

APPENDIX A

Alumni in attendance

John Akers	MSc 1964
Joanne Bentham	PhD Education 2015
Norma Broadbridge	BSc Botany 1951, MSc Sport and Exercise Science 1992
Christine Butterworth	BSocSci 1964
Joe Cane	BSc Business Management 2015
Heather Cannon	BSc Mathematics 1969
Vivienne Foxley	BA French 1969
Tom Goodman	BSc 2018
Stephen Lawrance	BSc Biological Science
Rob Lennox	BCom 1979
Simon Lerwill	BSc Geography 2002
Afam Obinwa	MSc (Civil) Engineering
Anne O'Meara	LLB Law 1977
Joe O'Meara	BSc 1971
Sheila Oxspring	BSc Zoology and Comparative Physiology
Lesley Payne	BSc Biological Science 1972
Clive Poole	BComm
David Rigby	BSc 1964, MSc 1967
Christopher Sharpe	BSc Mathematics and Psychology
Jane Quinn	BA German Studies 1066
Nina Waddell	BDS
Diana White	MBChB Medicine 1967

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APPENDIX B: GGAA Presidents Report for AGM, June 8th 2019

This has been the second and another enjoyable year of my presidency of the GGAA. This year has been significantly shorter as we have brought forwards our AGM from September to coincide with an early Annual Reunion and opening of the Green Heart today.

House of Lords Reception

The House of Lords Reception in November was once again a great evening hosted by Lord Bilimoria, our Chancellor and Professor Sir David Eastwood. We heard several interesting talks and it was fascinating to hear stories from other alumni about their journeys and experiences since leaving Birmingham.

Degree Congregation Processing

GGAA representatives once again processed at the December degree congregation ceremonies and will be doing so in a few weeks for the July ceremonies. The primary purpose is for the GGAA reps to form part of the procession and lead out the new graduates at the end of the ceremony, a tradition practiced for many many years. We welcomed several new processors again this year and I'm sure they'll agree that these are most enjoyable occasions. Thank you to all who processed.

Carol Service December 2018

A number of the committee represented the GGAA at the Annual Carol Service in the Great Hall. An enjoyable evening was had by all and thanks must go to the DARO team for hosting drinks and networking afterwards.

Midland Branch

Following the closure of the Midland Branch in July 2018, an opportunity arose to utilise some of the remaining funds to contribute towards some information boards to be installed in the Green Heart. These boards explain the significance of the crests which were removed from the façade of the Old Library and restored in the Green Heart. The boards also commemorate the Midland Branch and we hope these boards will serve a legacy and provide benefit to the whole university community. There will be an unveiling ceremony this afternoon with myself and Sir David Eastwood.

Planning for today

One final function of the GGAA committee is to help to plan for today. I do hope that everyone will enjoy the day.

Thank You

I have very much enjoyed my term in office, however I have made the decision to step down this year owing to challenging time commitments. I'd like to thank the DARO team for your support and collaboration with us and very much hope to be actively involved with the GGAA in future years.

***** PLEASE make sure that you have signed in for this AGM and don't forget if you would like to get further involved, do make yourself known to myself or one of the committee.*****

Joe Cane
President GGAA

Appendix C: Development & Alumni Relations Office – GGAA AGM update 2019

Our contactable alumni community now exceeds 266,000 individuals across the globe, exceeding the last reported figure in 2018 of 230,000. The team have had another busy year providing what we hope is a comprehensive programme. Some highlights include:

A new campaign identity has been developed for our upcoming fundraising and volunteering campaign, to be launched in October. The campaign identity has been tested through a broad range of external focus groups representing all audiences for the campaign, developed in collaboration with a range of key internal stakeholders and approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The campaign will be brought to life through a new website, suite of videos and a social media campaign.

55 events in 2019 so far run by University or alumni – including our 4th annual Global Alumni Gathering which has attracted hundreds of attendees across 33 events. We have expanded our programme to include more events for recent graduates. Since September, we have held six events in Birmingham and London that have supported young alumni with their careers. Events take place year round in Birmingham and London as well as internationally – you are very welcome to join us.

Alumni gave more than 13,500 hours of their time as volunteers last year to support the University and students, up from 12,000 in the previous DARO GGAA report. This is the equivalent of nearly 8 additional staff members, but the impact is more than just the time. These volunteers have given their time to help set University strategy, support graduate employability, advice on curriculum and career development, provide careers support to individual students, hosted guest lectures and much more. This makes such a big impact on enriching the student experience and providing our graduates with more than simply excellent academic credentials in a competitive work environment. Our thanks also to all those in the Guild of Graduates who processed at the degree congregations in December and July.

