# 2024 Massey University Blues Sports Awards Te Pō Whakahōnore

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# He tihi maunga, he taumata okioki, nau mai rā hei whakanui i te angitu

A mountain peak, a resting place for greatness, an invitation to celebrate success

# **HISTORY**

The New Zealand University Blues Award is the highest sporting accolade given in the New Zealand tertiary sector. It is part of a tradition dating from 1922 in New Zealand, and earlier in England, where the colours of England's most famous universities, Oxford and Cambridge, came to be a symbol for sporting excellence.

Sporting 'Blues' became famous through the rivalry between Oxford and Cambridge. Oxford Blues were only awarded for 'real' sports, such as rowing, rugby and cricket. Athletes in other codes could only aspire to half Blues. One Irish university purportedly awards top athletes 'Pinks'.

Massey University's earliest recipient of a New Zealand University Blues Award was Mac Cooper in 1934. This was for rugby. Mac Cooper also won a Rhodes Scholarship in 1934 and played against the All Blacks in 1935 for Oxford and Scotland. George Robinson and Eric Orgias were awarded Blues in 1935 for athletics. Hockey player Hector Lawry also won a New Zealand Universities Blues Award in 1935.

In 1990, Massey University resurrected the practice of awarding Blues to its top sporting students with the Massey Blues Award. These were awarded for all sports. A selection committee was created and a formal set of guidelines for potential recipients was established to ensure high standards and consistency across the codes.

The Blues trophies are presented to our on campus and distance top performing Sportsman and Sportswoman.

2018 saw the introduction of an additional award to allow recognition of student success across all aspects of high performance in sport. The Sporting Excellence Award celebrates the achievements of coaches, managers and officials who have performed at the same level however are not eligible for an individual athlete Blue.

The University values the Blues Awards and genuinely wishes to honour the individual achievers. Students nominated must excel in their chosen sport as well as their academic studies. A huge commitment and strict discipline is required of a Blues Award recipient, as students must successfully juggle the demands of academic study with heavy training and performance schedules.

# ARCHERY

## Chisora Hada

Chisora competed at the 80th Outdoor New Zealand National Championships and placed 1st in Open Recurve Teams Matchplay. He also placed 1st in Open Recurve Teams Matchplay at the 2023 Indoor National Championships. At the 80th New Zealand National Field Championships, Chisora placed 3rd in Open Men's Recurve Individual Matchplay and 4th overall in Open Men's Recurve. Although choosing to compete in the Open grade, his scores were NZ records and National Tournament records in the Under 21 Men's Recurve in both the unmarked and marked rounds, and were higher than the winning scores for his age category of Under 21. Chisora is currently ranked 1st in Under 21 Men's Recurve in New Zealand. Chisora is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

# Isabella Wassilieff

Isabella represented New Zealand at the Hyundai Stage 1 World Cup in Shanghai and the Asia World Cup Stage 3 where she placed 33rd overall and 17th overall in the Senior category respectively. At the 2024 New Zealand National Championships, she placed 1st in Target, Individual Matchplay and Mixed Teams Matchplay while adding a 2nd place finish in Teams Matchplay. Isabella is ranked 1st in Open Women's Compound in New Zealand. Isabella has completed studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# **ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING**

# Aspen Fell

Aspen represented New Zealand at the World Skate Oceania Championships where she placed 3rd in Senior Ladies Dance. She also represented New Zealand at the 2024 Artistic World Series, the 2023 World Championships and the 2023 World Skate Oceania Championships. At the 2024 NZ National Championships Aspen finished 1st in Styledance, 2nd overall and was 2nd in Senior Ladies Dance. Aspen is currently studying a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts and has completed a Bachelor of Arts.

# Claudia McLean

Claudia represented New Zealand at the 2024 and 2023 Oceania Championships and the 2024 Pacific Cup. She placed 3rd in Senior Ladies Figures at the 2024 Australian Championships and the Upper Hutt Open Day and gained 5th and 6th placings at the 2024 National Championships. Claudia is currently studying a Bachelor of Accounting.

# Felicity Nicol

Felicity represented New Zealand at the 2024 World Skate Oceania Championships, winning the International Small Show event. She placed 4th in Senior Ladies Free Skating and 7th in Senior Ladies Solo Dance at the 2024 New Zealand National Championships. Felicity is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

#### **Phoenix Reid**

Phoenix represented New Zealand at the 2024 World Skate Oceania Championships and placed 1st in Senior Ladies Solo Dance and in Senior Couples Dance, after placing 3rd in Senior Ladies Solo Dance at the 2023 Oceania Championships. She also represented New Zealand at the 2023 World Skate Artistic World Championships and the 2023 World Figure Cup. At the 2024 Pacific Cup Phoenix placed 1st in Senior Ladies Figure, after placing 2nd in the Senior Ladies Figure at the 2023 Pacific Cup. Phoenix placed 1st in Senior Ladies Figures, Senior Ladies Solo Dance and the Senior Couples Dance at the 2024 New Zealand Nationals, winning the Senior Aggregate Points cup and the Jack Farnthorpe award for overall success by a senior skater. Phoenix is currently studying a Master of Science.

# Jessica Shirley

Jessica represented New Zealand at the 2023 and 2024 World Skate Oceania Championships, gaining her highest international score at the 2024 event. She competed at the Australian National Championships and gained a 6th and 7th placing at the 2024 New Zealand National Championships in July. Jessica is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

# **ATHLETICS**

# Georgia Hulls

Georgia represented New Zealand at the 2023 World Athletics Championships. She won a silver medal in 200m at the Shizuoka Internal Track Meet and a bronze medal in 100m at the 2023 CITIUS Meeting in Bern. Georgia also won a gold medal in the 4x400m Women's relay at the 2024 Oceania Athletics Championships. At the 2024 New Zealand Championships, Georgia won a gold medal in 200m. She won a silver medal at the 2024 Adelaide Invitational and the International Track Meet in Christchurch. Georigia has completed studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Eliza McCartney

Eliza represented New Zealand at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, finishing in joint 6th place in the Pole Vault final, and competed at the 2023 World Athletics Championships. She won a gold medal at the 2024 Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais Trophée EDF. Eliza won a silver medal at the 2024 World Athletics Indoor Championships, the 2024 Meeting de L'Eure and the Stabhochsprungmeeting Jockgrim event in Germany. At the 2024 New Zealand National Championships, Eliza retained her national pole vault title, winning a gold medal. Eliza has completed studying a Bachelor of Science.

