CLASS OF 2017
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<td><strong>1,247</strong> STUDENTS PARTIED TO KINGS, SACHI, AND MARSHMELLO AT PARTY IN THE PARK</td>
<td><strong>11,545kgs</strong> Lifted in the POWERLIFTING EVENT</td>
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<td><strong>1,590</strong> First-year students attended the RITE OF PASSAGE TOGA PARTY</td>
<td><strong>240</strong> University student Clubs, Societies and Associations</td>
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<td><strong>5,901</strong> new students accessed ONLINE ORIENTATION</td>
<td><strong>96</strong> EVENTS HELD ON CAMPUS</td>
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<td><strong>6,600</strong> STUDENTS ATTENDED THEIR FACULTY ORIENTATION DAY</td>
<td><strong>11</strong> INTERFACULTY SPORTS TOURNAMENTS</td>
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<td><strong>4,964</strong> students signed up TO HAVE A UNIGUIDE</td>
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<td><strong>75,000</strong> MOUSTACHE COOKIES consumed on campus</td>
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<td><strong>245</strong> SUSTAINABLE COFFEE CUPS bought from the Campus Store</td>
<td><strong>360,000</strong> Annual Recreation Centre visits</td>
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<td><strong>171</strong> students on LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES</td>
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*as of October 2017.*
Students attended more than 96 University events during 2017.

MARCH 2017

TOGA PARTY

Our annual Toga Party was another great success, with nearly 2,000 first-year students donning their togas at the Town Hall in this University rite of passage.
The University and AUSA hosted ‘Party in the Park’ during O’ Week, featuring rising electronic dance music star Marshmello and local acts Kings, Sachi and Summer Thieves. Held in Albert Park on Wednesday 8 March, demand was huge and the 2,000 capacity event sold out days prior.

The sixth annual Great Waka Ama Race consisted of seven faculty teams paddling ten kilometres from Takapuna Beach to Rangitoto Island and back, as well as an eight kilometre return run to the summit. Engineering was the winning faculty team for the second year in a row! Not only did they get a year of bragging rights, they also won an all-expenses paid trip to compete in the Queen Lili’uokalani Memorial race in Hawaii. This gruelling 30km, open water race is considered the largest long-distance outrigger canoe race in the world. Flip to page 30 to find out how they got on in Hawaii.

1,600
Nandos burgers were consumed at Party in the Park.

The Faculty of Engineering won the Great Waka Ama Race for the second year in a row.
This orienteering event connects City, Grafton and Newmarket Campuses so competitors can improve their familiarity with the University. The winners of this year’s event were team “Yeah Yeah” in the three hour race, and team “VerteBruh” in the 90 minute race.

Along with the running and orienteering part of the event, there was also a best costume competition, won by the “Potatoes”. Dressed in potato sacks, the team put a whole new twist on the meaning of coach potato.

Our talented students performed in the Quad in a range of styles including music, diabolo, sword-dancing and more, to the delight of the audience. Pablo Puzzle, Friday’s guest busker, captivated the audience with his acrobatic skills and showmanship.

It was an unforgettable experience that allowed our team to get familiar with all of the University of Auckland campuses.

— RASHMI Mol PARAIA
AUGUST 2017

BLACK LIGHT NIGHT

Hundreds of students joined this annual, free group fitness party in the dark! Three glow-in-the-dark circuits were run in the blacked-out studios and sports hall - Spin, Pump and Dance Fit.

Participants dressed up in neon and white, to have the ultimate impact under the UV lights.

UNIFILM

Back by popular demand, on Friday 7 April Shrek aired in the Quad, followed by Moana in the Pavilion on Thursday 11 May. Students were polled for their favourite movie choices, with animated films proving the most popular. Nearly 300 students attended across both events, treated to comfy beanbags and free popcorn for the screenings.

STRESS LESS WEEK

Run in the last week of semester, and hosted by the University and AUSA’s powers combined, the aim is to give stressed-out students a much needed break! The week is packed with fun and relaxing events at the City, Grafton, and Epsom Campuses.

MARKET PLACE

Market Place returned this year under a fortnightly schedule, with regular stallholders including fresh fruit and vegetables, jewellery and second hand books, as well as popular food trucks on a rotating schedule.
The 2017 Blues Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 29 September in the Pavilion and hosted by Carol Hirschfeld. 114 Blues were awarded to students for excellence in Sports, Arts and Culture and Service and Leadership. Congratulations to all our winners!

—— CHANCELLOR SCOTT ST JOHN

I’ve suggested that achievement is built in inches and you are likely all familiar with Malcolm Gladwell’s ten thousand hour thesis, and most of you will already be there, but there is no finish line.

— CHANCELLOR SCOTT ST JOHN

Students kick-started their uni year at a series of Block Parties at City and Grafton Campuses. Featuring a sausage sizzle, live music and giant games, it was a relaxing way to start 2017.

