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upper hutt young achiever awards **2011**

# Programme



**Upper Hutt Leader**

# INSPIRE

## young achiever awards

### 2011

**Tuesday 24 May**

**Expressions Arts and Entertainment Centre**

- 5.30pm | Drinks & Nibbles  
Performing: Renee Mason - Singer/Songwriter
- 6.00pm | Blessing - Kaumatua Jim Kara
- 6.05pm | Performance: Nga Rou Matawhiro  
Heretaunga College's Kapa Haka
- 6.10pm | Official welcome and opening address
- 6.15pm | Performance: Finn Feather - Singer/Songwriter
- 6.20pm | Speaker: Damian Ekenasio - Master of Ceremony
- 6.25pm | Judges introduction and awards presentation
- 6.45pm | Performance: Renee Coffey - Singer/Songwriter
- 6.50pm | Special & Supreme awards presentation
- 7.00pm | End of ceremony

**Please no glass allowed in the Genesis Energy Theatre. No food or drink in the galleries.**

# awards

## **Culture**

Recognises contribution to the cultural field of Upper Hutt and encouragement of others in this area

## **Service**

Awarded for showing extraordinary dedication to others, or empowered others to participate in determining the nature of their community

## **Leadership**

Awarded for demonstrating significant leadership qualities and acting as a role model for others

## **Recreation/Events**

Awarded for time and effort put toward creating and/or participating in recreational activities and events locally. Supporting or assisting others to achieve and participate

## **Supreme Award**

Awarded for demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities, dedication, commitment to others and an overall positive attitude to achieving great things and making a difference in our community

*This year nominees were only eligible for one category. They were placed in the category that best reflected their achievements listed on their nomination form.*

# 2011 achiever

## Culture

### Amber Whitnall

- Attends Upper Hutt College and is a member of the well known 'Zippy Barbershop Quartet'
- Came 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Regional Finals and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Young Singers in Harmony National Finals 2010
- Performed at Orongomai Marae's Waitangi Celebrations
- Performed for Voices for Christchurch Fundraiser
- Performed for Daffodil Day Fundraiser
- Busked in The Mall, Main Street, organised a school concert and applied for grants to help fundraise to get to Nationals.
- Has recorded songs at 'Secret Level' in Lower Hutt
- An active & positive member of the Upper Hutt Tokelauan Community

### Genevieve Coleman

- Head Chorister and Deputy Head of the Arts committee at Chilton St James School
- Leading the premier auditioned choir, Seraphim, on a European tour in July
- Performed at national and international level
- Heavily involved in Barbershop and Solo Vocal
- Costume, hair and make-up design for Chilton's Stage Challenge
- Received The Whitlaw Cup for Most Promising Choral Vocalist and the Parents Association Cup for Year 12 Service to the School at Chilton in 2010
- Coached an intermediate netball team for the last three years
- Won Most Promising Netball Umpire for Hutt Valley Secondary Schools Netball, Most Promising Junior Umpire at the Hutt Valley Netball Umpires Association and Student Official of the Year at Chilton St James
- Nominated for College Sport Wellington Official of the Year 2010

### Renee Coffey

- Extremely talented local singer/songwriter
- Volunteered to support Urban Unity's 'The Grind' in 2010
- Involved in Urban Unity's Band Development Workshops at the end of 2010
- Actively performs within her local community

# 2011 achiever

## Service

### **Anastazia McBarron**

- Shows extraordinary dedication towards helping the community. A mother of three young children, every Saturday she volunteers with the Society of St Vincent de Paul's to provide local families with food and support during tough times
- Stepped up to assist with coordinating the operations when other volunteers are away
- Organised food drops to the elderly and to people with disabilities
- A real dedication to supporting others in the wider community

### **Ashleigh Thompson**

- Over the last two years Ashleigh has been a volunteer leader at the YMCA Children's Programme
- Helps out at Animal Rescue
- One of only two people who achieved bronze as part of the Duke of Edinburgh programme in 2010
- Assisted and performed in Upper Hutt College's - Hillary House Award winning 'Drag-Off'
- House leader in the Upper Hutt College Athletics Day 2011
- Assists with school assembly
- Shows tireless energy, enthusiasm and empathy