# Zachary Saunders

Zachary won a silver medal in the 4x400m Men's Relay and placed 4th in the 200m race at the 2024 New Zealand National Championships. He also won a bronze medal in 200m at the 2004 BFTTA Outdoor Series 4 in London. Zachary is currently studying a Bachelor of Health Science.

#### **Courtney Trow**

Courtney won a gold medal in High Jump at the 2024 Manawatū Whanganui Athletics Championships. At the 2024 New Zealand

National Championships, she placed 5th in the Senior Women's High Jump. Courtney is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

### Maddi Wesche

Maddi won a silver medal in Shot Put at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. She won a gold medal at the 2024 New Zealand National Championships, the 18. Schonebecker Solecup in Germany, the Meeting voor Mon in Belgium and at the 2023 BMW Louyet Meeting in Huizingen. Maddi also won a silver medal at the 2024 Wanda Diamond League in Xiamen. Maddi is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

# BASKETBALL

#### **Coola Baudry**

Coola played for LeadScholarships.exe in the 2023 3x3.exe Premier New Zealand Women's Round 4 and placed 3rd. She also played for Auckland Dream in the 2023 Women's D League and was part of the team that beat the Harbour Breeze in the final. Coola has completed studying a Bachelor of Communication.

#### Liam Judd

Liam played for the Property Brokers Manawatū Jets in the 2024 New Zealand National Basketball League, gaining many NBL career highs including scoring 30 points against the Wellington Saints in May. Liam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# **CANOE POLO**

#### Hayley Austin

Hayley represented the New Zealand U21 A team at the 2023 Oceania Championships and has been selected to represent the New Zealand U21 A team at the 2024 Canoe Polo World Championships. She was part of the Central Canoe Polo Senior Women's team that placed 1st and the Central Canoe Polo U21 team that placed 2nd in the 2023 New Zealand Inter-Provincial competition. Hayley was a member of the Valkyries Black team that placed 1st at the 2024 New Zealand National League Women's A Grade and 2023 won the Asia Pacific Championships in China. Hayley is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Kate Blincoe

Kate has been selected to represent and captain the New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Women's team that will compete at the 2024 Canoe Polo World Championships. She was also a member of the Paddle Ferns team that won the New Zealand National League Open B Grade. Kate has completed studying a Bachelor of Nursing.

#### Scott Gray

Scott represented the New Zealand Under 21 Men's team at the 2023 Oceania Championships and won a gold medal. He has been selected to represent the New Zealand Under 21 Men's team at the 2024 Canoe Polo World Championships. Scott competed for the Central Regional Canoe Polo Under 21 Men's team at the 2023 New Zealand Inter Regional competition and placed 1st. Scott is currently studying a Bachelor of AgriBusiness.

#### Klara Richter

Klara has been selected to represent the New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Women's team that will compete at the 2024 Canoe Polo World Championships. She was also part of the Paddle Ferns team that won the 2024 New Zealand National League Open B Grade. Klara is currently studying a Master of Clinical Psychology.

#### **Alyssa Shepherd**

Alyssa captained the New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Women's team that won the gold medal at the 2023 Oceania Championships and has been selected to represent the New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Team for the 2024 Canoe Polo World Championships. She was a member of the Central Senior and U21 Women's team that placed 1st and 2nd respectively at the 2023 New Zealand Inter-Provincial Championships. Alyssa was part of the Valkyries Black team that placed 1st in the 2024 New Zealand National League Women's A Grade and the Paddle Ferns team that won the 2024 National League Open B Grade. Alyssa is currently studying a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science.

#### Georgia Wheeler

Georgia represented the New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior Women's team that won the gold medal at the 2023 Oceania Championships and has been selected to represent the New Zealand Paddle Ferns Senior team for the 2024 Canoe Polo World Championships and the ICF Canoe Polo Super Cup. She captained the Valkyries Black team that placed 1st at the 2023 Asia Pacific Canoe Polo Championships and was part of the team that won the New Zealand National League Women's A Grade. Georgia was part of the Central Canoe Polo Senior Women's team that placed 1st at the 2023 New Zealand Inter-Provincial competition. Georgia is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

# **CANOE SLALOM**

#### **Oliver Puchner**

Oliver represented New Zealand at the 2023 Canoe Slalom World Championships and the 2023 Canoe Slalom World Cup Final Vaires-Sur-Marne. He also represented New Zealand at the 2024 and the 2023 U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships. At the 2024 New Zealand Open, Oliver placed 1st in MC1 Open and MC1 U23 and 3rd in MK1 U23. Oliver is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### James Senior

James represented New Zealand at the 2024 Canoe Slalom World Cup in Augsburg and the 2023 Canoe Slalom World Cup La Seu. He also represented New Zealand at the 2024 and the 2023 U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships. James is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

# **CANOE SPRINT**

#### Jessica Cleghorn

Jessica placed 2nd in the Open K4 500m and 3rd in the Open K2 500m at the 2024 New Zealand Canoe Sprint National Championships. Jessica is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### **Michael Esterhuizen**

Michael placed 2nd in the Open C2 500m and the Open C2 500m and finished 3rd in the Open Men KA 200m at the 2024 New

Zealand Canoe Sprint National Championships. Michael is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

#### Julia Padrutt

Julia represented New Zealand at the 2024 U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships where she placed 8th in the A Final for Mixed K2 U23 500m and 7th in the B Final for Women's K2 U23 500m. She placed 1st in Women's Open & U23 K1 500m, 2nd in Women's Open & U23 K1 200m and 2nd in Open Women K2 500m at the 2024 New Zealand Canoe Sprint National Championships. Julia is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

# **CLAY TARGET SHOOTING**

#### Ashling Welch

Ashling represented the New Zealand Ladies and Junior team that competed at the 2024 FITASC Shooting World Championship. She represented the winning North Island team in the North vs South mixed team event at the 2024 National Championships. Ashling is currently studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

# CRICKET

#### **Bella Armstrong**

Bella made her international T20 debut for the New Zealand Women's team against South Africa in 2023 and also played for the New Zealand XI team against Pakistan in 2023. She represented the Auckland Hearts in the 2023-24 Women's Super Smash competition. Bella is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Sarah Calkin

Sarah played for the BDO Manawatū Senior Women's team that competed in the Mike Shrimpton Trophy in the 2023-24 season. Sarah has completed studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Ben Frewin

Ben played for the Taranaki Senior Men's team that competed in the Chapple Cup and the Furlong Cup in the 2023-24 season. Ben has completed studying a Graduate Diploma in Learning & Teaching.

