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Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau

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Successful Māori Careers



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“I work as a solicitor in a very small firm. There’s a good mixture of being in the office, in court, and out on the road. What you get from University helps, but the biggest thing is being able to relate to people.

I have had strong, Māori, female role models in my life. My Nan has always been a solid base for our family. My mother is my biggest inspiration; it was she who said that I was going to University.

I loved being at University. I started with a BA because it had so many awesome subjects that you don’t get to do at school. I then studied Law because I thought it would open more career opportunities.

The long-term goal for me is to practice as a sole practitioner and work in a really small area on the east coast, like Nuhaka and Wairoa. My dream is to go home and take the skills and strategies I’ve learned back to my community.”

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