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A new spectacle for the North East



# Welcome

## from the vice-chancellor and chief executive

It is with great pride that I send my warmest greetings to our alumni community now I have had the privilege to attend my first Teesside University graduation ceremonies.

**It is almost a year since I joined Teesside University in my role as vice-chancellor and chief executive and it has been a fantastic year of getting to know the students and staff here on our campus as well as meeting many of our new and some returning alumni.**

I have taken great pleasure in overseeing the opening of our £30m newly developed central campus heart which includes The Curve building, and watching the 2015 graduates as well as current students enjoy the new flexible open spaces and facilities right at the centre of campus.

The scale of investment is awe-inspiring and it continued as we opened our new science and engineering facilities and our brand new gym. I am looking forward to driving even further growth as we continue to invest in what we offer to our students.

We now have a new mission and vision to take us to 2020 as we move to be a leading university with an international reputation for academic excellence that provides an outstanding learning experience underpinned by research, business focus and enterprise.

I know this mission will be given the utmost support by the whole University community – our governors, students, staff, partners and you, our alumni, who continue to play a vital and important role in the life of your university.

There will be some big changes in 2016 – which includes the move to summer graduation ceremonies. This is in line with the academic calendars of the majority of higher education institutions, and will, I believe, give us an opportunity to celebrate with even more of our graduates before they leave us for their first step on the career ladder.

Graduation week will be held from Monday 18 July to Friday 22 July. There will also be a winter graduation for postgraduate students beginning on Monday 21 November to Thursday 24 November. I hope you will join me in wishing our next cohort of alumni every success for the future.

Finally, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at events both on and off campus and encourage you to keep in touch with your University through our Alumni Association.

My warmest and best wishes to you all.







# Hello

## ALUMNI & FRIENDS

As we move into 2016 and approach the first anniversary of our new vice-chancellor and chief executive Professor Paul Croney, we are entering a new era in which we are seeing exciting changes ahead.

**The first of these changes is a significant development for our graduation ceremonies which are now moving to the summer.**

The class of 2016 will receive their accolades throughout the week beginning Monday 18 July. It will be an excellent opportunity for our new alumni to begin their celebrations in our campus heart which opened in 2015. Our £30m development which includes The Curve, an innovative teaching space and a landscaped central plaza with a living wall and

plasma screen is proving a popular attraction for all our students and visitors. We will also hold a winter graduation ceremony for our postgraduate students, 21 - 24 November.

As our campus continues to develop, we look forward to welcoming our new alumni cohort back in the future and invite you to keep in touch with your University and enjoy the benefits of being an alumnus.

In this edition we have a range of inspiring success stories, highlights of

the generosity of some of our donors, and a fabulous new development in our area which will be a huge new visitor attraction and we're sure will see many of our alumni returning to the region.

Please keep in contact with us and let us know if your details change – we love to hear how you are doing and read about your success.

Drop us a line any time at [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).

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## FEATURE

# CLASS OF 2015

Over 3,500 graduates celebrated their degrees at our 2015 ceremonies. With family, friends and University staff they proudly stepped up to receive their certificates and enjoy the fruits of successful study.

**Graduates from all the University's academic Schools – Health & Social Care, Arts & Media, Social Sciences, Business & Law, Science & Engineering and Computing celebrated their academic success.**

The awards they received ranged from foundation degrees to undergraduate degrees, masters degrees and doctorates.

Many of you joined in the celebrations on social media too, sharing your success, and pictures across networks which was both inspiring and uplifting. We wish you all a successful future.

Graduation is always a glittering highlight of the academic calendar and this was certainly a week to remember – not least because from this year our main graduation ceremonies will move to a summer date.

In 2016 graduation will be held from Monday 18 July to Friday 22 July.

It gives graduates a chance to celebrate on campus in the summer and brings the celebration closer to the conclusion of their actual studies – which should mean even more successful students have the opportunity to attend.

There will be graduation ceremonies for postgraduate students held in November – from Monday 21 to Thursday 24 November.







## GRADUATE STORY

# Memorial prize received with honour

**Giving birth to her son and being diagnosed with dyslexia didn't deter Jordanna Arthur from achieving a criminology degree.**

Having now graduated from the BSc (Hons) Criminology, Jordanna, 25, is now working as probation support worker and probation services officer with the National Probation Service in Middlesbrough. Jordanna, from Sunderland, was determined not to let anything prevent her from continuing her studies and it led to her being presented with the Matthew Jordan Memorial Prize, in memory of criminology student Matthew who died in 2014.

