

# PASIFIKA DREAMS



Having dreams is an important part of life - they allow us to aim high and set goals for ourselves. Follow the stories of four Pasifika people who have worked hard to achieve their Career Dreams and visualise your pathway to achieving your dreams.

In my dream job I would ...

Fly all over the world

Represent my country

Help people in my community

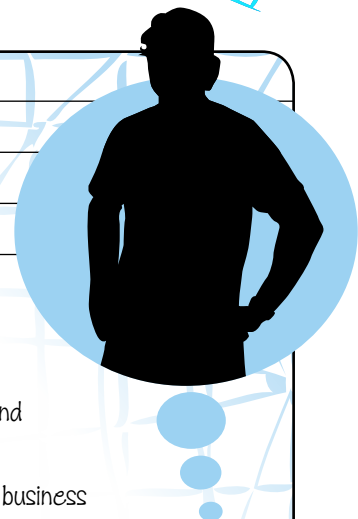
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<b>Name</b>	Uale
<b>Career dream</b>	To own a successful business in the islands
<b>Job</b>	Director – Dive and Island Tours
<b>Education</b>	Bachelor of Tourism Management
<b>Pathway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Went to high school in South Auckland</li> <li>At 13 got sent to spend school holidays in the islands with my grandmother</li> <li>Decided that I wanted to be an entrepreneur</li> <li>I started doing business papers at school and selling crafts made by my mother and aunties at the market on weekends</li> <li>Enrolled in university and worked part time helping my friend who had a catering business</li> <li>As part of my studies, did a business plan for starting a tourism business in the islands</li> <li>After graduating worked closely with a business trust to help me get started towards my dream</li> <li>Got my dive and boat charter certifications</li> <li>Opened a small business offering tours of the island</li> <li>Now operate with six staff, two boats, two 4X4 vehicles, a bus and a catering business</li> </ul>
<b>What else?</b>	Met my wife when she booked on one of the tours – she now runs the catering part of the business



<b>Name</b>	Maria
<b>Career dream</b>	To get a degree and work to help Pasifika achieve in education
<b>Job</b>	Senior Tertiary Lecturer
<b>Education</b>	Masters in Arts (History and Politics) Doctorate (PhD) in Education
<b>Pathway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Went to high school in Fiji</li> <li>Attended University in Hawaii</li> <li>Met future husband while on study break in Fiji</li> <li>Completed Masters and got pregnant with my first child</li> <li>Moved to NZ and began working as a relief lecturer after my first child was born</li> <li>Had four more children while completing doctorate and working part time</li> <li>Completed doctorate and began working as a fulltime tertiary lecturer</li> <li>Also a member of the Pasifika Academic Support Group at the university</li> </ul>
<b>What else?</b>	Born in Fiji Speak three languages Am actively involved in local community events



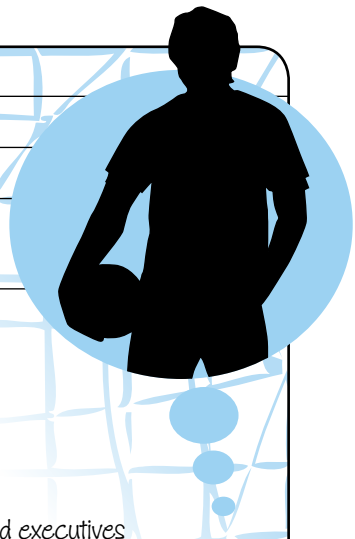
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<b>Name</b>	Adriana
<b>Career dream</b>	To work in film or television
<b>Job</b>	Television Presenter / Journalist
<b>Education</b>	Certificate of Art and Design, Bachelor of Communication Studies
<b>Pathway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Became interested in visual design at school</li> <li>• Worked on the set designs for school productions</li> <li>• After school started working on stage designs for local theatre company and Pasifika events</li> <li>• Hosted a community radio show twice a week</li> <li>• Got approached to audition for a presenters role on television current affairs show</li> <li>• Host show and travel around NZ as well as to the islands to do interest stories</li> </ul>
<b>What else?</b>	<p>Languages – English and Samoan</p> <p>I often attend school events for Pasifika students to help them think about their career ambitions</p>



<b>Name</b>	Lamany
<b>Career dream</b>	To work professionally in the sports field
<b>Job</b>	Sport Psychologist
<b>Education</b>	Bachelor of Arts (Psychology - Hons), Masters in Sport Psychology (obtained in Australia)
<b>Pathway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Played 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby at school</li> <li>• Wanted to be a professional rugby player but also wanted to travel</li> <li>• After school played rugby in Australia and became interested in sport psychology after getting injured</li> <li>• Completed my studies including two years doing my Masters</li> <li>• Returned to NZ and began working as an organisational coach with managers and executives</li> <li>• Started coaching club and age group rugby</li> <li>• Did some motivation work with the senior representative side</li> <li>• Approached to work for a company specialising in performance management and sports psychology</li> <li>• Now work with a range of sportspeople to help them with their mental fitness</li> </ul>
<b>What else?</b>	Regularly travel overseas to seminars and sports events



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Who	What you admire about them	How did they get there?
e.g. Valerie Vili	Olympic gold medallist, World champion, Travels the world, 2007 & 2008 Halberg Award winner, Modest & humble, Inspirational role model	Took up shot put at 14, dedicated training and hard work with her coach, qualified PE teacher, won junior world championships and Commonwealth Games



# YOUR CAREER DREAMS



Work out some possible pathways to achieve your own Career Dreams. You can use [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz) to help you

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