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## **TAI POUTINI POLYTECHNIC ANNOUNCES 2010 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Tai Poutini Polytechnic students and West Coast secondary school students have received awards or scholarships in recognition of the polytechnic's commitment to supporting education on the coast.

The scholarships were presented at an awards ceremony this afternoon at Tai Poutini Polytechnic, Greymouth Campus. This year Tai Poutini Polytechnic has donated around \$16,000 in scholarships and awards to its students, in addition to \$142,000 already given as West Coast Entry Scholarships.

Chair of the TPP Awards Committee, Lawrence Arps, says he is delighted with the high number of applications received for the six categories of award on offer.

"We received nearly 50 exceptional applications and are pleased to award another \$16,000 to promising students on the West Coast."

Adella Ryan, who won the secondary schools award said 'it feels awesome' to receive the \$500 secondary schools award cheque.

Asked on what she would do with the money Adella replied, "I am going to put the money towards a course. I will probably do the Business Administration programme at TPP next year."

Zoe Watson said 'I'm pretty happy actually' on receiving the \$500 secondary schools award cheque. "I'm thinking I might save it for next year, to back up my future," she said.

Shane O'Callaghan said 'it's great' to receive the \$500 secondary schools award cheque. Asked on what she would do with the money Shane replied, "Probably put it towards something educational, like maybe a laptop or something."

The Awards range from travel assistance provided by the South Westland Community Trust to the Cave Creek Student Memorial Scholarships in memory of the tragedy at Cave Creek in 1995. To receive an award for the Cave Creek scholarship students were asked to write an essay on the conflict between recreation and conservation.

This year for the first time the Greymouth Masonic Lodge is providing entrance awards for the Certificate in Pre-Health Science, a programme TPP delivers in partnership with Christchurch Polytechnic.

The Awards Committee has also donated \$5000 to West Coast high school students to encourage further study. Students from high schools are nominated by their schools with categories ranging from science to computer studies.

The 2010 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.]

Robert Lucking, *Certificate in Outdoor Recreation*  
Alastair Ding, *Certificate in Outdoor Recreation*  
Joseph Davies, *Certificate in Outdoor Recreation*  
Matthew Coles, *Certificate in Advanced Leadership and Guiding*  
Rebecca Ewen, *Certificate in Outdoor Recreation*  
Anthony Hobern, *Certificate in Outdoor Recreation*  
Samuel Bamford, *Certificate in Ski Patrol*  
Tobias Hanbury-Webber, *Certificate in Advanced Leadership and Guiding*  
Angela Buunk, *Certificate in Ski Patrol*  
Raymi Hurtado-Stuart, *Certificate in Outdoor Recreation*  
Jesse Harcourt, *Certificate in Outdoor Recreation*

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

Alexis Davis – Reefton Area School  
Sarah McDonald – Buller High School  
Taylor Elley – Buller High School  
Nathaniel Kearns – Buller High School  
Cameron Hurst – Buller High School  
Julia Moloney – Buller High School  
Zoe Watson – Buller High School  
Shane O'Callaghan – Buller High School  
Jasmin Biddle – John Paul II High School  
Adella Ryan – John Paul II High School

**The Allan Beaumont Student 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.]

Lynne Berry, *NZ Certificate in Nanny Education*

**The South Westland Community Trust Awards: *Entrance Award for a person living in the West Coast region***

[These awards were established in 1994.]

Layli Burgess, *NZ Certificate in Nanny Education*

**Certificate in Pre-Health Science, Greymouth Masonic Lodge Award**

Anita Connolly, *Certificate in Pre-Health Science*

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**About Tai Poutini Polytechnic:**

Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) offers a range of exciting programmes, has had one of the highest course completion rates in New Zealand for the last 3 years, has low student to tutor ratios and great relationships with business and industry. TPP has campuses in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Wanaka, Invercargill, Westport, Greymouth, Reefton and Hokitika. In 2010 Scholarships are available for most programmes\* (*\* Conditions apply*)