Students were creative with their ‘bowls’.

Late in Semester One, a piano was planted in Epsom Campus’s Flame Tree Café, and a week later moved to City Campus’s Quad, with instructions for students to send a Snapchat of them or a friend playing it to the University. Music resounded throughout the Quad for the following weeks – some students accompanied their music with singing, and some brought extra instruments in to really enhance the performance.

The ice cream was on us at the City, Grafton, Epsom and Tamaki Campuses in early April. With a focus on sustainability, students brought in their own bowls and spoons and enjoyed dairy-free ice cream!

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**Blues Awards Continued**

**Major Award Winners**

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**Sportswoman of the Year:**

**Eliza McCartney**

Pole vaulter Eliza won an incredible bronze at the 2016 Olympic Games, with a height of 4.80m. Eliza was the youngest Olympic medalist ever in the women’s pole vault. She later went on to win bronze in the 2017 IAAF Rome Diamond League, with a height of 4.75m.

**Māori Sportsperson of the Year:**

**Michael Brake**

Michael attended the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio as part of the New Zealand rowing men’s eight, which placed sixth. Rio was Michael’s first Olympic Games, having qualified for the eight for Rio at the 2015 World Rowing Championships where his team placed fourth.

**Para-Athlete of the Year:**

**Keegan Owen**

Keegan has had many great successes as a para-athlete in T36 classification track events. He won gold in the 100m sprint, 200m, and 400m at the Oceania Championships in Fiji and two bronzes in the 400m and 800m at the World Para Athletic Championships in London.

Keegan currently holds the New Zealand record in 200m and 400m.

**Sportsman of the Year:**

**Dylan Schmidt**

In 2016, Dylan became New Zealand’s first athlete to compete in trampoline at an Olympic Games and placed seventh in the individual men’s category. He also won bronze at the Pacific Rim Championships and holds the New Zealand records for difficulty, set total score, voluntary total score, and total score.

**Most Meritorious Performance (Sport):**

**Eliza McCartney**

Eliza’s bronze medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio secured her the Most Meritorious Performance in Sport. This result was a huge achievement, with her 4.80m clearance equaling her national record and personal best at the time.

Eliza was also only the fourth New Zealand Olympic medallist in a field event.

**Most Meritorious Performance (Arts and Cultural):**

**Sarah Foster-Sproull**

Sarah was awarded Creative New Zealand’s highest honour for a choreographer, the CNZ Choreographic Fellowship, which provides her with $100,000 to pursue a rigorous programme of dance-related events over two years and promote her creative work internationally.

The fellowship assessment panel described Sarah as “one of New Zealand’s most compelling, innovative and creative choreographers”.

**Most Outstanding Contribution (Service and Leadership):**

**Lucy McSweeney**

Lucy is a passionate mental health campaigner who is working to improve mental health education in the New Zealand school system.

Her petition, which collected over ten thousand signatures, calls for better guidelines and adequate training and funding for mental health education in the high school curriculum. The petition was delivered to parliament in June and is currently under select committee review for action.
There were more than 250 clubs, societies and associations on campus in 2017.
The Badminton Club celebrated its 10 year anniversary with the successful continuation of badminton and social events, including a welcoming party and shuttlecock recycling-by-decorating event in Semester One. They also hosted a popular badminton open tournament during the break and a trivia night in Semester Two.

But they didn’t stop there! The club ran Auckland’s first-ever glow-in-the-dark badminton event as a part of the Recreation Centre’s Black Light Night. Lots of smiles could be seen in the dark and it was an event not to be missed. The club was proud to be shortlisted for the Sports Club of the Year Award for continuing to provide the University’s badminton community with a range of sporting and social opportunities.

facebook.com/uoabadmintonclub

In the African Society’s first full year, the group has more than 100 members, has hosted afro-beat dance nights, quiz nights, dance classes and more. The committee is taking steps to get involved in the African community outside of the University by contacting high schools in hope of starting an African student mentorship programme. The society continues to grow and expand its horizons and members are all having a blast doing it! There is so much more vibrancy, dance and music to come. Africa has arrived!

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Nearly 300 current students volunteered to help new students get settled into university life through the UniGuide programme. From campus tours to arranging group hangouts, weekly check-ins and answering questions about life at uni, more than 4,000 new students benefitted from this valuable programme.

auckland.ac.nz/uniguides

THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION hosts a packed calendar of events each year for students to enjoy. These range from large events such as Orientation, Re//Orientation and End of Daze to fun themed “weeks” such as Pride Week, Politics Week, Culture & Arts Weeks and Women’s Fest. But AUSA isn’t all fun and games - the organisation provides a free advocacy service for students who might need help with academic, tenancy, employment and personal issues and a welfare service for students who might need financial assistance.

THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIETIES

O’WEEK

Not only does AUSA work with the University to put on Party in the Park but it also holds a week-long event in both Albert Park and Shadows Bar. This year NZ hip hop royalty, Savage, performed in Shadows Bar and there were a whole lot of activities in Albert Park for Marquee City.

THANKS TO:

UNIGUIDES

Will [Matthews, the president of AUSA] goes out of his way to open doors for other people, on top of the work that he’s done at AUSA that will only be fully realised in the years to come.

— ISABEL HOLM, PRESIDENT OF SCISA

Savage performed to a packed Shadows crowd.

MARCH 2017
RE//ORIENTATION WINTERFEST

This year AUSA brought winter to campus with Re//Orientation Winterfest. Students got to skate the night away on the pop-up ice rink, Drax Project performed under a “snow lit” sky and Shadows Bar served mulled wine from its very own ice bar.

AUGUST 2017

AUSA BALL

This year’s theme ‘A Royal Fairy Tale’ saw hundreds of students turn up to Shed 10 dressed in their best to dance the night away.

650 tickets sold out in under 48 hours.
ENROL TO VOTE CARNIVAL

AUSA believes it’s important for students to get out and vote so this year they put on an Enrol to Vote Carnival with a whole range of games and rides with the aim of encouraging students to enrol in the 2017 general election.

SEPTEMBER 2017

STUDENT PROFILES

The highlights of 2017 as told by our students.
TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF...

We asked students across the University to tell us about their 2017 highlights. Students from all eight faculties came back to us with top study tips, song recommendations and a series of unique self-portraits.

**FACULTY OF ARTS & INDUSTRIES**

**APPY KHETARPAL**
3rd Year Fine Arts Student

What was the most interesting lecture you went to this year? When our studio lecturers spoke about a current exhibition of their work and we visited it as a group.

What student association achievement are you most proud of? ESA taking steps towards determining the future of Hua House.

What are your hot study tips for 2017? ‘Think of something you want to do even less than studying, and then study to procrastinate that other thing.’

What do you want to be when you grow up? Someone who loves what I’m doing for a living.

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**LIZANNE GOMES**
3rd Year Science Student

What project are you most proud to have worked on as a Science student? In BIOSCI102 we got to grow our own edible mushrooms at home on coffee grounds and it was the grossest but most satisfying lab project ever!

What was the most interesting lecture you went to this year? Our lecturer had a bunch of students come to the front and line up. He then proceeded to pirouette along the line pretending to be a kidney stone and the students had to be the dying cells of the urinary tract.

Who was your academic or career inspiration this year? Those kids who say they haven’t studied and got them wrong.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you on campus? Slipped on wet floors outside Munchy Mart.

**FACULTY OF LAW**

**JASON AN**
Law Students’ Society President

What student association achievement are you most proud of? Coping with the increase in student numbers. We have had a bigger camp, a bigger ball and a bigger presence on campus. #students #can #make #a #difference

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**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**PHILLIPPA JAFFREY**
Organisation President

What was the most interesting lecture you went to this year? Probably the renovations in HSB, which now provide some fantastic study spaces.

What student association achievement are you most proud of? A Series of Unfortunate Events which includes but is not limited to many moments of Mission impossible(s) , Momento(s) and The Hangover. Getting on the water and seeing Auckland in a different light.

What was the most interesting lecture? Favourite lecture was from a guest speaker who managed the London Olympic construction project.

What are your hot study tips for 2017? 3. Go to class and read cases

What is the funny smartest thing to do in Auckland? Getting on the water and seeing Auckland in a different light.

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**

**BILLY BOWMAN**
3rd Year Engineering Student

What was the best course you took this year? Mass transfer 312. Going from an A+ to a C in a 3hr period was a highlight.

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What are your hot study tips for 2017? #make #a #difference

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**STUDENT PROFILES**
From social ultimate Frisbee to national futsal and international Waka Ama, 2,123 students participated in University sports programmes during 2017.
Eight students from the Faculty of Engineering represented the University in the annual Queen Lili‘uokalani Memorial Canoe race, held off the island of Kona, Hawaii. Considered the largest long-distance outrigger canoe race in the world, they competed against international crews in open water, paddling 18 miles (30km) in the Hawaiian heat. The team won gold for the second consecutive year and beat their winning time from last year by 22 minutes.

Team captain and civil engineering student Nona Taute said the pressure to retain the University’s title helped fuel the team’s motivation. “There was an elevated level of expectation and as such our diet and hydration were strictly supervised in the week leading up to the race so we were all at optimal body condition. Being one of the lighter teams, we were able to easily catch the swell and pick up some serious boat speed. Every time we passed a team, we gained more confidence and adrenaline, and there was another mixed team on our tail, making us paddle at our highest intensity to stay in front.”

