Welcome from the Director of Development

It was great to see so many of you at the recent Alumni Dinner 2012. It was a wonderful evening made even more special by our speaker Sir Terry Wogan and the generosity of our guests who raised over £4,000 for the University’s Cardiovascular Research Centre Appeal.

Your Alumni Association supports a growing range of events. I hope you will try out the new and improved Summer Reunion 2012, incorporating Homecoming, on 30th June, the House of Lords Reception, on 5th September, or one of our more relaxed ‘Walk Up’ events.

Your involvement is always highly valued and none more so than the support given by many graduates to current students through volunteering their time and expertise with the Careers Service. A big thanks also goes to all alumni donors who made their gift to the Annual Fund and ensured the University can respond quickly with Hardship Awards to students in need and offer even more Research Scholarships to attract the very best students regardless of their background.

I hope you enjoy Graduates’ Review 2012 and I look forward to welcoming you to one of our many future alumni events.

Steve O’Connor
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P.S. Should you have alumni friends who do not receive Graduates’ Review then please put them in touch with us at alumni.relations@le.ac.uk or call 0116 223 1071.
Leading the way with the support of our Alumni

Introduction by Professor Sir Robert Burgess, Vice-Chancellor

The achievements of leading alumni featured in this edition of the Graduates’ Review clearly highlight the crucial role that their experience of the University of Leicester played in launching their successful careers. Firstly, I would like to wish Danielle Brown, recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award, all the very best as she defends her gold medal at the Paralympics in London this summer.

We aim to help our students develop an extra dimension during their time with us in order that they can benefit from a high-quality education. Our Careers Service is supported by experienced alumni who volunteer their time and expertise to give something back to current students. Support through mentoring and coaching or internships and work placements has been invaluable and I hope that even more alumni will take up our invitation to become involved.

Leicester continues to be ranked top in Britain after Oxbridge for teaching quality and student satisfaction amongst Britain’s 120 public universities. We strongly believe that teaching and research are synergistic and that teaching is more inspirational when delivered by passionate scholars who are also engaged in world-changing research. The support provided by alumni allows us to offer increasing numbers of scholarships for undergraduates and postgraduates so that the brightest and best can join us, regardless of their background, and we can develop the next generation of leaders.

Support through mentoring and coaching or internships and work placements has been invaluable and I hope that even more alumni will take up our invitation to become involved.

The University also wins accolades for its high-quality facilities which we will continue to develop as part of our £1 billion Campus Development Plan.

I am particularly grateful for the wonderful support shown by alumni for the state-of-the-art £12.6m Cardiovascular Research Centre. This new facility will lead to even more breakthroughs to benefit people affected by heart disease across the UK and worldwide. Indeed, the work of the University in developing a revolutionary new device for measuring blood pressure was described as “transformational” by judges of the 2011 Times Higher Education Awards. In receiving the accolade for Outstanding Contribution to Innovation and Technology, Leicester also became the first university to win five successive Times Higher awards.

In the current economic context, the continuing support of Leicester’s graduate community will be even more important and I would especially like to thank all those alumni who have made a gift to the Annual Fund Campaign this year and all those donors and long-standing University friends listed in this magazine for their continuing and invaluable support.

Leading the way with the support of our Alumni

Leicester has won a Times Higher Education Award every year since 2007

NatCen Social Research, the UK’s leading social research institute, has appointed Professor Sir Robert Burgess as the new Chair of its Board of Trustees for a four-year term, effective 23rd February 2012.
Fruits of world-first discovery

The University of Leicester is a world leader in research to safeguard bananas – one of the most important crops in the developing world – from an army of deadly viruses, bacteria, insects and fungi.

Thanks in part to a chance dawn meeting at an airport with a virologist also searching for clues into banana diseases, Professor Heslop-Harrison’s lab in our Department of Biology was the first in the world to discover a virus integrated into the genome of a banana and expressed under certain conditions.

“It was a new class of disease and it was the first time this had ever been done,” said Professor Heslop-Harrison. “That airport meeting ultimately directed a lot of our research.”

At Leicester, Professor Heslop-Harrison harnesses the most modern methods of molecular biology to study the genetic diversity within banana varieties. He is now close to discovering an entire DNA sequence for the fruit, offering realistic hopes for both quality and disease control.

Currently approximately 30% of production costs go into chemicals to control diseases like the aptly named wilt and bunchy top and the fungus Black Sigatoka.

In the West we know the Cavendish banana best, the most commonly consumed of our recommended ‘five a day’ fruit and vegetables, but worldwide there are between one and two thousand varieties.

They are crucial to the health and economies of tropical countries throughout Africa, Asia and South and Central America. In parts of Africa, for instance, the banana is a major starch source, consumed at a rate of 1 kilo per person per day. India is the world’s biggest banana producer.

Research Update

“Our Leicester research projects with students and graduate researchers often develop into long-term collaborations. One of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations is “building partnerships for development”, along with “ensuring environmental sustainability” and “ending extreme poverty and hunger”. As this article goes to press, I will be visiting some field trials in India looking at disease development, epidemiology and genetic resistance to stresses. With people who have worked in Leicester and new colleagues, I will discuss molecular projects here to complement vital breeding and field work, and hopefully we will have more students and researchers joining our lab.”

