



# Collegiate Life Annual Report 2018

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# Editor's Note

Kia ora koutou!

A brief introduction to start ... upon joining the Campus and Collegiate Life Services (CaCLS) Division near the end of 2018 I found myself amongst a large group of hardworking individuals working towards a combined goal of making the 'Otago Collegiate Experience' the best it can be for students in colleges and also working in partnership to assist with live-out students.

CaCLS not only represents college life but also campus life, which includes Recreation Services, Uniprint, Student Health and our Hospitality Hub all under one 'roof'! This makes for one busy Division.

The colleges are lively places with students coming and going. They gain unity by entering college teams in the Inter-college Sport and Cultural Competition where colleges battle it out not only for the trophies and awards but also to retain a sense of pride and togetherness throughout their time at the University, and beyond as alumni. Looking forward to 2019, there are many events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the University which will keep everyone on their toes.

Our team down at Recreation Services within the Forsyth Barr Stadium precinct continues to encourage healthy lifestyles for staff and students. They are a team of highly-motivated, highly-organised and very fit people taking the reins to assist in organising the Inter-college Competition while cogitating endless ideas to get people moving throughout the year.

Student Health Services has provided health and well-being services for many years here at the University. They are very dedicated to what they do and provide an excellent service as well as ongoing information for healthier lives. They work hard alongside our Recreation Services team and college communities to promote well-being across campus.

Uniprint is another department that shines through in the busiest times of the University, dealing with massive print projects from the new Canon roll-out to all the graduation booklets and calendars year on year. They provide many different print solutions for staff and students.

Our University Union Hospitality Hub works tirelessly throughout the year assisting with conference events, catering in the colleges and across campus, setting up rooms and ensuring a great experience every time. My first experience of an event the Union catered was the Awards Dinner for the Inter-college Competition. The evening was so well set up, start to finish. The food was amazing and ran smoothly along with the agenda of the night.

The following information expands on all of this so scroll down and check it out!

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# Foreword

Tēnā koutou katoa

This annual report reflects the uniqueness of our collegiate community here at the University of Otago and the combination of staff and students that make the collegiate experience internationally renowned.

The University of Otago has fourteen undergraduate residential colleges and one postgraduate residential college, all fully catered. Four of these are run independently with the remainder owned and operated by the Campus and Collegiate Life Services Division. As the Director of this Division I am fully immersed in campus life and continue to watch the colleges thrive year upon year.

The residential colleges are home to more than 3,500 first year students on the Dunedin campus. The University Flats residential community is provided with pastoral care for around 750 students in self-catered accommodation each year. Through these very supportive networks, students settle into collegiate life alongside their friends old and new, and have access to many services focused around their scholastic routines, safety, health and well-being whilst studying here at Otago.

The Inter-College Sports, Culture and Gaming Competition reached new heights in 2018 with a record number of college teams competing for trophies, status and bragging rights. Winners and participants were awarded trophies and accolades aplenty at the Inter-College Awards Dinner in September, held in Te Wao Nui, the new space in the Otago Business School. This heavily competitive inter-college schedule involves all college communities.

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.

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

The University of Otago, offers the kind of collegiate experience that is hugely valued and appreciated by our students. This report should serve to inform the reader of what is offered by colleges and associated services.

James Lindsay JP  
*Director Campus and Collegiate Life Services*





# Collegiate Communities



Abbey College | *Whāia te iti Kahurangi*

Luke Morrison – Head of College

2018 was a special year for Abbey College, as the college celebrated its tenth anniversary as New Zealand's first (and still only) fully-catered residential college dedicated solely to graduate and postgraduate students. The tenth anniversary was celebrated with a formal dinner attended by the two former Heads of College, Gretchen Kivell and Dr Charles Tustin who both shared memories of their time at the college. Also in attendance was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Richard Blaikie who gave a lively presentation recognising Abbey's role in celebrating the University of Otago's postgraduate culture. This was followed by a ball in the Dining Room to which former residents were invited. They were treated to music from an "Abbey Band" of current residents.

Visiting academic staff have always played a key role in the life and culture of Abbey College, which continued to be the case in 2018. Notable visitors were Associate Professor Rajrani Kalra (California State University) and Professor Frank Dignum (Utrecht University), who returned to Abbey for a second visit after having previously stayed at the college in 2016. Dr Kalra gave an interesting talk to residents titled "India: Prosperity Amidst Diversity" that was very well received by those who attended. Professor Dignum engaged himself fully in the college, including working to dramatically increase the number of residents participating in the weekly park run in the neighbouring Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

As well as being the University of Otago's smallest college, Abbey College is also its most diverse. Over the course of 2018 the college had residents from over 40 countries. With the exception of the summer break, at any one time throughout the year Abbey College always had residents from at least 30 countries and from all continents apart from Antarctica. This diversity of cultures was regularly celebrated and particular highlights in 2018 were celebrations for Chinese New Year, Ramadan and Eid al-Adha, and Halloween.

Abbey College residents are well known for organising and participating in a wide range of activities and 2018 was no exception with yoga, salsa dancing, walking/hiking and badminton being popular college activities, along with regular movie and documentary evenings. There were also regular karaoke evenings in the college, which were always popular and well attended.

A new innovation in 2018 was the semi-regular "Cultural Nights" in which residents shared something of their culture. Amongst others, this included evenings in which residents learned about the UAE, France and Sri Lanka. Other residents also used these evenings to present to their fellow residents about their diverse pre-Abbey experiences.

Abbey College residents also participated in Inter-college activities in 2018, with a highlight being participation by the "Abbey Commonwealthers" in the Inter-college cricket tournament. Abbey residents also participated in diverse events such as the Inter-college pool competition and Inter-college visual arts competition.

2018 was also a year of change for Abbey College. During the year, the Deputy Head of College, John Seaton, who had been at the college since its inception, was transferred to a different college, and late in the year the Head of College, Luke Morrison, also transferred to a different college. In November, Mr Chris Addington was made Warden of Abbey College and neighbouring Caroline Freeman College, and this marks an important milestone in Abbey College's development as Abbey maintains its postgraduate identity but with a closer relationship with its undergraduate neighbour across the road.

## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Alba Suarez Garcia

Abbey College is a collegiate home away from home for residents from over 30 different countries. Typical of this diverse and academic community is Alba Suarez Garcia, who is originally from the town of Astudios in northern Spain. Alba did her undergraduate studies in Biology at Bristol University, a postgraduate diploma in Animal Behaviour at Exeter University, and a Master of Science in Behaviour and Cognition (specialising in Primatology) from the University of Barcelona. Alba is currently pursuing a PhD in Science Communication at Otago. As well as being a scientist she has a keen interest in poetry and often delivers seminars, presentations and introductions using fantastic and intricate rhyme schemes.





## Aquinas College | Te Kāreti o Akuinahi

Luke McClelland – Head of College

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2018 was once again a fine year at Aquinas College with much to celebrate over a variety of college endeavours. Aquinas College continues to live out its motto *Discendo Sapientia*, with academic learning and expanding wisdom occurring hand in hand. Aquinas College 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. Aquinas has offered a balanced, scholarly, supportive and enjoyable residential experience for the entire college community.

While the previous year saw major changes in the physical buildings, 2018 instead saw substantial changes in staffing. Following the departure of the long serving Deputy Head of College early in the year, that position was replaced by the new position of Senior Tutor, filled by Corinne Phillips, with a further position of Assistant Resident Tutor added and filled late in the year with the appointment of Matt Brazier. There was also change in the leadership of the college, with Head of College, Luke McClelland, leaving in November, and being replaced by Luke Morrison.

With the involvement of University expertise, the college ran an Academic Support Programme with an emphasis on one-on-one directed and regular support throughout the academic year. This was well received by residents, and allowed college staff to develop academic achievement amongst the residents.

Aquinas also successfully continued and grew its mentoring programme, in which former residents of the college were matched with current residents to provide support and guidance, and to share key messages. This is in addition to regular tutorials for residents in many subjects.

Many college residents also participated in other University studies, including a pilot study run by the Department of Psychology looking at student drinking and the impact of residents being sent “drink responsibly” text message reminders.

Aquinas continued its participation in Inter-college Cultural and Sporting Competitions, and although 2018 was not a year of awards, the residents enjoyed their participation. The elected College Student Representatives also gave many hours of their time to ensure that the year was a social success for residents. The willingness of the college residents to participate with enthusiasm and heart in Inter-college events is testament to the positive vibe and thriving community that is Aquinas.

This impressive spirit also extends beyond the college itself into the local community. Before the first lecture of 2018 had even commenced, Aquinas residents had notched up hundreds of hours of volunteering service, setting the benchmark for a year of community-focused activities, with a growing focus on building links within the local North East Valley community in which the college is situated.

