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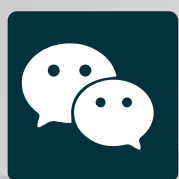
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YOUR VICE-CHANCELLOR

It's been a fantastic year for Salford, and I was delighted to see that in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List, an impressive 14 people recognised are Salford alumni. From the Head of Government Finance at the Treasury, to Chief Executives at global companies, to playwrights and entrepreneurs – all honoured at the highest level, and all Salford alumni.

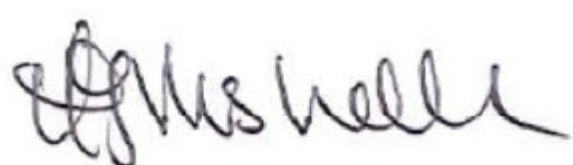
The University itself is also feeling unstoppable. We have risen in every recent league table, by as much as a staggering 19 places – and we are ranked by the Times Higher Education as one of the top 200 most international universities.

My job as Vice-Chancellor is to look to the future, and I'm inspired by our recently launched Campus Masterplan, developed in partnership with Salford City Council. It's an ambitious plan that will see over £800m invested to transform a whole region of the city, including £300m of investment by the University to continue our campus transformation.

This near £1b investment will unlock the unique potential of the area, in and around the

campus, linking the University seamlessly with local industry, as well as cultural schemes and public services – the developments will create a city hub that drives the regional economy and delivers internationally excellent research through world-class facilities and expertise.

There are exciting times ahead for Salford, both for our University community and our wider city. It is indeed our time.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H Marshall', written in a cursive style.

**Best wishes,
Professor Helen Marshall, Vice-Chancellor**



FROM YOUR ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

Welcome to the latest edition of 'From Salford', your annual alumni magazine. This edition comes at an exciting time for the University as we unveil our Campus Masterplan – a unique opportunity for the University to work alongside our local community to transform the area in which we live, work and study.

We also celebrate the many achievements of our alumni and honorary graduates, and we take a look at the opportunities for volunteering at Salford – and the difference it makes to individuals and to future careers.

This year's cover features Salford alumnus, Jason Manford. It was at a comedy show where Jason met fellow Salford alumnus, Peter Kay – a meeting which sparked his interest to study Media and Performance. This was the start of a stellar career spanning stage, writing, tv and radio presenting – you can read more on **page 27**.

We also took advantage of the glorious weather this summer and held an afternoon tea for alumni and families, including a tour of our

latest facilities – this is an annual event, and you can also contact our Alumni Engagement & Development team to arrange a visit and a trip down memory lane at any time.

So, remember to keep your contact details up to date and stay in touch.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gareth". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'G' being particularly large and stylized.

**Gareth Pettit, Alumni Engagement
Manager**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST YEAR AT SALFORD



BRITISH UNIVERSITY OF BAHRAIN OPENS ITS DOORS

A partnership between the University of Salford and the British University of Bahrain will see a new university open its doors in the Gulf state later this year – solidifying Salford’s position as a truly international university.

British University Bahrain (BUB) will deliver a range of undergraduate degree courses in Engineering, the Built Environment, Computer Science and Business – with the first students set to arrive on campus in September 2018.

“THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN BAHRAIN AND THE MIDDLE EAST THE BENEFIT OF A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD CAN PROVIDE.”

**PROFESSOR HELEN MARSHALL,
VICE-CHANCELLOR**



PETER KAY AND SIAN GIBSON HOP IN THE CAR TO OPEN NEW FLAGSHIP ARTS BUILDING

The Car Share comedians were given a rapturous reception when they returned to the University of Salford to open our £55m New Adelphi building – which includes everything from professional quality theatre space, to a band room large enough to record an orchestra.

Both former students of the University's Performance and Media course, Peter Kay told the audience:

“I don't think I would have gone into stand-up if I hadn't gone to Salford. They did a stand-up course in my second year. That gave me 10 minutes of material that I then entered the North West Comedian of The Year with, and won – I wouldn't have had that but for Salford.”