We are incredibly grateful to our generous supporters who have given over £10m this year in philanthropic gifts to the University, ranging from large to small gifts. We are on track to raise £12m by July. Amongst this we have been able to support a range of projects delivered by both staff and students to improve employability, maximise research impact and enhance the experience of undergraduates whilst studying their degree through the Alumni Impact Fund (AIF). Over the last academic year we have given out over £125,000 supporting projects such as these. Every gift is important and we are very grateful for your support.

The latest digital edition of Old Joe went live in May 2019 at <https://www.oldjoe.co.uk>. This edition includes a film showing how campus has changed over the last 50 years, the World War Two student who graduated this year alongside his grandson, and an interview with our new Alumnus of the Year, a blind maths graduate who has climbed Europe's highest mountain. Reader's favourites also include our first video interviews with alumni who fell in love here as students, and research work such as the detection of new planets. There will not be an edition in autumn, as we will be focused on launching the new campaign in October, but we are already lining up household names for the spring 2020 print edition.

Our student and young alumni programme continues to go from strength to strength. We have had over 200 applications (our highest amount to date) to our Lloyd's scholarship

programme supporting our widening participation ambition. In November this year our first cohort of students will be graduating from our Dubai campus and we are looking forward to welcoming them into our alumni community. We have introduced new events exclusively for our recent graduates which aim to support their professional development and have launched a new e-newsletter which gives access to a range of careers support.

Finally, please do let us know if you have any comments or ideas for our alumni programme. You can talk to any of the team here today, we would love to hear from you.

Dan O'Driscoll
DARO Representative to GGAA

APPENDIX E: Alumni Awards Administrator's Report

Each year, the Student Development Services (SDS) Awards Panel meets to consider applications for a variety of awards available to facilitate the development of students. Mostly, these are given to cover travel and living expenses to allow students to pursue opportunities for research, charitable activity related to their course of study or personal development towards meeting their career aspirations. The GGAA Alumni Awards Administrator is a member of this panel and contributes to the evaluation of all applications and the disbursement of the awards in the various categories, and in particular, the GGAA 'pot' of £1,000.

This year, the SDS Awards Panel was able to assist 19 students with their development and travel plans.

There was a preponderance of applications from Medical & Dental students; the panel has recommended that greater publicity be given to the existence of these awards in other schools and departments in the future to encourage a wider spread of applicants from different disciplines.

As usual, there was a significant number of applications for the Global Brigades (Medical) looking for 'off the peg' trips of a week to 10 days experience and activity, mainly in Honduras. The applicants were seeking funding in the range £1800 - £2200 for these trips. The Panel concluded that such a short stay would be of little benefit to either the applicants or the recipients of the proposed care and support and represented poor value for money compared with other applications and so the majority of these were unsuccessful.

The GGAA award was split three ways this year, with the £1,000 'pot' being augmented from general SDS funds by £81. Each of the three awards will be titled GGAA awards. The projects detailed below are all UK-based and the applicants were seeking assistance with travelling and accommodation expenses to allow them to pursue these projects during the summer vacation. The recipients will be asked to submit a report, but these reports will not be available for the AGM, so they will be posted on the GGAA website when available and received at the 2020 AGM.

Extracts from the three successful applications are given here:

Eberechukwu Ikwuanusi - £620

Conducting a project based on improving the efficacy of generating pluripotent stem cells which are unspecialised cells that can specialise and develop into all the cells in the body at the University of Birmingham. The completion of this research project will give me insight into the role of a biomedical science researcher in a laboratory setting which is my career aspiration.

Shanila Musarat - £100

I am planning to undertake experience in the Sustainable Healthcare Elective for Nurses in the UK (SHEN-UK). SHEN is led by Maria Clark at the University of Birmingham and works in partnership with Plymouth University and the RCN sustainability in nursing network. The focus will be on promoting healthy eating and physical activity through practical visits to engage with nurse leaders and practitioners. The project will also involve sustainability education and research, working to promote and protect the health of individuals, families and communities within and beyond the UK.

Rachel Fawcett - £361

The aim of the project is to determine the ratio of single - fibre to bundles of the sympathetic nerve terminal branches in the murine heart at the University of Birmingham. The sympathetic innervation of the heart is an important regulator and noradrenaline can be released from both isolated nerve terminals containing no Schwann cells and small bundles of axons which do contain Schwann cells. This project will also allow me to learn advanced techniques within the lab and develop and expand on the experimental skills I have learnt during the last two years.

Steve Tomlinson
GGAA Awards Administrator
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