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Over the past year, we have welcomed many new members to the team to take a lead on engaging with our recent graduates and international networks, managing our volunteering programme and developing our fundraising appeals. In my new role as Head of Alumni

Engagement, it has also been a great honour to take the helm as editor of your *Alumni* magazine.

The theme of this year's magazine is 'facing global challenges' - from alumna Professor Louise Kenny (MBChB Hons 1993) who is leading on the University's commitment to improving the health of people in the Liverpool region and beyond, to our research and impact in the areas of climate change and sustainability.

Read on to hear about the winners of our inaugural Alumni Awards, which recognise the many and varied achievements of our alumni community. Nominations for this year's awards are now open; turn to page 16 to learn more.

On page 10 you can learn more about the developments taking place on the Liverpool campus as part of the University's investment in its estate and commitment to sustainability. If you have not been back to campus for a while, now is the perfect time to do so!

Thank you from all of us in the Development and Alumni Relations team for your continuing support.

With best wishes,

Caroline Mitchell
Head of Alumni Engagement

P.S. To make sure that you are getting the most out of your alumni network, update your contact details and email preferences online at: liverpool.ac.uk/alumni/update or email us via: alumni@liverpool.ac.uk.

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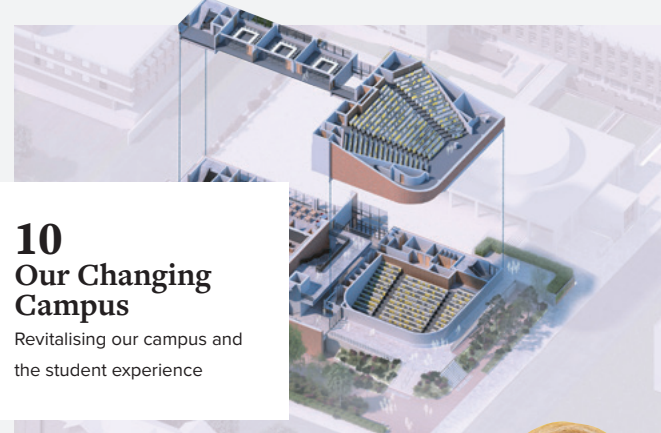
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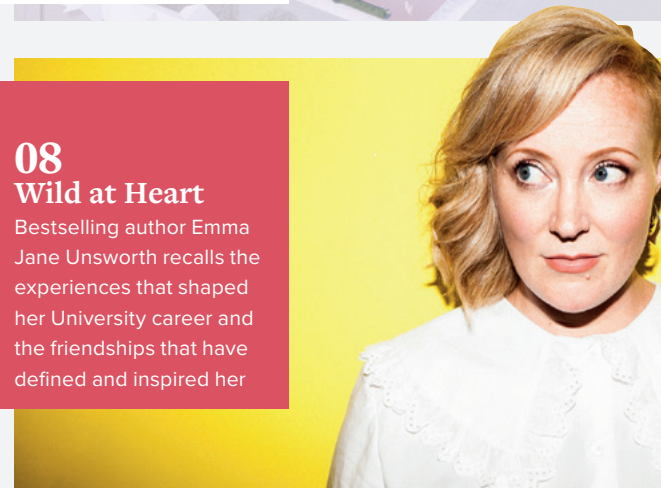
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A message from our Vice-Chancellor

WELCOME TO YOUR ALUMNI MAGAZINE

It has been another successful year for our University of Liverpool community, crowned with wonderful graduation ceremonies which saw us confer honorary degrees on a range of exceptional people, many of whom are alumni.

Another high point was an opportunity to celebrate our alumni – this time through the inaugural Alumni Awards ceremony. It was a fantastic event which celebrated the incredibly diverse and important contributions our alumni make to society and you can read more about their inspiring stories on page 16.

A further development has been the launch of our Estate Masterplan which provides a vision of the campus over the next 15 years and beyond. One of the early projects is a new

teaching and performance centre. This £22.1 million facility will include the 600-seat Paul Brett Lecture Theatre, seminar facilities, informal study spaces and the 400-seat Tung Auditorium which will have capacity for a 70-piece orchestra. I am incredibly passionate about the exciting opportunities this project offers. The space will further enrich the vibrant cultural life of our city and will also offer important real world experience for our students. As part of our fundraising efforts for this new facility, we are currently offering the opportunity to name a seat in the Tung Auditorium and I am very pleased to be naming one for my grandson, Blake, who was born last year. Details on the Masterplan and this new project in particular, including

how you can contribute, are available on page 10.

The last 12 months have also seen success in university league tables, with a climb of eight places to 28th in the Complete University Guide, a 16 place improvement in the *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2020, and a climb of 11 places in *The Times* and *Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2019.

We are, of course, known as the original redbrick university, now used as the collective term for the civic universities founded in the 19th century. We take our civic role very seriously and have published a report, *Celebrating the University of Liverpool's Contribution to Liverpool City Region*, which highlights some of our work in this area. We have a number of important plans to further enhance our positive impact on the City Region over the next twelve months and I look forward to sharing more on that with you soon.

Professor Dame Janet Beer DBE
Vice-Chancellor

IntoUniversity North Liverpool Centre receives £300k birthday gift

IntoUniversity North Liverpool Centre has received a £300k 'birthday gift' to help mark its 2nd birthday following a successful fundraising campaign by the Development and Alumni Relations team.



Next important phase in infectious diseases research launched

Professor Dame Sally Davies DBE (Hon DSc 2009) helped to launch an ambitious new programme of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) research in the Centre of Excellence in Infectious Diseases Research (CEIDR), which is tasked with tackling the current AMR crisis and its impact on human health in Liverpool, the UK and globally.



University and Guild of Students sign UN Sustainable Development Goals Accord

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals were established by world leaders in 2015 to create a better world, end poverty, fight inequality and take action on climate change. Signing the Accord demonstrates the University's commitment to sustainability and builds on existing activities and research and education strengths in this area, placing these goals at the heart of our decision-making.





Pledging £1 million for scholarships

To mark the 30th anniversary of the University of Liverpool Graduate Association (Hong Kong), the University's oldest Alumni Association, the committee signed an agreement to donate £1 million to support student scholarships.

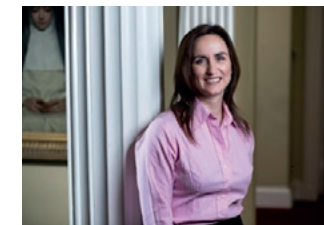


Management School secures prestigious EQUIS accreditation

The University of Liverpool's Management School has secured the prestigious EQUIS accreditation, thanks in part to our alumni volunteers, and is now one of just 187 accredited institutions worldwide.

First female president appointed to University Council

Carmel Booth (BA Hons Geography 1995) has been appointed as the new President of University Council. She is the first woman to chair the University's pre-eminent decision-making body and will take up her new three-year term when the Earl of Derby, DL (Hon LLD 2008) steps down at the end of July.

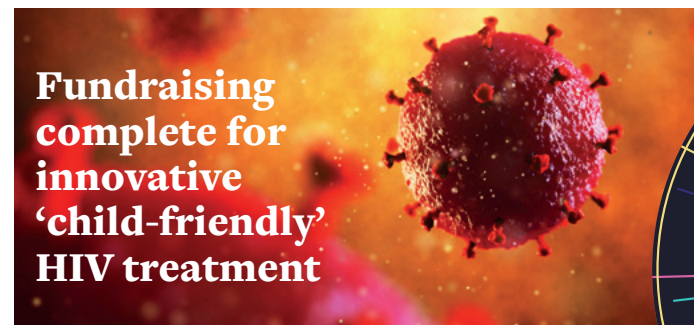


Liverpool and Shanghai twinning milestone

The University played a key role in a series of events held in Shanghai to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the city's official twinning with Liverpool.

Prince and President draw the crowds

Crowds of well-wishers lined Ashton Street as the Prince of Wales and the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, visited the University to cement their roles as joint patrons of the Institute of Irish Studies.



Our £400,000 HIV nanomedicines fundraising campaign to help improve drug therapies for children with HIV reached its target, more than eight months ahead of schedule. Thanks to the income raised by donors, researchers were able to successfully apply for funding and in January 2020 were awarded a grant of more than £24.5 million from Unitaid, a non-profit organisation, to further their research in this field.



● **Dr Martyn Blissitt MRCVS** (BVSc 1982), Veterinary Adviser to the Scottish Government for Animal Health and Welfare, received an OBE for services to Animal Health.

● **The Honourable Charles Clifford** (LLB Hons 1995) received an MBE for services to Customs and Border Control in the Cayman Islands.

● **Professor Dame Sally Davies DBE** (Hon DSc 2009), former

Chief Medical Officer for England, received a Dame Grand Cross for services to Public Health and Research.

● **Claire Dove** (Diploma in Social Studies 1987), Chief Executive of Blackburne House, received a CBE for services to Social Enterprise.

● **Christine Haywood** (BSc Hons Professional Health Studies 2000, MSc Ethics of Health Care 2004), Clinical Director

of Willowbrook Hospice, received a BEM for services to End of Life Care.

● **Professor Jane Hurst**, William Prescott Chair of Animal Science, received an OBE for services to Animal Welfare.

● **Julia Unwin CBE** (BA Hons Medieval and Modern History 1978), former Chief Executive of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, received a DBE for services to Civil Society.

WILLD AT HEART

► Emma's new book *Adults* was published in February 2020 and featured on the *Sunday Times* Bestsellers List.



Emma Jane Unsworth (BA Hons English Language and Literature 2000) is an alumna and award-winning writer. Her novel *Animals*, which follows hedonistic duo Laura and Tyler as they navigate friendship, love, and partying, was recently adapted into a film of the same name starring Holliday Grainger and directed by Sophie Hyde - giving Emma the chance to realise her dream of becoming a screenwriter. Looking back on her days at university, Emma recalls discovering her love for Liverpool's nightlife, the experiences that shaped her university career and the friendships that have defined and inspired her.

