

2023

**Massey University
Blues Sports Awards
Te Pō Whakahōnore**

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**He tihi maunga, he taumata okioki,
nau mai rā hei whakanui i te angitu**

A mountain peak, a resting place for greatness,
an invitation to celebrate success

HISTORY

The New Zealand University Blues Award is the highest sporting accolade given in the New Zealand tertiary sector. It is part of a tradition dating from 1922 in New Zealand, and earlier in England, where the colours of England's most famous universities, Oxford and Cambridge, came to be a symbol for sporting excellence.

Sporting 'Blues' became famous through the rivalry between Oxford and Cambridge. Oxford Blues were only awarded for 'real' sports, such as rowing, rugby and cricket. Athletes in other codes could only aspire to half Blues. One Irish university purportedly awards top athletes 'Pinks'.

Massey University's earliest recipient of a New Zealand University Blues Award was Mac Cooper in 1934. This was for rugby. Mac Cooper also won a Rhodes Scholarship in 1934 and played against the All Blacks in 1935 for Oxford and Scotland. George Robinson and Eric Orgias were awarded Blues in 1935 for athletics. Hockey player Hector Lawry also won a New Zealand Universities Blues Award in 1935.

In 1990, Massey University resurrected the practice of awarding Blues to its top sporting students with the Massey Blues Award. These

were awarded for all sports. A selection committee was created and a formal set of guidelines for potential recipients was established to ensure high standards and consistency across the codes.

The Blues trophies are presented to our on campus and distance top performing Sportsman and Sportswoman.

2018 saw the introduction of an additional award to allow recognition of student success across all aspects of high performance in sport. The Sporting Excellence Award celebrates the achievements of coaches, managers and officials who have performed at the same level however are not eligible for an individual athlete Blue.

The University values the Blues Awards and genuinely wishes to honour the individual achievers. Students nominated must excel in their chosen sport as well as their academic studies. A huge commitment and strict discipline is required of a Blues Award recipient, as students must successfully juggle the demands of academic study with heavy training and performance schedules.

2023 BLUES AWARDS RECIPIENTS

ARCHERY

Emma Argyle

Emma attended the 2023 NZ Archery National Championships competing in Senior Women's Compound where she placed 1st in Clout and Mixed Teams, 2nd in Field and in Individual Matchplay and 3rd in Target and in Teams. She also attended the WAA Indoor Championship and placed 2nd in Women's Compound. Emma's current ranking is 1st Under 21 Women's Compound and 4th in Open Women's Compound. Emma has completed a Bachelor of Arts.

Chisora Hada

Chisora represented New Zealand in the U21 Men's Recurve at the 2023 Trans-Tasman Challenge where he placed 1st in Division 1 Recurve Teams Matchplay, 2nd in Division 1 Recurve Men's Individual Matchplay and 3rd in both the U21 Recurve Men's Ranking Round and the Division 1 Recurve Mixed Teams Matchplay. At the South Australian Grand Prix Chisora placed 8th in Open Men's Recurve. At the 2023 Archery NZ National Championships he was the Junior Men's Recurve Champion of Champions and finished 1st in the U21 Men's Recurve Field and Recurve Target events, 3rd in the U21 Men's Recurve Clout event and 3rd in the 70m Open Recurve Teams Matchplay. Chisora is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING

Aspen Fell

Aspen won the Open Figures, came 2nd in Intermediate Freeskate and finished 3rd in Senior International Dance at the 2022 National Championships and qualified for the NZ Team for the 2022 Oceania Championships. She competed in the Artistic Skate World Cup Semi-final in Italy in May this year and at both the Regional and the Central Area Championships she finished 1st in Senior International Dance and Open Figures. Aspen is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

Claudia McLean

Claudia gained three 2nd placings and one 3rd at the 2022 NZ National Championships and qualified for the NZ Team for the 2022 Oceania Championships. She was 1st in Junior International Quartet and gained three other 2nd placings at the Central Area Championships and gained a 1st and 2nd placing at the Regional Championships. Claudia is currently studying a Bachelor of Accountancy.

Phoenix Reid

Phoenix won the Senior Ladies Figures and the Open Couples Compulsory and Open Couples Free dance events at the 2022 National Championships and was selected in the New Zealand team for the 2022 Oceania Championships. She has won gold medals at other events this year and has remained undefeated in Senior Ladies Figures at a regional, area and national level. Phoenix has completed a Bachelor of Science and is currently studying a Master of Science.

Jessica Shirley

Jessica represented New Zealand at the 2022 Oceania Championships where she placed 2nd in her Junior Quartet Group event and 5th in the Junior Solo Dance. She competed at the America's Cup event in Florida and was selected to attend the 2023 Oceania Championships. At the 2023 NZ National Championships she placed 3rd in Junior International Ladies Figures, 3rd in Junior International Ladies Solo Dance and 8th in Advanced Ladies Loops. Jessica is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

ATHLETICS

Hamish Gill

Hamish won a silver medal in the 200m at the 2023 New Zealand Track and Field Championships. He also won a gold medal in the 100m and 200m at the Capital Classic, and gold in the 200m and silver in the 100m at the Porritt Classic. At the Sydney Track Classic, Hamish won a silver medal in the 100m and a bronze in the 4x100m relay. Hamish has completed a Master of Science.

Liam Lamb

Liam won the 800m at the 2023 Loughborough Open in London, and also at the AtH Track Meeting Eindhoven in the Netherlands. He also placed 3rd in the 1500m at the 2023 Guldenasporen event in Belgium and was 10th in the 1500m at the British Milers Club Grand Prix in Watford. Liam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.

