

Graduation the highlight of an incredible journey

A Hawaiian university has become almost a rite of passage for some of our young people

Ruth Wong

Graduating from university is an amazing achievement, especially when you're far away from home, in another country.

For young single adults (YSA) from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Brigham Young University – Hawaii (BYU-Hawaii) – is a popular destination, especially for YSAs who have returned from serving fulltime missions and are seeking to further their education and meet new friends.

This journey provides tremendous opportunities for young people to meet others from around the world who live mutual standards of good health and wellbeing.

Quite a few Kahungunu students attend BYU-Hawaii. They live on campus and most of them are involved in the IWORK Programme designed to help students study while working at the neighbouring Polynesian Cultural Centre or on the BYU-Hawaii campus to help offset their school fees.

It's a great opportunity to learn, grow, and explore new talents. Most of the time, our Kahungunu students will gravitate to one another and enjoy conversations of home and family over a Kiwi kai.

We have thousands of graduates of BYU-Hawaii who have returned home to New



Zealand and many who have married and live either in Hawaii or in other parts of the world.

Recently my family and I travelled to Hawaii to attend my daughter's graduation. She will probably get upset that I write this article about her, but I am absolutely proud of her and her achievements. In fact, if it helps other YSAs find their way through young adulthood, then that's great.

This is an excerpt from her journey - Leilani Wong.

“ In 2017, after my mission, I came to Hawaii on a trip with Uncle Traci

(Tuimaseve). Sitting in the Hawaii (LDS) Temple I was prompted to come to school here (at BYU-Hawaii). So, immediately after coming back home to NZ, I started my application. I applied twice and got rejected twice. It was embarrassing. In my third application, I thought, this is it, make it or move on... and thankfully, I made it. I was accepted to school, and able to receive the IWORK scholarship.

Fall 2018, I arrived nervous and excited for what this new journey would bring. And what a journey it was. It was a rollercoaster filled with ups and downs! The off-and-on

homesickness, the challenges of balancing school and work, the classes, food, slow communication, meeting people etc... it was all a challenging journey.

I eventually craved the challenge, picking up three majors – psychology, graphic design, and social work. Which at times meant taking over 24 credits a semester. It was hard - and at times, depressing. But I'm proud of myself for sticking through. Something about taking three made me feel as though I was proving to myself and to the school, that if it took me three tries to get in here, I'm gonna do three times the work and prove I'm meant to

Leilani Wong has graduated from Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

be here.

Aside from studying, what really made this journey were the people. My family, my friends, my unit mates, co-workers, my professors and everyone else. People had everything to do with helping me get through and making this journey so much fun.

Thank you all for everything! Without you, I don't think I would have made it... seriously, a few of you know how much I considered dropping out lol. So thank you for the pep talks, trips to the beach, naps, walks to the temple, drinks at soda bomb, basketball, movie nights, listening to music, massages, laughs, cries etc. THANK YOU.

I'm so grateful to have come here, there's something in the water aye. As much as it can be dreadful some days lol... there's something special about it – a love for people, for education, for culture, for God! We come from all over the world and share this brief time together, and I couldn't be surer of my decision to come here. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

Four years later, I've finally graduated. Again I sat in the Hawaii Temple, and thought, I did it Heavenly Father. Thank you for prompting me... What's next?

If you're a YSA contemplating what you will do next, don't give up on your dreams of inner belief. Life is a journey. Dreams do come true. ”

On Saturday, June 25, Leilani graduated from BYU-Hawaii, magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree triple majoring in social work, psychology and graphic design.

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Matariki a celebration we can call our own

Hanui Lawrence

I arrived early at the Tomoana Showgrounds for the Matariki celebrations. A security man at the gate told me I couldn't go through this entrance. I told him I couldn't walk that far. Under protest, I continued to drive and parked behind the grandstand. Already streams of people were pouring in. Kai carts lined up along the walking track as well as under the grandstand with scrumptious foods of every kind. I found some lamb kebabs, two floaters with golden syrup and a pot of chips for my dinner.

I found the perfect seat in the grandstand, enjoyed my dinner and waited for the entertainment. There were lots of families and crowds arriving in droves to watch and participate in the event. Even though it was cold, this new statutory holiday was enough of an event to bring people out. There was tremendous support right across the country for Matariki. Organisers have to be commended for their hard work for the many events held throughout the week. Something of our very own to celebrate nationwide, and celebrate we did.

Titi (Mutton Bird) boil up
This is my mother's recipe.
You'll need:
Titi (mutton bird) with puha or watercress, silverbeet or spinach and rocket.
Method:
Put the Titi into a large pot and just cover it with water. Simmer the Titi whole for 1½ hours, adding more water if needed. Change the water if needed as it can be very fatty and salty. (My mother used to boil another pot of water and place the cooked Titi into the fresh pot of water). Add the prepared greens and just let it simmer till the greens are cooked and still green (don't over cook). Serve with boiled potatoes. It's just delicious.



Titi (mutton bird) boil up.