I WAS AN AVERAGE STUDENT REALLY – a bit of a smart-arse sometimes in tutorials. Studying at Liverpool was a transformative time of my life: I was starting to build my own life, with the books I loved around me. It gave me time and space to become myself; to start honing my writing style and my own voice as a critic and essayist.

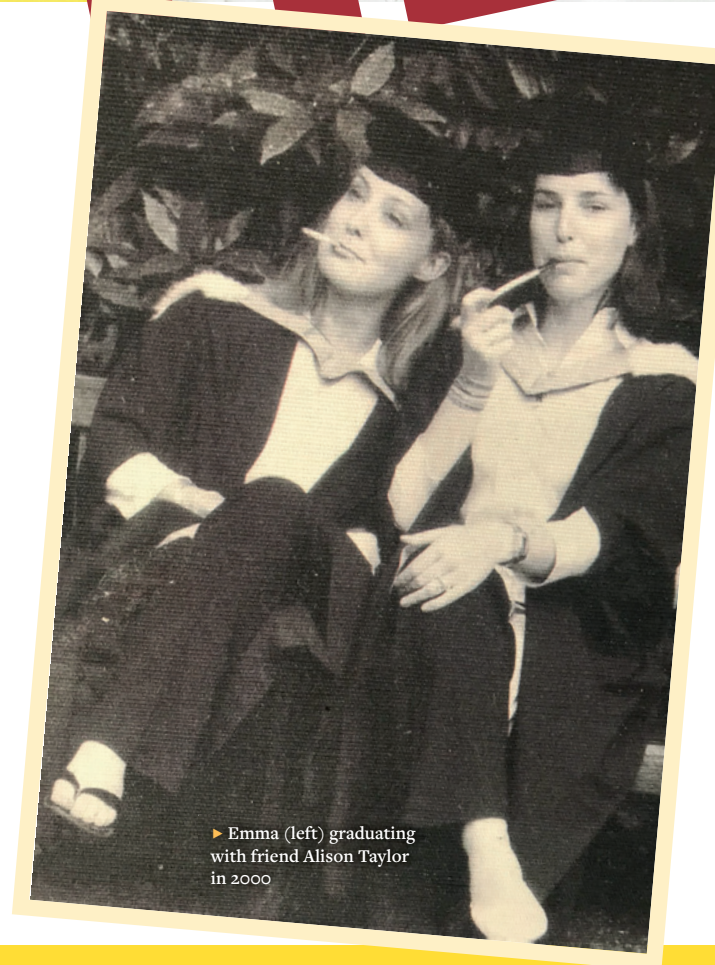
While studying I was also reviewing books occasionally for *The Big Issue in the North*. That felt huge and journalism became my (paid) way into writing. After I graduated I went back to my hometown of Manchester and did an MA in Creative Writing whilst working part time as a journalist for an arts magazine. If I wasn't a writer, I'd probably have ended up working behind a bar, because that's the only other thing I can really do. I used to quite enjoy being a barmaid. You hear some great stories.

The Liverpool nightlife also inspired me a lot. I was an avid clubber. A voracious drinker. I started going out properly there, and really savouring the whole

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night – rather than getting drunk by 9pm and ending up in McDonalds. I had so many adventures with my friends in Liverpool. We really looked after each other, too. A lot of that went on to inspire *Animals*, which is about friends out on the town. I dedicated the book to my best friend Alison Taylor, who I met in a lecture theatre at Liverpool. My friendship with Alison changed my life. She was a lot more mature than me – a bit older; she'd had a gap year. She still is a lot more mature than me to be honest.

I think all my fiction is quite political. I write a lot about women's bodies because I like writing about physicality, but also because women's bodies are



► Emma (left) graduating with friend Alison Taylor in 2000

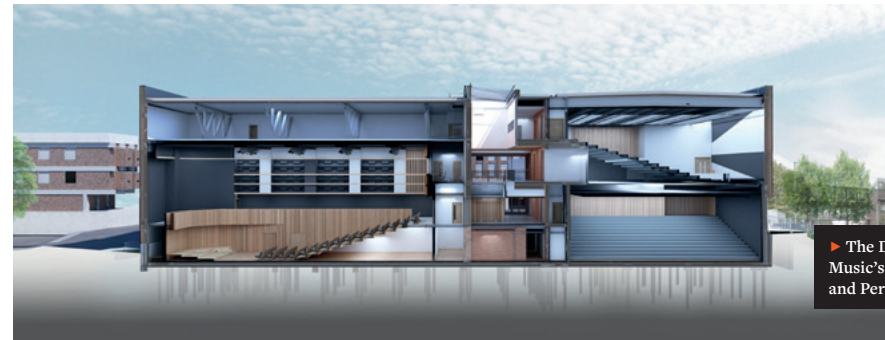
battlegrounds, even in this day and age. I hope I write comedies, but I hope they are comedies with dark, ferocious undercurrents. I do have things to say, and the characters I'm interested in will always be suffering in some way under the patriarchy.

From page to screen

Having *Animals* made into a film was utterly surreal. I'm very grateful to have been given the chance to adapt my own book, as not many first-time screenwriters get that. I've always wanted to be a screenwriter because dialogue is my favourite thing to write. Seeing the film for the first time was traumatic, in a good way. I was an emotional wreck; it felt like I'd handed over my baby and met it again as a teenager. But the director did such a good job and I'm so proud of how hard everyone worked. Premiering at the Sundance Film Festival was a dream come true – probably the best week of my life.

My advice to aspiring writers in the alumni community? Finish it. Whatever it is, finish it. Get to the end of a draft, even if it is a terrible first draft, which it probably will be. Until you do a draft of some kind, you won't even know what it is you're writing. Then, edit, edit, edit. Otherwise, you'll polish the same first five pages for 10 years. Trust me – I've done that. ●

OUR CHANGING CAMPUS



► The Department of Music's new Teaching and Performance Centre



THE UNIVERSITY'S MASTERPLAN ESTATES STRATEGY IS SET TO REVITALISE OUR CAMPUS AND THE LIVERPOOL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

If you were to take a walk around campus many years after your graduation, you would likely notice a few changes. Perhaps you'd find that your favourite reading spot has been filled with bike hire racks, or one of your old lecture halls has been knocked down and replaced by a glossy new building. With the latest plans for regeneration, the University campus is set to change over the next 15 years. The 'Masterplan Estate Strategy' is a £0.5bn investment in the quality of teaching, research, learning and leisure facilities over the next 10 years. The plan will support our sustainability goals as well maintain the excellence of our research facilities and improve the experience for our students.

As part of our vision for a greener future, the Masterplan includes a pledge to plant 1,000 trees on campus, and to create a brand new 'University Park' opposite Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. This, alongside investment in sustainable travel options, will reduce traffic and pollution around the University: a win for both sustainability and the wellbeing of staff and students. And it's not just humans enjoying life on campus – the University of Liverpool has recently been declared a →

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The University campus is set to change and become more sustainable over the next 15 years



► Extension to the School of Architecture

Hedgehog Friendly Campus. The scheme aims to raise awareness of hedgehogs, whose numbers are plummeting, and to introduce practical measures to protect their habitats.

Among other exciting developments for the University estate, a Digital Innovation Facility (DIF) (pictured below) is due for completion later this year. Bringing together complementary areas of research in computer science, robotics, and engineering, the DIF will be a centre of excellence enabling collaborative R&D and support for businesses linked to digital technologies. The DIF is forecast to create approximately 400 jobs over a ten-year period, while boosting the city region economy by £44.5 million.



► Digital Innovation Facility

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The Department of Music's new Teaching and Performance Centre, home to the Tung Auditorium and Paul Brett Lecture Theatre, is due to open in autumn 2021. We know that music plays an important part in the lives of many of our alumni; our current Name a Seat fundraising campaign is one way that you can get involved in the project – see the following page for more details.

As we enter a new decade, the changes outlined in the campus strategy articulate how the University is contributing to the vibrant community in Liverpool's Knowledge Quarter. There couldn't be a better time to pay us a visit. ●

To arrange a campus tour or reunion, contact the Alumni team at: alumni@liverpool.ac.uk



We've saved you a seat

Now put your name on it

You are invited to play a leading role in our mission of making the world's greatest music accessible to everyone.

By naming a seat in the Tung Auditorium, at the heart of the new Teaching and Performance Centre, you will ensure that the University of Liverpool continues to be a top choice for students worldwide.

Opening in autumn 2021, the Centre will support activities including concerts, lectures and exhibitions and will unite people of all ages and backgrounds.

Put your name down in history

For a minimum gift of £250, your dedication will be engraved on a plaque and affixed to a seat in the Tung Auditorium, where it will remain for the lifetime of the seat. Gifts can be made in full or in monthly instalments.

Whether you choose to name your seat for yourself or your family or for someone special who always sits beside you, you will be supporting our mission to bring this wonderful new facility to the University and the city.

Join fellow University of Liverpool alumni and friends who share the belief that music and the arts matter.

Our campaign ambassadors are all playing their part



Professor Averil Mansfield CBE



Nick Riddle



Robin Bloxside



Dr Joan Rodgers CBE



Dr Yoko Ono Lennon



Dame Patricia Routledge DBE

BE PART OF OUR STORY

We've saved you a seat. Now put your name on it. Find out more at: liverpool.ac.uk/giving/name-a-seat



BUILDING ON A LEGACY

PROFESSOR LOUISE KENNY (MBCHB HONS 1993), EXECUTIVE PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR THE FACULTY OF HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES, DISCUSSES LIVERPOOL'S CONTRIBUTION TO ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Working in health research has always been more than just a job for Professor Louise Kenny. Having grown up in and around Liverpool before working on hospital wards as a student at the School of Medicine, Professor Kenny has a strong personal affinity for the city and its people.