In addition to inter-college events, there were also numerous Aquinas-specific events such as the Gladstone Gutbuster, College Ball, ski trip, themed social gatherings, formal dinners and much more. And in a continuation of long-standing success in the inter-college 'Chef of the Year' competition, Aquinas College kitchen staff achieved third place in the Residential College Chef of the Year Competition.

Late in the year, the University conducted a review of Aquinas College, with the reviewers making numerous commendations on the running of the college and its support for residents. A recurring theme in the review report was the outstanding supportive learning and social environment that is provided by Aquinas College.

All this contributed to 2018 being a great year for Aquinas College and set the scene for another wonderful year in 2019 as the college moves forward with a new team of staff.

## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Nikita Potter

Hailing from Westport on the South Island's West Coast, Nikita joined Aquinas College in February 2018, embarking on her first year of university study for a Bachelor of Science degree. From the outset, Nikita was fully engaged with the Aquinas community, participating across a range of events and activities whilst consistently showcasing her exceptional character.

Nikita's positive attitude and eagerness to support college life would see her participating in anything where a helping hand was needed.

Nikita has a real passion for giving everything a go. From trying a range of sports, to cultural events and activities, handing out home baking for the elderly residents of Ross Home and other volunteer activities, and showcasing her outgoing nature at musical events. Nikita was immensely liked and respected among the Aquinas community by both staff and her peers. She was committed to caring for her friends and fellow residents and in doing so fostered the affirming college culture that we are so proud of at Aquinas College.

Nikita enjoyed her time at Aquinas so much, that she has decided to return in 2019 as a Residential Assistant. The college is excited that Nikita's warm and enthusiastic presence and spirit will be returning.







## Arana College | *Te Whare o Hato Rāwiri*

Jamie Gilbertson – Warden

Students' arrival was not met with the usual hot and dry weather, instead rainy days and cyclonic activity challenged us to be creative with activities in Orientation Week 2018. Our annual Volunteering Day was downscaled and the college Sports Day was traded in for an afternoon of movies and board games. The students of Arana College still managed to complete 1,200 volunteering hours across the year as well as raising \$9,593 for charity through Relay for Life, Pink Ribbon Breakfast and Blue September.

Sport and cultural pursuits saw high attendance in 2018 with a record number of teams, particularly in netball (12) and basketball (14) and a very high turnout for the Arana Māori/Pasifika performance.

In the Inter-college Sport Competition we finished third overall and in the Cultural Competition we finished second. Student enjoyment in these areas was reported to be very high.

In addition to the Inter-college Competition the battle between Arana and UniCol for the Clyde Cup ensued. Eleven match ups spread across the year saw wins and losses for both sides with Arana retaining the cup once again.

The collegians also challenged Carrington in the Stuart Shield and King Cup late in the second semester. Intense table tennis matches, chess, netball, tug of war and a game of hockey in the rain also saw Arana come out on top.

The feature event of the first semester was the Gala Ball held in May. With *The Great Gatsby* as the theme the college's main dining and social area was transformed back in time and saw students (and staff) dance long into the night to the band and DJ.

Notwithstanding the many activities that students participated in, the Learning Support programme continued and with hard work across the college the 2018 cohort achieved exceptionally well again.

2018 saw the introduction of a new programme on Saturday evenings, G.R.O.W. This incorporated activities and events such as painting, movies and clay. Each week yoga was offered on a Friday night and had a small enthusiastic group attend.

In August a dedicated group of students were destined for Gunn's Camp in the Hollyford Valley of Fiordland for a weekend of volunteering. The camp was left with more wood for the log burners, water blasted buildings and a raspberry patch that is looking remarkable. The relationship with the camp managers has been further strengthened as a result and we are now looking forward to the fourth trip to the camp in August 2019. Students led *Te Wiki o te Reo Māori* in the college this year. The dining room was re-decorated and a flax weaving session was held. The week was celebrated and rounded up with haka and waiata performed by our own students.



In the second semester we built a working relationship with YouthGrow Nursery in Leith Valley. We began monthly visits for volunteering in the nursery, which saw students undertake weeding, planting and other useful duties for the organisation.

Anemones, Avatars, and Aerobics instructors were seen in September heading for the on-campus U-Bar for the Battle of the Bands Competition against Studholme. Coupled with a dress-up event the annual A and S Function was highly attended by both colleges. Two bands from Arana and one from Studholme entertained the crowd until Arana were awarded the trophy.

The 2018 season ended with the annual Formal Dinner on 11 October. A delicious meal was served and there was time to reflect on the year that had been. We were entertained by our own talented musicians with renditions of “Valerie” and “Wagon Wheel”.

Second semester exams arrived soon after the Formal Dinner. The college went into quiet mode and before we knew it the collegians had departed for their summer break.



## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Cameron Wright

LLB and BAppSc  
(Environmental Management, Economics)

“A single conversation across the table with a wise man is worth a month’s study of books” – Chinese proverb.

A focus on academic achievement is undoubtedly a key part of the Arana experience. Academic achievement comes not only from lectures, but also from engaging with those around you. The Arana tutorials were great, but more importantly every conversation was an opportunity to see a new way of thinking. Arana is built on a culture of collaboration and success, and every student went out of their way to help each other.

This year we were lucky enough to have a huge range of extra-curricular activities on offer. Personal highlights were playing hockey against the other colleges, performing a gig at U-Bar and our college ball. As well as formal organised activities, there were frequent adventures mountain biking up Signal Hill, surf trips to the coast and missions into the op-shops in town. We also had a big emphasis on giving back to the community. As well as our college-wide volunteering during O-week, I was involved with gardening at YouthGrow and academic tutoring.

Ultimately, it was the people that really made this year great. Every resident got involved with what they were passionate about. Every single person was committed, enthusiastic and outgoing. You would be hard pressed to find a better group of people to share your first year with.







## Caroline Freeman College | *Te Kāreti o Caroline Freeman*

Andy Walne – Head of College

2018 was a momentous year for the college and its residents. At the end of 2017, the then City College was purchased by the University of Otago and re-named Caroline Freeman College, in honour of the first female graduate of the University of Otago.

In July, the Chancellor of the University, Dr Royden Somerville QC formally re-named the college, saying it was a “fitting acknowledgement” of the important part that Caroline Freeman played in the history of the University of Otago as its first woman graduate.

Georgia Freeman, a second-year Commerce student at the University and the great-great-niece of Caroline Freeman, said she was “honoured” to speak on behalf of the Freeman family at the ceremony.

The college’s 214 residents enjoyed a rewarding year at the college. The honour of being the first ever members of Caroline Freeman College seemed to encourage the community with many of the students identifying with the values that Caroline Freeman demonstrated in her life.

College members participated in almost all of the inter-college sporting and cultural competitions and activities. Standout performances included the group performance at the Māori/Pasifika event, the 48 hour film festival and the hockey festival.

The college continues to be a place where members can relax, study, make friends and be themselves in a diverse and inclusive environment. Whether chilling with their friends or taking part in activities, the 2018 residents were a friendly, cohesive cohort who were fun to be with. My thanks go to the team of Residential Assistants who worked tirelessly to help create this supportive environment.

Social highlights of the year included the college Ball in May, the International Dinner and the spectacular Rocky Horror Theatre Dinner, when everyone was doing the Time-Warp at the end of a superb evening of fun and creating memories.

This year our Art Show grew to include pieces from other colleges of the University of Otago with an increase in the number and range of pieces.

A fun year had by all!





## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Muhammad Syibri Syafiq

*BSc (Anatomy) and City College Resident of the Year*

Hi, I am Muhammad Syibri Syafiq! Currently in second-year Med, I was the CFC Resident of the Year in 2018. It was my first year as an international student from Singapore and I'm glad Caroline Freeman College was my first taste of New Zealand culture. Despite being far from home, the supportive Residential Assistants and the amazing student culture at CFC made me feel like I was at home. I was in the competitive HSFY course and CFC gave me the balance that I needed to succeed, with all the college events and activities in which I participated in most of them. I made many fond memories of CFC that I will treasure for the rest of my life and I am forever grateful for it. Thank you for giving me a meaningful start to my student career!







## Carrington College | *Te Kāreti o Carrington*

Robyn Madden – Warden

2018 marked 73 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 around New Zealand and a few from other parts of the globe were welcomed in 2018 as part of the Carrington family.

Carrington is termed the HEARTLAND. Each community member has provided a pulse beat to the life-blood of the college, navigating the first-year journey with a keen focus on building relationships, engaging in many opportunities across academic, social, sporting, cultural and volunteering spheres to enrich personal experiences and foster the college spirit. Our Student Executive team worked tirelessly to provide a vibrant events programme.

### ACADEMICS

We have continued to establish stronger links between the college and academics within the University by fully implementing a Fellows programme with 11 academic and professional University staff appointed.