Ngāti Kahungunu on the hunt for directors assets company

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is seeking expressions of interest to appoint five additional directors to join the Kahungunu Asset Holding Company Ltd (KAHC). KAHC was established in 2005 to receive and manage the Treaty fisheries settlement assets on behalf of ngā hapū o Ngāti Kahungunu and is fully owned by Ngāti Kahungunu

Iwi Incorporated (NKII). The ideal person must have:

- expertise and experience in the fishing industry; and/or,
- expertise and experience in commercial and/or property industries;
- demonstrated experience in open and transparent decision making processes;
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- commercial tensions;
- extensive networks to help the company grow;
- demonstrated experience with planning process and commercial quality assurances; and
- marketing expertise and experience desirable but not essential;
- be able to act in good faith and in the best interests of

the company to ensure the company remains solvent and complies with legislation. Please send a cover letter and CV to Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated chief executive Chrissie Hape. She can be contacted by email at: michelle@kahungunu.iwi.nz. Applications close at noon

next Friday. Geographically, Ngāti Kahungunu has the second largest tribal rohe in the country, from the Wharerata Ranges in the Wairoa district to the Rimutaka Range in south Wairarapa. The coastal boundaries are Paritu in the north to Turakirae in the south. NKII was formed to represent ngā uri o Ngāti

Kahungunu and is the governing body for aspects of Iwi development. Following the Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Settlement Act 1992 and the implementation of the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 the Ngāti Kahungunu fisheries settlement assets were transferred to Kahungunu Asset Holding Company Limited (KAHC).

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Bull rush-like paupau is used for sleeping mats but vanishing with wetlands

The following is an excerpt from Aggie Nukus' Statement of Evidence for the Ngāti Kahungunu Wai 262 hearings in 2000. The statement is made in regards to weaving resources.

"It is very difficult to get other natural resources we need for our arts. It is not only the flax which has disappeared from its natural environment. Many other plants have also gone. One example is paupau, similar to a bull rush, and which we use to make sleeping mats. This has all gone."

The plant that Aggie is referencing is the Giant Spike Sedge (*Eleocharis sphacelata*). Depending on where you come from, this plant is given the names "paopao", "kuta" or "ngāwhā".

Paopao is one of the giants of Aotearoa New Zealand's freshwater flora when it comes to length – in suitable deep-water habitats, it can grow longer than 4m from its base, providing most of the stem is underwater.

It is a prized weaving resource for a multitude of reasons: the fact that you don't need to hapine (soften) the fibre to work with it (as you do harakeke), its length and soft, spongy characteristic means it is a wonderful material for making tāpau/ takapau (sleeping mats), and it



Prized weaving resource now rare

Harvesting paopao at Lake Ngutu and Tangonge wetland, Te Rarawa.

Photo / Tyne Nelson

has a range of natural colours.

Living in Omaha, Aggie Nuku was surrounded by Oingo Lake, Runanga Lake and Lake Ohiti – all freshwater lakes that paopao would inhabit. However, with only 2 per cent of wetlands remaining today (compared to original numbers) paopao has become scarce.

Paopao has been recorded historically on Te Mata Peak in a wetland that once existed there, and was once in Lake Tutira (it was decimated when carp were introduced to manage the invasive aquatic weed hydrilla), yet, some remnant populations can still be found throughout the rohe. Of course, beyond its

usefulness to us, paopao plays an important part in freshwater ecosystems. The dense mats of rhizomes and roots in its beds help to stabilise bottom sediments and therefore assist in maintaining good water clarity. The tall hollow stems efficiently pump oxygen down to the rhizomes and sediment,

and transport waste gases up from bottom sediments and release them back into the atmosphere.

● The above is an extract from Te Pūtake o te Wao Nui – A place-based review of traditional ecological knowledge by Tyne-Marie Nelson, supported by Predator Free HB.

Winter School Holidays at Hastings District Libraries

As school winds down towards the end of term, the Hastings Libraries team has been gearing up for another Winter School Holidays programme. When it's wet and miserable outside and

you've got the kids to entertain, you know there's always something on at the library. So what's in the pipeline for these holidays?

A good game is a fast game, right? Havelock North Library is hosting Minute to Win It, where participants battle the clock to test their skills and win prizes. And for kids who like to make things that go there's Mario Kart IRL, an event at Hastings Library. Kids get to build their own kart and compete on a race track.

The Escape Room has been hugely popular in holidays past, so here it is back again for winter. Kids get to solve clues to unlock the key, in teams or pairs. If you can't make it into the library you can find some fun virtual escape rooms to try on the library website. The above three events are planned for Tweens (ages 8-12) and you will need to register online to take part.

For teens (ages 13-18), there are two really cool arty-crafty events: Shadow Box making and the Bad Art session, which should cater to all degrees of artistic expertise. You can register for these on the website.

Everyone is welcome to try the Makerspaces set up at each library so there's always something to do if you happen to be in the library and want some quiet creative time. Or bring the whānau to the movie mornings scheduled at Flaxmere and Hastings Libraries. There are some gaming mornings at Flaxmere Library too – check the programme for details.

