



Welcome to our 2019 Autumn Alumni Newsletter.

Warmest congratulations to our new graduates and welcome to the Unitec Alumni whānau.

In this issue we are featuring a number of your success stories. Thank you for sharing your journey with us and for allowing us to be inspired by your stories.

We also would like to highlight the importance of agility and adaptability in this ever changing world. Unitec will continue to support you whether it's for a career change or for further professional development. We want to be part of your journey every step of the way.

Take a look at some examples of giving back to Unitec along with the most recent news from across Unitec.

Your Success Stories



A change for the better

From Croatia to New Zealand, chef to cyber security expert – and now working at one of Silicon Valley's most progressive companies. We talk to Ivan Pitton about how he took his career, and his life, in a whole new direction.

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Working with numbers at Methven

Since arriving in New Zealand in 2016, Navjot Singh has achieved a Graduate Diploma in Business at Unitec, gained his New Zealand residency and landed a role at leading shower and tapware company, Methven. We talked to him about how he's made the most of the past three years.

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Designing better experiences

As a Senior UX Designer, Jade Doel applies design thinking to create frictionless user experiences for customers and team members. And, while it's not the career he initially had in mind, he says he wouldn't change it for the world.

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Using her past for good

Coming from a refugee background isn't a hindrance for Rosemine Mutamuliza. She's gone on to play a pivotal role in the lives of others like her, who are making Aotearoa their home.

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Finding his niche

From 3D visual effects artist to apprentice diesel mechanic, and now a radiographer at one of the southern hemisphere's largest trauma hospitals, Christopher McCartney says it took him a 'few digs' before he struck gold in his career.

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Bringing people and processes together

With a sociology degree already under his belt, Christian Hayward leapt back into study with a Bachelor of Computer Science at Unitec – and found the perfect combination of skills to take him into the workplace.

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Want to change your career or upskill and further your professional development?



The job market is constantly evolving- and you can too

The job market is evolving. That much is true. But it has always been evolving – with the introduction of new technologies, research, globalisation and more. Big changes are coming, but what matters is that our education and qualification systems evolve and align with the new world.

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Carpentry, a viable career for any age

Who said it's too late to change a career? After a successful 15-year career in hospitality and sales, Michael Scott, 33 decided it was time for change.

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How to harness a dog's superpower (and start a new career)

Two years ago Augusta Grayson was working in advertising, now she's running her own dog training business. James Borrowdale met Augusta (and Frank the dachshund) to learn about Unitec's Certificate in Animal Management.

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So, what's happening across Unitec?



Unitec Engineering Alumni 2019 Event

The annual Engineering Alumni event took place on 15 March at the Bird Cage Tavern in the city. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate success of our former students and hear what they are doing now and to continue building a relationship with them. (request to be a member of the [Alumni LinkedIn Group](#) to see this post)

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Haten Kohro donned Unitec designed costumes

Haten Kohro, an international performing group from Japan wore costumes designed by Unitec Costume Design and Management students for their Auckland shows.

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Creative Practice student wins Youth Award

Danae Ripley, a Master of Creative Practice student, has won the Craig's Investment Partners Youth Award in the recent annual Molly Morpeth Canaday Award -- Painting and Drawing.

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Jade Doel speaking at the Unitec staff event

Alumni Giving Back to Unitec

Jade Doel at Unitec's ARONUI-FOCUS 2019

As his way of 'giving back', Jade Doel, a Unitec Bachelor of Product and Furniture Design graduate, spoke to Unitec staff about his amazing work as UX Designer at The Warehouse Group. He shared his journey as an Architecture and Industrial Design student and how his tutors influenced him in finding his true passion. Jade has since joined Countdown as a UX Senior Designer.

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Need help achieving your professional goals?

Reach out to our [Career Centre](#) for guidance and speak to one of our Career Centre experts.

You can enrol in a free career workshop, get access to a range of resources and advice that can help you plan your career, write a CV and cover letter, and prepare for a successful interview.

For various opportunities to upskill yourself or staff in your organisation, visit our [professional development page](#).

Stay involved, stay connected

Even though you've graduated from Unitec, you're still part of our Unitec whānau.

Find ways to [partner with us](#) and [be involved](#).

Access the [Advance Magazine](#) here to be informed on the innovative research being done across Unitec.

To make sure we're still keeping in touch, it's a good idea to [update your contact details](#) whenever there's a change.

To see what other Unitec graduates and staff are up to and be part of the conversation, you can join our [LinkedIn Unitec Alumni Group](#).

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