#### Curtis Heaphy Ngāi Tahu

Curtis made his List A debut for Central Districts against Canterbury in the 2023-24 Ford Trophy and his Twenty20 debut against Northern Brave in the 2023-2024 Super Smash. He also played for Central Districts in the 2023-24 Plunket Shield Competition. Curtis is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Ella Hogan

Ella played for the BDO Manawatū Senior Women's team that competed in the Mike Shrimpton Trophy in the 2023-24 season. She also played for the Central Districts U19 team at the 2023-24 New Zealand National Women's Under 19 Tournament. Ella is currently studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

# Nick Kelly

Nick played for the New Zealand A team that competed against Australia A in 2023. He captained the Wellington Firebirds team for the 2023-24 Dream 11 Super Smash competition. Nick is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Ashtuti Kumar

Ashtuti played for the Central Hinds Women's team for the 2023-24 season. She also represented the BDO Manawatū Women's team. Ashtuti is currently studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours).

#### **Bayley Latter**

Bayley played for the Manawatū Senior Men's team that earned a Hawke Cup Challenge. He also played for the Central Districts A team during the 2023-24 season. Bayley is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### **Ben Lister**

Ben played for the New Zealand Black Caps Men's Cricket team against England in an ODI series in 2023 and against Pakistan in a T20 series in 2024. He represented Auckland in the 2023-24 Plunket Shield and Ford Trophy competitions. Ben has completed studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Sam MacKinder

Sam played for the New Zealand Māori Women's team in the 2024 Pacific Cup. She also represented the BDO Manawatū Senior Women's team and the Central Districts A team in the 2023-24 season. Sam has completed studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Jessica Ogden

Jessica played for the BDO Manawatū Senior Women's team and the Central Districts U19 team in the 2023-24 season. Jessica is currently studying a Graduate Diploma of Learning & Teaching and has completed a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Hanu Rana

Hanu played for the Manawatū Senior Men's team in the 2023-24 Chapple Cup. Hanu is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Gemma Sims

Gemma played for the Wellington Blaze Women's team in the 2023-24 season. Gemma is currently studying a Master of Design and has completed a Bachelor of Design (Honours).

# Nathan Smith

Nathan is playing for Worcestershire in the 2024 season. He played for the Wellinton Firebirds in the 2023-24 season and was named as the New Zealand Domestic Player of the Year in March 2024. Nathan has completed studying a Bachelor of Business.

# **CYCLING**

#### Ethan Craine

Ethan races for the Project Echelon Racing UCI Cycling team. He has raced in many UCI 1.1, 1.2, 2.2 and 2.Pro events in 2023 and 2024. At the 2024 March Volta ao Alentejo (2.2), Ethan finished 11th in Mountains classification. Ethan is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

#### Ella Harris

Ella races for the Lifeplus-Wahoo UCI Women's cycling team. She placed 6th in the Road Race at the 2024 New Zealand Elite Road National Championships. Ella is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

### **Callum Saunders**

Callum represented New Zealand at the 2024 Oceania Track Cycling Championships where he placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Keirin. He competed in the 2023 UCI Tract Champions League and placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the series. Callum is currently studying a Master of Business Studies.

### DIVING

#### Luke Sipkes

Luke represented New Zealand at the 2023 Oceania Diving Championships and won a bronze medal in Men's 10m Platform. He also represented New Zealand at the 2024 World Aquatics Championships. Luke is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# **EXTREME WHITEWATER KAYAKING**

#### **River Mutton**

River won a gold medal at the 2024 Extreme Whitewater Kayaking World Championships. At the 2023 International Whitewater Awards she was named the U21 Female Paddler of the Year. River is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

#### FENCING

#### Wai Ling Chan

Wai Ling represented Hong Kong in various World Cups between 2023 and 2024. At the 2024 Asian Fencing Championships she placed 10th in the Senior Women's Épée. Wai Ling has completed studying a Bachelor of Science.

# FOOTBALL

#### Mackenzie Barry

Mackenzie played several games for the Football Ferns in 2024 and represented New Zealand at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. She represents and often captains the Wellington Phoenix team in the Women's A-League. Mackenzie was named Wellington Phoenix's Women's Player of the Year in 2024. Mackenzie is currently studying a Master of Arts.

#### Helena Errington

Helena played for the New Zealand U20 team in friendly matches against Australia in 2024. She made her debut for the Wellington Phoenix team in the Women's A League during the 2023-24 season. Helena is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Olivia Ingham

Olivia played for the New Zealand U20 team in friendly matches against Australia in 2024. She made her debut for the Wellington

Phoenix team in the Women's A League during the 2023-24 season. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### **Charlotte Noakes**

Charlotte played for the Central Football team in the 2023 New Zealand Women's National League. Charlotte has completed studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Olivia Page

Olivia played for the New Zealand U20 team in friendly matches against Australia in 2024. She plays for Sheffield United in the English Championship. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.

#### **Tim Payne**

Tim plays for the Wellington Phoenix team that competes in the A-League Men's competition. Tim is currently studying a Bachelor of Health Science.

#### **Addison Stewart**

Addison plays for Eastern Suburbs AFC in the New Zealand National League. Addison is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Campbell Strong

Campbell was in the New Zealand squad for the 2023 OFC Men's Olympic Qualifier tournament. He plays for Eastern Suburbs AFC in the New Zealand National League. Campbell is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

### Sam Sutton

Sam was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. He was a member of the New Zealand team that won the 2024 OFC Nations Cup. Sam plays for the Wellington Phoenix team in the A-League Men's competition. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### **Kate Taylor**

Kate played several games for the Football Ferns in 2024 and represented New Zealand at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. She played for the Wellington Phoenix team in the 2023-24 Women's A-League season. Kate is currently studying a Bachelor of Health Science.

#### Joe Wallis

Joe played for the New Zealand U19 team that competed at the 2024 OFC U19 Championships. He also plays for Auckland City FC. Joe is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### **FUTSAL**

#### Darren Juru

Darren played for Palmerston North Marist in the 2024 Ford Futsal Superleague. Darren is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### **Tim Justice**

Tim played for Palmerston North Marist in the 2024 Ford Futsal Superleague. Tim is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

#### Breanna Keenan

Breanna played for Palmerston North Marist in the 2024 Ford Futsal Superleague. Breanna is currently studying a Doctor of Clinical Psychology.

#### Pepi Olliver-Bell

Pepi played for the Capital Futsal team that won the 2024 Ford Futsal Superleague. Pepi is currently studying a Bachelor of Screen Arts (Honours).

