

Young pianist Sara Lee tops international competition

In this Q&A, talented pianist Sara Lee talks about her road from Russia to Dunedin, and how studying music at Otago has inspired and influenced her career as a musician.



Alumni awarded prestigious Fulbright scholarships

Celebrating Dr Pounamu Jade Aikman (Ngāti Maniapoto, Tainui, Ngāi te Rangī, Ngāti Awa), Joanna Hikaka (Ngāruahine), and Jenni Tupu (Ngāpuhi, Te Aupōuri, Ngāti Hine, Samoa).



Keeping KiwiRail's sustainability goals on track

Helping KiwiRail work towards its sustainability goals is the key focus of recent Otago Energy Management graduate Malia Vehikite.

Your Story - Legacy of Dr Edward Grant supports a generation of young doctors

The legacy of Otago alumnus Dr Edward Grant, who worked tirelessly for the communities of the North Island's East Coast, lives on in a generation of young doctors in training.

[Read more...](#)





Supporting Otago

In a fantastic new initiative, SIX60 has bought their old flat in Castle Street and partnered with Te Korokoro o te Tūi, Otago's new Performing Arts centre, to between them provide four \$10,000-a-year scholarships, for aspiring Performing Arts students to live at the flat.

[Supporting Otago...](#)



Inside Word

We're excited to launch our Inside Word video chat series, where we sit down with people from all corners of the University, to hear about what's happening in their area, and learn a little about the person behind the job. In our first video, Head of Sustainability Ray O'Brien talks about turning our Sustainability Framework into action, and shares some of his past challenges and adventures. Enjoy!

[Inside Word...](#)



Student applications to Pūtea Tautoko on the rise

During the current COVID-19 alert level restrictions in Aotearoa New Zealand there has been an increase in the number of students who need emergency assistance. We are extremely grateful for all the support from our alumni and friends since the beginning of the pandemic, and if you would like to help our students at this time you can make a donation to our Pūtea Tautoko student support fund here:

[Donate now](#)

"Many international students are doing it tough at the moment, and while most are able to manage, there are some for whom the ability to continue to study is no longer feasible. I am deeply appreciative to all the donors whose generosity helps to support these students."

Jason Cushen
**Director, International
University of Otago**

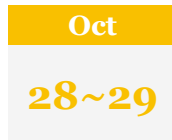
You can see here how Pūtea Tautoko has been helping our students

Upcoming 2021 Reunions and Events

For more details on upcoming reunions visit our [alumni events calendar](#), information will be updated as it becomes available. Email reunions.alumni@otago.ac.nz if you would like more details or are interested in organising a reunion for your class.



1971 Teachers' College reunion



1976 MB ChB reunion



1970 first year Home Science reunion



Dental class of 2011 reunion



Networks & events

With a period of stability until mid-August we were able to host a number of events across New Zealand, including an event at the Grand Hall in Parliament with Hon Grant Robertson, an event in Greymouth with Robert Burns Fellow, Becky Manawatu, and events in Christchurch and Auckland.

[Networks & events...](#)

Why We ♥ Otago

Making us proud—Otago's staff and students continue to serve on the front lines of Aotearoa New Zealand's COVID-19 response, doing everything from advising the Government, genome sequencing and processing test results, to working in testing and vaccination clinics.

[Why We ♥ Otago...](#)



Making a Difference

Distinguished scholar and lifetime adventurer, Classics alumna Elizabeth Carvalho has left a generous Bequest to the Classics programme, to encourage and inspire students in their studies.

[Making a Difference...](#)



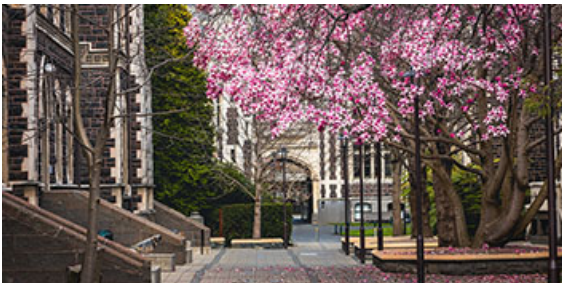
Alumni Global Lens photography competition

We would like to invite you as a member of the University of Otago alumni community to connect with us and share your experience of the world via the medium of photography in our inaugural photography competition.

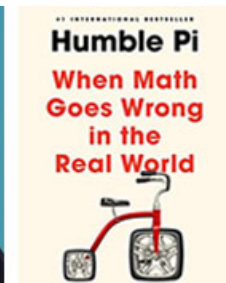
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The Otago MBA is ranked #1 in New Zealand

(QS Online MBA Ranking 2021 #13, QS Global MBA Rankings 2021 Top NZ MBA)



Otago Images - A special focus on our magnificent magnolia!



Alumni Book Club

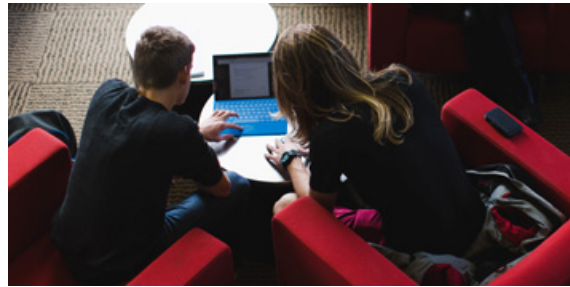
On 14 October, the University of Otago

From bud to bloom – our much-loved magnolia tree in the Quad, as it emerges from winter greenery into promising buds, and finally full-blown flowers!

[Otago images...](#)

Alumni Book Club will begin to read and discuss *Humble Pi: When Math Goes Wrong in the Real World* by Matt Parker. We would love for you to join us on this reading journey. In this humorous, yet insightful book, stand-up comedian and maths wiz, Matt Parker, takes readers on a whirlwind tour of maths mistakes both big and small.

[Join the Book Club here...](#)



Alumni in the News

Anna Campbell wins Young Enterprise Contributor of the Year award.

Mary Devine takes over as CEO of Foodstuffs.

Retiring GP Dr John Almond talks about 40 years in general practice in Te Puke.

Katrina Darry has been the All Blacks' nutritionist since 2008.

Lemalu Silao Vaisola-Sefo, CEO, South Seas Healthcare discusses responding to Auckland's Delta outbreak.

[Alumni in the news...](#)

Alumni news feed

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