

Kadin Conner Vice President Candidate Blurb

Kia ora koutou, my name is Kadin Conner and am currently in my first year of my bachelors of science in food innovation, and here is a wee bit about me. I am a Southlander at heart and a newcomer to Canterbury, moving here with my wife and daughter up from Stewart Island to begin my studies at Lincoln. In my year so far at Lincoln I have been a course rep for several courses and help with volunteer work on campus such as Children's University and will be training to become Student buddy in 2027.

I have come to university as a mature student after 12 years as a professional chef. I have run kitchens as well as my own business and hope that my management, organization and financial skills can be an asset to help LUSA going forward. The vice president role is one which has a lot of moving parts and requires a broad range of practical and interpersonal skills and is one that requires you to set policy which is for the betterment of all the students on Campus. I have strong ties to the disabled and rainbow community's as well as the international community and hope to use these relationships to help inform policy.

As someone who knows how tricky surviving on a study link budget is, one of my main goals is to help improve the student experience by workshopping ways to make food cheaper. This could be continuing the great work LUSA has done with the free meal kit bags and grocery freebies. Working with SAGE and the BHU to help provide recipes and ingredients to accompany the amazing fruit and veggies that they helped provide for around the Lincoln campus.

One example initiative I would love to set up would be a community pantry once a month or bi monthly event where non-perishable home staples are purchased cheaply in bulk and distributed to students who bring in their reusable containers and take them home. Something like this could help take some of the financial strain off students for necessities at a lower cost to LUSA and in an environmentally sustainable way.

If you have any questions or queries or concerns, feel free to approach me for a yarn. Cheers.