#### Adam Paulsen

Adam played for the New Zealand Futsal Whites in the 2023 OFC Nations Cup and won the tournament to qualify for the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup. He was selected in the New Zealand team for the 2024 World University Futsal Championships. Adam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### GOLF

#### Kazuma Kobori

Kazuma played at the 2024 PGA Championship in Kentucky. He won the 2024 Webex Players Series, the 2023 Western Amateur Championship and the 2023 World Amateur Team Championship. Kazuma also placed 3rd at the 2023 Victorian PGA Championship. Kazuma has completed studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.

# HOCKEY

#### Nikayla Bradley Ngãi Tahu

Nikayla played for the New Zealand Hockey 5's Women's team at the 2024 Hockey 5's World Cup. She represented Counties Manukau in the 2023 National Hockey Championship and was part of the Tamaki Makaurau Māori Women's team that won the 2023 National Māori Hockey Championship. Nikayla is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Hannah Cotter Ngāti Kahungunu

Hannah played several games for the New Zealand Black Sticks Women's team in 2023 and 2024. She captained the New Zealand U21 Women's team at the 2023 Junior World Cup. Hannah played for the Melbourne team in the 2024 Australian Hockey One League. Hannah is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Kaitlin Cotter Ngāti Kahungunu

Kaitlin played several games for the New Zealand Black Sticks Women's team in 2024. She played for the Canberra team in the 2024 Australian Hockey One League and finished 2nd in the competition. Kaitlin represented Hawkes Bay in the 2023 National Hockey Championship. Kaitlin is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### **Frances Davies**

Frances played several games for the New Zealand Black Sticks Women's team in 2023 and 2024. Frances is currently studying a Graduate Diploma of Learning & Teaching.

#### Katie Doar

Katie played several games for the New Zealand Black Sticks Women's team in 2023 and 2024. Katie is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Kaea Elliot

Kaea played for Auckland in the 2023 National Hockey Championship and was part of the 2023 Future Black Sticks squad. Kaea is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Jemma Jones

Jemma played for North Harbour in the 2023 National Hockey Championship. She also played for the U21 North team in the 2024 North vs South U21 Women series. Jemma is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

#### Sophie Mills

Sophie represented Counties Manukau in the 2023 National Hockey Championship. Sophie is currently studying a Bachelor of Animal Science.

## Jarryd Russell

Jarryd represented North Harbour in the 2023 National Hockey Championship. Jarryd is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# Olivia Shannon

Olivia played several games for the New Zealand Black Sticks Women's team in 2023 and 2024. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### **Georgie Shotter**

Georgie played for North Harbour in the 2023 National Hockey Championship and was part of the 2024 U21 New Zealand Black Sticks squad. She played for the U21 North team in the 2024 North vs South U21 Women series. Georgie is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

#### **Molly Williams**

Molly represented Manawatū in the 2023 National Hockey Championship. She played for the U21 South team in the 2024 North vs South U21 Women series. Molly was named MHI Women's Junior Player of the Year in 2023. Molly is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

#### Nic Woods

Nic captained the New Zealand Black Sticks Men's team in multiple games in 2023 and 2024, including representing New Zealand at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Nic also plays for Hamburger Polo Club in Germany. Nic is currently studying a Master of Management.

# ICE HOCKEY

#### Hannah Cross Taranaki

Hannah played for the Dunedin Thunder Women's team in the 2024 and 2023 New Zealand Women's Ice Hockey League. Hannah is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# **INDOOR CRICKET**

#### **Bayley Latter**

Bayley was selected to represent the New Zealand Men's Indoor Cricket team in a Tri-series tournament against Australia and South Africa in 2024. He also played for the Central Districts Men's Indoor Cricket team that won the provincial tournament, with Bayley being named MVP of the tournament. Bayley is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

#### **Toby Meek**

Toby competed at the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships and placed 56th in the Men's Elite – Downhill. He competed in several UCI MTB World Cups in 2023 and 2024. At the 2024 New Zealand National Championships Toby placed 6th in the Men's Elite – Downhill. Toby is currently studying a Bachelor of Accountancy.

## **MULTISPORT**

#### Olivia Corrin

Olivia placed 3rd overall in the 2023/24 Nutri-grain Iron Woman series. She placed 1st in Round 3 of the Nutri-grain Iron Woman series, becoming the first ever New Zealand Iron Woman to win a series round. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

#### Sophie Egnot-Johnson

Sophie placed 1st in the 18-24 age group at the Ironman 70.3 event in Taupo in March this year, qualifying for the 2024 Ironman 70.3 World Championships to be held in December. Sophie has completed studying a Bachelor of Science.

# NETBALL

#### Zalika Clarke

Zalika played for Central Manawa in the 2024 Synergy Hair National Netball League. She also represented Wellington at the 2023 Netball New Zealand Open Championships. Zalika is currently studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours).

#### Aliyah Dunn Ngati Porou, Te Whanau a Apanui

Aliyah played for Mainland Tactix in the 2024 ANZ Premiership. Aliyah is currently studying a Bachelor of Health Science.

#### Courtney Elliott Hauraki

Courtney played for Waikato Bay of Plenty in the 2024 Synergy Hair National Netball League. Courtney is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Suraya Goss Te Ātihaunui-a-Pāpārangi, Te Ātiawa, Waikato-Tainui

Suraya played for Central Manawa in the 2024 Synergy Hair National Netball League. She also represented Manawatū at the 2023 Netball New Zealand Open Championships. Suraya is currently studying a Master of Arts.

# Latonya Lole

Latonya played for Central Manawa in the 2024 Synergy Hair National Netball League. Latonya is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

#### Atareta McCausland-Durie Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Raukawa

Atareta played for Manawatū at the 2023 Netball New Zealand Open Championships. She also played for the Manly Warringah Sapphires in the 2024 NSW Premier League. Atareta is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

# Renee Savai'inaea

Renee played for Southern Steel in the 2024 ANZ Premiership. Renee is currently studying a Bachelor of Social Work.

## **Chantelle Smith**

Chantelle represented Manawatū at the 2023 Netball New Zealand Open Championships. Chantelle is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Sarah Teki-Clark

Sarah represented Manawatū at the 2023 Netball New Zealand Open Championships. Sarah is currently studying a Master of Arts.

### Amelia Walmsley

Amelia made her debut for the New Zealand Silver Ferns in 2023 against England. She was part of the Silver Ferns team that finished 3rd at the 2024 Vitality Cup. Amelia was also in the New Zealand U21 squad and played for the Pulse in the 2024 ANZ Premiership. Amelia is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

#### **PARA CYCLING**

#### Anna Taylor

Anna won a gold medal in the Omnium (C4) at the 2023 Para-Cycling Track World Championships. She won a silver medal in Women's C4 500m Time Trial and bronze in the Omnium at the 2024 Para-Cycling Track World Championships and was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris. Anna is currently studying a Master of Sport Management.