"I have very fond memories of my time as a student," said Louise. "Liverpudlians are very proud of the city's history in educating doctors and pioneering medical research, so I never had to apologise for being a student when I was on the wards. Patients, doctors and medical staff were always supportive and accommodating."

The story of Liverpool is intrinsically tied to the development of medicine as a discipline. As the UK's first Medical Officer of Health, Liverpool native William Henry Duncan combated high levels of tuberculosis, cholera and typhus by addressing poor sanitation and living conditions among the city's poor. Moreover, William Blair-Bell, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Liverpool, authored *The Principles of Gynaecology*, a seminal textbook in the field, and founded the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1929. In line with this legacy, Professor Kenny and her team have driven progress on a range of initiatives aimed at tackling the most urgent challenges to public health.

"A civic responsibility"

By reintegrating world-class teaching and cutting-edge scientific research, Project SHAPE is a major strategic realignment that aims to deliver tangible social impact by improving health outcomes throughout the Liverpool City Region and beyond.

"Research shows that living below the poverty line has a devastating and lasting impact on children's health and life chances – particularly in the first 1,000 days," says Louise. "Project SHAPE will enable us to realign our expertise through a new structure and vision, so we can be more agile and respond to unmet societal needs locally, nationally and globally."

Furthermore, an ambitious new programme of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) research has recently been announced as part of a new chapter for the Centre of Excellence in Infectious Diseases Research (CEIDR). Former Chief Medical

"Research shows that living below the poverty line has a devastating and lasting impact on children's health as well as their life chances."

Officer Professor Dame Sally Davies DBE (Hon DSc 2009) launched the initiative alongside Professor William Hope, the new Director and holder of the Dame Sally Davies Chair.

"AMR is an existential threat to humankind," said Louise. "In Liverpool, we have a long and rich heritage of discovering new drugs; we are known worldwide for being a centre of excellence for clinical pharmacology, as well as for infectious diseases research. So it made sense to unify these distinctions to contribute to the national and international agenda in AMR."

Louise feels it is the University's duty to the city of Liverpool, and wider national and global responsibility, to address these issues.

"Although Liverpool has undergone massive transformational change, many health outcomes are still performing poorly; in fact, some indices are getting worse. The Faculty of Health and Life Sciences,

along with the University as a whole, is committed to addressing this. I believe we have a civic responsibility to the people of Liverpool - to the people I grew up with - to utilise and develop our standing as the largest provider of health and life science capability and resources in the UK, to address these urgent public health concerns." ●

FACT FILE: Professor Louise Kenny

- Founding Director of Irish Centre for Fetal and Neonatal Translational Research (INFANT)
- Science Foundation Ireland Researcher of the Year (2015)
- 2015 Irish Tatler Woman of the Year for STEM
- Listed on the 2020 Northern Power Women List

Find out more about the University's AMR research at: liverpool.ac.uk/ceidr



**Dr Jaclyn Bell**

BSc (Hons) Mathematics 2010, MSc Mathematical Sciences 2011, PhD 2016
Senior Teaching Fellow at Imperial College London and an outstanding

advocate for the University of Liverpool, regularly volunteering to help inspire the next generation of students.

**Lucy Byrne**

BA (Hons) Art History and English Literature 2002

Managing Director of dot-art, a Liverpool-based social enterprise

that works to support local artists, schools and businesses to champion art in everyday life.

**Dan Chambers**

BA (Hons) Geography and Pre-historic Archaeology 1989

Award-winning engineer who has spent more than 20 years

handmaking wheelchairs for athletes and people with limited mobility. Since the 2000 Games, Draft Wheelchairs, the company Dan co-founded, has won 47 Paralympic medals.

**Danielle Chan**

LLB 2003

Head of Communications and Engagement at Community Integrated Care. After moving from

law into communications, Danielle has pioneered internal communications and won numerous awards from industry bodies.

**Dr Ebony Escalona**

BSc Veterinary Conservation Medicine 2007, BVSc 2009

Founder of Vets: Stay, Go or Diversify, an online support platform

for vets, which she launched in 2017 to help combat the growing problem of vets leaving the profession.

**Justin Ferbey**

MBA 2011

Deputy Minister for the Department of Economic Development for the Yukon Government and President of

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL ALUMNI AWARDS 2019

THE INAUGURAL UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL ALUMNI AWARDS, HELD IN FEBRUARY 2020, CELEBRATED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE WINNERS HAVE SHOWN THE IMPACT THAT LIVERPOOL ALUMNI ARE MAKING ACROSS THE WORLD

the Yukon Development Corporation. Justin helped to establish a modern day treaty between his indigenous community and the Canadian government.

**Dr Danielle Greenberg**

BVSc 1998

Director at The Liverpool Vets, an independent veterinary practice in Liverpool city centre, voted Vet

of the Year in 2019.

**Dr Muhammad Khan**

MRes Clinical Sciences 2014, MBChB 2015

Co-founder of the Health Careers Portal to combat the poor level of

widening participation in healthcare. The HCP has been described as 'the Duke of Edinburgh Award... but for the NHS'.

**Professor Charles Kingsland**

MBChB 1982, MD Obstetrics and Gynaecology 1994

Founder of the Hewitt Fertility Centre in Liverpool. Charles has

performed more than 50,000 consultations with couples and has spent considerable time training the next generation of fertility doctors in the UK.

**Dr Sze May Ng**

MSc Medical Sciences 2005, PhD 2010, LLM Law 2014

Consultant Paediatrician and diabetes specialist who has been

involved in setting national diabetes policy. She has also published a 10-year memoir about her experience of raising a child on the autism spectrum.

**Faith Osiobe**

MSc Global Human Resources Management 2011

HR professional who has been the University's Nigerian alumni ambassador since her graduation.

Working with the Alumni team, Faith has been actively supporting and helping more than 600 graduates in Nigeria since 2011.

**Rob Owen OBE**

BA (Hons) Geography and Politics 1987

CEO of the St Giles Trust, a multi-award winning national charity, and is a key figure in tackling knife crime and 'County Lines' gangs. He has

helped to reform more than 25,000 clients a year.

**Jasmin Paris**

BVSc 2008

Clinical Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh. In 2019, she broke the existing male record by 12 hours to

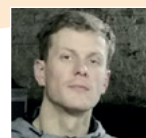
become the first woman to win the 268-mile Spine Race along the Pennine Way.

**Steve Peacock**

LLB (Hons) 1988

Partner and Regional Office Head at Weightmans law firm in Liverpool. He sits on the Liverpool Law School

Advisory Board and has helped to set up and host events for Liverpool Law School alumni.

**Ioan Roberts**

BA (Hons) Popular Music 2007, MA Music Industry Studies 2011

Owner and director of 24 Kitchen Street, an independent music venue

in Liverpool's Baltic Triangle. The venue has seen world-renowned artists performing as well as some of the University's Chinese students.

**Roisin Ross**

BA History with Criminology 2017

Senior Domestic Violence

Caseworker at Solace Women's Aid and the founder of the CAIM Project

that trains volunteers working with refugees on sexual and domestic violence.

**Megan Stammers**

MEng Mechanical Engineering with Management 2018

Graduate Engineer at Rolls-Royce and the founder of the University's

annual Engineering alumni and student networking event which she established in her final year of study.

**Professor Michael Thrasher**

BA (Hons) Political Theory and Institutions 1974, PhD 1982

One of the UK's leading election commentators and an expert in UK

local elections. He has been part of the team that produced the joint BBC, ITV and Sky exit poll for the last four general elections.

**Dr Sean Wensley**

BVSc 2003

An advocate for animal welfare and former president of the British Veterinary Association. His work has

been recognised by the World Veterinary Association who awarded him their Global Animal Welfare Award for Europe.

**James Yu**

BA (Hons) Business Economics 2013

Co-founder of Wicker Wings,

blending the Chinese art of wicker weaving with British leather

craftsmanship to create luxury handbags. Wicker Wings has been featured in *Harper's Bazaar*, *The Times*, *Vogue* and *Glamour*.

You can find out more about all of our 2019 Alumni Awards winners and how to submit your nomination for the 2020 awards at: liverpool.ac.uk/alumni/awards

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THE YORKSHIRE VET

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE JAMES HERRIOT, ALUMNUS AND VET PETER WRIGHT (BVSC 1981) IS BRINGING TO LIFE THE FASCINATING WORLD OF A RURAL VET AS THE STAR OF CHANNEL 5'S *THE YORKSHIRE VET*. PETER REMINISCES ON HIS TIME AS A STUDENT AND THE CHARMS THAT DREW HIM BACK TO HIS BELOVED NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE

I was born in a very small village in rural North Yorkshire surrounded by small family farms. When I was in the sixth form at Thirsk School, the Head of Careers suggested Veterinary Science to me; he had taught Jim Wight, son of James Herriot, and he arranged for me to spend a day at the practice in Thirsk. I was immediately smitten and knew this was what I wanted to do. I was totally hooked by the variety of work, the friendliness and banter – in the small animal surgery as well as the visits to farms in the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside. It was perfect!

I look back with great affection and gratitude for my time spent studying at the University of Liverpool. I was very proud to walk through the doors of the prestigious Faculty of Veterinary Science in October 1976. It was a small course with a true family atmosphere, and little did I realise that the friends I met at that time would be friends to this day. It is



► *The Yorkshire Vet* was recently awarded the Royal Television Society's award for Best Documentary Series in the Yorkshire region



“ It is testament to my time at University and all the opportunities it offered that my time as a vet student flew by so quickly. ”

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Filling his shoes

Alf Wight – aka James Herriot – was a quiet and humble man who was always there for me in the early stages of my career. If I asked for guidance, he was there with a pearl of wisdom. He always put his clients and patients above everything else and considered himself 90% vet and 10% author. I am proud to follow in his footsteps but only profess to be a pale imitation of the great man.

