

## Faculty Focus: ENGINEERING

Hannah Sampson is studying for a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering.

Hannah is a third-year engineering student specialising in Software Engineering. She chose to study engineering after enjoying maths at school.

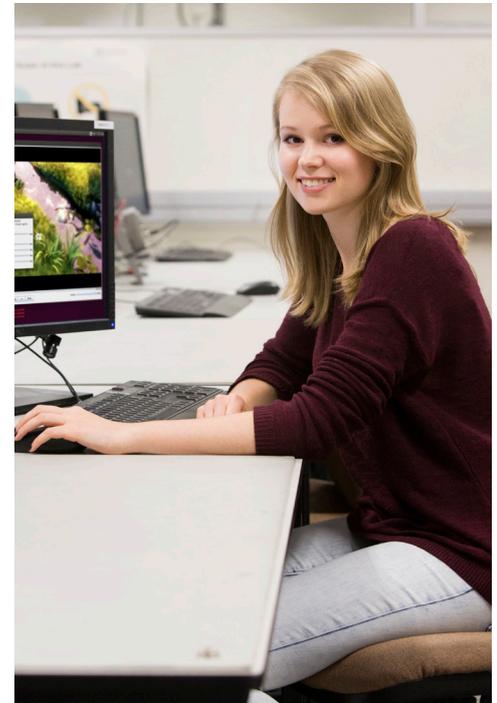
In her second year, Hannah was a Tuākana mentor, helping out in labs and tutorials and giving support and guidance to first-year Māori and Pacific engineering students. Hannah enjoyed mentoring, spending six hours a week with her students, and she hopes to continue doing it this year. "It's a good job, a lot of fun and very rewarding," she says.

Hannah feels it's important to get involved with university outside of study. Clubs and associations offer a break from study and also the chance to meet other students with similar interests, such as WEN – the Women in Engineering Network. WEN is a social organisation that encourages networking and organises activities for female students.

As part of her engineering degree, Hannah needs to complete 800 hours of practical work. She works part-time at a start-up tech company in Auckland and was also selected to do an internship with Google in Sydney over the summer.

One of the best parts of this experience for Hannah was the chance to work in a large team environment, where all her work had to pass through numerous reviews before it could be submitted. "Working for Google has been a really cool experience. I was surrounded by a supportive group of people, from those in my team to all the other interns," she says.

The internship has given her a much better idea of what she wants to do in the future. "I want to work on creating and formatting user interfaces, and looking at what kinds of things people want from websites."



### What's it like to be a woman studying engineering?

The University of Auckland has one of the highest participation rates of females in tertiary-level engineering across Australia and New Zealand. The University has a Women in Engineering (WIE) office on campus to support, advise and encourage female students throughout their studies. Watch the video to see what it's like to be a woman studying engineering at the University of Auckland, and find out more about how WIE can help your school or students learn more about engineering, by visiting:

[www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/wie](http://www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/wie)



### LINK News changes format

The information received in our survey at the end of 2015 showed that the SPO team are meeting most expectations and you have provided some good feedback that will help us improve our service this year. As a result, LINK News will now be available in electronic format and a paper copy will also be sent to schools. If you would like to provide feedback regarding LINK News, please email Emerald Windsor:

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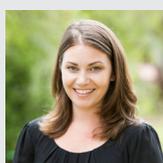
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# From the Schools Partnership Office

Tēna koutou katoa, Ko Dennis Matene toku ingoa,  
Ko Ngapuhi me Ngati Mutunga nga iwi, Ko Ngati Rangi te hapu,  
Ko Mamari te waka, Ko Maata te marae, Ko Wairere te awa,  
Ko Hikurangi te maunga



I am delighted to take on the role of Acting Director of the Schools Partnership Office in 2016. My aim in 2016 is to continue the superb work of the SPO team, developed under the professional leadership of Ken Rapson.

My involvement in education spans 32 years. For the past five years, I have worked as Kaiārahi in the Faculty of Engineering, supporting Māori and Pacific students. My role included liaison with schools, recruitment of students, mentoring and support, and formal tutoring programmes. Prior to joining the University of Auckland, I worked at two Auckland secondary schools. My last position was Deputy Principal at Onehunga High School.

