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MAC STUDENT SELECTED TO VISIT BRAZIL AS PART OF YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME

Te Kura o Tititea Mount Aspiring College Year 13 student Alexis-Sofia Harvey-Wills has been selected as one of eight New Zealand students to travel to Brazil to develop her entrepreneurial skills.

Alexis will participate in LatAM Biz, a joint programme between the Latin American Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence and the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES).

In Brazil, Alexis will work with students from New Zealand and São Paulo to pitch a solution to a business challenge relating to sustainable development goals.

Alexis said she was thrilled to be selected and was looking forward to developing her knowledge of business on a global, sustainable scale among like-minded people.

“When I heard I’d been selected, my head filled with thoughts of colour, music, culture and food! In addition to developing my business skills and knowledge, I am looking forward to making lifelong memories and connections, and exploring a new country.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences with the YES programme and was fortunate to attend the Entrepreneurs in Action weekend in Wellington earlier this year where I gained new skills and made great connections. It was this experience, along with my passion for enterprise, that motivated me to apply for the LatAM Biz programme.”

Alexis said she had gained extensive skills and knowledge through participating in the YES programme as part of her Level 3 Business and Enterprise studies at MAC.

“Starting our student-led business, ‘Waewae Soles’, brought many challenges and opportunities. It taught me dedication and adaptability, and helped me develop my critical thinking, innovation, social, and communication skills. Additionally, I’ve become a more confident and curious individual who feels ready to face challenges and is optimistic about the world of business.

“My grandfather was a businessman and would often share with me critical ways of thinking and advice for me to take forward into the future. His inspiration has left me with a passion for business and a zest for life.

“Additionally, my parents are involved in the entrepreneurial and business sectors and I have grown up witnessing their drive and people skills. And my wonderful teacher Sandra Findlay has inspired and taught me so much about all things enterprise, helping me to harness my passion through entrepreneurial efforts.”

Alexis said she hoped to study a Bachelor of Commerce at university and pursue a career in business.

“I aspire to positively contribute to our economy and environment, and to hold a senior leadership role in a New Zealand-based business, and also work overseas.

“I can’t express how excited and grateful I am for this incredible opportunity and I’m absolutely thrilled to represent the Young Enterprise Scheme and Mount Aspiring College in Brazil.”

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