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It is said that education is the key to success. During my time at the University of Auckland it has become clear to me that education will take you far in life. I am very grateful to have been a part of the Certificate in Academic Preparation (now called UniBound) offered by the University. Held during Summer School, this course helped open my eyes to the wondrous opportunities a University of Auckland education could offer. I was a young high school leaver who believed studying at such a prestigious institution was far out of reach. Yet my UniBound mentors taught me that through hard work and commitment you can achieve anything you put your mind to.

As cliché as it sounds, my academic journey is a testament to this. The on-going support from the Faculty of Arts Tuākana tutors have also helped me immensely with my studies. As a 3rd year University student I was a junior mentor and looked to support and inspire other Pacific youth to pursue higher education.

I look forward to continuing this work in my 4th year.