Residents have reported that our in-house academic support programme has been of immense help in their transition between secondary and tertiary education. The college is immensely proud of the stellar academic successes of our students.

### 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 win the Inter-college 48-hour Film Festival and host the Inter-college Literary Competition. We were represented in 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 a wide range of student activities. Highlights of this competition were the winning success of our Woman's Futsal team, and the second year of our female rugby team, who came fourth. The Intra-College North South Rugby Cup game got the competitive juices flowing. Northerners proved to have the upper edge this year.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The student-run 'Carry-Go-Green' committee played a notable role in furthering our sustainability efforts and promoting events in the city. Theme months were developed including "love food, hate waste", "how big is your footprint?", and power and energy saving earth month, with an all lights off evening on Earth Day, say no to single-use plastics, and a green prompter resource for flatters.





## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Sam Montgomerie

#### "No Regrets"

Sam Montgomerie was a first-year Bachelor of Commerce student residing at Carrington College in 2018. Drawn to the University of Otago after falling in love with Dunedin, Sam wanted a university experience away from his home at Cambridge, where he attended St Peter's College. After both of his parents attended Carrington during their first year at Otago, the college was an obvious choice.

Soon after arriving at Carrington, Sam quickly integrated into the community. He took on the role of the college's Sporting Representative on the Student Executive and played an instrumental role in organising our participation in the Inter-college Sport Competition, where we came fourth out of all of the colleges at Otago! He created strong friendships with peers in Dawson House where he resided, as well as the rest of the college. When he wasn't studying, Sam could often be found playing football on the turf or enjoying a game of pool in the college's pool room. Getting involved was his mantra!

Sam has thoroughly enjoyed his experience at Carrington in 2018. He advises future students to embrace opportunities during their first year at Otago. Next year Sam will be flatting and continuing to complete his Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Finance and Economics.







## Cumberland College | Te Kāreti o Cumberland

Rosemary Tarbotton – Acting Head of College, Jenna Lockhart – Senior Tutor



Cumberland has had a very exciting 2018. Our biggest achievement was winning the Inter-college Sport Competition for the first time with the closest competitor being 100+ points.

Cumberland was over 100% full this year with 5 double bedrooms helping offset any residents who left. This year our floors were given the theme of countries which the Residential Assistants got involved in from move-in day.

O-week was jam packed with Cumbyl01, Pre-Toga, volunteering day and colour wars, along with the other events organised by OUSA. In true Cumberland spirit the residents got involved in everything with a smile on their face and enjoyed it all.

Volunteering started in O-week and continued throughout the year with residents completing over 1,250 hours by the end of the year. Volunteering included everything from beach clean ups, helping out at the curtain bank and primary schools, making cheese rolls for a much-loved security guard who is battling cancer, and making soup and other items for the cancer society freezer and pantry.

As mentioned above Cumberland took out the Inter-college Sport Competition for the first time ever. This was down to the commitment, skill and effort of the residents who not only played but turned out in large numbers to support our teams. It really helped build the successful community this year.



### Inter-college Sport Results

1st placing	2nd placing	3rd placing
Men's rugby	Women's rugby	Cricket
Netball	Netball	Men's football (competitive)
Women's renegade hockey (competitive)	Women's futsal	
Men's futsal (competitive)	Men's renegade hockey (competitive)	
Ruby 7s men's (competitive)	Mixed basketball (competitive)	
Rugby 7s women's (competitive)		
Women's football		

Cumberland residents have had a very successful year academically. We had a large number of students receiving scholarships to study at Otago. The academic achievers' function was held early in the second semester, where we recognised 29 residents who achieved an 85+ average from papers in the first semester.

The overall average for first semester papers amongst residents was B with our dux resident achieving A+ in all papers in 2018. College-run tutorials were well attended this year and were offered in a wide variety of papers.

Cumberland also continued with the tradition of running college-wide events this year including three formal dinners, the ball, and wine and cheese. These were all well attended with the residents enjoying the chances to dress up.

Cumberland has also had a lot of staffing changes this year. At the end of the first semester the Head of College Nick Bates took a nine-month secondment to Student Experience with Rosemary Tarbotton stepping up to be Acting Head of Cumberland along with her usual duties at Te Rangi Hiroa College. In July the Resident Tutor Sarah MacDonald left to take up a role in the City Council. Her role was temporarily filled by two Residential Assistants who took on the extra work. Due to the Shared Services Review Elizabeth Whangapirita, our Finance and Administration Manager, was re-assigned after 10+ years at Cumberland. In late December John Creswell the Property Manager left for the sunny shores of Western Australia.

It has been a pretty big year with lots going on but as always the residents were a great bunch who got involved and lived by the Cumberland motto of "Fortune favours the bold". The Residential Assistant team were amazing and it is a pleasure to have five of them back in 2019.







## Hayward College | *Te Kāreti o Hayward*

Pauline Donovan – Head of College

Hayward College residents continue to live by the college motto “Community and Integrity”. The college community was very actively involved in the Inter-college Sport and Cultural Competitions. Whilst the majority of the teams won participation points, there were also placings: third in the Competitive Men’s Basketball, first in the Recreational Men’s Football and Recreational Volleyball, second and third in the Recreational Mixed Netball, and third in the Recreational Mixed Basketball. Sixth overall.



Residents also participated in many of the cultural events. For the first time a group from the college participated in the Māori and Pasifika Performance (photo above). A rousing haka from students of Arana College was performed in response.

Second place was achieved in both the Gaming Competition and Men’s Pool Competition. Eighth overall.



The fiercely fought Hayward vs Aquinas Shield was a highlight of the year. After a highly competitive event in 2017, it took less effort in 2018 to retain the shield in the college’s trophy cabinet. The college won the Mixed Basketball (photo above), the Mixed Netball, Men’s Rugby League and Renegade Hockey. However, lost the Mixed Volleyball.



College residents continued with involvement in its volunteering programme. This year the college raised \$2,686.64 for Relay for Life (photo above) and donated 264 cans towards Octacan. A team of volunteers helped out at the Smails Beach clean-up and featured in the local newspaper (photo below).



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

Hayward College’s own busy calendar included events such as the Wacky Tacky Bus Tour, college ball, college ski trip, college art competition, theme dinners and college hops, formal dinners and lots more.

As the year closed the Hayward College redevelopment started to take place. The college building has been stripped out with changes to bedroom sizes and increased common and dining space. The 2019 group of residents will be the first group of residents to experience the benefits of this extensive redevelopment.

## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Joseph Cooper and Nicole Spriggs

The Annual Hayward Prize was awarded to two exemplary members of the college community. Nicole and Joseph have been outstanding community citizens and both have demonstrated a commitment to scholarly achievement.

Joseph is studying towards a BA. He was the Student President and led the Hayward College Student Committee. Joseph was an active participant in the Inter-college Competitions, playing futsal and football. He also took part in the Musical Jam and choir. Joseph was involved in many college events. He is a talented actor and was cast as a lead in the local Dunedin production of "The Devil and Mr Mulcahy".

Nicole is studying towards a BPhEd. Nicole is a Māori and Pacific Peoples' Scholar. She was the Vice-President and assisted in leading the Hayward College Student Committee. Nicole was an active participant in the Inter-college Competitions playing a variety of sports. She was also involved in working on and setting up for college events such as the Theme Dinners, Hops and the College Ball.



Hayward Prize Winners: Nicole Spriggs (L) and Joseph Cooper (R)





## Knox College | *Te Kāreti o Knox*

Dr Graham Redding – Head of College

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For Knox College, an affiliated college to the University, the Collegiate Way is defined by three main elements: (1) A long-standing Inter-college rivalry with Selwyn College for the Cameron Shield (sports events) and Nevill Cup (cultural events); (2) The active Senior Common Room, comprising over 60 College Fellows, in the life of the college; and (3) The proportion of the student body that are returners (30%) and the role that those returners play in passing on traditions, cultivating a vibrant college spirit, and providing a strong sense of continuity from one cohort of students to the next.

The effectiveness of this particular expression of the Collegiate Way is evident in the annual Student Satisfaction Survey, where the words that are used most often to describe the Knox experience are “tradition”, “heritage”, “community”, “family” and 98% of respondents said they would recommend Knox to prospective residents.

Considerable attention has been given in 2018 to developing Knox’s special character, which covers not only the three main elements of the Collegiate Way noted above, but also some additional features, namely Chapel, Leadership Development and Community Service. All of these are voluntary, of course, but an encouraging development this year has been a continued increase in the level of community service, due in large measure to the promotion of this aspect of college



life becoming student-led rather than management-driven. This was complemented by a series of Sunday evening talks in which a selection of College Fellows (Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere, Professor Michelle Thompson-Fawcett, Professor Kath Dickinson, Dr Royden Somerville QC and Professor Hugh Campbell), spoke on the theme of “Human responsibility towards the natural world”.