Third-year student Billy Bowman said “nothing compares with the electric atmosphere of race day. Being one of the hundreds of crews swarming Kamakahonu Bay, preparing their boats for such a culturally significant voyage, was spiritually humbling.”
Each year, faculties compete in sports tournaments as part of the Interfaculty Sports Championship. After 11 tournaments, the points are tallied to determine the overall champions. Hockey was introduced to the championship this year due to popular demand.

The defending champions, the Science Spartans, were victorious once again in 2017 and claimed the Sir Colin Maiden Shield. Congratulations to all players!
Through 2017

TERTIARY SPORT

The ultimate trophy in University sport was once again claimed by the University of Auckland.

Fierce rivalry surrounds the University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) Shield, which is presented annually to the tertiary provider with the greatest combined points from UTSNZ sporting events and championships held throughout the year.

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Held at the Recreation Centre on City Campus and nearby Action Indoor Sports facility, students played in volleyball, futsal, basketball, indoor netball, 3x3 basketball and ultimate Frisbee throughout the year.

This year more universities were participating in these events. Everyone has improved from 2016 and we are definitely seen as the ones to beat.

— ALBIE EATON, Sports Manager

RESULTS

SEMESTER 1
Rugby 7s: 7th (w)
3x3 basketball: 2nd (m), 6th (w)
Futsal: 1st (m), 2nd (w)
Table tennis: 1st (m), 1st (w)
Badminton: 1st (mixed)

SEMESTER 2
Hockey: 2nd (m), 2nd (w)
Volleyball: 1st (m), 2nd (w)
Netball: 2nd (w)
Basketball: 4th (m), 3rd (w)

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The 27th annual Powerlifting event was filled with energy and intensity between the University’s best weightlifters. The competition saw 30 athletes complete their best squat, bench press and deadlift, aiming for the best total of all three lifts.

**RESULTS**

**Men’s competition:**
1st Ahmad Hariz
2nd Connor Stanfield
3rd David Yu

**Women’s competition:**
1st Catherine Shon
2nd Kimberly Ong
3rd Traileen Bentley

More than 3,000 students live on or near campus in University residences.
HALLS OF RESIDENCE BALLS

HUIA BALL

O’RORKE BALL

UNIVERSITY HALL BALL

WHITAKER BALL

AUGUST 2017
There are a wide range of service opportunities at the University, which hundreds of students get involved in every year.

RESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE GALA

The Residential Excellence Gala is an opportunity to celebrate student residents who have made a significant contribution to Accommodation, the University and the Community. This year 175 students received awards across six categories.

2017 AWARD CATEGORIES

Excellence for Yourself
50 Recipients

Excellence in Accommodation
36 Recipients

Volunteer Academic Mentors
38 Recipients

Residential Advisory Representatives
10 Recipients

Excellence in the University
21 Recipients

Excellence in the Community
20 Recipients
Students volunteered more than 5,500 hours of their time to support great causes and give back to the community in 2017.

Nearly 50 students were formally recognised with a Leadership and Service Award for consistently volunteering within the University and out in the community over a 12-month period.

A range of charities, including Girl Guiding NZ, attended the annual Volunteer Expo in the Quad.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

GOLD
Jacqui Tizard
Kanika Solanki
Patricia Hubbard
Brieonie Jenkins
Caitlin Mollihoga
Charlie Norton

SILVER
Aine Kelly-Costello
Dan Blease
Irene Wu
Reshma Jose
Roshelle Fernandes
Meera Patel
Sean Xiaoqing Lin
Pauline Pura
Sophie Roberts
Bruce Kidd
Kate Cramwell
Norissa Gasteiger
Serenia Goh
Louise Barker
Anjuta Mitra
Alex Nelson
Rebekah Buist
Daryn Govender

BRONZE
Alexandra Andrews
Ben Woodward
Kirsty Leung
Thalia Bubbage
Natasha Kansan
Michaela Dobson
Hazel M J Fowler
Shirly Chan
Benjamin F Yeung
Taro-Leigh Bowler
Sophia Kwirkiewicz
Yinsong Jin
Shelly Tang
Sophia Riley
Pohi (Pat) Satipanom
Anailese Liu
Thomas Mules
Shuwen He
Sophie Richardson
Pooja Parshottom
Ben Fulton
Grace Park

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The 2017 programme saw 194 students engage in leadership opportunities in a range of different formats.

Workshops on ‘peak productivity’, ‘building effective relationships’ and ‘influencing and collaborating’ introduced skills that can be used in an everyday leadership context. A two-day overnight workshop, held off campus, provided an opportunity to step outside of the daily routine to reflect on their understanding of leadership.

New in 2017 was the opportunity for 100 students to attend Festival for the Future, a weekend featuring a diverse range of inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, performances and entertainment.

—I DANIEL CAMPBELL
BEST OF SNAPCHAT 2017

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