I consider myself to be very lucky to have spent virtually my whole career as a country vet in our small rural community. You are not anonymous – you feel very much part of the place. In 1995, just before Alf Wight died when his son Jim was senior partner in the practice, we made the decision to move to purpose-built premises. We called the new surgery Skeldale, after the fictitious name of the practice in the Herriot books. It was shortly after this time that I took on the role of senior partner – a role that some 20 years previously would have been beyond my wildest dreams.

In 2014, Channel 5 asked a small TV production company called Daisybeck Studios to document the work of a veterinary practice – what would become *The Yorkshire Vet*. When they approached us at Skeldale, my initial reaction was to say no – being a suspicious Yorkshireman I was wary about damaging our thriving practice. But the Managing Director of

Daisybeck, himself a Yorkshireman, had an honest and likeable face, and promised me he would not let me down. Daisybeck have brought our work and characters into people's sitting rooms without

sensationalising it. The show appeals to everyone: from four year olds to people in their nineties, and I am proud that it showcases my beloved Thirsk. ●

Join the University of Liverpool Veterinary Alumni Association (ULVAA) to connect with fellow veterinary graduates and receive the latest news and event invitations to your inbox. Update your details via: ulvaa@liverpool.ac.uk.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, BREAK HABITS

AS THE CLIMATE CRISIS CONTINUES TO ESCALATE, THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL IS UNDERGOING A TRANSFORMATION TO ENSURE IT FITS INTO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE – AND EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY

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The University of Liverpool's research into climate change is world-leading, from investigating the impact of global warming and carbon emissions to developing pioneering solutions to reduce these effects. Liverpool is home to some of the world's top academics in environmental studies, experts in fields such as coasts and marine life, microbes and disease, conservation and extreme weather. But when it comes to the climate crisis that we are currently facing, it is not enough to know: we need to act. So what is the University of Liverpool doing to address climate change?

The University's 'green agenda' seeks to build an institutional culture of sustainability, embedding environmental concerns into the campus, curriculum and community. The 'Masterplan Estate Strategy' for 2026 (see page 10 for more) envisages a transformation of the University's estate into a 'green campus', including the development of a new park, investment in sustainable travel options and a commitment to planting 1,000 trees over the next six years.

Ric Williams is a Professor in Ocean Sciences at the University of Liverpool, whose research specialises in studying the effect of warming on our ocean systems. His current research focuses on how much carbon can be emitted if we are to meet the targets set out in the

Paris Agreement, the possibility of delayed warming even if we stop carbon emissions, and how oceans gain heat during climate change. Ric believes universities can be a 'powerhouse' for finding solutions to climate change.

"Universities are, of course, important in educating students, but increasingly we need to be providing new solutions and ways forward to reduce our dependence on using carbon. Some of those solutions might be technical, such as developing

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new materials to capture pollutants, more efficient ways of storing energy in batteries or capturing energy from the sun, or reducing the use of more harmful greenhouse gases." He continued: "The University is engaged in many of these challenges, but no doubt, collectively, we need to do more."

In terms of climate research, Professor of Ocean Sciences Alessandro Tagliabue has also played a leading role in drafting the new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) *Special Report on* →

the *Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*, including participating in the approval session by governments. This report has highlighted the widespread observed and projected changes occurring to multiple aspects of the ocean, with a key focus on the societal challenges and impacts. He also participated in the recent COP25 climate meeting in Madrid, where he presented IPCC report results during the main plenary.

Powering through

A key area of change at the University has been in energy sources. The University of Liverpool is host to the North West's first interdisciplinary centre for energy research – the Stephenson Institute for Renewable Energy. The Institute was recently awarded £11.2m by the Faraday Institution to fund the development of next-generation lithium batteries to power electric vehicles. It conducts vital research into innovative, sustainable energy sources such as solar harvesting, wind and marine energy and fusion technology.

With an aim to reduce its carbon footprint, the University of Liverpool invested £19m in the construction of a Combined Heat and Power Plant (CHP). The CHP provides both electricity and gas for University facilities, and captures the excess heat generated and distributes it into the University's heating system. Compared to energy supplied by the National Grid, the University expects savings of 7,000 tonnes of CO₂ every year – a 13% reduction in its carbon footprint. In addition, three Solar PV sites have been introduced on campus, each with the potential to reduce carbon emissions by up to 20 tonnes.

The Green Guild

Liverpool's Guild of Students has a team dedicated to sustainability, known as the Green Guild. Anna Scott is the Green Guild's Sustainability Assistant, as well as a final year undergraduate studying Geography. Anna's mission is to spread the message of sustainability to staff and students, making eco-friendly living easier and more accessible



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to all. “Like many people my age, it scares me that our window for halting the impacts of climate change is closing so fast,” says Anna. “But it can be difficult for students – or anyone – to know how they can change their own lifestyle, especially when individual changes are undermined by businesses who don't place the climate over profit.”

The work of the Green Guild includes organising volunteering opportunities for students to learn more about sustainable ways of living, as well as helping reduce waste in the local community. These include vegetable growing workshops; ‘gleaning’, collecting food from local farms that would otherwise go to waste; workshops for making ‘eco-bricks’ out of plastic waste; and even beekeeping on the Guild's roof garden.

In Anna's experience, there is huge variation amongst students' attitudes towards climate change – but she is hopeful for the future. “There has definitely been a shift in attitudes recently. Many people are going on climate protests and it's being talked about more. The University is introducing fantastic initiatives, and making great steps in the right direction.”



► The Green Guild organises volunteering opportunities for students to learn more about sustainable ways of living

Direct action

The potential impact of student-led climate activism was seen in 2019 when the University of Liverpool pledged to divest from all fossil fuels by 2022. The Fossil Free campaign, organised by the Guild and student activists, put pressure on the University to consider the environmental impact of their investment portfolio.

“This decision is an example of environmental concerns impacting financial decisions, with the potential risks to financial returns being outweighed by concerns around fossil fuels,” said Nicola Davies, Director of Finance at the University. “Environmental concerns are high on the University's agenda – we have set up a Sustainability Board to monitor and drive progress in this area, both in the short and long term.”

Anna at the Green Guild believes the divestment decision has encouraged students to believe in the

power of activism and that momentum is gathering for further change. “It was a sign that the University does listen to the students when we all act together. Off the back of this success, the Guild is now forming student-led action groups where students can come together to brainstorm ideas for activism – how we can persuade the University to act on topics such as fast fashion, plastic waste, and meat consumption on campus.”

Waste Not Want Not

Liverpool students hail from all over the world, so items left behind at the end of term are a significant source of waste. Leave Liverpool Tidy is combatting this issue by collecting unwanted items such as kitchen utensils, clothes and decorative items, which are then distributed to those in need in the local community and other students. In 2018 alone, more than ten tonnes of items were redistributed through the scheme.

Members of our alumni community are also taking important steps. Alumnus Arthur Rowland (MEng Engineering with Product Design 2014) is making a huge impact on the local community through the foundation of his Community Interest Company (CIC), Plastic Tactics. The company aims to empower and encourage Liverpudlians to use and reuse plastic responsibly and reduce waste, through activities like litter picking and turning waste into useful items like coasters and key rings.

It is often said that the years spent at university are some of the most formative in life. Hopefully, the culture of sustainability that the University of Liverpool is building will stay with alumni, inspiring them to continue living climate conscious lives, or even to help protect the environment through their careers. If the climate crisis is going to be effectively addressed, sustainability must be at the core of everything we do, every decision we make; and every person and every institution must take action. ●

Read more about The Fossil Free campaign at: liverpoolguild.org/fossilfree

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ASICS
GREATER CHINA AND ALUMNA
HILDA CHAN (MBA 2011) TALKS
TACKLING BUSINESS TRADITIONS,
PROMOTING WELLBEING AND THE
BENEFITS OF STUDYING ONLINE

SOUND MIND, SOUND BODY

In the early 2nd century AD, Roman poet Juvenal proposed: “You should pray for a sound mind in a sound body, for assuredly, the only road to a life of peace is that of virtue.” He was inspired by the Latin maxim *animus sano in corpore sano*, meaning ‘healthy soul in a healthy body.’ It is this belief – that physical health is intrinsic to mental and psychological wellbeing – that has informed the business philosophy, brand and indeed acronym of ASICS, one of the



world’s leading sportswear and sports equipment providers, since its foundation in 1949.

It has been the responsibility of Liverpool alumna Hilda Chan to promote this approach across China, since her appointment as Managing Director of ASICS Greater China in 2015. After joining the company in 2014 as a Business Strategy Manager, Hilda quickly rose through the ranks and now leads her team as it progresses through a ‘2.0 phase’ of business in the Chinese market.

“The transition to the Managing Director role in 2015 was exciting because China, Hong Kong and Taiwan were in very different business stages,” says Hilda. “The new role allowed me to rebuild strategies for each of the different markets in order to put the ASICS brand on the right track.”

Hilda’s proudest moments of her tenure so far include rebuilding ASICS Greater China’s overall marketing strategy to grow brand awareness, optimising the company’s e-commerce platform to act as both a means of sales and as a branding platform, and expanding the team in Hong Kong to reorient their business model.

“Giving back to society through different corporate social responsibility initiatives, such as our long-term partnership with the Samaranch Foundation which is helping to develop the next generation of Chinese soccer, has also been essential to our goal of delivering quality of life for today’s Chinese consumer, in line with our founding philosophy.”

