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Abdallah Alayan
Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Postgraduate architecture student Abdallah was a finalist in the student category of the renowned 2019 Interior Awards for his design project 'Te Papa North', which was also recognised at the Best Awards with a Gold Pin for spatial excellence. Abdallah's work 'Faith in Fiordland' was highly commended at the Auckland Architecture Association's Visionary Architecture, profiled in *Architecture NZ* magazine, and featured as the cover story for the March *New Zealand Listener*. The work was created in the aftermath of the Christchurch terror attack and was described as being "premised on inclusivity and inspired with optimism."

Joe Ascroft
Business School

A Doctoral candidate in Economics, Joe competed at the 2019 New Zealand British Parliamentary, with his team ranking in third place and progressing to the grand finals at Parliament, where he was recognised as one of the top ten speakers of the tournament. He was also elected as a Deputy Chief-Adjudicator for the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championship and adjudicated at the Joynt Scroll tournament.

Grace Baylis
Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Grace was part of the Auckland 2 team that broke 16th at the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships (hosted online) and placed among the 60 best competitors out of a total of 400. Grace and her team also won the 2020 New Zealand Women's tournament, where Grace was named the top novice woman speaker in New Zealand and the 5th best speaker overall.

Grace Belworthy
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Medical student Grace competed at the 2019 New Zealand British Parliamentary, with her team ranking in third place and progressing to the grand finals at Parliament. Grace also adjudicated at the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships, receiving one of the highest scores on the judge's test and the best feedback from tournament participants and going on to judge the semi-finals.

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Atareta Black

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Fine Arts student Atareta is a performer for Hātea Kapa Haka, who qualified for the Te Matatini ki te Ao - Wellington, Senior National Kapa Haka competition. Te Matatini is a biannual competition that brings together select groups from around New Zealand and Australia. As a member of Hātea Kapa Haka, Atareta helped the group obtain its highest placing in the competition, and their te reo Māori version of Bohemian Rhapsody went viral.

Josie Butcher

Faculty of Science and Faculty of Law

Law and Science student Josie was a member of the New Zealand team that competed in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2020. The team went on to compete in the 2020 Jessup European Friendly competition in Prague, finishing as second runners-up, and Josie was ranked 7th in the competition's top ten oralists. The team placed in the top 40 international teams of the Jessup and was awarded an Alona E Evans Award for Excellence in Memorial Writing, with an average score of 90.5 out of 100.

Zachary Chambers

Faculty of Arts

Arts student Zachary was selected for the 2019 Joynt Scroll debating team, which reached the semi-finals. He was recognised as 5th best speaker and went on to be selected as a reserve for the New Zealand team. Zachary also competed at the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships, where his team ranked 4th out of 135 teams and he performed well as a speaker at Australs and ranked 5th as the reply speaker.

Melissa Connolly

Faculty of Law

Global Studies and Law student Melissa broke as a judge at the Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships 2020, receiving the highest score on the judge's test and the best feedback from tournament participants and going on to judge the semi-finals.

Celine Goh

Business School and Faculty of Law

Commerce and Law student Celine competed at the 2020 Joynt Scroll tournament as part of the Auckland 2 team, where they gained third place and she was identified as one of the tournament's top ten speakers. Celine and her team broke 16th at the 2020

Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships, where she was one of the top 50 speakers out of 400. She and her team also broke 16th at the 2019 Australian Women's Debating Championships.

Michael Greatrex

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Michael was a member of the New Zealand team that competed in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2020. The team went on to compete in the 2020 Jessup European Friendly competition in Prague, finishing as second runners-up. The team placed in the top 40 international teams of the Jessup and was awarded an Alona E Evans Award for Excellence in Memorial Writing, with an average score of 90.5 out of 100.

Jingyuan (Cindy) Huang

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Architecture student Cindy was the 2019 winner of the individual Student Undergraduate category at the Auckland Architecture Association. She and her team were one of three honourable mentions at the 2019 Cities and Refugee Global Student Design Competition 2019, which received entries from around the world and

aims to stimulate conversation and ideas responding to the assimilation and forced displacement of people. Cindy attended the final award presentation at the 2019 APRU Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Conference in Sydney.

Karan Kalsi

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Arts and Law student Karan competed at the 2019 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships in Bali, where he and the Auckland 2 broke 16th place. His performance throughout the tournament was exceptional, and he attained the highest speaker score of 78 of a maximum score of 80. He also competed at the 2020 Joynt Scroll Tournament, where the team broke third.

