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Editor's Note

Haere ra 2019!

Campus and Collegiate Life Services Division (CaCLS) had another great year of supporting student residents as they manoeuvred their way through their first (and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th!) year in new scholastic surroundings. Entering collegiate life is always exciting! As we said our farewells to the 2019 cohort of students, we started getting ready for our 2020 intake. However, in, before, during and after that, we hosted many student groups in the Colleges, some attending 'Hands on Otago', some younger school groups visiting the big smoke... Otēpoti! Concert goers were housed and fed along with the many conferences and events that were enjoyed by the masses around the University campus. Summer School came and went. All the while, our CaCLS departments and colleges continued to support the churn of people and activities throughout the year.

So much happened in 2019, it's impossible to mention everything, so I will tie all of this together as best I can.

Collegiate communities are the most vibrant of spaces with students united under each college ethos. The Otago Collegiate lifestyle includes so many different experiences and you can create your very own with support of all the other services provided by the University of Otago.

Recreation Services, based down at Unipol, work extremely hard to offer fitness programmes catering to all fitness levels. They promote healthy lifestyles and identify new and wonderful ways to exercise safely and enjoyably. I doubt this team has any down-time as they also organise the Inter college competition with university colleges, affiliated colleges and Locals all entering teams. This competition runs from March through to September and allows participation in three categories, Sports, Culture and Gaming. Winning teams shine in the glory and can gloat for years to come.

Student Health, situated over on Walsh and Albany, work in partnership with Unipol to support a healthy campus life, healthy choices and provide top notch health care services to students, including doctor, nurse, mental health, and psychiatry appointments. Vaccination clinics and health advice will continue into 2020 with the extended hours to be announced.

Uniprint provide print solutions year on year for staff and students and are a firm part of the CaCLS services. They continue to produce many different materials for academic departments and marketing. They are the backbone of the canon printers that are now used across campus by students as well as staff. Streamlined!

The University Union works tirelessly behind the scenes, often providing college catering, central kitchen catering to conferences and meetings, managing University businesses on campus such as the Staff Club, Visitors Centre, St David's Café, and the Lab Café (to note, offers only vegan food!).

So, there you have it in a nutshell. Read on for more interesting bits from each department and college within our CaCLS Division.

Rhonda Bryant

Editor

EA to Director, Campus and Collegiate Life Services and Senior Warden of Colleges
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Foreword

Tēnā koutou katoa

This annual report captures the essence of student life in Residential Colleges and all the services that support the Otago Collegiate Experience. You will come to learn a little bit more about each Residential College, a summary of what they did in 2019 along with brief information from all other CaCLS departments that sit comfortably in one division. Te Uru Kahika....

Collegiate Life is always an exciting time. The combination of staff and students make the collegiate experience not only memorable but internationally renowned.

In 2019 we celebrated the University of Otago's 150th Anniversary. The University was established in 1869 with the first students being accepted in 1871. Today we have around 20,000 students and over 3000 staff working towards a shared focus on high-quality research, teaching, sustainability, and good citizenship. The University strives to provide all of this along with outstanding student experiences. There are many ways to achieve this as we support more than 3,500 first year students in residential colleges. University Flats caters for another 750 students in self-catered accommodation. With support networks in place, academic programmes and pastoral care, students can hone their scholastic skills in a safe, healthy, and fun environment while studying here at Otago.

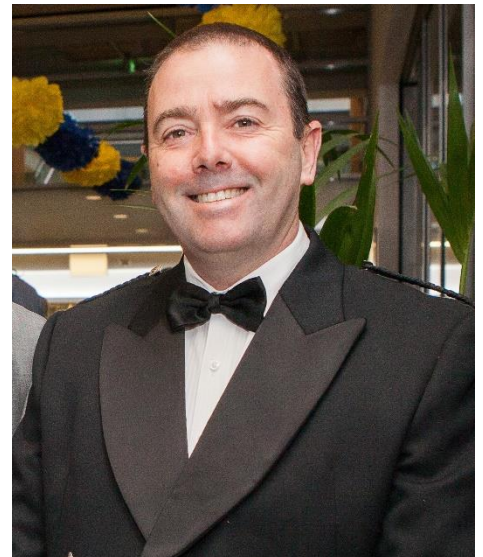
The Inter-College Sports, Cultural and Gaming Competition grew yet again in 2019. Offering gaming as a category was easily very popular among residents in colleges. The winners were rewarded at the Inter-College dinner in September once the competition ended.

Our resident members and staff enjoy an active role in colleges via our Fellows programme where academics welcome and spend time with students. They are an extremely valued group that can spend time with students any time of the year.

The collegiate experience at Otago is like no other. All colleges are within walking distance of the University and each resident member is quickly onboarded into the ethos and heritage of their college. The colleges are a home away from home and the collegiate community becomes whānau (family).

With that I will close with the offer for you to read on and absorb a little piece of collegiate life at Otago.

James Lindsay JP
Director Campus and Collegiate Life Services



Collegiate Communities



Abbey College | *Whāia te iti Kahurangi*

Chris Addington – Head of College

2019 was a fantastic year for Abbey College, the little college with the big heart. Since opening in 2008 Abbey has provided a post-graduate residential college experience for over 1000 Otago students from every corner of the globe. Abbey residents' study everything from anthropology to zoology, honours, masters, and doctoral degrees. Again, this year the Abbey residents were incredibly diverse, ranging in age from 22 to 77 and from over 30 different countries around the world.

Last year was a year of significant staffing changes for the college. Luke Morrison left the Abbey leadership role to take up the position of head of Aquinas College. Chris Addington moved into Caroline Freeman College and assumed the role of "caretaker warden" for Abbey for the 2019 year. Chris was joined by new Resident Tutor, Kieran Duncan and assisted by Caroline Freeman College Senior Tutor, Amber Robertson. Administrator Katrina Dey was new to the college in late 2018. Robert Strang continued to provide excellent property management and Brent Cowie and the catering team kept everyone very well-fed. In late November of 2019 the University of Otago permanently appointed Dr Yulia Taylor to be the next head of Abbey College. In addition to the changes in the senior management the College was fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive team of Senior College Assistants (SCAs) throughout the year who provided evening and weekend management as well as pastoral care and event assistance.

However, 2019 will be long remembered as the "Year of Events" at Abbey College. Regular karaoke and movie nights happened throughout the year. In February the College introduced the monthly "Teddy Talks", short presentations by residents about their research or personal interests. By year's end over twenty Teddy Talks were presented to enthusiastic audience support. The 2019 Special Dinners were fantastic and well-attended by both residents and guests. Each dinner was "themed" and included such topics as the mid-winter Christmas, autumn, spring, international, tropical luau and a final valedictory, celebration dinner. Regular excursions were part of the Abbey experience with trips to see the albatross colony, the penguins, ice skating and a two-night

excursion to Quarantine Island. Abbey enjoyed their own in-house competitions in Scrabble, puzzling, pool, table tennis and photography. Abbey College was well-represented in post-graduate matters at the University of Otago including the three-minute thesis competition, writing bursaries and research submissions.

The Abbeyites stepped up to the Inter-Collegiate competitions in 2019 and fully participated in almost every event. Sporting teams were fielded in cricket, netball, basketball, volleyball, renegade hockey, and futsal. Many residents were playing a particular sport for the first time. The college teams were outfitted in new singlets proudly displaying the Abbey sporting logo. Enthusiastic participation was also evident in non-sporting competitions such as debating, puzzle-making, Scrabble, and chess. After all the competitions and participation Abbey College was rewarded in winning the overall collegiate champion in the inaugural "Gaming Division". The Abbey community was enormously proud to take out the winning banner at the end-of-year gala dinner.

Of course, the real essence of Abbey College happens in casual interactions at dinner, park runs on Saturday mornings, a sauna or spa in the Abbey pool room, late-night discussions over coffee, playing a casual game of 8-ball or table tennis or preparing a special meal in the West Lounge common room. Intense friendships are nurtured and serious academic discussions occur on a regular basis. In many ways Abbey is the most collegiate of all the Otago residential colleges with significant numbers of residents remaining for several years and providing support and friendship to new students as they arrive. As well as our long-term residents the collegiate community was enriched with a wide range of short-term folk including visiting professors, research fellows, interns, and Otago distance students.