She gave birth to son Franky during the second year of her degree and was diagnosed as being dyslexic towards the end of her studies, while also dealing with her brother suffering serious illness.

Jordanna had suffered serious complications during her pregnancy

and Franky was born prematurely, but she was determined to continue her studies, 'I learned how to really multi-task between essays and breast feeding. The University went the extra mile and supported me all the way.'

She adds, 'Teesside University taught me more than statistics and theories. The fantastic team of academic staff taught us life skills by contextualising the whole module of criminology and applying it to the real world.'

'We were lucky to have fascinating lecturers with genuine experience within areas such as drugs, probation and domestic violence. I had visited other universities during their open days, but Teesside by far stood out to me.' During the degree Jordanna began volunteering with the National Probation Service, working with high risk offenders. She says, 'I was given opportunities to progress and enhance my experience, learning

from very experienced probation service officers who took me under their wing.' Jordanna secured a permanent position just a few months before graduating.

On being presented with the Matthew Jordan Memorial Prize, she says, 'I am extremely honoured to receive this award. Matthew should have been graduating with the class of 2015 and this award is a lovely way to include his memory and show respect on behalf of the criminology staff and students.'

'It felt as though Matthew was with us in spirit during graduation. It was inspiring to see his lovely mam and dad on the stage on his behalf.'



## DEVELOPMENT

# George wins Wendy Craig prize for a first class performance

**A first class performance by student George Mott has led to a prestigious prize from one of the country's much loved stars of stage and screen.**

George Mott, who achieved a first class degree in performance for live and recorded media, was awarded the Wendy Craig Award for Outstanding Study.

Actress, author and television presenter Wendy became a household name in the 1960s and 70s when she starred in some of the UK's most popular television comedies, *Butterflies* and *Not in Front of the Children*. The Teesside University

honorary graduate launched the award as a way of recognising deserving graduates who have excelled in their course.

George, 23, from Milton Keynes, chose to study at Teesside due to the course content and fabulous facilities. He explains, 'The television studio and radio station looked fantastic and really jumped out at me. I was delighted to attain a first class honours degree.'

'Achieving the Wendy Craig award was a complete surprise. It is great to get recognition for my work and is a great encouragement to continue working towards a career in performance.'

'Studying at Teesside has given me the chance to explore the technical side of performance, particularly in the creation of television and film which I had not really considered before. I've learned so much from the course and guest lecturers about the many different avenues I can take to get a career in the performance industry.'

George adds, 'During the first year of the degree I was involved in Click, the University's radio station, which helped me with my course as it taught me how to use the technology provided by Aurora House as well as giving me a chance to meet and work with the technical staff.'

'As I studied a performance degree, we did not have a final dissertation but instead we had to create a performance. Along with a few other students from my course we created a short film called *Sanctus* which I directed. *Sanctus* follows the lives of a group of young men who believe the apocalypse is approaching and that the opening of a sacred box could prevent their death as they would become the Lord's disciples.'

George is now seeking an agent and auditioning for roles. He says, 'I have also been working on building skills to enhance my CV and I'm planning to start a course to gain a qualification in screen combat.'

'I loved my time at Teesside; it was very different moving north from the Midlands. I made lots of great friends and would recommend it to anyone considering their university choices.'

If you are interested in offering a scholarship or prize contact [development@tees.ac.uk](mailto:development@tees.ac.uk)





## GRADUATE STORY

**Mother and daughter Ann and Bethany Thomas shared academic success after studying at the University's School of Health & Social Care.**

Ann graduated from the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice, while Bethany completed the Advanced Diploma in Nursing Studies (Learning Disabilities).

Studying at Teesside is nothing new for Ann, who previously graduated from the BSc (Hons) Nursing, having previously completed Registered General Nurse qualifications which were accredited by the University.

Ann works as a modern matron in forensic services at Roseberry Park in Middlesbrough, which provides services and care for patients with mental health problems and learning disabilities.

Mum-of-three Ann, of Redcar, says, 'The master's equipped me with essential analytical skills needed in reviewing evidence based practice and implementation. The course helped with looking at the processes involved in managing change and reviewing evidence.'

She adds, 'When I was completing the degree I was in a role working shifts, which made it a little easier to juggle study around work, but while completing the master's I moved into two different job roles, so it was tough trying to combine work with study.'

Due to Ann's changing job role she had to complete one of the modules through distance learning.

She adds, 'I'd say to anyone thinking of studying a master's while working full-time to think about what it involves and to be prepared, while also ensuring the support will be there from your employer too.'

