He's the face of Māori Television, presenting the news, Te Kāea and the sports show Ngā Hau Tipua. He's also the face of AUT, teaching Māori Media at Auckland University of Technology.

It's a long way from his Upper Hutt childhood when he didn't know a lot about te reo, ngā tikanga or his whakapapa (he's Ngā Puhi, Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Te Arawa). Things changed when Julian entered broadcasting as a Te Aute College student announcing for a Hawkes Bay iwi radio station. His reo improved and his outlook on things Māori grew.

Julian personifies the philosophy of Te Ara Poutama, the AUT Māori faculty, which offers 'real world' academic credentials within a strong Māori cultural context. He provides inspiration as well as knowledge and he lives what he teaches.

'The whānau at Te Ara Poutama is really supportive,' he says. 'And the courses are designed to help students achieve their career goals. Most of our graduates walk straight into a job.' Two of Te Ara Poutama's students are now also colleagues at Māori Television – Niwa Milroy and Ngārimu Daniels.

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