Abbey College has and will continue to provide a fantastic and supportive environment for post-graduate students most of whom are from international origins and studying in New Zealand for the first time. They are welcomed and quickly find a "home away from home".

RESIDENT PROFILE

Dr Amira Salem



Dr Amira Salem has been a resident of Abbey College from 2016 – 2019. Originally from Alexandria, Egypt she has lived and studied in many places around the Middle East. For the past four years she has been working towards her PhD in dentistry completing research related to root canal treatments. She graduated in November 2019. Amira has been a member of the Senior College Assistant (SCA) team for several years. She is the quintessential Abbey resident, intelligent, focused, outgoing, kind and incredibly supportive to everyone in the community and almost unbeatable at table tennis.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Amir Amini Khoozani



Amir Amini Khoozani is originally from Teheran in Iran. He has lived at Abbey College since the middle of 2017 and is studying towards a PhD in food science. As well as being on the SCA team at Abbey College he is passionate about sport, photography, bread baking and preparing dishes from his homeland. Amir impresses everyone with his kindness, friendship, and dedication to collegiate life. He participates with enthusiasm in almost every college event and is well-known for being the best “selfie-taker” in the Abbey community.



Aquinas College | *Te Kāreti o Akuinahi*

Luke McClelland – Head of College

Sixty-five years since its inception in 1954, Aquinas College had a successful 2019 that will be fondly remembered by staff and residents alike. Aquinas prides itself on nurturing well-being for all residents, encouraging participation across a raft of diverse volunteering and community activities, and a dedication to academic achievement and 2019 saw all of those continue.



With the University celebrating its 150th year, the year saw a trickle of former residents revisiting the College. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed revisiting the College and seeing how it had developed, while staff enjoyed hearing stories from the College's past.

Prior to the beginning of the academic year, most residents had already participated in volunteering activities for a variety of organisations. Shortly after, a huge number of residents participated in the Relay for Life and Aquinas was proud to win the inaugural Inter-College Relay for Life trophy for funds raised. Following the tragic events in Christchurch in March, residents rallied together to donate money for the Muslim community, with the funds raised presented to the Dunedin Al Huda Mosque.

Aquinas participated fully in Inter-College competitions in 2019. We scored well for participation in the Inter-College Gaming but unfortunately didn't match that with podium points. We also participated fully in the Cultural and Sporting Competitions, with a highlight of the cultural competition being the group performance in the Musical Jam and in the sporting competition, a highlight was third placing in the men's recreational football.

In addition to inter-college events, there were also numerous Aquinas-specific events such as the college ball, Queenstown ski trip, Silverpeaks tramp, themed social gatherings such as a highly successful glow party, formal dinners, "floor wars" events and much more. And in a continuation of long-standing success in the inter-college 'Chef of the Year' competition, Aquinas College kitchen staff Dylan Henry and Rani Cohen won the Residential College Chef of the Year Competition.

A highlight of the Aquinas calendar is always the gut buster race up the famous Gladstone Road hill. 2019 was no exception and around one-third of the College braved the conditions to celebrate the race up the hill that gives our college its amazing views.

The College is always lucky to have an active Student Executive, and the 2019 Student Executive organised several events, including the annual College Ball. A new position in 2019 was Sustainability Representative, and this resident played a huge role in the College obtaining seedling status in the University's newly developed Green Impact Awards (see resident profile).



2019 was a year of change in terms of staffing with a new Head, new Assistant Resident Tutor, new chef, new administrator, and a completely new RA team. As we look towards 2020, we look forward to continuity and building on the successes of 2019.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Alisha Olney



Hailing from Golden Bay at the northern tip of the South Island, Alisha joined Aquinas College in February 2019, embarking on her first year of university study for a Bachelor of Science degree. Passionate about the environment and sustainability, one of the main reasons Alisha chose Aquinas was that the College is partially powered by on-site solar panels.

Alisha was elected to the new position of Sustainability Representative on the Aquinas Student Executive, and quickly set about doing all she could to make the College more sustainable and engaging residents and staff while she did so. Her passion in doing this resulted in her winning the Aquinas Community Award for her efforts.

Amongst her activities, Alisha encouraged the Aquinas kitchen to minimise use of gladwrap, ran a beeswax wrap workshop, organised residents to make and install bird feeders, developed a swap and drop table and indoor recycling station, introduced new recycling bins around the college, and passionately advocated to college staff at any opportunity! Alisha was instrumental in leading Aquinas' efforts in the Green Impact Awards, which saw Aquinas become one of only two Colleges to achieve Green Impact Seedling status.

In addition to all this effort, Alisha managed to find time to successfully complete her studies to a high level. Her ability to combine academic success with extra-curricular activities embodies the culture that Aquinas strives to provide.

Alisha fostered the affirming college culture that we are so proud of at Aquinas College, and although Alisha will not be a resident in 2020, she has promised to keep involved in our efforts to improve our sustainability and to mentor the 2020 Student Executive's Sustainability Representative.



The 150th year of the University of Otago was set to be a special one in the history of the University and Arana residents were committed to being part of this as they donned their blue t-shirts and joined the human 150 image at the Annual College Sports Day.

O-week volunteering day saw 269 members of the cohort complete 952 hours of volunteering across 14 projects. The team pinned 15,000 poppies. We travelled 650km, collected 15.125kg of recycling, 30kg of glass and 86.625kg of general rubbish. We planted 560 trees and worked with projects from the Sinclair Wetlands to the Valley Project. The Valley project is an ongoing interaction that sees Arana visiting the project monthly. Part way through the year we assisted with a tree planting project at Smaills Beach.

The Arana family participated in Relay for Life at the stadium and many of the residents ran the Dunedin Marathon in aid of Mental Health. 2019 also saw the team street collecting for the Cancer Society and with our friends at Studholme for Prostate Cancer.

The annual AnS party was a great success again this year with Arana taking out the Battle of the Bands.

The intercollege activities were well supported. From a bagpipe cover of the AC/DC classic *Thunderstruck* to captivating performances on the football field, if there was an intercollege competition you can be assured that Arana was there doing its part. Some highlights were winning the video game and scrabble competitions in the '*Gaming Competition*', moving performances at the Maori/Pasifika Performance night and at the Big Sing for the '*Cultural Competition*' and in the '*Sports Competition*' we got second place a frustrating number of times though our consistency served us well. At the awards dinner at the end of the year we featured on the podium for all three of the intercollege competitions which was a fantastic achievement that displays our diverse cohort and variety of talents.





We also hosted a range of events from theme dinners to some HOPs (Hall only parties). These included Mid-Winter Christmas, Hawaiian, Maori language week dinner, pajama party, back to school, what you wanted to be when you grew up. The annual Arana Ball with its Disney theme, the Oscars and the end of year dinner were all celebrated with the usual Arana enthusiasm.

Sub Warden organised events ranged from floor dinners to the very noisy and at times, very funny sock tag. We participated in the pool competitions, table tennis and a wide range of Tuesday night sports.

We went on a joint ski trip to Queenstown with our friends from Cumberland College.

We continue to work closely with the Stuart Residents Hall Council (SRHC). Their ongoing support has seen the College complete the 2 murals, install 2 art works in the Arana Garden and Maxine's Diner as well as providing the residents with new Music Room equipment. The SHRC has also provided new formal room furniture, and screen room dividers. We remain grateful to the Council for its ongoing support and the opportunities it affords us to enhance the Arana Student experience.

We hosted several events throughout the year which saw the Arana Fellows in attendance. This gave the Fellows opportunities to mingle with Parents and Residents.

It would be true to say that it has been a year of growth, change and learning at Arana. The 2019 cohort departed for their home/ summer employment with new friends, academic skills, and lifelong memories.





