Dame Mira Szászy Māori Alumni Award

The Dame Mira Szászy Māori Alumni Award recognises outstanding achievement by graduates of the Business School, and excellence in tribal and business endeavours nationwide and internationally. Past winners are:

2009 Selwyn Hayes, Teresa Tepania-Ashton, Daymon Nin

2008 Annette Wehi

2007 Dr Marama Findlay, Wayne Tamerangi Mulligan, Hamuera Walker Mitchell, Jane Roimata Walden-Green

2006 Beverly Adlam, Benjamin Dalton, Hone Kiwa Whatarau

2005 Anthony Wilson, Brian J Tunui, Rangimarie Hunia

2004 Adam Parore

2003 Lynette Stewart, Erima Henare, June McCabe, Anne Candy

The late Dame Mira Szászy was one of the most outstanding Māori women leaders of the twentieth century. She was the first Māori woman to graduate with a degree from The University of Auckland. She was also president of the Māori Women's Welfare League and was made a Dame in 1990.

Her influence extended into many areas of society and community. Dame Mira made significant contributions in education, broadcasting, social welfare and small business development. She received an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Victoria University of Wellington in 1993 in recognition of her contribution to the nation, and she was very active in women's rights and Māori issues.
Dame Mira Szászy Māori Alumni Award 2009

Selwyn Hayes

Ngāi Tai, Te Whakatōhea, Te Atihau-nui-a-Pāpārangi, Ngāti Apa
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting), Bachelor of Law

Selwyn graduated from The University of Auckland in 1999 and is a senior tax manager at Ernst & Young, as well as its Māori sector services leader. He has a passion for Māori economic development and working with Māori organisations. He advises on a wide range of issues and industries that affect Māori organisations and is responsible for the firms' strategy across the multi-million sector account. His specialty is in providing tax structuring advice to Treaty of Waitangi claimants. This award honours Selwyn's exceptional leadership in the private sector of Aotearoa, as well as the world of Māori business development.

Teresa Tepania-Ashton

Ngāpuhi
Graduate Diploma in Business (Māori Development)

Teresa has 12 years experience in corporate banking with CITIBANK. She was responsible for major corporate clients in New Zealand that were focussed on global cash management and prior to that for more than a decade Teresa worked for a Danish Engineering firm, predominantly focussing on the Dairy Industry. This enabled Teresa to travel extensively throughout the World giving her a good grasp of the International arena and the many diverse cultures.

She took a break from banking to raise her children and in 2001 graduated from The University of Auckland with a graduate business diploma (Māori Development) before returning to work. She took up a position with HortResearch as the Business development leader for Māori where she helped Māori develop land-based projects looking for accelerated pathways to industry and exporting.

In July 2004, she was appointed as the CEO of Te Runanga a-Iwi o Ngāpuhi which represents the largest number of Māori descendants in the country. More than 122,000 (Statistics New Zealand, 2006) people claim to be of Ngāpuhi descent. This role has bought many challenges as well as allowing Teresa to focus on developing the assets of Ngapuhi but more importantly the aspirations of the Ngapuhi people.

Teresa has an overall passion for leadership, and in 2006 participated in the Leadership New Zealand programme of which she is now an Alumni, and was recently appointed a Trustee to the organisation.
Teresa also serves as a director on subsidiary boards of Ngāpuhi and independent bodies.

**Daymon Nin**

*Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa*

*Bachelor of Commerce (Information Systems)*

Daymon was an outstanding commerce student in information systems. He is now a co-director of Passage Software, which he established in 1998. Passage Software is the official distributor of Sage and Sage Pastel accounting products in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Based in West Auckland, it employs 16 staff and has a network of more than 50 resellers throughout the country. Daymon was honoured for his exceptional leadership in the start-up of a successful small-to-medium enterprise, and also commended in his role as an artist.
Annette Wehi

Ngāti Konohi, Ngāti Porourangi

Postgraduate Diploma in Business (Māori Development)

Annette has completed studies in Māori, Māori Performing Arts and Māori Development at Massey and Auckland universities. Annette has performed kapa haka at national level for over 20 years and has represented New Zealand through the Māori Performing Arts on various occasions. She is currently completing her Master of Business Administration (MBA).
Dame Mira Szászy Māori Alumni Award 2007

Dr Marama Findlay
Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngā Puhi
PhD (Economics)

In 2007 Marama became the first Māori doctoral graduate at The University of Auckland Business School. She was a Rhodes Scholar from 1989 to 1992 and her PhD thesis was about Māori tribal development. Marama also has a Master of Arts (Economics) from Sussex in the UK, a Bachelor of Arts with honours from Oxford University and a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with honours from Massey University. She is currently a senior policy analyst at the Ministry of Fisheries.

