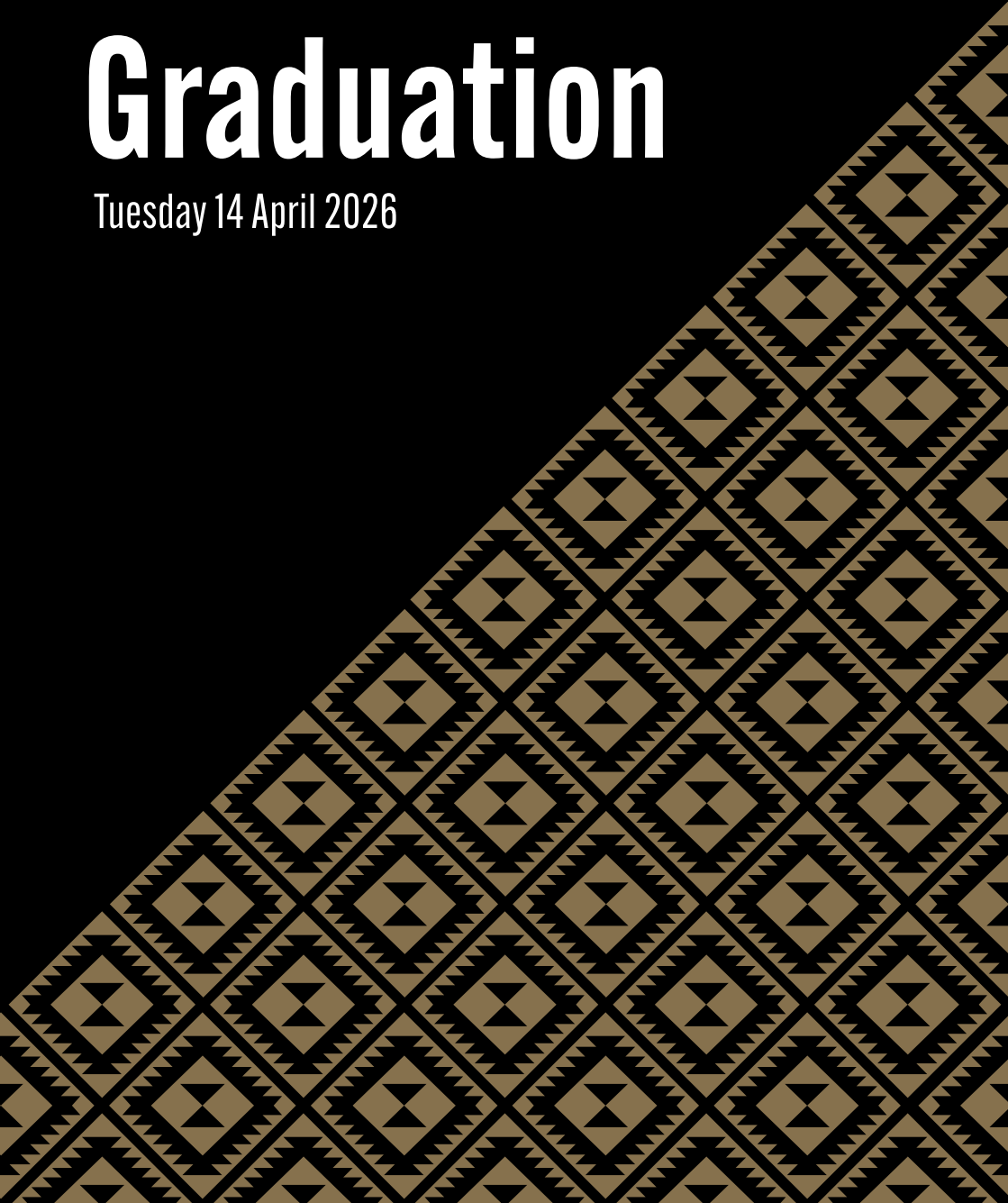




THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Graduation

Tuesday 14 April 2026



He toi whakairo, he mana tangata. Where there is artistic excellence, there is human dignity.

We sincerely acknowledge Nikki Kennedy, alumna of the University, and Taputapu Ltd for the patterns used on the cover of this publication.

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Welcome



Susan Hassall
Chancellor
University of Waikato

Today is a time of joy, excitement and shared sense of fulfilment, as you come to this final point of your study and realise your goal. As Chancellor, I feel privileged to share a moment of your celebration, as you take this opportunity to reflect both on the time you have spent as part of the University of Waikato whānau and on your achievements, which we recognise today.

In life, there are pivotal moments which mark both an end and a beginning. They are moments to cherish. We stop today for one of those moments, to recognise and experience that sense of fulfilment as each of you crosses the stage.

