

BEST Pacific Institute of Education celebrates future leaders with launch of new scholarship fund

BEST Pacific Institute of Education and BEST Academy has launched a new Scholarship Fund in Auckland dedicated to identifying, teaching and mentoring Pasifika leaders.

"We were absolute delighted to have Hon Hekia Parata deliver the keynote address at the launch; she is an inspiration to students and future Pasifika leaders," said Anita Finnigan, Director of BEST.

BEST were also very pleased to host Sir Wira Gardiner, Chair of the Tertiary Education Commission.

The BEST Pasifika Leadership Academy and Foundation was launched in 2010 by Auckland Mayor, Len Brown and aims to help lift Pacific family incomes and living standards by increasing the number of Pasifika people starting and leading New Zealand businesses and organisations through leadership and mentoring programmes.

In partnership with the University of Auckland, the BEST Pasifika Leadership Academy will deliver the Pasifika Leadership Programme which blends post-graduate courses for business leadership and entrepreneurship interwoven within a Pasifika context.

The launch of the new Scholarship Fund also included an address from Beatrice Faumuinā, Chief Executive of BEST Academy and Foundation and world champion athlete.

"The night was a great success and a wonderful showcase of how important this programme is in developing our future Pasifika leaders," says Faumuinā

The night also introduced two of the potential candidates for the Pasifika Leadership programme, Ross Wilson and Moe Alaifao, who are looking forward to furthering their careers through leadership development.

If you would like to support the new Scholarship Fund then please contact Beatrice Faumuinā on 09 825 0140 or Beatrice.faumuina@best.ac.nz