

**News Release**

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**TAI POUTINI POLYTECHNIC ANNOUNCES 2009 STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

18 polytechnic students and 7 secondary school students have received awards or scholarships at Tai Poutini Polytechnic today.

The awards and scholarships are part of Tai Poutini Polytechnics commitment to support West Coast learners.

The scholarships will be presented at an awards ceremony on Monday 30 March (today) at Tai Poutini Polytechnic, Greymouth Campus. Each year Tai Poutini donates around \$22,000 in scholarships and awards to its students.

Allan Beaumont, TPP Council Chairperson says, "Every year we are pleased with the exceptional applications we receive and are delighted to be able to contribute financially through the student scholarship awards programme.

"We are pleased to be offering scholarships to students from the West Coast as we are committed to investing in the West Coast's future work force."

Categories for applications included *Cave Creek Memorial Fund Awards* for Outdoor Recreation, *Allan Beaumont Student Award* and the *South Westland Community Trust Awards*.

The winners are selected by the TPP Awards Committee.

Media are invited to attend the event.

The 2009 TPP Student Scholarship Award winners are:

**Cave Creek Memorial Fund Awards:**

[Established in 1996, this award was set up in memory of the 13 students enrolled in the Certificate in Outdoor Recreation programme and one Department of Conservation staff member who lost their lives when a viewing platform collapsed at Cave Creek on the West Coast in 1995.]

Te Koharaki Mason, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Nathaniel Pearce, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Emma Shanley, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Lucy Croft, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Matthew Blockley, *Leadership and Guiding*  
Heath Weir, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Colin Barton, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Michael Collett, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Matthew Hern, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Shannon Hayes, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Anna Roper, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Sophie Newsham, *Outdoor Recreation*  
Christopher Reid, *Outdoor Recreation*

**The Allan Beaumont Student Award:**

[About Award: Established in 1997, this award is presented annually to a student from the West Coast. The award provides the sum of \$1500 towards programme fees. Preference is given to West Coast residents over 30 years of age who are interested in undertaking tertiary studies and who can demonstrate financial hardship.]

Kiri Claridge, *Diploma Jade and Hardstone Carving*

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### **The South Westland Community Trust Awards:**

These awards were established in 1994.

#### *Entrance Award for Person Living South of the Taramakau River*

About Award: Annual award of \$600 is presented to winning recipients enrolled at the Greymouth Campus on a full-time programme, and who at the of application has lived in the West Coast region, south of the Taramakau River, for a minimum of one year. This year the award is share between:

Tiona Wilson, Nanny

Veejay Bishop, Hospitality

#### *Travel Assistance Award*

[The award assists with travel costs to and from the Greymouth campus.]

Kayla Houston, Hair, Beauty and Grooming

#### *Entrance Award for a person living in the West Coast region*

[About Award: Annual award of \$600 each is presented to winning recipients enrolled at the Greymouth Campus on a full-time programme, and who at the time of application has lived in the West Coast region for a minimum of one year.]

Michelle Jackson, NZ Diploma in Business

### **West Coast Secondary School Awards**

[About Award: \$500 award for West Coast school students. Winners have been announced for these awards. These students are being presented their cheque today.]

#### *Hospitality and Tourism*

Gabrielle Clough - Reefton Area School

Patricia Southon - Buller High School

Joel Haines - Buller High School

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Technology

James Wilson-Morgan - John Paul II High School

Jonathan Grant - Reefton Area School

Computing

Zane Wederell - John Paul II High School

Dillon Pope - Reefton Area School

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**About Tai Poutini Polytechnic**

Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) offers a range of exciting programmes including outdoor education, ski patrol, ecotourism, jade and hard stone carving, professional chef and civil construction. Tai Poutini Polytechnic has campuses in Auckland, Cambridge, Christchurch, Wanaka, Invercargill, Westport, Greymouth, Reefton and Hokitika. In 2009 TPP offers programmes at Greymouth, Reefton, Westport and Hokitika Campuses with no tuition fees\* (\* conditions apply).