Savour your special moment; be proud of all that you have contributed to the realisation of this dream. Recognise the support of those with you today. They are your families, the staff, and your fellow students. As you stand with us all together in the beauty of The Pā, remember and be grateful.

"Ko te tangata" is the vision which makes this University so special. It is always the people who make that difference, and we greatly appreciate the difference you have made.

My very best wishes for your future, as you step forward into the next stage of your journey.

Arohanui.



Professor Neil Quigley
Vice-Chancellor
University of Waikato

Graduation is a wonderful part of the tradition of universities. Your ceremony today combines elements that reflect 800 years of tradition since the first universities were established, as well as elements that reflect the University of Waikato's unique culture.

Today's graduation ceremony recognises the hard work and scholarly achievements of each of our graduates. The perseverance and intellectual effort that you have put into every assignment, every exam, every lab experiment and late-night study session is reflected in our celebration of your achievements. As Vice-Chancellor, it is an honour and pleasure to share it with you.

It is also a special moment for those who have supported each of our graduates as they have undertaken study towards their degree or diploma. The cost of studying is substantial, and the focus and the effort required for successful completion of a qualification requires sacrifices that impact on family and friends. Your support has no doubt played an important part in making our graduates' journey in tertiary education the success it has been.

To our graduates, I hope your experience at the University of Waikato has been fulfilling. I trust that you take away not only the skills and knowledge that you have acquired during your studies, but also great friends and memories of your time at the University of Waikato.

From today, you are a member of the alumni of the University of Waikato. We look forward to staying connected with you through the years and of hearing about your future achievements and success.

Order of proceedings

The assembly will be invited to stand as the academic procession enters Te Āhurutanga (the Student Hub) to the welcoming call of the karanga

Opening karakia

The New Zealand national anthem will be sung

The Chancellor will address the assembly

The Chancellor will confer the qualifications on graduates from each division/faculty

The graduate speaker will be introduced and address the assembly

Proceedings will conclude with a closing karakia

Official procession from Te Āhurutanga

Graduates' procession from Te Āhurutanga
(please remain standing until the procession has left)

Following the ceremony, graduates and guests are warmly invited to join University staff for light refreshments at the Alumni Village on the Village Green

Qualifications to be conferred at The Pā, University of Waikato

Tuesday 14 April 2026



Doctor of Philosophy

Gaenor Anne Brown, BA University of South Hampton England, Med, PGDipEduc, Waikato

Thesis title: "Activating Belonging: Towards a Critical Ensemble Pedagogy"

Supervised by: Kirstine Moffat, Laura Haughey, Philippa Hunter, Declan Manning

Olivia Jane Fletcher, MA(Applied), Waikato

Thesis title: "The Development of Community Orchestras in the Waikato"

Supervised by: Kirstine Moffat, Rachael Griffiths-Hughes

Aaron Searle Lane, BA(Hons), GradDipEd University of Queensland Australia,

MA The University of Nottingham England, MA The Open University, England

Thesis title: "Why unavoidable moral wrongdoing is impossible"

Supervised by: Liezl van Zyl, Nicholas Munn

Yuan Ma, BA China Academy of Art China, MA University of Southampton, England

Thesis title: "Creative practices as research: Exploring the sensory world of visually impaired artists in China"

Supervised by: Isabelle Delmotte, Patsie Frawley

Annelore Spieker, BSocComm School of Higher Education in Marketing and Advertising Brasil,

MComIN Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brasil

Thesis title: "Locating Moana Through Children's Eyes: "Seeing with Others" in Cultural Identity and Global Media in Aotearoa New Zealand"

Supervised by: Lynda Johnston, Gareth Schott, Rodrigo Hill

Ranjith Dickwella Wettumbuli Kankanamge, BA University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka,

MA Waseda University, Japan

Thesis title: "Indo-Sri Lanka relations: Change and continuity in the context of China's increased involvement in Sri Lanka"

Supervised by: Reuben Steff, Jiye Kim

Muhammet Furkan Yazici, BA, MA Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey

Thesis title: "Emancipating Critical Thinking Through Aesthetics"

Supervised By: Justine Kingsbury, Joseph Ulatowski

Master of Arts

Bincy Eldho, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Michaela Clare Tsehai Selby, *with First Class Honours*

Xiaoge Zhang, *with First Class Honours*

Almas Kazimi, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Pattiniya Marakkala Udara
Indunil Tilakaratna, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Master of Environmental Planning

