

Exceptional Māori women earn Te Apa Māreikura Awards

Every year, a select number of applicants to the Ministry of Health's Hauora Māori scholarship programme are awarded a Te Apa Māreikura Award. In 2011, from xxx successful Hauora Māori scholars, two students received Te Apa Māreikura Awards and celebrated with whānau in Wellington at a special event hosted by the Associate Minister of Health, Tariana Turia.

Te Apa Māreikura Awards were established under the Ministry's Hauora Māori scholarship programme to commemorate four prominent Māori community leaders, Rongo Wirepa, Anne Delamare, Denis Simpson and Bill Katene, and their contribution to Māori health gains. Recipients of the Te Apa Māreikura Awards, each worth \$10,000, demonstrate leadership in community health, have strong connections to and involvement with their communities, and are achieving academically excellence.

This year's Te Apa Māreikura Awards went to Paula Moyle (Ngāti Porou) who is studying at Massey University and Michelle Turrall (Ngāi Tahu) who is studying at the University of Otago.

A senior Wellington-based social worker, Paula earned a Diploma of Social Work in 1999 at Victoria University. In 2012 she will complete a Master of Social Sciences and Master of Social Work through Massey University. She intends to continue with her studies and complete a PHD within five years.

Christchurch-based Michelle has vast experience in a huge range of health and social services related positions. She will complete a she will complete a Post Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences endorsed in Mental Health in 2012.

Full Profiles on Paula Moyle and Michelle Turrall accompany this release.

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