CHRISTOPHER ECCLESTON VISITS MEDIACITYUK CAMPUS TO LEAD DEBATE ON DEMENTIA AND THE MEDIA

Salford-born actor Christopher Eccleston recently visited our MediaCityUK campus to lead a debate about how dementia is portrayed in the media, in everything from soap operas to news articles.

The actor, who has spoken about how his father Ronnie lived with Alzheimer's before his death in 2012, previously opened the Salford Institute for Dementia hub at the University's Allerton building – providing an outreach centre for the public to access the latest research and ideas about living well with dementia.

Speaking about the debate, Chris said: “The way dementia is presented on TV and in the news has a huge effect on people's perception, and so it's vitally important that we have this debate and encourage people in the media to get it right.”

LORD KEITH BRADLEY APPOINTED AS NEW CHAIR OF COUNCIL

The University of Salford is delighted to announce that front bench politician and health reformer, Lord Keith Bradley, has been appointed as Chair of Council. The Council is our governing body and plays a key role in the management of the University.

£50,000 LEGACY WILL HELP FASHION STUDENTS

Barbara Baldwin, who taught at Salford in the '70s and '80s, has left the generous gift in her will to help students on the University's Fashion Design programme. Read more on **page 63**.

MASTERPLAN WILL TRANSFORM SALFORD'S A6 CORRIDOR AND BEYOND

A masterplan to create a new city district, situated between Greater Manchester's Central Business District and MediaCityUK, has been agreed between the University and Salford City Council. Find out more on **page 18**.



NEW PROGRAMME DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT PROSTHETISTS AND ORTHOTISTS

The University of Salford has helped develop a new e-learning programme to enhance our ability to support prosthetic and orthotic practitioners who educate and mentor students and newly qualified colleagues.

SALFORD RISES 19 PLACES IN COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE

The University of Salford has climbed a tremendous 19 places in the recently published Complete University Guide – ranking Salford as 79th of 131 universities. This is our highest league table position since 2014.



NATIONAL CHARITIES VISIT SALFORD DURING DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK

Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, and leaders from charities: Alzheimer's Society, Alzheimer's Research UK, and Dementia UK, recently visited the University of Salford's dementia hub during Dementia Action Week.

NEW DEGREES TO PREPARE UK FOR 'DRIVERLESS REVOLUTION'

The University of Salford has launched new undergraduate and master's courses to prepare engineers for the revolution in driverless and electric vehicles. The Salford courses are thought to be the first in Europe to train engineers for the trio of new generation technologies – electric, hybrid and driverless vehicles.

MCLAREN CEO AND ALUMNUS, MIKE FLEWITT, DELIVERS INSPIRING PUBLIC LECTURE

Salford alumnus, and Chief Operating Officer at McLaren Automotive, Mike Flewitt, recently returned to the University of Salford to deliver a lecture entitled 'Driving change: Challenge and Opportunities in the Automotive Industry'.

COUNCIL APPROVES UNIFICATION OF SALFORD'S HEALTH SCHOOLS

Council recently approved the recommendation that we create a single school for all health and related academic disciplines. The unification of the existing schools provides an opportunity to align our academic provision with the DevoManc agenda for health.

WE UNVEIL SALFORD'S CAMPUS MASTERPLAN

We have been working closely with Salford City Council to deliver an aspirational vision for the next two decades, which will tap into our area's unique potential to deliver a place to learn, live, work and visit.

Our joint approach will link our University campus with local industry, culture and residential to create a city district that enhances and connects with surrounding neighbourhoods and communities and helps drive the economy locally and regionally.

The Masterplan provides an ambitious framework for the University's continued growth and includes a radical overhaul of the University estate and consolidation onto the Peel Park and Frederick Road campuses.

A SMART DIGITAL CAMPUS

There'll be a shift in focus towards a virtual learning environment, and this will be reflected in the types of research and teaching space we need.

With the ambition for Salford to become a truly smart district that meets the needs of a community of the digital age, Salford Business School will transform to become an innovative Digital Commons Building, providing a focus for digital exploration, research and learning.