Anisha Pandey

Jithin Raj Raju

Master of Media and Creative Technologies

Laine Courtney Hamilton
Baldwin, *with First Class Honours*

Katherine Pamela Searle, *with First Class Honours*

Master of Professional Writing

Jessica Ellen Thornley, *with First Class Honours*

Bachelor of Arts

Maarie Te Mirowai Hinerangi
Apanui-Barr

Tuatai Lea Curtis
Breanna Jayne Dorothy Davison

Alex Leeanne Jeffery, *also conferred Bachelor of Business*

Jameena Dela Rosa Aralar

Sophie Grace Dickinson

Grace Jennifer Jenkins

Peter Charles Barlow

Martine Joulene Erasmus

Daisy Mary Elisabeth Jensen

Madisen Olwen Bond

Caitlyn Emma Forrest

Leah Antonia Kelly

Tineke Adriana Buser

Hayley Jean Gibbons

Kayla Nicole Kleyn

Sophie Ellen Campbell

Prasanakumaar Gurunathan

Lara Amy Carolyn Koppers

Yidan Chen

Veava-Mei Hammond

Ashley Anneke Koster

Zaihan Chen

Mackenzie Leigh Hill

Salalau Leitupo

Johann Anthony Chittilapilly

Aspen Charlotte Hodgetts

Ariana Gill Matangaro Lewis

Ethan John Louie Christensen

Lola Marie Kaub Hollinshead

Troy Jordan Lolesi

Cumorah Rose Christy

Sarah Jane Hopkins

Hannah Jane Luke

Adeline Clair Cox

Susan Husainy

Aoife Grace Elizabeth McGall

Keesha Mohikura-Jane Craig

Michaela Rose Ihaka

Dominic Robert McManus

Eden Roimata Crawford

Aoi Imamoto

Riley Selwyn Melville

Tulimatai Ramiyah Mene	Rautangi Pitiroi	Ashley Robin Grace Sutton
Te Aorangi-Kowhai Penetito Morini	Hina Preddey	Araraina Ali'Itasi Takuira-Mita
Iona Ann Mortimer	Jasmin Jayne Rasmussen	Sailokeini Paea He Lotu Lasukau Talakai
Pooja Sai Naicker	Grace Marion Jennifer Rickwood	Keegan Connor Tremewan
Daniel Maronga Ngungumbili	Ella Ashlin Riddiford	Nhi Phuong Trinh
Lillian Iere May Nicholas-Marston	Roxanne Jezreal Rihari	Grace Mana Mei Langi Tukuitoga
Bridget Ruby Nissen	Natalie Rossouw	Paige Charlotte Tyson
Faith Ellen Shirley O'Hagan	Olivia Caitlin Roy	Joyce Sharyn Megan Siata Vainikolo
Kara Ann O'Regan	Oneli Vidusini Rupasinghe	Bethany Ann Shirley Waines
Finn Owen Parangi	Taiki Manukotuku Rangi Scott	Shelby Kate Whitley
Jacob Hemi Pearce	Tom William Sims	Huiyuan Xu
Charlotte Kate Pedersen	Natalie Kylie Smith	Xinyu Xu
Maxine Nicole Mercado Perez	Martha Phoebe Aroha Snelgrove	
Milan Chance Le Beau Phillips	Christian Snyman	
	Alice Mary Kathleen Soanes	

School of Psychological and Social Sciences

Master of Applied Psychology

Arihant Arivazhagan Ambalam, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	Jacob Callum Gedye	Abby Parsons, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>
Alyssa Carol Erasmus, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	Melissa Anne Joll, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>	Dylan Joseph Platt, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
	Chloe Parker, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	

Master of Arts

Cailen James Calkin, <i>with First Class Honours, also awarded Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (Clinical)</i>	Alexander Thomas Edwards, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Kristyn Tracey Maree Rayner, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
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Master of Environment and Society

Aidan Gayle Clements, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>	Lucia Batsyeba Deda, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Bushra Mariam Roopam, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
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Master of Environmental Planning

Alina Dangol	Sopia Karki	Xianghong Liu, <i>with Distinction</i>
Marcus Anzac Kewene Fletcher, <i>with Distinction</i>	Eshrita Anshu Lata	Mary Kabilda Mariyathanan Culas
Susanna Gouria	Xinyue Lian	Madhuni Malsha Manohari Weliwitigoda Hewage

Master of Social Sciences

Megha Anil Kumar Rakhi, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Praveen Khatri, <i>with First Class Honours, also awarded Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (Clinical)</i>	Olivia Taylor McIntyre, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
Zhe Bing, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>	Tiari Jane Killeen-Townsend, <i>with First Class Honours, also awarded Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (Clinical)</i>	Tobey Jane Morrison, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>
Alexis Anastasia Antoinette Fraser, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division), also awarded Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (Clinical)</i>	Kayla Miriama Manuirangi, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Charlotte Te Inu Wai Muru-Lanning, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
	Daniel Thomas Mason, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Charlotte Lauren Walker, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>
		Adria Madison Wither, <i>with First Class Honours</i>

