

Transition to Apprenticeship Success 2022

I would like to thank all the Employers who had our students on Work Placements, Work Experience and Work Tasters this year within their businesses in 2022. We have had record numbers of students in the Workplace this year. Please see below all the amazing local businesses that have been involved. The time, effort and resourcing you place into growing our students is invaluable. I have been blown away and humbled so many times by the amazing lengths that these employers go to for our students.

Congratulations to the following students who have been offered Apprenticeships/employment within their Placements. This is a hard earned job and they should be very proud of themselves. There are so many amazing ways to train on the job and earn while you are learning, these students have managed to secure some of these outstanding opportunities.



Ryan (Chugga) O'Neill has gained a Barbering Apprenticeship with Tu Meke Hairdressing through his Gateway work placement. Chugga has a strong passion for barbering. He has completed a couple of barbering courses in Dunedin and started full time with them for his barbering apprenticeship in mid September. Chugga is a bubbly young man with an eye for detail. He is always keen to learn and upskill all of the skills needed to be a Tu Meke barber. He is already on the floor cutting hair as an apprentice and doing a great job with guidance from staff.

Thanks to Tim and his team.



Olivia Harris had a Gateway Work Placement with Kidsfirst Kindergarten Alexandra and a work taster with Kopuwai Early Childhood Centre. These experiences grew Olivia's passion for pursuing a vocational pathway in Early Childhood Education. She left school at the end of term 3 to begin study with the NZ Tertiary College to work towards her Level 5 Early Childhood Education qualification. Olivia has gained part time employment within Little Oaks to complement her studies.

Thanks to Kaylene, Kylee and the team at Kidsfirst Alexandra and Kellie and her team at Kopuwai.





Caleb Millar had a Gateway Work Placement with Benchmark Construction one day a week and completed the Otago Polytechnic Level 3 Automotive Certificate 2 days a week over the year. Caleb was awarded a prize from the Polytechnic for Top student L3 2022, which is an amazing achievement. Caleb has been fortunate to gain a Diesel Mechanical Apprenticeship at the end of Term 3 with Agricentre South in Cromwell. Thanks to John, Grant and the team at Benchmark Construction.



Zhali You gained a Gateway Work Placement at Connetics in Cromwell, an Electrical Distribution Industry company, at the beginning of term 3. He has worked 2 days a week through to the end of the year growing his skills and experience. Connetics have exposed Zhali to the many different roles in their industry. Zhali has just gained full time employment as a labourer for the rest of this year and will start a Lineman Apprenticeship with Connetics early next year. Thanks to Steve and this team.



Dylan Clark was the first student to begin his Gateway Work Placement for the year because he worked hard to complete prerequisite tasks. He was passionate about pursuing a building career so worked hard to attain NCEA Level 2 as quickly as he could to enable him to take up an Apprenticeship. He did this early in Term 2 and has been growing his skills and experience since. Thanks to Paul and his team.



Luca Williamson had a Gateway Work Placement with Creations CNC. He had been lucky enough to have been working part time within the business over the previous year. Therefore Luca started the year with some great skills and knowledge to build on. Luca chose to leave school in July to gain an Apprenticeship with Creations CNC as he really enjoyed the challenges and variety of experiences.

Creations CNC



Josh Booth has been on Gateway Work Placement with Martin O'Connor Auto Services this year. He also completed the Otago Polytechnic Level 3 Automotive Certificate 2 days a week over the year. Josh was awarded a prize from Otago Polytechnic for his positive attitude and work ethic. Josh has completed Level 3 and has set himself up well for his future. Martin O'Connor and his team were very happy that Josh accepted their offer of an Apprenticeship. They have been incredibly impressed by his passion and willingness to learn.

Martin O'Connor Auto Services

Jackson Drake started the year in Gateway unsure about what he wanted to do vocationally. After completing some questionnaires to come up with some jobs to consider, Jackson decided to give Locksmithing a go. Since then he has not looked back. Jackson found locksmithing skills were something he enjoyed immensely and has loved every minute of his Gateway Work Placement at Beggs Security. He has learnt so many skills and gained a huge amount of knowledge. He rated the placement 10 out of 10 for enjoyment/fulfilment. Jackson has accepted an Apprenticeship with Beggs Security and got started mid November. Thanks to Megan and the team at Beggs Security in Cromwell.





Jack Carey has trialled many vocational options within Gateway this year including building with Breens/Central Blue, Fulton Hogan, Flooring Xtra and GoodYear Tyres. He has just accepted a full time position at GoodYear Tyres and is really looking forward to getting started. He enjoys the friendly team and learning new skills. Thanks to Craig and the team at Breen's and Rob and the team at GoodYear Alexandra.



Kalen Park has had many Work Tasters this year within Independent Living in his exploration into possible job options. These included GoodYear Tyres, KFC, Dominos, Clyde Orchards and Flooring Xtra. He really enjoyed the variety of floor laying and the welcoming supportive team at Flooring Xtra. Kalen has just accepted a full time job with Flooring Xtra with the intention of starting his Apprenticeship in the near future. Thanks to Bevan and his team.



Noah Hinton completed a 1 day Work Placement within Gateway last year with Weka Landscaping. This year he has continued this 2 days a week in Work Experience. He has enjoyed the practical nature of the work, variety of tasks, creativity and seeing the completed product. Noah has just started a Landscaping Apprenticeship with Weka, he is looking forward to getting qualified. Thanks to Andrew and his team.



Te Ahi Howden began his Work Experience with Rabbette Brick & Block Ltd in Term 2. He completed this once a week over the remainder of the year. Te Ahi has fitted in really well with the team and enjoys the practical/physical nature of the job. He was enjoying his experience and could see it was a good employment option for him so he asked for an Apprenticeship, which was accepted. Te Ahi finished his year of learning and gained Level 2 before leaving to get started. Thanks to James and his team.



Coby Pope had a Gateway Work Placement last year with Greg Chapman Builders. He has continued with that this year 2 days a week as Work Experience. Coby really enjoys the practical nature of building. Greg was very impressed with Coby's attitude and effort, plus his ability to relate well with others on the site. Greg was happy to take Coby on as an Apprentice in Term 4.

Greg Chapman Builders

Hamish Payne had a Work Placement with Omakau Auto Centre over 2021 within COYEP which he continued this year in Gateway. Hamish also attended the Central Otago Polytechnic Level 3 Automotive course 2 days a week. This has enabled Hamish to enter his Apprenticeship with a huge amount of experience and knowledge to ensure he will have success.





Indira Alexander moved into Independent Living to begin a Work Placement with Aspiring Traffic. She worked hard over her short time to impress them in order for her to take on a full time job in Traffic Management with them. Indira completed 2 Traffic Management courses with them before getting started on the job gaining her valuable NECA credits. She is thoroughly enjoying her move into the World of Work. Thanks to Tama and his team for investing in Indira.



Katy Willcocks attended a SpeedMeet Event held in Queenstown, organised by MITO. This was a fantastic transition event that allowed students to meet with a wide range of employers. Katy impressed Unichem Queenstown and has since been offered employment and support with training as a Pharmacy Technician, a wonderful career path opportunity.



Finn O'Brien organised a Science Primary Work Placement with Ida Valley Station. He increased his placements to 2 days a week over term 2 and also attended Level 2 Automotive at Central Otago Polytechnic. Finn was lucky enough to be offered and accepted a position on Ida Valley Station full time in July. Thanks to Callum for this awesome opportunity for Finn.

Ida Valley Station

Josh has had a Science Primary Work Placement at 5 Mile Partnership over the past two years. He has worked hard over this time to grow his practical skills and knowledge. This has enabled him to gain many Primary ITO unit standards through this time associated with his farm based learning. He has gained a full time job at Glenshee Station in the Kyeburn area.

Five Mile Partnership



Samuel McNeill attended a presentation by Fulton Hogan at school around employment and developmental opportunities available within their business. From this Sam felt it would be a great organisation to work for and applied for a job. Sam left school in May to pursue a full time job at Fulton Hogan as an Aspiring Highways Apprentice.



Caleb Chapman attended the same presentation as Sam around employment and developmental opportunities available at Fulton Hogan. He also decided this was a great fit for him and left school at the end of April to take up a full time position with Fulton Hogan in the Highways team. Caleb is also



Aspiring
studying





Troy Sharman has been with Fulton Hogan this year on Work Experience gaining skills and knowledge. Troy has also been working for Fulton Hogan on a casual contract and will now be offered a regional scholarship to assist with his Engineering studies at Otago Polytechnic in 2023.



Scott Horrell has worked independently through Gateway this year. He spent two terms on Work Placement at Hydro Marine learning metal fabrication skills as he felt this was a potential vocational pathway. Since then he has gained employment with Fulton Hogan as an apprentice in 2023



Thanks to the other businesses that have invested in our students growth through **COYEP, Work Tasters, Work Placements and Work Tasters:**

Summerland, Trail Journeys, Centennial Court, Foleys, Junction Auto Services, Drainex, Fulton Hogan, Chard Farm, Bill Biggar Fencing, Hawksburn Builders, KidsFirst Kindergarten Alexandra and Kidsfirst Kindergarten Terrace, Kopuwai Early Learning Centre, Cen Eng, Luke Electrical, Alexandra Auto Electrical, Laser Electrical, Aotea Electrical, Urban Edge Hairdressing, Fusion Electric, BestStart Early Childcare Centre, Clouston Contracting, Cragside Farming Limited, Hydro Marine, Central Otago District Council, Jackson Smart Roofing, Solo Hair Design, Central Blue Builders, Breens Construction, Strode Road Orchard, Five Mile Partnership, Central Organics, Dunstanburn Station, Farmlands, Roberts Orchard Ltd, Earnsclough Station, Green Vale Downs, Ida Valley Station, Delta, Aspiring Traffic Management, Mt Bengier Builds Ltd, Antique Lodge, Highlands Scaffolding, Dave Cockburn Builders, Hills Automotive, Ranui Rest Home, Mcllellans Plumbing, Laser Electrical, Dion Morrell Shearing Contracting, Domino's, KFC, SJ Cleaning, Moore Drainlaying, Unichem Pharmacy Alexandra, Clyde Orchards.