What all this points to is a rich and holistic collegiate experience as Knox College strives to give its residents every opportunity to not only make the most of their time at university, but also to develop as deep and critical thinkers, considerate and responsible citizens, and compassionate and well-rounded human beings.



## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Julia Harvey

While Knox College has got the most incredible facilities and traditions (who wouldn't want to live in a Castle?) the standout aspect of my Knox experience has been the unique and tight-knit community we have as Knoxies. A key factor in this is the role that second-year residents play in creating a truly inclusive, welcoming and vibrant community. Like many other Knoxies, my first-year experience was so good that I chose to come back for a second year and to give something back to the college.

During my two years at Knox, I benefitted from a range of amazing cultural and leadership opportunities, as well as a rich academic and social experience. Thanks to the pastoral and academic support provided by the college I not only achieved academic success; I also made an incredible group of friends.

In my second year, I was lucky enough to be appointed to the role of College Beadle (Ceremonial Officer), thus enriching my leadership experience even further. Through the role of Beadle I have had the privilege of helping to maintain the traditions and officiating at the many functions that make Knox College so unique ... New Zealand's version of Hogwarts!!







## St Margaret's College | *Te Kāreti o Makere Tapu*

Dr Charles Tustin – Head of College



The college's 224 members contributed to a wonderful 2018 with a particular highlight being named as the overall winner of the University's Inter-college Cultural Competition at the formal awards dinner held on 28 September. Our participation rates in the various sections of the competition were high and the enthusiasm of members was very palpable during the entire year. The college also won the quiz, chess, debating and literary competitions.

While the college may not have won the Inter-college Sports Competition, members put in a very respectable effort from an early stage through participating in cricket, basketball, football, futsal and netball. We have a solid base to work from in 2019!

In addition to all the players, it was very encouraging to have a good crowd of enthusiastic supporters at the various sports games held in the first and second semester.

The camaraderie at the college in 2018 was something quite special. Of course, this does not merely appear from nowhere but requires active participation, engagement and contribution by all members. In this regard, the college's Student Executive Committee, ably led by President Brittany Muiznieks, was very much on task in organising a large variety of opportunities

for members to get involved in during the course of the year: Orientation Week activities, various theme dinners, a beach day at St Clair, a mystery bus trip, a ski trip, the Ball at Larnach Castle (just wonderful), talent quest, sock tag, angels and mortals, etc.

Continuing with the college's long tradition of assisting the community, our annual college-wide community service ventures this year began with a "Love the Leith" Saturday morning in early March where members assisted with picking up rubbish along the banks of, and in the water of, the Leith River in the immediate vicinity of the campus. This big effort was facilitated by the Rotary Club of Dunedin South and the Otago Regional Council.

For the first time, the college also embarked on a major fundraising initiative for the Kayima Clinic in north-east Sierra Leone as part of our international community service outreach. Most families in the village of Kayima and adjacent area (around 100,000 people) are engaged in farming, growing rice (the staple food) and various fruit and vegetable crops to feed the household. The small clinic there has only very basic resources, with two nurses and very few medicines and medical supplies, which in some cases are several hours walk from the clinic.

The fact that members were able to raise over \$5,000 shows that the project appealed to many as a most worthy cause. Giving, sharing and making a difference to those in need is an important part of a young person's development and it was fantastic to see the college's members making use of this opportunity to help others who are less well off than themselves.

Continuing our tradition of developing the whole person, many opportunities were provided for members to learn from College Fellows, senior academic staff of the University and other professionals. Sunday Formal Dinners were held fortnightly and Expert Breakfasts every Wednesday.

The college's Valedictory Dinner took place on Sunday 7 October with New Zealand's pole vaulting champion and the world's third highest women's pole vaulter of all time, Eliza McCartney, as the guest speaker.

Her address to a full Norris Dining Hall was delivered most eloquently and personally, with a four-point message for members taken from her own experience: (1) be open-minded; (2) face your challenges; (3) give 100% every day; and (4) laugh (her personal favourite).

Eliza assisted with presenting the college's 49 trophies to each of the recipients towards the end of the dinner.

During the Valedictory Dinner, which included a three-course waited meal, special presentations were made to the Executive Committee, the Mentor and Tutorial Co-ordinators, and College Leaders in appreciation of their exemplary service to the college during the course of the year. Members were also treated to a haggis ceremony.

All in all, a good year for St Margaret's College!



## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Ashish Yadav

*Health Sciences First Year*

The first year of university can be challenging in many ways, but it's how we cope with these challenges that defines who we are. At St Margaret's College, the support system is beyond the ordinary, which I found to be highly conducive to my learning, as well as the overall university experience. From my mentor group to the tutors, any person you talked to was willing to help however they could. On this journey of mine, I made friends that I have experienced many highs and lows with, being supported every step of the way.

Although study made up a large proportion of my time it was the extracurricular activities that really defined my first year of university. Participation in sports like the cricket festival, football, volleyball and futsal kept me looking forward to a bit of social time and recharging my batteries.

St Margaret's has really provided me with an opportunity to expand my horizons, and grow as an individual. The independence and freedom of university life coupled with the pastoral care provided at St Margaret's really allowed me to thrive. For providing these opportunities I am grateful to the people of St Margaret's College.







## Salmond College | *Te Kāreti o Salmond*

Maurice Jackways – Head of College

Salmond College, located beside the Botanic Garden in North Dunedin is an affiliated college, largely housing university students but also a small number of both Foundation and Polytechnic students. This gives the college an interesting mix of academic courses and personalities and the 'Collegiate Way' provides an excellent opportunity to not only bring this diverse group of Salmond residents together, but also to provide a wonderful opportunity for the Salmond students to mix in a cultural and sporting environment with all of the residential colleges.

Situated a short 12-minute walk from the heart of the University, and surrounded by trees and large open spaces, Salmond College has been able to create a strong sense of family/whānau and belonging, and to build a strong culture of support and trust amongst the residents. Frequently identified as one of the 'friendliest' colleges, Salmond also has a strong sense of inclusiveness and recognition of both cultural and individual differences. This unique flavour was clearly identified in the 2018 Student Satisfaction Survey as a real strength of the college.

Finding residents to get involved in the sporting and cultural activities or community service is seldom a problem, other than fitting it around their other numerous commitments, and when the time for action comes the Salmond residents are renowned for both their enthusiasm and enjoyment.

The mixed sports of basketball, volleyball and netball have been the college's proudest moments in recent years, as have the musical events and the strong international flavour of the many cultures in the college.

The emphasis on the development of 'mind, body and soul' is a key goal at Salmond College and the 'Collegiate Way' is a highly effective vehicle for ensuring that goal is achieved!

### RESIDENT PROFILE

#### Jack Mockford

I visited Salmond College at the end of 2017. I loved the environment and after hearing about the scholarship opportunity I was determined to go there!

Playing representative cricket meant that I didn't have much time to work and earn money during most of my school holidays and when I won one of the scholarships I was thrilled.

I saw winning the scholarship as both a reward for my hard work and also as recognition for my efforts. It has allowed me to continue with my sporting career and to pursue a BSc at the same time, while also not being a financial burden on my family.

Over the past year at Salmond College I have greatly enjoyed my experience, made many new friends and thrived under the sense of family and support given.

As soon as you walk into the college it feels like home and everybody gets to know each other quickly. This is greatly helped by the large number of events that we have had during the year that bring everyone together, particularly the large number of sporting and cultural events available.

Although I have been involved in many of the sporting events I have also tried my hand at several of the cultural events and thoroughly enjoyed them.

My first year at Salmond has been great and I can't think of anywhere else that I would have been able to meet so many people from a huge variety of backgrounds, cultures and places around the world. Salmond offers lots of great facilities for residents such as the library, computer suite, and the tutorial rooms where we have all of our tutorials running throughout the week. If you want to relax or take a break from your studies you can take advantage of our tennis courts or even hang out in the TV room and common rooms. I am proud to now be a part of the Salmond family.



Jack was the Foundation for Knox and Salmond College Scholarship recipient and winner of the Bruce Cowan Trophy for contribution to sport in 2018.





## Selwyn College | *Te Maru Pūmanawa*

Ashley Day / Luke McClelland – Head of College

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2018 has once again been a great year at the college with 188 residents, 20 of whom were returners.

The opening day was very special, beginning with a Church service at All Saints for all residents and parents. While All Saints is a parish church, it has been very much the college 'Chapel' for many years as it is literally on the college property, and the vicar, Father Michael Wallace, is the college Chaplain. The opening service was presided over by the Bishop of Dunedin who has been a long standing member of the board and Board Chairman until recently when he handed this role to the current Chairman, the Reverend Aaron Douglas. Following the service, all new residents and their parents (many of whom are ex-Selwynites) were welcomed onto the quad by the returners who performed the college waiata and haka with great emotion. After the mihi whakatau, with speeches from the Warden and the Board Chairman and President everyone went to dinner in the Brothers' Hall.