Bethany, 21, also from Redcar, is working as a staff nurse at Roseberry Park. She says of her course, 'The job I do is managing risk and the course really helped to prepare me for the role. The study was really tailored to the job I wanted to do.'

'The placements I completed while studying were vital in providing essential experience, enabling us to immediately put into practice what we were learning. One of the placements I did was at Roseberry Park, which really helped to provide insight into what the work involves.'

Bethany adds, 'I was initially thinking about studying media while doing my A-levels, but after looking at the NHS website and finding the role I wanted to do, it was great to be able to study towards it at Teesside. I'm now hoping to continue study while working in nursing, with the aim of progressing to master's level.'

## Graduation's a family affair



## DEVELOPMENT

# TRIBUTE TO DENNIS INSPIRES NEW GRADUATES

**The son and daughter of a Teesside businessman are inspiring future graduates in memory of their dad.**

The Dennis McGouran prize was set up last year in his memory by son and daughter Hugh McGouran and Shelagh Bourke. Hugh and Shelagh hope the annual prize will inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs by awarding £1,000 each year to a student graduating from a business and enterprise related course.

Hayden Bailey, who graduated with a first class BA (Hons) Business Management, is the second recipient of the Dennis McGouran prize. Hayden, who is originally from Leeds and now living in Thornaby, says, 'Winning this prize represents such a huge personal achievement for myself. 'Being dyslexic, school was hard as the skills we are tested on act as negative reinforcement as they highlight only weaknesses. It's my firm belief that self-doubt is one of the most damaging forces we harbour in our lives.

'In my final year at Teesside I fed off the positivity of my friends and the confidence of my lecturers to achieve my goal of securing a first class honours degree. Being chosen by my lecturers for this prize gives me the foundation of confidence I need to set and achieve my next big goal.'

He adds, 'My mum called me and read out the letter which arrived at my home in Leeds to say I had won the prize. Such a fantastic moment, it makes all the hours in the University's Stephenson Building worthwhile.'

Dennis, who passed away in 2001, was a well-known Middlesbrough entrepreneur, setting up a wholesale firm at Cannon Park which grew into a national business.

Hugh, Chief Executive of Tees Valley Community Foundation, says, 'Dad was born in Percy Street, just a few streets from the University. He always had an eye for business and the latest thing. He was one of the first people to start a franchise, setting up his business from scratch.

'Dad was really into giving something back and mentored a lot of people and we just thought it would be a good thing to do, to help someone else just embarking on their career.'

Hugh was himself a mature student, enrolling at Teesside University when he was 32 to study public administration. He graduated in 2007.

Hayden says it was his love of surfing which helped to make his choice to study at Teesside, saying, 'I had a real love for surfing. When I was looking at universities, with Saltburn so close I thought it was a great choice. My fellow students made my

time at the university so memorable, the friendly competition and the confidence we had in each other was fantastic, you couldn't help but achieve what you set out to.'

Hayden is co-founder and CEO of a tech start up firm in Middlesbrough called Orca. He says, 'We've created the most incredible app, available now on Apple and android. It both enables and encourages users to meet up and socialise face to face, with great people locally while also helping to discover the best events and coolest places to eat, drink and visit. The idea for this came about in response to the rise in social media and digital device usage which is damaging our real life connections.'

If you would like to support the next generation of entrepreneurs contact [development@tees.ac.uk](mailto:development@tees.ac.uk)



Hugh McGouran, Jayden Bailey and Shelagh Bourke



## RESEARCH

# PRESERVING A DIGITAL FAMILY FOR THE FUTURE



A forward thinking artist is looking to the future and creating opportunities to bring deceased family members back to virtual life through digital technology and social media activity.

***Preserved Memories* proposes that in the future you will be able to reconstitute your reality so that you never have to permanently say goodbye to a loved one again.**

It suggests that by combining state-of-the-art gaming technology, voice synthesis and big data streams – such as social media, government databases and health records – we will be able to create a synthetic digital life which you recognise and which will recognise you.

*Preserved Memories* is the brainchild of Simon McKeown, a Reader in Animation and Post Production at Teesside University, who says that in 50 years' time, this kind of technology will be seen in a similar way to how the Xbox or Playstation is seen today.

Simon displayed *Preserved Memories* at the Dox Centre for Contemporary Art in Prague as part of the *Brave New World Exhibition*, which featured the work of over 20 artists from around the world who used topics such as surveillance, consumerism and the media to display a 'dismal future that has already arrived'.