Carrington College | *Te Kāreti o Carrington*

Robyn Madden – Warden

The year of 2019 marked 74 years since Carrington's opening in 1945. Many a story could be told of the enduring memories created by residents at this first co-educational college in Australasia. The progressive nature of this community continues today.

Students from all over New Zealand and a few from around the world were welcomed last year as part of the Carrington family. Carrington is termed the Heartland. Each community member has provided a pulse beat to the lifeblood of the College. The challenge is to navigate the first-year journey with a keen focus on building relationships, engaging in many opportunities across academic, social, sporting, cultural and volunteering spheres. This allows the enrichment of personal experiences, the building of friendships and fostering of college spirit.

Academics

We have continued to establish stronger links between the college, academics (and professional staff) within the University by fully implementing a Fellows programme with 10 'Korowais'. As we move forward, we hope to further establish these connections.

Residents have expressed that the in-house academic support programme has been of immense help in their transition between tertiary and secondary education. The college is immensely proud of the outstanding academic successes of our 2019 resident cohort.

Social

A key focus in 2019 was the further development and continued success of the Carrington Social programme. The calendar has been jam-packed with a variety of events to coincide with the busy Inter College programme. The highlight of 2019 was the "Secret Garden" dine and dance themed spring ball, this was a wonderful, classy event attended by over 90% of the cohort



Cultural

Music is an intrinsic thread in the tapestry of the year ably managed by our "Carrymuso Scholar". The College choir called the 'Carringtones' provided an essential element to this along with our regular Soiree evenings.

We were proud to compete in the Inter College competition and win the Inter College painting category for the art competition. We were represented in nearly every event with the focus on participation. Good times!



Sporting

The current residents and alumni of the Carrington community played an active role in the intercollege sporting competition, participating in all but one intercollege sport. A highlight of this competition was the winning success of our Woman's Futsal team for a second year. Huge congratulations for 2nd place for the Men's Futsal team and 2nd and 3rd place in the intercollege men's football. Finally, a shout out to Owen Parkinson who won the Inter College pool competition.



Volunteering and community outreach has been a key focus of the college in 2019. We have completed nearly 800 hours of volunteering with a large range of organisations. The residents have regularly helped the cancer society through street collections and through their involvement with the relay for life where over 30 residents ran/walked for 12 hours in the same of charity.

Sustainability

The student-run Carry-Go-Green committee played a notable role to further sustainability efforts in the college and promoting events in the city. They have initiated the integration into the wider university “Green Impact” goals. The highlight for the Carry-Go-Green team was an earth hour game of spotlight. Residents turned off the

RESIDENT PROFILE

Oscar Sergel-Stringer



Oscar moved down to Dunedin from his hometown of Christchurch to study the Health Science First Year Programme.

Ultimately, the choice of Carrington as his residential college was brought about by the high levels of academic support and achievement which is fostered in the college environment. Despite academics being his focus, Oscar also tried to be as involved with the college as possible including joining rugby, cricket, and the debating teams.

Some of his favourite memories from 2019 included the College Ball and mucking around with his Wardell Flouse.

Outside of College life, Oscar is actively involved in both volunteering for St John Youth and Rugby refereeing in both the touch and union codes. Next year he is planning on refereeing for the Otago Rugby Union.

Within the first semester, Oscar attained a concussion whilst playing rugby which led to him requiring additional support from College staff, especially his House Tutor. The help he received was greatly appreciated and has become one of the major reasons he has decided to return to the College in 2020 and give back to next year's cohort of residents as a House Tutor.



Caroline Freeman College | *Te Kāreti o Caroline Freeman*

Chris Addington – Head of College

2019 was a fantastic, fun-filled, and eventful year for Caroline Freeman College. “CFC the place to be!” was adopted early on as the unofficial slogan of the college and the 2019 residents embraced this motto whole-heartedly. Our 214 cohort reflected the diversity and inclusivity which form the fabric of CFC life and culture. Coming from 126 different origin points, our resident community reflects New Zealand and the wider world. Diversity also was evident in study areas. Although we had a significant group doing HSFY, we also had a great spread of academic interests including law, commerce, sciences, humanities, social sciences, and education.

Caroline Freeman is often described as a “Goldilocks” college; not too big, not too small, just right. Fun and friendship come easily because of our size and the closely-knit community. We are big enough to have competitions, teams, and great social occasions but small enough to provide a feeling of whanau.

In 2019 the college instituted a formal academic mentoring programme providing each resident with regular opportunities to meet with a senior staff member to discuss goals, progress, and achievement. Academic Achievement Week at the start of the first semester helped prepare residents for the challenges of tertiary study. The College continued to provide additional academic support through a mixture of subject tutorials, general tutorials, and organised study groups. The College had a significant number of residents who performed at a high level academically. They were recognised at mid-year and the conclusion of the second semester.

Events, functions, parties, and competitions figured prominently during the year. The College was fully involved in the Inter-Collegiate competitions of sport, culture and gaming and was justly rewarded with a second-place overall finish in the inter-collegiate gaming division. In-house competitions were held in such diverse areas as Scrabble, puzzle-making, netball, volleyball, foosball, tables tennis and many others. These were enjoyed by both participants and spectators. Music was prominent throughout the year. Open microphone nights were very popular as were impromptu jam sessions in the music room. The formal dinners, mid-winter

Christmas and the College Ball were all major successes as was the Rocky Horror theme dinner which has now become a regular fixture in the CFC calendar. Our “dress-up” parties were legendary and included 70s, Pink, Goths and Zombies, Fluro and others.

There were some significant staffing changes in 2019. Continuity was provided by the Senior Tutor, Amber Robertson, Brent Cowie and his catering team and Robert Strang in property management. After 11 years at UniCol, Chris Addington arrived at CFC to take up the warden’s role. Kieran Duncan was appointed as the new Resident Tutor and Fiona Russell came at the end of 2018 to look after the college’s administration. The seven members of the RA team were a great mixture of old-hands and newbies and they provided excellent pastoral care, assigned duties and event management support.

Occasionally April Fool’s jokes go viral and so it was with the Caroline Freeman College flamingo. What started as a prank by the warden quickly morphed into an epidemic of pink. The college is now festooned with flamingos and the cohort embraced the bird as our unofficial mascot including attempts to change the college’s motto from “Allere Flammam” to “Allere Flamingo”. Mid-year awards, “The Order of the Flamingo” were presented on the Queen’s birthday. It was all in great fun and looks set to remain in place for years to come.

“So, you see my friend, you can research far and wide.
Look throughout New Zealand, examine every side.
It’s an undiscovered paradise, this place called CFC.
We’re a flamboyance of flamingos, Caroline’s the place to be.”

Caroline Freeman College annually recognises two residents as the “Collegians of the Year”. These are residents who show by their presence and participation the true spirit of collegiate life particularly in the context of CFC. “Collegians of the Year” participate with enthusiasm, are friendly, helpful, gracious, dedicated to their studies and strong supporters of the Caroline Freeman philosophy. The 2019 Collegians of the Year were exemplary in their behaviour and enthusiasm for CFC.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Logan Stadnyk



Logan Stadnyk went to Taieri College in Mosgiel and is studying towards a BCom. He has been very successful in his academic work and was widely involved in many aspects of collegiate life including the role of Student President.

Perata Tangihaere



Perata Tangihaere is from Waitakere College in Auckland and studied HSFY. She enthusiastically participated in almost every college event, sport, culture, music and, when not actively participating, supported others from the side-line.

Both Logan and Perata were exceptional examples of the Caroline Freeman Way.



Cumberland College | Te Kāreti o Cumberland

Nick Bates –Head of College, Jenna Lockhart – Senior Tutor

2019 will be remembered by those at Cumberland as an incredible year of new relationships, new learning, new challenges, and a heck of a lot of fun. The vibe at Cumberland has been exceptional. It has never been a truer statement that *Cumberland College is a community with heart and soul.*

That is due to a combination of factors. There are the quality young men and women who have been a part of the Cumberland experience, given their all and grown to form a close-knit caring community. There is the staff, who have modelled thoughtful and relational leadership throughout the College and helped create an environment where people feel supported through challenges and embraced new experiences. There are the relationships with the other 14 Colleges on this special Otago residential campus. The residents of Cumberland College are well connected with friends in every other college, and we recognise that together is best, and although we enjoy friendly rivalries, at the end of the day we are all in this together.