The University of Auckland strives to build strong relationships with students, whānau and schools. I believe we have an opportunity to work with schools to ensure students leave secondary school with choices. Effective partnerships with schools will put the needs of the students first, and offer students individualised support pathways. I look forward to and am excited by the opportunities 2016 will bring for the SPO team.

To date, 6,288 firm offers have been made to school leavers and 3,318 have enrolled in their courses. Congratulations to you and your school for the excellent preparation provided to your students. We hope that their achievements will continue at university.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou.

## DENNIS MATENE

Acting Director, Schools Partnership Office

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## Staff Changes



Fakaalofa lahi atu.

I am a Health Science graduate of the University of Auckland. After a stint of working in the banking industry, I have

returned to work for the University. I was born and bred in Manurewa (attending Manurewa High School) and now live in West Auckland. I have a passion to help students and am really looking forward to my role here in the SPO team.

Kia moniua.

## RENNIE DOUGLAS

Schools Adviser

Schools in Auckland, Palmerston North, Taranaki, Wairarapa, Manawatu and Wanganui



Seiuli Terri Leo-Mauu, Pacific Equity Adviser for the Equity Office, has been appointed to the role of Manager for Pasifika

Development at Manukau Institute of Technology – a role for which she will be very well suited given her skills, student focus, and community links. Terri has served schools and Pacific communities in both her liaison and equity roles for over 13 years, and has made an important contribution to our work here at the University. We wish her every success in her new role. A new appointment will be made as soon as possible.

# University updates

## Introducing the Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education\* (BSHPE)

Launching in 2017, The Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education\* provides the opportunity to study across the fields of sport, health and physical education, and enables a more specific focus in areas such as sport leadership and coaching, health education and promotion, sport science, health and physical education in schools, and dance.

See the University of Auckland Undergraduate Prospectus for further information or visit: [www.education.auckland.ac.nz/bshpe](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz/bshpe)

*\*This programme will be offered in 2017 subject to CUAP approval*

## Bachelor of Physical Education (BPE)

From 2017, the Bachelor of Physical Education (BPE) will not be offered to new students. Students interested in this programme should consider the new three-year Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education (BSHPE) followed by a graduate teaching qualification.

For more information visit: [www.education.auckland.ac.nz/bshpe](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz/bshpe)

## Bachelor of Human Services (BHumServ)

This programme will not be offered to new students in 2016/17. Prospective students interested in this area of study should consider applying for the Bachelor of Social Work. For more information visit: [www.education.auckland.ac.nz/bsw](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz/bsw)

## Bachelor of Science

From 2017, the 'Sport and Exercise Science' major will be renamed 'Exercise Science'\*. Changes have also been made to the Rank Score for guaranteed entry for 2017:

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| NCEA | Rank Score of 180 |
| CIE  | Rank Score of 190 |
| IB   | Rank Score of 27  |

Read more about the change here: [www.es.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/our-department/sport-and-exercise-name-change.html](http://www.es.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/our-department/sport-and-exercise-name-change.html)

*\*subject to CUAP approval.*

## Bachelor of Arts

The 'Women's Studies' major has been renamed 'Gender Studies'. This subject allows students to take courses across multiple disciplines to develop an understanding of how the social and cultural constructions of masculinities and femininities function in society.

Read more about Gender Studies here: [www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/subjects-and-courses/gender-studies.html](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/subjects-and-courses/gender-studies.html)

## New school-leaver scholarships for 2017

The University of Auckland will be launching a brand-new range of scholarships for students starting undergraduate studies in 2017. Significantly more scholarships will be funded by the University, and at least half of our new Top Achiever Scholarships will be awarded to students from outside the Auckland region. Dedicated scholarships for academic excellence will also be awarded to Māori and Pacific students.

New academic potential scholarships have been created to support those students who experience hardships that potentially limit their opportunities or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances. These awards will support a range of student groups who are under-represented at university.

The new scholarships do not affect Year 13 students and school-leavers starting at the University this semester as scholarships awarded under the current scheme are unchanged.

Future details will be included in the next edition of Link News, and of course the SPO team will keep you updated.