### **Cat Gooding**

- Cultural captain at Heretaunga College last year
- Heavily involved with youth through her work at the Upper Hutt Baptist Church
- Runs weekly youth groups with pizzazz and originality
- Runs the 'Revive' social events each Friday, which gives young people a safe and fun place to hang out
- Serving an Internship with the Upper Hutt Baptist Church this year

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# 2011 achiever

## Kent Harris

- In December 2010 and January 2011, Kent travelled to the Philippines and spent two month teaching and caring for underprivileged children aged 6 – 8 years. He fundraised for his trip.
- Actively involved with the Youth Ministry at his local church. He is a positive role model for other young people.
- Vice Captain of the Wellington North B Men's Outdoor Netball Team, which competed in the 2010 Nationals in Christchurch
- Captain of the Upper Hutt U19 Indoor Netball Team, which qualified in the quarter finals in the Nationals in 2010

## Merivi Tiai

- Student Representative on the Upper Hutt College Board of Trustees
- Worked with teachers and deans to facilitate workshops with classes around healthy and positive peer relationships
- Active member of the Upper Hutt College community through: Volleyball, Netball, Kapa Haka and was a member of Zippy Barbershop Quartet
- A friendly and consistently positive student who strives to create a happy and positive environment

## Michael Catterall

- Michael regularly takes initiative to provide service to people in need
- Organised an opportunity for Hutt International Boy's School students to donate blood at Trentham Army Camp
- Organised a mufti day and can collection for the Christchurch earthquake appeal
- Made a significant contribution to the Hutt International Boy's School's Relay for Life by arriving early to set up and staying the following day to clean up
- Played a key role in helping HIBS raise \$46,000 for the Cancer Society

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# 2011 achiever

## **Raalina Makavalu**

- Voluntary member of Urban Unity since 2010
- Helps to coordinate events, activities, workshops for Upper Hutt young people
- Volunteers every day of the week on the Youthtown After School Programmes
- Volunteers and works every day during the Youthtown Holiday programme
- A positive and responsible role model for younger children

## **Rebecca Harris**

- House captain at Heretaunga College last year
- Heavily involved with the CACTUS programme, which is run by the Police in schools. It offers young people the opportunity to learn discipline and physical exercise regimes
- CACTUS mentor with groups that followed after hers
- Worked on a road safety campaign making a DVD for the LAST CHANCE Car. The DVD has been screened to thousands over the past year
- Responsible for putting together crash photos, the sound track and reading the script
- A hard worker and a leader

## **Rochelle Harrison**

- Past member of Urban Unity – but continues to take part and volunteer in events run by Urban Unity
- Has an strong loyalty to her community that drives her to volunteer her time without question
- Cooked a BBQ for the 2011 Skate Workshops
- Raised money for Christchurch by running a hair braiding stall at an Urban Unity event
- Coaches aerobics to local girls in her spare time

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# 2011 achiever

## Leadership

### Ben Kerr

- House Leader at Upper Hutt College 2010
- Head of Hillary House 2011
- Heavily involved with Student Council and 'Drag-off' 2011
- Helped run the 40-hour Famine at School
- Worked with teachers and deans to facilitate workshops with classes around healthy and positive peer relationships
- Was involved with the 48 Hour Film Festival and won the Upper Hutt College Media Awards
- Was selected to speak to Fergusson Intermediate students about college life and being a leader
- Happy to be involved with 'out the back' tasks, doesn't have to be the star
- Empathetic, mature and determined. A team player and a leader

### Chantelle Scoon

- Plays an active role in the life of Sacred Heart College and was elected House Leader by staff and peers
- In 2010 Chantelle gained NCEA level two endorsed with excellence and is on track to achieve a similar level this year
- Involved in the winning Stage Challenge entry last year and taking an active leadership role in this year's entry
- Peer support leader for a junior class
- Assistant teacher at Anita's Dance Academy
- Received outstanding results in her ballet and jazz exams
- Spends hours mentoring and tutoring a group of young dancers to perform in charity events throughout the region. She demonstrates servant leadership, whilst promoting dance and charity to her students and the community