INDUSTRY READY

One of the first new buildings to be completed on campus will be the new School of Computing Science and Engineering, which will provide new state-of-the-art collaborative workshop and laboratory space. The relocation of the school will allow the demolition of the Newton Building, and for a new cluster of buildings, including a new School of the Built Environment.

Our current Frederick Road campus will have a new identity as a Biomedical Health village; a pedestrian-friendly space for health, sports science and wellbeing.

PUBLIC REALM

Salford is proud of its local distinctiveness and the Campus Masterplan builds on this. Working closely with Salford City Council, developers and arts organisations, we plan to develop our cultural offering by creating a key cultural destination which could incorporate cafés, restaurants, galleries and even a hotel.

We will also look to restore Maxwell Hall to its former glory as a world-renowned music venue.

A GREEN CAMPUS FOR ALL

We will look for opportunities for new green spaces to help promote learning, wellbeing and healthy lifestyles. Green initiatives will include planting an extra 1,000 trees along the A6 and around campus.

IMPROVED TRANSPORT NETWORKS

The Masterplan is keen to make positive changes to the transport connections here at Salford, and key initiatives will focus on local traffic calming, improved bus and rail services, and reducing internal car circulation to promote a more pedestrian-friendly campus – as well

as promoting greater levels of cycling in and around the University.

You can find out more about our Campus Masterplan by visiting our website:

www.salford.ac.uk/campus-masterplan



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



Sam Bartram and her mentee Maureen Mboche

There are many ways to get involved and volunteer at Salford, and it could help you to learn new skills, spark a new interest – or help someone on their career path towards fantastic things.

Here's what some current Salford volunteers have to say about their experiences...

SAM BARTRAM GRADUATED IN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING IN 1997.

Now a Design Engineer and owner of SJB Design Services Ltd, Sam started volunteering for the University when she became a mentor to Maureen, a second year student studying Aviation Technology with Pilot studies as part of Salford's Industry Advice Scheme. The Industry Advice Scheme sees alumni mentor a current student across a ten-month period.

During that period, Sam helped Maureen secure a summer work placement, which led to Maureen being offered a dream full time graduate position.

Sam told us: "My favourite thing about being a mentor was my mentee Maureen's drive to find the answers together. We have kept in touch – she's doing great things working on live aircraft on fully approved avionics modifications for aircraft. The Industry Advice Scheme was wonderful to be part of – the experience was most rewarding time for me."

Since then, we have been delighted that Sam has continued to be a regular volunteer at the University, getting involved in a wide variety of different events and activities across the University. As she put it;

“I LOVED BEING A STUDENT HERE AT SALFORD UNIVERSITY AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO UTILISE A LITTLE SPARE TIME THAN TO COME BACK AND HELP TO INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO INDUSTRY.”

BRADLEY HARRIS IS A SOCIAL MEDIA PRODUCER AT THE BBC AND A FREELANCE JOURNALIST.

Bradley has continued to support the University since graduating in 2016, getting involved in everything from presenting an award

at the School of Arts and Media Awards, to speaking to prospective students at our Open Days.



We asked Bradley more about why he decided to volunteer, he told us: “One of the main things is that I simply love the University, there’s something about going back to where it all began. And at the same time, it’s great, now working in the industry, to be able to give some advice, to pass the baton down to the students that are starting out at Salford.”

“I can remember when I was in the first-year, and a former student told me they studied Broadcast Journalism and now work at BBC News as a producer – hearing those experiences of what they’re doing and thinking if they can do it, so can I. It’s inspiring!”

INSPIRED TO GET INVOLVED

If Sam and Bradley's stories have motivated you to find out how you can help, register your volunteer interests via our alumni profile form at **salford.ac.uk/alumni** or email us at **alumni@salford.ac.uk**. Throughout the year, we have a wide range of activities and projects which need alumni support. Come and inspire the next generation of Salford students!

This year, we are doing a particularly special volunteer call out to recent graduates. At Salford we are dedicated to ensuring students from all walks of life have access to education. Traditionally, students from lower socio-economic groups find it more difficult to enter and succeed in University and we need alumni from similar background to act as role models. If you would like to get involved just let us know.