Professor Pat Heslop-Harrison
Department of Biology

Above: Thai black bananas
The biggest challenge is posed by another fungal disease, *Fusarium*, which spreads by means of water courses, air, raindrops, shoes and truck tyres, and (like the flu virus) has the ability to mutate. “Once *Fusarium* is in the soil, other than by sterilising the ground you can’t get rid of it,” Professor Heslop-Harrison warned.

The Leicester lab has also been studying environmental stresses caused by changes in weather and population movement, and encouraging simple good practices to halt the spread of disease – including not waving banana leaves like political banners.

Professor Heslop-Harrison’s research group offers a wide range of opportunities for postgraduate students, from fundamental biology and DNA levels through to applications of the findings. Success cuts both ways and, through its international graduates, Leicester expertise is spreading around the world with the formation of mutually beneficial collaborations.

Are they winning the battle? Professor Heslop-Harrison believes so: “There will always be new pests, but we’re raising the knowledge of genes and an understanding of diversity to new levels.

“The basis of our studies will underpin breeding efforts to meet future challenges and that’s very good news.”

Professor Heslop-Harrison works closely with the Global Musa Genomics Consortium (GMGC) and receives regular funding from various international agencies.

View the research pages at www.biobanana.com
A Leicester Lens on Dickens

Charles Dickens.
The University of Leicester is announcing a series of events this year to mark the **200th anniversary** of the birth of Charles Dickens - and members of the public are being asked to participate in the celebrations. The University’s School of English is marking the bicentennial with a host of Dickens-themed projects and talks for the public as well as academic circles.

Dickens, who was born on 7th February 1812, is one of the greatest authors of the Victorian period. He wrote 15 major novels, many of which have been adapted for film, television and radio in recent years.

Professor Martin Halliwell, Head of the School of English, said that “this year provides a great opportunity for the Victorian Studies Centre to showcase its innovative range of research, and particularly Dr Furneaux’s exciting work on Charles Dickens.”

Dr Holly Furneaux, a Dickens specialist in the School of English, has recently edited a new illustrated version of *The Life of Charles Dickens: The Illustrated Edition* (Sterling Publishing, 2011), a biography written by the Victorian author’s friend, John Forster, which was completed in 1874. The new edition, which features original illustrations as well as portraits and photographs of Dickens, has already appeared in “best books on Dickens” lists compiled by The Independent and The Times.

### A Call to **Dickens** Fans

Dickens fans from all over the world are being invited to join in a unique partnership project between The Victorian Studies Centre and Dickens Journals Online. Readers are required to read Dickens’s novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, week by week – as it was first published in his journal *All The Year Round* – and to blog about their experience.

Starting on 30th April 2012 this exciting project will run for 30 weeks, ending the week of 26th November 2012. Participants can read the instalments in their original magazine form at the freely available Dickens Journals Online site: [www.djo.org.uk](http://www.djo.org.uk). The School of English will share the responses in an online reading group.

### Dickens Bicentennial 2012 Calendar of Events

#### 30th April

Launch of the Serial Reading Project week by week reading of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

#### 27th – 3rd August

*Dickens Universe* conference at the University of California, Santa Cruz - a panel will discuss Dr Furneaux’s recent book *Queer Dickens*.

#### 13th October

*Dickens Day* in London – theme: “Dickens and Popular Culture”.

#### 7th – 10th November

*Literary Leicester* - a range of Dickens events will be available.

For further details on the University’s Dickens bicentenary events go to: [www2.le.ac.uk/departments/english/research/Dickens](http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/english/research/Dickens) (case sensitive)
The Student Opportunities Fund
Alumni support makes an immediate and lasting difference

The Student Opportunities Fund was established by Alumni to enable the University to respond quickly to students in need and to recognise individual potential. Every donation made to this Fund has a profound and enduring impact upon the lives of our students.

Your support changes lives in three important ways:

1. Hardship Awards that enable the most talented, committed and deserving students to continue their studies. Awards vary between £500 and £2,000 per student, so just two alumni giving £7 a month over three years could fund one life-changing Award.

Previous recipients of this vital, timely support include:

- **Priya**, who was left to care for her younger sibling following the death of a parent. She received essential funding towards housing and living costs in lieu of parental support.

- **David**, a young student with a terminally-ill parent, who was assisted with invaluable travel and telephone costs.

- **Helen**, a young student suffering from domestic violence, received housing costs to enable an urgent move into safe student accommodation.

2. Research Scholarships to attract the very best students and ensure they are able to register for Masters and PhD research degrees, giving them the opportunity to undertake world-changing research as members of the next generation of leading academics. For as little as £15 a day a PhD student could have access to internationally renowned academics and researchers at the forefront of their field, as well as all the University’s state-of-the-art facilities.

3. Awards and Prizes that recognise outstanding academic achievement, and Music and Sports Scholarships ranging from £500-£1,000. These all help to promote a culture of excellence and raise aspirations and academic standards.