*Preserved Memories* uses a process called photogrammetry where you can accurately reconstruct a virtual 3D shape of a human being from existing photographs and video. In addition, the advancement

in computer voice synthesis, will also take into account local and regional accents and deliver a more personalised, human experience. When you link these virtual humans to big data streams the system will create a digital lifeform which is up to date and informed about your activities. If you have been shopping or to the doctors, the virtual character will already know.

Simon says, 'In the future with *Preserved Memories*, you will never have to experience the loss of a loved one. You will be able to add to your family tree and select new family members, including famous faces and legends, all of whom will already know about you.

'Using emotion-sensitive human-computer interaction our artificially

intelligent participants continue to acquire ongoing knowledge long after their death – they evolve digitally and do not die.

'This life form will be up to date and informed of your daily activities through GPS, Wifi, health and fitness tracking, consumer records and much more. They will know if you have passed your exam, driving test, flown on holiday, bought new shoes, ditched your boyfriend. They will know what you tell it on social media and also by the constant tracking that occurs every day.

'Our prime data feeds mean digital participants instantly know what you have done and can sense your physical mood and excitement.'



## Unearthed letters reveal heartbreaking challenges faced by women during World War One



**A Teesside University historian is leading a project to digitise letters that were sent from women whose loved ones died in World War One.**

Dr Roisin Higgins, a senior lecturer in the School of Arts & Media, received a grant of £9,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and is working to make the letters available online and uncover the stories of the women who penned them. The 120 documents were found at Ormesby Hall in Middlesbrough and had been sent to Mary Pennyman, whose family then owned the property. She wrote back to the women, offering words of comfort and advice.

As well as offering financial and practical advice, Mary, whose own husband was fighting in the war, offered the women the opportunity to speak about their sons and husbands. The letters provide a personal insight into the loss they experienced and the struggles they were faced with. Dr Higgins says, 'The letters to Mary Pennyman provide a window into the thoughts and feelings of women who would otherwise remain unnoticed by history.'

'Researching the lives of the women who wrote them is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the cost of war and to build a picture of the challenges faced at the time and the strength it took to survive. Many commemorative projects focus on the dead but this one will focus on those who had to live on.'

The three-year project will create an online platform so people can see the letters first hand and discover the stories behind them. A team of volunteers and two interns will gain valuable training and the opportunity to build skills as they help to catalogue, annotate and transcribe the letters as well as research the lives of the women who wrote them. A series of talks and exhibitions will also be held throughout the project.

## The story behind Spielberg's espionage thriller

**Author and Teesside University alumnus and Visiting Fellow Dr Vin Arthey has written the extraordinary back story of a Newcastle-born Russian spy whose remarkable life has been re-told in Steven Spielberg's *Bridge of Spies*.**

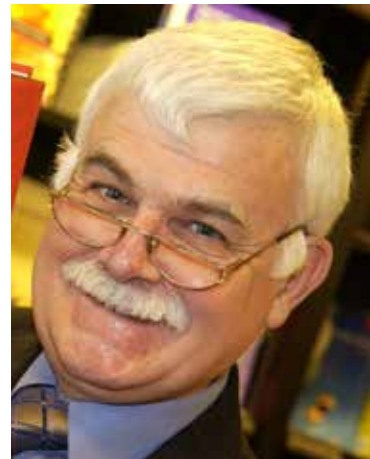
Spielberg's espionage thriller is based on Rudolf Abel, who was born in Newcastle as William Fisher, but went on to become a Russian spy during the Cold War.

Dr Arthey has been fascinated by the spy story for more than 50 years and his work to document the incredible events earned him a PhD from Teesside.

He has written *Abel: The True Story of the Spy they Traded for Gary Powers*, which was published to coincide with the release of *Bridge of Spies*.

Spielberg's film focuses on the time in 1962 when the American authorities arranged to swap their prisoner for US reconnaissance spy plane pilot Gary Powers, who had been shot down over the Soviet Union. Tom Hanks plays the lawyer involved in the negotiations.

But Dr Arthey's book documents Abel's entire life, from his birth to revolutionary Russian parents in Clara Street, Newcastle, to his evolution to one of the KGB's most trusted and respected spies. He has also built up a lasting friendship with the descendants of Abel as well as his lawyer James Donovan, played by Hanks in the film.



Dr Arthey, who made several visits to Russia while writing his book, describes Abel as one of the most famous and celebrated KGB spies.