OUR JASON





JASON MANFORD IS A STAND-UP COMEDIAN, WRITER, ACTOR, RADIO AND TELEVISION PRESENTER – AND A SALFORD MEDIA AND PERFORMANCE ALUMNUS. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AT 17 WHILE WORKING COLLECTING GLASSES AT THE BUZZ COMEDY CLUB IN CHORLTON, MANCHESTER – WHEN A PERFORMER DIDN'T ARRIVE FOR AN EVENING SET, JASON STEPPED IN...

Jason had thought that university wasn't for him, but it was a meeting with a friend – fellow comedian and fellow Salford alumnus, Peter Kay – that made him consider studying Media and Performance at Salford.

Jason said: “I met Peter on the comedy circuit. Obviously he was the big headliner and I was the support, in fact not even that, an open spot really at a comedy club in Fallowfield. We got chatting and became pals and he asked about university and I said ‘I think I’m just going to leave it, I maybe just need to get a job and crack on’. He said it might be worth looking into the HND at Salford as you could audition to get a place – so that’s how I got there really!”

“The course was great, and we did everything from singing and dancing to feminism in performance. But the other thing I learned was that even when we were making projects such as a film, I wasn’t always in it as an actor – I would often do things like camera, lights and sound. So, when I come to a studio now, I do have an idea of what’s going on and you also have a bit of empathy with the people doing those jobs.”

It was also a chance opportunity that began Jason’s career in 1999. While working at the

Buzz Comedy Club in Chorlton, Manchester, Jason was collecting glasses when a performer failed to arrive for an evening set. Jason, who was then 17, stepped in to fill the gap, an event which marked the beginning of his comedy career. Just six gigs later he was crowned The City Life North West Comedian of the Year.

After winning several smaller awards, Jason went on to be nominated for the Perrier Award in Edinburgh in 2005 for his show Urban Legends. He later shot to stardom as team captain on Channel 4's, 8 out of 10 Cats.

Having become a household name, what professional achievement would Jason say he most proud of? "Certainly playing the Royal Variety in Salford. That was pretty special, with the royal family coming up and seeing our city... that was great."

Jason is still a regular visitor to Salford, and often comes to the university to speak to comedy students – he also recently did a gig on campus – but after such a stellar career, what advice would he give to Salford graduates wanting to follow a similar path into comedy? "For me, it wasn't about saying 'one day I will host the Royal Variety' or 'one day I'll have my own show' –

I broke it down and I just remember thinking that if I could get a weekend at the Frog and Bucket I would be happy. If I could get a gig at the Comedy Store that would make my life... if I could get a few gigs in London that would just be amazing. I just feel like those were more manageable.”

“That’s the thing I often say to people. Absolutely have ambition but break it down into manageable chunks. The other thing I would say is don’t compare yourself to other people – everyone’s on their own path!”

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD IS PROUD OF ALL ITS GRADUATES, AND EACH YEAR OUR ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROVIDE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNISE SOME OF THE DIVERSE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ALUMNI NETWORK. NOMINATIONS ARE SOUGHT FROM STAFF, STUDENTS AND OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY AND SHORTLISTED BY A SPECIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE. WINNERS ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARD AT OUR ALUMNI CELEBRATION EVENT HELD IN DECEMBER.



FOLUKE MICHAEL

MSC PROJECT MANAGEMENT, 2016

Foluke Michael enrolled for a postgraduate degree at Salford to support her goal of inspiring a young generation to lead change in Nigeria. Following graduation, Foluke founded the 'Creative Youth Initiative Against Corruption' (CYIAC) and launched a young person's creative writing contest – the entrants submitted either a poem, story, project idea or essay on the theme of 'My New Nigeria free from Corruption'. Over 200 pupils entered the contest, and the finalists' creative ideas were later included in an animated movie shown

at an event to celebrate International Anti Corruption Day, hosted by the Vice President of Nigeria. Since then, Foluke has received a UN Sustainable Development Goals award for the work of CYIAC and attended the UN Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development as Nigeria's representative. In addition to her work through CYIAC, this year Foluke founded the InnoCreativa Youth Hub, to support innovative young entrepreneurs.

