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ROTORUA TRUST GRANTS TERTIARY STUDY AWARDS

Another 50 young people heading off to begin their tertiary education received Tertiary Study Awards from the Rotorua Trust at a special awards ceremony last evening (14 February 2008).

Rotorua Trust education spokesperson, Judy Keaney said the occasion provided an opportunity for the Trust to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the 50 young students. "The recipients of these awards represent just a few of the wonderful young people we have in our schools, students who not only study hard but also find time to make a real commitment to our local community," she said. "We are always truly amazed how much these young people cram into all areas of their lives: academic, cultural, leadership and community, both within and outside their schools." She wished the students every success at "one of the most exciting times of your lives. You represent your schools, the Trust and Rotorua at your respective tertiary institutions, and I am sure you will all do us proud."

Mrs Keaney said the selection panel had once again had a very formidable task to select just 50 students from the more than 120 applications received this year. "We would have liked to have given out another 20 awards at least as there were so many outstanding applicants, she said." Joining Mrs Keaney on this year's selection panel were Rotorua Trust chairman, Grahame Hall, principal of Rotorua Girls High School, Annette Joyce and Chris Grinter, principal of Rotorua Boys High School.

Mrs Keaney also acknowledged the support students received from schools, teachers, parents and whanau. "These people play such an important role in nurturing our young people through their years at secondary school, providing them with the appropriate environment and opportunities so that they may successfully pursue their chosen fields of interest."

More than 500 young people in the Rotorua District have received Tertiary Study Awards over the past 13 years. Each award has an annual value of \$2,000 and has a maximum tenure of four years. Recipients of the Awards have an obligation to report their progress and results to the Trust.

The students to receive Tertiary Study Awards this year were:

Yvonne Aarts
Adrienne Black
Hilary Bryant
Shannon Champion
Toni Christie
Geehea (Jenny) Chung
Te Kuru o te Marama Dewes

Elizabeth Douglass
Chris Edward
Brendan Feary
Sui Fiaola
Leanne Fisher
Kelly Groot
Jiacheng He
Skye Hignett
Loryn Howes
Shuyu (Raina) Huang
Ayla Jack
Ashleigh Jensen
Jayani Kannangara
Zhifeng Ke
Chelsea Lemon
Kylee McFetridge
Samantha Montoya
Rebecca Moyle
Jade Neale
Kent Newman
Imogen Nolan
Kelly O'Donnell
Fiona (Penny) Paignton
Maia Ratana
Emma-Jane Reichardt
Keegan Rollo
Anna Schlotjes
Lisa Schumacher
Jeffrey Setiadarma
Kyle Smith
Ibrahim Soloman
Deborah Stace
Natalie Stowe
Jamie Sutton
Briar Tickelpenny
Ashleigh van den Akker
Richard van Gelder-Horgan
Aaron Walker
David Walker
Vicki Alderson-Wallace
Renata West
Shani Willemsen
Ugljesa Zoric

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