

Lincoln University

Rhanae Ngawaka

Ngāti Moki Trophy for Māori Leadership

2018

Rhanae Ngawaka dedicated considerable effort in 2017 to leading and supporting the Māori student body. Throughout her studies she has been actively engaged and committed to progressing Māori development at Lincoln University and in the wider community.

She became the Lincoln University Te Awhioraki Māori Students Association Tumuaki, or President, last year, after being approached to lead.

Rhanae had been supporting the newly elected Tumuaki, who had who become unavailable at a time when new Māori students were arriving on campus for their orientation. Her new role followed on from her being Secretary of Te Awhioraki Committee.

She served on the Lincoln University Council committee Ahumairaki where she reported fully on the activities of Te Awhioraki and the concerns of Māori students.

A health and wellness initiative that Rhanae and her committee have collaborated on with the medical and nursing staff at Lincoln University's Student Health Services will be realised this year as the current Tumuaki begins to implement the proposed schedule of activities.

Rhanae helped build a closer relationship with the University of Canterbury Māori students' Association and represented Lincoln University at Te Huinga Tauria Hui in 2016 and 2017, and her contributions to events, such as LUSA's International Night and Open Day were also valuable.

Her mihi at the 2017 Ra whakamana celebration emphasised her cultural belief and value in acknowledging whanau as the most important support system a student has as they complete their scholarships and education at Lincoln.

She completed her Bachelor of Viticulture and Oenology degree in 2017 and has been a natural leader within the Māori student body throughout her studies. Her personable nature belies the fact that her approach to her own studies still remained fully focused, and she was committed to being the successful leader and student that she is.

Lincoln University is delighted to present the 2018 Ngāti Moki Trophy for Māori Leadership to Rhanae Ngawaka.