

2025

**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.

2025 BLUES AWARDS RECIPIENTS

ARCHERY

Logan Dittert

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Logan was selected to represent New Zealand as a member of the 2025 Trans-Tasman team. He also qualified for the New Zealand team for the 2025 FISU World University Games but was unable to compete at the event. Choosing to compete in the Open Men's category rather than his age-grade, Logan placed 4th in both the Individual Open Men's Compound Division and the Compound Teams event at the 2025 National Championships.

Chisora Hada

Bachelor of Science

Chisora represented New Zealand in the 2024 World Archery Oceania Challenge, finishing 6th overall in Men's Open Recurve and as the top-ranked New Zealander. At the 2025 National Championships he gained a 2nd, 3rd, 4th and two 5th place finishes in Open Men's individual events. At the 2025 WAA Indoor Championships he placed 2nd in Men's Open Recurve, and at the 2025 WAA Clout Champs he was 1st in Open Men's Recurve. He placed 2nd in the Open Men's Recurve at both the 2025 WAA Field Champs and the WAA Indoor Championships.

ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING

Claudia McLean

Bachelor of Accountancy

Claudia was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 World Skate Oceania Championships and the 2025 Pacific Cup for Senior Ladies Solo Dance and Senior Ladies Figures. She was also selected as a reserve for the 2025 Figure World Cup. She competed at the 2025 Taiwan Artistic Roller Skating International Open, placing 5th in Senior Ladies Solo Dance. At this year's New Zealand National Artistic Roller Skating Championships, she placed 6th in Senior Ladies Solo Dance and 4th in Senior Ladies Figures.

Phoenix Reid

Master of Science

Phoenix was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 Pacific Cup and the 2025 Figure World Cup. She represented New Zealand at the 2024 World Skate Games competing in Senior Ladies' Solo Dance, and the 2024 World Figure Cup in Senior Ladies' Figures. At the 2025 New Zealand National Artistic Roller Skating Championships she placed first in the Senior Ladies Figures, received the Jack Fanthorpe Memorial Fund award and was joint winner of the Avis Berry Trophy.

Ben Shirley

Bachelor of Accountancy

Ben represented New Zealand at the 2024 World Skate Games in Italy, placing 16th in Junior Men's Solo Dance. He was selected to represent New Zealand again at the 2025 World Skate Oceania Artistic Roller Skating Championships in Brisbane, the 2025 Figures World Cup in Argentina, and the 2025 World Championships in China. In early 2025 he competed at the Taiwan Artistic Roller Skating International Open and placed 1st in Junior Men's Solo Dance and 2nd in Junior Men's Free Skating. At this year's New Zealand National Artistic Roller Skating Championships he placed 1st

in Junior Men's Solo Dance, Junior Men's Free Skating, Junior Men's Figures, and Matanga Loops.

Jessica Shirley

Bachelor of Arts

Jessica was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 World Skate Oceania Championships in Senior Solo Dance. Earlier this year she competed at the Taiwan Artistic Roller Skating International Open where she placed 3rd in Senior Solo Dance with a personal best score of 79.13. At the 2025 New Zealand National Artistic Roller Skating Championships she finished 5th in Senior Solo Dance with a personal best Nationals score, and 7th in Senior Figures.

ATHLETICS

Olivia McTaggart

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Olivia won the 2025 London Diamond League event in London's Olympic Stadium in July with a lifetime best jump of 4.73m. This height was also the World Athletics Championships entry standard. Competing throughout Europe she had multiple podium finishes including placing 1st at the Meeting Stanislas Nancy event, and 2nd at the Spitzen Leichtathletik Luzern, the Meeting International Sotteville, and the The Keely Klassic in Birmingham. She also placed 3rd at the Parvo Nurmi Games in Finland. At the 2025 World Athletics Indoor Championships in China, she finished in 11th place, and at the 2025 NZ Track & Field Championships she finished 2nd.

Nick Palmer

Graduate Diploma in Arts

Nick represented New Zealand at the 2025 FISU World University Games, where he qualified for the shot put final and finished 4th overall. In July he won the shot put at the Sparkassen Cup in Germany, the Morton Games in Dublin, and the Cork City Sports event in Cork. He also placed 2nd at the 2025 New Zealand Track and Field Championships.

Kiana Pohe-Bright Rongomaiwahine

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Kiana placed 1st in the 4x100m relay and 5th in the 100m at the 2025 New Zealand Track & Field Championships. At the Queensland Athletics Championships she finished 7th in the 200m. She also competed at multiple events throughout New Zealand, gaining top three finishes at the Potts Classic Pre-Meet and the Porritt Classic.

Zachary Saunders

Bachelor of Health Science

Zach competed at the New Zealand Track & Field Championships as an international athlete, finishing with times that would have placed him 3rd in the 200m and 1st in the 4x400m relay. He also competed in multiple Australian and New Zealand events throughout the season, finishing 2nd in the 200m at the International Track Meet in Christchurch, and 4th in the 200m at the Queensland Athletics Championships.

Maddi Wesche

Bachelor of Arts

Maddi represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Indoor Athletics Championships in China, placing 15th in the shot put. She has competed in multiple Diamond Discipline events throughout 2025, with her highest placings being 4th at the Prefontaine Classic event

in the USA, the Wanda Diamond League Xiamen in China and also 4th at the 2024 Memorial van Damme event. Maddi is the national champion, having placed 1st at the 2025 NZ Track & Field Championships.

BADMINTON

Cynthia Fan

Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours)

Cynthia represented Auckland at the 2025 Wisden and Slazenger Cup event.

BAREFOOT WATER SKIING

Emma McKenzie

Bachelor of Science

Emma represented New Zealand at the 2025 Oceania Championships in March where she placed 3rd. She won the Waikato Regional Championships and gained an U23 Women's New Zealand trick record score of 1300 points.

BASKETBALL

Matt Foss

Bachelor of Arts

Matt played for the Manawātū Jets in the 2025 NZ National Basketball League. Matt has completed studying a Bachelor of Communication.

Johnny Helu

Bachelor of Arts

Johnny played for the Southland Sharks in the 2025 NZ National Basketball League.

Liam Judd

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Liam played for the Nelson Giants in the 2025 NZ National Basketball League. He was a training player with the NZ Breakers for the 2024/2025 ANBL season and played for the Mumbai Titans in the Indian NBL in early 2025.

BMX

Megan Williams

Bachelor of Business

Megan represented New Zealand at the UCI World BMX Racing Championships in Denmark. She placed 2nd at the Oceania Championships and made three quarterfinals during the UCI World Cup Rounds 1 - 4. She also raced in UEC European Cup events where she reached the semi-finals and finished with highest placings of 7th and 8th.

CANOE POLO

Hayley Austin

Bachelor of Business

Hayley represented New Zealand with the U21 Paddle Ferns at the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships, where the team placed 3rd and she was the team's top goal scorer. She captained the New Zealand Senior Paddle Ferns at the 2025 Oceania Championships with the team finishing in 1st place and was selected again for the team for the 2025 World Games in China. Nationally she placed 2nd in the 2025 New Zealand Women's National League A Division with the Valkyries Black team, and was awarded Players' Player for the team for the season.

