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Aisha Paige O'Malley

Business School and Faculty of Arts

Aisha has had a successful year in the debating arena. She placed high in a number of debating competitions, including quarter-finalist and 35th best speaker at the Australasian Intersivity Debating Championship, and semi-finalist of both the NZ Impromptu Debating Championship and the Joynt Scroll Contest. Aisha also finished runner-up at the Australian British Parliamentary Debating Championships.

Althea Domenica Tarrosa

Faculty of Law and Business School

Althea was part of the New Zealand Youth Choir that represented New Zealand at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. The choir placed second in the youth choir category. Althea has also performed at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and at Anzac Day commemorations in Wellington.

Andrew Fu

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Andrew is a member of the University of Auckland mooting team which received numerous awards at the ICC Moot Court Competition. They reached the semi-finals as the third-highest ranked team, and were

awarded first runner-up for best victims' counsel memorial and best newcomers' team. This is the best result a New Zealand team has achieved in the competition's history.

Anipātene Biddle

Faculty of Arts

Anipātene has performed at a regional, national and international level with her iwi group, Te Kapahaka o Ngāti Whakaue. Anipātene is committed to supporting other taurira Māori to embrace their passions for kapahaka, through her leading of fortnightly practices and sharing of expertise through academic kapahaka courses.

Anna Frances Hamilton

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries and Faculty of Law

Anna represented New Zealand at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod with the New Zealand Youth Choir, which placed second in the youth choir category. She has also performed at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and at the Anzac Day commemorations in Wellington.

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Anna Patton

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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Aria Shiyi Zhang

Faculty of Law

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Arianna Bacic

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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and were awarded first runner-up for best victims' counsel memorial and best newcomers' team. This is the best result a New Zealand team has achieved in the competition's history.

Bella Rollinson

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Bella has proven to be a valuable member of her debating team, finishing as a quarter-finalist in the Australasian Intersarsity Debating Championship, a semi-finalist in the Australasian Women and Gender Minorities Open, and finalist and best speaker at the New Zealand Women and Gender Minorities Debating Championships.

Brandon Jackson

Carter-Chan

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Brandon and his team won the Brick Bay Folly Competition with their design, The Nest. This is an experiment in sustainable building practice through a reuse scheme which recycles the construction timber from the previous sculpture on the site. The team undertook the entire process, from design, deconstruction of the previous sculpture, planning and construction of the sculpture.

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Cecilia Zang

Faculty of Law and Business School

Cecilia is actively involved in three national level performing arts groups - New Zealand Youth Choir, Voices New Zealand premier choir and NZ Opera. Cecilia recently represented New Zealand as part of the New Zealand Youth Choir, which placed second in the youth choir category of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

David Lee

Faculty of Law and Business School

David is a member of the University of Auckland's transatlantic negotiation team. The team won the 2022 Syracuse Transatlantic Negotiation Competition, an international dispute between law schools across the United States, Europe and Australasia. They were the first Australasian team to win the competition.

Eden Garside

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Eden represented New Zealand at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod with the New Zealand Youth Choir, which placed second in the youth choir category. She has also performed at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and at the Anzac Day commemorations in Wellington.

Elizabeth Gane

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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Grace Baylis

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Grace has shown her debating experience with a semi-final and top 20 speaker finish in the Australasian Intersvarsity Debating Championship. She is also a New Zealand 3v3 semi-finalist and top 10 speaker, and an Australasian Women and Gender Minorities Debating Championship semi-finalist.

Harper Smith

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Harper, a seasoned debater, had several notable tournament placings this year, including quarter-finalist in the Australasian Intersvarsity Debating Championship, and semi-finalist in both the New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championship and the Joynt Scroll Contest. She also finished runner-up at the Australian British Parliamentary Championships.

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Harry Donald Sinclair Aickin

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Science

Harry has made a strong contribution to his debating team. As challenger, he finished as a top 10 speaker and finalist in the New Zealand Impromptu Debating Championships, one of two major debating championships in New Zealand.

Heidi Bernard

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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Hossein Jahedi

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Hossein represented New Zealand in Latin American dancing, placing in the top three at the Malaysia Open Dance Championship. Hossein has also placed in the finals for several categories at the New Zealand One Dance competition in 2021.

Isabella Muirhead

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Isabella was awarded a Silver Pin at the 2021 Designers Institute of New Zealand Best Awards for the project "Ngā Reo o Te Whenua". This was created in partnership with the Project Island Song Foundation (comprising Ngati Kuta and Patukeha hapū, the Guardians of the Bay of Islands Trust and the Department of Conservation).

Ivan Zhang

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries and Faculty of Law

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Karan Kalsi

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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Katy Qiu

Business School and Faculty of Law

Katy was part of the University of Auckland team that was awarded first place at the UNSW Business Case Competition in Australia last year, outshining six other Trans-Tasman universities.

Kelsey Haub

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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Libby Montgomery

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

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Mackenzie Horwood-Verstappen

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

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Makayla Muhundan

Faculty of Law and Business School

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Nicholas Curry

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries

Nicholas is the current acting leader of the tenor section in the New Zealand Youth Choir. The choir came second in the youth category of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. As a member of Voices New Zealand since 2018, Nick performs across the country, including to underprivileged communities.

Nicholas Stewart

Faculty of Law

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Olivia Forbes

Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries and Faculty of Arts

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Oscar Richardson-Read

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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Ruby Macomber

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Law

Ruby is a published and award-winning poet, essayist and creative writing facilitator. Ruby runs workshops in correctional facilities, creating more equitable access to creative writing. Her work has gained national recognition and aims to amplify the experiences of Moana-Oceania storytelling.

Spencer Barley

Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

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Tayla Alexander

Faculty of Arts

Tayla placed first at the Ronald Dellow Memorial National Competition and was a semi-finalist in the prestigious Lexus Song Quest. She has also performed as a soloist for the 2022 Deloitte Winter Gala with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra.

Thomas Swinburn

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences

Thomas is one of three winners of the International Balint Federation Ascona Prize, an international essay writing competition for medical students. The competition encourages participants to critically reflect on experiences of the student-patient relationship and the implications for medical training.

William Burbidge

Faculty of Law

William is a member of the University of Auckland mooting team, which received numerous awards at the ICC Moot Court Competition, reaching the semi-finals as the third-highest ranked team, being awarded first runner-up for best victims' counsel memorial, and best newcomers' team. This is the best result a New Zealand team has achieved in the competition's history.