



Rhianne Price – 2nd Year

**Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Commerce
Undergraduate - 2016**

1. Why did you choose your degree programme, and what made you enrol at the University of Otago?

I wanted to do something technical and practical. I enjoyed economics at school, so I decided to start with a Bachelor of Commerce and go from there. I chose to come to Otago because I wanted the full student experience, and Otago seemed like the best place for me. During my first year I found Finance really interesting, so I picked that up. I had friends doing Computer Science and what they were doing looked fun. I decided to give that a go too, and ended up loving it.

2. What have you enjoyed most about your academic journey thus far?

It's great that I've had the opportunity to try a wide range of subjects. I like trying new things, and Otago has given me the chance to do this. I never thought I'd end up studying Computer Science. Finding a new passion has been one of the highlights of my academic journey so far.

3. So far during your studies what key relationships have mattered the most? What key sources of support have you encountered at the University of Otago?

Having friends and family behind me has really helped me to succeed in my studies. Knowing there are people around me that believe in me has helped me to finish assignments and get that extra hour of study in. Also, at university there is heaps of support available if you need it; lecturers and tutors are always willing to explain things that you don't understand or have struggled with. The financial support the university offers has also been really important for me, and I am so thankful to be able to study here.

4. What are some of your career and/or academic goals and aspirations?

I want to do something useful, and something that lets me work creatively. I would love to be a software developer, and contribute something that makes people's everyday lives better somehow. I would also really like to work in Finance, but I'm really just open to anything at this stage!

5. What advice would you give to new students?

To new students: be open to new things, work hard, and reach out if you are in need. If you are willing to put the hours in, there are always people willing to help! Also, don't take things too seriously. If things aren't working out, it's not the end of the world. Keep trying until you find something you love doing and keep at it.

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