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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Alumni advent

To celebrate the festive season, we've organised 12 special offers and competitions for our alumni and friends. We'll reveal one each day from 1-12 December in our online calendar. So far, you can enter a prize draw to win a year's free theatre with the Auckland Theatre Company, and receive a 20% discount off products in the Auckland Art Gallery Shop.

Check the calendar each day for the rest of our advent offers, which include the chance to win a double pass to Laneways and a Goldie Estate experience prize draw.

[VIEW THE CALENDAR](#)

2017 Distinguished Alumni announced

Our congratulations to the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award winners, which include Young Alumna Erna Takazawa (pictured) – the first and only fully-qualified optometrist in Samoa and one of Samoa's first ever Queen's Young Leader Award winners.

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Dates for your diary

9 March - *Bright Lights; our distinguished alumni in conversation with Finlay Macdonald*

10 March - *Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner*

Registration for these events will open mid-January.



Inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs

Summer Lab is an ideas accelerator programme that allows our students to build their entrepreneurial capability through mentoring, workshops and other support.

We are looking for mentors able to commit two hours per week over the period 16 Jan to 24 Feb 2017.

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Can we increase the contribution our community makes to the world?

Alumna Cecilia Tarrant discusses her passion for mentoring and networking, challenging all alumni to look for ways to get back involved with their alma mater.

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[Explore the ultramodern and the traditional in Japan](#)

Japan Study Tour 2017 14-25 April

Beginning in Tokyo and using a 7-day rail pass, participants will be whisked between sites of artistic and architectural interest including the underground galleries of the Benesse House Foundation, the exquisite Temple of the Golden Pavilion and the Kyoto cherry blossoms. This study tour is led by Professor Andrew Barrie of the School of Architecture and Planning, and Associate Professor Linda Tyler, Director of the Centre for Art Studies. Join us at the Gus Fisher Gallery on Thursday 8 December for an info evening to find out more.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- 6 Dec [Society AGM and Christmas Function](#)
- 13 Feb [Sydney Opera Tour](#)
- 9 Mar [Bright Lights: Registration will open mid-January 2017](#)
- 10 Mar [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner: Registration will open mid-January 2017](#)
- 15 Jul [Ireland Study Tour 2017](#)

Sharing science with Auckland families

In her spare time Ashleigh Fox, a Technical Officer in Biological Anthropology, works on an ambitious project: to raise science capital in New Zealand families by empowering adults to talk about science with their children.

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Internships that count: Students discover the rewards of being MATES Jr mentors

Each year, students across the University have a unique opportunity to spend a portion of their year mentoring a year 8 student at a low-decile school in Auckland.

"I think the unanimous takeaway from this experience has consistently been how lucky we have been to work with these young people - they rattled us and they challenged us." – Olivia Crisp, EDUC 200 mentor

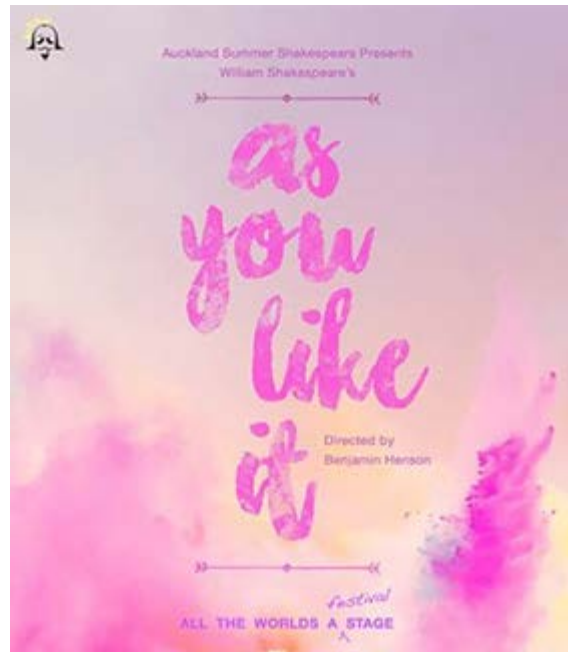
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Auckland Summer Shakespeare 2017

Auckland Summer Shakespeare returns to campus this Summer with an explosive comedy of love and transformation – 'As You Like It'. Alumni and friends are invited to join the University of Auckland Society on Tuesday 21 February 2017 for a special Summer Shakespeare experience.

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Media Flow research project

It's not too late to be in the draw to win an iPhone 7 when you volunteer for the Media Flow Research Project! With your help, the project investigates users' email and social media usage patterns, and how these impact our sense of wellbeing.

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