Academic results continue to improve year after year at Cumberland due to an increasingly academic cohort being attracted to the college, and the comprehensive academic support in place. Mid-year we celebrated the significant academic achievements of the top 8% of the cohort, with special guest Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Richard Blaikie, inspiring residents with stories from his educational journey. Academic Pins were awarded to all attendees, and Top Scholar Medals presented to those achieving A+ in all papers. It is getting harder each year to award the College Dux due to the outstanding results of several students. Tom Healy was a deserving recipient of the Dux for 2018, which was awarded at the first formal dinner for 2019.



Volunteering continues to be a hallmark of the Cumberland experience. It is common for residents to be involved in a wide range of volunteering activities during their time at Cumberland, to add to the volunteering jar in reception and contribute to the wider community. Some examples include beach clean ups, tree planting in the wetlands, baking for the Cancer Society pantry, and collecting for many charities to mention a few.

The volunteering day during Academic Orientation Week during which the whole College pitches in, is an initiative into its 5th year, and establishes the volunteering culture for the year ahead.

Cumberland has had an incredible year in the Intercollegiate Cultural, Games and Sporting competition. Second placings in two Games competitions (Online Gaming and Badminton) and participation in all Cultural events are achievements to be proud of. On top of this Cumberland's participation and successes in the sporting area have been nothing short of astonishing. When Cumberland won the Intercollegiate Sporting Competition in 2018, staff knew it would be an extremely hard act to follow, given the growing competition. However, Cumberland earned the title for the second year running with wins in eight events – cricket, women's football, men's football, women's netball, mixed basketball, men's touch, women's renegade hockey, men's renegade hockey. There were also second placings in seven competitions and third in one to hoist Cumberland to first place in the competition by a huge margin. To enter 12 netball teams is a statement and credit must go to everyone who was involved and gave their all for Cumberland.

The Cumberland events schedule was full in 2019, with three Formal Dinners, the Annual Ball, Cumby's got Talent, the Athletes and Mathletes HOP being special events. However, the undoubted highlight of the social calendar was the 'Wine and Cheese' held in late September under the marquee. With southern band 'The Dense' entertaining, after starting the act of Lily Sopoaga and friends, this was an incredible night of in-house fun. The timing was perfect after the Intercollegiate Awards the previous night.



There are many other highlights which could be mentioned. The celebration of Māori language week spearheaded by RA Sam Beavis, leading to residents publishing Te reo alongside photos of themselves in daily tasks (see example below); the generosity of residents donating toys for *Foster Hope*, a charity supporting foster children; the whole College singing the 'Cumby song' at our final formal dinner bringing the roof down. Too many other special moments to mention.



The Cumberland Crest bears a bold claim: *Audaces Fortuna Iuvat*. Fortune favours the daring, the bold, the audacious. But success only becomes a reality in the lives of residents as they experience *AWHI*, a Māori term which emphasises the embrace, or support, which can be offered.

We have adopted this acronym at Cumberland to represent pillars of the Cumberland experience:

Academic advance

Wellbeing

Home

Identity

Cumberland, like each of the Otago Colleges, is a special place, with a unique identity and a special spirit.

Cumberland College – *A community with heart and soul*

RESIDENT PROFILE

Matthew Millward



Matt Millward was the Cumberland President for 2019. Hailing from Te Aroha, Matt found moving down here a bit scary as he didn't know anyone else coming to Cumby but knew he would make friends. Matt's brother Cam had lived at Cumberland in 2016 and Matt was eager to be a part of the Cumberland community from what he had heard and experienced through Cam.

2019 has been, in Cam's own words, better than he could have imagined and he has made friends for life. It has taken most of first year, but Matt has finally found a degree (BSc) he is excited about and can't wait to further it in 2020. Matt's Cumby highlight of the year has been the sport. He loves (cricket) trying new sports (football, hockey) and just mucking round with his mates. Matt has been a part of three intercollege champion teams in 2019 and he has thrived in the friendly competition.

Matt has loved the social aspect of Cumberland, and the way that such a friendly and warm environment is created despite there being over 300 residents; Cumby has a strong sense of brotherhood/sisterhood, and people get along great. As president Matt has enjoyed having his voice heard, being part of decisions and seeing how the 'other side' works



2019 marked a year of change and transition for the College and its staff. The long-awaited Building Project was completed in a 12-week period over the November-February break. The building had been stripped out with changes to bedroom sizes and increased common and dining space. A Blessing was held just as the contractors were putting on the finishing touches. The 2019 group of residents were first group of residents to experience the benefits of this extensive redevelopment.

There were also changes to the staffing structure with the appointment of an Assistant Residential Tutor. Bryony Alden was successfully appointed to the position. Bryony was a Haywardian in 2014 and a Residential Assistant in 2017. She graduated from Otago with a BSc Hons and came to us from an Environmental Consulting role.

The College community was very actively involved in the Inter College Sport, Cultural and Games Competitions. Competition kicked off with the College Sports Day and this was an opportunity for residents to show off the new College T Shirt (photo below).



Whilst most of the teams won participation points in the Inter College Sport Competition, there were also placings- 2nd in the Competitive Mixed Volleyball, 3rd in the Recreational Mixed Basketball and Recreational Men's Touch. 7th overall.

Residents also participated in all the Cultural Events. The group who performed at the Māori and Pasifika Performance gave a powerful performance (photo below). Third place was achieved in the 48 Hour Film Competition and 2nd equal place in the Literary Competition. 5th overall.



The Games Competition was new for 2019 and the residents took to it with ever present enthusiasm. 3rd Place was achieved in the Quiz and 2nd Place in the Puzzle Mania. 5th overall.



Photo above: The jubilant Football Team and Supporters after winning their game against Aquinas College

The fiercely fought Hayward vs Aquinas Shield was a highlight of 2019. After a less than competitive event in 2018, it took a little effort in 2019 to retain the shield in the College's Trophy Cabinet. Hayward won the Dodgeball, the Mixed Football and Capture the Flag. However, lost the Mixed Volleyball. Hayward also won the Hayward vs Cumberland Trophy that had been missing from the trophy cabinet for a few years. Winning this competition 3-0 with wins in Debating, Women's Rugby, and Basketball.

College residents increased their involvement in Volunteering Activities starting with activities in the first week of the first semester. Residents raised \$2001.53 for Relay for Life and donated 1074 cans towards Octacan (photo below).



College residents continued to support the S.T.O.P. initiative that manages the native bush on the Otago Peninsula. Other

volunteering activities included SPCA visits, Daffodil Day, marshalling at the Dunedin Marathon, RSA posy making, Clean Up at Pilots Beach.

In addition to that mentioned, Hayward College's own busy calendar included events such as the Wacky Tacky Bus Tour, Scavenger Hunt, College Ball, College Art Competition, Themed Dinners and College Hops, formal dinners, and lots more.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Sophie Hursthouse and Elliot Weir



The Annual Hayward Prize was awarded to two exemplary members of the College community. Sophie and Elliot have been outstanding community citizens, and both have demonstrated a commitment to scholarly achievement.

Sophie is studying towards a BA/LLB. Sophie is an Academic Excellence Scholar. She was the Volunteering Representative on the Hayward College Student Committee. Sophie was an active participant in the Inter College Competitions, playing Cricket, Futsal, Football and Women's Rugby. She also took part in the Māori and Pasifika Performance and Debating. Sophie organized volunteering activities and participated in College events.

Elliot is studying towards a BSc. Elliot is a New Frontiers Scholar. Elliot was an active participant in the Inter College Competitions participating in Cricket, Quiz Night, Scrabble Laser Tag and Basketball. He directed and acted in the 48 Hour Film Competition entry. Elliot was the organizer of the Hayward Film Nights and participated in College events.



