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The new University mascot with Mike Lai, student ambassador at Courses and Careers Day!
EVENTS

Re-Orientation '90s party!
The Auckland Town Hall was decked out in style to welcome first-year students to the University at the exclusive Rite of Passage Toga Party. Students had a night of dancing, socialising and enjoying the atmosphere!

“Loved the venue, it was gorgeous and made the toga theme even more fantastic.”
UK act DJ Fresh and local favourites Mt Eden filled Shed 10 with cranking tunes in an epic introduction to the 2016 uni year.

“DJ Fresh was obviously great, the music and his set was on point. Venue was great, atmosphere was bangin’.”
The 2016 Great Waka Ama Race saw five faculty and association teams race from Takapuna Beach to Rangitoto Island.

The gruelling course involved paddling five kilometres from Takapuna Beach to Rangitoto Island, running a return eight kilometres to the summit, before paddling back to Takapuna.

The Faculty of Engineering beat out defending champions NTM, earning themselves an expenses-paid trip to Kona, Hawaii to compete in the Queen Lili‘uokalani Memorial Race, considered the largest long-distance canoe race in the world.
Destination: Hawaii!

The Faculty of Engineering did the University proud in Hawaii, bringing home two gold medals!

Their hard work and training throughout the winter months paid off as they finished the gruelling 30km Queens race in two hours and 25 minutes to claim the gold in the Open Mixed category.

They also took out the 4-man sprint relay which involved a water changeover for all eight paddlers. Paddler Dallas Watene says, “We were surprised to win the sprint race as we didn’t tailor our training towards it. Adrenaline was going and all of a sudden we were out in front, it didn’t really sink in for quite a while that we had won gold.”

Congratulations to our representative paddlers!

“The conditions were like nothing I had ever experienced in New Zealand, and in every moment I was in pain and excitement at the same time.”
The zombie scourge returned to the University for a third straight year, and were battled bravely by a horde of students.

“You can’t experience such events in daily lives. Such fantasy and excitement.”

“The zombie apocalypse felt real!”
Nine students competed to be crowned the 2016 Poetry Slam champion, using an inspiring range of poetic styles and themes. Congratulations to the winner, Zech Soakai, and everyone who entered!

1st: Zech Soakai
2nd: Emily Woodward
3rd: Caitlin Smart

“The quality of the poetry is always excellent, current, emotional and real. It’s a safe place for poets to share their work, even if they’re new to slam.”

Poetry Slam winner, Zech Soakai.

John Gibbs.

Anshula Rattan Atre.
A brand new University event in 2016, Metrogaine connected the City, Grafton and Newmarket campuses in an orienteering-style navigation race. Teams dressed up, got their running shoes on and maps out to collect as many points as possible under time pressure, with some sweet prizes up for grabs.

“It was fun getting dressed up and doing something a bit different. I thought I knew Auckland pretty well, but we still found new places.”
Hosted by Jamie Bowen and with guest comedian Jamaine Ross, student comedians competed against each other with their Wittiest material. Congratulations to our winner, Itay Ben-Dom, and to all who got up on stage!

“The hosts were hilarious and the quality of the competitors was high.”

“I loved the opportunity to be able to see the talent of the university students. It’s a great way to be a part of uni culture.”
The annual Powerlifting Championships took place on Thursday 22 September, co-hosted by Sport and Recreation and the Auckland University Strength and Powerlifting Association (AUSPA). Congratulations to all of our strong students!

Men’s Competition
1st: Thomas Jackson  
2nd: Zeesha Braslawsce  
3rd: Teiren Scanell-Todd

Women’s Competition
1st: Romy Lee  
2nd: Caity Butcher  
3rd: Shenaz Hussain
A Rec Centre favourite, Black Light Night returned for another fitness party in the dark! More than 200 attendees sweated it out in Spin, Zumba and X-Fit workouts under neon lights.

“It was such a fun night, a couple of times I forgot I was actually exercising.”
Open Kitchen

Students had the opportunity to have a go at a range of cooking classes put on throughout the year – from Vietnamese to vegetarian, cooking on a budget to beer tasting.

“I really enjoyed the baking class, it was such a well-organised event. Thank you!”

Malaysian dishes were on the menu.
Our University of Auckland team competed in the University Challenge television show which screened on Prime early in 2016.

