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Alex Bermingham

Faculty of Engineering

Engineering student Alex claimed gold in the Women's K4 200m and bronze in K2 200m when she competed at the 2021 NZCT New Zealand Canoe Sprint Championships in Waikato. She was also selected to represent the NZ team for the U23 World Championships.

Amy Robertson

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Postgraduate Architecture student Amy was the champion of the 2020 New Zealand Women's 100m Hurdles in Hawke's Bay. An undefeated champion, she won the National 100m hurdles final and is a multiple qualifier for the 2021 World University Games taking place in Chengdu, China.

Anna Steven

Faculty of Science

SScience student Anna set a new PB and Oceania record in the T64 200m heat and placed 8th in the final at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo. Anna also competed at the 2021 Oceania Invitational Athletic Series and placed 14th in the 100m sprint and 6th in the 200m sprint.

Becki Williamson

Faculty of Science

Science student Becki was the champion for New Zealand's National U25 Dressage – Young Rider FEI in Taupo and the champion for the National Zilco Young Rider Series in 2021. She took 2nd place at her first Grand Prix Musical Freestyle at the AMDG Premier League Championship in Clevedon, 2020. If Covid wasn't in the way, Becki would be looking to compete internationally.

Briana Stephenson

Faculty of Science

Science student Briana competed at the New Zealand National Championships this year and placed 2nd in long jump with a distance of 5.98m and 3rd in 200m.

Bruce Ng

Faculty of Education and Social Work

Sport, Health and Physical Education student Bruce was a member of NZ High Performance Senior Men and Senior Mixed Ultimate squads for 2021. His team placed 2nd at the 2021 NZ Ultimate Championships. Bruce also received Male Player of the Year award from New Zealand Ultimate at the 2020 NZU Awards.

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Catherine Layburn

Faculty of Science

Postgraduate Science student Catherine was selected to be a part of the 2021 NZ World University Games Squad and at the NZ University Rowing Championships 2021, Catherine placed 2nd in women's single sculls. For the 2021 NZ National Rowing Club Championships, Catherine holds titles for Women's Senior 2x, 2-, 4x-.

Courtney Williams

Faculty of Science

Science student Courtney took 2nd place at the NZ Water Ski Nationals and was selected to represent the NZ team at the Junior World Championships in Florida, USA.

Dana Ye-Lee

Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science

Engineering and Science student Dana, currently ranks as the 4th best 52kg junior powerlifter in the world and the 5th best overall female powerlifter in New Zealand regardless of age or weight class. Her stellar performances in 2020 and 2021 earned her a spot with the New Zealand team at the IPF World Championships but was impeded due to the pandemic.

Elizabeth Anton

Faculty of Science

Postgraduate Science student Elizabeth has been selected to be a regular starter for the Perth Glory Football Club in Australia for the 2020-2021 season. Elizabeth also plays for the New Zealand Women's Football Squad as a travelling reserve.

Frazer Tavener

Faculty of Engineering

Engineering Honours student Frazer competed at the Diving Nationals and prevailed as the champion of the 3m springboard and 1m springboard. Along with being the North Island champion, Frazer is also the Auckland champion for the 3m and 1m springboard.

Grace Nweke

Business School and Faculty of Science

Commerce and Science student Grace is a netball player and has been selected to train with the Silver Ferns Development Squad. Grace is a starting member for the Northern Mystics Netball Team for the 2020-2021 season and was a player for the Northern Mystics in the ANZP Grand Final. Grace has the highest point scoring, shooting at 89% for 2019-2020, and was also a starting NZA member for the 2020 Cadbury Netball Series.

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Imogen Ayris

Faculty of Science

Science student Imogen, a pole vault competitor currently has the 3rd highest jump of all time in New Zealand by a female. She placed 1st at the 2021 Sir Graeme Douglas International and 2021 NZ Track and Field Nationals, and placed 2nd at the 2021 Night of 5s and 2021 Capital Classic in Wellington. She currently retains her senior women's national title.

Kanah Andrews-Nahu

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Health Science student Kanah is a top ranking New Zealand weightlifter breaking almost 200 national weightlifting records including Oceania and Commonwealth records. She won New Zealand's 1st gold medal at the Junior Worlds Championships in 2019 and represented New Zealand at the 2020 Olympics, finishing in 13th place in the women's 87 kg event.

Kate Burley

Faculty of Science

Science student Kate is netball player and has been selected for the 2020-2021 Silver Ferns Development Squad. Kate plays for the Northern Mystics during the 2020-2021 seasons and was a 2020 NZA member of the Cadbury Netball series.

Leah Sinton

Faculty of Science

Science student Leah has placed 2nd at the 2020 New Zealand 420 Sailing Nationals and 3rd at the Australian 420 Nationals.

