

## Alumni of the year

Entries are now open for nominations to the Alumni of the Year awards 2014. The award is a great opportunity to recognise Birmingham alumni who have made a valuable contribution to the University, the community or their professional field and to demonstrate the extraordinary range of achievements amongst Birmingham's former students.

Alumni, staff and students were able to nominate alumni in any of the following categories:

- Young alumnus (under 35) of the year
- Alumnus making an outstanding contribution to business/industry
- Alumnus making an outstanding contribution to society/community life
- Alumnus making an outstanding contribution to culture/media/sport
- International alumnus of the year

To make a nomination please complete the nomination form and email FAO: Claire O'Sullivan ([f.l.worrall@bham.ac.uk](mailto:f.l.worrall@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:f.l.worrall@bham.ac.uk>)). Note that the deadline for nominations is **midday 12th March 2014**.

### Last year's winner



#### Dr Matthew Clark (BSc Sport and Exercise Sciences, 2002)

Dr Matthew Clark graduated from the University of Birmingham in 2002 with a Sport and Exercise Sciences degree, before going on to study medicine at Cambridge University. During his studies he undertook an elective at the Ola During Children's Hospital in Sierra Leone. His experiences in Sierra Leone drove Matthew to become the co-founder of the Welbodi Partnership, a UK-registered charity. The charity has since gone on to raise more than £1 million for the hospital. Read more about Matthew.

### Previous winners



#### Luciana Berger (BCom Commerce with Spanish, 2004)

Luciana Berger is the Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament for Liverpool Wavertree. Elected in May 2010, Luciana was quickly promoted to be Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change by Labour Party leader Ed Miliband.

Before entering Parliament Luciana worked for top management consultancy Accenture advising FTSE 100 companies including Barclays and BP, as well as the London

Stock Exchange. She then joined Accenture's Government Strategy Unit supporting UK Government departments including the Treasury before the 2006 Comprehensive Spending Review and Prime Minister Tony Blair's Delivery Unit.

After leaving Accenture Luciana was appointed Government and Parliamentary Manager for the National Health Service Confederation. And from 2007 to 2010 she was the Director of Labour Friends of Israel, a non-profit organisation working to achieve peace in the Middle East.



#### Christine Arthur (BA English and Communications, 1988)

Christine Arthur is the Managing Director at McCann Erickson Communications House, an international leader in public relations. In this role she has overseen and helped lead McCann's communications and PR, winning them influential clients such as Vauxhall, British Waterways and National Express.

Prior to her work with McCann Erickson, Christine had also worked as managing director for both Key Communications and SMARTS Creative Communications.

Christine also remains highly active in the University, talking to students at the University's 'Careers in PR day'. Furthermore her work with the Arts and Law careers team in providing work experience and internships for students wanting to pursue a career in PR is invaluable.