NEIL RICKETTS

BENG ENGINEERING, 1993

Neil is Chief Executive of advanced engineering materials group, Versarien – a company which harnesses proprietary materials technology to create innovative engineering solutions. Their clients span a wide variety of industry sectors from technology to aerospace and they recently confirmed they'll be working with Team Sky to explore the uses of graphene in high performance cycling equipment

Neil started the business in 2010 during the recession, with just three people working from a garage – only one year later Versarien was floated on the London Stock Exchange's Alternative Investment Market and were taking

on heavy weight clients including Formula 1 teams and leading computer manufactures.

Since then, Versarien has gone from strength to strength and Neil was recently selected as one of a small number of business leaders to join Prime Minister, Theresa May, on a three-day trade visit to China.

JASON MANFORD

BA MEDIA & PERFORMANCE, 2004

Jason Manford is a stand-up comedian, writer, actor, radio and television presenter.

Jason was awarded the Perrier Award in Edinburgh in 2005, and since has gone on to become a household name with his theatre, television and radio performances. He cites his most proud professional achievement as having performed for the royal family at the Royal Variety in Salford in 2009.

He is nominated for an Alumni Achievement Award following a stellar 20 years in show business and exceptional contribution to society through many charity efforts.

We recently caught up with Jason. You can read our interview with him on **page 27**.

QAISRA SHAHRAZ

MA TELEVISION AND RADIO SCRIPTWRITING, 2001

Qaisra is a British Pakistani prize-winning and critically acclaimed novelist, scriptwriter, educationalist and peace and gender activist. In 2016, she was awarded the prestigious ‘National Diversity: Lifetime Achiever’ award for services to literature, education, gender and interfaith relationships.

Qaisra works to promote community cohesion through her roles as the Co-Chair of Faith Network 4 Manchester, We Stand Together, and as a trustee of Manchester’s Multi-Faith Centre. She has recently founded the Muslim Arts and Culture Festival, which will launch in 2018 as a celebration of the rich and diverse heritage of the Muslim diaspora.

KAREN DAWBER

DIPLOMA IN NURSING: PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, 1994

Karen has been a Director of Nursing for over ten years, and while in post at Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Karen was pivotal in

developing the hospital's dementia ward.

Karen was the first person to design and create a knitted 'twiddle muff' – a hand muff designed to provide distraction for patients with dementia, adorned with buttons and cloth to hold and twiddle.

Twiddle muffs are expensive to purchase and therefore were not a viable option for many patients. Following Karen's lead, there are now groups of dedicated volunteer knitters up and down the country, all knitting twiddle muffs for their local hospitals making them more accessible for dementia patients.

Karen is now Chief Nurse at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and was named in the inaugural list of the Health Service Journal's 'Role Models' list, for her work in promoting the profile of LGBT staff in the NHS.

BRENDAN RENDALL

BA FASHION, 2004

Brendan has dedicated the last ten years to making a difference to thousands of vulnerable children in Malawi, by taking part in numerous endurance challenges to raise funds for vital educational projects. Brendan has raised over

£50,000 with his past challenges – running both the length of Malawi and the length of Britain – crucially this donation realised the completion of an educational art and science block for ‘Friends of Mulanje’, an organisation which supports the education of orphans in South Malawi.

This year, Brendan has taken on the challenge of running the 4,000km across Africa – from the coast of Namibia to the coast of Mozambique through Zambia and Malawi fundraising to build school accommodation to support 3,500 orphans.



RISING STARS



These awards are presented to recent graduates to celebrate our upcoming alumni talent.



KARL FALCONER **BA TELEVISION & RADIO, 2012**

Karl founded his company, PurpleCoat Productions, during his time at Salford. As the first person in his family to go to university, he began the company with no financial support and has since raised it to be hailed as 'one of

the UK's fastest rising ensembles', including collaborations with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre and the Young Vic.