In winter, there's nothing like curling up with a good book when it's cold outside. Kids who love to read will want to have their say in the Battle of the Books. Vote online for your favourite books and see which ones come out tops. You'll be sure to discover some tips for what to read next too.

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Matariki marked with tree planting

School's ngahere project will be a legacy to be enjoyed by many generations to come

Tamatea High School celebrated Matariki on Thursday, June 23, by planting a native ngahere.

With funding and support from Matariki Tū Rākau (NZ Forestry), Panpac Limited, One Foundation, Ray Burkett, Leon Phillips and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc, the school was able to provide plants, irrigation, electricity, mulch and landscaping.

The dawn ceremony started with a blessing of the ngahere by Koro Matiu Eru

and Tipene Cottrell. The ngahere was dedicated to the memory of Heitia Hiha and his wife Marg Hiha.

"We wanted to honour Heitia and Marg for the contribution they made to so many young people's lives in Ahuriri," Robin Fabish, tumuaki of Tamatea High School, said.

"Being able to recognise their whakapapa links to Pētane and Tangoio marae was also important to us.

"We want to continue to strengthen our connection with our hapū and whānau."

The school has been working with local designer Colin James (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tūwharetoa), who created the layout.

They converted an underused soccer field and planted it in native trees. There is a clearing in the middle with power cable laid so that in the future it could be used for weddings, funerals, kapa haka and band performances.

In the years to come, the ngahere will be an asset for the community and the school whānau are proud of the

legacy project they have created.

To protect the ngahere, the school has irrigated the trees. This will be especially important in the hot Kahungunu summers.

Unfortunately, the school has also had to pay for floodlighting and security cameras because in the first few days after planting some trees were dug up and stolen.

Matua Robin said that the school whānau whānui were angry and disappointed. He added that the people who stole them obviously didn't appreciate the tikanga related to the karakia that had been

done on the ngahere.

He hopes that nothing untoward happens to the culprits - some would say "Ana tō kai!" Some of the stolen trees were kauri and rimu, which were worth around \$100 each. The school is looking for a solution to replace the rākau.

After the ngahere blessing and a hautapu ceremony to celebrate Matariki, all guests were fed a hearty breakfast before taking part with the students and community in planting trees all day.

Tamatea High School Matariki celebrations started with a dawn ceremony.

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Let's go to Church!

Flaxmere Christian Fellowship
220 Flaxmere Avenue, Hastings
Main Sunday Meeting - 10:00AM

The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since 1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's.

The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:00. A Bible College also operates on Sunday evenings for those serious about advancing their knowledge of the Bible. Different groups run during the weekend which cater to youth ad adults. Children's Sunday school

classes run on a fortnightly basis during the Main Sunday service.

The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is

involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historical ancient land in Israel.

Feel free to come and try us out!

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Family Harm Superheroes gather

Te Kura team get together for 'speed dating' networking event

It's a bird, it's a plane... no, it's the Te Kura Family Harm Team – Chris Karaitiana as 'Zorro' and Mel Humphries as the 'Sweet Angel' – along with a number of other heroes dressed up for the 'Super Heroes Agency Speed Dating event'.

Te Kura is a Ngāti Kahungunu approach to Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke, which is a New Zealand Police initiative that encourages collaboration with iwi and other agencies to reduce family harm within Māori communities.

The Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi 'Te Kura' coordinators, Chris Karaitiana and Mel Humphries, thought it was time that the community agencies came together to get to know one another.

An invitation went out through the iwi email network inviting all service providers and agencies to the Super Heroes Agency Speed Dating event which took place at Clubs Hastings on June 21.

"The idea for the event came from our whānau Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke ki Wairoa," Humphries said.

"It was a great way to bring together agencies from across the rohe to get to know each other."



"The Super Hero dress-up theme was a bit of fun to break the ice but it didn't take much to get this crowd interacting," Karaitiana said.

"In fact, I had to pull everyone to attention with my Zorro influence when they were getting too noisy."

Those in attendance were given five minutes with each person to talk about the work they do, before moving on to the next person – just like speed dating.

Hawke's Bay Family Harm Manager Senior Sergeant Caroline Martin (or Cat

The Te Kura Family Harm Team – Chris Karaitiana as 'Zorro' and Mel Humphries as the 'Sweet Angel' – along with a number of other heroes dressed up for the 'Super Heroes Agency Speed Dating event'.



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Mel Humphries

Woman as she was on the day) says more than 30 agencies came along, with the majority joining the fun and dressing up. Some included Oranga Tamariki, Hawke's Bay Prison, Women's Refuges, Māori wardens, iwi organisations, Cancer Society, District Health Board, Corrections, Heretaunga Taiwhenua and the Ministry of Social Development.

Humphries (moonlighting as an angel) says the event gave everyone a great opportunity to talk about what they do in a very relaxed setting.

"Having a lot of people with a little bit of knowledge is really powerful," she said.

The event was so successful that the team hope to hold another in the future.

The event wasn't only about these super heroes getting to know one another, but it was a time to have fun, enjoy each other's company and stock up on the superpowers needed to forge ahead each day, dedicating themselves to protecting the public and fighting crime, just like superheroes do.

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