Looking ahead over the coming weeks, alumni and friends will have plenty of opportunity to expand horizons, connect with old friends and new, and enjoy the variety of performance on offer.

**Continuing Education courses for curious learners**

The latest Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) programme is now out featuring over 100 evening, daytime and weekend courses. Subjects include languages, writing, astronomy, art history, politics and more.

- View programme online
- Download the programme as PDF file
- You can also view the Centre's Professional Development one and two-day courses

Phone the CCE team on 0800 864 266 to request copies of either programme or to talk to us about our courses.

**16 September for popular Golden Graduates event**

The University's "Golden Graduates" - including alumni, staff and supporters - are being invited to attend a luncheon on 16 September that promises to deliver fine food and fascinating food for thought.

The annual Golden Graduates event has grown enormously in popularity with 380 attending last year, up from just 140 at our first such occasion in 2003. This year’s event is again set to be a highlight of the University’s calendar, with Professor John Montgomery, Chair of Marine Science and Director of the South Pacific Centre for Marine Science, taking the role of alumni speaker and the former Dean of Science, Emeritus Professor Dick Bellamy, sharing reminiscences.

Read more about Golden Graduates Day

**John Key launches Entrepreneurs' Challenge**

The $3 million University of Auckland Business School Entrepreneurs' Challenge funded by the generous endowment from one-time student, London-based international financier Charles Bidwill, was launched on 23 July by Prime Minister the Hon John Key.

The Entrepreneurs' Challenge offers young and promising entrepreneurial companies financial support and mentoring to move ahead.

Read more about the launch
Visit the Entrepreneurs' Challenge website

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**ALUMNI EVENTS**

16 September
- Golden Graduates Day

**UNIVERSITY EVENTS**

6 Aug
- How things look (and what things look that way)
  Philosophy lecture series
- Riding alone for thousands of miles
  A Confucius Institute free movie

8 Aug
- Staff and Guests in Recital: Ensemble Selisih (Germany)

9 Aug
- Haydn Extravaganza - a celebration of the piano works of Joseph Haydn

11 Aug
- Writing New Zealand history in the twenty-first century: This is not a renaissance

12 Aug
- State sponsorship or gift exchange: Two models of translation transactions in modern China
- Songwriter of the Year 2009: semi-final

13-14 Aug
- NZ Governance Centre: Small and medium enterprises and family business conference

18 Aug
- Writing New Zealand history in the twenty-first century: Some old stuff: Engaging a public past and present for the future
- Marginal Benefits: Post-colonialism, multi-culturalism and identity in Hong Kong fiction and poetry

19 Aug
- Ethics for a Broken World
  Philosophy lecture series
- Songwriter in Residence:
Tongan architecture postgraduate wins international arts award

A Tongan Master of Architecture student at The University of Auckland has been awarded a place in the coveted Commonwealth Connections International Arts Residencies programme.

Semisi Fetokai Potauiane, who graduated with a Bachelor of Architectural Studies in 2007, is drawing on his exposure to Western-Pacific art traditions to research Polynesian (Moana) architecture.

Read more about Semisi’s award

Melbourne and Sydney events attract wide interest

Melbourne and Sydney alumni and friends turned out to events on 20 and 21 July, respectively, for news of their University, a stimulating address on how the Business School contributes in the current economic climate and the chance to mingle over canapés with fellow Australia-based alumni.

Read the report and view the photo galleries

The Great Auckland Super City Debate

“Is the Super City Superb or Insuperable?” This moot for The University of Auckland Society Debate generated much controversy, rebuttle and excitement at a packed Musgrove Studio last month.

Read more about the Debate

School of Music presents: The University of Auckland Strings, Sunday 23 August

A wonderful concert of classical music: The University Strings will celebrate the bicentenary of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, when they accompany distinguished staff members cellist Martin Rummel and violinist Elizabeth Holowell OAM in concertos by Haydn. In addition, the University Strings will play one of the youthful symphonies composed by Mozart.

Click here for more details and to buy tickets

Future engineer wins new mobile phone

L.A. Mitchell

21 Aug

Free harpsichord masterclass: John O'Donnell (Australia)

23 Aug

The University of Auckland Strings

24 Aug

Monday Night Jazz: Jennifer Zea & Cherie Mathieson

25 Aug

Writing New Zealand history in the twenty-first century: Anzac anthems: New Zealand history and the two World Wars

28 Aug

John O'Donnell - solo harpsichord

30 Aug

Staff and Guests in Recital: Voice of the Whale

View a full list of University events

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Bill Culbert: Making Light Work
Ian Wedde (UoA Distinguished Alumnus and 2009 UoA Writer in Residence)
Auckland University Press, HB; illus; RRP $99.99; Alumni price $85

This sumptuous first book on celebrated New Zealand artist Bill Culbert’s life and work will be launched at the Gus Fisher Gallery on 22 August and followed by a public event: Bill Culbert in conversation with distinguished alumnus Ian Wedde. Two of Culbert’s artworks are included in the Gus Fisher Gallery show AC/DC, opening 21 August.

For more information, go to the Gus Fisher Gallery website

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Our Orientation Day competition was won by Nelson Pearson, who is returning to New Zealand from the US to begin an Engineering Degree at The University of Auckland.

Read more about the competition

Online lecture - positive parenting and the wellbeing of children

Professor Matthew Sanders was appointed as Adjunct Professor in Parenting Studies and Family Psychology at the Faculty of Education at the end of 2008.

In his first public lecture at The University, Professor Sanders argues the case for evidence-based parenting programmes, which should be destigmatised and made widely available.

Watch Professor Sanders’ lecture online

Black Panther to give lectures, show artwork in New Zealand

The former Minister of Culture for the Black Panther Party will deliver a public lecture and mount a solo exhibition when he visits New Zealand as the Elam International Artist in Residence at The University of Auckland.

Emory Douglas created the striking graphic images that came to represent the Black Panther Party in the 1960s, '70s and early '80s. The group was founded in 1966 in Oakland, California, and was one of the first organisations in US history to militantly struggle for ethnic minority and working class emancipation.

Read more about Emory Douglas’ lecture and exhibition

Setting the 2020 agenda

The University of Auckland will help tackle some of the major issues facing New Zealand in a forthcoming public policy seminar series.

"Big challenges for a small nation: setting the 2020 agenda" will comprise lunchtime seminars featuring some of the University’s, and the country’s, most respected commentators on such key issues as the future of MMP, the future of energy, leadership and Auckland’s Supercity, and the future of education.

Read more about the lecture series

Courses and Careers Day - 29 August
The University of Auckland’s Courses and Careers Day will once again give prospective students and their families the opportunity to sample the best of what New Zealand’s leading University has to offer.

Hundreds of potential students will converge on the City Campus to learn about the University’s extensive range of degree programmes and research activities, as well as meet current students and staff.

This year it is even simpler to plan your day at www.coursesandcareers.auckland.ac.nz

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