School of Law, Politics and Philosophy

Master of Laws

Shivani Sonika Chand, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Sandamali Yashodhara Madurawala, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Sumona Sultana, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>
Frederick Joseph Donovan, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Janah Adelaide Owuor, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Te Huinga Mel Te Whare, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>
Mainul Islam, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>	Priyanka Prasad, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Nina Keri Tipu, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
MD Amirul Islam, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	Kartik Rohan Ram, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	Irina Trubnikova, <i>with First Class Honours</i>

Master of Laws in Māori/Pacific and Indigenous Peoples' Law

Penina Funaki Pupunu Afemui, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Theresa Marlene Mandine John, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
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Master of Legal Studies

Yumei Li, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Kristal Pearl Smith, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Bachelor of Arts

Lulwa Sultan Saif Al-Aisae

Tunisia Kareko-Hokianga

Ben-Jean Sly Hori Ryder





Tuesday 14 April 2026, 12.30pm

Te Wānanga o Ngā Kete | Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences

Te Kura Toi | School of Arts

Postgraduate Diploma in Music

Ying Liu, *with Distinction*

School of Law, Politics and Philosophy

Bachelor of Laws with Honours

Molly Elizabeth Mary Allen, *with First Class Honours, also conferred Bachelor of Arts*

Shilo Booyesen, *with First Class Honours*

Seungri Choi, *with First Class Honours*

Rebecca McDonald Crawford, *with First Class Honours*

Eva Rose Milligan Dickson, *with First Class Honours*

Greer Margaret Dines, *with First Class Honours*

Benjamin James Mita Gordon, *with First Class Honours*

Kasandra Margaret Hart-Kaumoana, *with First Class Honours*

Madison Cheri Karauna, *with First Class Honours*

Matthew Jack Lander, *with First Class Honours*

Tanya Michelle Lumsden, *with First Class Honours*

Jasmine Marie McTavish, *with First Class Honours*

Alexandra Heather Middlemiss, *with First Class Honours*

Sadia Motawaze, *with First Class Honours*

Tiana Beverley Ann Ohia, *with First Class Honours*

Molly Fern Owers-Hacker, *with First Class Honours*

Mia Paintin, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Jacob John Wayne Strawbridge, *with First Class Honours*

Lucy Isobel Vellenoweth, *with First Class Honours also conferred Bachelor of Business*

Amreen Virk, *with First Class Honours*

Tessa Andre Wakefield-Dunn, *with First Class Honours*

Isabel Xiao, *with First Class Honours*

Cullen Glen White, *with First Class Honours also conferred Bachelor of Science*

Bachelor of Laws

Darren Lancelot 'Unaloto Mei 'Atalanga 'Aho

Shaymaa Yousef Alaboud

Shainy Kaveesha Alahakoon

Shahnasheen Afidzah Ali

Manjula Bartholomew

Michela Beavon

Ashley Marie Bennett

Chloe Entela Benson

Imogen May Bjerring

Holly Maree Booth

Danielle Alexandra Bowler

Jessica Andrea Bradshaw

Matthew Charles Tudor Brewer

Laura Neva Burgess

Rowan Siobhan Carey	Kupe Heyoka Jiang	Molly Anne Phillips
Preeti Chauhan	Raewyn Louise Kapa	Benjamin Lance Pilmore-Evans, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Arts</i>
Karen Anne Coltman	Te Kauwhata Toka Tu Tahī Te Haua Te Ara Reo Christopher Kauwhata	Samalia Liliāla Pisi
John Daniel Connell	Rebecca Rachel Kumar	Michelle Rajnita Prasad
Joshua Eric Connell	Elizabeth Isabella Mary Laing	Adriana Hanshika Pushparaja
Andrea Ngaere Cotton	Aaron Michael Lee	Camryn Tina-Marie Redin
John William Cunningham	Brad James Lelieveld	Ceri Margaret Rimmer
Neha Deo	Amelie Lemercier	Joshana Bhoomee Rumon
Juanita Nicolette Eriwata	Penani Levi	Starla Courtney Sadd-Toko
Maia Gabrielle Ardern Fenwick	Russell Longakit	Shalomy Lavaniya Sathiyaraj
Alice Chloe Feyter	Alaa Walid Asaad Ahmed Mahmoud	Zara Rose Scholefield
Violet Meyann Finau	Pooja Nanayakkara	Blue Tipene Iraia Ngarimu Simpkins-Jones
Mark Evans Findlater	Mallawarachchilage, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Social Sciences</i>	Darshika Singh
Seamus Alistair Foley	Danielle Aimee Malpas-Green	Jagjeet Singh
'Iunisi Anora Fotofili	Robert Markgraf-Smith	Sukhjeet Singh
Xiaolong Gao	Karmen-Marie Donna Maxted	Molly Ann Sprague
Finn Gambrill, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Arts</i>	Joel Connor Mc Ilvenny	Toni Paula Stuart
Alysha Eowyn Gill, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Business</i>	Talia Taytim Morris	Mayako Kimiora Taingahue
Cael Headley Graham, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Science</i>	Niamh Colleen McHugh Sophia Murfitt	Tessa Terina Taute
Alisha Jean Griffin	Diarmuid Oisín Connor O'Dwyer	Naumi Lisa Teinabo
Sheridan Caitlan Harley	Arielle Alexandra Vincente O'Keefe, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Arts</i>	Semraweit Ghirmai Tesfai
Charlotte Jasmine Esther Harrison	Matthew David Parker	Ruth Agnese Tolise
Olivia Mai Harrison	Neve Fairlie Parker	Emma Elizabeth Tompkins
Tegan-Jayne Harvey	Tayla Rachel Parris	Breanna Maia Waka
Isabella Iris Houghton-Gray, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Arts</i>	Anish Rakesh Patel, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Business</i>	Mia Ataria Young Wall
Maria Honore Howe	Martha Soseroma Peo	Emma Jean Walshe
Alice Olivia Hutchison	Ricki-Lee Mamaeroa Persen	Kevan Wong
Catharina Janse van Rensburg		Violet Tanya Wulf
Mahinaarangi Eileen Jefferies		Annabelle Poppy Katherine Young
		Jule Annemarie Zijlstra

Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Studies

Kathryn Hughlings Dunn

Te Kura Whatu Oho Mauri | School of Psychological and Social Sciences

Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Planning

Taylor McCall Duff

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology

Abigail Destiny Barbara
Achilles-Harrison

Sarah Dawn Bailey, *with
Distinction*

Matthew Anton Bindon

Morgan Jane Waikowhai
Cashmore, *with Distinction*

Abie-Rose Bailey Cockrem

Sofia Anna Czyrek, *with
Distinction*

Asmaa Fakhreddine

Ketia Falaile

Connor John Goodall

Jodeci Violet Joseph, *with
Distinction*

Benjamin Paul Kingston, *with
Distinction*

Erin Claire Murphy

Brier Lei Betty Pearson, *with
Distinction*

Gurdit Sharma

Petra Kaye White

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (Clinical)

Olivia Rose Bengé

Kirstie Sara Klingenberg

Emma Louise Nankivell
McCaughan

Shantini Oorjitham

Sarah Emily Perry

Tiaan Mereana Manurangi Roia

Tanwen Rhoslyn Breen Ward

Postgraduate Diploma in the Practice of Psychology

Julie-Anne Marie Bruce



Tuesday 14 April 2026, 2.30pm

Te Wānanga o Ngā Kete | Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences

Te Kura Toi | School of Arts

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Ceilidh Malo Sushila Brown,
*with Second Class Honours (first
division), also awarded Graduate
Diploma in Māori and Indigenous
Studies*

Bachelor of Music with Honours

Alexandra Kathleen Buchanan,
with First Class Honours

Jade Elizabeth Norman, *with First
Class Honours*

Emily Sophie Scott, *with First
Class Honours*

Bachelor of Climate Change

Renaë Kayla Pratt

Bachelor of Environmental Planning

Sage Juanita Avery

Rahera Pare Hikairo Te Wano

Bachelor of Music

Arana Huru Himiona Ashby

Congrui Guo

Tyrone Toatasi Peni Lampeti
Vahai

Kate Samantha Jade Edwards

Samara Maria Nation

Elizabeth Mary Ellison

Millie Kate Trusttuum

Graduate Certificate in Korean

Jacqueline Denise Brand-Holt

Diploma in Arts

Manzhu Li

School of Law, Politics and Philosophy

Bachelor of Climate Change

Theo Robert Baron Pollard

Graduate Diploma in Law

Maheer R. F. Azzam

Subirdeep Singh Khangura

Anil Kumar Rathee

Diploma in Law

Kyle Zane Beetham

Robert James Savage

Tanita Anita Wilson

Ganesh Gautam Harduar

Sandy Marie Wall

Te Kura Whatu Oho Mauri | School of Psychological and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Jade Karen Dent-Bowering, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Irene Cecille Irvine, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Khushwant Singh, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Alex Kayecee Nicholl, *with First Class Honours*

Alex Aster Willix-Payne, *with First Class Honours*

Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours

Thomas William Hall, *with First Class Honours*

Isabella Audrey Johnson, *with First Class Honours*

Hunter Joy Sullivan, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Bachelor of Climate Change