His book details how William Fisher, the child of revolutionary parents who had fled tsarist oppression in Russia. He returned to his homeland when he was 18 and went on to embark on a mission to New York, where he ran the network that stole America's atomic secrets.

In 1957, his luck ran out and he was arrested and sentenced to 30 years in prison. Five years later the USSR's regard for Abel's talents was proven when they insisted on swapping him for Gary Powers, the American whose spy plane was shot down in Soviet airspace.

Abel returned to Moscow, and the KGB. He had a wife and daughter there and died from cancer in 1971.

## FEATURE

A star of stage and screen, a world-class rock climber and an industry stalwart were honoured by Teesside University during our graduation celebrations.

# RETURNING TO HIS ROOTS

**All three spoke of their pride and admiration for the University as they picked up honorary degrees as a mark of their success and commitment to their chosen professions.**

Stockton-born actor Stephen Tompkinson, climber Steve McClure and business boss Maurice Dawson joined in the celebrations as thousands of graduates crossed the stage to collect their degrees during six days of ceremonies.

Dr Tompkinson has been a well-known face in television and film for three decades, starring in *DCI Banks*, *Ballykissangel* and *Wild at Heart*. His film credits include the 1996 comedy-drama *Brassed Off* and he played Damien Day in the hit comedy *Drop the Dead Donkey* from 1990 to 1998.

Reflecting on his doctorate, Dr Tompkinson says, "This is a day I will never forget. For myself and the family who inspired me to get into acting in the first place, it is a tremendous honour for all of us."



Vice-chancellor Professor Paul Croney with Dr Stephen Tompkinson



Dr Steve McClure

'It is fantastic how the University has grown and how vibrant it is – you come here and see how much the campus has expanded. The University does not rest on its laurels – it keeps moving forward and keeps that energy and vibrancy going and that can only help to attract more people to the University.'

Dr Dawson is chairman of AV Dawson, specialists in logistics, transport and freight who have been operating in the Teesside area for 80 years. He dedicated his doctorate to all the staff at AV Dawson. 'We are a family business and have grandfathers, sons and grandsons all working for us today. This is an extremely proud moment personally but also for the company – I am receiving this on behalf of the company and everybody who works for it.'

Saltburn-born Dr McClure is regarded as one of the best rock climbers in the world and is famed for his hard sport climbing routes in England. He has competed on the world and European stage over a number of years, and in 2007 made the free ascent of Overshadow in Malham Cove, the first 9a+ route in the UK.

Receiving his doctorate, he says, 'I am thrilled to receive the degree – it is a great honour, especially coming from Teesside, which has such a special place in my heart. It is not something I ever expected, but it is a real privilege and certainly a massive highlight in my life.'

'There is no doubt that Teesside University has a really good reputation – it is an extremely friendly place to be and has a real sense of community.'

Graduation saw a total of 12 ceremonies held over six days, with awards ranging from foundation degrees to undergraduate degrees, masters degrees and doctorates.

Professor Paul Croney, vice-chancellor and chief executive of Teesside University, says, 'Graduation is a special time to celebrate the success of our students. I was delighted to award honorary degrees to three people who have each achieved remarkable standards in their chosen careers.'

'It is a pleasure to welcome them to the Teesside University family and I am sure their stories of hard work, dedication and achievement helped to inspire the thousands of graduates who were receiving their degrees.'



Dr Maurice Dawson



GRADUATE STORIES

# COMPUTING BROUGHT CEDRIC TO TEESSIDE FROM HONG KONG

## An interest in computing and English culture brought Cedric Fok from Hong Kong to Teesside.

The BSc (Hons) Computing graduate is working as a software developer in his adopted town of Middlesbrough with Animmersion UK, based in the town's Boho One building.

Animmersion provides a wide range of 3D animation, VR, data visualisation and technology solutions for business and industry.

Cedric, 22, says, 'I decided to come to Teesside to study as I was attracted by the culture after previously visiting England. I did my research before applying and discovered Teesside University has a great reputation for courses in computing and provides an excellent teaching environment, especially for international students.'

Cedric's work with Animmersion

involves developing components for different types of marketing software and management systems.

He says, 'I work closely with the design team and 3D animation team and I am currently participating in a project developing airport crowd management dashboards for international airports for one of Animmersion's key clients.'

'It is a challenging and interesting project to be involved in as I am extremely interested in both aviation and information technology.'

Cedric was among exhibitors at Teesside University's annual ExpoTees showcase of students' work, where he displayed his final year project of a lightweight in-flight entertainment system.