The team (above), consisting of Alistair Kendrick, Lucy Harrison, Sana Oshika, Hemanth Nair and David Parfitt, did the University proud in convincingly taking out the competition, beating defending champions Canterbury 345-95 in the final.

Interfaculty University Challenge

It was Law vs. Arts for a third straight year in the final of Interfaculty University Challenge, with Arts prevailing 470-180 (right).
2016 was another jam-packed year for our students living on campus—take a look at some of the highlights!

Huia students at the Great Waka Ama Race event in March.

Overall inter-res 1st equal: UniHall.

Huia residents at the inter-res Volleyball tournament.

Grafton Hall 2016.

O’Rorke ball.
And we’re racing- the Halls waka race.

Grafton Hall Daffodil Day.

Overall inter-res 1st equal: O’Rorke Hall.

Whitaker Hall 2016.
The Auckland University Students’ Association hosts a packed calendar of events each year for students to enjoy. These events are run by students, for students, and range from parties to balls to quizzes. Particularly fun are the themed “weeks” AUSA runs during the year, where there is something for everyone! Some of these have been running for decades, including Womensfest, Cultural Week and Ecofest, while others are more recent additions to the University calendar, such as Politics Week and Pride Week.

2016 marked the 125th year celebration for AUSA, a significant milestone for the association. For one night in the Fale Pasifika, the past and present of AUSA got together to celebrate the history of AUSA, and look to its future. Joined by previous presidents, alumni, staff and stakeholders, old friends reunited and new friendships were made.

AUSA President Will Matthews makes a speech at the 125th celebrations.

Tim Shadbolt in selfie mode.
To kick off the first week of uni, AUSA organised entertainment, stalls, activities and even a talent quest in Albert Park. Shadows Bar featured two concerts and a comedy night, plus a Heroes and Villains Stein!
AUSA runs Cultural Week annually in collaboration with the different clubs and cultures that the University of Auckland has to offer.

The week celebrates the diverse and interesting communities through poetry, music, cultural performances and food stalls.
AUSA’s 2016 “A Night Under the Stars” ball saw hundreds of students come to SkyCity to dance the night away in front of live music.
Student bands gave their loudest and proudest to compete for incredible prizes, such as a $1,000 RockShop voucher and a $1,500 promotional deal with our student radio station, bFM.

This year, six bands made it into the finals, judged by amazing musicians from local bands. Playing both covers and originals, the bands blew away the judges with everything from surf punk to jazz funk and everyone walked away with a lot more to add to their gig guides and playlists!
The UoA Cheerleading Association.

CLUBS
Following on from a very successful year in 2015, the UoA Concert Band continues to rack up awards, winning a Best Solo Performer and Silver Award overall at the New Zealand Concert Band Association Awards this year.

The band is also active locally, playing in the Auckland Town Hall for NZ Music Month, organising and performing at ‘Band Together’, the biggest concert of its kind in New Zealand. Band members can also be found popping up all over campus for performances, including as part of Clubs Expo, Courses and Careers Day, and the Clubs Awards, where they were runners-up in the Cultural Club of the Year category.

As a primarily social group, the band strives to cultivate a culture and be a platform for members to network and make friends. Not only is the club the largest community band in NZ, their student membership ranges widely across all eight faculties, an inclusivity the executive committee is proud of.

facebook.com/uoaconcertband
The University of Auckland Snowsports Club celebrated 50 years of making skiing and snowboarding accessible to students by taking out the Sports Club of the Year award at the 2016 Clubs Awards.

The club lodge on Whakapapa, which was built and designed by students, is the heart of the club and its beginnings. Membership has expanded from a small number of regulars to a club which welcomes all students and anybody interested to take part in snow sports.

The club, one of the oldest, largest and most active clubs on campus, exceeded 1,000 members for the first time last year. The number of events and opportunities open to members has grown every year, from weekends at the mountain to a ball, Toboggan Run on campus, trips to Snowplanet and hikes during the summer.

facebook.com/UoAsnowsports
Our outstanding student clubs and associations were honoured at the annual Clubs Awards on Thursday 29 September. Hosted by Ben Hurley, the night saw seven major awards presented, and a surprise performance by the UoA Concert Band!