Loran Parker

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Postgraduate Health Science student Loran, a softball pitcher takes the title as Auckland Pitcher and Otahuhu Club Pitcher of the year. Competing with her Ōtāhuhu team, Loran came first at New Zealand Club Nationals, Auckland NFS, New Zealand White Sox Tri-Series, Bev Smith & Wayne Rooper Memorial Tournament and Bev Chote Tournament.

Lucy Matehaere

Faculty of Science

Science student Lucy competed at the 2021 New Zealand Canoe Sprint Championship, placing 1st in the U23 Women's K1 500m and 2nd in the U23 Women's K1 200m. She was also selected to represent New Zealand in the K4 500m and K2 500m at the 2021 U23 World Championship in Portugal.

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Madeline Shelling

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

PhD student in Māori and Pacific Health, Madeline has qualified and competed in the 2021 World CrossFit games in Wisconsin, USA. Madeline competed in the team's section and placed 6th overall, the highest placing for a New Zealand team.

Maxine Cooper

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Medical student Maxine was selected to attend the NZ Futsal Ferns training camp. She was also awarded NZ Women's Futsal Player of the Year for 2020.

Michael Brake

Faculty of Engineering

Engineering student Michael and his crew placed first at the final Olympic qualification regatta in Lucerne. They went on to claim an Olympic gold medal in the rowing men's eight at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Nicholas Whitlock

Faculty of Engineering

Engineering student Nicholas was selected for NZ High Performance Senior Men and Senior Mixed Ultimate squads in 2021. His team placed 1st at the 2021 NZ Ultimate Championships. He was also nominated for the New Zealand Male Player of the Year award.

Reece Leite

Business School

Commerce student Reece was a team wind coach. Along with his team, he claimed gold at the Regional Target Rifle Teams in Wellington and silver at both the New Zealand Coached Champion Club Target Rifle Teams and at the North vs South Island Teams Match in Wellington.

Reuben Fitzgerald

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Science

Science and Law student Reuben has been selected to play for the New Zealand National Basketball League Huskies Squad for the 2020-2021 season.

Samalulu Clifton

Faculty of Science

Science student Samalulu won gold in the Open Women's K2 500m Final at the 2021 NZCT New Zealand Canoe Sprint Championships in Waikato. She was also selected to represent the NZ team for the U23 World Championships.

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Shehnaz Hussain

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Medical student Shehnaz was a New Zealand record breaker at the Tauranga Classic Powerlifting Championship winning 1st place in the U58kg weight class and receiving the Best Overall Female Lifter across all weight and age classes. She is also qualified for the 2021 National Championships in Wellington.

Tariel Lamb

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Science

Science and Law student Tariel is a contracted player for the Auckland Hearts Cricket team. She represented the team and played in HBJ final in 2021. Tariel has been signed to be the wicket keeper for the Auckland Hearts 2021-2022 season.

Theresa Fitzpatrick

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Health Sciences student Theresa is part of the Black Ferns Sevens squad who won gold at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Theresa is a strong starter for the Black Ferns Sevens and was part of the squad that won the 2021 Oceania Sevens Championship and the 2021 Trans-Tasman Seven Championship.

Thomas Crook

Faculty of Engineering

Engineering Honours student Thomas placed 3rd at the New Zealand Windfoiling National Championships and has been selected to be a part of the New Zealand squad for the 2024 Olympics.

Toesulu Fitzpatrick

Faculty of Arts

Arts student Toesulu captains the Northern Mystics team who claimed their first ANZ Premiership title at the ANZ Championships in August 2021. She's also part of the Silver Ferns squad that defended the Constellation Cup title against Australia and was named as Player of the Match.

Troy Stevenson

Faculty of Science

Postgraduate Science student Troy was selected for NZ High Performance Senior Men and Senior Mixed Ultimate squads in 2021. His team placed 2nd at the 2021 NZ Ultimate Championships and 1st at the 2020 New Zealand Mixed Ultimate Championships. He was also nominated for the New Zealand Male Player of the Year award.

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Tyneesha Houkamau

Faculty of Science

Science student Tyneesha is a squad member of the Auckland team that received 2nd place at the National Fastpitch Championship in 2021. She was also named the New Zealand Overall Softball Player and Female Softball Player of the Year for the 2020/2021 season.

William Fu-Allen

Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts

Science and Arts student William has competed at the 2021 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships and finished 3rd All around, 2nd Pommel horse, 3rd Rings, 1st Vault, 1st Floor and 1st Team. He was also selected for the New Zealand Gymnastics National Team.

William McKenzie

Faculty of Engineering

Engineering Honours student William has placed 3rd sailing in the 49er class at the National 49er Championship series and had the privilege to train with the New Zealand Olympic development sailing squad.

Zaria Ireland

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

Arts and Science student Zaria was a member of NZ High Performance Senior Female and Mixed Ultimate squads in 2021. Her team took 1st place at the 2020 New Zealand Mixed Ultimate Championships. She was also the winner for the New Zealand Ultimate Emerging Female Player of the Year award for the 2020 season.