Scott Gray

Bachelor of Agribusiness

Scott represented New Zealand with the U21 Paddle Blacks at the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships in China in October.

Anthony Massarotto Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa

Bachelor of Science

Anthony represented the New Zealand Paddle Blacks at the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships in China in October. Playing in the National League, his team won the competition and he was the top goal scorer nationally for the year. He was named as MVP for the Manawātū Kiwi Canoe Polo. During 2025 he also travelled to Europe to train and compete in international competitions in Denmark, Germany and Italy.

Klara Richter

Master of Clinical Psychology

Klara was a member of the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championship winning New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Women's team, competing with the team in China.

Alyssa Shepherd

Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science

Alyssa was a member of the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championship winning New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Women's team, and was the top NZ goal scorer and third top goal scorer in the women's division for the tournament. She was selected into the team again for the 2025 World Games. Nationally, her team were runner up in the Women's A Grade National League competition.

Georgia Wheeler

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Georgia was a member of the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championship winning New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Women's team. She was selected into the team again for the 2025 World Games. Nationally, she played for Valkyries Black in the Women's A Grade National League competition, placing 2nd.

CANOE SLALOM

Oliver Puchner

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Oliver finished 2nd in the Men's C1 at the 2025 ICF U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships, becoming the first New Zealander to win an individual medal at the event. He placed 8th in the U23 Men's C1 team racing. Oliver also raced internationally at the 2024 World Cup 4. In national events he won the 2025 National Championships, the 2025 NZ Open, and was 1st in U23 and 6th in the Open division at the Australian Open.

James Senior

Bachelor of Science

James represented New Zealand, competing at the 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships where he finished 36th in the C1 event. He also competed at the 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup 1 and 2 events, and the 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Final. At the 2025 Oceania Championships he was 2nd in U23 and 4th in the Open category. James also medalled at the 2025 National Championships.

CANOE SPRINT

Jessica Cleghorn

Bachelor of Science

Jessica represented New Zealand at the 2025 ICF U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships in Portugal, finishing 15th in both the K2 500m and the 5km K1 Mixed Relay. At the 2025 NZ Canoe Sprint National Championships she won a bronze medal in both the K4 200m and the K4 400m events.

Kaiha Gilbertson

Bachelor of Business

Kaiha had multiple podium finishes at the 2025 NZ Canoe Racing National Championships; placing 1st in the U23 K1 1000m, U23 K1 500m, and U23 K1 200m, 3rd in the Open Men's K2 500m, and 4th in the Open K1 200m event. Kaiha is also receiving a Blue for Surf Life Saving.

Alicia Hoskin

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Alicia represented New Zealand and competed at the 2025 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup events including those in Poland and Hungary. She placed 5th in the final of the K4 500m and 4th in the K2 500m semifinal at the World Cup event in Szeged, Hungary.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Ashling Welch

Bachelor of Agricultural Science

Ashling placed first in the Ladies category at all her qualifying events. She won the Ladies category at the New Zealand Grand Prix international event, and the North Island Championships, and placed 2nd at the 2025 New Zealand National Championships. She was the first qualifier for the New Zealand Ladies Oceania Team, finished 2nd in the Oceania Cup, and placed 3rd overall at the Oceania event with the New Zealand Ladies team finishing in 2nd place.

CRICKET

Bella Armstrong

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Bella played for the Auckland Hearts in the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield and the Women's Super Smash during the 2024/2025 season.

Ethan Campbell

Bachelor of Business

Ethan played for the Manawātū Men's team in the Furlong Cup and the Chapple Cup, and represented Central Districts U19 at the 2025 U19 NZ Cricket National Championships. Ethan is also receiving a Blue for Hockey.

Curtis Heap

Bachelor of Business

Curtis represented New Zealand A against Bangladesh. He played for the Central Districts Stags in the Plunket Shield, Ford Trophy and Super Smash during the 2024/2025 season, with the team winning the Super Smash competition.

Ella Hogan

Bachelor of Agricultural Science

Ella played for Central Districts A Women's Team, and also for the Central Districts U19 Team at the U19 NZ Cricket National

Championships. She also represented the Manawātū Women's team in the Shrimpton Trophy.

Jessica Ogden

Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching

Jessica played for the Central Districts Hinds in the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield and the Women's Super Smash for the 2024/2025 season. She also represented the Manawātū Women's team in the Shrimpton Trophy.

Hanu Rana

Bachelor of Business

Hanu was a member of the Central Districts A Men's side and also played for the Manawātū Men's team. Playing club cricket for Marist Cricket Club, he was named Bowler and All-Rounder of the Year for the club.

Gemma Sims

Master of Design

Gemma played for the Wellington Blaze in the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield and Women's Super Smash during the 2024/2025 season, with the team winning the Super Smash competition.

CYCLING

Lola Bryson-Boe

Bachelor of Design (Honours)

Lola rode for the UAE Development Team in 2024, racing in the AG Tour de la Semois (2.2) event in September.

Ethan Craine

Bachelor of Construction

Ethan races for Project Echelon Racing, competing in multiple events for the team including 1.1, 1.2, 2.2 and 2.pro events. In April he placed 5th in Stage 5 at the Redlands Bicycle Classic and was 17th in Stage 1 and 30th overall in general classification at the Tour de Bloom.

Finn Wilson

Bachelor of Science

Finn raced in national events throughout Spain and France in 2025 with some of his best finishes being 24th at the San Bartolome Saria and 27th at the Premio Ayuntamiento de Sopela. At the 2025 National Championships he placed 19th in the Men's Elite Road Race.

FOOTBALL

Kenya Brooke Ngāpuhi

Bachelor of Business

Kenya represented Ngā Wahine Whanapoikiri, the Māori Football Aotearoa Senior Women's team in a 3-2 win against the Fijian national team. She also captained the Eastern Suburbs AFC Premier Women's team who finished 3rd in the 2024 National League.

Brooklyn Browne

Bachelor of Science

Brooklyn is a goalkeeper and played for North Wellington FC in the 2025 Central National League and the 2025 Chatham Cup.

Mackenzie Butler

Bachelor of Arts

Mackenzie played for Central Football Federation in the 2024 Women's National League. She also played for Palmerston North Marist in the 2025 Kate Sheppard Cup and Women's Central League.

Manaia Elliott

Bachelor of Business

Manaia debuted for the Football Ferns this year, coming off the bench against Costa Rica in Taiwan, and earning a full starting debut against Venezuela in Spain. In 2024 she was a member of the New Zealand U20 team playing at the 2024 FIFA U20 World Cup. She also played for the Wellington Phoenix in the 2024-2025 Women's A-League, featuring in every game during the season and was recognised as the U23 Player of the Season for the team.