Staying flexible

Hilda completed an MBA online with the University of Liverpool, graduating in 2011. The flexibility she was afforded by studying online allowed Hilda to balance her education with executive management responsibilities - a priority of hers at the time.

“The MBA course content was very varied; I was able to find leadership courses that I wanted to focus on in particular,” says Hilda. “I chose the University of Liverpool because it offers a diverse student pool across the globe, which gave me a lot of international insights and a ‘think outside the box’ mindset.”

This global outlook is also reflected in the course content and professors, which led to “very fruitful discussions”, according to Hilda.

“Studying online required very high discipline, given the different time zones between professors and student groups. The course was tough but fun at the same time.”

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Although Hilda has unfortunately never visited Liverpool, she applies the lessons learnt through her course across her work on a daily basis. In her spare time, Hilda enjoys exploring China’s diverse cultures, spending time with her family, and having an active lifestyle – swimming and cycling being her activities of choice. In doing so, she maintains a positive work/life balance and lives by the founding philosophy of the company that she leads. ●

For more information on the University’s postgraduate study programme visit: liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/



PASSPORTS TO POSSIBILITIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL'S NEW PASSPORTS TO POSSIBILITIES PROGRAMME WILL TAKE OUR COMMITMENT TO GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR ALL ONE STEP FURTHER... WITH YOUR HELP

The University of Liverpool's ambition is to attract the most talented students from all over the world and from all walks of life; that's what makes our student body such a rich and thriving community. We want to attract the best, so we work closely with prospective students from groups that are currently under-represented at the University to raise aspirations and to showcase the opportunities Liverpool has to offer.

Our record speaks for itself; we're not only first in the Russell Group for the admission of students from areas where entry to University is traditionally low, but we also have the second highest percentage of students from state schools and colleges. However we need to do more.

Our new initiative, Passports to Possibilities, will provide students, regardless of background, the opportunity to access summer study abroad, something that they may otherwise miss out on due to financial or social barriers. The programme will equip our students with valuable skills to use in their study and personal life, as well as enriching them with a rewarding, global experience.

Thanks to a generous legacy donation, students will have the opportunity to spend a week at partner universities in the United States and Malaysia,



attending lectures and taking part in field trips and social events.

The difference of a global experience

According to the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), students who participate in study abroad are more likely to graduate with a 2:1 or First Class degree, are more likely to be in further education or employment six months after

graduating and will earn higher than average salaries.

There are also the academic and personal benefits to Study Abroad including improved study techniques, increased self-awareness, confidence and self-reliance and inspiration for future career or study choices.

Help us create Passports to Possibilities

We successfully launched Passports to Possibilities in June 2019 with a pilot group of 20 specially selected students who travelled to the

University of Georgia in Atlanta, US. After their experience, the students reported improved levels of confidence, independence, communication, networking and inter-cultural awareness. ●

“This was my first time travelling abroad, so I was both nervous and excited... I reflected on all my incredible new experiences, and the confidence and knowledge of the wider world I had gained along the way.”

Daniel Platt, final year BSc Computer Science student

We want to give more students the opportunity to experience a global education, but we need your help.

To find out more about this programme and how you can help to give students access to life-changing opportunities, please visit: liverpool.ac.uk/giving/passports or contact: giving@liverpool.ac.uk.

Thank you CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY SUPPORTERS

When the University of Liverpool was founded, it was thanks to philanthropy, public spirit, jam and sugar.

Built in 1892, the original University building which now houses the Victoria Gallery & Museum was funded by the people of Liverpool and local philanthropists. The Jubilee Memorial Committee gifted the clock tower as the city's gift to Queen Victoria on her golden jubilee, jam manufacturer, Sir William Hartley, funded the clock's bells, and sugar magnate, Sir Henry Tate, financed the building's entire library block.

In the last 10 years, the University has received more than £10,877,800 in legacy gifts that have been vital to supporting key developments across campus. ●



Free Will writing service*

The University of Liverpool is part of the Bequeathed Charity Consortium, which provides a free online Will writing service. Liverpool alumni can take advantage of their services, which include the option to pay for additional legal advice whilst making your Will online.

If you would like further information about how you can help to realise the hopes of students through a Liverpool legacy, or about the Bequeathed Will writing service, please contact Carolyn Jones, Legacy Officer, via: carolyn.jones@liverpool.ac.uk or visit: liverpool.ac.uk/giving/legacies.

*Applies to residents of England and Wales

Did you know?

- The phrase 'redbrick university' was coined by Liverpool's Professor of Spanish, Edgar Allison Peers, inspired by the Victoria Building's red bricks? Professor Peers also left a legacy gift of £68,781 to the University for the teaching of Spanish.
- The first recorded legacy to the University was in 1885, with a gift of books to the College Library from Assistant Professor Clark. In 2010, alumna Janet Gnosspelius (BA Architecture 1948) gifted £2.4 million in her Will to the Sydney Jones Library.
- A £54,738 legacy gift from former Lady President, Elizabeth Gidney (BA Hons English Language and Literature 1938, Diploma in Education 1939) was used to support the redevelopment of the Guild of Students.

Class NOTES

Where has life taken your classmates since graduation?

Find more online:
liverpool.ac.uk/alumni/class-notes

» 1940s

George Mercer JP (Master of Civic Design 1948, BA Hons Geography 1950) was forced to complete his BA in two parts, owing to military service in Palestine between 1945-48. Fortuitously, this enabled him to meet **Joan Stopforth** (BA 1951) to whom he has been happily married since 1953. Following an illustrious career in town planning leadership in the North West and nationally, while simultaneously serving as a JP, George retired in 1997. Joan retired in 1986 following a successful teaching career. Three daughters and seven grandchildren keep them busy, as have interests in photography, foreign travel (behind the Iron Curtain in a camper van in the 70s) and fell-walking.

» 1950s

William Cartmell MRCVS (BVSc 1951) was an assistant in a veterinary practice in Gloucester (1950-54) then owner principal of a practice in Wickham, Hampshire. He started Wickham Laboratories Limited in his garden as a contract research organisation; the company now employs 135 personnel with a global clientele in the life science industries. Find out more: www.wickhamlabs.co.uk.

Cilla Grain (née Jones) (LLB 1955) was called to the Bar of Gray's Inn in 1957. She worked in legal publishing and the Foreign Office before marriage to Alan Grain. Cilla combined bringing up four children with a lecturing career in further and higher education, specialising in General Principles of Law and Business Law. Upon retiring, she returned to the classroom to study English Literature, which led to a writing career. Her novel, *Watershed* (2015), concerns a Liverpool family evacuated to mid-Wales in WW2; the protagonist of *Roses for Breakfast* (2018) is a traumatised WW2 prisoner, who faces mental challenges as a Liverpool medical student.

John Ingham (LLB 1957) has long since retired and now spends his leisure hours playing golf and watching Liverpool FC at Anfield.



Alan Allison (BEng Civil Engineering 1959) is a Chartered Engineer and Chartered Environmentalist and has worked for the Admiralty, Kent County Council Highways, Ministry of Agriculture, National Rivers Authority and Environment Agency.

» 1960s

Dr John Graham (BSc Hons Biochemistry 1965, PhD 1968) has spent his 50-year research career involved in the purification of mammalian cells, subcellular particles and viruses. About 25 years ago, he had the privilege of working with Professor Tony Hart, here in Liverpool, on the development of

methods for purifying viruses that preserved their function; these have now been applied to more than 90 different viruses. An exciting recent development is the purification of exosomes from blood plasma. These membrane-bound particles shuttle between different tissues carrying metabolic messages; the aim is to engineer these exosomes to deliver molecules to specific diseased cells to render them inactive.



Anthony Hyde (BSc Hons Metallurgy 1965, MSc 1987) stayed in education teaching Physics in the UK, Australia, India and

Switzerland. He has been the instigator of and mentor for community service projects in Ladakh, Peru and Kenya. He is a consultant for risk assessments of educational conferences worldwide and is presently a supply teacher, workshop leader and examiner in Physics (IB). He has climbed and trekked in many of the greater mountain ranges of the world.



Richard Saxon CBE FRIBA (BArch 1965, MCD 1966) had a 40-year career with international architecture and

engineering firm, BDP, peaking as its chairman from 1996 to 2002. Since 2005 he has been a construction client adviser, digital built environment guru and non-executive director. He was made a CBE in 2001 for services to architecture and construction, mainly for championing reform of the industry. Richard co-founded and led the British Council for Offices and was a vice-president of RIBA. He has published five books on Atrium Buildings and Building Information Modelling. Find out more: www.saxoncbe.com.

Selina Springbett (BA Hons Combined Studies 1969) found a new role in retirement

as Chair of the Community Library in Lingfield which is run by volunteers for residents of the surrounding area. Selina is also still involved in archaeology on the Thames foreshore, come rain or shine!

» 1970s



Professor Lynne Hunt (née Hardy) (BA Hons Social Science 1970, pictured above, right) recently met lifelong friend, classmate and fellow retiree, **Professor Marilyn (Lyn) Durward** (BA Hons Social Science 1970, pictured above, left), in Coventry. Lyn worked as Research and Policy Officer of the Maternity Alliance. She later served as an Investigator with the Commission for Local Administration - the local government ombudsman. She retrained and finished her career teaching English as a foreign language. Lynne taught sociology in universities in the UK and Australia and won the 2002 Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year and the Australian Award for Teaching in the Social Sciences. She concluded her career as Professor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) at the University of Southern Queensland.

Dr Ann Ap-Thomas (MBChB 1973, FRCR 1979) was consultant Radiologist at Aintree for 20 years. She is happily married with two children and two grandchildren, and both children live close by. She had a hip replacement in summer 2019 and is now rehabilitating to get back on the golf course for yet more frustrating rounds!

