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A newsletter for alumni and friends



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[Find out more](#)



We're coming to Christchurch

If you are currently living in or around Christchurch, we'd love to catch up with you at our Alumni and Friends Reception.

Join Associate Professor Maurice Curtis as he explores the question “Can we unlock the secrets of brain disease?” This is a great opportunity not only to learn something new about the human brain but also to catch up and network with local alumni.

The event will take place on Wednesday 6 June from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, at the Isaac Theatre Royal.

[Find out more](#)



We're coming to the West Coast

If you are currently living in or around Los Angeles and San Francisco, we'd love to catch up with you at one of our Alumni and Friends Receptions.

Join Director of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Wendy Kerr who will host a panel of innovators to explore the question “Can we ignite a spirit of innovation?”. This is a great opportunity not only to experience some fresh thinking but also to catch up and network with local alumni.

The San Francisco reception will take place on Tuesday 22 May from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at Galvanize, 44 Tehama Street.

[Find out more](#)

The Los Angeles reception will take place on Wednesday 23 May from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Official New Zealand Residence, 154 South Rockingham Avenue, Brentwood Park.

[Find out more](#)



A mid-1917 Trentham Military Training Camp photo of non-commissioned officers of the 29th reinforcements includes ten Collegians.

Remembering our alumni troops

This year marks the centenary of the end of the First World War, one of the most devastating and transformative events in New Zealand's history. With ANZAC day recently passed, it is a fitting time to remember and honour the hardship New Zealanders endured.

The University of Auckland has a Special Collections First World War centenary website which includes its [roll of honour](#), listing students and staff who served in the war. The website also contains stories and accounts of their lives and of the University during wartime.

[See the Special Collections](#)



Update your details and win travel vouchers

Go into a \$5000 travel prize pool draw when you update your details with us by 31 July 2018. We have teamed up with the University's travel provider, Orbit, to offer five \$1000 travel vouchers.

[Update your details](#)



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Previous recipients from left to right: Environmental Scientist Dr Nathaniel Wilson, Lieutenant Colonel Esther Harrop and Manager, Tamariki Outcomes Initiatives Phil Light

Scholarship available for leadership course

Alumni Relations and Development and the New Zealand Leadership Institute (NZLI) have partnered to offer an alumni scholarship for the upcoming Leadership Mindset programme. This six-day programme offers a unique opportunity to develop the mindset and practices that foster effective leadership.

Applicants should have a reasonable level of experience in their careers, scope to work collaboratively and engage with the core issues facing their organisation, industry or community, as well as a desire to look beyond the boundaries of their role.

Applications will be accepted until 28 May.

[Find out more](#)



Our world-leading archaeologists

One of the best places in the world to study archaeology is at the University of Auckland, according to the latest QS World University Rankings. Archaeology is now ranked 10th in the world, and is the highest ranked subject at the University of Auckland in 2018.

[Read more](#)



Inspire future Māori and Pacific students

The Equity Office is looking for Māori and Pacific alumni to share their stories in next year's prospectuses.

If you would like to inspire prospective Māori and Pacific students by sharing your success stories, [please contact the Equity Office](#). To get an idea of the content we are looking for, read page 12 of both the 2019 [Taura Māori](#) prospectus and [Pacific](#) prospectuses.

For those in the Auckland region, we also have the Māori and Pacific Parents Evening on 31 May. The Equity Office warmly invites Māori and Pacific Year 12 and 13 students, their whānau, aiga and families.

[Find out more](#)

Nominate Distinguished Alumni for 2019

The 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards may be over, but the nomination process to find more outstanding alumni has just started.

If you know an alumnus or alumna who is



*Pictured: Our 2018 DAA winners, L – R:
Jennifer Gill, Robert McLeod, Bill
Robertson, Jan Beagle and Luke Willis
Thompson*

making an extraordinary contribution to their profession, to their community and globally, we encourage you to put their name forward by 30 June 2018.

[Make a nomination](#)

Events calendar

15 May

[Vancouver alumni informal get-together](#)

17 May

[London alumni informal get-together](#)

22 May

[San Francisco Alumni & Friends Reception](#)

23 May

[Los Angeles Alumni & Friends Reception](#)

2 June

[Seattle alumni get-together and rugby game viewing](#)

6 June

[Christchurch Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

In brief

Young alumnus nominated for prestigious art award



Luke Willis Thompson, young alumnus of the year for 2018, has been nominated for the prestigious Turner Prize, for his art installation *autoportrait*.

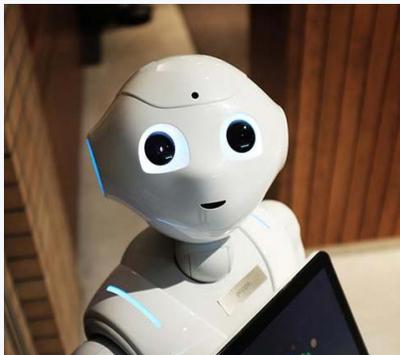
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Alumni chasing dreams in the UK

A new TV show will highlight the experiences of expats in the United Kingdom – including some of our own alumni. *Dream Catchers* is an eight-part series that will feature alumni such as CEO of the Virgin Group Josh Bayliss and Founding Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government Ngaire Woods.

[Watch here](#)



Gibbons Lecture Series: Robots everywhere

Throughout May, the Gibbons Lecture Series will teach you all about how robotics impact our modern lives. Each free lecture starts at 6:30pm and explores a fascinating aspect of robotics, including the New Zealand scene, robotic vision and robots in the home.

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Postgraduate Week

If you are interested in continuing your studies, come along to Postgraduate Week on 21 to 25 May for information sessions, panel discussions and the opportunity to get one-on-one advice about your postgraduate options.

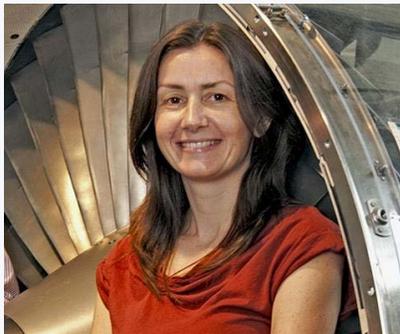
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ABI Professor honoured with top international appointment

Professor Merryn Tawhai, Deputy Director of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI) was recently inducted into the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) for her outstanding contributions to computational models for the diagnosis of lung disease.

[Read full story](#)



Distinguished Alumna gains major role

One of our Distinguished Alumni of 2016, Professor Karen Willcox, has been selected for the prestigious role of Director of the Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences (ICES) at the University of Texas at Austin.

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