Wayne Tamerangi Mulligan
Taranaki, Ngāti Maniapoto, Te Ati Awa
Master of Management, Postgraduate Diploma in Business (Māori Development)

Now chief executive at Fomana Capital, Wayne has held senior management and strategy positions in the public and private sectors. He specialises in systems thinking and has authored 30 business case studies on Māori organisations, as well as a report on key Māori business characteristics. Wayne holds a number of trusteeships and directorships and is a member of the government advisory body, Capitalising Research Advisory Group. He also attends briefings from the Ministerial Advisory Group on Trade.

Hamuera Walker Mitchell
Ngāti Whakaue
Postgraduate Diploma in Business (Māori Development)
Deputy Chair, Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands Inc

Hamuera Mitchell received this award as public recognition of his outstanding achievements and leadership in the world of Māori business development. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from Victoria University, he worked as a radio journalist for three years, before becoming a public servant for 13 years. Hamuera is a company director and was previously the radio station manager of Radio Te Arawa. Presently he is Deputy Chair of the Ngati Whakaue Tribal Lands Trust, which for many years has made its education strategy its highest priority, closely followed by the lifting of the economic performance of the Trust’s assets.

Jane Roimata Walden-Green
Ngāti Kahu
Bachelor of Commerce

Each year the Business School recognises an emergent Māori business leader with the Mira Szászy Rangatahi Award. Jane was recognised as an alumnus of the Business School who has showed leadership and has made a significant contribution to enterprise through her business acumen in the world of fashion.
Beverly Adlam  
Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau  
Master of Business Administration

Benjamin Dalton  
Ngā Puhi, Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Porou  
Master of Business Administration

Prior to joining the Ministry of Fisheries, Ben was chief executive of the Crown Forest Rental Trust. He has extensive experience in working with iwi groupings and key leaders across community, economic development, treaty negotiations, and related public and crown sectors. His earlier career included senior positions such as Executive Trustee, Far North Development Trust, Commissioner, Māori Economic Development Commission, and Executive Trustee, Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi. Ben founded a private training establishment which is still in operation, twenty-three years later, and for ten years ran small businesses in Northland – a portable sawmill and renovating Housing Corporation mortgagee sale homes. He also spent seven years as a community employment advisor. Ben holds a Master of Business Administration from The University of Auckland as well as a graduate of the senior executive programme at Columbia University, New York.

Hone Kiwa Whatarau  
Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Whanaunga  
Bachelor of Arts (Political Studies), Bachelor of Commerce Honours (International Business)

Hone also has a Master of Commerce with first class honours in International Business. His thesis was about the export performance of indigenous enterprises and included a case study of Aotearoa New Zealand.
Dame Mira Szászy Māori Alumni Award 2005

Anthony Wilson

Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine
Executive Director, Trivero Management Limited

Mr Wilson has held senior executive roles for the last 20 years in the investment industry focused on advisory work, property and retirement village development among other things. He has also been director of a number of private companies. He was the founding and executive director of the Eastcliffe Retirement Group, a joint venture with the Ngāti Whātua o Orakei Māori Trust Board for over 10 years before selling his interests in the group in 2010. He currently runs a private investment and management company.

Mr Wilson has a Bachelor of Business Studies from Massey University and a Diploma in Business in Finance from The University of Auckland.

Brian J Tunui

Ngāti Awa, Te Arawa
Bachelor of Commerce

Brian has qualified and practised as a chartered accountant and is a member of the Institute of the Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. More recently he has worked in funds management and banking in Auckland, Cook Islands and Singapore. He has served in the Royal New Zealand Navy and was aide-de-camp to two Governor-Generals. He is currently with Westpac New Zealand Limited as a senior manager in the risk management division and is an associate of the Australian Compliance Institute.

Rangimarie Hunia

Ngāti Whātua
Master of Commerce

Rangimarie also has a Bachelor of Commerce in Commercial Law and Māori Resource Management. She has a Diploma of Commerce in Management Science and Information and a Postgraduate Diploma of Commerce in Management and Employment Relations. Rangimarie is an education project manager for the Ngāti Whātua o Orakei Māori Trust Board and she is on the organising committee for Project Takitini and the Hui Rangatahi.

Current position: Self-employed; Director, Ngāti Whātua o Orakei Corporate Limited.