Angus Lyver *Ngāti Toa*

Angus won a gold medal in Decathlon at the 2023 New Zealand U20 Combined Events Championships and the 2023 Australian U20 Championships. He also won a silver medal in the 4x100m relay at the 2023 New Zealand National Championships. At the 2023 U20 New Zealand Nationals, Angus won a gold medal in Long Jump and 200m and also won a bronze in Javelin. Angus is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Eliza McCartney

Eliza won a gold medal in Pole Vault at the 2023 New Zealand Track and Field Championships and qualified for the 2023 World Athletics Championships. She also won a gold medal at the Sir Graeme Douglas International, Brisbane Track Classic and the Potts Classic. Competing in the Diamond Discipline League she finished in 3rd place in Lausanne, Switzerland. At the Miting meet in Barcelona she set a new meet record, clearing the New Zealand Olympic qualifying standard of 4.73m. She also won the Luxembourg event, and her 4.85m jump, moved her to number 2 in the world. Eliza is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Olivia McTaggart

Olivia won a silver medal in Pole Vault at the 2023 New Zealand Track and Field Championships and qualified for the 2023 World Athletics Championships. She won a gold medal at the 2023

Auckland Championships and Adelaide Track Classic, and gained silver at the Brisbane Track Classic and Kuartane Games in Finland. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Savannah Scheen

Savannah won a silver medal in the Open Women's Discus at the 2023 New Zealand Track and Field Championships. She also won a gold medal at the AAI McKinnon Shield #3 and #5 events. Savannah is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

Courtney Trow

Courtney placed 7th in the Open Women's High Jump with a jump of 1.67m at the 2023 New Zealand Track and Field Championships. She competed in the Cooks, Capital and Porritt Classic events and jumped a personal best of 1.68m to gain a 5th placing in Open Women at the 2023 Cooks Classic. Courtney is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Maddison-Lee Wesche

Maddison-Lee won a gold medal in Shot Put at the 2023 New Zealand Track and Field Championships. She also won gold in Shot Put at the Sir Graeme Douglas International, the Potts Classic and the Porritt Classic events. Maddison-Lee has qualified for the 2023 World Athletics Championships. Maddison-Lee is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

Andre Le Pine-Day

Andre won a silver medal in the 8km race at the Dorne Cup in Wellington. At the 2023 New Zealand Cross Country Championships in July, he placed 13th in the Senior Men's 10km event. Andre has completed a Bachelor of Science.

BADMINTON

Cynthia Fan

Cynthia represented Auckland at the 2023 Wisden Cup in both Doubles and Mixed Doubles, with her team placing 5th. She also competed in the Individual event at the Oceania Championships, and represented Massey at the 2023 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships. Cynthia is currently studying a Bachelor of Food Technology with Honours.

BASKETBALL

Coola Baudry

Coola played for the Tavake Pasifika team in the 2022 Schick 3x3 Cup. She also represented Massey at the 2023 UTSNZ National Tertiary 3x3 Championships. Coola is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

Ella Fotu

Ella played for Mainland Pouakai, who emerged as champions in the 2022 Schick 3x3 Cup. Ella has completed a Bachelor of Science.

CANOE SPRINT

Michael Esterhuizen

Michael finished 2nd in the Open Men Multisport at the 2022 Canoe Sprint NZ National 10km Championships, placed 1st U23 Men's K2 and 3rd Open Men Multisport at the 2023 NZ Canoe Marathon National Championships and finished with 6th, 7th and 9th placings in Open Men's events at the 2023 Canoe Sprint National Championships. At the 2023 NZ Ocean Ski National Championships he was 3rd in U23 Men. Michael is also receiving a Blue for Surf Life Saving. Michael is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

Aimee Fisher

Aimee won a silver medal in K1 Senior 500m at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup in Szeged. She won a gold medal in Senior Mixed K2 200m and a silver medal in K1 500m at the 2023 NZCT New Zealand & Oceania Canoe Sprint Champs and Asia Pacific Sprint Cup. Aimee was selected into the NZ team for the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships. Aimee has completed a Bachelor of Arts.

Scarlett Old

Scarlett won a bronze medal in the U21 Women K4 500m and the U21 Women K1 200m relay at the Asia Pacific Sprint Cup. Scarlett is currently studying a Bachelor of Design with Honours.

Julia Padrutt

Julia represented New Zealand at the 2023 U23 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships in Italy in July finishing 7th in the U23 K2 Women and 9th in the U23 K2 Mixed events. She also represented New Zealand at the 2023 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup where she won silver medals in both the U21 K4 200m and U21 K4 500m and a bronze medal in the U21 K2 500m, and placed 4th in three other U21 events. At the New Zealand Canoe Sprint National Championships, she won gold medals in Open Women K2 200m, U21 K1 200m and U21 K1 500m, silver in Open Women K4 200m and bronze in Open Women K2 500m and K4 500m. Julia is currently completing a Diploma in Science & Technology.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Ashling Welch

Ashling represented New Zealand with the NZ Junior and Ladies Oceania team, placing 2nd in the 2023 Ladies Oceania Cup, and 2nd in the Ladies Sporting Teams event. At the 2023 Sporting Grand Prix in Wellington, she placed 1st in the Ladies against international competitors. Ashling also placed 2nd in the Ladies at the 2023 Sporting National Championships and the North Island Sporting Championships. Ashling is currently studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

CRICKET

Georgia Atkinson Ngāti Kahungunu

Georgia represented the Central Districts Hinds in the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield and the Women's Super Smash competition in the 2022/23 domestic season. Georgia has completed a Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching.

Sarah Calkin

Sarah represented the Manawatū Women's team in the Shrimpton Trophy during the 2022/23 season. Sarah is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Liam Hall

Liam represented Whanganui in the Hawke Cup and Chapple Cup during the 2022/23 season. Liam is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

Curtis Heaphy

Curtis played for New Zealand XI vs England in a tour warm up match. He represented the Central Districts Stags in the 2022/2023 Plunket Shield. He also represented Manawatū at the Hawke Cup and Chapple Cup. Curtis is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Caitlin King Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Caitlin represented the Wellington Blaze in the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield and the Women's Super Smash in the 2022/23 domestic season. Caitlin has completed a Bachelor of Arts.

Ashtuti Kumar

Ashtuti played for the New Zealand Women's Under 19 Team in India against the India and West Indies Under 19 Teams. She is a member of the Central Districts Hinds Women's Cricket Team and the Manawatū Women's Cricket Team. Ashtuti is currently studying a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours.

