Dear alumni and friends,

Over the past month, The Alumni Relations Office has had the pleasure of assisting in the organisation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards Speaker Series and the Distinguished Alumni Awards annual dinner. These events allowed us to partake in the celebration of some of our finest academics, while at the same time signalling to attendees the range and depth of knowledge held here at The University of Auckland.

We hope that you’ll be entertained and informed by many events in coming weeks, including Hood Fellow lectures, talks given in The Faculty of Law, a Business School competition and performances at the Auckland Festival 2007.

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From the Vice-Chancellor's desk
Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon explains why the University community has reason to be optimistic in 2007. Full report

The Distinguished Alumni Awards annual dinner
More than 430 staff, students, alumni and alumni scholars gathered at the grounds of Old Government House to wine, dine and commend those who have reached tremendous heights in law, business, literature and education. Full story

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Speaker Series
Alumni and friends were intrigued and delighted by a series of lectures given by our Distinguished Alumni Award winners for 2007. Full story

Alumna wins international science prize
Professor of Chemistry Margaret Brimble recently became the first New Zealand woman to win a L'Oreal UNESCO For
Women in Science Award, an international prize awarded to only five women annually. [More details]

**Auckland Festival 2007**

Alumni, staff and current students all feature in this year’s Auckland Festival, in a variety of musical and artistic performances. [Full story]

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Until next month,

The Alumni Relations Team

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