O-week is a real bonding week within the college, which has its own series of events run during the day and nightly by the Selwyn College Students' Association. Some of these involve very recent ex-residents who play a big part in the life of the college throughout the year. Many of the activities are long standing traditions which go back many decades, such as the gnoming ceremony, southern man and woman challenge, the homage run, the 'Ori' Ball, and of course the Leith Run, which has had worldwide TV coverage on Michael Palin's travel documentaries. On the days before the actual run, a team of residents do sweeps of the Leith to remove glass and other potentially dangerous items, and recover many bags of rubbish. Not only does this protect our residents, but it is a very appropriate volunteering activity in the city.

The sporting and cultural programme throughout the year is a major part of college life, with the Cameron Shield and Nevill Cup challenges occurring on an almost weekly basis with Knox College during term time. Selwyn's sporting prowess was maintained this year with our retaining the Cameron Shield, but we narrowly lost the Nevill Cup. Our sporting and cultural exchanges with College House in Christchurch are always eagerly awaited, and we see a huge increase in college numbers as teams and supporters visit each other's colleges. The awards dinners are always a great end to each visit. Selwyn again showed our sporting prowess!

The famous Selwyn ballet was once again a star event at the annual capping show in May. It is an event for which training starts very soon in the year with our budding Nureyev's spending many evenings practising for the event.

Our final dinner or 'High Tea' as it is called, was preceded by a service at All Saints followed by the waiata and haka, and was attended by Chaplain, Father Michael Wallace, fellow Wardens of the college The Very Rev Graham Redding, and guest speaker, Rev Dr David Clark and facilitated by Deputy Warden Latafale Auvā'a.

The Board of Governors have been looking at many aspects of college life which needed changing, to fit in with what is acceptable in this day and age and commensurate with the Student Code of Conduct. While some residents have struggled with more controls put upon specific events, college life has not changed. We have worked to provide a safer environment in every way, and look forward to another great year.

2018 was a great year of change, celebration and student engagement. Most notably, the college celebrated 125 years, the retirement of Warden Ashley Day and the election of the new Head of College for 2019 Luke McClelland.



## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Nikau Reti Beazley

*President*

Anō te pai, te āhuareka o te noho ngātahi a te teina me te tuakana i raro i te whakaaro kotahi – When the young and the old work together in unison, the work can be done.

As the academic year quickly draws to a close, I reflect on the wonderful year that has been. The spirit of Te Maru Pūmanawa continues to thrive in and amongst our 2018 cohort not only through the Nevill Cup and Cameron Shield events, but more importantly through the lifelong friendships and countless memories made along the way. I am blown away at the whānau environment that Selwyn continues to provide for its residents and staff, which I believe was exemplified best by our returner residents who played their part in 'passing on the torch of life' and inspiring first year Selwynites to work hard and indulge in the Selwyn spirit. I look forward to doing the same alongside my returning cohort come 2019.

I have been lucky enough to be involved in the wider college life, with activities and groups such as the Selwyn Choir, rugby and volleyball, and was even fortunate to be part of an indigenous delegate made up of 12 young people from all across the country to attend the UN Indigenous People's Forum held in New York earlier this year. Being surrounded by a warm and supportive whānau environment, both at Selwyn and my own home, has allowed me to do the things that I love.







## Studholme College | *Te Kāreti o Studholme*

Ziggy Lesa – Head of College

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Talofa Lava and greetings from Studholme.

Wow, what a year!! 2018 is going to be remembered for a mixture of exciting events that unfolded amongst our community as well as experiencing a cohort of students that were, in my opinion, exceptional. The family friendly spirit was truly alive and well.

### INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS COMPETITION

In regards to our sporting achievement for 2018 the college performed outstandingly. Winning the first intercollegiate sporting event of the year – the cricket festival – set the scene for the rest of the year. Intercollegiate sports placing for Studholme is as follows:

- 1st Cricket festival
- 3rd Rowing
- 3rd Men's rugby
- 1st Women's rugby
- 1st Mixed basketball
- 1st Men's basketball

The overall final standing for our college was second place – one better than last year so an outstanding result given our college's size in comparison to other colleges. The students of 2018 continued to demonstrate a sense of fun and participation throughout this competition culminating in being the college with the highest participation involvement of all the colleges.



### CULTURAL

In the Inter-college Cultural Competition, we have not done so well, but we will keep trying. We have received placings in debating and the art competition but I'm afraid that is it. We will have to pick up our game in 2019. This did not deter our residents from trying and it's fair to say from the Studholme perspective we may not have won any of the events but we had a lot of fun trying.

### VOLUNTEERING

Our community involvement in volunteering work was fantastic. Each student chose a charity organisation to volunteer their time to throughout the year. This was on top of our stock standard favourites of Child Cancer collection, Food Bank and Relay for Life fundraisers.



## HEALTH MATTERS

Outstanding vigilant staff and students helped save lives this year. Students seriously ill with meningitis on three different occasions throughout the year caused some anxious moments for community and parents. I am grateful to my young Residential Assistant staff team who worked with the wonderful relationship we have established with the Southern Heath medical professionals and their prompt response and the University of Otago Student Health Centre. I'm most pleased with the culture of caring and looking out for each other amongst our Studholme community during 2018.





## Te Rangi Hiroa College | *Te Kāreti o Te Rangi Hiroa*

Rosemary Tarbotton – Head of College

2018 began with an abundance of residents – so many that we had to double up some rooms for a number of weeks. However natural attrition saw us return to a 100% full college over five or six weeks.

The year, as always, sped by. New residents settling in and finding their feet in study, making lifelong friends and becoming good citizens was the order of the day.

O-week was marked by a volunteering afternoon where we clocked up around 250 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.

The students settled into their study quite quickly, making use of tutorials and other academic support available in the college.

In March we were pleased to welcome Chelsea Blair into the position of Residential Tutor. Chelsea came to us from St Margaret's College in Christchurch and has settled well into her role. She brings enthusiasm and a sense of fun as well as a caring and compassionate ability to deal with troubled residents.

Te Rangi Hiroa is not a particularly sporting college but we took part in many of the cultural events between colleges.

Our residents were also fiercely competitive amongst themselves and we had some very good interfloor events over the year, including the fear factor eating challenge, chocothon, multi-sport at Unipol and a mad dash token collecting

challenge. A large number of residents took part in these activities.

We also enjoyed some wonderful dinners in the college. Our catering team led by Dylan Henry is outstanding, and to prove this came second in the annual inter-college cooking competition.

At the end of the year we had a college birthday party with lots of children's party food and decorations. Instead of receiving gifts we asked the residents to purchase a gift for a child, and we donated them to Presbyterian Support Otago.

At the end of the year we had a collection for Orphans Aid and the photo shows what we sent to them.

Academically our residents continue to improve each year, with our mean grade being a B+ and the median an A- for the first semester. Our top student gained a GPA of 9.0 for her HSFY course (an incredible effort over eight papers).

Overall we had a very good year. The residents were well-behaved and engaged in the college, and we were sad to see many of them leave. The RA team did a good job, and although I was seconded to be acting Head of Cumberland for second semester, Chelsea held the reins and kept things ticking over well.

We were sad to say goodbye to Jo Gruppelaar our Finance Administration Manager, as she left the University after more than 12 years' service. The Shared Services Review has meant many changes and was very unsettling for staff but we look forward to a new year and being able to make a difference in the lives of a new cohort of residents and RAs.









## Toroa College | *Te Whare o Toroa*

Christina Watson-Mills – Head of College

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Toroa residents and staff enjoyed another successful year with academic pursuits, sporting and cultural events and community service as some of our areas of focus.

The staff team again demonstrated their commitment to Toroa through their passion, courage and aroha. With vigour and verve they served our residents well, supporting them through all manner of life matters throughout the year.

We had the great pleasure of having the Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Helen Nicholson and Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai joining us, along with many other distinguished guests, at our Talent Night. In true Toroa style, Manawa was packed with current Toroans and members of Toroa Society (residents from previous years.) We were wowed with singing, dancing, guitar, cultural dance and oratory performances. From classical to rock, from original to classical, from cello to bass guitar, the programme was overflowing with amazing talent. Applause and cheering was loud enough to raise the roof throughout the night. The evening ended with Frank Edwards, Kaitakawaeka M?ori, Te Huka Matauraka, and his wife Maria leading us in a good old fashioned sing-a-long.