# Life outside the lecture theatre

All University of Auckland students can access careers services through Career Development and Employment Services (CDES), awarded the best university careers service in New Zealand. CDES services are available to all current students, as well as graduates of up to three years. Services include:

- A range of online career tools and resources.
- Career expos and networking events with employers across all faculties and industries.
- Career education.

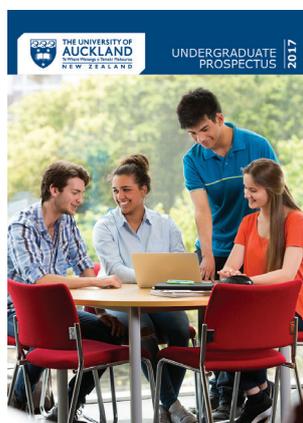
- Workshops on topics including CVs, interviews, LinkedIn and online profiles, networking, rethinking your career direction and more.
- One-on-one appointments with career development consultants.

CDES is an award-winning service, recognised as Best Careers Service at the NZAGE Industry Awards in 2015. The University of Auckland is also the only New Zealand university to feature in the Global Employability University Ranking 2015/16 Top 150.

Students who have used our services have gone on to great graduate jobs, internships and more. To learn more about the CDES services and to read student profiles please visit: [www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/parents-and-family/for-careers-advisers/link-news-february.html](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/parents-and-family/for-careers-advisers/link-news-february.html)



## Resources



### The 2017 Undergraduate Prospectus

The 2017 Undergraduate Prospectus is now available to order. If you would like copies sent to your school, please visit [www.auckland.ac.nz/link](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/link) and complete the online order form.

(Please note: copies of the prospectuses are not automatically sent to schools.)

### Achieve the Amazing Programme Pathfinder

You may be familiar with the “What in the world should I study?” booklet, which includes a scratchy quiz matching student’s interests with study options. This has been reproduced as the “Achieve the Amazing Programme Pathfinder” to align with programme changes for 2017.

It also provides recommended preparatory subjects relevant to study programmes and is ideal for students from Year 9 to 12.

To order copies for your students, please email: [spo@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:spo@auckland.ac.nz)



### 2016 Key Dates (to be updated throughout the year)

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>6 - 7 April</b>              | Kei a Tātou te Ihi (KATTI) (Year 13)  |
| <b>13 - 16 April</b>            | PILOT (Year 12 and 13)  |
| <b>11 May</b>                   | Tai Tokerau Information Session (Whangarei)   |
| <b>16 June</b>                  | Hamilton Parent Information Seminar (FMG Stadium)   |
| <b>22 - 23 June</b>             | Kei a Tātou te Ihi (KATTI) (Year 12)  |
| <b>21 June</b>                  | Nelson Parent Information Seminar (Monaco Resort)   |
| <b>27 - 28 June</b>             | LINK Conference for Career Advisers   |
| <b>28 June</b>                  | STEAM Ahead (Year 13)   |
| <b>7 July</b>                   | Engenuity Day (Year 13)   |
| <b>11 - 13 July</b>             | DREAM Camp (Year 12)  |
| <b>27 July</b>                  | Māori and Pacific Finance Evening (Year 12 and 13)<br>Faculty of Education and Social Work Whānau day – Open day for Māori students and their whānau (Epsom Campus) |
| <b>28 July</b>                  | Experience Day – Tai Tokerau Campus (Whangarei)   |
| <b>1 August</b>                 | Accommodation applications open   |
| <b>3 August</b>                 | Education and Social Work Experience Day (Epsom Campus)   |
| <b>4 August</b>                 | Primary Teaching Experience Day (MIT Campus)  |
| <b>9 - 10 August</b>            | Kei a Tātou te Ihi (KATTI) (Year 11)  |
| <b>17 - 18 August</b>           | PILOT (Year 11)   |
| <b>23 August</b>                | Closing date for main scholarships  |
| <b>25 - 29 August</b>           | Whāia Te Pae Tawhiti (Year 12 and 13)   |
| <b>27 August</b>                | Courses & Careers Day (Open Day)  |
| <b>18 - 20 October</b>          | Kei a Tātou te Ihi (KATTI) (Year 10)  |
| <b>12 - 13 October</b>          | PILOT (Year 10)   |
| <b>28 November - 2 December</b> | BEAMS (Year 10)   |

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