Helena Errington

Bachelor of Business

Helena represented New Zealand with the U20 team at the 2024 FIFA U20 World Cup. In 2025 she signed a professional contract with Sporting Club Jacksonville, commonly known as Sporting Jax, to play in the 2025 USL Super League in the USA.

Milla Green

Bachelor of Nursing

Milla played football for the Wellington United Diamonds in the National League Women. Milla is also receiving a Blue for Futsal.

Olivia Ingham

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Olivia represented the New Zealand U20 team at the 2024 FIFA U20 Women's World Cup in Colombia. She played for the Wellington Phoenix in the 2024-2025 Women's A-League and plays in the NPLW Victoria with the Bentleigh Greens.

Ellie Johnson

Bachelor of Design (Honours)

Ellie played for the Wellington Phoenix Reserves team in the 2024/2025 Women's National League.

Darren Juru

Bachelor of Business

Darren played for North Wellington FC in the 2025 Central National League. Darren is also receiving a Blue for Futsal.

Anna Leat

Bachelor of Health Science

Anna played for Aston Villa in the Women's Super League until early 2025. After shifting back to New Zealand, she signed with Eastern Suburbs FC in July.

Pepi Olliver-Bell

Bachelor of Screen Arts (Honours)

Pepi played for Wellington United in the Women's National League. Pepi is also receiving a Blue for Futsal.

Olivia Page

Bachelor of Sport Management

Olivia played for the New Zealand U20 team at the 2024 FIFA U20 World Cup. She also played for Sheffield United Women FC in the Women's Super League 2 and the Women's League Cup.

Adam Paulsen

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Adam played for Fencibles United AFC in the 2025 National League – North. Adam is also receiving a Blue for Futsal.

Gabrielle Rennie

Master of Public Health

Gabrielle plays for Eskilstuna United in the Elitettan, the second highest division of Swedish women's football. In 2024 she played for Åland United, competing in the Kansallinen Liiga, the premier women's football league in Finland.

Moh Reynolds-Hatem Ngāi Tahu

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Moh played for Fencibles United AFC in the 2025 National League – North.

Malia Steinmetz

Bachelor of Arts

Malia plays for Nordsjælland who competed in the Elitedivisionen, the Danish top division. The team finished 2nd in the 2024/2025 season. She also played for the club in the 2024/25 UEFA Women's Champions League.

Addison Stewart

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Addison plays for Eastern Suburbs AFC in the 2025 National League – North. The team finished 3rd in the league, and were 9th in the National League Qualification.

Campbell Strong

Bachelor of Business

Campbell played on a professional contract for the Oakleigh Cannons in the National Premier League of Victoria in Australia. The team also played in the Australia Cup; a competition of all teams in Australia, including professional sides.

Kate Taylor

Bachelor of Health Science

Kate plays for the New Zealand Football Ferns and was selected for tours to Costa Rica, Taiwan and Spain. She plays for Dijon in the Première Ligue and was named DFCO Feminine Player of the month for May and scored a goal in the game against PSG. K

Joe Wallis

Bachelor of Business

Joe played for the West Brom U21 team in the Premier League 2 and the Premier League Cup for the 2024/2025 season.

FUTSAL

Aiden Foster

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Aiden played for Palmerston North Marist who won the NZ Ford Futsal Super League. He also captained Palmerston North Marist U19 in the 2024 National Youth Futsal Championships.

Milla Green

Bachelor of Nursing

Milla played for Capital Futsal in the 2025 NZ Women's Futsal Super League and was selected for a New Zealand Futsal wider squad camp. Milla is also receiving a Blue for Football.

Olivia Harding

Postgraduate Diploma in Science and Technology

Olivia represented Palmerston North Marist in the 2025 NZ Women's Futsal Super League.

Darren Juru

Bachelor of Business

Darren played for Palmerston North Marist who won the NZ Ford Futsal Super League. Darren is also receiving a Blue for Football.

Breanna Keenan

Doctor of Clinical Psychology

Breanna played for Palmerston North Marist in the 2025 NZ Women's Futsal Super League.

Pepi Olliver-Bell

Bachelor of Screen Arts (Honours)

Pepi played for Capital Futsal in the 2025 NZ Women's Futsal Super League. Pepi is also receiving a Blue for Football.

Adam Paulsen

Bachelor of Sport of Exercise

Adam represented New Zealand with the Futsal Whites at the 2024 Futsal World Cup. Adam is also receiving a Blue for Football.

Liam Percy-Fysh

Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching

Liam debuted for the Futsal Whites during the 2025 Continental Futsal Championships in Thailand. He is a goalkeeper and captained the Hawke's Bay team for the 2025 NZ Futsal Super League.

GOLF

Yuki Miya

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Yuki was selected for the Golf New Zealand Academy for the 2025 - 2026 season. He won the 2024 NZ U19 Championship and placed 17th at the 2024 NZ Amateur Championship. He played in Charles Tour events and professional events in 2024 and 2025, and represented the Canterbury Men's team at the 2024 Interprovincial Championships.

HOCKEY

Sabine Benson

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Sabine played for Hawke's Bay in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition. She also represented the Wellington U21 Women's team at the 2025 U21's Matariki Invitational Tournament.

Nikayla Bradley Ngāi Tahu

Bachelor of Science

Nikayla played for Tauranga in the 2024 NHC Tier Two competition.

Roimata Brown

Te Aho Tātaiarangi: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning Kura kaupapa Māori

Roimata played for the Mavericks in the 2025 Women's Junior Hockey League. She played for Auckland in the 2024 NHC Tier Two competition, and also represented New Zealand Māori at the 2025 NZ Heritage Hockey Tournament.

Ethan Campbell

Bachelor of Business

Ethan played for Manawatū in the 2024 NHC Tier One and Tier Two competitions. Ethan is also receiving a Blue for Cricket.

Hannah Cotter

Bachelor of Science

Hannah plays for the New Zealand Black Sticks, representing them at the FIH Nations Cup which NZ won, and in the USA Test Series. She played for Hawke's Bay in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition, and played for the Rarh Bengal Tigers in the 2025 Hockey India League. Hannah also played for Hockey Club Melbourne, who compete in Hockey Australia's premier domestic competition, the Hockey One league.

Kaitlin Cotter

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Kaitlin represented the New Zealand Black Sticks at the FIH Nations Cup which the team won in March, and the USA Test series in July. She played for the league winning Falcons in the 2024 Women's Premier Hockey League. Kaitlin also played for the Holcombe Hockey Club in the England Hockey League Premier Division during the 2024/2025 season.

Katie Doar

Bachelor of Science

Katie played for Royal Herakles Hockey Club who compete in the Carlsberg Hockey League, the premier domestic competition, in Belgium.

Briar Duncan

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Briar played for Manawatū in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition. She also played for the Falcons in the 2025 Women's Junior Hockey League.