We are really pleased to update you with news of some of the students who have benefitted from Alumni support.

**Racheal** sadly lost her mother during the first year of her course at Leicester. A Hardship Award enabled her to meet her essential living expenses in Leicester and covered the cost of frequent and unplanned travel to her family home.

“It was a tremendously difficult time for me. With the help of the Hardship Award, I was able to continue and complete my studies securing a first class honours in Law. Thanks to the vital support I have been able to graduate and pursue my dream career. I am now working with a youth charity in London before starting Law School later this year.”
Evi is studying for a PhD in Cardiovascular Research thanks to a Scholarship funded by alumni. You will be pleased to hear that Evi, who we have reported on in previous Graduates’ Reviews, is now in her third year, researching and identifying genes that increase the risk of suffering Coronary Artery Disease, which remains the major cause of cardiovascular death worldwide. Evi is destined for a future career in research that will have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of thousands of people who are affected by this disease.

“Thanks to the generous support of Alumni, I have the great opportunity to study alongside some of the most distinguished scientists in a department with an enviable international reputation; it is a real honour and exceptional training experience.”

Sarah is studying an MA in English Studies: “I was ecstatic to receive a much sought after Alumni Funded Scholarship, as the financial help was incredibly valuable. But there was another reason as well as money. The support also shows a tremendous mark of faith in an individual’s ability to reach their future goal.”

Oliver is studying for a PhD in Palaeontology: “The vital help from an Alumni Scholarship has been very important. Without it, I couldn’t have undertaken this research study. With it, I get to take part in world-class research at a world-class university; something that I hope can spur me on the way to a successful future in the academic world.”

Your Support is Needed

The support of Alumni is needed now more than ever before, with further substantial cuts in Government funding for postgraduate research and students in hardship. Your vital support will ensure that the Leicester experience continues to be accessible to new generations of talented students, including those who encounter unexpected or difficult personal circumstances.

Your Gift will be Matched

We are very pleased to introduce the ‘Leicester Match’, a new matched funding scheme which will increase all ‘one off’ and regular Alumni donations made to the Student Opportunities Fund by 33% until July 2012.

The ‘Leicester Match’ is supported from additional funds won by the University from the Government’s own Matched Funding Scheme (2008 – 2011) which encouraged philanthropic giving. We hope the new ‘Leicester Match’ will encourage even more alumni to support the Student Opportunities Fund.

Your gift could be worth more for longer

During these uncertain times, donations that are both committed and regular are of great importance to the University. To reflect this, all donations that are made by direct debit will be increased in value through the Leicester Match not just this year, but also for the following two years up to July 2014.

You can be certain that every pound you give will go directly towards supporting our students as the University applies no administrative charges to the Student Opportunities Fund. Our promise is that every gift, whatever the amount, will be greatly appreciated, enhanced in value and extremely well spent.

Gifts at all levels make a real difference and the giving power of all Alumni and friends taken together will really transform the lives of some of the most deserving students when they most need it.

Giving is Easy

Please make a gift today to the Student Opportunities Fund. Giving is easy - just complete the enclosed donation form or visit www.le.ac.uk/donate.

On behalf of our students, Thank You.
Highlights from the University

New Research Centres Launched

Three new Research Centres are being created in the fields of Medical Humanities, Landscape Interactions and Change, and Bioengineering. The new Centres reflect the University’s commitment to research excellence and will mean that Leicester’s expertise and profile will be significantly raised in these areas.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Robert Burgess said: “I am delighted to be able to announce the appointment of three new Research Professors who will develop high-quality Research Centres in the University. I anticipate that the new Centres will make a real difference to Leicester and its standing nationally and internationally in the areas selected. They will enable the University to attract further high-profile staff, research teams and postgraduate students alongside providing opportunities for developing links with external partners.”

Each Centre is headed by new Research Professors who took up their roles in January 2012 and respectively these are; Professor Steve King in History, Professor Heiko Balzter in Geography, and Professor Rodrigo Quian Quiroga in Engineering.

£8 Million Scholarship Programme Announced

The University has announced one of the most comprehensive programmes of scholarships amongst British universities in order to protect its unique and leading position as the most socially inclusive amongst Britain’s top 20 leading universities.

The scholarships, ranging from £1,000-£3,000, are being made available on both a means-tested basis as well as for outstanding academic achievement, in order to ensure that academically talented students from poorer backgrounds stand as much chance of competing for a place at Leicester as those from less disadvantaged backgrounds.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Robert Burgess said it was important for Leicester to build on its reputation for research and teaching excellence and a first-class student experience: “As an ambitious and dynamic institution, our package of fees and scholarships reflects our aim to build for the future by reinvesting in our academic mission and to ensure that we maintain access for disadvantaged groups to a top class university like Leicester.”

Visit www.le.ac.uk/alumni for more information on named scholarships.