Stephen Jones (BDS 1974) along with his children **Abigail** (BA English and Hispanic Studies 2009, MA 2010) and **Benjamin** (BSc Psychology 2013) completed the Valencia 10K in December 2019 with his middle son, Christian, completing the full marathon. Stephen's other son, **Nathaniel** (BSc Hons Tropical Disease Biology 2006, MSc 2007) had hoped to run the marathon but was unable to secure a place which was a shame as then there would have been a full house. Stephen was running in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of his late wife **Christine (née Cain)** (MBCbB 1975), who sadly died of the disease in 2013.



Jenny Parry (BA Hons Electrical Engineering 1973) worked for a few years in the UK, before moving to California with her husband and two children. She spent 35 years there before retiring in the UK in 2016. Coming back was a very interesting experience even though they visited many times over the years. Jenny made a pilgrimage back to Liverpool in 2017 and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Laurence Lee (LLB Hons 1973) never moved out of Liverpool and had his own high profile criminal practice, representing Jon Venables in the James Bulger case and regularly appearing on TV and radio. Laurence has been a Type 1 diabetic since he was 14 years old and has written an upbeat book which he aims to have published worldwide entitled *Diabetes - A Piece of Cake*.



Jon Gilbert (BA Hons Computational and Statistical Science 1974) began his career in the UK as a PE and maths teacher before becoming an IT Business Analyst. He moved

to Ottawa, Canada, for 14 years as a Global Computer Consultant, followed by six years in Tokyo, Japan, as a TESOL English teacher and communication skills trainer. He returned to London in 2003 with a Japanese wife and son, and still delivers IT Software and Soft Skills training in the UK and worldwide. He has just published his first children's book, *Tree Fellas: Olly Oak*.

Reverend Brenda Jacqueline Stober (BSc 1979) received her MA in Theology and Ministry from Durham in 2019, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

» 1980s

Dr Paul Ducksbury (BSc Hons Computer Science 1980) left Liverpool and headed down south (with his Liverpoolian sense of humour, sometimes not appreciated!) to work as a software engineer before doing a PhD in numerical optimisation and parallel computing. Paul then headed west to work at GCHQ before settling as a scientist for the Ministry of Defence in Malvern. He worked in advanced image processing, image understanding and AI-based techniques. Paul now lives back up north, having retired to the mountains of Cumbria. ➔

Dr Kevin Devine (BSc Hons Chemistry 1982) has been a senior lecturer in chemistry and pharmaceutical sciences at London Metropolitan University since February 2008. He obtained a PhD in nucleic acid chemistry from King's College London in 1989 and then embarked upon a series of postdoctoral roles in the UK, Switzerland, Ireland and the US. Highlights of Kevin's research career include the co-development of a new class of anti-cancer and anti-viral nucleotide pro-drugs known as ProTides and the development of an analytical protocol for the extraction and identification of organic molecules in Mars soils and other extra-terrestrial samples.

Sarah Taylor (née Battye) (BA Hons French 1983) spent four special years in two vibrant cities, Liverpool and Bordeaux, on her year out as a teaching assistant. She met her husband in her final year, on 7 October 1982 at Tuxedo Junction. Following several years working at Mirror Group Newspapers and Paribas, and after having two children, she works in a business which enables organisations to be more sustainable. She is renovating a house in Loire Valley, and continues to enjoy all that France and French life has to offer.



Dr Richard Summersell (BSc Hons Chemistry 1984, PhD 1988) worked in the pharmaceutical industry as a chemist for a couple of years after graduation before retraining as a European patent attorney, qualifying in 1994. Since then, he has worked for large and small companies giving advice on intellectual property issues in Europe, the US and globally. After having a family, he took up climbing and has scaled many major peaks in the Himalayas and South America!



Dr Duncan Currie (BSc Hons Pharmacology 1985) completed a PhD and postdoctoral work before becoming a regulatory medical writer in the pharmaceutical industry. Duncan now lives in Kent and in June 2019, he made an all too infrequent trip to Liverpool which included a campus tour and a sentimental pint in the AJ. He also visited Carnatic one more time before its demolition, noting that it was poignant to think of all those generations of first years who have called it home over the years; students including his 18-year-old self in 1982 as a fresh-faced resident on the top floor of Morton House C block.

Graham Hopwood (BA Hons English Language and Linguistics 1985) lives in Windhoek, Namibia, and is the Executive Director of Namibia's leading think tank - the Institute for Public Policy Research. Graham has published research on electoral democracy, the functioning of parliament, and the effectiveness of anti-corruption laws and strategies.

Professor Andrew Pitman (BSc Hons Geography 1985, PhD 1988) is now the Director of the Australian Research Council's Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes based at the University of New South Wales. The Centre links multiple research groups across the world to understand and improve our ability to predict climate extremes using the latest high performance supercomputers.



Jane Isabel Cole (BA Hons English Literature 1986) has written her first novel under the pseudonym of Estelle Kennedy, a fictional romance set in central Liverpool, which is to be published by Novum P.C., and has almost completed a sequel. Now fully recovered from a long illness which lasted a few years, she intends to complete her legal studies with a view to qualifying as a solicitor. She says she could not have studied in a better city.



Professor Kenneth Yuh Yen Kok (MBChB 1987) has held positions of Consultant General

Surgeon, Medical Superintendent of a hospital and Medical Director of a cancer hospital. He is currently Professor of Clinical Academia at PAPRSB Institute of Health Sciences, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, teaching and fostering the next generation of doctors. He is still involved in clinical practice as Visiting Consultant Surgeon at a private hospital.



John Osborne FICE (BEng Hons Civil Engineering 1988, pictured above, left) worked for a UK contractor on tunnel projects before joining CERN in Switzerland in 1998. John now manages a team responsible for civil engineering and infrastructure studies for large scale future physics projects in the Geneva region. He has kept in touch with fellow students from Liverpool, most recently catching up with a fellow lodger at McNair Hall, **Colin Greene** (BA Hons Economics 1988, pictured above, right) at the 2019 Rugby World Cup Final in Japan. Colin has had an amazing journey in the tech industry, most recently working for Apple for the past 13 years in Japan, Korea and the US.



Dr William Thirsk-Gaskill (BSc Hons Chemistry 1988, pictured above, left) worked for a year at a chemical plant in Poole, Dorset,

before embarking on a PhD at the National Engineering Laboratory near Glasgow, awarded by the University of Leeds. He did a three year postdoctoral at Leeds and a bit of agency work before joining the IT industry. In November 2019, his debut radio drama, *Escape Kit*, was broadcast on BBC Radio 4.



Mike Hughes (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1989) embarked on a career as a journalist with

the BBC after graduation, initially as a news reporter before moving into sports journalism and football commentating. Mike covers Liverpool and Everton matches for BBC Radio Merseyside and has been fortunate enough to travel around Europe commentating on many high-profile matches, including Champions League, FA Cup and League Cup finals. He has also written, produced and presented a number of football documentaries. Mike often wonders what happened to the rest of his year group and of the Politics department football team of which he was captain.

1990s

Dr Juliette Riddall (BVSc 1990) works in Melbourne, Australia, at Lort Smith Animal Hospital, a large not-for-profit veterinary hospital. Juliette is still enthusiastic about being a vet and is also busy with conservation work on the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia revegetating remnant bushland and making safe habitats for wildlife.

Dr Richard Piper (né Goodall) (BA Hons Geography 1994) is CEO of Alcohol Change UK, the social change agency that runs Dry January and campaigns for a less alcohol-saturated drinking culture, drives innovation in alcohol treatment, and leads research to eliminate alcohol harm.

Jason Buultjens (LLB Hons 1995, MAC International and European Law 1996) worked in private practice as a commercial litigator before joining the Government Legal Department in 2008. Jason is currently on secondment as Head of Domestic Asylum Policy for the Home Office.

Ruth Barton (BA Hons History 1996) has just completed a MA in History at the University of Northampton and is hoping to commence a PhD exploring aristocratic emotions in March 2020.



Professor D Harlan Wilson (MA Science Fiction Studies 1998) is a Professor of English at Wright State University-Lake Campus in Ohio. He is the author of more than 20 works of fiction and non-fiction, most recently *J.G. Ballard* (University of Illinois Press, 2017), *Natural Complexions* (Equus Press, 2018) and *The Psychotic Dr. Schreiber* (Stalking Horse Press, 2019).

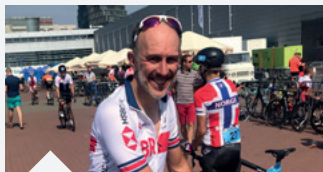
2000s



Dr Emma Courtney (BDS 2000) is a general dental practitioner and personal trainer coach as well as a speaker and presenter on the subject of stress and burnout within the profession. Emma lives and works in Christchurch, New Zealand. ➔

Tyrone Dominique (BA Hons Politics 2000) has just returned to London after spending 12 years working in Hong Kong, Chicago and New York. He is currently heading up the European compliance department for a global family office and is married with two young children.

Simon Boon (BSc Hons Zoology 2001) joined the Royal Navy after leaving Liverpool. Having served abroad in submarines and ships in various countries including Iraq, Italy and Nepal, home is now in Devon on the outskirts of Dartmoor National Park. Simon was promoted to Commander in 2019 and is currently attending the Advanced Command and Staff Course in Shrivenham, home of the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom. He is also studying for a MA in Defence Studies.



Professor Rob Pettitt MRCVS (BVS 2002, CEPT 2014) was awarded a personal chair at the University in Small Animal Orthopaedics at the end of 2018 and is currently the Head of Surgery at Leahurst. On a sporting front, Rob represented Great Britain at the 2019 Gran Fondo World Championships, a fabulous experience and one that will live long in his memory (and the weary legs).



