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Pauline Winter QSO

Attended Rutherford College | Formerly Rutherford High School · 1970–1973

Pauline Winter QSO has dedicated much of her distinguished career to public service, business leadership and supporting Pacific communities, both nationally and internationally.

Her extensive career includes serving as Chief Executive of the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, Chief Executive of the Auckland Kindergarten Association and Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission. She also established her own consultancy, Interpacific Ltd.

Pauline has held numerous significant governance and leadership positions, including Commissioner of the Tertiary Education Commission, national Vice President of the Māori Women's Welfare League and board member of Tui Ora. Her expertise has also been recognised internationally, representing New Zealand at the United Nations on matters relating to the status of women and providing support to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the sinking of the Princess Ashika in Tonga.

> A former Pacific Business Woman of the Year, Pauline was awarded the Queen's Service Order (QSO) in 2008 in recognition of her outstanding services to business and Pacific communities.

Proud of her Samoan heritage and Māori Whānau connections, Pauline has consistently demonstrated a commitment to service, cultural understanding and empowering others.

Throughout her career, she has chosen roles where she could make a meaningful difference, often guiding organisations through significant change. Her leadership and commitment to improving the lives of others make her a worthy inductee into the Rutherford College Hall of Distinction.

Her distinguished career reflects a lifetime of service, leadership and commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Rutherford College is proud to recognise Pauline Winter and her outstanding contributions to New Zealand and its communities.