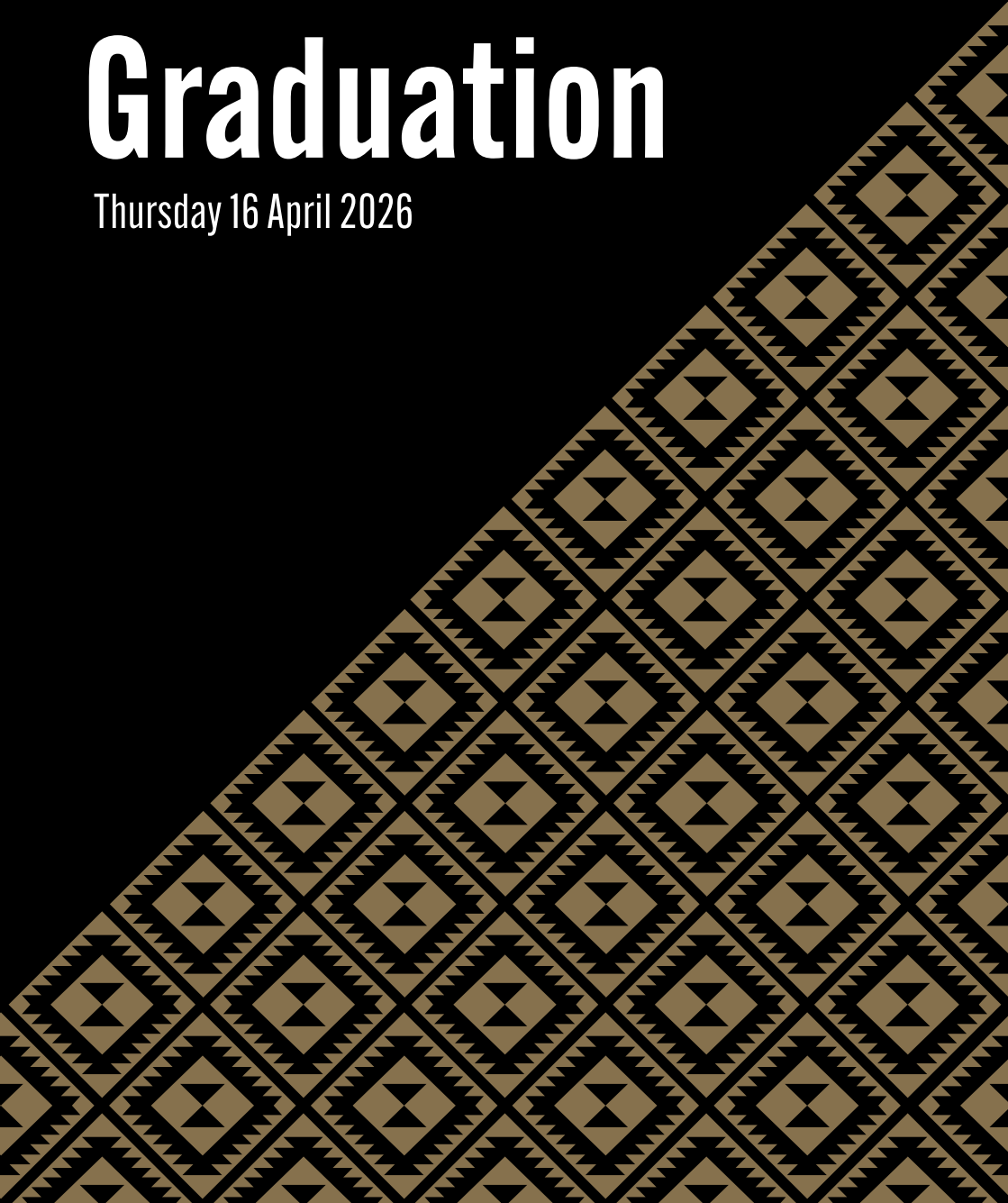




THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Graduation

Thursday 16 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

Thursday 16 April 2026



Te Wānanga Pūtaiao | Division of STEM

Doctor of Philosophy

Savannah Jean-Maree Harvey, BSc, MSc, Waikato

Thesis title: "A neural and behavioural investigation of aberrant feeding in animal models of autism spectrum disorder"