Santander Universities

In 2011, funding from Santander Universities UK supported seven postgraduate students from Spain, Portugal and Latin America studying Masters programmes and also financial support for Travel Awards for students and staff. The partnership has now expanded to include funding for 16 postgraduate scholarships, support for a Creative Writing Lecture Series and our Summer Schools, which are part of the University’s successful programme of widening participation.
Employability – Alumni Supporting Leicester Students

The University provides award-winning support, help and information to students on a wide range of careers-related areas. In the highly competitive job market that our graduates find themselves in, the shared experiences and employment skills of our alumni are more important than ever in supporting the work of the University Careers Service in the provision of programmes, services and resources which help students in the development of their academic skills and the pursuit of their career goals.

One highly effective way in which alumni are providing invaluable support is through careers talks and visits to Campus. A recent example is the highly successful lecture delivered by Diana Garnham (BA Social Sciences (Politics) 1977), on 1 February 2012. As Chief Executive of the Science Council, Diana spoke to students about forging successful careers in science, exploring what it means to follow a career in science, what it is that employers look for, and what postgraduates considering a career in science need to do to give themselves an edge over other STEM graduates.

Could you help us to help our students?

If so, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for support in the following areas:

- Careers talks
- Internships, placements or work shadowing
- Employability training
- Practice interviews
- CV design and delivery

Please contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office at alumni.relations@le.ac.uk if you could offer us your help.

University Snippets:

- Government data reveal Leicester is the only top-20 leading British university to meet inclusivity benchmarks for admissions from state schools and lower socio-economic groups.
- Professor Bryan Williams’s revolutionary new device for measuring blood pressure secures Leicester’s fifth successive Times Higher Education Award.
- The University is a partner in one of three £10 million hubs for a National Sports and Exercise Medicine Centre of Excellence as part of the UK’s commitment to Olympic legacy projects.
- Leicester research paves the way for new anti-malaria drugs by identifying a crucial element that allows the disease to survive in the human blood stream.

Queen’s Birthday and New Year Honours 2012

Professor Sir Kent Woods (Chair in Therapeutics) has been awarded a knighthood for services to healthcare.

Dr John Bond (Senior Lecturer, Chemistry) has been awarded an OBE for services to forensic science and the police.

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell (BSc Psychology, 1973) has received a DBE for services to Higher Education.

Professor Dinesh Kumar Makhan Lai Bhugra (MPhil Psychiatry, 1989) received a CBE for services to Psychiatry.

Professor Alan Bundy (BSc Mathematics 1968, PhD Mathematical Logic 1971) was awarded a CBE for services to Computing Science.

Mark Vincent James (MA European Mgmt & Employment Law 1997) received a CBE for services to Local Government in Wales.

Dr Anthony Acland (BSc Sociology, 1971) received an MBE for services to Higher Education.

Mr Philip Chappell (MSc Study Of Security Management, 1999) was awarded an MBE for charitable services.

Ms Jean Fawcett (BA Social Sciences, 1968) received an MBE for services to Higher and Further Education.

Dr Avice Margaret Hall (BSc Combined Studies, 1966) was awarded an MBE for services to Higher Education.

Ms Maura Muldoon (MSocSci Social Sciences, 2009) received an MBE for public service.

Professor Derek Jeffrey Raine (Senior lecturer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy) was awarded an MBE for services to Science Education.
University of Leicester announces £30 million medical teaching facility

New doctors being trained in Leicester will learn in the latest state-of-the-art facilities being proposed by the University of Leicester. The £30 million Medical Building will house teaching rooms and computer laboratories in one of the most energy efficient buildings of its kind in the UK.

The University of Leicester has entered into an agreement with Regent College in order to develop the site on land currently owned by the College at the corner of University Road and Lancaster Road. The development will allow the University to continue to enhance its excellent reputation for medical teaching. It will replace teaching currently undertaken by the University's College of Medicine, Biological Sciences and Psychology in the current medical sciences building, which was constructed in the mid-70s.

New Manor Road Sports Development

In this Olympic Year, the University is investing £5m in superb new sports facilities at the Manor Road sports ground in Oadby. The development will consist of a 25m swimming pool, sauna and steam rooms, spa pool, 600m² gym, aerobics studio and high-quality changing rooms. The Greenviews Club will promote greater health, fitness and participation in sport and leisure opportunities for all of our students, staff and alumni, who will benefit from unbeatable new membership deals.

Work on the project is underway and the building is due to open in September 2012.

Transformation of College Hall

A new project for 2012 involves the transformation of College Hall. A quartet of Grade II-listed brick, two/three-storey buildings about a mile from the main campus, College Hall was designed by Trevor Dannatt and Sir Leslie Martin in 1957. For many years it was one of the University's main Halls of Residence. For the last few years College Hall has lain empty but plans have now been approved to convert the complex into a leading edge conference centre. College Hall will have 117 en suite bedrooms as well as dining facilities, meeting rooms and a 150-seat lecture theatre.