Clubs Awards
New Club of the Year
UoA Grafton Running Club
Runner-up: Education and Social Work Students Association (ESSA)

Cultural Club of the Year
UoA Anime and Manga Club
Runner-up: UoA Concert Band

Sports Club of the Year
University of Auckland Snowsports Club
Runner-up: Auckland University Ultimate Club

General Club of the Year
University of Auckland Debating Society
Runner-up: Management Consulting Club

Club President of the Year
Simon Elliott (ESSA)
Runner-up: Kayla Grant (University of Auckland Debating Society)

People’s Choice Club of the Year
UOA Fair Trade Club

Overall Club of the Year
University of Auckland Debating Society
PROGRAMMES

The winning Interfaculty Rugby team, the Faculty of Science.
Each year, Sport and Recreation runs the Interfaculty Sports Championship, where faculties can compete in sports tournaments throughout the year. After ten tournaments, the points are tallied to determine the overall champions.

Indoor Netball was introduced to the championship in 2016 due to popular demand. After another year of close competition, it came down to the last tournament of the year to determine the overall winners.

With just two points in it, the Science Spartans claimed the 2016 Interfaculty Sports Championship title and the Sir Colin Maiden Shield. Congratulations to all players!
Supporter of the Year
Jaymee Mcnab-Hand
Runner Up: Jono Pyne

Rookie of the Year
Amorangi Malesala
Runner Up: Dallas Tagaloasa

Manager of the Year
Elaine Feiloakitau
Runner Up: William Ostick

Team of the Year
Science Spartans Rugby team
Runner Up: FMHS Seabass Netball team

Sportswoman of the Year
Adrianne Mendes-Underwood & Faye Mendes-Underwood
Runner Up: Nicole Stonestreet

Sportsman of the Year
Daniel Hawkins
Runner Up: Nikora Ngaropo

Elizabeth Campbell Cup for Outstanding Individual Contribution to Interfaculty Tournaments
Ben Woodward
Runners Up: Naji Ghamri & Himesh Gosai

Overall standings
Place Team Points
1st Science Spartans 35
2nd Engineering Eagles 37
3rd FMHS Seabass 39
4th Commerce Cougars 45
5th Arts Alligators 57
6th EDSW Doggies 72
7th Law Lions 74
8th CAI Narwhals 76
9th Property Pirates 89
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 5,000 new students benefitted from this valuable programme.

www.auckland.ac.nz/uniguides
The UNIM8S Social Sports Leagues remain as popular as ever, with hundreds of students involved throughout 2016.

Volleyball, Futsal, Basketball, Indoor Netball and Ultimate Frisbee were offered in both semesters, held at the Recreation Centre on City Campus and nearby Action Indoor Sports facility.
Leadership and Student leadership Service Award

More than 50 students have been formally recognised with a Leadership & Service Award for their volunteering within the University and out in the community. Students volunteered at 70 different organisations including Motutapu Trust, St John’s and the Learning Collaborative. Find your next volunteering opportunity at www.auckland.ac.nz/volunteer

The 2016 programme saw 202 students engaged in leadership conversations in a range of different formats.

Four two-day overnight workshops, held off campus, introduced a variety of leadership ideas and enabled attendees to experiment with new ways of behaving.

Shorter workshops on ‘peak productivity’ and ‘influencing and collaborating’ followed up to keep building leadership capabilities.

L.E.D Talks has seen speakers such as New Zealand Rugby’s Neil Sorenson and theologian Jennifer te Paa share their leadership stories alongside six other speakers.

www.auckland.ac.nz/leadership
Eleanor Adviento, Joshua Hawkins and Brooke Waterson at the Blues Awards.
Our seven current students who competed at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro achieved some fantastic results!

Theresa Fitzpatrick  
(FMHS, silver)

Eliza McCartney  
(Science, bronze)

Pippa Hayward  
(Law and Arts, fourth)

Stacey Michelsen  
(Law and Business, fourth)

Sione Molia  
(Science, fifth)

Dylan Schmidt  
(Business, seventh)

Katie Duncan  
(Education and Social Work, exited at preliminaries)
The University’s High Performance Student Support Programme (HPSSP) helps students with the challenges of juggling tertiary study with the commitments associated with their chosen sport or activity.

