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Last week we held our Annual Awards Evening where we introduced 20 new students into the Keystone Programme!

A huge thank you to everyone that came along to the evening, as we celebrated the success of a great year at Keystone, our graduating students, and of course our new students.

[Take a look at the photos from the evening here](#)

Introducing our 2020 Study Award Recipients



Eden Vaatstra

St Marys College
Bachelor of Architectural Studies, The University of Auckland

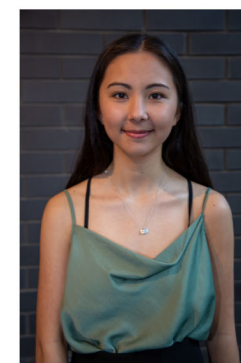
*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.
My name is Edén Vaatstra and I am incredibly honoured to have received a Keystone Trust Award. I can't believe I am standing here - I am so grateful. To have been awarded this scholarship means everything to me, the financial support and the faith the Keystone Trust community has in my abilities means I can now go to University and follow my greatest passion which I otherwise would have really struggled to do. When I actually received a call from Amanda to tell me I had been chosen as one of the recipients, my whole life turned around. I still can't believe it. I believe I have received one of the best opportunities I could have ever been given as I have three years of support, guidance and tutelage and a wonderful community to be apart of, ahead of me. Thank you so much for this prestigious award and generous financial assistance, I am so honoured to be part of Graeme Bringans vision and legacy, and like him, I hope to make a difference in the world.
Kia ora.*



Jimmy Sa

Onehunga High School
Bachelor of Spatial Design, Auckland University of Technology

I never really imagined actually being granted a scholarship, I never really sought to atleast have a chance of getting into any scholarship at all. With this acceptance the Keystone Trust Programme has given me the opportunity to actually believe in myself, to know that I have a purpose. Looking into high school, I was never really the brightest student and I tended to always doubt myself every time. But with this support, I don't just hope to be financially assisted as I start studying but also be persuaded, mentored, encouraged to succeed in life. This scholarship is such an amazing opportunity and an opportunity that I know I won't back down on. I am so grateful to actually have the freedom to apply for this scholarship and the occasion to meet this Keystone Trust Panel. Thank you to all who have helped me get here. Malo, Faafetai and God bless you.



Alice Abraham

St Margarets College
Bachelor of Property, The University of Auckland

To me being awarded the keystone scholarship is such an honour. I not only feel extremely lucky to be receiving it but it's also given me a sense of belonging and validation in this community as already the trust has been so welcoming and supportive which helps ease some of my nerves about taking this next step in life and moving across the country to pursue a career in the property industry but I am so excited for what the future holds and am so grateful for this opportunity because with the trusts support and guidance I hope to achieve great things as I know how much you guys care for your students and invest in their success so being apart of that is invaluable to me and I can't wait to prove my gratitude with hard work and diligence.



Michael Fray

Green Bay High School
Bachelor of Engineering, The University of Auckland

As I finish school, I am grateful to know that I will be moving forward with the support of such a caring organisation. This award will help me financially, personally, and I'm sure that it will better prepare me for a successful career in the property industry. So thank you to the panel who saw potential in me, and to the Keystone Trust. I hope that I will go on to make you proud.



Joan Hardjadinata

Long Bay College
Bachelor of Architectural Studies, The University of Auckland

Thank you, though words I honestly can not express how honoured and grateful I am to be receiving a keystone study award. Receiving a keystone study award allows me to pursue my goals and ambitions for my future with more motivation and confidence. It also allows me to meet new people and receive valuable support and guidance. This keystone award opens up so many opportunities for my future and I will work my hard to make the most of this amazing opportunity, once again thank you.



Alex Juby

Thames High School
Bachelor of Construction, Massey University

*What if one opportunity could change your life?
To me, this one opportunity is the keystone school leavers scholarship.
I would like to say thank you to the Keystone trust for selecting me as a recipient for this scholarship. This means a lot to me as no one from Thames High has ever been awarded this scholarship, so my teachers were very excited to hear that I had been offered this awesome opportunity. The part of this scholarship I most look forward to are the mentoring opportunities, and networking with professionals in the construction industry. Also having the backing behind me for when I might need a hand with something, and knowing I have lots of extra support as I begin my new adventure.*



Samuel Roberts

Long Bay College
Bachelor of Architectural Studies, The University of Auckland

Thank you to everyone at Keystone Trust for this award. I feel very fortunate and humbled to receive it. It means that I will be able to go through my studies working with people already in the property and construction industry. This is really big for me as working in teams is where I am at my best. The mentoring will allow me to keep doing that during University, where learning is mostly individual. I'm keen to share what I learn with the communities that I grew up in and work diligently so that I can contribute to the industry once I graduate.



Nikita Woolnough

Baradene College
Bachelor of Design Innovation, Victoria University of Wellington

Hi everyone, as you know my name is Nikita and I am extremely excited to be a part of the Keystone Programme over the next few years! For me, Keystone wasn't just about the money, I am a person who learns through experience so to be given the opportunity to actually experience my field of interest outside of the classroom, is extremely exciting. Being a people-person, I also excited to meet so many like-minded people doing amazing things whether it be mentors or my fellow peers. Once again I'd like to thank the Keystone Trust for this awesome opportunity and thank you in advance for all the support over the coming years.



Jett Gannaway

St Peters College
Bachelor of Surveying, The University of Otago

I'm absolutely stoked to have received this award. Essentially what this means to me is I've not got the ability to go to university and study my chosen course - without those financial pressures I'd have otherwise. What's even better is the support that I've seen Keystone gives its students, I see that being extremely valuable in me excelling in next year's studies. I can't wait to move down south, succeed, and be a part of this fantastic community for years to come.



Timothy Blakeway

Whakatane High School
Bachelor of Engineering, University of Waikato

Thank you, Hello my name is Timothy Blakeway. I am very honored to have been given this opportunity and the Keystone Trust Scholarship. This really means a lot to me because I am very passionate about renewable energy and our current energy crisis. I am hoping to use my studies to give back and make a difference to our community. I am very excited to meet my mentors and work with you. I am very thankful to those who have made this opportunity possible for me. Thank you all very much again.



Maxine Kaihau

St Cuthberts College
Bachelor of Urban Planning, The University of Auckland

It is such an honour to be chosen as a recipient for the Keystone Trust Study Award. I couldn't be more honoured and grateful to be given this opportunity so thank you Keystone for seeing the potential within me. Being awarded the Keystone scholarship doesn't just end with me. It begins with me because this award isn't just going to open up so many opportunities for myself, but also for those at home who look up to me. As I stand alone here today, there is a village of people who have invested their love, encouragement, time, effort and support into me which have helped define the person that I am today. So this one is for my people, my community and for the future. I promise to do us all proud. Thank you.