Supervised by: Pawel Olszewski, Anica Klockars

Udari Apeksha Induruwa Acharige, BSc, Msc University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Thesis title: "Crystal Engineering via Imidazolium Salts"

Supervised by: Graham Saunders, Bill Henderson

Kavitha Harshani Ranaweera Ranaweera Arachchige, BSc(Hons) University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka

Thesis title: "Construction and demolition waste as low-cost materials for the removal of heavy metal ions from wastewater"

Supervised by: Michael Mucalo, Megan Grainger, Amanda French, Narayana Mudalige Sathkumara Sirimuthu

Te Aka Mātuatua | School of Science

Master of Science

Kavinda Theekshana Gunasekara, with Second Class Honours (first division)

Annie Vincy Kannukarar Rathinasamy, with First Class Honours

Pallavi Daxitbhai Kathiriya, with Second Class Honours (second division)

Navneet Kaur, with Second Class Honours (second division)

Rakesh Maddirala, with Second Class Honours (second division)

Muskan Sheba, with First Class Honours

Samriti Tanwar, with Second Class Honours (second division)

Shivangi Verma, with First Class Honours

Master of Science (Research)

Kirsten Jane Browne-Cole, with First Class Honours

Adam Harrison Colthorpe, with Second Class Honours (first division)

Kellianne Marie Hamilton, with Second Class Honours (second division)

Aliyah Kamal, with First Class Honours

Harmanpreet Kaur, with First Class Honours

Aria Sharon Kerebs, with Second Class Honours (second division)

Briar Ashleigh Dawn Mills, with Second Class Honours (first division)

Nandita Nand, with Second Class Honours (second division)

Daniel Scott Nunn, with First Class Honours

Bailey Louise Rackham, *with First Class Honours*

Gianluca Semeraro, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Ashleigh Grace Stanners, *with First Class Honours*

Max Seton Theobald, *with First Class Honours*

Adrienne Pauline Tock, *with First Class Honours*

Margot Caitlin Niamh Wilde, *with First Class Honours*

Bachelor of Science with Honours

Xavia Tuera Fraser Connolly, *with First Class Honours*

Grace Vereen Hattingh, *with First Class Honours*

Reenu Jose, *with First Class Honours*

Conrad Frank Leon Latimer, *with First Class Honours*

Shyra Mae Navarro Mapa, *with First Class Honours*

Alanah Maria Millynn, *with First Class Honours*

Georgia Allayne Pollock, *with First Class Honours*

Abby Michelle Tuck, *with First Class Honours*

Sophie Jade Vun, *with First Class Honours*

Ran Zong, *with First Class Honours*

Bachelor of Climate Change

Jessica Ann Myfanwy Bailey

Esther Alexander Chapman

Goya Choi

Myah Joy Kathleen Gallichan

Stella Kate Murphy

Olivia Alice Schweizer

Michael John Walker

Chloie-Tayne Wilson

Bachelor of Science

Raniyah Raheela Baigum

Baskal Bawi

Nicolas Jean Philippe Besson-Mackain

Caitlin Rose Bird

Christelle Botha

Skye Victoria Budge

Summer Lucina Wera Wera Cameron

Vanessa Karen Campbell

Isabel Rose Carman

Ashlee John Dones Cecilio

Shyline Chatiza

Ashley Joy Cloke

Zoe Lee Coldrick

Hayley Sheree Coleman

Stanley Peter Carlos Crabb

Goldie Lee Crawford

Diya Dharmeshkumar Desai

Jillian Rae Palsario Dua

Kristin Latisa Elder

Rebecca Mei Ellis

Faith Korimako Eru

Abigail Adrienne Evans

Michelle Sarah Exton

Zahra May Fenn

Faith Anne Finnigan

Emerald Rizzi De Castro Floresca

Emma Georgina Fogg

Nicholas James Geer

Oliver Stephen Graham Gosling

Taylor Chanel Harvey

Katelyn Lee Maree Holmes

Sarah Rebecca Hinerangi Hughes, *also awarded Graduate Certificate of Science Practice*