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# 2011 achiever

## **Charlizza Harris**

- Member of Taiohi Morehu since 2008, a youth leadership project aimed at addressing family violence in homes, schools and the community
- Female Leader and Kaikaranga for Heretaunga College Kapa Haka group
- Guest speaker at local and nation events and conferences
- Developed the Junior Girls Mentoring Programme
- Coordinated Cultural performances for a range of community events
- Heavily involved with the SHIFT DVD project around sexual health
- Green House Captain for Heretaunga College 2011
- Has written, directed and produced a range of plays and short stories
- Initiated the Upper Hutt Young Leaders for Social Change group – who meet weekly to help support 16 youth driven social change projects in local colleges

## **Chelsea Torrance**

- Youth Representative for Chris Hipkins
- Attended New Zealand's Model United Nations, Kotare Social Justice Camp and the New Zealand Labour Conference
- Panellist at the Involve Conference in Auckland
- Worked as a Youth Advisor for the Ministry of Youth Development
- Volunteers as an intern for Charles Chauvel
- Awarded the Ministry of Youth Development Award for Commitment
- National award for Young Enterprise New Zealand for co-writing the book 'The Home Leaver's Guide to Life'
- Attended the NZ Drug Foundation Youth Hui and plans to attend a world summit in Austria on behalf of the Labour Party later this year

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# 2011 achiever

## **Dayna Taramai**

- 2011 Head Girl at Upper Hutt College
- 2011 Co-chair of the Student Council
- House Leader for Te Kanawa House 2008 – 2010
- Heavily involved with projects in response to the Christchurch and Japan earthquakes, including Cranes for Japan
- Member of Taiohi Morehu since 2008, a youth leadership project aimed at addressing family violence in homes, schools and the community
- Worked with teachers and deans to facilitate workshops with classes around healthy and positive peer relationships
- Came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2010 Touch National Championships in December 2010. Dayna was the driving force behind managing the team and fundraising for the trip
- Has been a Hutt Valley Netball Representative
- Wellington Representative in age grade Touch Rugby
- Dayna is pro-active, positive and is actively involved in creating an environment which reflects her high personal standards

## **Jess Vailima**

- Has in the past been involved with fundraising and working at Te Omanga Hospice
- During her time at Upper Hutt College she played netball for the college and coached junior teams at Maidstone Intermediate
- Came 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Young Chef competition held at Westpac Stadium in 2007
- Graduated 2010 with a honours degree in Hospitality and Event management from the Pacific International Hotel School in New Plymouth
- Tutors from the University are humbled by her passion to help others through tough times, her ability to achieve her own goals and support others to do the same
- She is a role model to children and youth but has the ability to connect with people of all ages and always makes people feel special

# 2011 achiever

## **Leichelle Pompey**

- Joint Head of House at Upper Hutt College 2011 and was House Leader in 2010
- Heavily involved with dragon boating and coordinated 'Drag Off' in 2010 and 2011
- Attended a two day course in basketball refereeing
- Involved in school council since 2009 and attending Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North in 2010 and in Wellington 2011
- High achiever academically
- Works at the YMCA during her holidays
- Is energetic, enthusiastic and a real leader

## **Lee Tukukino**

- 2011 Head Boy at Upper Hutt College
- Voluntary member of Urban Unity since its inception in 2008, and as a result he has helped shape the culture of the group
- He actively coordinates events, activities and workshops for the wider Upper Hutt youth community to improve youth participation and provide fun and educational programmes
- Member of Taiohi Morehu 2008/2009, a youth leadership project aimed at addressing family violence in homes, schools and the community
- Participant of the 2011 Te Awakairangi/Wairarapa Regional Kapa Haka Competition
- High achiever academically – currently working towards NCEA level 3
- High achiever in relation to sports – 2011 Cross Country participant, 2011 Athletics – 3rd in 1500m, 2nd in 800m, 2011 – Member of the Top Dragonboating Team – 2nd in Regionals, 2nd in the 2k, 2nd in the 500m, 1st in 250m at Nationals
- Captain of the Upper Hutt College 1st XV and Captain of Senior Boys Touch Team
- Member of Upper Hutt Young Leaders for Social Change group – who meet weekly to help support 16 youth driven social change projects in local Colleges.