The New Cardiovascular Research Centre

Work on the new £12.6 million Cardiovascular Research Centre at Glenfield Hospital is progressing quickly. The four-storey building will include research laboratories, an informatics unit and the Leicester Biobank, which will be equipped with robotic equipment capable of processing and storing biological samples from up to 100,000 people. Work is expected to complete in Summer 2012.

www.le.ac.uk/crcappeal

Underground Bike Store

The eye-catching podium works outside the David Wilson Library are close to completion. As well as strengthening the podium, an underground bike store has been created, providing space for approximately 300 cycles. The re-landscaped area will also greatly improve disabled access.
Alumni Events 2012

2012 Alumni Dinner

Over 170 alumni and guests attended our annual Alumni Dinner on Thursday 9th February and enjoyed an evening of fine dining, entertainment and nostalgia in the splendidly grand surroundings of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Hyde Park, London.

Hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Robert Burgess, the evening presented a wonderful opportunity for graduates to meet friends, old and new, and to celebrate the University’s recent successes and achievements. Guests enjoyed an excellent four-course meal with wine, music, dancing and socialising throughout the evening.

The highlight of the dinner was an entertaining speech by Honorary Graduate and renowned TV and radio personality, Sir Terry Wogan, who delighted many guests after dinner by posing for photos and signing autographs.

The most poignant moment of the evening was reserved for the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award, which Terry presented to Danielle Brown (LLB Law, 2010) in recognition of her amazing achievements as a world-leading archer in both Paralympic and able-bodied competition, as she prepares to defend her Paralympic Gold title at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Our very special thanks go to our graduates and guests, who so generously helped to raise over £4,000 in support of the Cardiovascular Research Centre Appeal.

Congratulations also go to Lucinda and Peter Quirk (Masters of Social Sciences 2011), who won the ‘Return to Leicestershire’ Prize Draw. This unique prize package included delights provided by supporters: Belvoir Castle; Stapleford Park Country House Hotel; Dickenson and Morris; Belvoir Fruit Farms and Cropwell Bishop Creamery.

The Summer Reunion – Book Now

Saturday 30th June

Keep the date free! The Summer Reunion (incorporating Homecoming) will be happening on Saturday 30th June. You can register your interest for the event by calling Sue or Rosemary on +44 (0)116 223 1071. Or visit www.le.ac.uk/alumni/reunion to book, and for the full event programme of lectures, workshops and social activities.

September 2012

House of Lords Reception

Wednesday 5th September

We look forward to welcoming alumni to a House of Lords Reception, hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Robert Burgess, and sponsored by the Rt Revd Tim Stevens (Honorary Doctor of Letters, 2003). This special reception will be held in the Cholmondeley Room and the adjoining Terrace overlooking the Thames, with its magnificent view of Westminster Bridge and the London Eye. Look out for further information about this exciting event at www.le.ac.uk/alumni
Alumni Events from 2011

Cosmic Quest Lecture

The Alumni Association Lecture attracted a full house at Embrace Arts on 24th March. Over 180 alumni and guests attended “Cosmic Quest: A History of Astronomy”, a stunningly illustrated presentation by Dr Heather Couper (BSc Combined Studies, 1973; Honorary Doctor of Science, 1997) and Dr Nigel Henbest (BSc Combined Studies, 1973; Honorary Doctor of Science, 2011), two of today’s most-respected astronomers. The lecture showed us the people, personalities and inspirational characters in Astronomy who have extended our knowledge of the heavens in the quest to grow our understanding of the universe.

Jordan Alumni Dinner

Reem Al Bawadi provided the perfect venue for an alumni dinner in Amman on 6th May, where a party of graduates and guests gathered to enjoy exquisite Arabian food in unique surroundings, and to share fond memories of the University and the city of Leicester.

North American Events

Alumni in the Vancouver, New York and Washington areas were invited to join us for three special receptions for graduates living in Canada and the Northeastern United States, and to promote two special Funds: The Canadian Alumni Fund for Leicester and The United States Alumni Fund for Leicester.

Toronto Law Alumni Dinner

Dr Troy Lavers of the School of Law hosted an Alumni Dinner at Grano Italian Restaurant in Toronto on 25th March. The event provided a perfect opportunity for Toronto alumni to network and to enjoy an evening of fine dining and good company, in celebration of the friendships, achievements and successes of the University.

‘Leicester in London’

Alumni based in and around London enjoyed an informal social evening at The Press House Wine Bar, London on 19th May. Over 40 guests were welcomed by Steve O’Connor, Director of Development, and Class Year Teams tested their wits and memories in the special ‘Remember Leicester Quiz’.

Look out for similar social evenings coming in 2012.

Homecoming 2011

Over 550 graduates, guests and staff attended this year’s popular Homecoming event on campus on 2nd July. The wonderful summer weather meant that adults and children alike could enjoy a fun-filled and entertaining day of talks, tours, demonstrations, workshops and time to socialise with friends old and new.

Highlights of the day included a wondrous Keynote Lecture by Professor Gordon Campbell on “The King James Bible and the English Language”, and a special lunch hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Robert Burgess, for graduates in Class Years 1940 to 1958, to mark the 90th Anniversary of the founding of University College, Leicester.

