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## **ROTORUA TRUST PRESENTS 2011 TERTIARY STUDY AWARDS**

Fifty-one local students were presented with Tertiary Study Awards by the Rotorua Trust at a special ceremony last evening (10 February 2011).

In presenting the awards, Trust education spokesperson, Lyall Thurston, said Rotorua Trust had presented 700 Tertiary Study Awards to the value of \$4.9 million since they were first awarded in 1996. He paid tribute to the great foresight of previous Trustees, such as recently retired Trustee and former education spokesperson, Judy Keaney, in establishing the Awards. "The Tertiary Study Awards are a unique concept envied by students living outside of the Rotorua District," he said. "We are indebted to the work and dedication of people like Judy (Keaney) in making the Awards the outstanding success they are today."

"A team of people work very hard throughout the year to ensure these scholarships are awarded to local students of the highest calibre. I would especially like to thank fellow members of the selection panel, Trust Chairman, Grahame Hall and Trustee, Sandra Kai Fong, as well as Jim Gemmell, deputy principal of Western Heights High School and Trust staff, for their support this year."

Mr Thurston said the Awards are made following close evaluation of academic achievement, leadership skills and community involvement. It is pleasing to note that almost half of the students who have applied for a Tertiary Study Award in the past five years have received one. Each award has a value of \$2,000 per year for a maximum tenure of four years and is provided to assist students with their first tertiary qualification.

Rotorua Trust has invested \$17.6 million in the local education sector since inception.

This year's Tertiary Study Award recipients are:

Ben Appleton  
Axel Balaho  
Johaana Bates  
Sean Bates  
James Beattie  
Neil Blake

*Rotorua Lakes High  
Rotorua Boys' High  
Rotorua Girls High  
John Paul College  
John Paul College  
Western Heights High*

Katie-Jayne Boardman	<i>John Paul College</i>
Hugh Bootten	<i>John Paul College</i>
Peter Bowman	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Emily Burnett	<i>John Paul College</i>
Michael Campbell	<i>John Paul College</i>
Rachael Campbell	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Natasha Cochrane	<i>Rotorua Girls High</i>
Hannah Dooley	<i>Rotorua Lakes High</i>
Okeroa Douglas	<i>Te Kura O Te Koutu</i>
Caitlin Fielder	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Thomas Fisher	<i>John Paul College</i>
Matthew Fitzgerald	<i>Reporoa College</i>
Reed Fleming	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Justine Gainsford	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Tairua Gillies	<i>John Paul College</i>
Shanae Grahame	<i>Reporoa College</i>
Hannah Hadlow	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Hamish Halliday	<i>Rotorua Lakes High</i>
Tuwharetoa Hapi	<i>Rotorua Boys' High</i>
Benjamin Hingston	<i>Rotorua Lakes High</i>
Ryan Howe	<i>John Paul College</i>
Yoon Ho Im	<i>John Paul College</i>
Miriarangi Kapa	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Henry Kershaw	<i>Rotorua Boys' High</i>
Yeonji Kim	<i>Rotorua Girls' High</i>
Krisuane Knap	<i>Rotorua Girls' High</i>
Hyowon Lee	<i>Rotorua Girls' High</i>
Michael Lovegrove	<i>John Paul College</i>
Anne Manzano	<i>John Paul College</i>
Fiona Mason	<i>Rotorua Girls High</i>
Thomas McLean	<i>John Paul College</i>
Shawn McManus	<i>John Paul College</i>
Connor Mear	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Nicole O'Donnell	<i>John Paul College</i>
Robert Pak	<i>Rotorua Boys' High</i>
Daniel Park	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Jordan Parker	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Rebecca Parker	<i>Western Heights High</i>
Te Amorangi Rikirangi-Thomas	<i>Te Kura O Te Koutu</i>
Zoe Rodgers	<i>Rotorua Girls High</i>
Brogan Rose-Whiston	<i>Rotorua Lakes High</i>
Hannah Tibble-Gotz	<i>Rotorua Lakes High</i>
Stevie Ward	<i>Rotorua Girls High</i>
Huw Willis	<i>Rotorua Boys' High</i>
Melissa Wood	<i>John Paul College</i>

Trustees also recognised the outstanding success of the following local students who would have received a Tertiary Study Award had they not recently been awarded other awards and scholarships exceeding \$10,000:

Elizabeth Bickerton	<i>John Paul College</i>
Timothy Easthope	<i>Rotorua Boys' High</i>
Dana Gray	<i>Western Heights High</i>

George Haimona  
Hinerangi Rhind  
Aaron Weston

*Western Heights High  
Western Heights High  
John Paul College*

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