

BLUES ²⁰₂₄
AWARDS

2024 BLUES
AWARD WINNERS
SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Dylan Chand

Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Science

Founder of the Youth Climate Collective, Dylan has empowered rangatahi to lead climate action by connecting with each other in their own communities. Over the YCC's first year, Dylan has mentored 23 volunteers and raised \$80,000 through sponsors and partnerships, making significant strides in grassroots climate initiatives and mobilising over 1,500 youth across Aotearoa through the charity's initiatives.

Eva Kulkarni

Business School

Founder of KickStartYouth, Eva has empowered over 1,200 primary school students across Auckland through free self-defence lessons. A 2nd Dan Black Belt, Eva's leadership fosters confidence and safety in her community, making self-defence education accessible and impactful.

Joshua Glen McMillan

Faculty of Arts

Joshua serves as the Vice-President and Board Director of Canteen Aotearoa, and is a dedicated advocate for young cancer survivors. A cancer survivor himself, Joshua has led fundraising efforts and collaborated internationally, inspiring change and advancing youth cancer care on a global scale.

Laura Torpey

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Faculty of Science

As the founder of Little Labs, Laura has brought hands-on STEM education to over 250 rural primary students since 2020. Coordinating volunteers and easing teacher workloads, Laura's vision is to expand nationwide, sparking interest in STEM careers for New Zealand's rural youth.