Studholme College | Te Kāreti o Studholme

Ziggy Lesa – Head of College

As I reflect on a 2019 year, I think of the many wonderful achievements accomplished by our student community. These achievements made despite the sprinkling of tragic events that impacted our community and the country. The shocking shooting incident in Christchurch at the beginning of 2019, the unnoticed death of a fellow student in a Christchurch College and our very own sad loss of Sophia in a tragic accident so close to home.

Yet through it all I've seen an outpouring from our Studholme community of real heartfelt compassion, empathy, understanding and love towards those who were affected both here and in Christchurch. Our hearts, prayers and thoughts are still with those who are deeply affected and the families and friends who have lost a loved one during these tragic events "aloha atu ia otou uma" - love to you all.

This outpouring best sums up my thoughts about our Studholme family in 2019. When I put the call out to our Studholme community to come together to offer muscle support in a voluntary capacity, I was swamped by students ready to go and do the Mahi (work). When these tragic incidents happen, it makes us reflective and be appreciative of each other more. It helps us re-examine and discover what is truly valued and important to us all. That is, each other. It also reminds us that despite our best laid plans in life, that we are vulnerable to the "unplanned life" events. That we are mortal and not as invincible as we might have thought.

The words of our Prime Minister Jacinda Arden, "This is not us" and "They are us" has caused us all to pause "life" and to examine our own individually held views towards each other. Some views, we discovered, were unconsciously held and were contrary to what we thought of ourselves. The things we say, the things we do and the things we don't say and do to those around us who are different to us – is a daily challenge.

Academic Performance: Studholme has continued to provide its students with a variety of tutorials throughout 2019. New initiative with Arana College enabled both Colleges to share Tutors in less popular papers with students from both Colleges willingly crossing the road to make the most of the opportunities.

Our Top scholar dessert evening was held for students scoring A- average across all their papers during the first semester examinations. It was an extremely successful evening with 51 students hitting the mark and they were presented with a specially engraved pen to help mark their achievement. Hannah Davies was our Academic of The Year Award winner for 2019 with an average of 96.5% across her four first semester papers. Outstanding effort on her part.

Collegiate Sports: Blue Banner: Our catch cry for sports is "we play to win, but never at the cost of having fun". We entered around 85 teams into different sports throughout the year which is very pleasing. Pleasing in the sense that I know our students were getting exercise and having fun. We had teams go through the competition undefeated and teams that lost every game, but they had fun. Wins in Women's Rugby and Touch, Men's Basketball and several podium finishes enabled our College to secure vital points. Studholme had a successful year placing 2nd overall in the sports.

Collegiate Cultural: Yellow Banner: Studholme has had its best performance in the Cultural competition to date. Wins in the Art competition, 2nd place finish in Debating, and podium finishes in Poetry, Film Festival and Chess contributed and participation points in Maori and Pacific, International and Musical performances enabled Studholme to win 3rd place overall.

Collegiate Gaming: Red Banner: New to the collegiate competition Studholme missed out on an overall placing but was able to win its first red banner.

Volunteering: Studholme continued with its voluntary campaign in 2019. Studholme wants this event to be purely voluntary for our student community so there were no mandatory or compulsory events to attend, but rather opportunities to contribute. Child Cancer is a traditional favourite of Studholme College and we continued to be part of this special day, as we have for the last 18 years. Never short of volunteers to help collect, Relay for Life is also a student favourite every two years and 2019 was no exception.

In a new initiative for 2019, with the help of staff member Kate Hursthouse, Studholme partnered up with the Riding for the Disabled School. Painting the club house, tidying, and cleaning out the barn and stalls saw many enjoyable afternoons filled with laughter.

Conclusion:

Studholme College performance for 2019 continued to be outstanding. It provided a close family environment in which students from Pacific, Maori, Asian and European backgrounds and from all walks of life could meet and attempt to understand each other, in safety. A place where diversity and cultural differences could exist in harmony. A place where, while grappling with difficult issues, residents could achieve their academic potential, while having fun together. Studholme continues to punch above its weight and I'm proud of what my College community has managed to achieve in 2019.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Henry McIntyre



Studying: Bachelor of Applied Science

Position at Studholme 2019: Co-Student President

Where from: Arrowtown

It is an amazing feat how Ziggy and Rachael managed to pick the perfect group of people that get along so well. What a way to start our Uni experience. Although the coming year sounds fun, you really can't beat living with 180 other people all at once.

Studholme has given me so many memories. The 'Local' poppin' on a Saturday night, or even just boogying on the floors. I loved coming into the dining room and staying for hours after dinner had finished to round up what had happened on the weekend. The dusty sports on a Sunday were a poor attempt to work off the fat we gained from copious amount of food we consumed this year.

There was studying, laughing and a lot of dancing.

R. A's Cass, Legin, Jordan, Kate, Connor, TK, Selwyn, and Brodie you are awesome, and I will miss seeing you and your yarns. Ziggy and Rachael, I think you both know how thankful the Studs are of everything you did for us in 2019 you made Studholme family away from home.

I will forever look fondly back on this year at Studholme, thank you all so much for making it the year it was. As much as I am gutted it is over, I am so happy it happened. We won't all live together again but we can now get to spend the rest of Uni (and our lives) knowing we shared this legendary year together. I can't wait to come to your 21st, wedding and maybe your baby showers, peace out Studholme I'll miss you!



2019 began with 120 residents and 5 RAs – all happy and excited to be here and to experience their first year at University.

2019, as always, has sped by. Everyone settled well and became a tight knit group of students, supporting each other and having fun along the way.

O-Week was a busy week and was marked by a volunteering afternoon where we clocked up around 300 hours of good work in the community, including planting trees in the Sinclair wetlands, pinning poppies for the RSA, and working in various op shops. We continued a relationship with Orphan's Aid and managed to send volunteers to work there each fortnight during semester time. Over the year our residents clocked up well over 1000 hours of volunteering, which for a small College was an immense effort.

Also, later in the year we had the College birthday party with balloons, fairy bread, cheerios and all things childlike. The residents bought gifts for children, and we gave around 80 to Presbyterian Support Otago for their Christmas appeal, much to their delight.

Volunteer Group:



The students settled into their study quite quickly, making use of tutorials and other academic support available in the College. We began with running tutorials for eight papers, and these were well attended. We also held two or three academic interviews with each student and through this we were able to help quite a number of residents who were struggling or not enjoying their chosen course of study. We were pleased with the first semester results – 42 (35%) of the cohort gained an average of an A or better, and our top scholar had an average of 94% over four HSFY papers (GPA of 9).

Our five RAs settled well into their jobs, although we did lose one at mid semester due to personal reasons. Chelsea too

settled into her role, and is showing strengths in pastoral care, event management, and being creative!

Although not a particularly sporting College, we managed to win the mixed basketball title (recreational), and we had teams in all sports. We did well in the cultural events between Colleges, winning first place in the visual arts: drawing, and the judges' choice award. Other highlights were the fan dance for the international performance, and the Maori and Pasifika performance.

We also ran a busy internal College competition with events such as the water balloon fight, chocothon, Unipol mixed sports and Angelo did his floor proud in the talent show with his drag act.



Once again, the College was very well fed over the year. Leo, our new Head Chef, was full of enthusiasm, and he and his team related so well to all the residents. They introduced new ideas such as pizza afternoons, a new toasted sandwich maker, smoothies, and new and interesting dishes such as the poke bowl – this went down very well!

Our theme dinners too were well attended and fun – Maori week, Mexicana and Halloween being a small example. The formal dinners were attended by almost all the College cohort, and the food was delicious!

We have welcomed Sue, our Client Services Administrator, into the College and she has proven to be a delight. She engages so well with the residents and is a perfect tour guide for prospective residents. As well she runs the administration of the College with a keen eye and a steady hand.