In 2014, the company opened a Young Actors Arm, to support young people from disadvantaged backgrounds; the company has helped over 200 young people to gain places at some of the UK's top drama schools and gain work in the West End.

YASMIN EVANS

BA TELEVISION & RADIO, 2012

Since volunteering on community radio in Manchester while studying at Salford, Yasmin has already developed a successful career as a television and radio presenter, with a daily show on BBC Radio 1Xtra. Yasmin says she is passionate about inspiring young people to follow their dreams, and in 2017 held workshops at the University of Salford, with her radio show at BBC 1xtra.

She is a keen supporter of charity causes and recently visited Uganda for Comic Relief, helping to build new shelters for those living in poverty.



SALFORD ALUMNI ANNUAL CELEBRATION

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to the New Adelphi building for our annual alumni celebrations in December. This year's event was particularly special as it marked the culmination of 12 months of celebrations in honour of the University's 50th anniversary.

Each year we honour the outstanding achievements of our alumni, and in recognition of the excellence they have achieved in their chosen field. This year we awarded: Oscar

winning animator Fonzo Romano, Nobel Peace Prize winner Sukumar Devotta, and Professor Adrian Hobbs CBE – whose pioneering research helped lead to the mandatory wearing of seatbelts in the UK.



**Alumni Achievement Award winner
Sukumar Devotta and his family**

SALFORD ALUMNI SUMMER REUNION

This year's reunion saw our alumni come together for a trip down memory lane, and a chance to bring the family to see their former university. The reunion, held on Saturday 23rd June, took advantage of a fantastic summer's day with an afternoon tea for all.

Attendees had a great day with much family fun, and the reunited gang was also treated to a campus tour to see some of the latest developments and equipment at Salford – including the University’s Strength and Conditioning Suite and Science Laboratories.

If you didn’t attend the reunion but would like to organise a visit with your old university friends, get in touch with the Alumni Engagement & Development team.





Fay Selvan, Andy Burnham, Phil Brown and Paul Dennett discuss homelessness

EXPLORING HOMELESSNESS WITH OUR ANNUAL ALUMNI LECTURE

In April we were delighted to welcome Salford alumna, Fay Selvan, to deliver this year's Annual Alumni Lecture. Fay is Chief Executive of the Big Life Group and Big Issue North.

Fay was also joined by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, and the Mayor of Salford, Paul Dennett.

The group discussed the issue of homelessness and the latest statistics which confirm the number of people sleeping rough in England has reached a record high – it is estimated that over 4,750 people are now sleeping on the streets.

Fay established The Big Life Group in 2002, to offer opportunities to people who have the least – helping them to get to where they want to be.

Dr Samantha Newbery gives our Annual London Lecture



OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTER-TERRORISM

Our annual London Alumni Lecture took place this May at the Churchill War Rooms.

Through her lecture, ‘The Challenges of Counter-Terrorism: Policing, Intelligence, Soldiers and Legislation’, Dr Samantha Newbery discussed the UK’s approach to counter-terrorism.

Dr Newbury highlighted that although the UK’s experience of counter-terrorism is evident in its many successes - such as the considerable prevention of terrorist groups from recruiting new members – that there are still many opportunities for improvement.

Dr Samantha Newbury is part of Salford’s Politics and Contemporary History Subject Group, where she runs an online master’s in Terrorism and Security.

LONDON NETWORKING AND SOCIAL EVENT

Hosted at the historic Marquis Cornwallis pub in London, we took the opportunity to meet our fantastic alumni in a more informal setting for our first ever solely social and networking event. Attendees heard about the latest developments from Salford University, as well as networked with current students, staff and fellow alumni.



If you would like to join us at one of our alumni events visit

www.salford.ac.uk/alumni/keep-in-touch/events to find out more.

Our next alumni event is the Annual Alumni Celebration on 13th December. Keep an eye on your emails for your invitation and we look forward to seeing you there.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE NHS



The National Health Service turned 70 on 5 July 2018. As one of the UK's largest providers of allied health education the NHS has a special place in the hearts of our Salford community.