Niamh Estelle Hill

Diya Patel

Crystal Rose Szanto

Bachelor of Environmental Planning

Emma Louise Burnard

Angelo Dante Marshall

Teresa Elizabeth Thornton

Joshua Eric Casbolt

Rose Clare Lynley Mayhead

Emma Jayde Timmo

Katherine Olivia Jarratt

Talia Lili Nicol McDonald

Tiffany Karanata Walker

Litiana Merevesi Johnston

Samantha Jane Oosthoek

George Xu

Courtney Ann Lee

Naomi Kathleen Capua Rubio

Bachelor of Social Sciences

Arti Arti	Samantha Charlotte Gray	Maia Leigh Mould
Mariyam Ather	Pagen Annie Greene	Te Kiriwai Aio Murphy-Fell
Stella Rose Bahr	Tyler Ann Groenewald	Ava Nassiry
Yuxin Bai	Mya Capri Harmer	Emily Grace O'Reilly
Ariane Louise Bell	Charlie Maria Harris-Dobbs	Mikayla Perrett
Faith Aviyah Bell	Daniel Alexander Haskell	Jorja Molly Quigley
Rata Lawrence Bhooi	Tristan Terralie Hooker	Elyse Matariki Tia Rahiri
Elijah Aaron Rangikauu Ki-Te-Whenua-Wharemate Bock	Thomas Adam Hunt	Rehan Razak
Genna Bradding	Cassele Dayle Hutt	Alexandra Jane Rennie
Waioira Melody Brooks	Dylan Matthew Jacobs	Seraphine Megan Richardson
Natalie Jean Burke	Kylen Makana James	Rhiannon Margaret Roberts
Kristy Cao	Mila Jovanovic	Hiba Saqib
Kyra Martin Cavanagh	Tiana Julie Kingi	Alia Naomi Scott
Sian Georgia Cavanagh	Arorae Kiuori	Aimee Monique Shaw
Tasha Chanengeta	Suzanne Lata	Kirandeep Kaur Shergill
Georgia Ruth Chesterman	Andrew Gene Laws	Manjot Singh Khangura
Keaton Lee Chitty Stewart	Ilanthe Le Roux	Sarquinda-Lea May Faith Smagh
Aimee Gillian Clemow	Zacharie John Leet-Guinan	Ethan Paul Smith
Maura Iris Cody	Isabelle Summer Leilua-McBride	Caitlin Michaela Brooke Steiner
Jessica Ruby Jane Colquhoun	Maryanne Elizabeth Lewis	Cooper David Douglas Stewart
Legacy Sapphire Davies	Maia Analise Dale Lindop	Silika Chileleko Munkombwe Thebe
Sera Ann Dowman	Ben Lu	Anthony Norman Waith
Lucie Grace Duck	Ethan James MacCarthy Morrough	Georgia Flora Jocelyn West
Una Dukic	Asher Jade MacLeod	Tasmin Alex Jade White
Joel Thomas Foster	Tahlia Jane Marshall	Andrew Keith Owen Willis
Zara Rose Fraser	Hazel Grace McAnulty	Abraham James Wolland
Madison Ann Freeman	Ava Grace McMorran	Marilyn Grace Wood
Sharni Crystal Storm Gordon	Maggie Jane Morrison	Naomi Lisa Irene Zegwaard
Leah Paige Graham	Elletta Moni-Marise Rose Morrissey	

Graduate Diploma in Psychology

Marina Jean Beilby

Diploma in Social Sciences

Milla Hana Tarawhiti

Te Puna Haumarū | New Zealand Institute for Security and Crime Science

Postgraduate Certificate in Security and Crime Science

Louise Willow Todd



Tuesday 14 April 2026, 4.30pm

Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao | Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies

Doctor of Philosophy

**Michael Antony Nuku, BA(Hons) Eastern Institute of Technology,
MMāoriS Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiārangi, PGDipT, Victoria**

Thesis title: "Hawaiki ora: Waka ama, it's a kind of magic"

Supervised by: Haki Tuapiki, Anne A Hiha

Te Urukeiha Aimee Raharuhi, DipMPD, BA(Hons), MA, Waikato

Thesis title: "Te kawa whakauru ora: Transformative pathways to flourishing whānau"

Supervised by: Hemi Whaanga, Rangi-Anehu Matamua

Master of Arts

Wayne Ngahuka Carter, *with First
Class Honours*

Paikea Rongonui Te-Tui-O-Rongo
Io-O-Te-Ra Bonaventura Lucino
Tamuera Ariki

Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours

Naianga Jesse Pounamu Tapiata,
*with First Class Honours, also
conferred Bachelor of Social
Sciences*