Kaea Elliot

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Kaea was named as a non-travelling reserve for the New Zealand Black Sticks USA Test Series and has played a friendly game for the Black Sticks. She represented New Zealand U21 at the Junior Oceania Cup, where the team placed 2nd, and also in the 2024 Japan tour. She is a member of the NZ 2025 Junior World Cup Squad. Kaea played for Auckland in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition which they won, represented the NZ Māori 5's team in the Hong Kong Tour, and played for the Tridents in the 2024 Premier Hockey League.

Holly Hilton-Jones

Bachelor of Science

Holly represented New Zealand U21 at the 2024 U21 Oceania Cup and the 2024 Japan Tour, and has been selected for the NZ U21 squad for the 2025 Junior World Cup. She played for the Tridents in the 2025 Women's Junior Hockey League. Holly also played for Auckland in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition which they won and represented NZ Māori at the 2025 NZ Heritage Hockey Tournament.

Jemma Jones

Bachelor of Arts

Jemma played for North Harbour in the 2024 NHC Tier Two competition, where the team placed 3rd.

Matthew Kennedy

Bachelor of Business

Matthew played for Manawātū in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition. He played for the Falcons in the 2025 Men's Junior Hockey League and the Wellington U21 team at the U21's Matariki Invitational tournament.

Katharine Kominik Fraser

Bachelor of Screen Arts (Honours)

Katharine was selected for the New Zealand U21 squad for the 2025 Junior World Cup. In 2024 she played for NZ U21 in the U21 Oceania Cup, with the team placing 2nd, and in the Japan Tour. She also played for Wellington in the 2024 NHC Tier Two competition, the Falcons in the 2025 Junior Hockey League, and the Wellington U21 team for the 2025 U21's Matariki Invitational tournament.

Aimee Mitchell Ngāti Māhanga

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Aimee played for Manawātū in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition. She also played for NZ Māori at the 2025 NZ Heritage Hockey tournament.

Franca Morrah

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Franca played for Manawātū in the 2024 NHC Tier Two competition.

Charlotte Roxborough-Judd

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Charlotte played for Manawātū in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition. She also played for Wellington U21 at the 2025 U21's Matariki Invitational tournament.

Olivia Shannon

Bachelor of Business

Olivia captained the New Zealand Black Sticks at the 2025 FIH Nations Cup in Chile, where the team won, and was also captain for the USA Test Series. She played for East Grinstead, placing 4th in the English Hockey League, and for the Falcons in the 2024 Premier Hockey League. Olivia also played for JSW Soorma Hockey Club in the 2025 Hockey India League.

Georgie Shotter

Bachelor of Communication

Georgie was a member of the New Zealand Junior Black Sticks for the 2024 Japan International Tour, the 2025 Oceania World Cup qualifier, and was named in the 2025 Junior World Cup squad. She played for the Tridents who were runner up in the 2024 National Premier Hockey League, and also played in the winning side for the 2025 National Junior Premier Hockey League. Georgie also played for North Harbour who were runner up in the 2024 NHC.

Molly Williams

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Molly played for Manawātū in the 2024 NHC Tier One competition. She also played for the Falcons in the 2025 Women's Junior Hockey League.

Kat Winter

Bachelor of Health Science

Kat played for the New Zealand A team at the Two Lakes Invitation Cup in China. In 2024 she played for New Zealand U21 at the U21 Oceania Cup, with the team placing 2nd, and in the Japan tour.

Nic Woods

Master of Management and Diploma in Business Studies

Nic is a member of the New Zealand Black Sticks. At the 2025 FIH Nations Cup, New Zealand won the tournament and Nic was named Player of the Tournament. He also plays for Hamburger Polo Club in Germany.

ICE HOCKEY

Hannah Cross Taranaki

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Hannah represented New Zealand with the Ice Fernz at the 2025 IIHF World Championships Division Two Group B tournament in Dunedin, with the team winning a silver medal. She represented the Ice Fernz at the Trans Tasman series against Australia in 2024. Hannah also plays in the NZ Women's Ice Hockey League for the Dunedin Thunder.

INDOOR CRICKET

Bayley Latter

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Bayley represented the New Zealand Men's Indoor Cricket team, playing in a Tri-Series tournament in Australia in September last year. He also represented the Hawke's Bay Men's team.

INDOOR HOCKEY

Jarryd Russell

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Jarryd represented New Zealand at the 2024 Nikoski Cup where the team played South Africa, Ireland and Namibia. He was selected into the NZ Indoor Hockey squad again for 2025.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Toby Meek

Bachelor of Accountancy

Toby competed at the 2024 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in the Men's Elite Downhill, placing 48th. He also competed in UCI Mountain Bike World Cup events in 2024 and 2025. At the AusCycling MTB National Series in March, he placed 13th in the Men's Elite Downhill.

NETBALL

Natalya Bissell

Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching and Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Natalya played for the Manawatū White representative team at the 2024 Netball NZ Open Championships.

Claudia Brown

Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology

Claudia played for the Manawatū White representative team at the 2024 Netball NZ Open Championships.

Zalika Clarke

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours)

Zalika played for Central Manawa in the 2025 Synergy Hair National Netball League. She also played in pre-season games for the Pulse ANZ Premiership team.

Aliyah Dunn

Bachelor of Arts

Aliyah played for the Southern Steel in the 2025 ANZ Premiership competition.

Chloe Gunn

Bachelor of Arts

Chloe played for the Manawatū Green representative team at the 2024 Netball NZ Open Championships.

Brooke Hamilton

Bachelor of Animal Science

Brooke played for the Manawatū White team for the 2024 NZ Open Netball Championships.

Atareta McCausland-Durie

Ngati Kauwhata, Ngati Awa, Ngāpuhi, Ngati Raukawa

Bachelor of Arts

Atareta played for the GWS Fury Opens Team in the 2025 Netball NSW Premier League and the Heart Kids Cup Division 1. She also played for the Manly Warringah Sapphires U23 team in 2024.

Tiarna Oliver

Master of Nursing and Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

Tiarna played for the Manawatū White representative team at the 2024 Netball NZ Open Championships.

Chantelle Smith

Bachelor of Business

Chantelle played for the Manawatū Green representative team at the 2024 Netball NZ Open Championships.

Amelia Walmsley

Bachelor of Communication

Amelia is in the New Zealand Silver Ferns squad and played for the team at the 2024 Constellation Cup, which New Zealand won, and the 2024 Taini Jamison Trophy. Amelia is also in the New Zealand

U21 squad. She played for the Pulse in the 2025 ANZ Premiership competition.

POWERLIFTING

Leo Cromie

Bachelor of Screen Arts (Honours)

Leo was selected for the Asian African Pacific Powerlifting Championships where he won gold on squat with 235kgs and then pulled 250kgs on deadlift to secure a bronze medal overall in the Sub Junior 105 class. At the 2025 NZPF National Championships he placed 4th overall.

