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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Courtney Sina Meredith has been named Young Alumna of the Year. Photo: Janet Lilo.

Meet our Distinguished Alumni

Congratulations to our 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award winners, who are making outstanding contributions in their fields, from innovative architecture and award-winning literature to exemplary business and law practices.

[View winners](#)



Auckland scientists make world-first breakthrough which could help treat dementia

Scientists have made the remarkable discovery that the brain has its own blood pressure sensors, opening the way to new possible treatments for dementia, high blood pressure, migraines and other conditions.

[Learn more](#)



Pictured: Professor Ngaire Kerse was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to seniors and health.

New Year's Honours 2020

Congratulations to the alumni, staff and friends of the University who have received New Year's Honours in 2020.

[View awardees](#)



The future of food

In the latest edition of *Ingenio* Gilbert Wong looks at the forces shaping the future of food and how the University's research is contributing to what's likely to be on our plates in 2030.

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Researchers print 'self-repairing' plastics

In a world-first, our researchers have demonstrated how to 3D print a 'living' resin, a novel technique that enables the creation of 'living' and 'self-repairing' plastics, that could be a game changer in product design and the recycling of plastics.

[Learn more](#)



University awarded prestigious entrepreneurial award

The University of Auckland was named Entrepreneurial University of the Year at the Asia-Pacific Triple E Entrepreneurship and Engagement Excellence Awards in Higher Education held in India.

[Read on](#)



Update your details and win an iPad

We have five Apple iPads to give away. All you have to do is update your details by 31 July and you'll be in the draw to win!

[Update your details](#)



Life-changing opportunity for engineering students

Elizabeth Grant and Harvey Merton are completing their internships at the McLaren Technology Centre in the UK, thanks to being awarded the Bruce McLaren Automotive Award.

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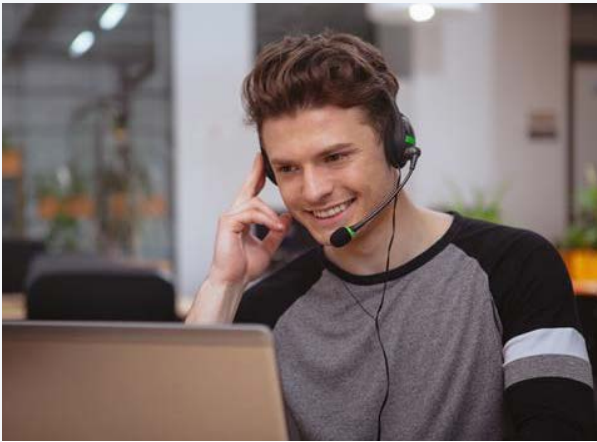


New scholarship for Māori and Pacific students

The new Jasmax Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students in the School of Architecture and Planning aims to encourage more diversity within the industry.

[Learn more](#)

**You may get a phone call
from us soon**



A team of eager students will be calling to reconnect with alumni, update contact details, invite them to upcoming events and share ways they can support students.

Calling will begin on 16 March and will end on 30 May.

[Find out more](#)



Keen to provide work experience for our students?

We are looking for University graduates currently employed in a range of industries to provide workplace insights for our international students.

[I want to help](#)

Double book giveaway

If you're keen to get your hands on two fantastic books courtesy of Auckland University Press, now is your chance!

Fill out the form and you will go in the draw to win *Mophead* by Selina Tusitala Marsh and *Colin McCahon: There is only one direction* by Peter Simpson.

[Enter the draw](#)



Q Theatre giveaway and discounts

Thanks to our friends at Q Theatre, we have a double pass to giveaway to their stand up comedy show *No Homo: Queer Comedy* on 14 February.

And, for a 10 percent discount to the show *Game Face* held from 25-29 February, use the code PERFECT10



What's on



Bright Lights - 19 March

Bright Lights is our annual chat show style event showcasing the University of Auckland's Distinguished Alumni Award winners. Tickets to this highly anticipated event will be available soon.

Distinguished Alumni Awards - 20 March

Join us for our Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner where we will celebrate our extraordinary alumni who are



making outstanding contributions in their fields.

[Buy tickets](#)



Public Programmes: Women in Islam

Learn about the status of women in pre-Islamic Arabia and post-Islamic Arabia. Ponder about Quranic verses and Hadiths of women's status in Islam and its influence on today's society. Use the code ALUM20 for a 20 percent discount.

[Sign up](#)

In Brief

[Clever Canine Lab: will dogs steal food while being 'watched'?](#)

Humans tend to be better behaved when they are in the same room as a picture of eyes. The University of Auckland's Clever Canine Lab was curious to see if dogs also show this behaviour.

[Congratulations to our lucky prize winners!](#)

We made the holiday season one to remember for some alumni, with our highly anticipated Christmas competitions. Six lucky alumni also won a pair of Beats headphones courtesy of our Update your Details competition.



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