Destinee-Joy Johnston-O'Loughlin

Aleena Dixie Jones

Shelley Dorothy Lorraine Jones

Courtney Anne Kennerley

Eloise Annette Krige

Neha Nivedhi Kumar

Necia Rose Lawson

Charlotte Grace Leicester

Annabel Kate Logan

Tara Ellen Logan

Samantha Shelby Marais	Sejal Reddy	Logan Wright Vickers
Bronwyn Ellen McLeod	Sebastian Marc Ross	Abby Rose Weaver
Tyler Madison McNutt	Jorden Johanna Rowley	Parewai Te Anuhia Wehipeihana
Syeda Vania Mehdi	Sahal Salman	Dulaksha Sadaley Wellawatta Arachchige
Megan Louise Middleton	Cole Laurence Sherborne	Alexandria Eleanor White
Jemma Mary Mills	Sophie Elizabeth Steenson	Hamish Andrew Wilkinson
Porsche Rose Wendy Marion Mitchell	Kate Marie Stewart, <i>also conferred Bachelor of Business</i>	Kendall Grace Williams
Skyela Elle Moore	Ellen Janis Strachan	Piper Tiaria Williams
Tia Isabelle Nash	Skye Jessica Tatton	Jade Nikita Wilson
Olivia Dawn Naude	Keegan Brody Tosland	Stevie Helen Wilson
Tiffany Le Payne	Maikel Sami Miu Tuala	Rachel Yang

Bachelor of Science (Technology)

Dana Valeria Angulo Gomez	Brooke Taylor Janssen	Zeel Vijaykumar Raval
Riley Leonardus Broom	Ava Briar Neilson	Katie Joy Rhodes
Bella Maude Szigetvary Bryant	Hoang Minh Khoi Nguyen	Mohid Rizwan
Sneha Ishika Deo	Chelcei Faye Valleramos Ninal	Tasha Nichole Terelmes
Ethan David Ferdinands	Anuraag Jagadish Patel	

Certificate in Science

Hayley-Jane McQuaide



Doctor of Education

Deborah Lee Greenhill, DTchg Private Training Facility, BBS Massey, MEd Waikato

Thesis title: "Shifting the learning culture of a secondary school in Aotearoa New Zealand: An analysis of enacting a shared vision"

Supervised by: Noeline Wright, Sheralyn Cook

Doctor of Philosophy

Xi Zhou, BH Lanzhou University China, MLitt, University of Saint Andrews Scotland

Thesis title: "Incorporating culture into English as a medium of instruction (EMI) teaching: An exploration of EMI teachers in Chinese higher education"

Supervised by: Laura Gurney, Ian Bruce, Yi Wang

Master of Counselling

Richard Brian Austyn-Mawby,
with First Class Honours

Stephen John Hall, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Daisuke Nakaura, *with First Class Honours*

Elizabeth Louise Bloomfield, *with First Class Honours*

Rowena Sally Howarth, *with First Class Honours*

Nicola Lyn Simpson, *with First Class Honours*

Melissa Jean Charleston, *with First Class Honours*

Anna Gail Kurth, *with First Class Honours*

Dave Max Snell, *with First Class Honours*

Matthew Christopher Bolton Deverell, *with First Class Honours*

Frances Katherine McIlwain, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Alexandra Helen Wynn, *with First Class Honours*

Laura Renee Green, *with First Class Honours*

Master of Disability and Inclusion Studies

Neeraja Daivappurakkal Babla
Preeti Dhankar

Chamodi Hansani Manuwanthi
Jeeewika Karunarathna
Thalapitiye Gedara, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Master of Education

Megha Dhawan, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Amy Grinter, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Amanda Jane Gundersen, *with First Class Honours*

Ryan Philip Jackson, *with First Class Honours*

Jeslin Kureekkattil Sebastian, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Maryann Jacinda Lambert

Suchini Rajika Muhandiramlage, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Archana Muppala, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Vageesha Nirandi Panapitiya

Hilda Koti Patterson, *with First Class Honours*

Archana Rethimol Manohar

Ritu, *with First Class Honours*

Vijeta Sharma, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Aynan Tajriya

Erin Hineata Te Pou

Annemieke Adrienne Van Vliet, *with First Class Honours*

Anila Chazhoor Vincent, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

David Evan Williams, *with First Class Honours*

Nicolette Kiri Woodland, *with First Class Honours*

Yashika

Shania Rinofa Zainudeen, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Master of Educational Leadership

