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**WAIKATO**  
*Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato*

# GRADUATION

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# WELCOME

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**Susan Hassall**

*Chancellor*

*University of Waikato*

Today is a time of joy, excitement and shared sense of fulfilment, as you come to this final point of your study and realise your goal. As Chancellor, I feel privileged to share a moment of your celebration, as you take this opportunity to reflect both on the time you have spent as part of the University of Waikato whānau and on your achievements, which we recognise today.

In life, there are pivotal moments which mark both an end and a beginning. They are moments to cherish. We stop today for one of those moments, to recognise and experience that sense of fulfilment as each of you crosses the stage.

Savour your special moment; be proud of all that you have contributed to the realisation of this dream. Recognise the support of those with you today. They are your families, the staff, and your fellow students. As you stand with us all together in the beauty of The Pā, remember and be grateful.

“Ko te tangata” is the vision which makes this University so special. It is always the people who make that difference, and we greatly appreciate the difference you have made.

My very best wishes for your future, as you step forward into the next stage of your journey.

Arohanui.



**Professor Neil Quigley**  
*Vice-Chancellor*  
*University of Waikato*

Graduation is a wonderful part of the tradition of universities. Your ceremony today combines elements that reflect 800 years of tradition since the first universities were established, as well as elements that reflect the University of Waikato's unique culture.

Today's graduation ceremony recognises the hard work and scholarly achievements of each of our graduates. The perseverance and intellectual effort that you have put into every assignment, every exam, every lab experiment and late-night study session is reflected in our celebration of your achievements. As Vice-Chancellor, it is an honour and pleasure to share it with you.

It is also a special moment for those who have supported each of our graduates as they have undertaken study towards their degree or diploma. The cost of studying is substantial, and the focus and the effort required for successful completion of a qualification requires sacrifices that impact on family and friends. Your support has no doubt played an important part in making our graduates' journey in tertiary education the success it has been.

To our graduates, I hope your experience at the University of Waikato has been fulfilling. I trust that you take away not only the skills and knowledge that you have acquired during your studies, but also great friends and memories of your time at the University of Waikato.

From today, you are a member of the alumni of the University of Waikato. We look forward to staying connected with you through the years and of hearing about your future achievements and success.

# ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

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The assembly will be invited to stand as the academic procession enters Te Āhurutanga (the Student Hub) to the welcoming call of the karanga

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Opening karakia

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The New Zealand national anthem will be sung

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The Chancellor will address the assembly

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The first student speaker will be introduced and address the assembly

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The Chancellor will confer the qualifications on graduates from each division/faculty

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The second student speaker will be introduced and address the assembly

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Proceedings will conclude with a closing karakia

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Official procession from Te Āhurutanga

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Graduates' procession from Te Āhurutanga  
(please remain standing until the procession has left)

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Following the ceremony, graduates and guests are warmly invited to join University staff for light refreshments in Te Kōpūroa in the Pā.

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# QUALIFICATIONS TO BE CONFERRED AT

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The Pā, University of Waikato

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2025

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TE KURA TOI | SCHOOL OF ARTS

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Master of Arts

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Yi Luo, *with First Class Honours*

Bachelor of Arts

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Jingwen Cheng

Qiu Nie

Peixuan Wang

Shiqiao Hu

Aryan Singh

Linger Zhou

Jiayu Li

Priyanka Sivasabapathy

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Master of Arts

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Adriel Yara Compay El Zaher,  
*with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Manpreet Kaur, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Ming Shong Teh, *with First Class Honours*

Kriti Singh, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Nanxi Zhou, *with First Class Honours*

