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REPORT BACK for Undergraduate Study Scholarship

Name of Applicant:	Kathy Kupenga
Which scholarship did you apply for:	Maori student of nursing
Please write a report on how the scholarship has contributed to nursing and to your own professional development. You can also attach documents to the report.	<p>Tēnā koutou katoa,</p> <p>Thank you for awarding me with a \$1500 scholarship which was well received.</p> <p>The funds enabled me to attend and present at this years World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference, which was held in Rotorua from 1-3 June. I used the money to pay the conference registration fee, plus travel and accommodation.</p> <p>The topic that I presented on was the Impact of Domestic Violence on the Health of Māori. This is a topic that is close to my heart. I developed a passion for this field of work a few years ago after I fell victim to a brutal rape. I then endured the horrific experience of going through the judicial process where the system raped me all over again. Now a speaker, advisor and educator at conferences, seminars, conventions and symposiums all over the world, I share my story and my experience going through the NZ court system, and how I later changed the system to minimise the impact of the judicial process on victims.</p> <p>Within the traditional Māori world, violence was not a part of our culture, so I incorporate Te Tiriti o Waitangi into my presentation, and I discuss the breaches of tapu that occur when a woman is violated, relating these back to the whakatauki, 'Ko te wahine te kaitiaki o te whare tangata', meaning that women are the guardians of the house of humanity.</p> <p>This scholarship helped me to develop professionally and as a Māori leader of nursing. It also enabled me to build new networks at both a national and international level.</p> <p>Thank you for your support.</p> <p>Kath Kupenga</p>