Paul Ardern, *with First Class Honours*

Patricia Rosemary Chaplin-Cheyne

Gowri Kunwar, *with first Class Honours*

Merrin Eileen Millar, *with First Class Honours*

Hewasinghage Asanthi Apsara Premasiri, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Liang Qiao, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Nilmini Rajapaksha Rajapaksha Mudiyanse, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Michaela Amy Smith, *with First Class Honours*

Jade Michael Tawhiti, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Master of Teaching and Learning

Hayley Hope Arnold

Jonifer Freeda Arul Pragasam

Sushma Aryal Bhandari

Athira Babu

Yiling Bai

Brij Bala

Kristina Te Hua Tahi Tarawa Berry

Rebecca Kyra Blackwood

Ye-Rou Chang

Qing Chen

Wenjing Chen

Yujia Chen

Hannah Mary Theresa Clark

Lucy Terese de Andrad-Always

Zhe Deng

Tianjiao Dong

Qianrui Du

Lucy Corinna Farrell

Shione Fukumoto

Elizabeth Ancy George

Julin George

Kaia Jean Grey

William Grimwood

Ziqin Hao

Hin Ming Ho

Lauryn Nicole Hortle

Jennifer Virginia John

William Joseph Jones

Anjali Joseph

Tintu Joseph

Ann Treesa Joshy

Rosemary Kannampuzha Chakkunny

Chandni Kapoor

Makbule Karagoz

Jashanpreet Kaur

Claudia Daisy Knight

Suganya Krishnan

Julie Ann Labrooy

Anjaly Laju	Mithula Parvathi	Anna Freya Taylor
Devika Lal	Anu Sara Peter	Thahira Rahmath Thameem Kaja
Jeongbin Lee	Samenthra Pillay	Karim Nawaz
Angdi Li	Michaela Elizabeth Pointon	Yuan Tian
Xuanxuan Li	Jini Rappai	Hongtian Wang
Yue Li	Saadia Rasul	Tingting Wang
Xinyi Liu	Rochelle Rodrigo	Simon James Wharton
Yongtai Ma	Gifty Roy	Caitlin Tui Wheeler
Sujalakshmi Mavila	Meghna Sajeev	Sebastian Charles Williams
Pathayapurayil	Deepika Sandhu	Carmen Petra Wimmer
Emma Amalia Laura Mazzaschi	Vanessa Jasmine Scott	Yifan Wu
Benjamin Christopher McIntosh	Pooja Sen	Qian Yang
Anita Jane McKegg	Lihong Shen	Yinuo Yang
Meenu	Rebecca Mei Fung Sun	Miao Yao
Theuns Cornelius Meyer	Ganga Sunil Kumar	Chi Zhang
Minu Miriam Paul	Nidhiya Susan Kuriakose	Hongyang Zhang
Maanvi Shivayka Naicker	Faiz Ahmed Shah Syed	Sheng Zhang
Ariya Sathyan Nair	Linlin Tan	Ziang Zhou
Vrinda Paleri		

Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Jaicil Jacob, <i>with Distinction</i>	Isabella Grace Danielle O'Brien, <i>with Distinction</i>	Lee Marie Petersen, <i>with Distinction</i>
Shruthi Krishnan, <i>with Distinction</i>	Kseniia Opaleva, <i>with Distinction</i>	Manon Helene Gilonne
Rhonda Margaret Mudge, <i>with Distinction</i>		Toularhoat, <i>with Distinction</i>



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Te Wānanga Toi Tangata | Division of Education

