Dear {FIRST_NAME},

We would like to thank everyone who attended the recent Distinguished Alumni events. The Awards Dinner had a record attendance of over 620 people and the Speaker Series lectures were a great success.

For those who were unable to attend the lectures, we will be publishing video recordings of them on the alumni and friends website. The first three lectures are available to view now.

From the Vice-Chancellor's desk

Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon considers alumni support for the University and the impact of recent tax law changes. Read more

Distinguished Alumni lectures now online

You can now view the first three inspiring Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series lectures on the alumni and friends website:

- Sir Ron Carter's 'Towards Auckland' lecture
- Justice Lowell Goddard speaking on 'The Role of Women in the Legal Profession'
- Professor Carrick Chamber's lecture 'Finding and funding: highlights in the career of an academic botanist'.

Record turnout to honour alumni

Eight alumni who are leaders in fields as diverse as botany, engineering, literature, law, Māori health, music, rowing and surgery were honoured at this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards, which drew a record 620 people.
You can [read a report of the event](#) and [view our photo gallery](#) on the alumni and friends website.

**City stops to celebrate University graduates**
The inner city streets of Whangarei came to a standstill as the city paused to honour Faculty of Education graduates of The University of Auckland in the annual graduation street procession on 14 March 2008.

[Read the report on the alumni and friends website](#)

**Postgraduate Information Week**
The University of Auckland will be holding a Postgraduate Information Week at our City, Grafton and Epsom campuses from 12-16 May. Prospective postgraduate students are invited to find out about the University's coursework and research programmes, scholarships, professional development and careers, admission and application procedures. Each faculty will be hosting information sessions, displays and talks throughout the week. We look forward to seeing you at Postgraduate Information Week!

[Click here for more information or to register for the events](#)

**2008 alumni & friends events**
The University of Auckland 2008 Alumni & Friends events will kick off in London on Tuesday 20 May.

2008 heralds The University's 125th Jubilee. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the University's commitment to excellence and its achievements over the last 125 years. It is fitting then that our theme for events this year is the

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celebration of our alumni and we will be featuring prominent alumni in each region we are visiting in 2008.

Click on the links below for further information on each of the upcoming events.

**London**, Tuesday 20th May  
**New York**, Thursday 22nd May

Please diarise the dates for the following events. More details will be published on the alumni and friends website as they become finalised.

**International events**

**Sydney**, Thursday 24th July  
**Hong Kong**, Friday 10 October  
**Beijing**, Tuesday 14 October  
**Shanghai**, Thursday 16 October  
**Seoul**, Saturday 18 October

**Local events**

**Whangarei**, Wednesday 6 August  
**Wellington**, Wednesday 12 November  
**Golden Graduates**, Thursday 27 November

Until next month,

The Alumni Relations Team  
The University of Auckland  
[www.alumni.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.alumni.auckland.ac.nz)