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### **Aisha Paige O'Malley**

#### **Business School and Faculty of Arts**

Commerce and Global Studies student Aisha broke fourteenth with her team at the Australasian Wom\*n's Debating Championships progressing to the semi-finals, placed as the 19th best speaker and 12th best novice speaker of the tournament. Aisha also judged at the 2020 World University Debating Championships where she broke as a judge and went on to judge the semi-finals.

### **Andrew O'Malley-Shand**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Law and Arts student Andrew won first place with his team at the 16th International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition in 2021.

### **Arianna Bacic**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Law and Global Studies student Arianna won first place with her team at the 16th International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition in 2021.

### **Bella Rollinson**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Law and Arts student Bella was a member of the Auckland 1 debating team that broke 14th in the 2020 Australian Women's Debating Championships and placed as 16th best speaker, improving on her 2019 34th ranking. At the New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships Bella was one of the top 10 impromptu debaters at the tournament and received a Highly Commended award. As part of the Auckland 1 debating team Bella broke in 2nd position at the 2021 Joynt Scroll Tournament. Bella also placed as the best speaker of the tournament.

### **Blake Nicholson**

#### **Faculty of Engineering and Business School**

Engineering and Commerce student Blake is a member and section leader of the New Zealand Youth Choir who performed as part of the BBC international broadcast for Commonwealth Day celebrations. He is also a member of the Voice New Zealand Chamber Choir, the country's only national professional choir, led by Artistic Director Dr Karen Grylls from the University of Auckland.

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### **Blake Scanlen**

#### **Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries**

Music student Blake is a member of the New Zealand Youth Choir which includes performing for the BBC international broadcast for Commonwealth Day celebrations. Earlier this year, Blake (along with collaborator Takerei Komene) created a new arrangement of 'Soon May the Wellerman Come' which has since become a core piece of New Zealand Youth Choir repertoire. He is also a member of the Voice New Zealand Chamber Choir, the country's only national professional choir, led by Artistic Director Dr Karen Grylls from the University of Auckland.

### **Britney Clasper**

#### **Faculty of Law and Business School**

Commerce and Law student Britney won first place with her team at the 16th International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition in 2021.

### **Bronwyn Wilde**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Law and Arts student Bronwyn won first place with her team at the 16th International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition in 2021.

### **Carlene Newall de Jesus**

#### **Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries**

Doctoral candidate Carlene is the director of 'Talking to Myself' and 'Thinking Time' which was presented at the Tempo Dance Festival 2020 Putiputi and selected for the 2021 Circus International Film Festival. Carlene was a semi and quarter finalist at the 2020 Online Isolation Short Videos Festival, and is the recipient of the 2020 Movement Art Practice Research Exchange Residency Programme for the development of the Little Black Boxes film series. She was also the Creative Genius Filmmaker for the New Zealand Police and New Zealand Government's Covid-19 response.

### **Catherine Kwak**

#### **Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences**

Catherine, a medical student and Cellist, placed first at the 2020/2021 54th New Zealand National Concerto Competition and second at the 2020 Gisborne International Music Competition.

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### **Charlie Harmer**

#### **Faculty of Law and Business School**

Commerce and Law student Charlie was awarded the Ken Mitchell Trophy for Best Original Composition at the National Youth Jazz Competition 2020 for the best original composition for their piece 'End of the Road'.

### **Daniel Maier-Gant**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Arts and Law student Daniel was selected for the New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships team which won against Canterbury University, he was the second equal best impromptu debater in the country and best reply speaker. Daniel was selected as a judge for the 2020 Asian British Parliamentary Debating Championships. He went on to judge the grand final and was the 5th best judge at the tournament.

### **David Lee**

#### **Faculty of Law and Business School**

Law and Business student David and his team placed in the top 64 teams, out of 385, at the 28th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition in 2021.

### **Fiona Wu**

#### **Faculty of Law and Business School**

Law and Business student Fiona and her team placed in the top 64 teams, out of 385, at the 28th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition in 2021.

### **Gauri Prabhakar**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Law and Arts student Gauri and her team placed in the top 64 teams, out of 385, at the 28th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition in 2021.

### **Grace Baylis**

#### **Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Law**

Arts and Law student Grace was selected for the Joynt Scroll where the team broke in 4th place to the semi-finals, she was in the top 15 speakers of the tournament and named most promising speaker. Grace and her team also won the 2021 New Zealand Women's tournament, where Grace was named the top speaker in New Zealand, an improvement on her 5th place in 2020.

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### Grace Belworthy

#### Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Grace, a medical student and debater who competed at the 2021 World University Debating Championships, broke 47th and won their Partial Double Octo Final, progressing to the Octo Finals. Grace was ranked the 50th equal best debater at the competition and New Zealand's highest ranked speaker. She was also the Deputy Chief-Adjudicator for the 2021 Joynt Scroll, the New Zealand 3v3 Debating Championships.

### Hamish Regan

#### Business School and Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Commerce and Music student Hamish is a member of the New Zealand Youth Choir as tenor and performs professionally with New Zealand Opera.

