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Alexshana Sivarajah

Faculty of Law

Alexshana has demonstrated exceptional commitment to leadership and community service both locally and internationally. Alongside her student advocacy as Co-Chair of SSCC and leadership at Law School Camp, Alexshana independently funded and led the construction of a sanitation system in rural Sri Lanka. This essential project restored access to drinking water, sustaining generations to come.

Angela Benedicta Horta

Faculty of Engineering and Design

Angela founded BILIK, the first free university entrance mentoring platform in Eastern Indonesia. Angela designed the programmes, oversees the participating mentors and facilitates sessions. Supporting over 100 students already, Angela's commitment to reducing inequity in access to higher education in Flores Island has had an exceptional impact.

Dylan Chand

Faculty of Engineering and Design, Faculty of Science

Dylan represented Aotearoa at the 2025 World Cities Summit in Vienna, leading dialogue on youth perspectives on sustainable cities, waste and housing. His leadership bridged global and local knowledge, advocated for youth voices and demonstrated how young people can meaningfully influence urban and climate policy at the international level.

Kartini Fransiska Clarke

Faculty of Law

As the CEO of the Young Neurodiversity Champions, Kartini has shown unwavering commitment to advocating for greater support for her community. Mentoring 13 other young leaders, lobbying to Members of Parliament as well as assisting government agencies with developing clinical guidelines, Kartini has improved access to ADHD diagnosis for thousands of New Zealanders.

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Layba Zubair

Faculty of Law

Layba represented Aotearoa at the United Nations CSW69, pushing for global gender justice grounded in an Aotearoa grassroots perspective. She co-authored national law reform submissions, led survivor-focused advocacy and empowered rangatahi through civics education, with a strong focus on equity, lived experience and systemic change.

Renee Lloyd-Parangi

Faculty of Arts and Education, Faculty of Law

Renee (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Rēhia) is the Youth MP for Tāmaki Makaurau, working under the late MP Takutai Tarsh Kemp. Through her tireless mahi, attending market stalls, protests, schools and wānanga both online and in person, Renee ensured that rangatahi Māori voices were uplifted and valued at the highest levels of decision-making..

Tyler Oroanu

Faculty of Arts and Education, Faculty of Law

Tyler is the Youth MP for Panmure-Ōtāhuhu and a community leader whose political advocacy and organising have empowered Pacific, rainbow and South Auckland communities. From speeches in Parliament to leading Labour Party communications in South Auckland, Tyler demonstrates ongoing dedication to inclusive policy and elevated youth voices.