Alexander King

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Music student Alexander was selected for the National Band of New Zealand, the country's premiere brass band and one of the highest performing brass ensembles in the world.

Don Lye
Faculty of Law

Law student Don was a member of the New Zealand team that competed in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2020. The team went on to compete in the 2020 Jessup European Friendly competition in Prague, finishing as second runners-up, and Don was ranked 2nd in the competition's top ten oralists. The team placed in the top 40 international teams of the Jessup and was awarded an Alona E Evans Award for Excellence in Memorial Writing, with an average score of 90.5 out of 100.

Daniel Maier-Gant
Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Daniel was selected for the 2019 Joynt Scroll team, which reached the semi-finals. Daniel placed as the 7th best speaker and received a highly commended speaker award. He also competed at the 2019 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships in Bali, where he and the Auckland 2 broke 16th place. His performance throughout the tournament was exceptional; he attained the highest speaker score of 79 (of a maximum score of 80), a perfect reply speaker score of 40, and ranked 10th out of 400 speakers. At the 2020 New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships, or Officer's Cup, Daniel

and his team reached the semi-finals and he was recognised as one of the three best impromptu debaters in the country and named as a reserve to the New Zealand team. Daniel ranked in the top 50 list at the 2019/2020 World University Debating Championships in Thailand, which featured over 500 participants.

Susie McCluskey
Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Susie won the International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition 2020 as part of the University of Auckland team. The competition was held in Paris, with Auckland triumphing over 66 other teams from across the globe.

Grace McKenzie
Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Music student Grace was the winner of the Pettman ROSL Scholarship, 2020, the 1st violinist of the New Zealand String Quartet 'Troubadours' 2020/2021, and a participant in the Castleman Quartet Programme in Fredonia, New York, 2019.

Victoria Medina
Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Dance student Victoria won the PUMA X Red Rat Mentorship Programme, which

gave her the opportunity to work with leading hip hop choreographer Bianca Ikinofo. She was hand-picked by the renowned MOTUS Dance Company and the NZX NEXT Company. Her choreographic work, JUDIBANA, received the highest audience vote numbers and was chosen for performance at the Short+Sweet festival's gala finale.

Louis Norton
Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Louis was a member of the New Zealand team that competed in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2020. The team went on to compete in the 2020 Jessup European Friendly competition in Prague, finishing as second runners-up. The team placed in the top 40 international teams of the Jessup and was awarded an Alona E Evans Award for Excellence in Memorial Writing, with an average score of 90.5 out of 100.

Keeha Oh
Business School and Faculty of Law

Law and Business student Keeha won the International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition 2020 as part of the University of Auckland team.

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Kahukiwi Piripi
Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Arts and Law student Kahukiwi competed at the National Kaupapa Māori Moot in 2019, held in the Supreme Court as part of the Māori Law Society annual conference. There, Kahukiwi won Best Mooter, the Te Toroa Taataki Prize for Best Te Reo Māori Mooter, and, as a member of the winning team, the Manukura Trophy. Most importantly, Kahukiwi was the first person ever to make submissions entirely in te reo Māori in the Supreme Court, an incredible achievement.

Jeremy Priest
Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Architecture student Jeremy was co-winner for his work 'Protest Academia' at the New Zealand Institute of Architects Student Design Awards in Wellington. This work was published in *Architecture NZ* magazine and highly commended in the conceptual category of the 2020 Auckland Architecture Association Visionary Architecture Awards.

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Diana Qiu
Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Diana was a member of the New Zealand team that competed in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2020. The team went on to compete in the 2020 Jessup European Friendly competition in Prague, finishing as second runners-up, and Diana herself was ranked 1st in the competition's top ten oralists. The team placed in the top 40 international teams of the Jessup and was awarded an Alona E Evans Award for Excellence in Memorial Writing, with an average score of 90.5 out of 100.

Bella Rollinson
Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Law and Arts student Bella was member of the Auckland 2 debating team that broke 16th in the 2019 Australian Women's Debating Championships. Bella placed as the 34th best speaker of the tournament in recognition of her outstanding performance. She also competed at the 2019 New Zealand British Parliamentary, where she was part of the 6th ranked team and progressed to the semi-finals.