Alice Davies

Bachelor of Nursing

Alice was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 IPF World Classic Powerlifting Championship in the Sub Junior division. She placed 1st in the Sub Junior division at the 2025 Sub Junior New Zealand Nationals, the 2025 WCPA Regionals, and the 2024 WCPA Cup and was 2nd in the Sub Junior division at the 2024 NZPF National Championships.

Stephen Gittos

Bachelor of Design (Honours)

Stephen represented New Zealand at the 2024 Commonwealth Powerlifting competition, winning gold in bench press and bronze for overall lifted total in the Sub Junior division. At the Sub Junior NZ National Championships he placed 6th.

ROWING

Stella Clayton-Greene

Bachelor of Communication

Stella represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Rowing Cups in the Women's Double Sculls, placing 3rd in the A Final in Varese and 4th in the B Final in Lucerne. She was a member of the 2024-2025 Rowing NZ Elite Summer Squad and at the 2025 Rowing NZ National Championships she placed 2nd in the Women's Premier Double Sculls and 7th in the Women's Premier Single Sculls.

Kathryn Glen

Bachelor of Business

Kathryn represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Rowing Cups in the Women's Double Sculls, placing 3rd in the A Final in Varese and 4th in the B Final in Lucerne. At the 2025 Rowing NZ National Championships she placed 1st in the Women's Premier Single Sculls and in the Women's Premier Double Sculls, 2nd in the Women's Premier Coxless Quad Sculls and 4th in Women's Premier Coxed Eight.

Kate Haines

Bachelor of Business

Kate placed 1st in the Women's Premier Coxless Four, and 2nd in the Women's Premier Coxed Eight at the 2025 Rowing NZ National Championships in February. At the 2025 North Island Rowing Champs she finished 2nd in the Women's Premier Coxless Pair Oars and the Women's Premier Coxless Four.

Juliette Lequeux

Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy (Honours)

Juliette represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Rowing Cup in Lucerne, placing 3rd in the Women's Four. At the 2025 North Island Rowing Championships, she placed 1st in the Women's Premier Coxless Pair Oars and in Women's Premier Coxless Four.

Ben Mason

Bachelor of Business

Ben represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Rowing Cups in Men's Double Sculls placing 2nd in Lucerne where they finished just 0.05 seconds behind the first placed boat, and 3rd in Varese. At the 2025 Rowing NZ National Championships he placed 3rd in all four of his events including the Men's Premier Single Sculls, Premier Double Sculls, and Premier Coxless Quad Sculls.

Joshua Vodanovich

Bachelor of Construction

Joshua represented New Zealand at the 2024 U23 World Championships where he placed 1st in the Men's Pair in a new world's best time. He was a member of the New Zealand Men's Open Coxless Four for the 2025 World Rowing Cups, placing 6th in the A final in Varese and winning the B Final in Lucerne.

RUGBY

Sam Coles

Bachelor of Business

Sam represented the New Zealand Universities Rugby Team in the 2025 Japan Tour. He played for the Hurricanes team in a 2025 Super Rugby Pacific pre-season match against the Chiefs, scoring a try in the game. He also played for the Hurricanes Hunters team in early 2025. Sam also plays for the Manawatū Turbos in the Bunnings Warehouse NPC.

Moana Courtenay

Bachelor of Business

Moana played rugby for North Harbour in the Farah Palmer Cup competition. Moana is also receiving a Blue for Rugby League and Rugby Sevens.

Holly Greenway

Bachelor of Sport Management

Holly was selected to captain the Black Fern's XV squad for the 2025 South Africa Tour. She played for the Blues team in the 2025 Super Rugby Aupiki, with the team winning the competition. Holly is also receiving a Blue for Rugby Sevens.

Anahera Hamahona

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Anahera played for the Waratahs in the 2025 Super Rugby Aupiki competition. She played for the Championship winning Manawatū Cyclones in the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup and was named 2024 Cyclones Rookie of the Year. Anahera is also receiving a Blue for Rugby Sevens.

Cameron Howell

Bachelor of Business

Cameron played for the North Harbour Heat in the 2024 Bunnings Warehouse NPC.

Niko Jones

Bachelor of Business

Niko represented Samoa, debuting against Scotland in July 2025. He played for Moana Pasifika for the 2025 Super Rugby Pacific season, and also played for Auckland in the 2024 Bunnings Warehouse NPC.

Elinor King

Bachelor of Science

Elinor was selected for the Black Fern's XV squad for the 2025 South Africa Tour. She played for the Hurricanes Poua in the 2025 Super Rugby Aupiki competition. Elinor played for the Championship winning Manawatū Cyclones in the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup and was named 2024 Manawatū Cyclones Forward of the Year and 2024 Manawatū Cyclones Players' Player of the Year.

Orbyn Leger *Te Rarawa, Nofoali'i Navutu*

Bachelor of Accountancy

Orbyn played for the NEC Green Rockets Tokatsu in the Japan Rugby League One - Division Two during the 2024 - 2025 season.

Matt Masoe

Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching

Matt represented Wairarapa Bush in the 2024 Heartland Championships.

Reuben Nelley

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Reuben represented the New Zealand Universities Rugby Team in the 2025 Japan Tour. He is a member of the Manawatū Rugby Academy, and captained the Manawatū Rugby Academy team for the Hurricanes U20 series. He was also in the 2024 Manawatū U19 wider Squad, and the Manawatū Performance Squad in 2025.

Oscar Ritchie

Bachelor of Business

Oscar has a National Development Contract with the Hurricanes, trained with the squad and was named in the team for the Super Rugby Pacific pre-season game against the Chiefs. He was selected as vice-captain for the Hurricanes U20 team for the U20 Super Rugby tournament, but due to injury in a warm-up game was unable to play in the tournament.

Rangimarie Sturmeay

Bachelor of Arts

Rangimarie played for the Hurricanes Poua in the 2025 Super Rugby Aupiki competition, and the Championship winning Manawatū Cyclones in the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup.

Sam Taylor

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Sam was selected for the Black Ferns XV squad for the 2025 South African Tour. She played for the Hurricanes Poua in the 2025 Super Rugby Aupiki competition, and the Championship winning Manawatū Cyclones in the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup.

Harona Te Iringa

Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Te Ātihaunui-a-Pāpārangi
Te Aho Tātairangi: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning Kura kaupapa Māori

Harono was selected in the 2025 Black Ferns XV squad to tour South Africa. She also played for the Blues in the 2025 Super Rugby Aupiki competition with the team winning the competition.

Te Rangatira Waitokia

Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching

Te Rangatira played for Whanganui in the 2025 Heartland Championship.

Taylor Waterson Whakatōhea

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Taylor played for the Western Force in the 2025 Super Rugby Aupiki competition.

Alesha Williams Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Mutunga

Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching

Alesha was a member of the Championship winning Manawatū Cyclones rugby team for the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup. In 2025 she will play for the Taranaki Whio in the Farah Palmer Cup. Alesha is also receiving a Blue for Rugby Sevens.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Moana Courtenay

Bachelor of Business

Moana played in the NRLW for the Bulldogs. Moana is also receiving a Blue for Rugby and Rugby Sevens.