You can find out more about all past and upcoming Alumni events on the University web pages. Go to www.le.ac.uk/alumni/newsevents for more details.
Alumni Summer Reception

The first Alumni Summer Reception was held in the Ballroom of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on 18th August. Over 80 guests spanning 50 Class Years came together to meet fellow graduates and to support the Cardiovascular Research Centre Appeal. The evening, which ran from 6.30pm until 8.30pm, was voted a great success as graduates from across the Class Years took the opportunity to network and share University stories. The Vice-Chancellor updated guests on the University’s recent successes and thanked them for their continued involvement and support.

Beaumont Hall Reunion

Over 100 graduates who lived in Beaumont Hall as students joined us for a special weekend of fine dining, fun and nostalgia at Beaumont on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September. The reunion, organised wonderfully by alumnus John Flynn (BSc Physics with Astrophysics, 1982), began on Saturday evening with a four-course dinner in the familiar surroundings of the main Dining Hall, hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, followed by an auction of Beaumont Memorabilia, with all proceeds supporting the Student Opportunities Fund. Former ‘Beaumontonian’ and one of the UK’s top professional magicians, Chris Dugdale, (BA Combined Arts, 1995), entertained guests and led the auction. On Sunday, alumni enjoyed guided tours, followed by a farewell buffet lunch.

Throughout the weekend, alumni could view a popular Nostalgia Display in the Wedgwood and Music Rooms, showing the history of the Hall and student escapades and activities through old photographs, documents, DVDs and other ‘memory jogging’ exhibits.

More Hall Reunions are planned for 2013.

Women of Influence Luncheon

Penny Egan (BA Combined Studies, 1972), Leicester alumna and Executive Director of The US-UK Fulbright Commission, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Christine Fyfe hosted a special luncheon for 27 alumnae and guests at the Reform Club on 13th October. The occasion provided an ideal opportunity for women of achievement from a diverse range of careers to meet, network socially and catch up with University news. Popular TV and radio personality, Maggie Philbin, entertained guests during the lunch with a challenging and informative talk on the importance of engaging young people with Science, Engineering and Technology.

The next luncheon is planned for October 2012.

Dr Allan Bonner
(MSc Risk Crisis and Disaster Management, 1999)
The years we spent at Leicester are, for many, a time of great intellectual and social development, but this is just the beginning of a lifetime’s relationship with our University. The ‘legacy’ of our time at Leicester will be the knowledge, qualifications and networks we acquired, not to mention the unquantifiable skills and experience gained from debating and research to social and personal growth. If we value this legacy, as most of us do, it is important we continue to engage with and support our University. In recent years we have watched with pride how Leicester has grown as an academic institution, featuring higher in the university league tables than ever before and being particularly lauded for the all-round student experience it offers.

Engaging with our University, now in the top 200 universities in the world, is easier than ever before thanks to social media. The alumni Facebook and LinkedIn sites are forums for graduates from all over the world to offer their thoughts on Leicester, seek advice from their peers, find lost friends and provide employment and mentoring opportunities for fellow Leicester graduates. If you haven’t looked at these sites recently, please do so and join in the conversation.

I would also encourage you to attend a Leicester alumni event – more than 550 joined us at the summer reunion on campus last July and this year’s gathering on 30th June promises to be the best yet. We had two memorable events at the Mandarin Oriental in Knightsbridge last year, and our alumni dinner in February with guest of honour Sir Terry Wogan, was a great evening. These occasions attract graduates of all ages and from all over the world and are an enjoyable way to celebrate the growing community of Leicester alumni.

Alumni Support

Should you want to make the most of your University Legacy:

• be an ambassador for your Hall, year group, subject or sports team
• join our Alumni Committee
• organize a reunion for old friends
• make a donation to support the Student Opportunities Fund

However you wish to be involved, you will be assured of a warm welcome!

Contact us on: alumni.relations@le.ac.uk or 0116 223 1071

You can support alumni-funded Research Scholarships and Hardship Awards by donating now at www.le.ac.uk/donate

Finally, I would like to thank the current committee of the Alumni Association whose unstinting voluntary efforts over the last twelve months have helped to make 2011 a fantastic year for alumni relations at our University.

Patrick Mulvihill
(MBA 2002, BA Economics 1987)
Chairman Alumni Association
Alumni on Target

Graduate Profiles

Luke Trotman
BA Politics, 1999

Luke is a founding partner of Thomas and Trotman Design, a design and branding agency based in Brighton. Before starting his career in advertising and design, Luke was the Finance and Services Sabbatical Officer for Leicester Students’ Union, a role he describes as “a brilliant job with something new every day. I was involved in everything, from making commercial decisions to representing the needs of the students.”

Luke had four great years at Leicester, made friendships for life and also met his future wife. He had great opportunities and experiences; academic time dedicated to learning, sport and getting involved in community projects like volunteering in schools.

In 2010, Luke became a member of the Committee representing the Alumni Association as he wanted to give something back. In his business, Luke uses his design and branding skills to help organisations communicate successfully and he is now pleased to also put them to good use for the Association.

Aatin Anadkat
BA Law & Economics, 2003

Aatin is the Managing Director of Hotel Maiyango, Leicester’s first boutique hotel. He launched the brand in 2005 with a concept restaurant before opening the hotel and, more recently, conference facilities and the Maiyango Kitchen Deli close by.

