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The Easter Island Foundation is pleased to have the opportunity to partner with University of Hawai'i Press to bring you Volume 32 of the *Rapa Nui Journal*. We are grateful to UH Press for providing us with the opportunity to continue to publish the journal, the only publication of its kind to focus specifically on Easter Island.

In 2019, the EIF continued to help support non-profit educational institutions including the Toki Rapa Nui School of Music on Rapa Nui ([tokirapanui.org](http://tokirapanui.org)) as well as Terevaka Archaeological Outreach ([terevaka.net](http://terevaka.net)). Both groups directly benefit the youth of Rapa Nui via their educational programs. In 2019, due to the generosity of all our donors, EIF awarded 13 scholarships to Rapanui students, the most ever awarded in one year. Many of our past scholarship recipients are now working in their fields of study on Rapa Nui, including Oscar Pakomio Jara (Liceo Lorenzo Baeza Vega, Aldea Educativa and Colegio San Sebastián de Akivi), Noelani Rapahango Lagos (Instituto Nacional de la Juventud), Tamaru Pakarati Gonzalez (Ministerio del las Culturas, las Artes, y el Patrimonio), Vaitiare Tucki Rengifo (Jardín Honga'a Re'o Rapa-Nui and Liceo Lorenzo Baeza Vega), and Emilou Benitez Tepano (Municipalidad de Isla de Pascua). We are especially grateful to the Fraternal Order of Moai Foundation for their continued support of our programs. Our 2019 scholarship awardees are studying the subjects of Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Speech Therapy, Business Administration, Civil Engineering and Applied Mathematics, Fashion Design, Engineering in Transportation and Logistics, Conservation of Natural Resources, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Culture and Tourism. To learn more about our scholarship program or to make a donation, visit: [islandheritage.org](http://islandheritage.org). Additional details about each of our 2019 scholarship recipients are included below.



**Mahani Salinas Atan** is studying law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Valparaíso. In 2019, she received a Fraternal Order of Moai Award. After completing her degree, she would like to specialize in international and indigenous law. She hopes to take graduate courses in law and travel to various parts of the world to gain experiences of other indigenous peoples to broaden her knowledge. With her specialization, Mahani will be able to help the Rapanui people in issues related to land, health, and education.



**Rodrigo Araki Rojas** is studying odontology (dentistry) at the Universidad de Viña del Mar. He received a Fraternal Order of Moai Foundation Award in 2019. After completing his studies, Rodrigo wants to return to Rapa Nui and offer his services as a dentist. Many islanders need special long-term procedures; while there are professionals working on the island, they generally cannot stay long enough to complete these procedures. With time and experience working with the people on the island, Rodrigo hopes to refine his skills, along with becoming proficient in other fields such as anesthesiology, pediatrics, or radiology to help the people of Rapa Nui.



language and prevent its loss. Micaela feels that the creation of a Rapanui language school that includes a speech therapist with ethnic relevance would reinforce the values of tradition, while adapting to the language needs on the island.

**Micaela Anakena Cofré Pakarati** is studying speech therapy at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago. She received the Roger Danger Carlson Memorial Award from the Fraternal Order of Moai Foundation in 2019. Micaela's first educational goal is to acquire all the necessary knowledge and tools to connect speech therapy with the people and the culture of the island. She values the importance of the preservation of the Rapanui language and hopes to be able to promote learning the



guide the youth of the island towards the path of studying and absorbing knowledge from the outside world, applying this to their island with respect and intelligence.

**Henua Pakarati Díaz** is studying business administration at the Instituto Profesional de Santo Tomás in Santiago. She received the Fraternal Order of Moai Foundation Award in 2019. After completing her studies, Henua would like to work towards creating business projects that will provide training and work for the people of Rapa Nui. She also wants to share financial knowledge so that others can learn to save money and avoid unnecessary waste. Henua especially wants to be able to help



accomplish company goals by teamwork. In mathematics, he studied the behavior of a variable through time (such as the number of tourists that visit Rapa Nui each month) and how modeling can predict the approximate value of a variable in the future. Guillermo works as a teacher's assistant in mathematics and as a result has gained both leadership abilities and teaching skills.

**Guillermo Alvarez Rivera** is studying civil engineering and applied mathematics at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago. In 2019, he received a Fraternal Order of Moai Award. He received a previous FOM scholarship in 2018. In his courses in engineering and mathematics, he has learned about personal development within a company, the benefits of promoting good relationships, how to be a leader and how to



university (in the education category) for her publication on teaching the electrocardiogram through 3D printed models.

