



High achievers . . . Scholarship recipients Alejo Linares-Fontana (left) and Holly Beazer (right) with North Otago Irrigation Company chief executive officer Andrew Rodwell.

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Extra scholarship created for high quality candidate

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The North Otago Irrigation Company (NOIC) has given scholarships to two "outstanding candidates" pursuing tertiary study next year.

Normally, the company only gives out one scholarship each year, but the company felt Waitaki Girls' High School year 13 pupil Holly Beazer (18) and Waitaki Boys' High School year 13 pupil Alejo Linares-Fontana (18) were both deserving of recognition.

"Both were so impressive, we weren't prepared to not recognise one," NOIC chief executive officer Andrew Rodwell said.

The scholarships are granted to pupils who are going on to study something related to environmental practises.

"As a company we have a huge focus on the environment," Mr Rodwell said.

"We are keen to encourage young people in the Waitaki district who are keen to study in that field, and recognise outstanding young people."

Alejo, who was awarded \$500,

will study engineering at the University of Canterbury. He intends to pursue either environmental or chemical engineering.

"We have to think about what is coming up [with the environment], and looking at the ways things can be used and re-used," he said.

"This scholarship is awesome, I really appreciate it."

Holly was awarded \$1000, which she will put towards her degree at Lincoln University, either in soil science, viticulture and oenology, or both.

"I'm not sure exactly what path I'll take, but I think I'm heading to the right place.

"[The scholarship] will make it a lot easier in the long run.

"I'm very grateful to be given the opportunity."

Holly has been selected for the Future Leaders programme at Lincoln, and will continue to umpire netball.

This year, she officiated in the North Otago club netball final, and was the reserve umpire for the Otago secondary schools senior A finals.