Tyla King Ngāpuhi

Master of Health Science

Tyla played for the Kiwi Ferns in three test matches during the Pacific Championship. She also played in the NRL Women's Premiership for the St George Illawarra Dragons and the Cronulla Sutherland Sharks. Tyla is also receiving a Blue for Rugby Sevens.

James Marriott

Bachelor of Business

James represented the NZ Warriors Jersey Flegg U21 team, debuting for them in round 2 in March 2025.

RUGBY SEVENS

Moana Courtenay

Bachelor of Business

Moana represented Tonga with the Women's Rugby Sevens team, and also played for North Harbour. Moana is also receiving a Blue for Rugby and Rugby League.

Holly Greenway

Bachelor of Sport Management

Holly was a member of the New Zealand Cavaliers Rugby Sevens Team in 2025. Holly is also receiving a Blue for Rugby.

Anahera Hamahona

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Anahera represented the Manawatū Women's team at the 2024 Central Region Sevens tournament. Anahera is also receiving a Blue for Rugby.

Tyla King Ngāpuhi

Master of Health Science

Tyla plays for the New Zealand Black Ferns Sevens who are the SVNS World Series League Champions. Tyla is also receiving a Blue for Rugby League.

Manaia Nuku Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise & Diploma in Arts

Manaia was a member of the New Zealand Black Ferns Sevens Women's team for the 2024-2025 season, with the team winning the SVNS World Series League.

Alesha Williams Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Mutunga

Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching

Alesha represented the Manawatū Women's Sevens Team in 2024 and was selected for the Hurricanes Poua Rugby Sevens team to play in an invitational tournament against the Blues, Chiefs, and Black Fern Sevens teams. In 2025 she has played rugby sevens for Fullsend, a NZ invitational club team, who placed 2nd at the Centrale Sevens international tournament in France. She also played for UK-based Hammerhead Rugby Sevens team, with the team winning or placing 2nd at the four UK tournaments she played in. Alesha is also receiving a Blue for Rugby.

Hunter Yarrall

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Hunter represented the Manawatū Men's Rugby Sevens team.

SKIING

Ben Barclay

Bachelor of Business

Ben represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Championships where he finished 7th in Freeski Big Air and 16th in Freeski Slopestyle. He also competed at multiple World Cup events in 2024 and 2025, with his best placings being 3rd in Freeski Slopestyle at the 2025 World Cup in Stoneham, 6th in Free Ski Slopestyle at the 2025 World Cup in Tignes, and 11th in Freeski Slopestyle and 16th in Freeski Big Air at the 2025 World Cup in Aspen.

Alec Jackson

Bachelor of Business

Alec represented New Zealand in Slalom at the 2025 World Ski Championships in Austria, and the 2025 World Junior Ski Championships in Italy. He was also selected for the NZ team for the 2025 FISU Winter World University Games in Italy where he finished 21st in the Slalom and 50th in Giant Slalom. He competed in multiple FIS races, National Junior races and National events throughout Europe with best finishes including placing 1st in Slalom at the National Junior Race at Passo Monte Croce in Italy, 6th at Sesto Pusteria, and 2nd in Slalom at Reiteralm. He also placed 8th at the FIS event in Goetschen and in Weinebene.

Toby Jackson

Bachelor of Science

Toby represented New Zealand at the 2025 Tarvisio World Junior Alpine Ski Champs and the 2025 FISU World University Games, finishing the Games in the 32nd position in Slalom and 53rd in Giant Slalom. He competed in multiple FIS events, National Championships and National Junior races throughout Europe, with best place finishes including 1st place in Slalom at the National Junior Race in Hochfugen, 6th in Slalom at the National Junior Race in Passo Monte Croce, 16th in Giant Slalom at the FIS event at Gaal and 16th in Slalom at the FIS event in Germany.

Mikayla Smyth

Bachelor of Business

Mikayla represented New Zealand at the 2025 European Cup at Les Diablerets. She competed in Slalom at the 2024 Nor-Am Cup at Panorama Resort, and at the 2024 FIS event at Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club. At the 2024 FIS event in Norquay she placed 1st in Slalom, and was 4th at the 2024 National Championships at Coronet Peak.

SNOWBOARDING

Tiarn Collins

Bachelor of Business

Tiarn represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Championships where he placed 12th in Slopestyle. He also competed at the 2025 World Cup in Calgary where he finished 50th in Slopestyle.

SQUASH

Leonie Marshall

Bachelor of Agricultural Science

Leonie played for the Central Ladies team at the 2024 NZ Senior District Teams Championships, where the team finished in 2nd place. She also represented the Marlborough Squash Rackets Club at the 2025 Mitchell Cup.

SURF LIFE SAVING

Sam Brown

Bachelor of Business

Sam competed at the 2024 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Pool Rescue Championships, where his results gained him selection into the Surf Life Saving New Zealand Senior Performance Squad. Sam is also receiving a Blue for Swimming.

Louis Clark

Bachelor of Science

Louis is a member of the Surf Life Saving New Zealand Senior Performance Squad. Louis is also receiving a Blue for Swimming.

Olivia Corrin

Bachelor of Arts

Olivia represented New Zealand with the Black Fins at the 2024 Surf Life Saving World Championships with the team placing 2nd overall, and Olivia winning 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals in the Open Women and Open Mixed categories. She is a member of the Surf Life Saving New Zealand Senior Performance Squad and was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 International Surf Rescue Challenge event in November. She competed at the

Australian Surf Life Saving National Championships with her highest finish being 6th place.

Laine Creighton

Bachelor of Business

Laine represented New Zealand with the Junior Black Fins at the 2024 Surf Life Saving World Championships, where the team placed 2nd overall. He is a member of the Surf Life Saving New Zealand Senior Performance Squad.

Fergus Eadie

Bachelor of Arts

Fergus represented New Zealand with the Black Fins at the 2024 Surf Life Saving World Championships where he set a World Record in the 50m Manikin Carry, and won 2 gold medals, 2 silver and a bronze, and the NZ team placed 2nd. He is a member of the Surf Life Saving New Zealand Senior Performance Squad, and was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2025 World Games in China. At the 2024 NZ Pool Rescue Championships Fergus won 10 gold medals; 6 individual and 4 in relay events. He also won 2 gold medals at the 2024 Australian Pool Rescue Championships. Fergus is also receiving a Blue for Swimming.

Kaiha Gilbertson

Bachelor of Business

Kaiha placed 2nd in the U19 Surf Ski Race at the 2025 Surf Life Saving New Zealand National Championships. Kaiha is also receiving a Blue for Canoe Sprint.

Phoebe Ozanne

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Phoebe competed at the 2025 Surf Life Saving New Zealand National Championships, placing 1st and gaining the Steve Mexted Memorial Trophy in the Open Female Surf Canoe Short Course event, 2nd in the Open Female Surf Canoe Long Course, and 3rd in the Open Mixed Surf Canoe Relay. At the 2025 Otago/Southland Championships she won 7 gold medals, 2 silvers and 1 bronze. In 2024 she won the Otago/Southland Women's Bone of Contention Team Canoe Race.