Mid-year we were honoured to host the Prime Minister of Samoa Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegao, for the Otago Pacific Leaders lunch. Palemia was accompanied by his wife Mrs Gillian Malielegaoi and son Mr Oscar Thomas Malielegaoi. The official party also included Samoan Ministry

of Prime Minister and Cabinet CEO Agafili Shem Leo, the Samoan High Commissioner and his wife, Mr Leasi Papali'i Tommy Scanlan and Mrs Joyce Scanlan. Dame Winnie Laban and Dr Peter Swain, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Helen Nicholson and Tofilau Nina Kirifi Alai. Later in the year we provided a venue for members of Treasury to hold a fono with members of the local Pacific community.

It's great to see Toroa being recognised as a warm and welcoming venue for dignitaries visiting Otago.

Our residents took part in the inter-college cultural and sporting programme with pride and personality. As always, we were recognised by our enthusiasm and strong community spirit and our efforts did not go unrewarded. We received placings and wins and came third overall in the Cultural Competition.

Throughout the year we held a number of events big and small for everyone to take part in. Do the mahi get the treats, the garden luau, movie nights, candy floss and pizza evenings, paintball, ice skating, and 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 a 007 themed evening. This year we enjoyed the company of Jennifer O'Connell, goal shoot and goal attack for the Southern Steel, as a guest speaker at our first semester formal dinner.

It's great to reflect on another great Toroa year where friendships and memories that will span lifetimes were made.



## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Rudolf Maotapouitoa Keil

*2018 Student President*

Rudolf, originally from Vailima, Afiamalu Samoa studied at Sacred Heart for several years prior to coming to Otago to study in the Health Sciences First Year programme.

Although his academic workload was high, Rudolf was highly involved in all aspects of college life. His contributions to both cultural and sporting pursuits gave everyone a chance to witness humility and grace in all he took part in.

Speaking at the Samoan Prime Minister's lunch, Rudolf had the chance to share his great oratory skills with a wider audience. Taking opportunities as they arose throughout the year Rudolf met a great number of Otago staff including the Vice-Chancellor.

Rudolf'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.

Regardless of everything he was involved in, Rudolf kept true to his academic goals and maintained a good academic routine throughout the year. He was successful in being offered a place in the MBChB programme for 2019 and we look forward to his future success.





## University College | *Te Kāreti o Te Whare Wānaka*

Chris Addington – Master

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University College celebrated its 49th birthday in 2018. College residents, staff and alumni are looking forward with anticipation and enthusiasm to the half-century celebrations planned for November 2019 as UniCol proudly joins the University of Otago in celebration of Otago's 150th anniversary. The 501 residents of the college this year 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 Assistants (RAs). As in 2017 the college delivered a significant programme of academic mentoring and support with the Master, Assistant Master, Senior Tutor and Resident Tutors meeting individual students on at least four occasions during the course of the year. The mentoring programme combined with the robust tutorial support programme and co-ordinated study groups continued to provide excellent academic support for the University College community.

The Residential Assistant team in 2018 was a great blend of youth and experience with nine returners and 12 newbies. The three senior RAs, Cassandra Saunders, Cameron Barr and Satveer Logarh, were all excellent role models and leaders for the group. The new RAs 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 Assistants continue to be an essential part of the fabric of UniCol society.

In 2018, the college established a group of 10 College Fellows, a mixture of academic staff, professional staff and community leaders. The Fellows are all strongly supportive of UniCol and they will bring a unique perspective as they assist and advise the community.

The college was very proud to complete over 2,500 hours of community service during the year through street appeals, blood drives, gardening assistance and beautification projects – a fantastic outcome. Resident Tutor, Dylan Davies, spearheaded UniCol's strong volunteering service including a large presence during "Volunteering Monday" of Orientation Week. The college has now formed a significant relationship with Quarantine Island in the Dunedin Harbour with several trips during the year to assist with island beautification and preservation.

UniCol is "World Famous in Dunedin" for its quirky traditions, competitions, events and spectacles. From traditional events like the formal Ball, academic dinner and valedictory dinner to unique traditions like the Queen's Birthday honours list and Leo's Lounge, UniCol again provided a huge range of activities and opportunities for residents. Significant milestones during the year included celebrating 200 "Mondays with the Master" and 150 "Fridays with the Faculty". Our in-house competitions continue to be a combination of long-standing events such as table tennis, Texas Hold'em and 8-ball, and ones that are peculiar to UniCol – portrait painting, doubles Scrabble and Jenga, along with a few others. 2018 saw the revival of the UniCol Players Dramatic Society. This group produced the traditional murder mystery with the 2018 theme being "UniCol Bachelorette". The event played to a sold-out crowd for both nights of performance.

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. In 2018 UniCol was fully involved with all the inter-college sporting events with such team names as the Black Cats, Furious Cats, "Fe"lions, Golden Cats, Stray Cats and so on. The cultural side of intercollegiate life saw us fully involved in activities such as film making, the Pacifica Concert, the Big College Sing, gaming, chess and debating. Sadly 2018 did not see a podium finish at the end of year Gala Dinner but hope springs eternal for 2019. Te Whare Raiona! Go Cats!

The end of 2018 saw a significant change at University College. In November, after 11 years leading the community, Chris Addington shifted positions to take up the Warden's job at Caroline Freeman and Abbey Colleges. Former Head of Caroline Freeman College, Andy Walne, arrived to lead the UniCol community. Additionally, Otago's first resident tutor, Dylan Davies, departed at the end of the year to be the Senior Tutor of Carrington College. In 2019 Richard Latu will join the live-in management team as the new Resident Tutor.

University College now moves into the start of our 50th year of making memories, making friendships, academic achievement, fostering diversity and making a difference. Roll on 2019!



## RESIDENT PROFILE

### Fiona Seal

Fiona Seal has an extended relationship with University College, having lived at UniCol for Summer School, as a first-year student and as a Residential Assistant.

A triple major in Law, Classics and French she has a passion for languages, history and literature. Fiona is the student president of the Dunedin Gaelic Language Club and she speaks French with near-native fluency. In 2018 she was UniCol's LAWS 101 tutor and first-year law students highly valued her skill, knowledge and presentation style. She holds the unique distinction of being the only University Collegian to ever be awarded a "Double Green". Green awards are given for community service commitment at the highest level. Fiona was awarded a Green in her first year at UniCol and received a second Green in 2018 for her continued community work.

As well as her active commitment to language groups she is an avid volunteer for UniCol and Dunedin community efforts and is active in various debating societies and organisations. In 2018 she ably fulfilled her duties as a Residential Assistant looking after her first-year students with great care and concern and participating with enthusiasm in college events and activities.





## University Flats

Tony Buchanan – Head of University Flats

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The first half of 2018 was very successful for the team and residents of Uni Flats – in the first semester a total of 753 students resided in the Uni Flats community, including 577 international undergraduate students from some 48 different countries.

The year started off as with previous years with on-going placement of late international student applications into flats and the search for more Kiwi Hosts to place with them.

Residential Assistants training commenced in early February and the start of the Kiwi Host semester was kicked off with a Kiwi Host BBQ for all those Kiwi Hosts who were in residence. Uni Flats participated in the international student welcome and the International Student Expo, which followed the welcome. International students were particularly impressed with the kapa haka group that performed as part of the international welcome.

During O-week Uni Flats residents normally participate in the inter-college sports day at Logan Park, however this event was cancelled in 2018 due to some out of season poor weather. Open days were also held at the Hub.

International students and Kiwi Hosts participated throughout the semester in a range of inter-college activities and sporting events, including the quiz competition, cricket, netball and volleyball. In the second semester, students participated in inter-college basketball and futsal as well. Ongoing visits to the flats for a range of visiting international academics, study abroad and exchange advisers continued throughout both semesters.

Uni Flats had their own in-house activities, such as a marae visit each semester, a volunteer outing to the Sinclair Wetlands in each semester, as well as continuing to have a series of cooking classes in conjunction with Technique, the Otago Polytechnic cooking school. These have been highly successful.

The third week of June saw approximately 580 residents depart from Uni Flats, and the mad rush to have flats prepared for the arrival of second semester students only a week later kept the team exceptionally busy.

The second semester started much the same as others, with an intense period of settling in for hundreds of new Uni Flats residents after the hectic nine days for the team to prepare flats for their arrival.

We celebrated Independence Day on 4 July, and Bastille Day on 14 July. Various afternoon tea events were held as well to carry the students through a fairly miserable winter semester. Other usual second semester events and functions were held too, such as the speed meet, puppy afternoon, a rugby outing, themed dinner, and a good all round participation in the second semester sporting events – both inter-college and social.

The rest of the semester was relatively calm and without major incidents. There was the usual spate of thefts from flats, all of which were unlocked at the time.

Overall a quiet second semester and this is to be thankful for given the considerably high number of Uni Flats residents and the fact that hundreds of residents are away most weekends exploring and participating in adventure packed activities.