Elite athletes or students who perform in the arts and culture sphere at a high level are offered support balancing their studies, a free gym membership, and are eligible to apply to the Sports Support Fund and Vice-Chancellor’s Student Support Fund.

www.auckland.ac.nz/hpssp

High Performance Support Programme students

Abbie Palmer
Alice Boyd
Alice Tilley
Aniket Parikh
Anjali Thakker
Ben Waller
Brittney Ford
Cameron de L’Isle
Catherine Layburn
Christine Chen
Coral Huang
Danyon Kemp
Debroah Yin
De-Niro Jonah Keneti Refti
Devon Beckham
Dylan Taute
Dylan Schmidt
Eleanor Adviento
Elise Salt
Eliza McCartney
Elizabeth Lamb
Ella Hyatt Brown
Ella Ewen
Ellie Copeland
Erena Wikaire
Eunice Ng
George Anyon
George Muir
Georgia Henderson
Georgia O’Connell
Grace Anderson
Hannah Coombridge
Helen Murray
Hilary Munro
Holly Fowler
Ioana Turia
Isaac Everitt
Jack Adams
Jackson Cropp
James Thwaite
James Walker
Jamie Banhidi
Joel Samuel
Jonathan Kumarich
Jonathan Oram
Jonty Keaney
Josephine Ackroyd
Josh Stove
Jun Nakanishi
Selwyn
Justine Villegas
Kate Burley
Kayla Fairbairn
Kim Thompson
Kiri Graham
Logan Andersen
Louis van Velthooven
Matthew Brown
Matthew Goodall
Matthew Hughes
Michaela Sokolich
Nicco Tagle
Nick Jowsey
Nikki Chapman
Nisyola Fifita
Olivia Mackay
Rebecca Cole
Riah Mildenhall
Richard Rahardja
Riley Phillips-Harris
Roisin Giles
Sam Bullock
Sam Furniss
Samantha Poots
Sean Wilson
Symone Tafuna’i
Tam Lindsay
Taylor Rooney
Taylor Sheehan
Thomas Uttley
Tia Tuiburelelevu
Sulu Tone
Tommy Hayes
William McKenzie
Yin-Chi Lee
The 2016 Blues Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday 22 September at Shed 10 on the waterfront. Hosted by TV3’s Mike McRoberts, more than 150 Blues were awarded to students who had achieved in Sports, the Arts and Service and Leadership. Congratulations to the major award winners!

**Sportsman of the Year Award: Riley Phillips-Harris**

Riley competes in both kickboxing and taekwon-do. He won gold at the International Taekwon-Do Federation World Cup, the International Sports Kickboxing Association World Cup and at the International Sports Kickboxing Association US Open.

**Sportswoman of the Year Award: Tia Tuiburelevu**

Tia won two silver medals at the World Go-ju Ryu Karate Championships in the female senior kumite and team kumite classes. Tia was also selected for the New Zealand karate team to compete at the 17th Oceania Karate Championships in New Caledonia.

**Māori Sportsperson of the Year Award: Joshua Hawkins**

Ngāti Tamatera hurdler, Joshua, broke a New Zealand record in the 100m hurdles in 2015 with a time of 13.69 at the Australian Championships in Brisbane. He also represented New Zealand at the New South Wales Championships and Sydney Track Classic.
Award for the Most Meritorious Performance (Sport): Eliza McCartney

Pole vaulter Eliza jumped 4.64m in December 2015 to break the world junior pole vault record in her final competition as a junior. She then went on to jump 4.65m earlier this year to add to her New Zealand senior record. Since the award period closed Eliza won an Olympic bronze medal.

Award for the Most Meritorious Performance (Arts): Members of the New Zealand Youth Choir

The choir includes University of Auckland students Bianca Davidson, Ella Ewen, Grace Sturgess, Natasha Wilson, Manese Latu, Peng Seng Benjamin Tan, Hyun Young Park, Samuel Downes, Sophia Ritchie, Amy Chun-I Chang and Jack Timmings. The choir competed at the 24th Annual International Festival of Academic Choirs in 2016 and won all categories.

Award for the Most outstanding contribution (Service and Leadership): Simon Elliott

Simon developed, assembled and set into motion the inaugural Education and Social Work Student Faculty Association. The association has provided access to emergency food parcels and welfare, has run a clothing drive and a blood donation clinic.
The Ngā Tauira Māori student association performs.

Sporting Blue winner Charlotte Gordon.

Major award winner Eliza McCartney.

Blues winners from the University of Auckland futsal teams.