Oska Smith

Bachelor of Business

Oska represented New Zealand with the Black Fins at the 2024 Surf Life Saving World Championships where the team placed 2nd and Oska won a gold medal in Men's Open Beach sprint, and a silver medal in Open Oceanman relay. He was also selected for the team for the 2025 International Surf Rescue Challenge. Oska is a member of the Surf Life Saving New Zealand Senior Performance Squad and at the Surf Life Saving NZ National Championships he gained 1st and 4th placings in his events. He also won a bronze medal at the Australian Surf Life Saving Champs in the Open Male Beach Sprint.

Milana Tapper

Bachelor of Accountancy

Milana represented and captained New Zealand at the 2024 Surf Life Saving World Championships gaining 2 gold medals and an NZ U19 record, 3 silvers, a bronze medal and two 4th placings across her individual and team events. She also won two golds and a bronze in the U19 age group at the 2025 Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships. Milana is also receiving a Blue for Swimming.

Maja Tyne

Bachelor of Communication

Maja competed at the 2024 National Pool Rescue Championships where she won 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medals in the Open category. She also competed at the 2025 National Surf Life Saving Championships and the 2025 Eastern Surf Life Saving Championships.

SWIMMING

Sam Brown

Bachelor of Business

Sam represented New Zealand at the 2024 World Aquatics Swimming Championships in Budapest. At the 2024 New Zealand Short Course Championships he won 3 gold and 2 silver medals, and at the 2025 New Zealand Swimming Championships he won 1 gold and 1 bronze medal, and also gained a 4th and 6th placing. Sam is also receiving a Blue for Surf Life Saving.

Louis Clark

Bachelor of Science

Louis was selected to debut for the Aquablacks in the Open Water event at the 2025 World Aquatic Championships, and competed at the 2024 Junior Pan Pacific Championships. At the 2025 NZ Swimming Championships he won 2 gold and 3 silver medals, and at the 2024 New Zealand Short Course Championships he won 2 silvers and a bronze medal. Louis is also receiving a Blue for Surf Life Saving.

Fergus Eadie

Bachelor of Arts

Fergus competed at the 2024 New Zealand Short Course Championships where he won a bronze medal. Fergus is also receiving a Blue for Surf Life Saving.

Chelsey Edwards Ngāti Raukawa, ki te Tonga

Bachelor of Science

Chelsey competed at the 2025 National Championships, achieving the NZ team relay selection standard over 100m, making her eligible for the World Championships had New Zealand been sending relay teams to the event. She also met the qualification standard for the 2025 World Aquatics Swimming World Cup, when competing at a three-series event in Canada and USA in 2024. At the Rosini Swim Cup in Italy earlier this year, Chelsey broke the NZ record for the 50m freestyle, with a finishing time of 24.99 seconds. At the New Zealand Open Championships, she achieved personal bests in all three of her key events; 50 meters freestyle placing 1st, 100 meters freestyle placing 2nd, and the 200 meters freestyle. She also won 4 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals at the 2024 New Zealand National Short Course Championships.

Erika Fairweather

Bachelor of Science

Erika represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore. At the 2025 New Zealand Swimming Championships she won 3 gold medals, and also won 2 silver medals at the 2025 Australian Open Championships.

Gina McCarthy

Bachelor of Business

Gina represented New Zealand at the 2024 World Aquatics Short Course Swimming Champs in Hungary and was named in the Swimming New Zealand 2025 Senior Development Team. At the 2025 Australian Open Championships she won a silver medal, and she won 2 gold and 2 bronze medals at the 2024 NZ National Short Course Championships.

Milana Tapper

Bachelor of Accountancy

Milana represented New Zealand at the 2024 Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, and at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore. She won age group and open medals at multiple Australian state and national championship events in 2024 and 2025. Milana is also receiving a Blue for Surf Life Saving.

TAEKWON-DO

Millicent Devine

Bachelor of Design (Honours)

Millicent was selected for the New Zealand team for the 2025 ITF World Championships in Croatia. At the 2024 World Cup she competed in Individual Patterns and placed 4th in Senior Female Team Specialty. At the 2024 National Championships she won silver in Senior Individual Patterns, and gold in Female Team Patterns and Female Team Specialty.

Sydney Devine

Bachelor of Design (Honours)

Sydney was selected for the New Zealand team for the 2025 ITF World Championships in Croatia. At the 2024 National Championships she won gold in Individual Sparring, bronze in Individual Patterns, and gold in Team Patterns, Team Sparring, Team Breaking, and Team Specialty.

Brenna Greene

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise

Brenna was selected for the New Zealand team for the 2025 ITF World Championships in Croatia. At the 2024 National Championships she won gold in Senior Women – 70kg Individual Sparring, silver in Senior Women Individual Power, silver in Senior Women Team Power, and bronze in Senior Women Team Sparring.

TENNIS

Sasha Situe

Bachelor of Business

Sasha represented New Zealand with the Women's team at the 2025 Billie Jean King Cup, with the team qualifying for the women's tennis world cup stage. She was a PTT UTR 25k semi-finalist and won local Melbourne events. As an eligible professional player, she was invited to train and compete as part of a wider NZ Squad in Tunisia, competing in the 15K ITF Monastir tournament and M25/M15/W15 in June and July this year.

TOUCH

Kaitlyn McIntosh

Bachelor of Arts

Kaitlyn represented New Zealand with the Touch Blacks Women's team at the 2025 Trans Tasman Series. She also represented the New Zealand U20 Women's Touch Blacks at the 2025 Asia Pacific Youth Touch Cup. Kaitlyn represented the Manawātū Open Women's team for the 2024-2025 season.

Zoe Sosich

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

Zoe represented New Zealand with the Touch Blacks Women's team at the 2025 Opens Trans Tasman Touch Series. She played for North Harbour at the 2025 Opens Touch Nationals and the Northern Strikers in the 2025 Premier Touch League.

TRIATHLON

Eva Goodisson

Master of Management

Eva represented New Zealand at the 2025 World Triathlon Mixed Relay Championships in Hamburg where the NZ team finished 9th. She has competed internationally in the Elite Women's category in multiple World Triathlon Cups and World Triathlon Championship Series events. She placed 3rd at the 2025 Oceania Triathlon Super-Sprint Championships and 4th at the 2025 Oceania Triathlon Championships.

ULTIMATE DISC

Amy Slogrove

Bachelor of Science

Amy represented New Zealand with the U24 Karearea team for the 2025 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships in Spain in June, where the team finished in 10th place. She also played for the Manawātū Ultimate Association in the New Zealand Division 2 Ultimate Frisbee Nationals.

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Georgina Shrapnell

Bachelor of Science

Georgina was selected into the New Zealand Silver Fins team to compete at the Intercontinental Championships in Malaysia. She also represented Wellington with the Women's team that won the 2025 National Club Championship.