Master of Social Sciences

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Ayesha Mir

Krishnaveni Vallath, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology

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Tuan Dat Nguyen

Graduate Diploma in Psychology

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Liyu Guo

Shifani Mohamed Masahir

## SCHOOL OF LAW, POLITICS AND PHILOSOPHY

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### Master of Laws

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|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Ashmita Adhikari, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>                | Jacob Kurian, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>              | Reshma Subbiah, <i>with First Class Honours</i>              |
| Alboruge Sonali Maneesha Dabare, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i> | Tepveasna Oukheng, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>          | Jose Tjahjono, <i>with First Class Honours</i>               |
| Ifeanyi Ogele Igwe, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                                 | Mellawathanthrige Piyumali Subhashini Perera, <i>with First Class Honours</i> | Yuxi Wang, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i> |
| Aiswarya Jayapal, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>                 | MD Mamanur Rashid, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                            |  |

### Postgraduate Diploma in Philosophy

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Ki Yat Tang

Te Wānanga Toi Tangata | Division of Education

### Master of Disability and Inclusion Studies

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|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Sidharth Diwakar | Arya Minikumari, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i> |
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### Master of Education

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|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Anuj Datta, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i> | Haruka Otsuka, <i>with First Class Honours</i>           | Huiming Xuan, <i>with First Class Honours</i> |
| Neha   | Sapna, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i> |   |

### Master of Educational Leadership

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|   |  |
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| MD Rabiul Islam, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i> | Sanjana, <i>with First Class Honours</i> |
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### Master of Teaching and Learning

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Jingyi Wei

### Bachelor of Education

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Emmanuel Keleli

### Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching

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Yichen Guo

## Division of Health

### Bachelor of Health

Sosaia Tui Ki Hanai Maafu  
Afungian

### Bachelor of Health, Sport and Human Performance

Eashwar Dhanesh

### Postgraduate Diploma of Health Science

Priyanka

## Division of STEM

### Doctor of Philosophy

**Yibin Sun, BMgt Dalian University of Finance and Economics China, PGCertInfoTech, MInfoTech Waikato**

*Thesis Title: "Improving ensembles and prediction intervals for machine learning on data streams"*  
Supervised by: Bernhard Pfahringer

## AU REIKURA | SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

### Master of Cyber Security

Nalini Ramagoni Srinivas,  
*with Second Class Honours*  
*(second division)*

### Master of Information Technology

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Asha Devi Arjunan, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                        | Wenjing Feng, <i>with Second Class Honours</i><br><i>(first division)</i> | Pavithra Kabali, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                        |
| Sucharitha Biradavolu, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                    | Jianqi Gao, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                               | Chen Li, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                                |
| Jay Champaneri, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                           | Clara Gurung, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                             | Junrong Li, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                             |
| Jiawei Cheng, <i>with Second Class Honours</i><br><i>(first division)</i> | Wenxi Jin, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                                | Qiang Li, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                               |
| Rose Mol Davi, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                            | Haritha Hari, <i>with Second Class Honours</i><br><i>(first division)</i> | Yuding Liu, <i>with Second Class Honours</i><br><i>(first division)</i> |
|   |   | Zheng Lyu, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                              |

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|---|---|---|
| Rahul Martin, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>             | Chang Qi, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                                   | Hannah Rebecca Venantius, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i> |
| Mogana Priya Maruthamuthu Devaraj, <i>with First Class Honours</i>          | Pranavkrishnan Ravichandran, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                | Chao Wang, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                                  |
| Geyasri Vagdevi Methuku, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>  | Te Sang, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>                 | Haiya Wang  |
| Sanjay Kumar Paidigummal, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i> | Nemish Maheshbhai Sheta, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i> | Zeyu Wang, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>                |
| Arunkumar Panneerselvam, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                    | Tania Singh, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>              | Ziang Xu  |
| Flora Sumitha Peterson, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>   | Jan Mary Thomas, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                            | Zhengyi Xue, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                                |
|   |   | Xiaodong Yan, <i>with First Class Honours</i>                               |
|   |   | Jingxiang Zeng, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>           |

#### Master of Technology Innovation

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|  |   |
|--|---|
| Joshua William Anderson, <i>with Distinction</i> | Easwar Mylsamy Rajeswari, <i>with Distinction</i> |
| Madona Hoteit, <i>with Distinction</i>           | Xiao Wang, <i>with Distinction</i>                |