Previous appointment: Education project manager, Ngāti Whātua o Orakei Māori Trust Board; Organising committee of
Project Takitini and the Hui Rangatahi.
Adam Parore

Ngāpuhi

Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Law

Adam Parore is a former wicket-keeper for the New Zealand cricket team and was the first Māori to represent New Zealand. When Adam retired from his 12-year cricket career, he worked as the marketing manager for Coca-Cola and later as an investment advisor for Goldman Sachs. He then went on to establish an art financing and consulting company under the name Index Group. The Index Group also operated as a mortgage broking pilot for Adam Parore Mortgages.

Adam was recognised firstly for his business career and achievements as a professional sportsman, and secondly for his career in investment advice and development of his art investment company.
Dame Mira Szászy Māori Alumni Award 2003

Lynette Stewart

Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Hine, Tainui
Postgraduate Diploma in Business (Māori Development)
Master of Management (MMgt)

Lynette is the inaugural chief executive officer of Te Tai Tokerau MAPO Trust, established under the Northern Regional Health Authority in 1996. Lynette has just completed a statutory nine-year term as chair of the Northland District Health Board in December 2009. She is a director on the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Rural Health Training Consortium. She has served as a member of the Public Health Advisory Committee and the New Zealand National Health Committee for eight years, and also on the Treaty of Waitangi Public Information Programme Advisory Board for three years. Lynette is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors. Lynette and Warren have five children, and nine grandchildren. Her interests are music, gardening, fishing and tennis.

Erima Henare

Te Aupōuri, Ngāti Kahu, Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua, Tainui, Te Atiawa, Rongowhakaata, Te Aitanga a Mahaki and Tūwharetoa
Postgraduate Diploma in Business (Māori Development)

Erima Henare is an original Northlander, a descendant from all of its tribes. He has a deep interest in the health of all Northlanders and has been involved in health for 16 years. He is currently the Māori Language Commissioner, Deputy Chairman of Northtec (Northland Polytechnic), and leads or is a member on several national and local boards and committees such as the Northland District Health Board and the Board of the Arts Council of New Zealand (Creative New Zealand). He has his own consulting company that specialises in dispensing advice on all aspects of Maori asset management, tikanga, reo and engagement.

He has had a long association with the public service having served in senior roles in The Department of Māori Affairs and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Deputy General Manager of the Iwi Transition Agency, and as Chief Executive Officer of the Māori Language Commission. Most recently he has been General Manager with the Ngāti Hine Health Trust and Chairman of the Tai Tokerau Primary Health Organisation (PHO) having returned home to the North at the request of his people. He is also a personal advisor to the Māori King.

June McCabe

Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa, Te Aupōuri, Ngāti Kahu and Ngāti Kahurau
MBA

June brings extensive experience in a diverse range of sectors at governance and senior management levels. After an extensive career in both the private and public sector, June established Sustainable Prosperity (New Zealand) Limited, a management consultancy business in securitisation and investment banking, and is actively involved in capital raising projects.

June’s banking and finance experience spans the last 15 years where she joined Mortgage Corporation in 1992 and gained experience in securitisation and investment banking. In 1997 she joined Westpac Banking Corporation as a senior executive and gained experience in all aspects of banking (institutional, corporate and retail). In 2006-07 she held a position with Cranleigh Merchant Bankers.

She has also had extensive experience as a company director since 1994, having held board positions, including the Accident Compensation Commission, Housing New Zealand, New Zealand Venture Investment Fund as a founding board member, founding chairman of The Leadership Institute – Excelerator, chairman of Payworks, a payment technology business, and chairman of TalkingTech, a global technology company. She is currently on the boards of Television New Zealand, the Crown Health Financing Agency, Te Wananga o Aotearoa and other private and not-for-profit entities.

In 2003 she launched a bestseller book which she co-authored entitled, Women2Women, aimed at motivating and inspiring women in careers and business.

Due to her strong interest in Māori economic development, over the years June has been involved in a number of government advisory and policy forums at senior levels including chairman of the Māori Economic Commission, the Hui Taumata Trust, and more recently responsible for Māori investment, capital and enterprise on the Māori Economic Taskforce set up by the Minister of Māori Affairs, Pita Sharples.

Anne Candy

Waikato, Ngāiterangi

Anne Candy is currently a Manukau City councillor for the Manurewa ward and was previously the deputy mayor of Manukau City from 1998 to 2007.

Her special interests include being a life member of the Māori Women’s Welfare League Incorporated, patron of the Manurewa Returned Services Association, patron of the Manukau National Council of Women, and inaugural recipient of
the Mira Szászy Māori Alumni Award 2003 from The University of Auckland Business School.