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Mā Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi

E whakanui ana a Awanuiārangi i te whakamanaha pūtaiao o te ao o ahorangi matararahi

Kua tohua a Ahorangi Matararahi Linda Smith o Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, hei mema mo te ao mo ake tonu atu, o te United States National Academy of Sciences.

Ka whakaatu mai i roto i te whakamanahau, ngā tākoha whakarerekētanga a Ahorangi Matararahi Smith, ki te mātauranga me ngā momo āhuatanga mahi ki te Pūtaiao Taketake.

I tōna whiwringa i te mematanga, i kī te United States National Academy of Sciences, nāna i waihanga “he tūāpapa me pēhea te wetewete i te hātepe o te pūtaiao ma te hanga i tētahi atu māramatanga whakawāwā i ngā pōhētanga o raro iho, whakahihikotanga me ngā wāriu e whakaatu ana ki ngā kairangahau”.

E ai ki a Ahorangi Matararahi Smith, i ohorere ia i te tuatahi, kātahi ka mīharo.

“He wā tino whakahirahira ki te whakaarohia mai e ngā mātanga pūtaiao o waho atu o Aotearoa me aku wāhanga Akoranga Taketake, Mātauranga Māori, tikanga ā-iwi me te Kaupapa Māori.”

I hangaia te National Academy i te tau 1863 ma roto i te Act of Congress, na te Perehitini Abraham Lincoln i haina. Mai i tērā wā, āhua 500 ngā mema o ināianei tae atu ki ngā mema kua mate, i whakawhiwhia ki ngā Taonga Nobel.

Na ngā mema o tē wāhanga Human Environment Sciences me te Environmental Sciences me te wāhanga Ecology o te National Academies a Ahorangi Matararahi Smith i tautapa. Kātahi ka pōtitia tana tautapa e ngā mema 2000 o te US National Academy.

E kī ana te Pou Whakahaere Matua o Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, a Ahorangi Wiremu Doherty, kei te tino poho kererū te wānanga mō Ahorangi Matararahi Smith.

“Tohaina mai e Linda tōna taima me ūna mātauranga i runga i te hūmārie me te atawhai, ka whakawhetai tonu mātou mo ana tākoha mai ki te wānanga me te ao.

“Ki te kite i ā ia e whakanuitia ana me tēnei whakamanahau mo te ao whānui, he tino mīharo, otirā, ka tika tonu kia whakawhiwhia ia, ana kei te tino harikoa mātou.”

I mihitia anō hoki e te Academy a Ahorangi Matararahi Smith, mo ana mahi whakaaweawe i “ngā rēanga mātauranga e kawe ana he āhuatanga rerekē ki te mahi me te hunga taketake (me ētahi) hāpori, me te whaiwhakaaro anō ki o rātou tūranga mātanga pūtaiao e pā ana ki ngā hāpori e mahitahi ana rātou”.

Kei te titiro whakamua atu a Ahorangi Matararahi Smith, he aha kei mua i tōna aroaro e takoto ana me te National Academy of Sciences.

“Ki ōku whakaaro, he mea nui tēnei mo o tatou hāpori rangahau Māori ki te wetewete ahuatanga rangahau, Kaupapa Māori me te mātauranga Māori.”

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About Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi:

Awanuiārangi is one of three wānanga (tertiary education providers) with statutory recognition under section 268 of the Education and Training Act 2020. This recognition reflects the institution's special relationship with the Crown and in New Zealand's education landscape.

Awanuiārangi was formally established by Ngāti Awa on 11 February 1992 and maintains strong ties to the Whakatāne-based iwi. The institution has over 220 staff and more than 3000 students studying domestically and internationally. It offers education courses from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority's from Adult Community Education through to doctorate programmes.

The main campus of Awanuiārangi is in Whakatāne, with additional campuses in Tāmaki Makaurau (Manukau, Auckland) and Te Tai Tokerau (Whangārei). Education opportunities are also provided through marae and community networks throughout the country.