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Emily Hacket Pain

Faculty of Engineering and Business School

Engineering and Commerce conjoint student Emily founded the not-for-profit organisation Paper Pens Pencils, redistributing unused stationery that may end up in landfills from individuals and organisations to low decile schools, where some families struggle to provide stationery for students. She has donated stationery to 22 causes in the last year, including to 19 low decile schools in Auckland. Principal of Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate notes that Emily's donations make a huge positive impact on students and on the school itself who are under financial strain.

Emma Edmonds

Business School

Emma is a Māori Development postgraduate student who is a key member of Te Ohonga. The roopu is creating whānau led opportunities to respond to the housing crisis in the Northland region of Utakura and has secured funding from Government to renovate the derelict homes and design a plan for papakainga housing. Emma is deeply involved in this mahi, hosting hui and engaging with whānau and Government to create tangible impacts.

Justice-Te Amorangi

Hetaraka

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Justice founded HĀ Histories of Aotearoa, an organisation that develops and facilitates education programmes for high school students and teachers, investigating the histories of Aotearoa through oral traditions and understanding through art. She ran a pilot of the programme with a Whangārei High School with high acclaim and went on to present her team's mahi to the Prime Minister at Waitangi Day. HĀ was the recipient of a Commendation of Merit Award (non-profit), the 2021 Māori Business Awards and recently raised \$12,000 through an exhibition of the created art works.

Kyaw Hla

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Kyaw is a Master of Public Health Student and executive member of the Burmese Rohingya Welfare Organisation New Zealand who helped distribute masks to the community during the 2020 lockdown, received funding from the Ministry of Social Development to organise activities like driving courses and parenting lessons for members of the Burmese community.

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Meera Nila Patel

Faculty of Science

Masters of Science student Meera has been a long-time volunteer with Anxiety New Zealand and was awarded for the 2020 Minister of Health Volunteer Award for her role as the Duty Manager where she supports junior volunteers on shifts, facilitates debrief groups, supervises role plays and assists callers with complex needs or in crisis. In May of this year Meera moved to a Clinical Backup paid role, in recognition of what the CEO on Anxiety New Zealand describes as her profound impact as embodying their culture, ko ngā tāngata, te mātua mahi / putting people at the heart of all we do.

Tayla Alexander

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Music student Tayla launched the Tayla Made Foundation in 2020 to provide direct funding to young artists and musicians particularly in the classical community. As a soprano herself, Tayla understands the difficult journey to the stage and was awarded \$25,000 from the Perpetual Guardian Association to launch the foundation.