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Outstanding students get Korean scholarships

Three outstanding New Zealand students have been awarded prestigious Asia New Zealand Foundation David Holborow Memorial Scholarships for 2009.

Julie Jeon of Palmerston North and Yeri Ahn of Auckland will receive David Holborow Memorial Scholarships for outstanding secondary or tertiary New Zealand students of Korean descent.

A third student, Katherine Errington of Christchurch, will receive the scholarship for descendents of New Zealand Korean War (1950-1953) veterans. The scholarship is offered in association with the Korean War Veterans Association.

The David Holborow Memorial Scholarships are each worth \$5000 and are for undergraduate studies at New Zealand tertiary institutions. They were established in memory of the founder of the Asia New Zealand Foundation's Korean Studies Programme.

The Holborow Scholarship programme was established in 2000 and attracts a large number of entries annually. For this year's scholarships, there were 125 applications.

The scholarship for descendents of NZ Korean War veterans was established in 2006 and is offered in partnership with the NZ Korean War Veterans Association.

Julie Jeon is a former Palmerston North Girls' High School student beginning a Bachelor of Design at Massey University. She speaks Korean and French and plays the violin. She was appointed head arts prefect at her high school, also winning the Manson Prize for Proxime Accessit. Her ambition is to be an internationally recognised graphic designer.

Yeri Ahn is a former head prefect at Christchurch Girls' High School currently in her fourth year of a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Auckland. She would like to work in New Zealand as a



doctor where New Zealand medical graduates are 'desperately needed'. She was awarded the Christchurch Girls' Old Girls' Association Prize for all-round ability in academic, sport, cultural and community services.

Katherine Errington also of Christchurch is currently in her Honours year of a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. She completed her BA at Victoria University and intends Honours and Masters study at the University of Auckland. She is a former student of Rangi Ruru Girls School. Katherine speaks Spanish and is a keen debater. Her grandfather Albert Gerald Teale served in the Korean conflict for nearly two years.

All three David Holborow Memorial Scholarship winners are available for interviews.

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