

The Graduate

Welcome to your alumni* community. Today you join more than 300,000 former students from 190 countries.

From television and sport stars to researchers and government officials, you are following in the footsteps of Nobel prize-winners, Prime Ministers, Olympic medalists, award-winning writers; people who have changed the world. We even have a couple of *Apprentice* candidates.

Did you know?

The University's first graduation ceremony was held at noon on July 6 1901 with 92 graduates in the Town Hall.

**a.lum.nus/noun*
a graduate or former student of a university.

alumnus is a male graduate (pl alumni)
alumna is a female graduate (pl alumnae)

Traditionally the masculine plural alumni is used for groups of both sexes.

“ Dr Matthew Clark (BSc Sports Science, 2002) Alumnus of the Year 2013 and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Welbodi Partnership "Graduation is a day of mixed emotions. I remember being relieved to have passed my exams and be a graduate, coupled with nervous anticipation about the new opportunities."



Amanda Ross (BA Drama and Theatre Arts, 1984) Managing Director, Cactus TV "I changed so much in my three years at Birmingham. It gave me the confidence to be who I am today. At the time, it was the best thing that had ever happened to me, and it's helped me have a life that gets more exciting day by day."



Chrissie Wellington MBE (BSc Geography, 1998) "It is important to remember that the world is your oyster. Look forward and see what is possible."