2019 was a great year. We are facing some uncertainty with the hospital rebuild but, in the meantime, we will carry on building this smallest College with the aim of being the best! As was expected the residents were well behaved and engaged in the College, and we were sad to see many of them leave, however we didn't have time to dwell on this as our conferencing trade began immediately after closing day.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Bailey Godkin



Bailey Godkin was one of our residents in 2019. Bailey is a Dunedin boy who attended John McGlashan College and is now studying Exercise and Sport Science. He chose to come to a residential College to have the experience of living with other like-minded people and to have fun and make new friends. He chose Te Rangi Hiroa College for two reasons: he heard it had the best facilities, and because it was small, he would be able to get to know everyone. He loved being in the College right from the start, met some amazing people and had a journey of personal growth over the year. He was also awarded the Resident of the Year Trophy for his contribution to the community.



Toroa residents and staff enjoyed another fruitful year with personal goals, academic goals, sporting events, cultural events and community service being some of our areas of focus. The staff team were again fully committed to serving our residents.

Highlights of the 2019 year included the annual Toroa Talent Night, where we were entertained, charmed and in awe of the performers. Toroans from 2015 came back to join in the fun, along with the Vice Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne, the Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Helen Nicholson and other distinguished guests. Dance, song, instrumental recitals, rap, and audience participation filled the night. The highlight for many being when the comperes (Rapata Wiki-Cummings and Shay Reddy) invited Toroa senior staff and the distinguished guests up for an impromptu lesson on how to perfect the Shopping Cart dance.

The Inter-College cultural and sporting events featured highly in 2019. Always known for good sportsmanship and enthusiasm our efforts, again, were well rewarded. The awards dinner was spectacular and the group representing Toroa had a fantastic night of good food and good company. In 2019 we took out line honours for the Cultural Competition. Winning confirmed to us that we have achieved the community and culture we aimed to realise within the 2019 Toroa community. Everyone had the chance to participate and be a part of something bigger than themselves. Winning the competition wasn't the objective we had for 2019, winning was the reward for the passion and effort in our community. We have a wonderful group of residents,



injecting a beautiful tapestry of diversity and culture into the Toroa community.

Throughout the year we held several events including those that we hold annually: Do the Mahi Get the Treats, movie nights, candy floss and pizza evenings, paintball, ice skating, laser strike were very popular. As in every year the College Ball was a highlight of the year, and it was great to see Toroans in all their finery for the evening.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Rapata Wiki Cummings



Rapata Wiki Cummings has whakapapa to Te Aupōri iwi and the Cook Islands. Rapata was elected as student president for 2019 and he quickly took on the role with pride, humbleness, and enthusiasm. Very prominent in the sporting and cultural events, Rapata led the college to gracious victory in the Inter College events. Rapata's commitment to his role as President was outstanding and he demonstrated his leadership and mentoring skills throughout the year. His ability to communicate with residents and staff meant that he was successful in gaining the respect of the whole community. A talented artist, Rapata shared his passion and knowledge of cultural and contemporary art widely. Rapata will return to Toroa as a Junior Tutor for 2020.

Our hope is that our residents leave Toroa feeling they have been part of a lifestyle and that they have a positive experience when they come to Toroa.





University College | *Te Kāreti o Te Whare Wānaka*

Andy Walne – Master

UniCol is 50! University College ended 2019 by celebrating its 50th anniversary. In November, the college welcomed alumni and special guests from around New Zealand to a weekend of festivities that saw the unveiling of UniCol's wall of notable alumni. Featuring illustrious collegians from all walks of life, it includes people such as Nigel Latta, Judge Annis Somerville, and former All Black Anton Oliver. The weekend was hailed as a success and an especially keen class of 1987 turned out in force to dance, sing, and wax nostalgic about their time at University College.

The 501 residents who joined the College in February again displayed the diversity that has been fundamental to the College since its founding in 1969. Large groups of students undertook study in the traditional areas of health sciences, commerce, and law but there continued to be significant groups studying sciences, humanities, social sciences, languages and education. UniCol continues to embrace traditional collegiate structures with live-in management supported by a large and diverse team of Residential Leaders (RLs).

In 2019, the Academic mentoring program was overhauled to create a student focused, hands on approach. Our RL team conducted initial interviews with residents to establish a baseline of academic support and understanding. Students requiring additional support were identified through this process and were subsequently seen by one of the Senior Management team.

The Residential Leader team in 2019 was a great blend of youth and experience with nine returners and nine newbies. The three senior RLs, Yuriko Haroen, Cameron Barr, and Jess Young, were all excellent role models and leaders for the group. The new RLs rapidly embraced the "UniCol Way", supporting residents, managing teams, assisting with events, and completing duties. All members of the team experienced personal growth and development in their roles as collegiate leaders. Residential Leaders continue to be an essential part of the fabric of UniCol society.

We were very pleased to welcome Richard Latu onto the University College pastoral care team. Originally from Tonga, Richard comes to Otago by way of the Manakau Institute of Technology in Auckland. His specialty is youth counselling, and we are extremely lucky to have him here. Jess Gould spent most of the year seconded to Selwyn College and Sean Braid joined us in a temporary capacity to fill out her role. He performed admirably in the position, and we thank him for everything that he contributed to the college community.

The Inter-College Competition was exceptionally fierce this year. UniCol came out as fourth overall and brought home the Inter-College Men's Rugby shield for the second time since its inception in 2016. Additionally, we brought home the Clyde Cup, defeating Arana 6-3 over a variety of different competitions.

We were very proud of our 48 Hour film team whose file "Expired" was nominated in nine separate categories and won both Best Visual FX and Best Editing in Dunedin.

It was also a difficult year in many respects. In the wake of the Christchurch shooting, UniCol residents demonstrated their resilience and compassion throughout the tragedy. Later in the year, we had a small fire incident. Once again, the residents pitched in and worked alongside college staff and staff from around the division to ensure that every resident was taken care of. We are very proud of our staff and the residential cohort for their highly effective response to the various difficulties that the college had to face.

UniCol is "World Famous in Dunedin" for its quirky traditions, competitions, events, and spectacles. Our in-house competitions continue to be a combination of long-standing events such as table tennis, and 8-ball, and ones that are peculiar to UniCol such as portrait painting. Sock tag was the surprising smash hit with nearly 150 residents participating at two separate times during the year. Friday evening floor sports at Unipol also started this year and quickly became a popular event.

2019 also saw the development and release of the "Unicol Cribz" series on the Unicol YouTube channel. The series looks at three different residents of the 2019 cohort and where they live in the college. This has been very successful as future students crave information about UniCol.

In 2010 the college embraced the Lion as our mascot along with black and gold as our colours. Lion motifs abound in UniCol life. We are proud to be the Pride.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Lee Wilton



University College is a lively, boisterous, exuberant community filled with colourful characters from every discipline and all around the world. Collegian of the Year, Lee Wilton, embodied the essence of what a year at UniCol is all about. From day one, Lee involved himself in every part of college life. He gave his time to the Kids Cancer Foundation, the Cancer Society, and Hospice as well as donating blood. As part of the Pasifika performance group, he worked for four weeks on a Fijian Meke which was performed at the inter-college Pasifika performance night. Lee acted as a tour guide during re-orientation week, guiding future residents and their parents through the college. He was one of three guides on the video tour of UniCol, and he participated in several UniCol sports teams and in-house competitions. His friendly, helpful nature, outgoing attitude, and enthusiasm for the college was infectious and made a positive impact on the whole college's experience.



University Flats

Tony Buchanan – Head of Flats

The first half of 2019 did not start at all well for one of our International Post Graduate students who was seriously injured when she was riding a Lime scooter and collided with a truck whilst attempting to cross a busy intersection. She sustained serious head injuries, made a miraculous recovery over many months, and completed her Master of Arts in July and graduated in August. This was one of two Lime scooter incidents that were reported to us in 2019.

