

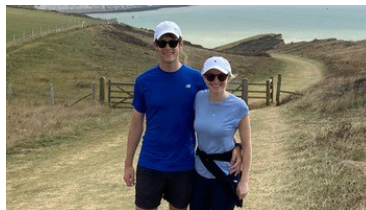
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Radiation Therapy scholarship a special accomplishment

Jesse Miller on receiving the 2019 Angela Allen Travelling Scholarship for top Bachelor of Radiation Therapy graduate, and his 3000km graduation roadtrip. (490kb pdf)



An extraordinary year at the University of Oxford

Young Otago-trained doctors Jonny Stevenson and Claire Munro were halfway through a year at the University of Oxford, when the COVID pandemic transformed their daily lives. (529kb pdf)



20Twenties profiles of our inaugural winners

Our 20Twenties Young Alumni Awards have been a bright spark in a difficult year – read their inspirational stories here, including Sargam Goundar and her contribution to climate change initiatives.

Your Story - Sir Alan and Lady Patricia Mark

The lifelong contribution by Sir Alan Mark and Patricia, Lady Mark, to the conservation and preservation of New Zealand's natural habitats and wildlife was recently acknowledged and honoured at a function at the University.

[Read more](#) (1Mb pdf)





Networks & events

It has been a pleasure to be able to hold in-person events in New Zealand, to introduce some of our leading researchers to alumni, and to provide the opportunity for alumni to network with each other. Fantastic fundraising initiatives such as the Go Pink Day and the success of our alumni in the Women of Influence awards have also been highlights of the end of the year.

[Networks & events](#) (883kb pdf)



Making a difference

A desire to see Scottish traditions continue is behind the new Deed of Gift from the Caledonian Society of Otago to the University of Otago.

The gift will fund a scholarship at the University's Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, which will be awarded to selected students studying Scottish literature.

[Making a difference](#) (380kb pdf)



Supporting Otago

Three Otago professors recently cycled the length of the South Island and raised a fantastic \$7,880 for Pūtea Tautoko student hardship fund in the process.

[Supporting Otago](#) (282kb pdf)



Lecture Hot Picks

Be entertained and feed your mind with our Lecture Hot Picks. You can relax in the comfort of your own home, while listening to a selection of lectures from Otago academics and visiting lecturers.

[Lecture hot picks](#) (131kb pdf)

Upcoming 2021 Reunions

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 are interested in organising a reunion for your class.

Feb

11~13

Dental class of 1980
reunion

Oct

12~14

Medical class of
1971 reunion

Nov

06~08

Home Science first
year class of 1970

Nov

26~28

Salmond College
reunion



Why We ♥ Otago

We catch up with three extraordinary alumni and friends who celebrated their 100th birthdays this year- [Honor McKellar](#), [Keith Williamson](#), and [Les Winslade](#). Each have made invaluable contributions to society in their chosen fields and interests, and mix their wisdom with a good dose of humour.

[Why We ♥ Otago](#) (200kb pdf)

Otago images

A selection of images from the Hocken Collections Uare Taoka o Hākena looking back at laboratories at Otago from 1909 to the 1980s. Photos sourced from *Otago, 150 Years of New Zealand's First University* by Alison Clarke.

[Otago images](#) (609kb pdf)



Pūtea Tautoko's vital support:

- \$442,000 donated
- 700 donors
- 400 first-time donors
- Total fund of \$4m
- \$3,940,000 granted
- 2,579 student recipients

Alumni Book Club

“Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.” — Jean Rhys.

Read the [Vice-Chancellor's letter of thanks](#) (123kb pdf), along with details of Pūtea Tautoko hardship fund. [Support Pūtea Tautoko](#).

Our next book is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.



Alumni in the News

- Dr Diana Kopua (Ngati Porou) awarded Dr Maarire Goodall Award 2020.
- Sean Cassidy, New Zealand Defence Force Reservist of the Year.
- Liv Glazebrook named TVNZ-NZ Young Marketer of the Year.
- Francesca Goodman-Smith wins at the Sustainable Business Awards.

[Alumni in the news](#) (166kb pdf)

Public Health Summer School

Otago alumni are invited to take a look at the 25th anniversary programme for the Public Health Summer School. This includes one-day courses on a wide range of topics including COVID-19 learnings, countering disinformation, Hauora Māori and survival skills for health researchers.



Mentor Match 2021

Otago Mentor Match allows you to share your story – how you navigated your way from student to professional. Mentors act as role models and volunteer their time to support student mentees. Through mentoring a future graduate, you can make a difference in their development and enhance their skills.

"I have loved being a mentor and it's something I will continue doing throughout my career. There's nothing better than cheering someone on and then seeing them succeed. It's forced me to reflect on my professional challenges and achievements a lot more."

Otago alumna and Mentor
Josie Cochrane

Otago Mentor Match



Kia ora koutou. As we head into the festive season, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support and generosity, in this year which has been like no other. Your support for our scholarships, research and priority projects has been extremely generous, and your contributions to Pūtea Tautoko have been a lifeline for many of our students. Thank you for coming together when the times have been tough, from all corners of the globe, to make sure today's students can continue their Otago journey. Thank you too for the kind and inspiring messages you have sent. We look forward to continuing to connect and engage with you next year, and wish you all a safe, restful and happy holiday season.

Ngā mihi nui,
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