Bachelor of Teaching

Idil Abdi	Madison Lilee Fenwick	Amanda Deidre McCarthy
Amy Jane Adams	Lara Jane Forsyth	Lorraine Stevie May McDonald
Taya Karin Andrew	Tagan Parker Frew	Natalie Elizabeth McLay
Gemma Marie Antoniadis	Julia Fuchs	Samantha Wendy Lynch Meagher
Rhonda Marie Apiata	Georgia Lee Gesterkamp	Pypa Maree Meyer
Amy Grace Ardern	Mia Raye Giacon	Shannon Lee Millard
Aaron Kerehama Bailey-Nowell	Molly Grace Brill Gibson	Eva Mckenzie Mitchell
Heather Louise Baker-Fraser	Ashlyn Rose Good	Keiran Storm Moeau
Zoe Jayne Ballinger	Piper Jean Grammer	Micheal James Moeau
Erina Anahera Barber	Maria De Fatima Gray Uriarte	Isabelle Grace Montague
Shannon Catherine Breslin	Makayla Ann Gribben	Jade Sophia Nelson
Kara Nicole Brown	Tina Ellen Hart	Jamin Caleb Nicoll
Kimberley Laura Brown	Jade Sheree Hassall	Delphine Cherish Mele Nuuola
Gemma May Brunt	Katherine Emily Hine	Te Waipounamu O'Neill
Catherine Marie Burr	Kahlia Teweheanga Hughes	Caryn Erena Paewai
Sophie Marie Butters	Lyrik Tia Hutchinson	Billie Louise Parker
Sadie Ffion Corrine Caine	Hannah Ruby Jarrett	Caleb James Parsons
Margaret Lilian Cook	Amber Rose Johnson	Ariana Katarina Paul
Nicola Nancy Cowling	Ashley Susan Judd	Priyanta Payal
Corey Jamie Davidson	Emily Lilian Anne Kingston	Mikayla Ali Pearse
Helen Marie Dentice	Caitlin Adia Kivell	Kate Carys Elizabeth Peddie
Kayla Jasmine Devitt	Laura Jamie Knights	Micaile Susan Pennington
Joanna Elizabeth Donovan	Nivedita Lal	Grace Ruby-Jean Gattung Penwarden
Line Dreyer	Aimee Marie Lambly	John Pese
Paige Margaret Dudley	Angela Audrey Priscilla Lazarus	Melissa May Pivac
Emma Nicole Dutton	Catherine Anna Paula Lewin	Caitlyn Grace Potter
Adam Michael Dyer	Melissa Jayne Loomans	Brianna Nicole Powell
Lara Grace Edgecombe	Brooke Lucas	Aayesha Cheryl Prasad
Hutia Sandra Edwards	Brayden Jamie Maniapoto-Erickson	

Matthew Ben Putt
Maddie Levi Rankin
Tara Anne Roberts
Sylvia Whitney Sadler
Tyson Salanoa
Amy Kyla Sampson
Megan Gale Savelkouls
Ashenka Seneviratne
Kacie Lilian Silvester
Rebecca Louise Simpson
Ella Jane Skudder
Chelsea Sinead Smit
Hayley Patricia Smith

Amanda Leigh Stewart
Isabella Louise Stewart
Tiffany Coral Swanson
Toni Ashley Waerete Taplin
Tara Taylor
Emma En Mei Thien
Olivia Rita Sui Ning Thien
Bronte Amariah May Waimarie
Totorewa Tauranga
Paige Karyn Tuck
Daisy Jae Tumataroa
Celeste van den Berg

Shania Alexandria Frances Van Dijken
Neve Allison Walker
Paige Laura Leigh Walker
Niko Robert Lionel Walker-Dahlberg
Te Rina Rangitu Kura Arangi Watts-Hemopo
Ella Rose West
Emma Grace Whiteman
Madison Rose Whitfield
Baylee Jayne Wilkinson
Indya Ellen Williams
Mia Lily Wilson



Bachelor of Social Sciences

Tammy Ann Graham McConachy Tara-Lee Jean Rendell

Postgraduate Diploma in Education

Miaoxing Chen

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Rex Adam Harding Staunton
Cross, *with Distinction*