Helen Braithwaite (BA Hons Politics 2003) left full-time teaching in 2018 to start her own

business, Bennd Yoga, and now teaches Sun Power yoga and Vinyasa in nurseries, schools, village halls, local gyms and even in a Hotpod!

Hauwa Hamza (BSc Combined Honours 2004) worked in immigration before deciding to go back to university and retrain in Midwifery - a lifelong dream. She currently holds an unconditional offer from the University of Northampton in April 2020 and cannot wait to get started.



Bryan Jones (MPhys Physics 2005) works at the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source, a world-leading centre for research which offers unique insights into the properties of materials on the atomic scale.

Yonghong Zhang (LLM International Business Law 2008) is a senior judge and deputy head of Shanghai Songjiang People's Court. He was among the nine finalists for China at the inaugural Education UK Alumni Awards and was selected as a finalist for the Social Impact Award. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Cambridge, met with him at the ceremony in Shanghai and congratulated him on his achievement. During his Master's, he conducted a comparative study on the enforcement of judgments between the UK and Chinese legal systems, which culminated in *English Enforcement Law*, the first Chinese book to outline the UK system to Chinese practitioners.

Pallavi Rangavajhala (MBA 2009) was named Social Media Leader of the Year at the 2019 Leadership Summit and Awards.

Carri-Ann Taylor (BA Hons English Language and Literature 2009) has spent the last 10 years working as a journalist after starting out in local newspapers before moving on to the nationals. She is now a senior news producer for ITV.

2010s



Macarena Lavín (MA Popular Music Studies 2010) works as a freelance music journalist with more than 10 years' experience reporting and researching

the Chilean music scene. She has been involved in the local music industry as a publisher for independent record labels, teaches in two universities and has released two albums.

Dr Shehu Sambo (MSc International Public Health 2010) is a Director at the Jigawa State Primary Health Care Development Agency in Nigeria where he oversees the delivery of health care to the grassroots and especially hard to reach and nomadic population of the state. He has helped to strengthen routine immunisation participation, which has drastically reduced the outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases like measles and whooping cough leading to improved child survival rates.



Carina Lawson (MBA 2011) has opened Ponderily Paper and Planners, an eco-friendly luxury stationery brand. She has taught classes on entrepreneurship to students at the Virginia Commonwealth University and works as an Associate Director of Academic Operations at a leading US-based research university.

Dr Ruijiao (Ricky) Li (BSc Artificial Intelligence 2012) is the co-founder, product director and

roboticist of AMY Robotics, an innovative technology company focusing on the research and development of service robots in China.

PC Kate Hollis (BA Hons Geography 2014) completed an MA in International Development at the University of Manchester before working for the Salvation Army supporting victims of modern slavery and human trafficking as a caseworker. In July 2019, Katie graduated from a two year Police Now graduate leadership development programme and now works as a police officer within the Criminal Investigation Department in Hampshire Constabulary.

Shane Ivers (BA Hons Music/Popular Music 2013, MMus 2014) continued working as a composer and producer upon leaving university. He now runs Silverman Sound Studios which provides royalty-free music for content creators under a Creative Commons license. You can find his work at: www.silvermansound.com.



Vanessa Endeley (LLB 2015) is a self-taught visual artist and documentary photographer born and raised in the city of Lagos. She is focused on addressing the social injustices faced by Nigerian women, education, health and insecurity in the north eastern region of Nigeria. Her ongoing project, Working Women, aims to document sex workers and the trials they go through in their profession.

Caioimhe O'Neill (BA Hons Irish Studies and English 2015) is a sports journalist at the *Liverpool Echo*, reporting on Liverpool and Everton football clubs.

Sehidou Diaby (MBA 2016) is a Peacekeeper at the United Nations. He uses computer

systems to support humanitarians, soldiers and police in protecting women and children in conflict zones. He assists them using communication and information technology facilities, trains them in setting up income-generating activity and provides them with peace-building and peace-keeping in their communities.



Shah-Zeib Ahmed (FIMBA 2017) works for FIFA and was involved in delivering numerous tournaments, including

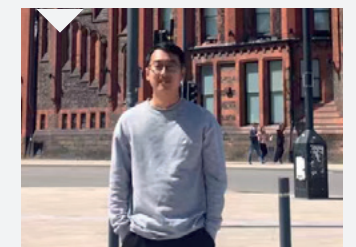
the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia and the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France. This last tournament was particularly poignant as he had written his MBA work-based project about investment in women's football and got the chance to contribute to the growth and development of the sport.

Gustavo Gastelum (FIMBA 2018) works at Mattel as head of e-commerce for the Latin American Region.



Kristian Treen (BA Hons English 2018) runs his own magic business in Leeds, Kristian Treen Magic, and regularly gets booked to perform at weddings and private parties across the country.

Kailin Hu (MSc Human Resource Management 2019) returned to China and joined Dell as a HRBP intern responsible for training and employee relations.



IN MEMORIAM

› **Stephen Alexander** (BA 1971)

› **Lorraine Allan (née Hutchinson) MRCVS** (BVSc 1975)

› **Dr Margaret Alston-Garnjost (née Alston)** (BSc Hons 1951, PhD 1952)

› **Dr Henry Alty** (BDS 1952, MBChB 1958)

› **Fred Atkinson** (BA Hons 1960, Diploma in Education 1961)

› **Grahame Atkinson MRCVS** (BVSc 1969)

› **Michael Bailey** (BSc 1966)

› **Kenneth Barker** (BSc 1966)

› **John Barraclough** (BA 1968)

› **John Barrington** (BEng Hons 1958)

› **Dr Anne Bayley** (MBChB 1960)

› **Margaret Beattie** (BA 1984)

› **Margaret Beeching (née Bevan)** (BA 1948)

› **Timothy Berry** (LLB Hons 1966)

› **Joshua Brooker** (BA 2014)

› **Lyn Braithwaite (née Hanson)** (BSc 1966, Certificate in Education 1967)

› **Andrew Bridson** (BEng 1985)

› **Gabrielle Brydon (née Kenny)** (Certificate in Advanced Study in Education 1994)

› **Professor Roger Burgess** (BArch 1951)

› **Andrew Bygrave MRCVS** (BVSc 1957)

› **Derek Codling** (BArch 1965)

› **John Codner MRCVS** (BVSc 1971)

› **Kenneth Cox** (BEng 1959)

› **Dr Roy Crombie** (MBChB 1968)

› **Edmund Davies MRCVS** (BVSc 1947)

› **Glyn Davies** (BSc Hons 1972)

› **Charles Doyle** (BCom Hons 1967)

› **Christian Dujardin** (MBA 2011)

› **Soad El Bosseri** (Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 1994)

› **Dr Anthony Enoch FRCP** (BSc Hons 1959, MBChB 1962)

› **Caroline Evans MRCVS** (BVSc 1981)

› **Roger Ewbank MRCVS OBE** (BVSc 1957, MVSc 1970)

› **Mary Fazakerley** (BA Hons 1945)

› **Dr Maurice Fowles** (MBChB 1954)

› **His Honour David Gee OstJ TD** (LLB Hons 1957)

› **Jeffrey George** (BDS 1965)

› **Rachel Gollins (née Lawson)** (BA 1958)

› **Mateusz Górzynski** (LLB 2018)

› **Joseph Grady** (BEng 1964)

› **Stanley Gray** (MEng 1941)

› **Penelope Groom** (BSc 1969)

› **Christopher Haffner** (BArch 1959)

› **Dr Paul Halewood** (BSc Hons 1949, PhD 1952)

› **Marjorie Harriman (née Jones)** (BA Hons 1947)

› **David Harris** (LLB 1955)

› **Dr Bernard Hayes MRCVS** (BVSc 1954)

› **Eur Ing Terry Hedges** (BEng Hons 1966, MEng 1968)

› **Dr Alexander Henderson** (BSc 1961, PhD 1965)

› **Anthony Hewitt** (BA Hons 1965)

› **Dr Sidney Hoddes** (MBChB 1952)

› **Margaret Houghton (née Pigot)** (LLB Hons 1952)

› **Dr Ivor Hughes** (MBChB 1960)

› **David Hydes** (BEd 1971)

› **David James** (BEng 2005)

› **Sue Jarvis (née Punter)** (BA Hons 1958)

› **Siv Jensen MRCVS** (BVSc 1997, MPhil 2002)

› **Margaret Jinks** (BA 1969)

› **Richard John** (BEng Hons 1957)

› **Cyril Jones** (BEng 1952)

› **Robert Jones** (BDS 1973)

› **Ronald Kay** (LLB 1952)

› **Eur Ing Desmond Kealey** (BEng 1944)

› **Olive Keidan (née Tulloch)** (Certificate 1944, BSc 1950)

› **Reverend Canon Dennis Kelly** (BA 1952)

› **Roger Kelly** (LLB Hons 1975)

› **David Kendall** (BA 1999)

› **Dr Alan Kirby** (MBChB 1956)

› **Johan Klaassen** (MBA 2005)

› **Barry Lipkin** (LLB 1959)

› **Dr Eric London** (PhD 1949)

› **David Lusk** (BA 1985)

› **Robin MacDonald** (BA Hons 1954)

› **Dr Rukhsana Majeed** (M Obst Gyn 1989)

› **Meg Mann (née Evans)** (BA Hons 1960, Certificate in Education 1961)

› **Dr John Phillips McKay** (MBChB 1966)

› **Gertrude McLoughlin** (BA Hons 1947, MA 1954)

› **John Millar CBE** (BArch 1947)

› **Roy Millett** (BSc 1967)

› **Julia Molyneux** (BEd 1985)

› **Dr Michael Murphy** (MA 2010)

› **Ruth Naylor** (BN 2001)

› **Lord Donald Nicholls of Birkenhead** (LLB Hons 1956, Hon LLD 1987)