#### Stella Clayton-Greene

Stella represented New Zealand and placed 1st in the C Final for Single Sculls at the 2024 Rowing World Cup III. She also competed at the 2024 Rowing World Cup II. At the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships, she placed 1st in Women's Premier Coxed Eight and 3rd in Women's Premier Coxless Pair Oars. Stella is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

# Sophie Egnot-Johnson

Sophie represented the New Zealand University team at the FISU World University Championships, placing 4th in the Women's Single. She also competed at the Women's Henley Regatta, winning the Championship Women's Single Sculls. At the 2024 New Zealand Rowing National Championships she placed 1st in three events, 2nd in one and 5th in another event. At the National University Rowing Championships, she placed 1st in the Women's Senior Quad, and 2nd in the Women's Championship Single, Women's Premier Quad and Women's Senior 8. Sophie has completed studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Kathryn Glen

Kathryn represented New Zealand at the 2024 Rowing World Cup III and placed 5th in the A Final for Women's Double Sculls. She placed 6th at the 2024 World Rowing Final Olympic Qualifying Race for Women's Quad Sculls. Kathryn is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Kate Haines

Kate represented New Zealand at the 2024 Paris Olympic Game and placed 4th in the Repecharge for the Women's Pair. She placed 1st in the C Final for Women's Pair at the 2023 World Rowing Championships. At the 2024 New Zealand Rowing National Championships, she placed 2nd in Women's Premier Coxless Pair Oars. Kate is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Juliette Lequeux

Juliette placed 1st in the Women's Premier Coxed Eight and 4th in the Women's Premier Coxless Pair Oars at the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships. Juliette was named as the 2024 Otago Rower of the Year. Juliette is currently studying a Bachelor of Speech & Language Therapy with Honours.

### Matt Macdonald

Matt won a silver medal in the Men's Four at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. He placed 3rd in the Men's Four at the 2023 World Rowing Championships. Also in the Men's Four, Matt placed 1st at the 2024 World Cup III and 2nd at the 2024 World Cup II. At the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships, he placed 1st in the Men's Premier Coxless Pair Oars and the Men's Premier Coxed Eight, and 3rd in the Men's Premier Coxless Four. Matt is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Madeleine Parker

Madeleine placed 1st in two events, 2nd in two events and 3rd in one event at the 2024 New Zealand Rowing National Championships. She was named in the New Zealand U23 team to compete in the 2024 U23 World Championships. Madeleine is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

### **Ben Taylor**

Ben placed 3rd in the B Final for Men's Pair at the 2023 World Rowing Championships. Also in the Men's Pair he placed 1st in the B Final at the 2024 Rowing World Cup II and 4th in the A Final at the 2024 Rowing World Cup III. At the 2024 New Zealand Rowing National Championships, he placed 1st in one event, 2nd in one event and 3rd in one event. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

# Joshua Vodanovich

Joshua competed at the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships, placing 1st in the Men's Premier Coxless Quad Sculls and the Men's U22 Double Sculls. He also placed 2nd in Men's Premier Coxless Four and the Men's U22 Coxless Pair Oars. Joshua was named in the New Zealand U23 team to compete at the 2024 U23 World Rowing Championships. Joshua is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

#### Davina Waddy

Davina won a bronze medal in the Women's Four at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. She also represented New Zealand and placed 1st in the Women's Four at the 2024 Rowing World Cup III. At the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships she placed 4th in the Women's Premier Coxed Eight. Davina has completed studying a Master of Management.

# Phillip Wilson

Phillip represented New Zealand at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and placed 1st in the B Final for Men's Pair. He placed 3rd in the B Final for the Men's Pair at the 2023 World Rowing Championships. Also in the Men's Pair, Phillip placed 3rd at the 2024 Rowing World Cup III, and 3rd in the B Final at the 2024 Rowing World Cup II. At the 2024 New Zealand Rowing National Championships, he placed 3rd in Men's Premier Coxed Eight. Phillip is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### **RUGBY**

### Sam Coles

Sam played for the New Zealand Under 20 team that won the inaugural Rugby Championship in May this year, scoring a conversion and penalty to help the team win the final. He also represented the New Zealand Under 20 team at the 2024 Under 20 World Rugby Championships in July where the team placed 3rd. He was a member of the Hurricanes Under 20 Team for the 2024 Super Rugby Under 20 Tournament and was selected for the 2023 NZ Under 19 Development Camp. He will represent the Manawatū Turbos in the 2024 National Provincial Championship. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Moana Courtenay

Moana represented the Tonga Women's Rugby Team and also played for the Penina Pasifika Women's Rugby Team in the 2024 Super Rugby W pre-season. Moana also represented North Harbour in the Farah Palmer Cup competition. Moana is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Maddie Feaunati

Maddie debuted for England at the 2024 Six Nations Rugby Championships, playing in every game, with England winning the competition. She also played for the Exeter Chiefs in the 2024 Allianz Cup. Maddie is currently studying a Bachelor of Communication.

### Julian Goerke

Julian was a member of the Manawatū Turbos in 2023 and named in the side again for the 2024 National Provincial Championship. He was also a member of the Manawatū High Performance Men's Team that played against the Pacific Island Rugby side in February this year. Julian is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Learning & Teaching.

#### Anahera Hamahona Ngāti Tuwharetoa

Anahera was selected for the Manawatū Cyclones for the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup competition and represented Whanganui in the 2023 Heartland Championships. She is a member of the 2024 Manawatū Women's Rugby Academy and the 2023 Manawatū Wahine Development side. In late 2023 she represented New Zealand Māori Ngā Māreikura Under 18 in a one-game fixture against the New Zealand Barbarians. Anahera is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# **Cameron Howell**

Cameron plays for the North Harbour Heat, playing in the 2023 National Provincial Championship and will represent the side again in the 2024 NPC competition. He also played for the North Harbour Men's Development team against Auckland in September 2023. Cameron is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Niko Jones

Niko was a member of the Moana Pasifika side for the 2024 Super Rugby competition. He played for Old Glory DC in the 2023 Major League Rugby season and re-signed with the team for the 2024 season. He also represented Auckland in the 2023 National Provincial Championship. Niko is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Elinor King Ngāti Kahungunu

Elinor was a member of the Hurricanes Poua for the 2024 Super Rugby Aupiki season. She played for the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2023 Farah Palmer Cup, and will represent the side again in the 2024 competition. Elinor is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Ben Lam

Ben represented Samoa at the 2023 Rugby World Cup in France. During the 2023-2024 season he played for Montpellier in the Top 14 and Challenge Cup competitions. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Paige Lush Ngāpuhi

Paige was a member of the Hurricanes Poua for the 2024 Super Rugby Aupiki competition. She played for the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2023 Farah Palmer Cup competition and will represent the side again in the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup. Paige has completed studying a Graduate Diploma in Learning & Teaching.