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching

William Morehu Aitken	Syed Mairaj Hussain Jafri	Teesha Rose Pawson
Holly Genevieve Archer	Jay Matthew John Jollie	Meletoa Marjorie Pepa
Cole Michael Begbie	Flynn Sutherland Jones	Muthukuda Arachchige Dilhara Dilrukshi Perera
Conor Owen Bluett	Anitta Jose	Paige Jane Rice
Samantha Olive Brandon	Elizabeth Margaret Kennerley	Natalie Jane Ridler
Hamilton Robertson Burr	Jasmin Renee Khan	McKay Sunflower Smiles
Emiri Grace Mihiterina Cooper	Lukas Wilhelmus Klopper	Louise Elizabeth Smithies
Waiaria Manawa Chloe Duncan Unkovich	Aniwaniwa Stevie-Rose Koroheke	Ruby Alex Spanbroek
Micah Gwynneth Rose Edwards	Oksana Krasnopolska	Jonathan Brian Mynott Taylor
Samantha Kim Edwards	Maria Kiriana Le Normand Garcia	Roimata Alison Raumati Templeton
Karima Effendi	Abby Katherine Lee-Harder	Robin Uttley
Maya Rose Fisk	Tama Wiremu Te Rauparaha Penetana Lennox	Anastasia Varcoe
Jennifer George Freeman	Sarah Alexandra Longdill	Sarah Kate Vigers
Ruby Mae Gibbs	Rae Louis Salas Maglaqui	Julia Rina Walker
Ethan Kane Goedhart	Kirstin Louise Martis	Meesha Mary Elaine Williams
Emma Catherine Hancock	Kaleesha Jane Messent	Xiaolang Xu
Katrina Natalie Holly Harris	Stacey Ann Middleditch	
Paul Kenneth Hoskin	Kara Murray	
Mark Gregory Hymers	Chhaya Jugdish Naran	

Postgraduate Certificate in Children's and Young Adult Literature

Lisa Ann Allcott

Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling

Joanna Hirelle Dangerfield

Sandra Anne Gee

Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling Studies

Varda Ashish Korde

Postgraduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching and Learning

April Mere Waihi Irwin

June Ly

Phillippa Jan Wright

Graduate Diploma in Education

Chad Anthony Pike

Graduate Diploma in Teaching

Husna Adambawa Abooubaita

Dakshita Dahiya

Zhuoying Ji

Sylvia Vera Agenbag

Samuel Gordon Dale

Madhvi Joshi

Julia Olive Victoria Aloalii

Amala Catherine Davis

Gurvinder Kaur

Tuugaupu Anae-So'oula

Rebecca Lucy Douglas

Jaspreet Kaur

Sophie Rebecca Andrews

Gabrielle Lily Drown

Navneet Kaur

Palak Arora

Hannah Joy Edwards-Ikiua

Maria Antoinette Kowalewski

Amber Louise Bailey

Tegan Leigh Fookes

Filipo Huntly Lavea Levi

Jane Claire Balchin

Alice Victoria Danrell Fouche

Shaun James Leath

Ariane Marie Bourneville

Thomas McGregor Gardiner

Wen-Chun Liu

Rachel Helen Bramwell

Elizabeth Julia Gaston

Talakaepau 'O Lototatau Livai

Alexa Adoree Bunanta-Dimas

Jamie Marie Aroha Graham

Genevieve Jillian Lynch

Radhika Karishma Chand

Jessica Rose Graham

Pixie Katherine Lyons

Joshua Eric Chapman

Jan Lieve Monponbanua

Ashveer Manikpersadh

Trelise Devon Chappell

Guillermo

Emily Sara Maree

Julie Samantha Charlton

Viola Kin-Ting Hoare

Alison Jenny Mataia

Daniel Walter Cork

Kerry Louise Hunter

Mark James McLeish

Scott Wade Mahutonga Crow

Ishika

Gaurav Miglani

Harender Pal Singh Jassal

Sean Dennis Moon	Madeleine Paige Gabrielle Scott	Luke van Blerk
Bayden Thai Moore	Sheril Ann Shaji	Deidre van Rooyen
Analia Grace Morton	Neena Sharma	Susan Joanna Walton
Rochelle Anne Alazas Navarro	George Simonovski	Jayah Arna Waterhouse Piuu
Ashlee Kim Newman	Abbey Nicole Smith	April Anne Waters
Rebecca Ann Nicholson	Lavanya Srinivasan	Kayla Mahina Waudby
Larissa Michelle Alicia Overington-Knight	Courtney Elizabeth Stoddart	Manaia Georgia Tracy Waudby
Hayden James Patching	Mark Edward Stowers	Margaret Patience Ngamihi Webb
Paulitia Bettina Peleti	Brett Vaeluaga Eric Mande Taefu	Lizhuo Wen
Rozelle Pickering	Mohammed Tariq	Gengle Yang
Pooja Priyasna	Merlin Thomas	Wendy Yang
Patricia Katha Casimiro Querubin	Angharad Patricia Tricker	William Jeremy Thomas Young
Pooja Rani	Bala Vadapalli	
Ezra Ioane Apolima Sa'U	Mose Vaka	