Bayley Latter Ngāti Toa

Bayley debuted for Central Districts A in October 2022. He also represented the Central Districts U19 Team at the 2023 National U19 Tournament. Bayley also played for Manawatū in the Hawke Cup, for Wairarapa in the Chapple Cup, and for Rood en Wit Cricket Club in the Netherlands. Bayley is also receiving a Blue for Indoor Cricket. Bayley is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Ben Lister

Ben made his Blackcaps T20 debut against India in February 2023 and his Blackcaps ODI debut against Pakistan in May 2023. He played for Auckland in the Super Smash and the Plunket Shield in the 2022/23 domestic season. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Sam Mackinder

Sam made her debut for the Central Hinds in the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield. Sam is the captain of the Manawatū Women's Cricket team and also plays for the Central District A Women's team. Sam is also receiving a Blue for Netball. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Hannah Rowe

Hannah represented New Zealand at the 2023 ICC Women's T20 World Cup. She played for the Central Districts Hinds in the 2022/23 Hallyburton Johnstone Shield and the Women's Super Smash competition. Hannah has completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Business.

Nathan Smith

Nathan plays for the Wellington Firebirds in the Plunket Shield, Ford Trophy and Super Smash competitions. He was also selected for NZA in 2022. Nathan is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Gemma Sims

Gemma played for Central Districts Women's A team in the 2022/23 domestic season. She also played for Wairarapa in the Shrimpton Trophy. Gemma is currently studying a Bachelor of Design with Honours.



WILRICH COETZEE

Finalist – Campus Sportsman
of the Year 2023

2023 Blues Award - Swimming

CYCLING

Ella Harris

Ella races for the Lifepus-Wahoo cycling team. She has raced many WWT events, 1.Pro and 1.1 events throughout Europe during 2023 with her top finish being 8th in the Navarra Women's Elite Classic (1.Pro) event. She was selected for the New Zealand Team for the 2023 Road Cycling World Championships. Ella has completed a Bachelor of Agri Business and a Diploma in Arts and is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

Nicholas Kergozou De La Boessiere

Nicholas competed at the 2023 Oceania Track Championships where finished 2nd in the Elite Men Team Pursuit, 4th in Elite Men Elimination, 4th in Elite Men Time Trial, and was 12th in the Elite Men Scratch Race final. At the 2023 UCI Track Nations Cup event in Jakarta, Nicholas won a silver medal in the Men's Team Pursuit. He was selected for the New Zealand team for the 2023 UCI Track Cycling World Championships. Nicholas also races for St George UCI Continental Cycling Team. He raced in the Tour de Taiwan (2.1) event, placed 11th in the points classification of the New Zealand Cycle Classic and was 28th in the NZ National Criterium Championships. Nicholas is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

Luke Mudgway

Luke races for Bolton Equities Black Spoke Cycling UCI Pro Cycling Team. Luke has raced in many UCI 1.1, 2.2, and 2.Pro events in 2023. Luke won the 2023 New Zealand National Criterium Championships, and placed 1st in the points classification and 36th in general classification at the 2023 New Zealand Cycle Classic. Luke is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

James Oram

James races for Bolton Equities Black Spoke UCI pro cycling team and has competed at many UCI events throughout Europe in 2023. He was selected for the New Zealand team for the Road World Championships. He won the general classification at the 2023 NZ Cycle Classic and at the 2023 New Zealand National Championships he won the Road Race and was 3rd in the Individual Time Trial. James has completed a Bachelor of Business.

Callum Saunders

Callum attended the UCI C2 Carnival of Speed event in Trinidad and placed 1st in the Keiran and achieved two silver medals in the sprint finals. He also raced at the 2023 Oceania Track Championships and placed 6th in the Keiran final. Callum is currently studying a Master of Business.

Emily Shearman

Emily attended the 2023 New Zealand National Criterium Championships and placed 7th. At the 2023 National Championships she achieved 7th place in the Individual Time Trial and 15th in the Road Race. Emily competed at the 2023 Oceania Track Championships where she placed 4th in the Elite Women's Scratch Race, 2nd in the Elite Women Individual Pursuit final and 4th in the Elite Women Omnium scratch race. Emily has completed a Bachelor of Arts.

DIVING

Luke Sipkes

Luke attended the 2023 New Zealand National Championships where he achieved 1st in the Open Men's 10m Platform Synchronised and 2nd in the Open Men's 10m Platform Individual. He also won a silver medal in the Open Men's 10m Platform Synchronised and a bronze in the Open Men's 10m Platform Individual at the 2023 Australian Open National Championships. Luke is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

EQUESTRIAN

Sophie Daly Ngāti Kahungunu

Sophie represented New Zealand at the 2022 Nations Teams Championships in the USA where the team won the Championship. She was selected to represent New Zealand again in October this year. She is the 2023 NZ National Open Teams Champion and Reserve Champion in the Open Pairs. In 2022 she won regional events and was 5th in the NZ Nationals Open Individual event. Sophie is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Tayla Mason

Tayla is a member of the ESNZ High Performance Potential Squad. She has competed in many events throughout the UK, including British Eventing events in 2023. In late 2022 placed 2nd at the Bicton Area International CCI2*-L event, was 5th at the South of England International (2) and 8th at the Cornbury House International CCI-S 2* event. Tayla is currently studying a Master of Management.

FENCING

Wai Ling Chan

Wai Ling represents Hong Kong and won a Team silver medal at the 2023 Asian Fencing Championships. She has competed in multiple international events including World Cups and the 2023 World Fencing Championships in Italy where her team finished in 8th place. She was selected to represent Hong Kong in the Women's Epee Individual and Team events at the this year's World University Games in Chengdu, China. Wai Ling is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

FLOORBALL

Stella McCarthy

Stella was a member of the New Zealand Floorball team for the 2023 World Floorball Championships qualifiers. Stella is currently studying a Bachelor of Design with Honours.

FOOTBALL

Brooke Bennett

Brooke played for Eastern Suburbs in the New Zealand Women's National League. Her team finished top of the table after beating Western Springs in the 2022/23 season final. Brooke is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Louis Fenton

Louis plays for Lions FC based in Queensland in the Australian National Premier League. Louis has completed a Bachelor of Business.

Meikayla Moore

Meikayla played several games for the Football Ferns in 2023. She represents Glasgow City who were the champions of the 2022/2023 Scottish Women's Premier League and competed in the 2022. Meikayla has completed a Bachelor of Health Science.

Kate Mori

Kate captained the Central Football Women's Team for the 2022/2023 season in the New Zealand Women's National League. Kate has completed a Bachelor of Food Technology with Honours.

Ben Old

Ben played for the Wellington Phoenix in the 2022/2023 A-League season. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Tim Payne

Tim played for the Wellington Phoenix in the 2022/2023 A-League season. Tim is currently studying a Bachelor Health Science.

Ava Pritchard

Ava played for the Wellington Phoenix Women's Team in the 2022/2023 season of A-League Women. Ava is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Emma Rolston

Emma played for the Wellington Phoenix Women's Team in the 2022/2023 A-League Women season. Emma has completed a Bachelor of Business.

Paige Satchell Nga Puhi

Paige was a member of the New Zealand Football Ferns team for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup. She also played for the Wellington Phoenix Women's Team in the 2022/2023 A-League Women season. Paige has completed a Bachelor of Sport Management.

Sam Sutton

Sam captained the New Zealand U22 team in a match against China U24, and scored in the 2-0 victory. He also played for the Wellington Phoenix in the 2022/2023 A-League season. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Kate Taylor

Kate captained the U20 New Zealand Women's Team and was selected for the New Zealand Football Ferns tours in September and November 2022 and February and April this year. Following this she was selected as a training partner for the Football Ferns FIFA Women's World Cup team. Kate also plays for the Wellington Phoenix Women's team in the A-League Women. Kate is currently studying a Bachelor of Health Science.

FUTSAL

Olivia Harding

Olivia was a member of the Capital Women's Team for the NZF Ford Futsal Super League 2023. Olivia also represented Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Emma Howie

Emma represented the Waikato Bay of Plenty in the 2023 NZF Ford Futsal Super League. Emma is currently studying a Bachelor of Food Technology with Honours.

Kayley Linden

Kayley was a member of the Capital Women's Team for the NZF Ford Futsal Super League 2023. Kayley also represented Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships. Kayley is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

Pepi Olliver-Bell

Pepi was a member of the Capital Women's Team for the NZF Ford Futsal Super League 2023. Pepi is currently studying a Bachelor of Screen Arts with Honours.

Adam Paulsen

Adam is a member of the New Zealand Futsal Whites national team. Adam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

GOLF

Juliana Hung

Juliana finished 7th at the 2023 CTBC Ladies Open, tied 8th at the 2022 Taiwan Mobile Ladies Open and was 9th at the 2023 WPG Ladies Open. Juliana achieved a tied 11th place at the 2022 BGC Thailand Ladies Masters and was 40th at the 2022 ISPS Handa Australian Open. Juliana is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

Kazuma Kobori

Kazuma won the 2023 Australian Amateur Championship and also won the Q School final in Melbourne. At the 2023 NZ Open he tied for 6th place and won the Bledisloe Cup as the leading Amateur. At the 2023 NZ PGA Championship he tied for 4th. Kazuma has since been playing in the United States, where he finished in a share of 8th at the Trans-Mississippi Amateur, and qualified for the US Amateur. Kazuma is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.

GYMNASTICS

Mathieu Clatin

Mathieu represented New Zealand at the 2022 Artistic Gymnastics FIG World Challenge Cup in Paris and the 2022 Szombathely Challenge Cup in Hungary. Mathieu is currently studying a Bachelor of Design with Honours.

HOCKEY

Kaitlin Cotter

Kaitlin played for New Zealand Women's Black Sticks in the 2022/23 FIH Hockey Pro League. Caitlin is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Frances Davies

Frances played for New Zealand Women's Black Sticks in the 2022/23 FIH Hockey Pro League. Frances is currently studying a Graduate Diploma of Learning & Teaching (Primary).

Katie Doar

Katie played for New Zealand Women's Black Sticks in the 2022/23 FIH Hockey Pro League. Katie is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Madison Doar

Madison played for New Zealand Women's Black Sticks in the 2022/23 FIH Hockey Pro League. She also played for Auckland in Tier One of the Ford National Hockey Championships in 2022. Madison has completed a Bachelor of Science.

Connor Greentree

Connor is a member of the New Zealand Black Sticks Men's Hockey team and played for the team at the 2023 FIH Hockey World Cup and the 2022/23 FIH Pro League. Connor represented the North Harbour Wolves in Tier One at the 2022 Ford National Hockey Championships. Connor has completed a Bachelor of Information Science.

Mary Ieremia-Allan Matautu Falealili, Lalomanu Aleipata, Sapapalii

Mary was part of the 2023 New Zealand Junior Black Sticks squad. She represented Waikato in Tier One at the 2022 Ford National Hockey Championships and was named the U21 Player of the Year for Waikato Hockey. Mary is also receiving a Blue for Touch. Mary is currently studying a Bachelor of Design with Honours.

Aimee Mitchell

Aimee was part of the New Zealand Senior Māori team that won the 2023 New Zealand Heritage Hockey tournament. She also played for Manawatū in Tier One at the 2022 Ford National Hockey Championships. Aimee is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

Olivia Shannon

Olivia played for New Zealand Women's Black Sticks in the 2022/23 FIH Hockey Pro League. She also played for Hawke's Bay in Tier One at the 2022 Ford National Hockey Championships. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Charl Ulrich

Charl played for New Zealand Black Sticks in the 2022/23 FIH Hockey Pro League. Charl has completed a Bachelor of Business and a Bachelor of Science.

Thomas Walshe

Thomas played for Manawatū in Tier One at the 2022 Ford National Hockey Championships. Thomas has completed a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

Nic Woods

Nic is the captain of the New Zealand Black Sticks Men's team. He played at the 2023 FIH Hockey Men's World Cup and in the 2022/23 FIH Hockey Pro League. Nic also played as a midfielder for German club Hamburger Polo Club during 2022/23. Nic is currently studying a Master of Management.

ICE HOCKEY

Hannah Cross Taranaki

Hannah represents New Zealand with the Ice Fernz NZ Women's Ice Hockey Team. She competed at the 2023 IHF Women's World Championship Division 2b tournament in South Africa where NZ finished in 3rd place. She also plays for the Dunedin Women's team in the NZ Women's Ice Hockey League. Hannah is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

INDOOR CRICKET

Micah Conroy

Micah captained the New Zealand U22 Indoor Cricket team that emerged as champions at the U22 Indoor Cricket World Cup. Micah has completed a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Bayley Latter Ngāti Toa

Bayley was a member of the 2022 World Cup winning New Zealand Under 22 Indoor Cricket Team and was named in the Under 22 World 8 Team. Bayley is also receiving a Blue for Cricket. Bayley is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

ANNA TAYLOR

Finalist – Distance Sportswoman
of the Year 2023

2023 Blues Award – Para Cycling



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Caleb Bottcher

Caleb placed 3rd in Elite at the 2022 NZ National Marathon Mountain Bike Championships and finished 17th at the U23 Short Track World Cup in Switzerland this year. In the Olympic format he placed 3rd at the Oceania Championships and has many top 5 finishes in Elite at UCI International races including a category 1 victory. He was selected for the New Zealand team for the 2023 World Championships. Caleb has completed a Bachelor of Accountancy.

NETBALL

Claudia Brown

Claudia played for the Manawatū A team at the 2022 New Zealand Netball Open Championships and also played for Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships and won a bronze medal. Claudia is currently studying a Bachelor of Animal Science.

Zalika Clarke

Zalika was part of the Central Manawa team that won the 2023 Synergy Hair Netball League. She represented Wellington at the 2022 Netball New Zealand Open Championships. Zalika also played for Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships and won a bronze medal. Zalika is currently studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours.

Storm Collings-Gilmer

Storm was in the Northern Marvels team for the 2023 Synergy Hair Netball League. She also represented Auckland at the 2022 Netball New Zealand Open Championships. Storm also played for Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships and won a bronze medal. Storm has completed a Master of Management.

Ellie Hurley-Langton

Ellie played for the Manawatū A team at the 2022 Netball New Zealand Open Championships and also played for Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships and won a bronze medal. Ellie has completed a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Latonya Lole

Latonya was a member of the Central Manawatū team that won the 2023 Synergy Hair Netball League. Latonya is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

Sam Mackinder

Sam represented Hutt Valley at the 2022 Netball New Zealand Open Championships and also played for Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships and won a bronze medal. Sam is also receiving a Blue for Cricket. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Ana Cagi Moi Vunisikeci/Cakaudrove/Fiji Islands

Ana debuted for the Fiji Pearls representing the team at the 2023 PacificAus Sport Series and the 2023 Netball World Cup. She also played for North Harbour at the 2023 New Zealand Netball Opens

Championships. Ana has completed a Bachelor of Health Science and is currently studying a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science.

Sam Taylor

Sam represented Hutt Valley in the 2022 Netball New Zealand Open Championships and also played for Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Championships and won a bronze medal. Sam is also receiving a Blue for Rugby. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Sarah Teki-Clark Te Ātihaunui a Pāpāurangi/Ngāti Tūwharetoa/Waitaha (Te Arawa)

Sarah played for Manawatū A at the 2022 New Zealand Netball Open Championships. Sarah is currently studying a Master of Arts.

PARA CYCLING

Anna Taylor

Anna represented New Zealand at the 2022 UCI Para Cycling Track World Championships where she won a bronze medal in both the 500m Time Trial and the Omnium events. In 2023 she competed in the Para Cycling Road World Cup Series and was selected for the NZ team for the 2023 Cycling World Championships. Anna is currently studying a Master of Sport Management.

ROWING

Stella Clayton-Greene

Stella was a member of the New Zealand Women's Coxless Pair competing in the 2023 Rowing World Cup III in Lucerne. At the 2022 World Rowing Championships she placed 4th in the B Final of the Women's Open Coxless Quad Sculls. She competed in multiple events at the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships with a best finish of 3rd in Women's Premier Coxed Eight. Stella is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

Sophie Egnot-Johnson

Sophie competed at the Henley Royal Regatta in London this year. At the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships she placed 1st in the Women's Premier Eight. Sophie is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Brooke Francis

Brooke was a member of the New Zealand team and competed in the Double Scull at the 2023 Rowing World Cup III in Lucerne, finishing 3rd in the B Final. At the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships she placed 2nd in Premier Coxless Quad Sculls and Premier Double Sculls, and 3rd in the Premier Coxed Eight and Premier Single Sculls. Brooke has completed a Master of Management.

Kate Haines

Kate was a member of the New Zealand team and competed at the 2023 World Rowing Cup III in Lucerne, finishing 5th in the C Final. At the 2022 World Rowing Championships she placed 4th in the B Final of the Women's Open Coxless Quad Sculls. At the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships her top placings were 1st in Premier Coxless

Quad Sculls and 1st in Premier Single Sculls. Kate is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Brooke Hamilton

At the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships Brooke placed 1st in the Women's Premier Quad. She also gained 4th in the Women's Senior Coxless Eight, 7th in the Senior Coxless Four, and competed in other Senior level events. Brooke represented Massey University at the 2022 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships in Whanganui and gained a silver medal in the Women's. Brooke is currently studying a Bachelor of Animal Science.

Brooke Kilmister

Brooke placed 3rd in the Premier Coxless Pair Oars and 5th in Premier Coxed Eight at the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships. At the 2023 North Island Rowing Championships she placed 2nd in Premier Coxless Pair Oars. Brooke is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Matt Macdonald

Matt represented New Zealand in the Men's Coxless Four in the 2023 Rowing World Cup III in Lucerne, placing 3rd in the A Final. At the 202 World Rowing Championships he was 6th in the Open Coxless Pair Oars. At the 2023 NZ Rowing Championships he placed 1st in Premier Coxless Pair Oars, 3rd in Premier Double Sculls and 3rd in Premier Coxed Eight. Matt is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Madeleine Parker

Madeleine was selected into the New Zealand U21 team for the 2023 U21 Regatta competing against Australia and Canada. At the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships she placed 1st in the Premier Coxed Eight, 3rd in U22 Coxless Pair Oars, and 8th in the U22 Single Sculls. Madeleine is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Charlotte Spence

Charlotte was a travelling reserve for the New Zealand Rowing Team for the 2022 World Rowing Championships in Women's Sculling. Charlotte is currently studying a Bachelor of Health Science and Diploma in Arts.

Ben Taylor

Ben was a member of the New Zealand Men's Coxless Pair at the 2023 World Rowing Cup III in Lucerne where he finished 6th in the B Final. He also represented New Zealand in the Men's Reserve Pair at the 2022 World Rowing Championships. At the 2023 National Rowing Championships he placed 1st in the Men's Premier Four and 2nd in the Men's Premier Pair. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

Davina Waddy

Davina competed with the New Zealand Women's Coxless Four at the Rowing World Cup III in Lucerne and placed 5th in the A Final. At the 2022 World Rowing Championships she finished 2nd in the B Final in Women's Open Coxless Four. At the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships she placed 1st in Women's School of Origin Coxed/Coxless Four (1000m), 2nd in Premier Coxed Eight, 3rd in Premier Coxless Pair Oars and 4th in Premier Double Sculls. Davina is currently studying a Master of Management.

Phillip Wilson

Phillip was a member of the New Zealand Men's Coxless Pair that placed 5th in the C Final at the 2023 Rowing World Cup III. At the 2022 Rowing World Championships he placed 4th in the C Final for Open Coxless Quad Sculls. At the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships he finished 1st in Premier Single Sculls, 2nd in Premier Double Sculls, and 4th in Premier Coxed Eight. Phillip is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

RUGBY

Lucy Brown

Lucy was a member of the Manawatū Cyclones team playing in the 2022 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Lucy has completed a Bachelor of Health Science.

Sam Coles

Sam has been selected in the New Zealand U23 University Team for 2023. He is a member of the 2023 U20 Hurricanes team and represented the side at the 2023 U20 Super Rugby competition. Sam is also a member of the Manawatū Evergreens squad for 2023. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Moana Courtenay

Moana is a member of the North Harbour Hibiscus Rugby squad playing in the 2023 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Moana is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Joseph Gavigan

Joseph plays as loosehead prop for the Manawatū Turbos in the Bunnings Warehouse NPC. In 2023 he was named in the Hurricanes Hunters team. Joseph is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Julian Goerke

Julian represented the NZ Universities Team that toured Japan this year. He is a Manawatū Turbos apprentice for 2023 and a member of the Manawatū Evergreens team. Julian is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Bryn Gordon

Bryn played for the Manawatū Evergreens and captained the team in 2022. He signed with North Harbour for the 2023 season. Bryn is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Cameron Howell

Cameron was named in the North Harbour Heat Squad and is a member of the North Harbour Rugby Development Squad for 2023. Cameron is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Niko Jones

Niko played for Moana Pasfika in the 2023 Super Rugby competition. In April this year he signed with Old Glory DC, a professional team based in Washington D.C., for the remainder of the Major League Rugby season. He also represented Auckland in the 2022 NPC. Niko is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Elinor King

Elinor was a member of the Manawatū Cyclones team for the Farah Palmer Cup in 2022 and 2023. Elinor is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Benet Kumeroa

Benet plays for the Bay of Plenty Steamers in the Bunnings Warehouse NPC competition. In 2023 he was a member of the Hurricanes Hunters team. Benet has completed a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise and is currently studying a Postgraduate Diploma in Business.

Ben Lam

Ben played for Montpellier in the European Rugby Champions Cup and the Top 14 competition for the 2022/23 season. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Paige Lush

Paige is a member of the Manawatū Cyclones for 2022 and 2023, playing in the Farah Palmer Cup competition. Paige has completed a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise and is currently studying a Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching.

Matt Masoe

Matt represented Wairarapa Bush in the 2022 Heartland Championship. He was also a member of the 2022 Manawatū Evergreens team. Matt is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Caterina Poletti

Caterina played for the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2022 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Caterina is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

Ben Strang

Ben was a member of the Manawatū Turbos in 2022, and has signed with Southland for the 2023 NPC season. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Sam Taylor

Sam is a member of the Manawatū Cyclones team for the 2023 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Sam is also receiving a Blue for Netball. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Flynn Thomas

Flynn was a member of the Southland Stags for the 2022 NPC rugby competition. Flynn has completed a Bachelor of Arts.

Te Rangatira Waitokia

Te Rangatira played for Rugby ATL in the Major League Rugby competition. In 2022 he was in the Tasman Squad, and is a member of the Manawatū Turbos for 2023. Te Rangatira is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

Taylor Waterson Whakatohea/Ngati Tūwharetoa/ Waikato-Tainui

Taylor plays for the Manawatū Cyclones, representing them in the 2022 Farah Palmer Cup and again in 2023. Taylor is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

Alesha Williams Te Atiawa, Ngāti Mutunga

Alesha played for the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2022 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Alesha has completed a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

SKIING

Ben Barclay Ngāti Kahungunu

Ben represented New Zealand at the 2023 Freeski World Championships in Bakuriani, Georgia where he finished 9th in the Slopestyle event. He also competed at many other international events and achieved 3rd at the Copper Mountain Nor-Am Cup and finished 12th at the Mammoth Mountain Slopestyle World Cup. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Luca Harrington

In 2023 Luca achieved his highest accomplishments to date, placing 4th in the Slopestyle at the World Cup in Switzerland and 5th in the Big Air at the Freeski World Championships in Georgia. He gained podium placings in other international events including 1st place in Slopestyle at the Rev Tour Aspen USA, and 2nd place at the Rev Tour Copper USA. In 2022 he competed at the Australia and New Zealand Cup Events at Cadrona where he placed 1st in both Slopestyle events, 1st in the Big Air event, and won the overall title. Luca is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

SNOWBOARDING

James Thompson

James qualified to compete at The North Face Frontier FWTQ 4* international event, which was also the 2023 New Zealand National Championships, where he placed 6th. He also finished 11th in The North Face Frontier FWTQ 2* event. James is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

SQUASH

Leonie Marshall

Leonie represented Central Districts at the Leevey Shield and was selected for the Canterbury Senior Team for the 2023 New Zealand Senior Teams Championships. She also represented Marlborough at the Mitchell Cup club championships with the team finishing in 3rd place. Leonie is currently studying a Bachelor of Agriculture Science.

Ashlee Pepper

Ashlee represented the New Zealand Junior Team at the 2022 Oceania Junior Championships in December and also at the Tasman Test Series. Ashlee is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

SURF LIFE SAVING

Louis Clark

Louis is a member of the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Senior Squad and at the 2023 NZ National Championships he placed 1st in the Open Run Swim Run, and 3rd in the Open Taplin. Louis is also receiving a Blue for Swimming. Louis is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Olivia Corrin

Olivia is a member of the New Zealand Black Fins Surf Life Saving Team and competed in multiple events at the 2022 World Championships, winning six silver medals. At the New Zealand National Championships she won gold in the Surf Race and Board Race events. At the Australian National Championships she won two gold medals, a silver and two bronze medals. She also won a silver medal in round one of the Nutrigrain Ironwoman Series. Olivia was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2023 International Surf Rescue Challenge. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

Fergus Eadie

Fergus is a member of the New Zealand Black Fins Surf Life Saving team and competed at the 2022 World Championships in Italy where he won a gold medal in Tube Rescue, silver for Overall Team Placing, and bronze in both the 50 Carry and 100 Rescue Medley. At the 2022 New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Pool Rescue Championships in October Fergus won three individual gold medals, four individual silvers and four team gold medals. Fergus is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

Michael Esterhuizen

Michael placed 2nd in the U19 Male Ski Relay, 4th in the U19 Male Double Ski, 7th in the U19 Beach Relay and 10th in the U19 Male Taplin events at the 2023 Surf Life Saving National Championships. Michael is also receiving a Blue for Canoe Sprint. Michael is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

SWIMMING

Louis Clark

Louis represented New Zealand in the 400m and 800m freestyle at the FINA World Swimming Short Course Championships in late 2022. At the 2023 NZ Swimming National Championships he placed 3rd in the 400m freestyle. Louis is also receiving a Blue for Surf Life Saving. Louis is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Wilrich Coetzee

Wilrich won gold in 4x100m medley relay, silver medal in men 4x200m freestyle relay and bronze medals in men 4x100 medley relay, men 4x100 freestyle relay, men 50m breaststroke and mixed 4x100 freestyle relay at the 2023 NZ National Championships. He also won a bronze medal in mixed 4x100 medley relay at the 2022 McDonalds Queensland Championships. Wilrich is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

Erika Fairweather Ngāi Tahu

Erika represented New Zealand at the 2023 World Aquatic Championships where she won a bronze medal in the 400m

Freestyle with a personal best time of 3.59.59, making her the fifth-ever woman to go sub 4 minutes in this event. She also placed 8th in the 800m Freestyle and 11th in the 200m Freestyle. At the 2022 World Short Course Swimming Championships she won a silver medal in both the Women's 400m and 800m Freestyle. She has the 6th fastest women's 400m freestyle of all-time and holds the New Zealand Open records for women's 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle and the women's 4 x 50m relay and 4 x 200m relay. In late 2022 Erika was named the New Zealand Junior Māori Sportswomen of the Year. Erika is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

Kirsten Fisher-Marsters

Kirsten represented the Cook Islands at the 2022 FINA World Swimming Champs where she placed 34th in the Women's 200m Medley and 26th in the Women 100m Medley. Kirsten is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.

Michael Lansdown

Michael achieved a silver medal at the 2023 New Zealand Open Water Nationals in the 2.5km event. He also won a bronze medal in the 400m Individual Men Medley (17-18y) at the New Zealand Age Group Nationals. Michael is currently studying a Bachelor of Animal Science.

Georgina McCarthy

Georgina won a gold medal in 200m Individual Women Medley, a silver medal in 400m Individual Women Medley and bronze medals in 100m Women Breaststroke and 200m Women Backstroke at the 2023 New Zealand Swimming National Championships. Georgina is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

George Williams

George represented New Zealand at the 2022 FINA Short Course World Champs. He also attended the 2023 NZ Swimming National Championships and achieved 7th in 100m Freestyle Final and 5th in 50m Freestyle final. George is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

TAEKWON-DO

Brenna Greene

Brenna was selected for the New Zealand ITF Taekwon-Do Team for the 2023 World Championships in Finland. At the 2023 National Championships she retained her national title winning gold in the Individual Sparring (U65kg female), and also won silver in the Team Breaking, and bronze in the Individual Breaking. Brenna is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise.

TOUCH

Kiera Fisher

Kiera attended the 2023 Trans Tasman Test series with the New Zealand Touch Blacks Mixed Team. She also played for the Northern Strikers Women's team who placed 3rd at the NZ Premier Touch League in 2022. Kiera is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.

Mary Ieremia-Allan Matautu Falealili, Lalomanu Aleipata, Sapapalii

Mary was the co-captain of the New Zealand Touch Blacks Open Women's Team for the 2023 Trans-Tasman series against Japan and Australia, and was named MVP. She also plays for the 07 Heat Women in the Premier Touch League and for the Waikato Open Women's Team. Mary is also receiving a Blue for Hockey. Mary is currently studying a Bachelor of Design with Honours.

Zoe Sosich

Zoe represented New Zealand with the Touch Blacks Open Women's Team at the 2023 Trans Tasman Test Series. She played for the Northern Strikers in the Premier Touch League and was also a member of the North Harbour Open Women's team that won the National Championship. Zoe is currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing.