There was a second semester visit to a local marae as well as a volunteering outing to the Sinclair Wetlands. A new event was held at the Hu; two staff members lent their pet dogs for an afternoon “at the Hub” and the pets were welcomed with open arms and delight by residents.

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#### RESIDENT PROFILE

### Liam Kettle

*RA and Kiwi Host*

Adventure. Travel. Life-long friends. These are just a few reasons why I became a Kiwi Host with Uni Flats. My name is Liam Kettle and I have been Kiwi Hosting for three years as well as being a Residential Assistant for my last two years.

I first found out about Uni Flats when I lived near one of Uni Flat's complexes and instantly became friends with the international students. It was my second year, fresh into the Dunedin flatting scene, when a few international students opened my eyes to the wonders of New Zealand and all the exciting adventures the South Island had to offer. After squeezing into a car filled with tramping packs, 12 hours traveling up the South Island, and my first Great Walk hiking the Heaphy track, I was sold.

At that time, I couldn't imagine how Kiwi Hosting would shape my outlook on life. Living with international students, tightly-knit within the Uni Flats community of several hundred exchange students, I met life-long friends, learned different cultural outlooks and cuisines (yum!), and gained greater appreciation for the amazing country I call home.

Overall, the greatest realisation through living within Uni Flats is that no matter where my friends are in the world or how long it will be, it's never a goodbye, only a see you soon.







## Locals Programme | *Te Kopa Iti*

Stephen Scott – Head of the Locals Programme

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2018 was the biggest year yet for Locals. It was our fifth year of operating as a full-year programme. We had a small celebration with the current and past staff that helped establish the Locals Programme. It has been great to watch this programme improve year to year, and be able to provide the collegiate experience for students who choose to live at home, flat, or board in their first year at the University of Otago.

We had the largest cohort of students we have ever had register for the programme with over 450 students wanting to be a part of the Locals collegiate community. We met many of these students over our orientation week events. The high levels of engagement over Orientation week really boosted the feeling of community and sense of belonging that Locals strives to provide for our students.

For the first time, Locals organised one of the Inter-college events. We ran the quiz and had an amazing turnout with the maximum number of teams entered. We relish the opportunity to support our students to participate in inter-college events as part of the University of Otago collegiate community. The highlight of the operations team and some of the senior leaders was the inter-college awards dinner at the end of the year.

The highlight of the year for the students was the Locals Ball. Our theme this year was *Nox Amet: A Night of Magic*, with the Main Common Room decorated as an eclectic mix of the Hogwarts Great Hall, snowy Narnia, and a witch's grotto. It was a fantastic night with students and Locals staff all enjoying themselves. It is extremely rewarding to see our community of students come together at events like this.



For the 2018 Relay for Life we teamed up with Uni Flats to participate in the 24 hour event raising money for the Otago Southland Cancer Society. We also ran a very lively 'decorate your own cupcake' day which the students thoroughly enjoyed and very quickly turned into a competition.

With support from our academic initiatives, and in partnership with Student Learning Development, we continue to support Locals students to reach their academic goals. Every year, with feedback from our students, we are improving and expanding the academic support that we offer with the hopes of having our students be even more academically successful each year.

Our team of 17 staff, made up primarily of volunteers, helped our students to feel safe and supported as they navigated their way through their first year at Otago. They were an amazing group of leaders and worked tirelessly to give back to the programme that helped them in their first year.



#### MEMBER PROFILE

### Rosa Flaherty

*Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts  
majoring in Religious Studies*

Locals helped me to find my bearings in my first year and meet a group of amazing friends. The leaders ensured we felt included throughout the year, creating a great sense of community and enabling us to have our own space to relax and study in as we figured out exactly what we want to achieve in our time here. Having that community also meant I felt like I belonged when I couldn't even find my next lecture. It's made the rest of my years at Otago feel much more achievable.





# Recreation Services

Dan Porter – Manager

The Recreation Services Department drives the healthy lifestyle component of the Otago Experience. The department aims to deliver maximum participation benefits to the student community through the provision of recreation.

The highlights of 2018 have been:

The purpose built Unipol Recreation Centre was used extensively for student recreation throughout the year. The student staff team did an amazing job, opening and closing this facility under all weather conditions to enable the healthy body to become the healthy mind. Underpinning this usage is the concept of 'drop in' recreation where students can access the facility without being turned away from extensive group bookings. It is expected that Unipol Recreation Centre will have close to 700,000 visits for the calendar year.

The facility is a significant contributor towards students developing active, healthy lifestyles and is unique in that it is a place where all students are welcomed by fellow students.

2018 also saw the introduction of a Unipol Youth and Lets Get Physical Tertiary Staff programme. These two initiatives have enabled the facility to be utilised by the Dunedin community at off-peak times.



## GROUP FITNESS

This programme is unique as it continues to develop using a student team who train, practice and learn together to deliver a truly student-focused experience. This year has seen the introduction of shorter classes (Spin30 and Core30). Over 36,000 individual participant visits and a current membership of 1,170.

## SOCIAL SPORT

Social sport is designed to provide a casual approach to participating in sport where there is a strong emphasis on the social aspects of belonging to a group. Frequently cited reasons why young people do not participate in sport is the heavy time commitment it requires. This programme addresses this aspect by offering a recreational sport experience that is tailored to the student semester system. This year has seen a total of 1,075 games played which equates to 800-1,000 students participating on a weekly basis.

## INTER-COLLEGE SPORT

In its third year of operation, this programme has expanded to cater for 340 teams participating throughout the year. The principle behind this competition is to encourage participation, develop healthy lifestyles and offer students maximum opportunities to compete against each other.

A feature of this year's programme has been the increasing number of teams participating, with netball and basketball recording over 60 team entries each. While detailed planning and synching of calendars is required, this manifests into a fun and active couple of semesters for the students. A lot of support is given to this programme by the residential staff including the student leaders.

The winner of this year's Inter-college Sport programme was Cumberland College.





## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

2018 saw the introduction of a localised programme with destinations such as the Organ Pipes, the Pyramids, Mt Cargill and Sandfly Bay in the Dunedin region. Further afield, students visited the Catlins and Moeraki Boulders. These trips offered students the opportunity to explore some of Dunedin's best coastal views as well as stretching the legs, de-stressing and enjoying each other's company. Additional outdoor experiences included horse treks, mountain biking, rock climbing, surfing, sailing, kayaking and clay target shooting.

## OUTDOOR RENTALS

The Outdoor Rentals have been very busy this year with almost 2,000 rentals occurring in the month of March. Just under 8,000 item rentals have occurred year to date with the most popular items being wetsuits, sleeping bags and surfboards. With a number of student groups choosing to camp throughout the year, the availability of 36 tents assists students to access the outdoors for their team bonding.

2018 saw the introduction of a snow shed which is located in the garage space at Unipol. This enabled an open plan area for the hire of winter equipment such as skis, snowboards, jackets, pants, gloves and helmets. While not designed for large groups, the snow shed team did a very good job accommodating several college ski trips with the enlarged space assisting in developing these numbers.

## FITNESS PROGRAMMING

This important service is based around learning how to use equipment and exercise in a safe environment. The objective of these sessions is to come away with a personalised plan that will benefit an individual's health, fitness and well-being. This particular programme has been beneficial as it provides a level of assurance for both Unipol Youth and Tertiary Staff when they purchase a membership at the facility.

## RECREATION MAGAZINE

A comprehensive magazine issued twice a year combines the activities delivered from University Recreation and OUSA Recreation. The magazine includes a list of all the Clubs and Societies on campus as well as parks, swimming pools and athletic track.





# Inter-college cultural and sporting competitions gala dinner 2018

## CULTURAL COLOURS

Twelve events, organised by individual colleges, the Locals and Uni Flats. There were two different ways to win points:

- 8 events with placings of 1st, 2nd and 3rd and participation points for entering
- 4 events with participation points for entering

Fifteen colleges, the Locals and Uni Flats participated in the Cultural Competition. I will give an outline of each event and when I refer to the number of colleges who participated in a broader sense this will include the Locals and Uni Flats.

## PARTICIPATION POINTS EVENTS

A common theme for the participation events is creativity and performance giving the colleges and students the chance to entertain.

**Musical jam** – organised by Te Rangi Hiroa College, held at Marama Hall on 15 April. The venue was ideal for an evening of a variety of instrumental-musical entertainment. Eleven colleges participated in this event.

**Māori/Pasifika charity performance** – organised by Uni Flats and Studholme College, held at Marama Hall on 13 May. A large audience gathered for an evening of powerful and entertaining cultural performances. Eleven colleges entered this event. There was \$192.20 raised for the Red Cross-Pacific Disaster Response.

**International performance** – organised by Salmond College, held at the Cameron Hall Knox College on 5 August. An evening of performance from a variety of international groups from 11 colleges. The Athenian Duo performed at this event.