Umbar Sandhu
Business School and Faculty of Law

Business and Law student Umbar was selected for the Auckland 1 team, who were awarded first place in the 2020 Joynt Scroll tournament and won the four preliminary rounds of the 2019 Joynt Scroll tournament, where she was also named as one of the competition's six top debaters. Umbar was awarded the Promising Speaker of Officer's Cup at the 2019 New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships of Officers Cup, recognising her as one of the best debut speakers of the tournament. Umbar competed at the 2019 New Zealand Women's Debating Tournament, reaching the finals with her team. Umbar also adjudicated at the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships, receiving one of the highest scores on the judge's test and best feedback from tournament participants and going on to judge the semi-finals.

Nishaa Senarath-Dassanayake
Business School and Faculty of Law

Law and Commerce student Nishaa was a member of Christchurch City Chorus, selected to represent New Zealand at the 2019 Sweet Adelines International Chorus Finals in New Orleans. Competing against hundreds of choruses who had competed in regional competitions across the globe, the group made it through to the top ten and were awarded 7th place.

Shaanil Senarath-Dassanayake
Business School and Faculty of Law

Law and Commerce student Shaanil was a member of Christchurch City Chorus, selected to represent New Zealand at the 2019 Sweet Adelines International Chorus Finals in New Orleans. Competing against hundreds of choruses who had competed in regional competitions across the globe, the group made it through to the top ten and were awarded 7th place.

Jacob Siermans
Faculty of Law

Law student Jacob won the International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition 2020, as part of the University of Auckland team. The competition was held in Paris, with Auckland triumphing over 66 other teams from across the globe.

Liam Silverwood
Faculty of Engineering

Engineering student Liam was selected for the 2020 Joynt Scroll tournament, where his team broke third in the semi-finals and he was recognised as one of the tournament's top 15 speakers. Liam and his team also broke 16th at the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships.

Harper Smith
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Bachelor of Health Sciences student Harper broke as a judge at the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships, receiving one of the highest scores on the judge's test and the best feedback from tournament participants and was selected to judge the grand finals. Harper also broke as a judge at the 2020 Online World Schools Debating Championships, judging an octo final.

Nicole Teh

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Postgraduate Architecture student Nicole was a finalist in the New Zealand Institute of Architecture Student Design Awards in Wellington, where she presented her socially and environmentally provoked project 'Combobulation Station: Uncanny Architecture for Uncommon Objects'. This project was entered in the Auckland Architecture Association Visionary Awards and won both the Postgraduate category and Supreme Winner. Nicole has since been published in the Crit category of AGM's July 2020 issue of the *Architecture Now* magazine.

Madeleine Tilley

Faculty of Law

Law student Madeleine won the International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition 2020 as part of the University of Auckland team. The competition was held in Paris, with Auckland triumphing over 66 other teams from across the globe.

Dion Westrupp

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Arts and Law student Dion was a member of Te Manui Huia, who represented the Tāmaki Makaurau region at Te Matatini ki te Ao, National Kapa Haka competition in February 2019. Dion has been a long-standing member of this group and has gone on to hold a central leadership role.

Sharuka Wikramanayake

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Science

Law and Science conjoint Sharuka was selected for the Auckland 1 team, who won the 2020 Joynt Scroll tournament, where Sharuka placed as 8th best speaker. At the 2020 New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships, or Officer's Cup, Sharuka and his team reached the semi-finals, and Sharuka was recognised as one of the five best impromptu debaters in the country, receiving a highly commended speaker award. Sharuka also competed at the 2020 Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships, where his team ranked 4th out of 135 teams and Sharuka was recognised as one of the tournament's 30 best debaters out of 400 speakers. In

2019, he competed at the New Zealand British Parliamentary, with his team ranking 6th and progressing to the semi-finals.

Zachary Wong

Business School and Faculty of Science

Science and Commerce student Zachary was selected for the Auckland 1 team, which won the 2020 Joynt Scroll tournament, where Zachary placed as 4th best speaker and received a Highly Commended Speaker award. Zachary was also awarded the Promising Speaker of Officer's Cup at the 2019 New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships of Officer's Cup, recognising him as one of the best debut speakers of the tournament. Zachary currently sits as President of the World Universities Debating Council, New Zealand Universities Debating Council, and Auckland Schools Debating, where he served on the tabulation team of the largest ever Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships.