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## NZ school teams win international business challenge

Entrepreneurial school pupils who took part in the Global Enterprise Challenge at the Albany campus last month have taken out first and second places in the International Trade Challenge in Singapore.

The University was the host and principal sponsor of the Global Enterprise Challenge, organised by the Young Enterprise Trust. Staff with specialist business and scientific knowledge acted as mentors and advisers to the teams in that challenge, from which six pupils were chosen to represent New Zealand in three teams last week's FedEx Express-sponsored competition.

Teenage business brains Paul Minors of Rangitoto College, North Shore, and Charles Slogrove of Macleans College, Manukau, were the overall winners in Singapore, while Talman Madson of Long Bay College, North Shore, and Aimee Groom of Taradale College, Napier, were placed second.

A total of 42 secondary school pupils aged from 16 to 19 from Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand took part in the competition, which aims to nurture entrepreneurial skills of young people in the Asia-Pacific region. The contestants had to develop a market entry strategy for exporting carpets to Egypt.

Ms Groom was part of the challenge team at Albany that came up with the idea for a bench-top food processor that mulched and pasteurised food leftovers then dehydrated them into a grain to feed livestock in Mozambique.

Albany campus regional chief executive Professor John Raine says he was delighted to hear of the success of the New Zealand teams in Singapore. "We are very proud of them, and of how we have contributed to their learning and success. It is these young people with their fresh, innovative ideas who will be the next business leaders and help build the economy in future," he says.

All of the participants in the Global Enterprise Challenge received scholarships worth \$1000 from the University's College of Business, and the winning team's members received \$2000 scholarships.

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