Bachelor of Arts

Kirimangu Te Amohaere Boon

Lucy Katarina Johnson

Maraea Lyse Georgette Taiaroa

Awatea Dale Ngerengere
Cherrington

Trinity Eva Allegra Jurgensen

Raiven Susan Rayalan Hipera
Trainor

Matthew Kahurangi Clark

Rerekohu Waimihi Maata Kingi

Mia Waiariki

Mowai Wanakore Eruera

Terina Rangi Moana Te Rure
Maraki

Lania-Rose Angela Maia

Sofia Maraia Gowans

Cara Fatafehi Christina Ryan

Wichman

Bachelor of Social Sciences

Jorja Aoatea Challis

Diploma in Te Tohu Paetahi

Kenya Grace Akuhata-Brown	Arneta Honey Hireme	Te Miringa Sarah Panapa
Acacia Pikihiua Te Awahuri Albert	Pepene Mareko Te Hau Hohepa	Georgia Rose Whaitiri Ranginui Charlton
Atera Sarah Apirana	Doreen Winifred Hokai	Te Paea Pitiroi Rapana
Macey Lee Tai Aroha Austin	Fallen Te Waipounamu Hokai-Tahana	Stacy Rata
Edward James Baker	Te Tai-Ata-O-Te-Rangi Marie Hona	Winnie Lee Merepaea Rawiri-King
Matheson Jack Tauaiti Barr	Francesca Pierce Huthnance	Skye Rangimarie Michelle Sandy Reti
Geoffrey Rowland Bentley	Rhianan Katareina Kaipo	Celeste Patricia Awhina Rietbrock
Caleb John Takiri Brothers	Te Puhi Anderson Kana	Robert Charles Taitearii Paerata Rihari
Raymond Te Tahī Brown	Francesca Pania Eleanor Kay	Shylah Ripai Rangimarie Riwai
Manaia Rose Carly	Diana Rae King	Te Atamira O Te Aroha Roa
Cheyenne Margaret Coombes	Kaia Meihana Kingi	Rebecca Louise Lines Royal
Te Oho Mauri Whiti Ora Cooper	Steven Patrick Kingi	Zachary Craig Scott
Nakita Virginia Te Rore Corfield	Tauoteawa Nui Kingi	Erana May Charlotte Severne
Aria Jane Cowley	Jessie Kate Aina Kupa	Bella Ngaere Woodcock Sharp
Niki Kirikau Crombie	Asher Manaia Peata Mariu	Jason Joseph Kalaniuli Smith
Elisha Trinay Cronin	Tiana Maraea Rose Marsh	Hannah Jane Statham
Thomas Tohi Tumata Daly	Kimai Moana Anne Martin	Elena Adele Stephen-Rouvi
Mabelle Marie Dennison	Te Kari Ariki Mataiti	Ariana Awhina Stewart, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Social Sciences</i>
Samantha Maree Drummond	Ryan Geoffrey Mccracken	Jade Stewart
Meryl Te Aroha Elton	Te Maungarongo McGarvey-Borell	Byron Stewart-Leaton
Tiaki Hira Fabish	Luke Craig Wineera Metekingi	Calem Stewart-Leaton
Joy Huiarangī Te Oraitī Gilgen	Jordania Leander Mita	Anita Rose Taiapa-Brown
Clayton Ewart Alexander Gracie	Aniwa Matarita Morgan	Maia Claire Takuraa-Truscott
Katarina Cherie Mya Hadley	Temaramatanga Christine Morgan	Sarah Jan Tamihana
Ondre Pohonui Arundel Hapuku-Lambert	Elizabeth Maia Janine Nahu	Emma Sarah-Louise Tan
Puti Ashley Harris	Hana Maria Nepia	Whetu Anthony Taukamo
Titipa Dwayne Harris	Mahi Reimana John Newton-King	Marcus Marangamai Taupo
Tatyana Ngamihi Harrison	Muriwai Ngawaka	
Grace Mihikeita Harvey	Reece John Allan Norton	
Zarah Elizabeth Heathwaite	Tania Rosina Pakinga	
Crystal Hana Mikara Herbert		
Saoirse Tui Herewini		

Te Aomihia Hinerupe Rangihuna
Te Huia

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Waimirirangi Tepania

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Walker

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Te Ata Linda Wharawhara

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Kahui Krisis Winiata-Topi

Tyla Rose Wintle

Kloe Alexis Wong





Major scholarship recipients

We proudly recognise graduates who have been awarded major scholarships while studying at the University of Waikato. These scholarships celebrate outstanding achievement, leadership, dedication, and potential across a range of fields. Recipients of these major scholarships are detailed below.

We also acknowledge the many other graduates who have earned scholarships throughout the year. While we are unable to include every recipient in this booklet, we extend our warmest congratulations to all scholarship awardees and celebrate their accomplishments alongside those featured here.

Koko Kairangi | University of Waikato Prize for Best Doctoral Thesis

Akuhata Bailey-Winiata

Thesis title: "Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua – A Māori framework for coastal climate change adaptation."