**Tipanie Blanco Velasquez** studies medicine at the Universidad de Santiago de Chile. In 2019, she received a Fraternal Order of Moai Tangata Manu Award. She received previous FOM scholarships in 2017 and 2018. The knowledge she has acquired in the fields of pediatrics, gynecology, psychiatry, and mental health will greatly help the population of Rapa Nui, both children and adults. In 2018, Tipanie was awarded first place by her



**Maeha Vaiora Leon Duran** is studying fashion design and industrial process laboratory at the Instituto Profesional INACAP in Las Condes. In 2019, she received a Fraternal Order of Moai Ohana Award. She received previous FOM scholarships in 2017 and 2018. The skills and knowledge she acquired during her studies included marketing to manage companies and businesses, making garments, shoes and accessories, cutting garments, molding, manual and digital design, editing videos, and book creation, as well as advanced English. Maeha wants to return to Rapa Nui to carry out workshops and classes to promote the use of traditional Rapanui materials with the aim of preserving ancestral clothing and improving the quality and preparation of garments to be used in parades and cultural festivals.



**Terangi Moana Riroroco Oyarzun** studies engineering in transportation and logistics at the Universidad Andres Bello in Santiago. In 2019, he received a Fraternal Order of Moai Award and received a previous FOM scholarship in 2018. Terangi has been studying road design and how to improve conditions to manage vehicles within the Rapa Nui National Park. He feels that it is not necessary to build new roads on Rapa Nui; the main transportation needs are good management and support from competent authorities. He also studied various topics in the field of logistics and operations management, where he learned about optimization processes and improving profits.



**Lene Andrea Troncoso Riroroko** is studying medicine and surgery at the Universidad de Chile in Santiago. She received the Georgia Lee Memorial Award in 2019. After she finishes her studies, she would like to work in the Hanga Roa Hospital. She also plans to build a clinic in her home to be able to provide more personalized care for older adults and children and make these services more accessible to the Rapanui community. Lene would like to offer home visits for those with medical needs who have mobility issues. When necessary she plans to consult with doctors from Chile online who have different specialties to provide better care and diagnoses for her patients.



**Jose Calderon Fati** is studying engineering in conservation of natural resources at the Universidad Austral de Chile in Valdivia. He received an Easter Island Foundation Award in 2019. In 2018 he received the EIF Director's Award and received previous EIF/FOM scholarships in 2014 and 2015. The subject of culture and rural society provided Jose with practical tools to approach the study of how culturally diverse human groups interact with the natural environment. This allowed him to participate in the writing and evaluation of technical environmental management projects. Jose also studied technical and methodological tools for management and financing alternatives for conservation

projects of native species, applicable to island resident species as well as species that visit the island, along with the necessary criteria to estimate the conservation status of these species.



**Brayan David Pate Tepano** is studying nutrition and dietetics at the Universidad de las Americas in Viña del Mar. He received the Easter Island Foundation Award in 2019. Brayan's studies focus on promoting, teaching, and guiding young people to lead a healthier lifestyle via sports and nutrition by informing them about optimal food choices complemented with physical exercises required to achieve the best result. Personal experiences during adolescence on the consequences of a poor diet and lack of physical activity led Brayan to realize how the young people of the island have lost motivation to participate in sporting activities and live a healthier lifestyle. Brayan believes

that he can contribute to positive changes on Rapa Nui with professionalism and commitment.



**Tea Tuki Pakarati** is studying culture and tourism at the Universidad de Valparaíso. She received the Haka'ara Award in 2019. After finishing her studies, Tea wants to return to Rapa Nui to work in the field of heritage preservation, using the techniques and tools that she acquired. Tea wants to create new sustainable projects for the island, including projects that provide cultural exchanges for young people. She would also like to be involved

with the ministry of culture, art and heritage, and create forums where heritage issues can be discussed, as well as community events in which the Rapanui people can participate with their knowledge.



**Ariki Merino Rapu** is studying medicine at the Universidad de Chile de Santiago. He received the Sheree Lipton Award in 2019. He previously received EIF Awards in 2018 and 2016, and the Friends of Rapa Nui Award in 2015. Ariki has been studying the basic principles of internal medicine in cardiology and the respiratory system, the importance of correctly performing a clinical record, interviewing patients, and reviewing diagnoses.

His other studies include learning about the general principles of bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites, as well as dealing with common and major viruses in public health. Ariki is fluent in Rapanui and plans to return to the island to work as a doctor. He looks forward to learning with great enthusiasm.