“I started my first company three months after graduating from Leicester, supplying ethical coffee from Brazil to hotels and restaurants across the UK. This led to thinking it would be a good idea to start Maiyango.”

Aatin applied to Leicester based on the reputation of his course and his experience at university helped him in his business: “The friends and contacts I made, as well as the experiences, have had the most impact. I feel my business acumen has benefitted from my degree as well as my overall skill set. I remember feeling challenged and that is always a good motivator.”

His advice for anyone considering entering a similar line of work would be to “be prepared to work exceptionally hard and put your life on hold. Hotels are not for the faint-hearted. I think you need a real passion to come out the other end smiling.”

Aatin has recently joined the Board of Leicester Partnerships alongside the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Robert Burgess.

Gareth Rees
BA Economics, 2011

Gareth is an Operations Graduate in the Process Optimisation Team at banking group Santander. In this role he reviews the day-to-day operations of the bank and seeks ways to improve these, increasing the bank’s efficiency and improving customer satisfaction.

He feels his degree had a major impact when it came to his choice of career: “Many banking jobs specify a degree similar to Economics so it would have been very hard to get into the sector without it. It is also amazing how much you use your degree knowledge, being able to apply the information learnt at university to your career just reminds you of the value of your degree.”

Gareth’s career ambitions for the future remain in the banking sector:

“I want to gain as much exposure to the banking world as possible. I want to try new areas, such as Corporate Banking and Asset Management – and work my way up to a senior level within a bank, where I can manage and oversee the work of others, and lead from the front.”
Amber Cuttill  
BA Ancient History & History (EU), 2009

Amber is a Development Executive in the Development and Alumni Relations Office at the University of Leicester. She began her career at Leicester through the University’s internship programme in 2009. “I was one of the first interns to take part in the programme; I then successfully applied for my current role within the same team, once my internship had come to an end.”

Amber feels her experience as a student helped her in her life and career since she graduated: “Without my degree there is no doubt that I would not be doing what I am today. It certainly taught me many transferable skills vital to the workplace, but studying at Leicester (and in Germany) also really helped to bring me out of my shell and become a more confident and well-rounded person.”

Her advice for anyone thinking about working in a Development Office or the charitable sector is: “Getting fundraising experience is key. It’s easy to get if you’re happy to volunteer – get in touch with a charity or organisation that has a cause that you believe in and ask if there’s anything you can do.”

Jennie Gorbutt  
BA Politics and Economic and Social History, 2006

Jennie is Deputy Chief of Staff to the Conservative Party Chairman. As the link between the Parliamentary, Voluntary and Professional parties, her role is to help them to communicate and work together on campaigns, tours, party management issues, disciplinary matters, Party conferences and events.

Jennie began her career with the Conservative Party in 2006 as Party Information Officer and Press Office Manager before moving on to a role as Late Duty Press Officer, until she was asked to join the Chairman’s Office in 2007. She currently works for the Rt Hon Baroness Warsi of Dewsbury, the first female Muslim Cabinet member and first Muslim Chairman of the Conservative Party, and has also worked for both the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP and the Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP during their time as Chairman.

Jennie applied to Leicester following an Open Day visit with her family, where the warmth of the staff combined with the University’s consistent top 20 UK ranking, made it her choice of place to study. “I genuinely feel that studying politics, especially with a historical slant has helped me to understand current affairs and why Government is how it is today.”

Jennie is pleased to share her fond memories of her time at the University: “I met friends for life and received a first-class education to boot. I couldn’t recommend Leicester more highly.” In looking to the future, Jennie has ambitions to enter the House of Commons: “I’ve sat on the Terrace many a time, so now it’s just winning a Parliamentary seat that I need to work on!”

Adriene Katz  
MA Museum Studies, 2011

Adriene is an Education Intern at the Park City Museum, Utah, USA. Her role involves maintaining the donor file and assisting with correspondence to museum supporters. She also conducts research in the museum’s archives and writes object-focused articles for the local paper, the ‘Park Record’.

She feels her experience studying Museum Studies helped with her current career: “The course introduced me to all departments and functions of a museum. Having an awareness of different tasks not only prepares me for working with colleagues, but it is also helping me discover what kind of future professional role I would like to take up in the sector.”

Adriene’s ambitions include moving into a development and fundraising role and also being involved in curatorial research and exhibit design: “I have interdisciplinary interests in science, art and international studies. Ultimately, I want to work at a university museum.”
Kripa Vijay Anand Thiruchi Loganathan  
MSc Advanced Computer Science, 2010

Kripa is a Technology Analyst for Avanade, a multinational software consultancy which began as a joint venture between Accenture and Microsoft. It is his second role since leaving the University, having previously gained a placement at Vigence, a business and technology consultancy based in Mansfield, which he found through the Careers Service at the University.

“Being an international student, I was totally unaware of what was available when I joined the University. I started developing my network, joining student communities in the Students’ Union. I approached the Careers Service for help with my career development, building a professional CV and strengthening my employability.

