faculty of Arts and Education

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Grace Ellen Wellik

Faculty of Arts and Education

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Grace Madison Baylis

**Faculty of Arts and Education,
Faculty of Law**

Grace won the 2025 Joynt Scroll, New Zealand's national prepared debating championship, alongside her teammates. Breaking first and excelling individually as a top speaker, she showcased exceptional advocacy and teamwork, continuing the University of Auckland's strong debating tradition with one of the year's most prestigious national titles.

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Harper Smith

**Faculty of Medical and Health
Sciences**

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Ivan Zhang

**Faculty of Arts and Education,
Faculty of Law**

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Harry Donald Sinclair Aickin

Faculty of Law, Faculty of Science

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Jack Doyle

**Faculty of Arts and Education,
Business School**

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Jake Inskeep

Business School

Jake achieved success in national and international legal negotiation competitions, winning the Auckland regional titles in 2024 and 2025 and the NZLSA National Negotiation in 2024. They reached the quarter-finals at the 2024 ALSA Negotiation in Tasmania and represented New Zealand at the 2025 International Negotiation Competition in London.

Joshua Bamfield

Faculty of Engineering and Design

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Joshua Samir Phillip Boshra

Business School, Faculty of Law

Joshua achieved outstanding results in legal negotiation, winning the 2024 NZLSA National Negotiation in Christchurch and the 2025 Buddle Findlay Senior Negotiation in Auckland. He reached the quarter-finals at the 2024 ALSA Negotiation in Tasmania and represented New Zealand at the 2025 International Negotiation Competition in London.

Matthew Mark Spooner

Faculty of Arts and Education

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Megan Rule

Faculty of Engineering and Design

Megan's published writing on architect Monica Barham helped to save, for now, the Don Street Medical Centre in Invercargill (1956), a building of national significance. As one of the earliest NZIA Award-winning works by a female architect, its preservation highlights Megan's impact in safeguarding New Zealand's architectural heritage.

Phoebe Jennings

Faculty of Law

Phoebe was a finalist at the 2024 NZLSA National Mooting Championship, New Zealand's most prestigious moot requiring in-depth legal analysis and strong advocacy skills. As part of the national champion team, she represented New Zealand at the 2025 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition against leading global universities.

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Rebecca Zhang

Business School, Faculty of Law

Rebecca performed as a yangqin musician in Taniwha, a professional theatre production by Silo Theatre and Auckland Live at the Herald Theatre in 2025. Contributing both ensemble and solo music, she helped create a distinctive cross-cultural soundscape that enriched the show's acclaimed live musical and theatrical impact.

Robin Park

Faculty of Law

Robin performed with the New Zealand Youth Choir, which won Choir of the World at the 2025 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and the Grand Prix of Nations in the Folklore category at the European Choir Games in Denmark, showcasing excellence and cultural expression on the world stage.

Rosina May Mereana

Manuel

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Mereana performed with Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Whakaue, the supreme winners of Te Matatini o Te Kāhui Maunga 2025 in New Plymouth. As a front-line performer, she demonstrated leadership and seniority, contributing to her group's historic victory at Aotearoa's most prestigious kapa haka competition.

Sabreen Islam

**Faculty of Arts and Education,
Faculty of Law**

Sabreen released her single 'Countryman', shedding light on the forgotten story of Joe Kum Yung and honouring Asian heritage in Aotearoa. Supported by \$11,000 NZ On Air funding, the track gained national media coverage, over 15,000 streams and earned her recognition as one of YWCA's Y25 Change-makers of 2025.

Te Urikore Waititi-Lake

**Faculty of Arts and Education,
Business School**

Te Urikore performed at Te Matatini 2025 in Taranaki with Te Taumata o Apanui, who were finalists in their debut appearance. Representing her iwi on the national kapa haka stage was a powerful milestone, strengthening her leadership, discipline and cultural identity while celebrating Māori excellence and representation.

Timothy Evans

Faculty of Arts and Education

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Tom Varney

**Faculty of Arts and Education,
Business School**

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Ysabella Stevenson

**Faculty of Arts and Education,
Faculty of Law**

Ysabella won the 2024 NZLSA National Mooting Championship, New Zealand's most prestigious moot, and was named Best Oralist. As national champion, she represented New Zealand at the 2025 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, competing against top global teams in simulated proceedings before the International Court of Justice.