Te Ara Hou Te Ahikāroa

Keri Ann Hokianga	Rangiunuhia Miiharo Ngatipa	Marahia Tiare Roberts
Te Rangiataahua Jo-Che Kereopa	Kiara Agelu Paul	Rauputiputi Maud Suzanne Waetford
Jamahl Te Taonga Mapuna O Te Ora Muru-Hauraki	Kena Tangata Mahaki Rangī	

University of Waikato College

Certificate of Attainment in English Language | Level 2 - Elementary English 2

Chisato Asada	Mei Kitabayashi
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Level 3 - Intermediate English 1

Natsu Fujita	Reno Kajihara	Momoka Taniguchi
Kyonosuke Funada	Riri Maehara	Haruto Utsumi
Ippei Harada	Ryoga Ono	

Certificate of Attainment in Academic English | Level 4 - Intermediate English 2

Naho Hashimoto	Naoki Kaku
Abdullah Syukri Ibrahim	Shikai Zhang

Level 5 - Upper Intermediate English 1

Sergio Gaitan Quevedo	Ting Liu	Taisei Uda
Honami Hirota	Sakino Mito	

Level 6 - Upper Intermediate English 2

Linnan Chen	Shuai Hu	Ziwei Wang
Xiatian Chen	Yuyang Hu	Shirui Yang
Xieherizhati Dilimulati	Myungjoon Min	Yuliang Zhan
Tianyi Guo	Xinqi Tu	Bingqi Zhang
Yihao Han	Lei Wang	

Level 7 – Advanced Academic and Literary English 1

Xiaoqian Gong	Xiangrong Li	Kunhao Wang
Gongji	Yuqi Lin	Wenbo Wang
Zhiwen Gu	Zesheng Liu	Jiahao Wu
Kairui Jiang	Lunmizi Pan	Mingwei Zhang
Xiaoru Kang	Shufen Tan	

Level 8 – Advanced Academic and Literary English 2

Ailikemu Aiken	Yanze Jiang	Yang Wang
Undarmaa Altankhuyag	Xiaoyuan Kong	Yanru Wang
Tumennasan Baasankhuu	Xinye Liu	Zhenyu Wang
Ellainne Grace Barroga Buena	Minh Khoi Nguyen	Junma Xia
Caolue Di	Didtita Sittisuwan	Yun Yao
Wenbo Fan	Jiao Wan	
Kaung Khant Htut	Peng Wang	

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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in @UniversityofWaikato

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.

Scan the QR code to update your details



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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

Kavitha Harshani Ranaweera
Ranaweera Arachchige

Savannah Jean-Maree Harvey

Udari Apeksha Induruwa
Acharige

University of Waikato Seeker Doctoral Scholarship

Daniel Scott Nunn

University of Waikato Research Masters Scholarship

Adrienne Pauline Tock

Amanda Jane Gundersen

Harmanpreet Kaur

Nandita Nand

Amy Grinter

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

Ashlyn Rose Good

Bailey Louise Rackham

Brooke Taylor Janssen

Emma En Mei Thien

Faith Korimako Eru

Jade Nikita Wilson

Kendall Grace Williams

Mia Lily Wilson

Olivia Dawn Naude

Sadie Ffion Corrine Caine

Sebastian Marc Ross

Shyra Mae Navarro Mapa

Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship

Maikel Sami Miu Tuala

Te Ara Whānui Scholarship

Aniwaniwa Stevie-Rose Koroheke

Keri Ann Hokianga

Waiaria Manawa Chloe Duncan
Unkovich





The University of Waikato

Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

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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