# 2011 achiever

## Leigh Bathgate

- Voluntary member of Urban Unity Squad since 2008
- Heavily involved with planning and implementing events and activities for Upper Hutt young people
- Her commitment to the weekly meetings and support with the group has been phenomenal
- Leigh shows true leadership potential

## Mikie Milley

- Head girl at Chilton St James School
- Organised a 'Black and Red' themed mufti day at school to support the Christchurch earthquake appeal
- Organised 'Walk to Christchurch' fundraising event, students walked hundreds of laps around the school block – 3,100kms, raising \$20, 500 for the Christchurch earthquake appeal
- She has also been involved with raising money through 'The Big Walk', and for Breast Cancer Awareness Week.
- Her willingness to lead these activities and her passion for helping others shows leadership, commitment and dedication

## Robert Whitefield

- Senior House Leader at St Patrick's College, Silverstream
- Leader of the Premier A Debating Team
- Confident public speaker and has won many trophies during his years at the college
- Elected Student MP for Hutt South in 2010
- Fine organist and violinist
- Organised organ recital at college to raise funds for the Christchurch earthquake appeal.
- Currently doing his gold award for Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- Respected among his peers as an industrious and positive person with a passion for politics

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# 2011 achiever

## **Sam Twomey**

- 2010 member of the SaVY team (Safer Valley Youth)
- Has shown exceptional leadership, sometimes in difficult situations, in mentoring youth in Upper Hutt
- He has spoken on behalf of young people in Upper Hutt about the issues they face at many events and forums – going as far as conducting a survey to back up his hypotheses
- Peer Support worker at Vibe
- A strong advocate for more youth services to be available and attainable to Upper Hutt young people
- One of six national recipients of the 2011 Vodafone World of Difference programme, where Vodafone supports someone financially and professionally while they work on a youth project
- As part of Vibe, Sam is endeavouring to recreate a programme, similar to SaVY, that will raise awareness of the services available for youth and set up a sustainable street-based programme in Upper Hutt that works with young people in a range of settings
- Actively engaged with youth in many areas of Upper Hutt
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## **Recreation/Events**

## **Ezekiel Waring**

- 2011 Head of Blake House at Upper Hutt College
- Coordinates Blake House assemblies and events for 300+ students
- Involved with Student Council and attended national Young Leaders Day
- Zeke is the main student involved in the technical side of all school productions and events – including sounds, video and lighting
- Assisted in setting up Athletics Day and helped at parent/teacher meetings
- Plays basketball in the Senior A team and also assists with refereeing basketball
- Selected for NZ U19 Handball team and will travel to Argentina
- Represented the college at the Hutt Valley athletics in the 1500m and High Jump
- He invests time and effort into creating and being involved with recreational events and opportunities that benefit other young people

## **Jordyn Fewtrell**

- Competes at competition level in smallbore rifle shooting. Jordyn has a chronic illness which makes shooting a challenge but he gives 100 %
- Nominee for The Dominion Sport Awards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wellington Provincial Champs, 5<sup>th</sup> at North Island Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Inglewood Open champs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Taranaki Open Champs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Westmere Open Champs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Hawkesbay Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wairarapa Open
- Nominee for North Island Juniors, Top Score Hutt Valley Colleges, Invited to attend junior development squad, who train for the junior Olympics

## **Kyra Thomson**

- Current Oceania Champion in Youth International Solo Dance and Cadet International Figures, she is an insulin dependant Type 1 diabetic
- Represented New Zealand in Cadet International Ladies Freeskating and placed 5<sup>th</sup>
- In the past year she has competed in many Championships and won or placed in every event she competed in
- Recipient of a Diabetes NZ John McLaren Youth Award
- Spoken to others who have been diagnosed with diabetes to inspire them and show them how much can be achieved
- Involved with a programme called 'Live the Inspired Journey' to raise awareness of youth with disabilities who are attempting to achieve excellence in sport