### Jane Wang

#### Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Jane ranked 34th at the Philip C Jessup International Moot Court Competition 2021 out of nearly 500 teams and 53rd after advanced rounds. Jane was ranked 126th best oralist.

### Jay Clement

#### Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Postgraduate Dance student Jay is the director of 'Won't be a Nuisance' and 'Of Anything' which was presented at the Tempo Dance Festival 2020 Putiputi and selected for the 2021 Circus International Film Festival. He was a recipient of the 2020 Movement Art Practice Research Exchange Residency and co-directed the project Little Black Boxes exploring the stories of New Zealanders' lockdown experiences through dance and circus.

### Jessica Anderson

#### Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries and Faculty of Arts

Arts and Music student Jessica was selected for the Pettman and Royal Over-Seas League Scholarship for 2020 alongside her string quartet Viereinigkiet. The scholarship offers a fully-funded trip to London and Edinburgh in July 2022.

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### **Jessie Leov**

#### **Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries**

Postgraduate student Jessie received Highly Commended in the 25 & Under Category in the New Zealand Choral Federation's Compose Aotearoa! Choral Composition Contest, for 'nunc dimittis' for SATB choir. In 2020 she was also commissioned to write new choral work 'Let My Country Awake' for the Happy Composer Commission Project, founded and operated by U.S based choral composer Carlos Cordero and was the only composer outside of America to be selected. This work was then selected to be performed by the New Zealand Chamber Choir.

### **Joe Ascroft**

#### **Business School**

Doctoral candidate Joe competed at the 2021 World University Debating Championships in the Auckland 1 Team who broke 47th and won their Partial Double Octo Final, progressing to the Octo Finals. Joe was also part of the winning team at the 2020 New Zealand British Parliamentary where he was recognised in the top 4 speakers in the tournament, exceeding his team's 2019 third place.

### **Liam Silverwood**

#### **Faculty of Engineering**

Engineering student Liam was selected for the 2021 Joynt Scroll tournament, where his team broke fourth in the semi-finals and he was recognised as one of the tournament's top 5 speakers.

### **Lily Holloway**

#### **Faculty of Arts**

Arts student Lily is an award-winning writer who won second place in Charles Brasch Young Writers' Essay Competition in 2020. Her poem 'Letter I will never post' was one of top five highly commended entries out of 426 poems in the Caselberg Trust International Poetry Prize in 2020.

### **Matthew Connolly**

#### **Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries**

Architecture student Matthew was awarded a Silver Pin at the 2020 Designers Institute of New Zealand Best Awards for his project 'Te Angaanga Tahataha' which was created in partnership with the Miranda Shorebird Trust.

### **Melissa Connolly**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Global Studies and Law student Melissa, broke in 4th place to the semi finals with the Auckland 2 team at the 2020 Joynt Scroll Tournament.

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### **Nick Goldstein**

#### **Faculty of Law and Business School**

Law and Business student Nick and his team placed in the top 64 teams, out of 385, at the 28th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition in 2021.

### **Rosemary Li**

#### **Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries**

Architecture student Rosemary's work 'The Sentimental Piece' was selected as one of the top five finalists at the 2020 Brick Bay Competition.

### **Sharuka Wikramanayake**

#### **Faculty of Science and Faculty of Law**

Science and Law student Sharuka was part of the Auckland 2 debating team. He broke 23rd at the 2021 World University Debating Championships, this was the first New Zealand team to make the semi-finals since 2015. At the 2021 Joynt Scroll Tournament, Shakura broke in second place and was ranked third best debater at the competition.

### **Sophie Helen Shrimpton**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Law and Arts student Sophie ranked 34th at the Philip C Jessup International Moot Court Competition 2021 out of nearly 500 teams and 53rd after advanced rounds.

### **Susie McCluskey**

#### **Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts**

Law and Arts student Susie and her team placed in the top 64 teams, out of 385, at the 28th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition in 2021. Susie received an Honourable Mention for the Martin Domke Award for the Best Individual Oralist, placing her in the top 72 individual speakers of the competition.

### **Umbar Kaur Sandhu**

#### **Faculty of Law and Business School**

Business and Law student Umbar was selected for the Auckland 1 team, who were awarded first place in the 2021 Joynt Scroll tournament. She was also named as one of the competition's six top debaters and 2nd best reply speaker. Umbar was also the Deputy Chief-Adjudicator of 2021 New Zealand Wom\*n's Debating Championships.

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### **Zachary Chambers**

#### **Faculty of Arts**

Arts student Zachary was selected for the New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships team which won against Canterbury University. Zachary was ranked the second equal best impromptu debater in the country. He also judged at the 2020 Asian British Parliamentary Debating Championships with other 160 teams competition, judging the semi finals.

### **Ziyi (Jacky) Zheng**

#### **Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries**

Architecture student Ziyi was a finalist in the Te Kāhui Whaihanga Resene 2020 Student Design Awards for his project 'CyberBio Architecture'. CyberBio Architecture is a mixed-reality installation to explore and test the design of interactive biological materials and environments.