We take the time to recognise some of our Salford alumni who have gone on to join one of the nation's most beloved institutions.



TARA MCGINLEY



Tara McGinley, who graduated from Salford in 2008 with an MSc Advanced Practice (Health and Social care), has been given the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse by community nursing charity, The Queen's Nursing Institute.

Tara received the honour from Call the Midwife star, Stephen McGann, at a ceremony in London. The title indicates a commitment to high standards of patient care, learning and leadership.

CRAIG PRIESTLEY

Salford alumnus Craig Priestley was recently shortlisted in the Rising Star category of the Nursing Times Awards 2017.

The Rising Star category recognises someone who demonstrates exceptional qualities that embody the best nursing and leadership skills.

Speaking of the nomination, Craig who is 27 and works as a Clinical Lead Nurse said: “I don’t go to work to win awards.

It is a privilege to be part of someone’s life and someone’s care. It really is a privilege to be a nurse, so to be nominated for a national award at such a young age does make me proud.”

LAURA PLATT

Laura graduated from Salford in 2016 having studied Integrated Practice Learning Disabilities, Nursing and Social Work. She now works as a Primary Healthcare Facilitator.

She said: “It’s a varied and exciting role which I have been able to help shape as it was a new initiative. My main role is to increase the number of people with a learning disability going for their annual health check to 75% by 2020, in line with NHS England’s targets.”

FELICITY CARROLL

Felicity recently graduated from Salford in prosthetics and orthotics and is about to start work at the Queen Mary hospital in Roehampton. She has also been chosen as an ambassador for a Nursing and Allied Health Profession recruitment campaign.

The campaign, spearheaded by Health Education England, aims to encourage more students to study for degrees in nursing and the allied health professions.

SALFORD STUDY TO UNDERSTAND BODY LANGUAGE OF DOGS



PERSPECTIVES

**THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH
ACTIVITY REFLECTS
OUR COMMITMENT TO
LEADING KNOWLEDGE AND
UNDERSTANDING IN AREAS
WHICH IMPACT US ALL.**

Salford biologists have discovered that dogs are giving their owners almost as many commands as they receive in return. Research conducted at the University's School of Environment & Life Sciences, has found that dogs use 19 signals to communicate instructions that they wish their human owners to carry out.

PhD researcher, Hannah Worsley, who designed the study along with Dr Sean O'Hara, explained: "Most research has tended to ask questions about a dog's ability to understand humans, so we decided to look at it the other way around."

Owners were asked to film their dogs on mobile phones in everyday situations, and the researchers analysed more than 1,000 clips based on four standard dog requests – 'give me food/drink', 'open the door', 'fetch my toy/bone' and 'scratch me'.

The 19 gestures observed included the roll over, back leg up, paw reach, front paw on, crawl under and hind leg stand. The most common was the head turn or 'gaze alternation', recorded 381 times and used to achieve all four objectives. However, the research team did find that some gestures were more ambiguous, such as the use of the nose which could mean any of the four canine requests.

The study also found that the number of people who live with the dog, and the length of time the dog has lived with those owners, are both factors which influence the dog's repertoire of gestures.

Researcher, Hannah Worsley, explained: "We see how dogs with a larger number of people to communicate with possess a greater number of gestures to call upon since, they have had more opportunities to learn. This implies that dogs are very much aware that they can't just make a gesture, they also need to ensure that gesture is understood by the recipient, and if necessary make it easier or clearer for the message recipient."

She adds: "What is clear is that after 30,000 years of cohabitation, dogs and their human companions have become skilled at identifying and understanding each other's referential cues. Perhaps another reason why 'man and dog' seems to be such a satisfying relationship."

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Aziz is a guitarist and singer / songwriter who has worked with internationally acclaimed bands and artists including The Stone Roses and Paul Weller.



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For two decades, Claire has worked with both public and private sector businesses and was recently awarded the Deloitte North West Europe Impact Award.



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Alumnus Darrin is an entrepreneur, angel investor and enterprise champion who was recently awarded an OBE for his services to business and enterprise.