TRIATHLON

Austin Carter

Austin is a member of the High Performance Triathlon New Zealand National Tracking Squad. He has competed in many international events, placing 11th Elite and 6th U23 at the 2023 Oceania Olympic Distance Champs in Australia. This year he also won the Getaria Spanish Triathlon Sprint Championships and finished 5th at the San Sebastian Triathlon Sprint Championships. Austin is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

ULTIMATE DISC

Ronnie Readings

Ronnie represented the New Zealand at the WFDF 2023 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships where the team finished in 10th place. In 2022 his team won the Division 2 Mixed Ultimate National Championship title, and in 2023 competed in the Division 1 National Championships. Ronnie also represented Massey at the 2022 UTSNZ National Tertiary Ultimate Championships. Ronnie is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

VOLLEYBALL

Caitlin Studer

Caitlin represented Waikato Bay of Plenty Senior Women at the 2023 Interprovincial Champs. She also played for the Harbour Raiders A at the Volleyball New Zealand Club Championships last year. Caitlin also represented Massey at the 2023 UTSNZ National Tertiary Volleyball Championships and won a bronze medal. Caitlin has completed a Bachelor of Business and is currently studying a Master of Management.

YACHTING

Erica Dawson

Erica is a member of the NZL Sailing Team and competes in the Nacra17 Mixed class. At the 2022 World Championships she

achieved 9th place. In 2023 she placed 5th at the Paris Test Event, 10th at the Semaine Olympique Francois De Voile World Cup, and 15th at the Princess Sofia World Cup event. Erica is currently studying a Master of Sustainable Development Goals.

George Gautrey

George is a member of the NZL Sailing Team and competes in the ILCA 7 Men's class. He attended the Paris Test Event and placed 4th. At the 2022 EurILCA Senior European Championships George placed 8th. He also finished 2nd at the 2023 Princess Sofia World Cup in Palma and placed 4th at the Sail Melbourne event. George has completed a Bachelor of Business and is currently studying a Master of Business.

Henry Haslett

Henry competed at the 2023 International Moth World Championships. He placed 6th at the UK Open and 7th at the UK Foiling Week competition in the Moth class. Henry has also competed in the 49er class where he placed 6th at the 2023 49er NZ National Championships and raced at the Princess Sofia World Cup Regatta. Henry is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Blake McGlashan

Blake is a member of the NZL Sailing Aon Fast Track Programme and competes in the 49er Men's class. He finished in 3rd at the 2023 National Championships. He competed at the Princess Sofia World Cup Series where he placed 38th and was 49th at the Semaine Olympique Francaise De Voile event. Blake is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

Molly Meech

Molly is a member of the NZL Sailing Team and competes in the 49er FX class. At the 2022 World Championships she placed 11th. In 2023 she finished 2nd in the New Zealand National Championships, was 17th at the Princess Sofia World Cup Series, 34th at the Semaine Olympique Francaise De Voile event, and finished 16th at the Paris Test Event. Molly is currently studying a Master of Sustainable Development Goals.

Courtney Reynolds-Smith

Courtney placed 3rd in the 49er FX at the 2023 New Zealand National Championships. She competed at the Princess Sofia World Cup and placed 47th and was 45th at the Semaine Olympique Francaise de Voile World Cup event. Courtney is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.

2023 SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARD

SPORT COACHING

Kate Blincoe – Canoe Polo

Kate has been named as the coach for the New Zealand Women's U18 Canoe Polo team that will be competing at the Oceania Championships later this year. Kate is currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing.

SPORT ADMINISTRATION

Ike Baker - Equestrian

Ike was awarded the Jumping Youth of the Year at the Equestrian Sports NZ Hall of Fame Awards in June this year. This award recognises contribution to the sport along with sporting excellence, in those under 24 years of age. In addition to competing in equestrian, Ike is an Area Representative to the National Federation for Hawke's Bay Show Jumping, a Board Member for Horse of the Year Ltd, a Board Member for the Australasian Horse Breeders Federation, and Committee Member and Organiser for the National Young Horse Show. Ike is currently studying a Master of Science.

GUEST SPEAKER

Anna Green – former NZ Football Fern, Massey University alumni

Having announced her retirement from international football earlier this year, Anna played for the NZ Football Ferns for 16 years from 2006 to 2023. Making her senior debut as a teenager she amassed 82 caps for the Football Ferns, playing in three Women’s World Cups and four Olympic Games, and also two U20 World Cups.

She has a wealth of high level club experience, having played for Three Kings United in the ASB League, Adelaide United and Sydney FC in the A-League, Lokomotive Leipzig in the Bundesliga, and Reading FC in the FA WSL.

Outside of playing, Anna is passionate about progressing the game of football and is the NZPFA representative on the Asia/Oceania Division board and also on the FIFPRO Global Finance Committee. She was recently part of the Sky Sport team during the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup in New Zealand.

Anna has a Bachelor of Business Studies majoring in Accountancy and Human Resource Management from Massey University, having graduated in 2014. She currently works as a Senior Consultant at Deloitte in Wellington.



2023 AWARDS & FINALISTS

CAMPUS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2023 FINALISTS

- Mathieu Clatin – Gymnastics
- Wilrich Coetzee – Swimming
- Fergus Alistair Eadie – Surf Life Saving
- Hamish Gill – Athletics
- Connor Greentree – Hockey
- Bayley Latter – Indoor Cricket & Cricket
- Te Rangatira Waitokia – Rugby

CAMPUS SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2023 FINALISTS

- Hannah Cross – Ice Hockey
- Brenna Greene – Taekwon-Do
- Mary Ieremia-Allan – Touch & Hockey
- Ashtuti Kumar – Cricket
- Julia Padrutt – Canoe Sprint
- Phoenix Reid – Artistic Roller Skating
- Savannah Scheen – Athletics

DISTANCE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2023 FINALISTS

- George Gautrey – Yachting
- Luca Harrington – Skiing
- Nicholas Kergozou De La Boessiere – Cycling
- Kazuma Kobori – Golf
- Ben Lister – Cricket
- Matt Macdonald – Rowing
- Nic Woods – Hockey

DISTANCE SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2023 FINALISTS

- Wai Ling Chan – Fencing
- Olivia Corrin – Surf Life Saving
- Erica Dawson – Yachting
- Erika Fairweather – Swimming
- Aimee Fisher – Canoe Sprint
- Eliza McCartney – Athletics
- Hannah Rowe – Cricket
- Paige Satchell – Football
- Anna Taylor – Para Cycling

SUPREME AWARD 2023

The Supreme Award winner is announced on the evening and is selected from the winners of all the major awards for 2023.

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