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Fulbright honours set to open doors

Eight Otago graduates received Fulbright New Zealand awards in August. We catch up with Science and Innovation award recipient Anežka Hoskin and General Graduate award winner Nathaniel Otley. (201 kb pdf)



Mark Barnett - Making your dreams a reality

Otago alumnus Mark Barnett has followed his motor racing dreams and spent more than 13 years working for some of the world's leading motorsports companies. (424 kb pdf)



Christchurch Dean awarded top honour

Recognised world leader in the study, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases, Professor David Murdoch has been awarded the University's Distinguished Research Medal. (169 kb pdf)

Your Story - Alumni scholarship a shining star on CV

Young graduate Chelsea Steen-Jones credits her first-year alumni scholarship with helping her expand her horizons and her friendships at university, and says it holds pride of place on her CV.

[Read more](#) (143kb pdf)





Networks & events

We were thrilled to be able to host alumni in person for events with the Highlanders and to be able to welcome new graduates to the community.

Online, our book club continues with its second book, and our American Board (AUOA) are hosting webinars for those based in North America.

[Networks & events](#) (277kb pdf)

Upcoming online events

Email functions.alumni@otago.ac.nz to register for virtual events and receive details for joining the online stream.

Sep	Kids, Screens and COVID
25	Fri 25 Sep, 10:00 – 11:00am (NZT) Thu 24 Sep, 6:00 – 7:00pm (EDT)
Sep	Referendum Forum
29	End of Life Choice Act Tue 29 Sep, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Sep	Referendum Forum
30	Cannabis Legislation and Control Bill Wed 30 Sep, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Oct	Hocken virtual tour
08	The Hocken Collections, highlighting 1940s to 1980s. Thu 8 Oct



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](#) (132kb pdf)



Making a difference

With many students struggling and an office full of art that she needed to empty, Dr Elaine Webster had a great idea on how to raise funds for Pūtea Tautoko, the student hardship fund, while leaving a wee piece of herself on campus.

[Making a difference](#) (162kb pdf)



Supporting Otago

Our alumni find a wide variety of ways to show their support. The Priscilla Sandys Wunch Trust has spent 20 years helping Taranaki students attend Otago, while businessman Mark Brosnan provided surplus surgical masks to help minimise the risk from COVID-19.

[Supporting Otago](#) (439 kb pdf)



Why We ♥ Otago

A desire to give back, and help those pursuing a career in medicine, has spurred a group of senior medical graduates to provide a scholarship for the last 15 years, supporting second and third year undergraduate medical students suffering financial hardship.

[Why We ♥ Otago](#) (189 kb pdf)

Starting my Otago journey with the alumni scholarship was a blend of “wow, I must be doing something right” and “don’t mess it up!”

Graduate and alumni scholarship recipient
Chelsea Steen-Jones
Alumni memories

20 twenties



20Twenties Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the University of Otago’s inaugural Young Alumni Awards; 20Twenties. The 20Twenties recognise the outstanding achievements of some of our newest graduates, and highlight their exceptional successes and qualities.

[20Twenties recipients](#) (135 kb pdf)

Proposed reunions



Final dates subject to change. Please contact reunion organisers for confirmation.

Alumni in the news

- Dunedin lawyer Melinda Broek appointed District Court judge
- Matthew Tayler's path from high finance to high country farming
- Natasha Hemara new head of Kamo High School in Northland
- Stephanie Pettigrew runner-up Otago Southland Branch Emerging Director for 2020, and Faculty of Law Dean Professor Jessica Palmer takes the top spot
- New breast cancer initiative launched by Expinkt™ participants

[Alumni in the news \(202kb pdf\)](#)

Oct	Dental Class of 1970
01~04	Thu 1 – Sun 4 Oct, Dunedin
Oct	PhysEd Class of 1980
23~25	Fri 23 – Sun 25 Oct, Dunedin
Nov	PhysEd Class of 1970
06~08	Fri 6 – Sun 8 Nov, Dunedin
Nov	Medical Class of 1970
18~20	Wed 18 – Fri 20 Nov, Dunedin
Nov	PhysEd Class of 1964
28~29	Sat 28 – Sun 29, Upper Moutere, Tasman District.



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