# **Rhys Marshall**

Rhys was a member of the Highlanders Super Rugby Team in 2023. He also played for Waikato in the 2023 National Provincial Championship. Rhys is currently studying a Bachelor of AgriBusiness.

#### Matt Masoe

Matt represents the Wairarapa Bush team in the Heartland Championship competition. Matt is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Learning & Teaching and has completed a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# **Oscar Ritchie**

Oscar represented the Hurricanes Under 20 Team at the 2024 Super Rugby Under 20 Tournament in March. He is a member of the Hawke's Bay Rugby Academy programme. Oscar is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Molly Scuffil-McCabe

Molly represented Ireland in the 2024 Six Nations competition, where Ireland placed 3rd and qualified for the 2024 WXV competition and the 2025 World Cup. She was selected to represent the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Molly is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (prevet).

# Ben Strang

Ben played for the Southland Stags in the 2023 National Provincial Championship. He also played for Rugby ATL in the 2023 Major League Rugby competition, and is playing for RFA LA in the 2024 Major League Rugby season. Ben has completed studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# Sam Taylor

Sam was a member of the Hurricanes Poua for the 2024 Super Rugby Aupiki competition. She represented the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2023 Farah Palmer Cup and will represent the side again in the 2024 competition. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# Te Rangatira Waitokia

Te Rangatira played for Rugby ATL in the 2023 Major League Rugby competition and scored eight tries for the team during the season. He plays for Anthem Rugby Carolina in the 2024 Major League Rugby competition. Te Rangatira has completed studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Taylor Waterson Whakatohea, Ngati Tūwharetoa, Waikato-Tainui

Taylor represented the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2023 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Taylor is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

# Alesha Williams Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Raukawa

Alesha was selected to represent the Manawatū Cyclones in the 2024 Farah Palmer Cup competition. Alesha is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Learning & Teaching and has completed a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Holly Wratt-Groeneweg

Holly played for Matatu in the 2024 Super Rugby Aupiki competition. She represented Canterbury in the 2023 Farah Palmer Cup and will represent Bay of Plenty in the 2024 competition. Holly was nominated for the New Zealand Rugby Players' Association 2023 Women's Young Player of the Year Award. Holly is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management and Diploma in Business Studies.

# **RUGBY LEAGUE**

#### Tyla King Ngāpuhi

Tyla debuted for New Zealand, gaining 3 caps for the Kiwi Ferns Women's Rugby League team with the team winning against Australia for the first time in eight years. She also played for the St George Illawarra Dragons team in the 2023 NRLW competition and gained 9 caps. Tyla is currently studying a Master of Health Science.

#### **RUGBY SEVENS**

#### Moana Courtenay

Moana played for the Tonga Women's Rugby Sevens national team. Moana is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Anahera Hamahona Ngāti Tuwharetoa

Anahera represented the Manawatū Women's Rugby Team playing in the Duavata Sevens Tournament in Hawke's Bay in late 2023. She was named in the side for the Central Regional tournament but injury prevented her from playing. She was also named in the Central Storm Girls team in December 2023 to play in the 2023 Global Youth Sevens. Anahera is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Elinor King Ngāti Kahungunu

Elinor represented the Manawatū Women's Rugby Sevens Team, winning the Central Regional Tournament in November 2023. Elinor is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Tyla King Ngāpuhi

Tyla is a member of the New Zealand Black Ferns Rugby Sevens Team and won a gold medal with the team at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The team are also the 2023/2024 World Series League Champions, and the 2024 Vancouver, Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Singapore Champions. Tyla was named World Rugby Sevens Player of the Year in October 2023. In early 2024 she became the World Rugby Sevens Highest Female Point Scorer after gaining her 1365th point, a title which she currently retains having scored 1448 points in the Series. Tyla announced she would be retiring from the sport following the team's Paris campaign. Tyla is currently studying a Master of Health Science.

#### Paige Lush Ngāpuhi

Paige was a member of the Manawatū Women's Rugby Sevens Team that won the 2023 Central Regional Tournament in November. Paige has completed studying a Graduate Diploma in Learning & Teaching.

#### Sam Taylor

Sam represented the Manawatū Women's Rugby Sevens Team that won the Central Regional Tournament in November 2023. Sam is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Alesha Williams Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Raukawa

Alesha played on a full-time contract for the Hokkaido Barbarians Rugby Sevens Team in the 2023 Taiyo Seimei Series. She also represented the Manawatū Women's Rugby Sevens Team, with the team winning the Central Regional Tournament in November. At the Taranaki Women's Rugby Sevens tournament she was named the top try scorer. Alesha is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Learning & Teaching and has completed a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

#### Holly Wratt-Groeneweg

Holly was a member of the New Zealand Sevens Development Team that toured France in May 2024. Holly is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management and Diploma in Business Studies.

#### **SKIING**

#### Ben Barclay Ngāti Kahungunu

Ben represents New Zealand and competed in multiple World Cup Freeski Slopestyle and Big Air events. His top placings during the season were 6th at the 2024 Mammoth Mountain USA World Cup Freeski Slopestyle event, 10th at the 2023 Stubai AUT World Cup Freeski Slopestyle event and 11th at the 2024 Silvaplana SUI World Cup Freeski Slopestyle event. Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# SMALLBORE RIFLE SHOOTING

#### Caley McNair

Caley represented New Zealand at the 2023 Oceania Championships placing 10th in the open grade 50m prone event. At the 2024 Smallbore Nationals in February she qualified for the NZ Junior Team and finished top for Junior Women and 2nd Junior overall. She also made the NZ Drew Team to compete in postal shoots against Great Britain, the NZ Slazenger Open Team to compete against Australia and the NZ Randall Team to compete against USA and Great Britain, and shot the second highest score in the team. Caley was named the MCI & Associates Junior Sportswoman of the Year at the 2024 Tararua Sports Awards. Caley is currently studying a Bachelor of Horticultural Science

# **SPEEDWAY**

#### Wade McNabb

Wade raced at his contracted track of Robertson Prestige International Speedway in Palmerston North, and also in Whanganui, Stratford and Gisborne during the 2023/2024 season. He has had race wins in Palmerston North and Whanganui during the season. At the New Zealand Stockcar Championship in Stratford he qualified for the Top 30 cars in a field of over 200 competitors, and utilised his skills to assist a team mate to win the championship. Wade also qualified for the Top 30 cars at the North Island Stockcar Championship and finished 16th overall. Wade is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# SQUASH

