

SULU FITZPATRICK

SUMMARY

I believe in the power of the collective. My elite netball career has spanned over 13 years, internationally for over a decade. Over the last 5 years I have furthered my education and will be graduating with a Masters in Sociology next year. This will lead me towards my goal of working with communities and improving social issues. My strengths lie in leadership and communication. I have held significant leadership positions as Vice-Captain of the Silver Ferns (New Zealand's national team), and Captain of the Northern Mystics competing in the ANZ Premiership (domestic competition). While at school I was Deputy Head Girl of St Cuthbert's College. These roles have helped me develop my mentoring and communication skills, including being a representative in corporate situations, community initiatives and public speaking events. The highlights of my career include winning the Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award in 2021 and Captaining Northern Mystics to our first Premiership title in Franchise history. I have also acquired governance skills having been a board member for the NZ Netball Players' Associations and Treasurer of the University of Auckland's Samoan Students' Association. As I transition from my sports career, I am looking towards roles that compliment my studies and allow me to use my strengths to create positive impact in our communities.

EXPERIENCE

Silver Ferns Netball Leader, 08/2020 - Current **Netball NZ - Parnell, Auckland**

- Demonstrate leadership by executing own role and supporting the growth of others and the wider organization.
- Constant work with team members and management to improve communication, processes and find solutions.



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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Sociology -
Expected completion, 05/2024
The University of Auckland -
Auckland CBD

Bachelor of Arts, Major in
Sociology - Completed,
05/2022
The University of Auckland -
Auckland CBD

First Aid Course - 11/2017
St Johns - Auckland

Aganu'u Fa'asamoa 101,
Samoan Cultural Identity
Program - 04/2017
Epiphany Pacific Trust - Otara

NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 - Deputy
Head Girl, 12/2010
St Cuthbert's College -
Auckland

- Prioritizing and designating tasks to efficiently accomplish long and short-term goals.
- Managing multiple projects and tasks to ensure high quality and timely delivery under pressure.
 - Runners up Quad Series South Africa 2023
 - 3rd place Commonwealth Games 2022
 - Winners of Constellation Cup 2021

Kimihia Advisory Committee Member, 08/2021 - Current NZ Netball Players Association (NZNPA) - CBD, Auckland

- Reviewing operational activities for results purposes to better determine which strategies are working and which ones require improvements for the delivery of the Kimihia Program.
- Advising on the best strategy for delivery of the Kimihia Program with clear-cut focus areas.
- Collaborating to enhance program and improve player preparation to support their longevity in netball and pathways outside of sport.

NZNPA Board Member, 11/2021 - Current NZ Netball Players Association - CBD, Auckland

- Reviewing operational activities for results purposes to better determine which strategies are working and which ones require improvements within New Zealand netball systems.
- Discussing important issues and proposals for players to support the growth and success of netball in New Zealand.
- Collaborating to create solutions for player issues and ensure they are advocated for.
- Establishing and enforcing clear goals to enhance the experience and success of all players in New Zealand.

Captain Northern Mystics Netball, 09/2020 - Current Netball Northern Zone - Henderson, Auckland

- Establishing and enforcing clear goals to keep team environment cohesive to achieve success by winning the Premiership competition.
- Resolving player issues and working collaboratively to connect management and players.
- Part of interview panel to help identify qualified candidates for key management roles.

AWARDS

- MVP Award – Northern Mystics Netball Awards 2022
- Manawaroa Award – Northern Mystics Netball Awards 2022
- Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award recipient – NNZ Awards 2021
- Players' player of the year – NZ Players Association Awards 2021
- Fans Choice Award – Northern Mystics Netball Awards 2021
- Pasifika Major Award – University of Auckland Blues Awards 2020
- Players' Player Award – Central Pulse Netball Awards 2019
- Matariki Major Award – Northern Stars Netball Awards 2017
- Junior Sportswoman of the year – Samoan Sports Awards 2011
- Sherilyn White Memorial Scholarship recipient – Sherilyn White Charitable Trust 2010

VOLUNTEER

- GO Media Beach Cleanup – Mar 2023
- Fight the Good Fight Zoom Event – Aug 2022
- Pasifika Sports Collective Vaccination Event – Nov 2021
- St Cuthbert's College Giving Day – Jun 2021
- St Cuthbert's College coaching session – Feb 2020
- Starship Kids Christmas Party – Dec 2019

- Ensuring buy-in from teammates into game plan and team values to maintain a healthy and successful team culture.
- 3rd place ANZ Premiership 2022
- Winners of ANZ Premiership 2021
- 3rd place ANZ Premiership 2020

Netball Development Officer, 08/2019 - Current Netball Northern Zone - Henderson, Auckland

- Implementing program structure to support various skill levels in youth and elite programs.
- Delivering training and skills sessions to meet individual and group needs.
- Developing professional relationships with community staff and Northern Zone members.
- Assisting with delivery of community events and development programs – Coaching/skills sessions, guest speaking, Q&A sessions.

Pacific Nations Academy Manager, 08/2017 - 11/2019 High Wire Charitable Trust - Papakura, Auckland

- Managing day-to-day operations of Pacific Nations program and implementation in Papakura region.
- Scheduling and coordinating events and activities including travel and transportation.
- Observing general operations for safety hazards or risks and quickly implementing solutions.
- Fostering clear and proactive communication with CEO, Academy 2IC and youth to address needs and delegate tasks.

Treasurer (UASSA Executive), 03/2017 - 12/2017 University of Auckland - Auckland CBD, Auckland

- Reconciling accounts with statements and invoices on monthly basis, investigating and resolving discrepancies to maintain record accuracy.
- Collaborating with finance and accounting departments to deliver comprehensive financial information to facilitate decision making for the Samoan Students' Association.
- Working collaboratively with fellow Executive members to ensure the smooth running of day to day Association activities.

- St Cuthbert's College coaching session – Aug 2019
- Manukau New Life Church Soup Kitchen – Nov 2018
- Stand By Me Boxing Event (fundraising for Key To Life) - Dec 2016
- Les Mills Fight Night – Nov 2015
- Auckland City Mission Christmas lunch – Dec 2014

ROLES

- Duffy Books Role Model – 2022 – present
- Canteen Ambassador – 2021 – present
- ASICS Ambassador – 2020 – present
- Northern Mystics captain – 2020 – present
- Silver Ferns leadership group – 2020 - present
- NZA All Stars Captain – Cadbury Netball Series 2019
- Fast5 Ferns Captain – Winners of Fast5 World Netball Series 2018
- Teacher Aide (MAGS) - 2014

SKILLS

- Reliable and trustworthy
 - Program leadership
 - Strong communication skills
 - Performance under pressure
 - Mentoring and coaching
 - Building relationships
 - Basic conversation in Samoan and Te Reo Maori
 - Coordinating skills
 - Agenda planning
 - Media relations
 - Problem resolution
 - Non-profit accounting
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