› **Mary O'Loughlin (née Barry)** (Diploma 1992)

› **Major John Parkinson FRCVS** (BVSc 1943)

› **Daniel Parry** (BSc 2012)

› **James Peachey** (MSc Eng 1991)

› **John Pearson** (BSc 1952)

› **Stephen Phillips** (Diploma in Public Admin 1985)

› **Dr Graham Pogrel** (MBChB 1971)

› **Professor Derek Poole** (BArch Hons 1956, MCD 1957)

› **James Prentice** (LLB Hons 1947)

› **Emeritus Professor David Price Evans** (BSc Hons 1948, MBChB 1951, MSc 1957, MD 1959, PhD 1965, DSc 1981, Hon LLD 2008)

› **John Priestley** (BSc Hons 1970)

› **Nicholas Quinn** (BEng 1965)

› **Neil Richardson** (BSc Hons 1956)

› **Dr David Roberts** (BSc 1969, PhD 1973)

› **Mary Robinson (née McIntyre)** (BSc 1955)

› **Lesley Robinson** (BA 1966)

› **Joseph Sleigh** (BA 1965)

› **Frank Smith** (BA Hons 1956)

› **Dr Jeanette Smith (née Ferguson)** (MBChB 1959)

› **Muriel Snazell** (BA 1956)

› **Kenneth Speers** (BA 1970)

› **Philip Stevens** (BA 1978)

› **Bert Stokes** (BA Hons 2004)

› **David Stoneman** (BEng 1952)

› **Anthony Swift** (BDS 1962)

› **Christopher Terry** (BEng 1957)

› **Gillian Thompson** (BSc Hons 1963)

› **James Tomlinson** (BA Hons 1961)

› **Eileen Tregunna (née Buckley)** (BSc 1946)

› **Mark Waples** (BA 1994)

› **Landeg White** (BA Hons 1961, MA 1964)

› **Dr Derek Whittaker** (BEng Hons 1951, PhD 1958)

› **David Willis** (DLOW 1996)

› **Dr James Wright** (MBChB 1952)

Staff, students, Friends of the University of Liverpool and Honorary Graduates

Professor Sir Alasdair Breckenridge CBE (Hon MD 2007) former Professor Clinical Pharmacology

Professor Julian Crampton, former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University

Arthur Garnett, member of staff in Facilities Management and local historical tour guide

Emeritus Professor Alan Harding, Professor of Medieval History

Professor Kate Marsh, Professor of French Studies

Emeritus Professor David Morgan, former Dean of the Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies

Professor Martin Mortimer, former Head of Department of Plant Sciences, Institute of Integrative Biology

James Mulvihill, from the Department of Chemistry and former member of staff in the Sports Centre

Dr Michael Oglesby CBE DL, former Vice President of Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Dr Peter Sissons (Hon LLD 2002)

Sandra Hughes, Employability and Placements Officer in the Management School

Yuxiao Yang, student on the MSc Human Resource Management programme in the Management School

HONORARY GRADUATES



IN 2019, THE UNIVERSITY AWARDED HONORARY DEGREES TO 10 ESTEEMED FIGURES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SUCCESS AND CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY



The Honorable Wendy Beetlestone (BA Hons Philosophy 1984, Hon LLD 2019) is a Judge in the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Nominated to the bench by President Barack Obama in 2014, she was notably instrumental in issuing an injunction to block a controversial change to women's reproductive healthcare rights by the Trump administration.



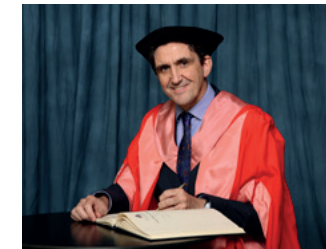
The Honourable Sir Stephen Cobb (LLB Hons Law 1984, Hon LLD 2019) is a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Family Division. In his judicial role, he has taken responsibility for leading reform of the procedures for determining parental disputes concerning children, and for the resolution of family cases which involve domestic abuse.



Professor Ray Donnelly MBE (Hon LLD 2019) is a retired Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Founder and President of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. A pioneer in his field, he was the first person worldwide to remove a lung cancer using keyhole surgery. He was awarded an MBE in 2009 for Voluntary Services to Healthcare.



Lord Tony Hall CBE (Hon LLD 2019) is one of the key figures in the UK's media and arts industry. He held the position of Director-General of the BBC for seven years and will become Chair of the National Gallery's Board of Trustees in summer 2020. In 2006, as the then Chief Executive of the Royal Opera House, he was awarded a CBE for services to Opera and Ballet and was made a life peer in 2010 with the title Baron Hall of Birkenhead.



Stephen McGann (Hon LittD 2019) is an actor, author and science communicator. Born in Liverpool, he began his acting career in 1982 in London's West End and is currently starring as Dr Turner in *Call the Midwife*. Stephen is a keen public speaker and writer on the social dimensions of science and medicine in popular culture. His book, *Flesh and Blood: A History of my Family in Seven Sicknesses*, traced the relationship between social history and public health.



Amrit (BA Hons 1987, Hon LittD 2019) and **Rabindra** (BA Hons 1987, Hon LittD 2019) **Singh MBE** – better known as the Singh Twins – are Wirral-raised contemporary artists whose award-winning work explores a broad range of social and political issues. They were made Honorary Citizens of Liverpool in 2010 and received MBEs for services to the Indian miniature tradition of painting within contemporary art in 2011.



Max Steinberg CBE FRSA (Hon LLD 2019) is Chair of the Board of the ACC Liverpool Group, which runs the Arena and Convention Centre on the famous Liverpool waterfront. He was awarded an OBE for services to Housing and Regeneration in 1997 and a CBE for services to Business and the Community in 2013.



Dr Matt Taylor (MPhys 1997, Hon DSc 2019) is a Project Scientist for the European Space Agency's Rosetta Mission that successfully landed a probe on a comet travelling at 135,000 km per hour. After leaving Liverpool, Matt completed a PhD in Space Plasma Physics at Imperial College London, followed by a series of postdoctoral placements.



Heidi Thomas (BA Hons English Language and Literature 1983, Hon LittD 2019) is a multi-award winning screenwriter, producer and playwright. She is best known as the creator of the global hit BBC series *Call the Midwife*, with other works including *Cranford*, *Upstairs Downstairs*, *Ballet Shoes* and *I Capture the Castle*.

SUPPORTING ENTERPRISING STUDENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL AND SANTANDER UNIVERSITIES UK ARE HELPING NEW ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENTS TO REALISE THEIR ENTREPRENEURIAL IDEAS THANKS TO THE ENTERPRISE FUND



▶ Tobias Fox and Ed Lynch of Sophron Health

Now in its second year, the Fund has enabled 14 student entrepreneurs to kick-start their businesses through funding training courses, providing seed funding for developing their business ideas and paying for travel to competitions.

Two of the most recent recipients are 5th year medical student Tobias Fox (MBA 2019) and his business partner and junior doctor, Ed Lynch (MBChB 2019), who were awarded funding from the Enterprise Fund to support their new business, Sophron Health.

Sophron was established in February 2019 with a mission to change the way that people look after their health, encouraging them to take a holistic approach using the app that the team has developed.

Since receiving the award, the pair have gone on to win the Liverpool Business Competition where they received funding to develop their business further as well as receiving business mentoring from alumnus Dr Rick

Parry (BSc Hons Mathematics 1976, Hon LLD 2008), former CEO of Liverpool Football Club and Chair of the English Football League (EFL).

Managing a business while still in full-time education or maintaining a full-time job is not easy. But when asked about how growing a business has impacted his studies, Tobias said: "As the business grows, your passion and drive grow even stronger and this affects everything you do. In addition to this, the skills that you learn in building a business whether it be problem solving, communication or discipline are applicable to other areas of life too."

The team's ambitions for Sophron are big, but they are certain that they will succeed in their mission. Tobias added: "Our main focus at the moment is in developing our digital platform 'Lyfe' as we believe that

this product has the most potential for creating a positive impact to people's lives.

"We are in talks with big investors at the moment, and are pushing hard to keep up the momentum of what we have achieved in such a short time."

For those thinking of starting their own business, Tobias gave this advice: "The most important thing is finding a 'why' for building your business. Find something you are passionate about and then use that passion to solve a real-life problem. The second thing is appreciating that the whole thing is a journey; learn to enjoy the process and don't get caught-up worrying about the future. It's not glamorous, but it's fun!

"The best thing to do is to just start, put one foot in front of the other and enjoy the process, everything else then seems to fall into place." ●

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▶ **WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE:** Celebrating the achievements of decades of female graduates from Liverpool School of Architecture, in conjunction with International Women's Day.



▶ **MEDICINE REUNION:** The Class of 1999 reunited after 20 years in Liverpool for a campus tour and special celebration dinner.



▶ **PROFESSOR DAME JANET BEER LECTURE:** The Vice-Chancellor delivered a special lecture on Edith Wharton and early 20th century literature to assembled guests at the British Consulate in Hong Kong.



▶ **PARENT AND FAMILY NETWORK WELCOME EVENTS:** Parents and family members of first year students were joined by senior University staff and Officers from Liverpool Guild of Students for an afternoon tea to welcome them to the alumni community.



▶ **OCEANOGRAPHY CENTENARY:** Alumni, students, current and former staff attended a lecture to begin a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of oceanography at the University of Liverpool.

▶ **A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC:** Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Chief Conductor, Vasily Petrenko (Hon DMus 2009), helped to launch our campaign for a new teaching and performance centre.

▶ **FRED FREEMAN LECTURE ON PHILANTHROPY:** The 2019 lecture was delivered by Dr Beth Breeze, co-founder of the Centre for Philanthropy and Hugh Cunningham, Emeritus Professor of Social History at the University of Kent.





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