February kicked off with the usual influx of hundreds of international study-abroad and exchange students as well as a large contingent of Kiwi Hosts. There were two intruder related incidents and one theft from an unlocked student flat – such incidents were a recurring and worrying theme throughout both semesters. Moving into March, two of our international students were assaulted late at night and St Patrick's Day resulted in two admissions to ED, we also had a car accident involving minor injuries to two other international students.

April saw two of our study abroad students lost in bush near Lake Marina, and who were rescued by helicopter and reminded about the importance of good preparation and weather watching when it comes to hiking in New Zealand conditions.

There was the usual spate of ED and hospital admissions for various bouts of unwellness and accident-related injuries. Sadly, mental health woes continued to plague several of our students – both domestic and international, with a number of hospital admissions, and too many students having to withdraw from University due to ill health.

In terms of events and functions, semester one saw International students and Kiwi Hosts participate in a range of inter-college activities. Highlights include coming third in the rowing competition, as well as playing in the netball, cricket, and futsal competitions, and having entries in both the quiz night, art & gaming competitions.

Uni Flats ran their own activities as well, including two marae visits to Puketeraki Marae in semester one where our students learnt how to make and dance with poi. Students also



volunteered at Orokonui Eco-Sanctuary and the Sinclair Wetlands. Among our usual semester events were speed



meets, cooking classes at Manaaki (the Otago Polytechnic cooking school). We held two “puppy cuddle afternoons” and our inaugural Uni Flats Quiz Night at Starters Bar, which was a roaring success.

In semester two, we held both a pizza and pancake day, which was a touch too successful, with the food running out very quickly. We held regular area dinners where our students could meet their neighbours over some delicious kai sourced from the Arana College kitchen. We had one student enter the intercollege 48-hour film festival, where the judges awarded him a Highly Commendable certificate.

We had two volleyball teams and one basketball team who came third in the mixed competitive division. Uni Flats also came second in both the men's and women's recreational touch division. We had another marae trip and three volunteering outings in semester two, two to Sinclair Wetlands (where we planted 251 native trees) and another trip to the Orokonui Eco-Sanctuary. We held our second Uni Flats Quiz Night, with slightly easier questions this time around, the end scores were much higher.

In summary Uni Flats again had a very busy 2019 with over 1200 residents accommodated throughout the year – some 500 having departed at the end of semester one, to be replaced by nearly 500 for the second semester. It is a credit to the extremely hardworking and organised maintenance team that the operation is able to turn around these 500 beds in just seven working days and the incoming residents arrive to clean and tidy flats.

The ongoing success of the community can also be strongly attributed to 140 odd kiwi students acting as ‘Kiwi Hosts’ to our international cohort and keeping both the RA team and the pastoral team well informed during the year.

RESIDENT PROFILE

Renee Black



Kia ora! My name is Renee Black and I have loved being part of the Uni Flats whānau during 2019. Uni Flats is an essential part of life here at the University of Otago and I have been lucky enough to work as both a Kiwi Host and a Residential Assistant.

Living with Uni Flats has opened a world of opportunities to me - literally! I've met new people from America, Canada, Denmark, and Cambodia (just to name a few countries among others!) and now have a worldwide network of friends. I never imagined kiwi hosting would open such meaningful friendships and provide me with such great memories. Living with internationals lets you see New Zealand in a whole new way. Their excitement about the simple things - like sheep crossing the road - opens your eyes to all the beauty we have here in little old NZ and reminds you of how lucky we are to be here!

Uni Flats creates a community for international students and Kiwi Hosts to participate in tons of activities and get the best out of their experience. I've done cooking classes, kiwi snack nights, beach trips, and many doggy de-stress days, all organised by a great team at the Uni Flats office. The time they take to make each semester great truly makes a difference for us residents!

I am grateful to be part of such a diverse community here at Otago!

Recreation Services

Dan Porter - Manager

In 2019 the Recreation Department continued to champion 'drop in and play' at Unipol Recreation Centre. This initiative delivered over 650,000 facility visits. Under this programme, Unipol Recreation Centre plays a key role in the development of healthy lifestyles.

The highlights of 2019 were:

1. National Trends – With continual facility usage and growth in the Inter-College Competition, the National trend of declining participation is re-shaped at the University of Otago. The concept of play has not been lost when you attend the University of Otago. The Recreation Centre caters to busy student lifestyles by providing flexible access which suits students when they encounter lectures, labs, and tutorials. The Inter-College competition is another example of a flexible programme delivery catering specifically for 1st year students.
2. 150th drone shot - With the 150th being a significant milestone the Recreation Department planned and delivered a photo opportunity with 3500 students filling a 150th template to create an impressive aerial photo.



3. Group Fitness and U50

Without doubt, the most popular class of the year has been the U50 class at Unipol. This class is based on the concept of circuit training in small groups of up to eight people rotating through exercise stations. The development of this class uses different equipment, such as kettle bells, box jumps and disc sliders. This class regularly reached its maximum class size of 80 students/class.

4. Inter-College Competition

In its fourth year, this program has expanded to cater for sport, culture, and games. The principle behind this competition is to encourage participation, develop healthy lifestyles and offer students opportunities to be involved in fun activities

while pursuing their first-year studies. The following are highlights of the programme.

Sport:

Throughout 2019 there were a total of 351 teams playing in the competitions with another 248 teams entered on College Sports Day at the very beginning of the year. A total of 5813 people participated across the year.

Overall entries in 2019 compared to previous year's, showing a continued trend of increasing team numbers each year of Inter-College Sport.



Culture:

2019 involved eight cultural events, four of which were competitive and the rest offering participation points only. These events were well attended and brought with them a unique atmosphere. The average entries per event was 12 with seven Colleges entering all cultural events and another three Colleges entering all bar one. There was a total of 772 participants involved throughout the year.

Games:

The inaugural year of Inter-College Games involved eight events, four in each semester. Involvement from the Colleges was good and consistent throughout the year and with a total of 590 students taking part.

5. Outdoor Rentals

With a 20% growth in Outdoor Rentals, the highlight of 2019 has been the planning towards opening a dedicated Rental Centre. In 2020 it is expected that Unipol will open an

outdoor rental centre which will support sustainability through the continual recycling of equipment for students. The hours of the rental centre will duplicate those of Unipol, so students are not turned away. With equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, personal locator beacons, wetsuits, and

surfboards it is expected that students will take advantage of this service to make the most of the natural environment.

The Recreation Department looks forward to a busy and vibrant 2020 where we continue to work on never turning anyone away.

UNIPOL 2019 STAT BOARD

NZ'S ONLY UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTRE THAT CHAMPION 'DROP-IN AND PLAY'
WITH OVER 650,000 VISITS PER YEAR!

INTER-COLLEGE COMPETITION

WE EMPLOYED **125 STUDENTS**. THAT'S ENOUGH TO FILL TE RANGI HIROA COLLEGE.

351 TEAMS CONSUMED **2,600+** SAUSAGES AND HASH BROWNS!

A SINGLE RUGBY REFEREE RAN THE DISTANCE OF DUNEDIN TO OAMARU IN A SEASON. **THAT'S 112 KMS!**

OUTDOOR RENTAL

MARCH WAS THE BUSIEST MONTH FOR RENTALS WITH **65** PIECES OF EQUIPMENT HIRED PER DAY!

SNOW SHED

IF YOU LAY ALL SKIS HIRED DURING WINTER END TO END THEY WOULD EQUAL THE LENGTH OF **FIVE** OLYMPIC SIZED **SWIMMING POOLS**.

973 SNOW SHED ITEMS WERE HIRED DURING WINTER 2019!

SOCIAL SPORT

980 GAMES OF SOCIAL SPORT WERE PLAYED DURING SEMESTER 1 AND 2 2019.

2,256 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN SOCIAL SPORT OVER 24 WEEKS!

GROUP FITNESS

STEP PARTICIPANTS CLOCKED UP APPROXIMATELY 1,200 STEPS EACH PER CLASS.

SPIN PARTICIPANTS CYCLED AT LEAST 25 KMS EACH PER CLASS.