DAVE MOUTREY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HOME

Dave conceived and led the project to create HOME in Manchester. He is a fellow of the RSA, an advisor to the British Council, and holds several nonexecutive roles on not-for-profit boards.



DIANA KENNEDY BP

Salford graduate Diana is an ambassador for STEM and promoting career opportunities for girls in science and engineering. She was awarded the prestigious Everywoman Leader of the Year Award in 2014.



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Alumnus Javed grew up on the backstreets of inner city Birmingham. Following a teaching career, he is now Chief Executive of the UK's largest children's charity, Barnardo's.



PETER HOOK MUSICIAN

Salford born Peter was a member of New Order and Joy Division. He is a great supporter of the city and an active supporter of Salford Lads Club and Salford Arts Theatre.



TONY WALSH

POET AND EDUCATOR

Tony's poem This is the Place was adopted as an anthem of love and civic pride following the 2017 Manchester terror attack. His work has been commissioned by the Guardian and the BBC.



WENDY TAN WHITE MBE

PARTNER, BGF VENTURES

Wendy is a trustee of the Alan Turing Institute, member of the UK Digital Economy Council, and in 2016 she was awarded an MBE for services to business and technology.

LEAVING A LEGACY



FASHION STUDENTS HAVE A STYLISH FUTURE, THANKS TO THE BARBARA BALDWIN FUND.

A former fashion lecturer has left a £50,000 gift in her will to help University of Salford students in their careers as clothing designers. Barbara Baldwin, who taught at Salford in the '70s and '80s, left the money in her will to support the University's Fashion Design programme.

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The Barbara Baldwin Fund will enable students to apply for financial support - helping with projects such as international placements, or visits to fashion houses in Japan, China and the US.

Barbara taught the Fashion Design HND in the former Salford College of Technology, before a fashion degree programme became part of the University.

Nigel Howe, Associate Dean of the University of Salford's School of Arts and Media, worked with Barbara and said: "I remember her as an energetic woman who was absolutely passionate about what she did, who knew her subject inside out and who loved her students. As this legacy shows, she was completely committed to Salford and adored the place."

If you would like more information about donating to the University by leaving a gift in your will please contact Claire Green

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YOUR UPDATES

We're always delighted to receive updates from alumni to tell us about their weddings and new arrivals. We also take the time to remember those who are no longer with us.

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Hitched

Congratulations to all our alumni who are recently engaged or married.



Alok Venkatesh, MSc Data Telecommunication Networks 2014, will marry his fiancé Nekita in Bangalore in October this year.



Joanne Booth, BSc Geography 1998, married her husband Paul in New York City in September 2017.



BABY BOOM

We are delighted to share in the joy of our alumni who are celebrating the patter of tiny feet.

David Wickenden, BSc Electronics 1986, and his wife Terezie welcomed their baby daughter Isabella in July last year. They recently married in August in Terezie's home city of Prague.

Muhammad Awais, BSc Computer Science & Information Systems 2010, and his wife welcomed their beautiful baby boy last year.

In Memoriam

Here we remember and celebrate the lives of our alumni and friends of the University who have recently passed away.



PAUL LONGSHAW

BSc Housing Studies, 2001

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Paul Longshaw, a valued member of our alumni community whose continued involvement with the University impacted the lives of so many people in our community. As an officer at Salford City Council, Paul worked alongside the University on the £650m regeneration of Salford's Pendleton area. The project aimed to

modernise 1,250 homes and build 1,600 new ones; ensure 40% of waste is recycled; create a 2.7km infrastructure of paths and cycle routes, as well as create 500 jobs and 2,000 work experience opportunities.

At this year's Graduation Paul's achievements were recognised through the presentation of a posthumous Alumni Achievement Award which was collected by his family.

ALEX SILVER

BSc Modern Languages & Marketing Studies, 1999

TIMOTHY DICKINSON

BSc Electrical Engineering Science, 1975

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BSc Information Technology with Language Training, 1998

PAUL TEATHER

BSc General Science, 1968



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