WATER SKIING

Chris Lincoln

Bachelor of Science

Chris represented New Zealand at the 2025 IWWF University Water Ski World Championships, placing 11th in the Open Men Jump.

Courtney Williams

Bachelor of Science

Courtney represented New Zealand at the 2025 IWWF University Water Ski World Championships, ranking 3rd in the trick event. Her New Zealand ranking is 1st in Open Women's Overall, and in 2024 she broke the New Zealand U21 women's trick record with 5400 points.

YACHTING

Sam Bacon

Bachelor of Construction

Sam competes internationally for New Zealand in the 49er. At the 2025 49er European Championships in Greece he had a win in the second of three races, finishing in 13th place overall. He also competed at the 2025 Semaine Olympique Francaise in Hyeres and the 2025 Princess Sofia Trophy Regatta.

Blake McGlashan

Bachelor of Business

Blake is a member of the NZ Sailing Aon Fast Track Programme and competes internationally for New Zealand in the 49er. At the 2025 49er European Championships in Greece he had a win in the second of three races, finishing in 13th place overall. He also competed at the 2025 Semaine Olympique Francaise in Hyeres and the 2025 Princess Sofia Trophy Regatta.

Molly Meech

Master of Sustainable Development Goals

Molly is a member of the New Zealand Sailing Team, competing in the 49er FX. She was also the trimmer for Emirates Team New Zealand for the 2024 PUIG Women's Americas Cup.

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARD

CANOE POLO

Georgia Wheeler

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Georgia was the team manager for the New Zealand U18 Men's B Team at the 2025 Oceania Championships and 2025 Australian State Championships, held in the Gold Coast, Australia in April. The team placed 2nd at both events.



2025 TERTIARY SPORTSMAN AND SPORTSWOMAN AWARDS

Introduced in 2024 as a new award by Sport Massey. These awards are in addition this year to the Blues Awards and will be announced to celebrate these athletes alongside our Blues Recipients.

Nominees are selected from the students who have competed for Massey in a sanctioned UTSNZ Tertiary Sport Championship or Challenge event in the given calendar year.

When selecting the nominees and award winner, their achievements within the UTSNZ events are considered including selection into a tournament team or New Zealand Universities Team, their tournament performance, and team leadership or contribution.

TERTIARY SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2025 FINALISTS

- Kale Compain-Lawson – 5x5 Basketball
- Matt Foss – 3x3 Basketball
- Quinlan Huff – Ultimate
- Moh Reynolds-Hatem – Futsal

TERTIARY SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2025 FINALISTS

- Zalika Clarke – Netball
- Milla Green – Futsal
- Johaana Jackman – 3x3 and 5x5 Basketball
- Melody Yong – Ultimate

2025 AWARDS & FINALISTS

CAMPUS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2025 FINALISTS

- Logan Dittert – Archery
- Chisora Hada – Archery
- Anthony Massarotto - Canoe Polo
- Reuben Nelley – Rugby
- Fergus Eadie – Surf Life Saving & Swimming

CAMPUS SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2025 FINALISTS

- Phoenix Reid – Artistic Roller Skating
- Klara Richter – Canoe Polo
- Alyssa Shepherd – Canoe Polo
- Georgia Wheeler – Canoe Polo
- Hannah Cross – Ice Hockey
- Moana Courtenay – Rugby, Rugby League & Rugby Sevens

DISTANCE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2025 FINALISTS

- Oliver Puchner – Canoe Slalom
- Nic Woods – Hockey
- Ben Mason – Rowing
- Niko Jones – Rugby
- Oska Smith – Surf Life Saving

DISTANCE SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2025 FINALISTS

- Olivia McTaggart – Athletics
- Alicia Hoskin – Canoe Sprint
- Kate Taylor – Football
- Kaitlin Cotter – Hockey
- Hannah Cotter – Hockey
- Olivia Shannon – Hockey
- Amelia Walmsley – Netball
- Tyla King – Rugby League & Rugby Sevens

SUPREME AWARD 2025

The Supreme Award winner is announced on the evening and is selected from the winners of all the major awards for 2025.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY ACADEMY OF SPORT

Te Wānanga Hākinakina o Massey

Massey is recognised as Aotearoa New Zealand's first athlete-friendly university. Our Academy of Sport programme provides support for all student athletes, from regional representatives to professionals, helping them achieve their best in both sport and academics. There are a number of scholarships, support personnel, sport science services, webinars and other resources available to athletes in the various levels of the programme. Additionally, Massey's flexible study options enable athletes to fit their study around their sporting commitments. For more information about the programme and how to apply, [visit our website](#).

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Tamara Scott-Valath

Chris Sharrock

Dr Damion Sturm

Associate Professor Winston Sweatman

MASSEY UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR 2025 UTSNZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Badminton

Joelle Chiong
Don'minic Koh
Linda Gee
Wei Ong
Deepanshu Misra
Denny Yang

3x3 Basketball

Matt Foss
Gradi Mayemba
Harlan Roudon
Rufus Rusholme Cobb
Harata Coleman
Johaana Jackman
Frayah Macdonald
Mariah McCarthy-Wilson

5x5 Basketball

Zion Anderson
Josh Batty
Daniel Brownsword
Tom Brownsword
Kale Compain-Lawson
Samuel Durham
Matt Foss
Harlan Roudon
Rufus Rusholme Cobb
Dylan Waters
Alexia Davis
Tess Evans
Sophie Frost
Laura Goldsworthy
Johaana Jackman
Brooke Lockyer
Frayah Macdonald
Mariah McCarthy-Wilson
Loulou Regos

Futsal

Harry Auckram
Jesse Brady
Cole Dryden
Aiden Foster
Jacob Hansen
Darren Juru
Tim Justice
William van Kerksen
Moh Reynolds
Ethan Riley
Addison Stewart
Mackenzie Butler
Milla Green
Rosie Gudopp
Emma Howie
Breanna Keenan
Kayley Linden
Hannah Marginson
Pepi Olliver-Bell

Volleyball

Blake Andrews
Ethan Elgar
Rongonui-Atea Kahurangi
Aphiwat Kantharat
Adrian Makiwa
Matthew Munn
Wesley Peters
Samuel Snow
Eloise Bradshaw
Georgia Browne
Megan Cheever
Ella Douglas
Deborah Ma'u
Fiona Siaopo
Natalya Taylor
Coralie Berret

Netball

Melissa Bowkett
Xanthe Brown
Zalika Clarke
Chloe Gunn
Gabiella Hillas
Ana Moi
Tiarna Oliver
Charlotte Parore
Fiona Siaopo
Chantelle Smith

Ultimate

Zion Anderson
Quinlan Huff
Brandon Jones
Ryan Jones
Carys Marulli de Barletta
Harlan Roudon
Sakina Taha
Eloise Thorne
Jacqui Tonkie
Bosco Yip
Melody Yong