#### Bachelor of Design

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| Quang Minh Do   | Tian Li      |
| Yusuke Kukimoto | Chengran Xue |

#### Bachelor of Science

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Sen Hao

#### Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science

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Antonio Lewo Costa Ladjar

## TE KURA MATA-AO | SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

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### Master of Engineering Practice

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Siheng Chen

Lenin Paul Stephenpaul Joshua,  
*with Distinction*

## TE AKA MĀTUATUA | SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

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### Bachelor of Climate Change

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Pearl Taisia Meletine Perelini

### Bachelor of Science (Technology)

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Rithy Phoeun

### Bachelor of Science

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Diogo Uriarte Garcia

## Te Wānanga o te Raupapa | Division of Management

### Master of Business and Management

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|--|---|--|
| Ananthakrishnan Anilkumar                | Priyanka Kodandarama                      | Induroshna Riju                        |
| Diego Carretero, <i>with Distinction</i> | Jitender Kumar                            | MD Kaiyum Sarker                       |
| Kiran Chelliah Cholappally               | Kunal                                     | Sahilpreet Singh                       |
| Vidya Dharani                            | Bai Li                                    | Aswini Sundararaj Rajkumar             |
| Santi Prianti Edo                        | Hui Liu                                   | Anjaly Suresh                          |
| Zhou Fang                                | Prashant Negi                             | Pranay Tamang                          |
| Meghana Reddy Gangidi                    | Thang Duc Nguyen, <i>with Distinction</i> | Arvind Arunachalam Thinnappan          |
| Hannah Louise Goldman                    |   | Adarsh Vinod                           |
| Alvina Hilda Ibeau                       | Nahid Niaz                                | Eranga Walgama Kodituwakku             |
| Nandhitha Vardhini Jayaprakash           | Samantha Rupali Pandiripally              | Shaofang Wang, <i>with Distinction</i> |
| Sarath Kumar Jeevanandan                 | Prachiben Rakeshbhai Patel                | Yaxuan Wang                            |
| Xiangyu Jin                              | Eliza Paul                                | Mingyue Wu                             |
| Salu Joseph                              | Sunilkumar Amrutbhai Prajapati            | Jingying Xiao                          |
| Emil Keeledath Paul                      | Smit Nareshbhai Prajapati                 | Pengbiao Xu                            |
| Anishu Kharta                            | Vineet Purushothaman                      |  |
|  | Dinu Rajendran                            |  |

## Master of Educational Management

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W Boosabaduge Cyril Chaminda  
Namal Fernando, *with Distinction*      Madusha Hansinie  
Wickramasinghe, *with Distinction*

## Master of Management Studies

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Gagandeep Kaur      Angela Keletso Nsala,  
*with First Class Honours*

## Master of Professional Accounting

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|---|---|--|
| Chamod Isuru Bandara Aloka<br>Bandaralage, <i>with Distinction</i>  | Fathima Sasana Mohamed<br>Buhary, <i>with Distinction</i> | Rahul Sharma                                     |
| Libi Koodarathil Babu   | Nazran Ahamed Mohamed<br>Rupais                           | Nischal Shrestha, <i>with<br/>Distinction</i>    |
| Rashmi Bashyal  | Sheela Pauline Peterson                                   | Dhananjalee Nayoni Sirigampala<br>Arachchilage   |
| Yi Guo, <i>with Distinction</i>                                     | Thi Huong Quach   | Arjun Sivadas                                    |
| Tisha Gupta, <i>with Distinction</i>                                | Yutian Ran, <i>with Distinction</i>                       | Ajai Surendran                                   |
| Xiao Han  | Anuja Sitaram Rane, <i>with<br/>Distinction</i>           | Namrata Dhruvesh Suthar                          |
| Jiameng Hao   | Sharashanthuru Raventhiran,<br><i>with Distinction</i>    | Diksha Upadhyay, <i>with<br/>Distinction</i>     |
| Parth Kishorbhai Kalathiya<br>Jiamin Liang, <i>with Distinction</i> | Neha Rawat, <i>with Distinction</i>                       | Mattaka Vessoontorn, <i>with<br/>Distinction</i> |
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| Rovina Mendonsa   | Urja Dilipkumar Shah                                      | Xinyu Zhang                                      |

## Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours

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Ryota Kuriyama, *with Second  
Class Honours (first division)*

## Bachelor of Business

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| Alpha Joy Chamakala | Yi Theng Lim       | Thanh Truc Nguyen |
| Yunting Feng        | Yijing Lin         | Hong Quan Phan    |
| Minh Anh Ha         | Yichen Liu         | Srey Pin Som      |
| Mengying Hu         | Yangbin Luo        | Chuanyang Zhang   |
| Pinqi Huang         | Akash Nandha Kumar |                   |

## Bachelor of Communication

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Ningjing Pei

# STAY CONNECTED

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Congratulations on graduating – you are now a member of the University of Waikato alumni community, a special group of more than 90,000 graduates making their mark on the world.

Waikato alumni are connected by a common thread – the time they spent at the University of Waikato.

As alumni you'll hear from our Alumni Relations team with updates about the University, invitations to events, inspiring stories of fellow alumni, professional development opportunities, and alumni catch-ups in your area. Alumni events are a great way to stay connected with the University and expand your networks.

Congratulations on graduating and joining the University of Waikato's international alumni network. We look forward to staying in touch.

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*We encourage you to update your LinkedIn profile and list the University of Waikato under education.*

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*BA, MA (Victoria), PhD (Rutgers)*



Dean of Law  
Professor Tafaoimalo Tologata  
Leilani Tuala-Warren  
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# THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

## TE WHARE WĀNANGA O WAIKATO

Gifted by the late Dr Te Wharehuia Milroy, The University of Waikato motto, 'Ko Te Tangata', means 'For the People', and articulates the University's philosophy that people are central to our organisation, and are our most valued resource.

It's an appropriate maxim given the University was established 'by the people, for the people', following many years of lobbying by a group of Hamilton locals, who saw an opportunity for the Waikato region to have its own university.

The University opened in 1964 with 181 enrolments, and today we are proud to welcome 13,000 students and employ 1,400 staff across our two vibrant campuses.

The University is committed to academic excellence, and provides academically challenging programmes that reflect the interests of students and the needs of the employers, industries and communities.

Students at Waikato enjoy quality learning experiences and smaller class sizes, flexible degree structures, and work-integrated learning to ensure they are industry ready, and supportive research supervision from internationally acclaimed academics.

The University values its relationship with the Kingitanga, Waikato-Tainui and mana whenua. The rich heritage and cultural history of Kirikiriroa Hamilton and the Waikato region is reflected in our vibrant, multicultural University community.

### CAMPUS LOCATIONS

#### **Hamilton**

Our Kirikiriroa Hamilton campus is situated on 65 hectares of stunning grounds complete with cafes, lakes, vibrant Boon Street artworks, and on-campus accommodation.

The University is proud to be delivering all Hamilton graduation ceremonies in The Pā. Opened in mid-2023, The Pā is the landmark new building at the heart of our campus. Its development reflects the University's commitment to an integrated and accessible campus, and to a welcoming space that includes social interaction, hospitality and culture.

#### **Tauranga**

Our award-winning Tauranga Moana campus offers a modern learning environment that is a stone's throw from the beautiful Tauranga waterfront.

The state-of-the-art building was designed with students in mind. It features stunning artworks that express a unique cultural narrative reflecting the University's relationship with mana whenua and, more broadly, with Tauranga Moana and Bay of Plenty iwi. The University also operates dedicated facilities in Tauranga for coastal marine and aquaculture research, as well as high-performance sport.

#### **China**

The University has around 900 students at its joint institute with Hangzhou City University in China. The purpose-built institute, designed with New Zealand design principles, teaching approaches and standards, offers degrees in Finance, Interface Design and Design Media.



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