## **Leroy Hindley**

- Leroy is an excellent role model and very talented skateboarder
- Helped shape young local skateboarders and helped develop their skills
- Ran Urban Unity's Skate Workshops in 2010 and 2011
- Heavily involved with developing Urban Unity's 2011 Term 1 Skate Comp that saw over 300 people attend

## **Matt Taylor**

- Scored 733 runs for the unbeaten Mitre 10 Mega Upper Hutt Cricket Team, the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in Wellington Cricket for the 2010/2011 season
- Took 18 wickets for the team
- Youngest member of the Wellington U23 Cricket Team, where he competed in the national tournament
- Coached St Patricks Silverstream Intermediate A side, who is currently sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place over winter
- Matt is an exciting and very talented sportsman. He lives out of Upper Hutt but chooses to play sport for the City and coach some of its young people

# YOUTH week

## 21 May - 29 May 2011



**STEP UP! Be heard, take responsibility, be YOUTH**

### Monday 23 May



**Activation Push Play Trailer**  
Heretaunga College - Lunchtime



The Activation Push Play trailer will be rocking up to Heretaunga College for some fun and games... with an anti bullying message.

### Tuesday 24 May



**Activation Push Play Trailer**  
Upper Hutt College - Lunchtime



The Activation Push Play trailer will be rocking up to Upper Hutt College for some fun and games... with an anti bullying message.

### Tuesday 24 May



**INSPIRE: Young Achiever Awards**  
Expressions Arts Centre : 5.30pm-7pm

Recognising our local young people who have achieved in the areas of Culture, Service, Leadership, Environment, Recreation & Events.

Nominees are invited to attend.

Contact Fran on 527 2798 or [frances.mcewen@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:frances.mcewen@uhcc.govt.nz)  
For more info visit: [www.uhyouth.com](http://www.uhyouth.com)

### Wednesday 25 May

**The Grind**

Ascot Cinema Cafe : 4pm-6pm



Monthly gigging session for young people aged 13 to 18 years. Kick back and relax while checking out your local bands.

Contact Jade on 527 9730 or [jade@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:jade@youthtown.org.nz)  
For more info visit: [www.facebook.com/YouthtownUpperHutt](http://www.facebook.com/YouthtownUpperHutt)

### Thursday 26 May



**ZUMBA : 4.15pm-5.15pm**  
Anita's Dance Academy

ZUMBA! It's all the rage.. Get involved :)  
More info? email [Emma@vibe.org.nz](mailto:Emma@vibe.org.nz)

### Thursday 26 May



**Gaming Tournament**  
Youthtown : 7pm-10pm



Get your game on!  
Battle against your mates and win some choice prizes!

More info?  
Contact Jade on 527 9730 or [jade@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:jade@youthtown.org.nz)  
For more info visit: [www.facebook.com/YouthtownUpperHutt](http://www.facebook.com/YouthtownUpperHutt)

### Friday 27 May



**Touch Tournament**  
Maidstone Park : 4pm-7pm

Get your team together and rock on down to the park for a 7 aside tournament. FREE BBQ! Cash prizes!

More info?  
Call/Text Sam on 021 2439972 or email [sam@vibe.org.nz](mailto:sam@vibe.org.nz)

### Friday 27 May

**"Youth Night"**

H2O Xtream : 7pm-10pm  
with DJ Slik



Heaps of giveaways - Spa open to under 16's  
Plus FREE SLIDES!!

More info? Call 527 2113 or visit [www.h2oxtream.com](http://www.h2oxtream.com)

### Sunday 29 May



**The Grind "UNPLUGGED"**  
Expressions Rotary Foyer : 2pm-4pm

An afternoon of fine music! Come along and support your local up and coming artists as they serenade you with their awesome talent.

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## ALL OF YOUTH WEEK...

### Ascot Cinema

Purchase a ticket to a movie and go in the draw to win FREE MOVIE TICKETS!



First, second and third prizes will be drawn—make sure you check out your most favourite movie and be in to win :)

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