#### Leonie Marshall

Leonie represented Canterbury at the Senior National Teams Championship. She also represented the Central Senior Team at the Central vs Eastern Championships and playing as number 1 she won all her games and the team won overall. She represented Central in the B-Grade at the National Graded Championships where she won the B-Grade National Title. Leonie was named as number 3 to play for Central at the 2024 Senior National Teams Championships. At the New Zealand National Individual Championships she placed 17th overall and won the Plate Championship, only losing one game in the entire tournament. Leonie is currently studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

# **SURF LIFE SAVING**

### Louis Clark

Louis represented New Zealand at the German Cup event where he finished as 6th overall male with 1st placings in the 200m Obstacles, Obstacles Relay, Manikin Carry, Medley Relay and the Lifesaver Relay, and finished 4th in the 100m Rescue Medley. He was also selected for the NZ Black Fins team to compete at the 2024 Life Saving World Championships, and to represent BMD Northcliffe at the 2024 Club World Championships. He is a member of the Surf Life Saving NZ Senior High Performance Squad. At the 2024 New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Championships Louis won the Surf Race, Taplin, Run Swim Run and the Surf Teams events. Louis is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

# Olivia Corrin

Olivia represented New Zealand at the 2023 International Surf Rescue Challenge and was selected for the NZ Black Fins team to compete at the 2024 Life Saving World Championships. She is also a member of the New Zealand Surf Life Saving NZ Senior High Performance Squad. At the 2024 New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Championships she won gold medals in five events in the Open Women's division, and she also gained two bronze medals at the 2024 Australian Championships. Olivia is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

#### Laine Creighton

Laine was selected to represent the New Zealand Junior Black Fins Under 18 Team at the 2024 World Surf Life Saving Championships and is a member of the Surf Life Saving NZ Youth High Performance Squad. At the 2024 New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Championships Laine placed 1st in the Under 19 Ski Relay and Double Ski events and 3rd in the Under 19 Ski Race. Laine is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### Fergus Eadie

Fergus represented New Zealand at several events including the Orange Cup where he won 3 individual gold medals and a silver medal, and the German Cup where he finished as overall top scoring male and gained two individual gold medals, one silver, one bronze and 4 team medals. At the Australian Pool Rescue Championships he won two gold medals and eight silver medals across the individual and team events. Fergus also competed at the New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships and won four individual gold medals and four team gold medals. He was selected to represent the NZ Black Fins at the 2024 Australian Pool Championships and the 2024 Life Saving World Championships and is a member of the Surf Life Saving NZ Senior High Performance Squad. Fergus is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts.

#### Phoebe Ozanne

Phoebe competed at the 2024 New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Championships where she placed 1st Open Female in the Surf Canoe Long Course and the Surf Canoe Short Course events. She had multiple podium finishes at the 2024 South Island Surf Life Saving Championships and the 2024 Otago/Southland Surf Life Saving Championships. Phoebe is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

#### Oska Smith

Oska is a member of the Surf Life Saving NZ Senior High Performance Squad and was selected to represent the New Zealand Black Fins at the 2024 Surf Life Saving World Championships. Oska competed at the 2024 New Zealand National Surf Life Saving Championships where he placed 1st Open Male and U19 Male in the Beach Sprint and U19 Male Beach Flags events. Oska is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Maja Tyne

Maja competed at the 2023 New Zealand National Pool Rescue Championships in September where she placed 1st in the 4x50m Pool Lifesaver Relay. Maja was also part of the Red Beach A Team that set a national record in the 4x50m Pool Lifesaver Relay in October 2023. Maja is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

#### **SWIMMING**

## Louis Clark

Louis won a silver medal in the Open Men's 10km event at the 2024 New Zealand Open Water Swimming Championships. Louis is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

#### Wilrich Coetzee

Wilrich placed 2nd in the Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay, 3rd in the 100m Breaststroke, and 3rd in the Men's 4x400m Medley Relay, as well as gaining a 4th, two 5th, and an 11th placing in other events at the 2024 New Zealand National Championships. He also competed at the 2024 New South Wales State Open Championships in Breaststroke. Wilrich is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

#### Erika Fairweather Kai Tahu

Erika was selected for the New Zealand Team for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games where she qualified for finals and placed 4th in the 400m Freestyle, 7th in the 200m Freestyle, and 8th in both the 800m Freestyle and the Women's 4x200m Freestyle Relay. At the 2024 New Zealand National Championships she won the 200m, 400m and 800m Freestyle events and placed 2nd in the 100m Freestyle. At the 2024 World Aquatic Championships in Doha Erika won the 400m Freestyle, was 2nd in the 200m Freestyle, 3rd in the 800m Freestyle and 5th in the Women's 4x200m Freestyle Relay. She had multiple podium finishes at the 2023 Swimming World Cup events in Hungary, Greece and Germany. Erika was named the Junior Sportswoman of the Year Award winner and won the Supreme Award at the 2024 Otago Sports Awards. Erika is currently studying a Bachelor of Science.

# Luan Grobbelaar

Luan placed 7th in the 200m Individual Medley final at the 2023 New Zealand Short Course Championships. He won the 200m Individual Medley and the 100m Backstroke at the 2024 South Island Long Course Championships and also competed at the 2024 Victorian Open Long Course Championships. Luan is currently studying a Bachelor of Construction.

# Gina McCarthy

Gina competed at the 2024 New Zealand Championships where she placed 1st in the 200m Individual Medley, 2nd in the 200m Backstroke, and 5th in the 100m Backstroke events. At the 2023 New Zealand Short Course Championships she was 1st in the 400m and 200m Individual Medleys and 2nd in the 200m Backstroke. She also competed in the 200m Individual Medley and the 200m Backstroke at the New South Wales State Open Championships. Gina is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# **Phoebe Nelson**

Phoebe represented New Zealand at the 2024 Oceania Swimming Championships where she won three silver medals; in the Open Women's 50m Freestyle, the Open Mixed Medley Relay and the Open Mixed Freestyle Relay. At the 2024 NZ Championships which were also Olympic Trials she finished in the top 10 in the Open Women's 50m Freestyle. Phoebe is currently studying a Master of Science and has completed a Bachelor of Science.