University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship

Aaron Searle Lane

Michael Antony Nuku

Muhammet Furkan Yazici

University of Waikato Research Masters Scholarship

Alexis Anastasia Antoinette
Fraser

Katherine Pamela Searle
Olivia Taylor Mcintyre

Shantini Oorjitham
Tiari Jane Killeen-Townsend

Jessica Ellen Thornley

Te Paewai o te Rangī: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Aimee Gillian Clemow

Breanna Maia Waka

Maarie Te Mirowai Hinerangi
Apanui-Barr

Alysha Eowyn Gill

Cullen Glen White

Mackenzie Leigh Hill

Andrea Ngaere Cotton

Emily Grace O'Reilly

Madison Cheri Karauna

Araraina Ali'Itasi Takuira-Mita

Isabelle Summer Leilua-Mcbride

Mayako Kimiora Taingahue

Asher Jade Macleod

Joel Thomas Foster

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Millie Kate Trusttium

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Simpkins-Jones

Keesha Mohikura-Jane Craig
Litiana Merevesi Johnston

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Peter Charles Barlow

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Sofia Maraea Gowans

Taiki Manukotuku Rangī Scott

Terina Rangī Moana Te Rure
Maraki

Tobey Jane Morrison

Veava-Mei Hammond

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Pacific Excellence Scholarship

Eshrita Anshu Lata

Naumi Lisa Teinabo

Salalau Leitupo

Tulimatai Ramiyah Mene

Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship

Atera Sarah Apirana

Prasanakumaar Gurunathan

Te Ara Whānui Scholarship

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Arana Huru Himiona Ashby

Cumorah Rose Christy

Matthew Kahurangi Clark

Mowai Wanakore Eruera

Naianga Jesse Pounamu Tapiata

Te Kauwhata Toka Tu Tahī Te

Haua Te Ara Reo Christopher
Kauwhata

Tuatai Lea Curtis

Stay connected

Congratulations on graduating – you are now a member of the University of Waikato alumni community, a special group of more than 90,000 graduates making their mark on the world.

Waikato alumni are connected by a common thread – the time they spent at the University of Waikato.

As alumni you'll hear from our Alumni Relations team with updates about the University, invitations to events, inspiring stories of fellow alumni, professional development opportunities, and alumni catch-ups in your area. Alumni events are a great way to stay connected with the University and expand your networks.

Congratulations on graduating and joining the University of Waikato's international alumni network. We look forward to staying in touch.

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We encourage you to update your LinkedIn profile and list the University of Waikato under education.

Visit alumni.waikato.ac.nz to keep your contact details up-to-date and learn more about alumni benefits, including free alumni access to the Library and online databases.

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Gifted by the late Dr Te Wharehuia Milroy, The University of Waikato motto, 'Ko Te Tangata', means 'For the People', and articulates the University's philosophy that people are central to our organisation, and are our most valued resource.

It's an appropriate maxim given the University was established 'by the people, for the people', following many years of lobbying by a group of Hamilton locals, who saw an opportunity for the Waikato region to have its own university.

The University opened in 1964 with 181 enrolments, and today we are proud to welcome 13,000 students and employ 1,400 staff across our two vibrant campuses.

The University is committed to academic excellence, and provides academically challenging programmes that reflect the interests of students and the needs of the employers, industries and communities.

Students at Waikato enjoy quality learning experiences and smaller class sizes, flexible degree structures, and work-integrated learning to ensure they are industry ready, and supportive research supervision from internationally acclaimed academics.

The University values its relationship with the Kīngitanga, Waikato-Tainui and mana whenua. The rich heritage and cultural history of Kirikiriroa Hamilton and the Waikato region is reflected in our vibrant, multicultural University community.

Campus locations

Hamilton

Our Kirikiriroa Hamilton campus is situated on 65 hectares of stunning grounds complete with cafes, lakes, vibrant Boon Street artworks, and on-campus accommodation.

The University is proud to be delivering all Hamilton graduation ceremonies in The Pā. Opened in mid-2023, The Pā is the landmark building at the heart of our campus. It reflects the University's commitment to an integrated and accessible campus, and to a welcoming space that includes social interaction, hospitality and culture.

Tauranga

Our award-winning Tauranga Moana campus offers a modern learning environment that is a stone's throw from the beautiful Tauranga waterfront.

The state-of-the-art building was designed with students in mind. It features stunning artworks that express a unique cultural narrative reflecting the University's relationship with mana whenua and, more broadly, with Tauranga Moana and Bay of Plenty iwi. The University also operates dedicated facilities in Tauranga for coastal marine and aquaculture research, as well as high-performance sport.

China

The University has around 900 students at its joint institute with Hangzhou City University in China. The purpose-built institute, designed with New Zealand design principles, teaching approaches and standards, offers degrees in Finance, Interface Design and Design Media.

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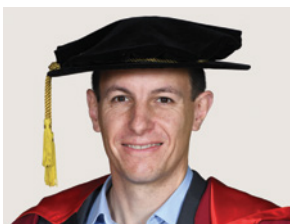
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