“Living abroad gave me independence and experience to take on challenges, take critical decisions, live life the way I wanted and learn from my mistakes. It helped me to compete in a challenging environment for a professional career and enabled me to gain an internationally renowned Master’s degree.”

Emma Angell  
BSc Physics with Space Science, 1995

Emma is currently working at the University as a Research Associate, whilst studying for a PhD in Health Sciences. Emma’s PhD focuses on the challenges of implementing responsiveness in primary care.

After obtaining her BSc in 1995, Emma worked in London for the ‘Aids Journal’ before returning to Leicester where she took up a variety of roles, mostly within the NHS, including a stint in the University’s Medical Physics group, where she gained an MPhil. Emma followed this with an MSc in Health Science Research.

She remains excited about her future career opportunities: “I’m not sure yet what I’ll do once I’ve finished my degree, I’m leaving my options open. I may seek funding for a research fellowship or possibly a lectureship, if one is available locally.”

Emma’s advice for anyone considering studying at Leicester would be to “be yourself; there is no typical postgraduate student – value the diversity.”

Tim Burfoot  
BA Combined Arts, 1979

Tim is Director of his own company where he is an Interim Programme Director. He works with a range of different organisations to help them implement major change programmes that affect both their IT systems and business processes.

In 2004, after spending 15 years in industry specialising in marketing and multi-channel distribution and seven years in business consulting, Tim took the decision to work independently to allow him to support a wider range of organisations.

Tim chose Leicester because it allowed him to study Music and English combined, as well as being aware of the University’s good reputation for English: “The strength of the English Department was an important factor and a teacher who had studied at Leicester gave it a strong recommendation.”

Tim feels that his university experience has helped to shape his life and career: “It certainly helped me develop critical analytical and interpretation skills that have been invaluable throughout my career. Looking back, the opportunity to study a range of subjects and get involved in a lot of things helped in shaping my resistance to being pigeon-holed.”
Giving from the Heart

Alumni and friends across the UK and local community groups have helped to raise more than £3 million to support the work of the University.

The University has long recognised the importance of the committed support it receives from alumni, friends and local community groups. Indeed it was a leading supporter, Dr Astley Clarke, and fellow doctor Frederick Bennett and other friends, who first established a fund in 1918 for the endowment of a University College, later to become the University of Leicester.

This philanthropic tradition continues today during the most challenging economic times for Higher Education in the last fifty years. The Development Team has worked closely with a growing number of alumni and supporters who have shown their interest in backing those University projects that mean the most to them. Individuals, groups and companies have enthusiastically supported a wide variety of projects in 2010-11 including an appeal for a new £12.6m Cardiovascular Research Centre (CRC), groundbreaking new Kidney Transplant and Renal Research, scholarships to attract the very best postgraduate students and Endowment Funds to support both the Arts and Sciences.

The generosity shown by individuals, groups and Foundations has helped to raise over £3m in new philanthropic funds to support world-leading research and enable breakthroughs that will benefit communities across the UK well into the future.

Many people have also given selflessly of their time and advice as members of the University’s Development Board, in planning and organising fundraising activity. Dr Robin Graham-Brown, Chairman of the Board and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University, recognises their contribution: “Board members like Michael Turnbull and Vijay Sharma are passionate about the cause and have strong links with local and national groups and businesses, which has been essential in raising awareness and significant funds in support of the University’s ambitious plans.”

One high profile project that continues to be the focus of the Board’s work is the £4m CRC Appeal. The CRC will deliver a step change in cardiovascular research capacity that will not only help to improve the health and life expectancy of patients and the public in Leicestershire and Rutland but also across the UK and ultimately worldwide. Well-known national charitable trust, The Wolfson Foundation helped lead the way with a very generous gift of £400,000 and the appeal has since been backed by major pledges from other groups including the Masonic Charities, Lions and Rotary Clubs and the Heartsearch charity. The public campaign to raise the final £1m to fund specialist equipment at the Centre was launched at the Highcross shopping centre in Leicester in August with the unveiling of the Stranded Heart sculpture donated to the project by a committed Leicester supporter.

Highcross has also donated £2,000 to the appeal and will host a series of fundraising events which began with a successful shoppers’ collection by Leicester students that raised a record £1,500. Parents of current students have raised a magnificent £20,000 and alumni raised a further £4,000 at the recent black tie dinner in London.

Leading members of the Asian community have also been greatly involved in supporting the appeal with notable support from the Shree Lohana Mahajan, the Shree Sanatan Mandir and collections during the Vaisakhi celebrations by leading Gurdwaras across the city. Over £40,000 was raised at a business dinner and the Heartbeat Fundraising Ball, sponsored by Star Plus, is planned for 29th March 2012 at Athena in Leicester.
CRC appeal launch (clockwise from top left): leading clinicians, donors and supporters at the Highcross shopping centre; dancers from Beauchamp College raise £1,300; Professor Nilesh Samani and Development Board member Michael Turnbull unveil Stranded Heart; President of the Shree Lohana Mahajan, Mr H Chandarana, presents a cheque for £10,501 to Steve O’Connor and Development Board member Vijay Sharma.

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