MOST POPULAR CLASS OF THE YEAR? **U50** WITH AN AVERAGE OF 50 PARTICIPANTS PER CLASS.

**RECREATION
IS WHAT
WE DO
(WELL)!**

87% OF STUDENTS THOUGHT UNIPOL ROCKED! (STUDENT OPINION SURVEY 2018)

College Catering

Gary McNeill – College Catering Manager

The 2019 Residential College Chef Competition had 10 teams competing for the prominent Chef of the Year Trophy.

The bragging rights went to Aquinas College, thanks to their Executive Chef Dylan Henry and Kitchen Assistant Rani Cohen.

2019's Mystery Box included Venison Tenderloin, Yellow Fin Tuna, Duck Breast, and the mystery item that had to be used was Dilma Black Tea. The competitors had to make two courses in 70 minutes, using food from the mystery box and pantry.

Dylan and Rani's creation was seared venison tenderloin, on a beetroot puree; the beetroot was bleached in a infused spiced tea stock, serviced with a red wine and tea infused jus and garnished with kumara shavings.

Dessert was a strawberry and chocolate fondant, served with a strawberry and tea infused coulis and garnished with a cashew praline and cream.



1st Aquinas College
Dylan Henry & Rani Cohen

2nd Arana College
Brain Galvin & Liz Benn

3rd Toroa College
Sumi Yoo & Tracey Leishman

In 2019 we had the inaugural "Scone Off". Campus kitchens entered a batch of traditional cheese scones for judging. The judges were Greg Hollick, from Gilberts Fine Foods, and two spectators.

They judged on colour, texture, consistency, and overall delight.

Scone Off

1st Te Rangi Hiroa

2nd Knox College

3rd Staff Club

Food Footprint

Sustainability is very important to us at University of Otago Catering Services. The Food Service Operations have implemented many Green initiatives and we are now taking an important step forward by committing to many new Green Impact Program goals.

The Green Impact Program is about implementing best practise and fulfilling set criteria's collectively with all College residents and staff. This includes engagement, resource use, energy, innovation, leadership and resident and staff well-being.



Customer demand for transparency is influencing all aspects of our foodservice, including purchasing, menu selection, packaging, food waste and overall sustainability. As a result, foodservice management and staff are working hard to maintain our existing sustainability initiatives, while adopting new goals within our Green Impact Kitchen Guidelines.

Our sustainability initiatives focus on doing best practise for our customers, employees, suppliers and ultimately, the planet. Our objective is to ensure that our Green Impact kitchen guidelines strengthen our practises for the environment.

So, what are we in the University of Otago Food Services doing to make a difference?

Current implemented initiatives:

- We have a recycling system in place, recycling all our plastics, cardboard, and tins.

- Our food services use software that manages all aspects of our operation, allowing us to purchase only what is exactly required, through standardised recipes, menus, and standardised cookery methods.
- Purchasing pre-prepared vegetables minimises kitchen wastage, while our suppliers manage their waste by sending vegetable waste away for stock food.
- Removing plastic food trays has a twofold effect. Residents eat only what they can carry on their plates, and by not washing 7000 trays per day, the use of hot water and hard chemicals is greatly reduced.
- Implement biodegradable packaging for late meals and takeaway meals.

Trialling initiatives:

- We have been trialling a cleaning product called Bio-Fresh for three months at three of our food service operations. This product uses natural enzymes and microbes to clean, eliminating the use of hard manufactured chemicals. We are yet to analyse the results of this trial.
- We have measured our kitchen production waste and resident plate waste at three of our College food services, with interesting results. We can actively manage our kitchen production waste; however, controlling resident's plate waste presents more of a challenge.
 - Production waste on average 90g per resident per day. That is 30g per meal.
 - Resident plate waste on average 80g per resident per day. That is 27g per meal.

(For reference: a banana skin weighs approx. 55g)

2020 Initiatives (Green Impact Guidelines):

- Communicate more with our residents via table talkers, to promote our sustainable actions including some form targeted action on reduction of plate waste.
- Include more vegetarian options, and occasionally drop the second meat option.
- Vegetarian only evening meals.
- Reduce energy use, by managing lighting usage and improved equipment utilisation.
- Change kitchen lighting to LED's.
- Trialling a food digester at one of our Colleges. This process separates the water and solid waste.

Future Goals

- Have a central food waste composter. All our food waste could be collected daily and processed making a high-quality compost. This high-quality compost can be used by the University garden maintenance team and/or sold within the community. Other local food operators could also use this food waste system.
- Catering Services uses over 150km of cling film per year. Our goal is to cut this usage by 50% in 2020. Food Safety is paramount, so a new initiative and alternate is required.

Student Health

Margaret Perley – Operations Manager

Summary

2019 has been an extremely busy year for the Student Health team.



At the beginning of the year, we welcomed our new shared services administration team and at the same time had a measles outbreak, high MDMA usage, and higher than expected demand for meningitis vaccinations. This was followed by the tragic events in Christchurch and later in the year the student death at the manor party.

The Student Health Team has been amazing, working together to support students, staff, and each other through the challenges of 2019.

2019 Challenges

- MMR outbreaks x 2, difficulty in obtaining vaccines.
- Early influenza outbreak.
- Demand for Meningitis vaccinations and difficulty in obtaining vaccines.
- Impact of SSD on admin /reception during first semester.
- Tragic events in Christchurch.
- Student death.

2019 Successes

Activities to promote student wellbeing

- Flu vaccination programme - 70% coverage in colleges - highest number of vaccines given in a year.

- Meningococcal vaccinations (1618) and MMR (777).
- An increase in usage of our patient portal (H365).
- Wellness media campaign (focus on the basics) - sleep, diet, exercise. "Health Yourself"
- Roll out of the new college mental health and wellbeing training programme, to include College heads and deputies in 2020.
- Student Focus Group.

Activities to promote staff wellbeing

- Implementation of SH Healthy Workplace policy based on manaakitanga.
- Staff social events: Potluck healthy lunch, games evenings, Work Quiz Team, Team potluck breakfasts

Innovations

- Nurse led Jadelle implant insertions (long-acting reversible contraception –LARC).
- ADHD assessments implemented during semester breaks.
- Joint GP-nurse-physio concussion management.
- Student Nurse placements for mental health and primary care.
- E-prescribing implemented.
- NES implemented (National Enrolment System - enables NHI to be set up).
- EVision enhancements in place - gender identity, insurance, and demographic enhancements.
- Upgraded AV system to meet needs of SH team.

Recognition

- Operations staff excellence award - Katherine Martin.
- DISO award for the Mental Health Team.
- Collegiate Award 2019 (Oct).
- Numerous TV / Radio / paper articles.
- Visit by Health Minister
- Seedling and Sapling green impact status awarded (first at Otago)
- Presenting at ANZSSA conference

Uniprint

Ian Hobson –Manager

Uniprint is a business unit inside the Campus and Collegiate Life Services division, with the primary function being to support students and staff printing requirements on all of the University of Otago campuses.

Throughout 2019 UniPrint has been working alongside Canon NZ rolling out new multi-function printers around all the Otago University campuses for both students and staff. We are currently working on Phase Three of a four-part rollout and expect this to be complete around July 2020.

This rollout will enable all staff and students to use the “Follow Me print” solution across all of University of Otago’s Campus.

UniPrint’s strategic plan has been to continue to update digital equipment and has resulted in the Printshop receiving two high spec colour printers in 2019. These digital printers mainly service students and clients using the Printshop who now experience superior quality.

Students continues to print approx. three million prints per year.

UniPrint’s production area strategic plan has been to replace print equipment, with a new high-speed digital black and white production press received in December 2019.

This press produces printed A4 sheets, at rate of 220 sheets per minute. Automated punching units will also decrease delivery times as production is sped up.

One of UniPrint’s highlights in 2019 was the producing of 150th Years, 150 words Te Reo card sets.

Each card display’s a unique word in Maori with the corresponding English translation. Fifteen hundred sets of these special edition boxes have been produced by UniPrint staff.