Blues recipient Matthew McQueen (right).
Blues Award Recipients

**Sports**
Abbie Palmer
Alexander Carr
Alexandra Parker
Alexandra Rout
Alice Mason
Alice Boyd
Alice Tilley
Anjali Thakker (2)
Aroha Noanoa
Benjamin Waller
Britney Ford
Callum Phillips
Catherine Layburn
Charlotte Gordon
Charlotte Moss
Christine Chen
Courtney Rowe
Daniel Hilton-Jones
Danielle Bradley
Deena Franklin
Devon Beckman
Dylan Manickum
Dylan Schmidt
Eleanor Adviento
Elise Salt
Eliza McCartney
Ellie Copeland
Erinna Wong (2)
Eunice Ng
George Anyon
George Muir
Hannah Kraakman
Hannah Coombridge
Hannah Robert
Helen Murray (2)
Hilary Munro
Jack Adams
Jackson Cropp
James Raea
James Thwaite
Jessica Lowther
Jonah Refti
Josephine Ackroyd
Josh Stove
Joshua Freeth
Joshua Hawkins
Kate Burley
Kayla Fairbairn
Kayla McKenzie
Kim Thompson
Leo Golder
Logan Andresen
Louis van Velthooven
Marieke Thomas
Mark Chapman
Martin White
Matthew Goodall
Michaela Sokolich-Beatson
Mitchell Karpik
Nicco Tagle
Nicole Drummond
Olivia Mackay
Pippa Hayward
Rebecca Cole (2)

**Arts**
Amy Chun-I Chang
Ana Lenard-Sokorac
Andrew Lee
Anne Hong
Bianca Wiki Davidson
Brendan Donovan
Cameron Ekblad
Christopher Walker
Ella Ewen
Gorjan Markovski
Grace Sturgess
Honor Kerry
Hyun Park
Jack Timings
James Penn
James Rankin
Jessie Leov
Kayla Collingwood
Leandrie Young
Leon Russell
Linbing Chen
Lucy Harrison
Manase Latu
Matthew Bartlett
Matthew Brown
Michael Greenop
Natasha Wilson
Nishaa Senarath-Dassanayake
Nisyola Fifita
Paul Chan
Peng Tan
Peter Robinson
Ryan Mahon
Samuel Downes
Sanjayan Surenrendran
Sarah Dakin
Shaanil Senarath-Dassanayake
Silvia Martino
Sophia Ritchie
Sophie van Waardenberg
Taria Ngawhika
Tessa Forde
Todd Karihaha

**Service and Leadership**
Alexander Carr
Alisha Wells
Ana Lenard-Sokorac
Bruce Tsai
Eve Mulder
Ivan Mouraviev
Jade Magrath
Jae Kim
Jemima Simmonds
Jignal Bhagvandas
Katherine Eichelbaum
Kirsten Strom
Lara Diana
Matthew McQueen
Mohamed Alansari
Morgan Archer
Natalie Germann
Navneet Singh
Rhea Sampoornanand
Rohit Katial
Simon Elliott

SUCCESS
2016 Champions

In a new era of inter-tertiary sport in New Zealand, the University of Auckland took out the prestigious ‘shield’ and was named the UTSNZ National Tertiary Champion for 2016!

Tertiary Sportswoman of the Year
Shantelle Peters
Runner Up: Tessa Leong

Tertiary Sportsman of the Year
Kip Mouldey
Runner Up: Nona Taute and Dylan Manickum

Tertiary Team of the Year
Waka Ama team
Runner Up: Women’s futsal team

Coach of the Year
Leki Funaki
Runner Up: Nic Downes
“We’re so proud to bring the shield back to the University. All the players worked so hard throughout the year for this awesome achievement!”

- Albie Eaton, Sports Manager.

Sports and results

**Semester 1**
- 3x3 Basketball: 1st (w), 3rd (m)
- Futsal: 2nd (w), 3rd (m)
- Sevens: 2nd (w)
- Table Tennis: 1st (w), 1st (m)
- Badminton: 1st (mixed)

**Semester 2**
- Netball: 1st (w)
- Hockey: 4th (w), 1st (m)
- Basketball: 1st (w), 2nd (m)
- Volleyball: 4th (w), 3rd (m)
### The University of Auckland Key Statistics: Student Life

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*From 1 January to 1 October 2016*