# **TABLE TENNIS**

# Maia Cavanagh

Maia captained the Otago Open Women's Team at the New Zealand Open where the team placed 2nd in the B Grade. Individually she also placed 2nd in the Open Women's B Grade Singles and Doubles events and placed 3rd in the Under 21 Mixed Doubles and Under 21 Women's Doubles. Maia also captained the team at the 2023 South Island tournament and won the B Grade Women's Doubles and Women's Singles. She also won the Southland Open Women's Singles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles in 2023 and the Southland Women's Doubles in 2024. Maia is currently studying a Master of Science.

# **TAEKWON-DO**

# Brenna Greene

Brenna represented the New Zealand team at the 2023 ITF World Championships in Finland, winning a silver medal in Senior Women's Team Breaking, finishing 8th in the Senior Women's Individual Power event and also competing in the Senior Women's Individual Sparring -65kg. Brenna is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise.

# TOUCH

# Zoe Sosich

Zoe was a member of the New Zealand Touch Blacks team that won a silver medal in the Open Women's division at the 2024 Touch World Cup in Nottingham. Zoe is currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing. Zoe is currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing.

# TRIATHLON

# Eva Goodisson

Eva competed in the World Triathlon Cup events in 2023 and 2024, with her top placings being 21st in Chengdu in October and 23rd at both the Valencia event in September and the Napier event in February. At the 2023 World Triathlon Championship Finals in Pontevedra she finished in 46th place. Eva also competed at the 2024 Oceania Triathlon Sprint Championships in Devonport where she finished 7th in the Elite Women and 2nd in the Mixed Relay. She was 9th Elite Women at the 2024 Oceania Triathlon Championships and 4th at the Oceania Triathlon Super-Sprint Championships. Eva is currently studying a Postgraduate Diploma in Business.

# VOLLEYBALL

# Georgia Browne

Georgia played for the Bay of Plenty Senior Women's Team at the 2024 Interprovincial Championships tournament. Georgia is currently studying a Bachelor of Design with Honours.

# Ella Douglas

Ella represented the Wellington Senior Women's Team at the 2024 Interprovincial Championships tournament. Ella is currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing.

# **Kelly Newlands**

Kelly represented the Wellington Senior Women's Team at the 2024 Interprovincial Championships tournament. Kelly is currently studying a Bachelor of Commercial Music.

# **Charlie Vail**

Charlie represented New Zealand with the Under 20 Women's Team at the 2024 Asian Championships in July. She played for the Harbour Senior Women's Team at the Interprovincial Championships and was named in the Senior Women's Tournament team. Charlie is currently studying a Certificate in Science & Technology.

# WRESTLING

#### **Brahm Richards**

Brahm is an Oceania Champion, after winning the 70kg Senior Men's Freestyle division at the 2023 Oceania Championships. Brahm has completed studying a Bachelor of Business.

# **YACHTING**

# **Henry Haslett**

Henry competed at the 2024 Princess Sofia Regatta in Palma de Mallorca in Spain where he finished 34th in the 49er class. At the New Zealand 49er National Championships he finished in 6th place. Henry is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

# Blake McGlashan

Blake competed at the 2023 Sailing World Championships in the 470 Mixed category and in 2024 was part of the crew that won the New Zealand National Keel Boat Championships. Blake is currently studying a Bachelor of Business.

#### **Courtney Reynolds-Smith**

Courtney placed 3rd at the 2024 New Zealand 49er FX National Championships. Courtney is currently studying a Bachelor of Sport Management.



# 2024 TERTIARY SPORTSMAN AND SPORTSWOMAN AWARDS

For 2024 this new award is being introduced by Sport Massey. These awards are in addition this year to the Blues Awards and will be announced to celebrate these athletes alongside our Blues Recipients.

Nominees are selected from the students who have competed for Massey in a sanctioned UTSNZ Tertiary Sport Championship or Challenge event in the given calendar year.

When selecting the nominees and award winner, their achievements within the UTSNZ events are considered including selection into a tournament team or New Zealand Universities Team, their tournament performance, and team leadership or contribution.

# **TERTIARY SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2024 NOMINEES**

- Caleb Aiono Volleyball
- Zion Anderson Basketball
- Matt Foss 3x3 Basketball
- Liam Judd Basketball
- Tim Justice Futsal

# **TERTIARY SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2024 NOMINEES**

- Zalika Clarke Netball
- Sophie Egnot-Johnson Rowing
- Emily Gillion Futsal
- Milla Green Futsal
- Sophia Higgs Volleyball

# **2024 AWARDS & FINALISTS**

# **CAMPUS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2024 FINALISTS**

- Sam Coles Rugby
- Fergus Eadie Surf Life Saving
- Scott Gray Canoe Polo
- Chisora Hada Archery
- Te Rangatira Waitokia Rugby

# CAMPUS SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2024 FINALISTS

- Moana Courtenay Rugby & Rugby Sevens
- Brenna Greene Taekwon-Do
- Phoenix Reid Artistic Roller Skating
- Molly Scuffil-McCabe Rugby
- Alyssa Shepherd Canoe Polo
- Zoe Sosich Touch
- Isabella Wassilieff Archery
- Ashling Welch Clay Target Shooting
- Georgia Wheeler Canoe Polo

# **DISTANCE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2024 FINALISTS**

- Kazuma Kobori Golf
- Ben Lam Rugby
- Ben Lister Cricket
- Matt Macdonald Rowing
- Sam Sutton Football
- Phillip Wilson Rowing
- Nic Woods Hockey

# **DISTANCE SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2024 FINALISTS**

- Erika Fairweather Swimming
- Tyla King Rugby Sevens & Rugby League
- Eliza McCartney Athletics
- River Mutton Extreme Whitewater Kayaking
- Anna Taylor Para Cycling
- Davina Waddy Rowing
- Maddi Wesche Athletics

# **SUPREME AWARD 2024**

The Supreme Award winner is announced on the evening and is selected from the winners of all the major awards for 2024.

# **MASSEY UNIVERSITY ACADEMY OF SPORT**

Massey is recognised as Aotearoa New Zealand's first athlete-friendly university. Our Academy of Sport programme provides support for all student athletes, from regional representatives to professionals, helping them achieve their best in both sport and academics. There are a number of scholarships, support personnel, sport science services, webinars and other resources available to athletes in the various levels of the programme. Additionally, Massey's flexible study options enable athletes to fit their study around their sporting commitments. For more information about the programme and how to apply, <u>visit our website</u>.

# **2024 SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS**

With 2024 being a busy year for many sports, we're proud to recognise many of our studentathletes through the 2024 Massey Blues Awards. A major highlight this year has been seeing so many of our Massey whānau showcase their talents on the international stage. <u>Check out this online</u> <u>article for highlights from the time our alumni and current students spent in Paris.</u>

# **BLUES AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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