**Big sing** – organised by and held at University College on 23 September. This event is in its ninth year. An evening of wonderful, eclectic voices accompanied at various times by guitar, piano, cello and cajon. Ten colleges entered.





## PODIUM POINTS EVENTS

**Quiz night** – organised by the Locals, held at University College. This was the first of the Inter-college Cultural Competition events held on 4 March. Fifteen colleges entered up to three teams each. The quiz was organised into different categories/rounds. The Dining Room at University College was packed and noisy as the quiz progressed. A very competitive event.

- First place – St Margaret's College
- Second place – Aquinas College
- Third place – Carrington College

**Gaming competition** – organised by Toroa College, this event consisted of Forza, Super Smash Bros, FiFa 18 and League of Legends. The first two rounds were held on 16 March. Round three, the semi-finals and the Grand Final were held on 18 March. Thirteen colleges entered. This was an event that was a highlight on any gamer's calendar.

- First place – Arana College
- Second place – Hayward College
- Third equal place – St Margaret's College, Toroa College and University College

**Visual arts competition** – organised by Arana College. Fourteen colleges entered for a wonderful display on 29 April. The theme was The Wild South. This event attracted a wide range of entries in five categories – photography, painting, drawing, sculpture/4D art, and other.

- First place – Toroa College
- Second place – Arana College
- Third place – Te Rangi Hiroa College

**Chess competition** – organised by Hayward College and held in the School of Surveying Seminar Room on 6 May. There were two players per team and twelve colleges entered. An afternoon of games of highly competitive Chess.

- First place – St Margaret's College
- Second equal place – Caroline Freeman College and Abbey College

**Short preparation debate** – organised by Cumberland College and the Otago Debating Society. The debates were hosted in a number of venues throughout the colleges over five weeks starting on 19 July, with the semi-finals and final held on 18 August. Ten colleges entered. The topic of each debate was given out half an hour prior to the debate, so teams had a short preparation time hence the name.

- First place – St Margaret's College
- Second place – Arana College
- Third place – Carrington College





**48 Hour Film Competition** – organised by Caroline Freeman College with a screening of the films at St David Lecture Theatre on the evening of 29 July. Nine colleges entered. The 48-Hour Film Festival brought out the best in short film action, entertaining a big crowd at the viewing night.

- First place – Carrington College
- Second place – St Margaret's College
- Third place – Toroa College

**Literary competition** – organised by Carrington College, with a prizegiving on 19 August. This podium points event is a revamped event that replaced the Poetry Competition. The theme was University of Otago 150th Anniversary: From then to now (1869 to 2019). There were three categories: Haiku, paragraph (the first paragraph of an Otago story), and photo caption to a supplied photo. Ten colleges entered.

- First place – St Margaret's College
- Second place – Caroline Freeman College
- Third place – Toroa College

**Pool competition** – organised by Aquinas College and held at the Poolhouse on the afternoon of 16 September. Two competitions – men's and women's with 14 colleges entered. A very competitive afternoon of pool with many games.

Men's:

- First place – University College
- Second place – Hayward College
- Third place – Toroa College

Women's:

- First place – Caroline Freeman College
- Second place – Carrington College
- Third place – Uni Flats

### Final thanks

On behalf of the Cultural Competition Committee (myself, Andy Walne, Dylan Davies and Brian Satake) I would like to acknowledge and thank each event organiser for their time, planning and organisation of the events.



# Volunteering

## Volunteering activities 2018

### Activities

Beach clean  
Plunket Kids' Day Out  
Relay for Life  
Blood Bank  
Quarantine Island  
Community Gardens  
Toy Library  
Wood stacking  
Sinclair Wetlands  
Tree planting  
Ross Home Visit  
Orokonui Ecosanctuary

### Street appeals

CanTeen  
Octacan  
Cancer Society  
Child Cancer  
ANZAC/Poppy Day  
Red Cross  
Daffodil Day  
Orphans Aid  
Heart Foundation  
Pregnancy Help  
Suicide Awareness  
Dunedin Fire Stations

There were many more activities and collections that allowed our collegians to give back to the community in a variety of ways, caring for our kaumātua in rest homes and tamariki in the community and taking part in many environmentally-conscious projects to nurture the land in a sustainable and responsible manner.

Giving time and energy to these projects provides a sense of unity and pride for our college volunteers and we hope this permeates through the Otago collegiate campus and beyond. Volunteering the time to assist the community in moments of need has been met with great appreciation and we are very proud of the huge commitment and results that our collegians have displayed across a variety of volunteering activities.

It should also be noted that some of these activities were organized through the Unicrew team, which have a database of community organisations that love to get student volunteers involved in their work.

A big thanks to all our volunteers in 2018!





# College Catering

Gary McNeill – College Catering Manager

2018 once again has been a successful year for College Catering, catering over 2 million meals.

College Catering has taken on the Food Service kitchens of three colleges, Arana, Studholme and Carrington, adding another 658,000 annual meals to College Catering's responsibilities.

Our Food Service operations continue to be challenged with changing trends, including special diets and allergen management. Food allergies, in particular, are of concern to parents and students who are living away from home and making their own food decisions for the first time. Our Food Service team continue to make these concerns less of an issue, by excellent communication, understanding and strong allergen management systems.

International cuisine is in high demand by our students. Most students are accustomed to a variety of food from all over the world. Accordingly, our Food Service kitchens are embracing this and incorporating international food in their menus.

## Chef of the Year!

Our Residential Chef of the Year Competition was another successful event, with 18 chefs – in teams of two – from nine of the University residential colleges involved.

1st place Toroa College, Chefs Tracey Leishman and John Borcos

2nd place Te Rangi Hiroa College, Chefs Dylan Henry and Tarin McGhee

3rd place Aquinas College, Chefs Brian Galvin and Mara Dongoran





# Student Health

Margaret Perley – Operations Manager

Significant innovation at Student Health in meeting the diverse health needs of the University's students. We have built strong relationships with our Campus and Collegiate Life Services colleagues and recognised that the health and well-being of those we serve involves care given beyond the walls of our building. We are working hard to provide an innovative and responsive service to our patients, and the University at large.

2018 saw the implementation of the University's Mental Health Review, which led to a significant enhancement of our service's ability to address the wide spectrum of well-being, resilience and mental health needs of students. We have designed a service which is far more responsive, with careful consideration given to recruiting a team with the skill set best suited to meet the needs of our students. We are shifting our focus to educating students around self-care and well-being in the hope that this reduces the number of students needing to access services when they become unwell.

Considerable time and resources have been spent on the development and delivery of a robust and comprehensive mental health physical health training package for Residential Assistants in 2018. This will be rolled out more widely in early 2019 to include all college staff.

2018 also saw the implementation of a new, comprehensive pilot for managing urgent demand for our medical services. We now have a daily urgent demand team of doctors and

nurses who have built-in flexibility to deal with urgent medical problems and facilitate the smooth operation of our clinical day. The success of this new initiative has enhanced the safety of both patients and staff, and has seen the early detection, treatment and swift transfer of three critically unwell students in 2018.

Student Health nurses delivered a successful nurse-led outreach influenza vaccination programme to all residential colleges resulting in the highest number of vaccinations administered to date in colleges (2,164). Seven colleges achieved a 60%+ vaccination rate and a further two colleges achieved 59% coverage.

Through 2018 Student Health embedded nurse prescribing. Currently two nurses have attained this qualification. In practice the nurse prescriber is fully utilised and this not only provides more student choice but also releases valuable GP resource for more complex care.

Victoria University spent a day with us in August and were very impressed by our team and the services we deliver at Otago. We have also provided resources and advice to nursing colleagues in Waikato (Wintec) and in a local primary care practice.

We look forward working with you all in 2019.



# Uniprint

Ian Hobson – Manager

Uniprint is a business unit that sits within the Campus and Collegiate Life Services Division.

Uniprint's primary function is to support students as well as staff printing requirements on any of the University of Otago's campuses.

This year Uniprint has noted some changes with wide format poster printing, with an increase of 200 posters being produced at the Printshop in the ISB Library, Dunedin Campus.

ISB library student printers on the first floor are the most used devices across the student printing fleet, producing approximately 1.1 million prints per year on these four machines alone.

Student printing on the "Follow Me Print" service has now been extended to staff and expected to be fully in place over the whole university by the end of 2019.

Student printing devices are planned for replacement in January 2019 which will upgrade current equipment to the third generation devices. Uniprint has 93 devices classed as student printers around the Otago campus and these new devices will have larger screens and better print quality.

2018 saw college yearbooks completed earlier and were some of the first printed products off Uniprint's brand new digital colour production press, bringing higher quality prints.

We work closely with all departments in Campus and Collegiate Life Services to deliver the best services we can.