He says, 'During the exhibition I spoke to several visitors from digital companies about my work, which

resulted in Animmersion offering me a graduate position.

'I really enjoy working at Animmersion. They have provided lots of opportunities, enabling me to gain experience and learn new skills.'

'Teesside University has an excellent careers service for students. During my course they provided guidelines of how to create CVs and how to improve our online profiles and interview skills.'

'ExpoTees was also an extremely good event for students to hunt for a position. I was lucky enough to be offered graduate positions through that, but for me, Animmersion appealed the most.'

Cedric, who is considering further study at postgraduate level in a digital, visual related subject, adds, 'The tutors and lecturers at Teesside are really friendly and helpful. I really enjoyed my time at Teesside.'





Dr Joan Heggie, Margaret  
McFee and Michael Lavery

Teesside University has  
been ranked as the top  
English university for  
LGBT employees.



## Stonewall recognition puts Teesside at the top



**Stonewall, the lesbian, gay, bi and trans equality charity, has published a list of the top 100 places for LGBT employees to work across Britain in 2016, judged on the way each treats members of staff from the LGBT community.**

Overall Teesside University is at number 44 in the top 100 employers across Britain, making a massive jump from its position at 111 in last year's list. It is one of just six North-East employers on the list.

Other North-East employers listed in the top 100 include Newcastle City Council, Northumberland County Council, North East Ambulance Service, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Your Homes Newcastle.

Michael Lavery, Teesside University executive director and the University's equality and diversity champion: LGBT, says, 'It is a remarkable achievement to rise up in the national

index in a year by such a degree. It is a significant accolade which puts us as the top university in England for LGBT inclusivity and is part of our wider equality and diversity commitment across the University and our communities.

'It is reflective of the dedication, energy and hard work put in by the staff and student community to champion equality and to celebrate diversity. We have developed a supportive and representative network, working in partnership with local authorities, LGBT groups, the Students' Union and our trade unions.'

Margaret McFee, Teesside University equality and diversity adviser, adds, 'It is great to know that the work we have all been involved in to promote equality has been recognised. This accolade marks out Teesside University as an employer – and as a first-choice university for students – that is committed to equality.'

Teesside University has also been awarded a Silver North East Better Health at Work Award.

There are four levels to the award – bronze, silver, gold and continuing excellence – which recognise the efforts of local employers in addressing health issues.

As a recipient of the silver award, Teesside is among organisations rewarded for taking a more holistic view of the workplace.

It builds on work staff have been involved in across the University to promote and encourage healthy eating, alcohol awareness, stress awareness and the benefits of exercise.



**A Teesside-based designer** has opened a new studio, showcasing everything from complete room displays and a luxurious free-standing natural stone bath to designer wallpapers, as she expands her business.

**SUCCESS LEADS TO DESIGNS ON A**

# NEW STUDIO

**Teesside University graduate Diana Higgs set up Revere Interior & Architectural Design Ltd in 2014 at the Innovation Centre run by UK Steel Enterprise on Redcar's Kirkleatham Business Park. It has proved so successful that she has now taken on additional space.**

The traditional workshop, part of which was previously used by an engineering company, has been transformed into a luxury apartment. An open plan living room doubles as a waiting room for clients, the bathroom features a top-of-the-range cast resin stone Karamag Mattis bath and the kitchen has the very latest in fittings and accessories, from a hot water kettle tap to a multi-function coffee machine.

The workshop ceiling has been specially lowered and other areas show a feature chimney, designer radiators and lighting. A sample room is filled with wallpapers, fabrics, paints, doors and tiles and Diana works at a bespoke design station.

'We have invested thousands of pounds into this project and everything needed to be exactly as I wanted it, right down to the last detail,' explains Diana. 'I'm pleased that we've been able to include artwork by local artists and all our cushions are hand-made by local seamstress, Eliza Jean, using fabrics from our range.'

The company's growing number of commissions range from full structural home refurbishments to individual

Diana Higgs, right with Sue Kirk of UK Steel Enterprise



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**WE HAVE INVESTED THOUSANDS OF POUNDS INTO THIS PROJECT AND EVERYTHING NEEDED TO BE EXACTLY AS I WANTED IT, RIGHT DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL**

kitchens and it has also moved into commercial projects, undertaking several projects for coffee shops, restaurants and the education sector. Revere's quality suppliers include UK furniture manufacturer Crown Imperial, Karamag, Harlequin, Zoffany and Casadeco.

'The past couple of years have been hard work but we have made tremendous progress,' says Diana, whose bank of builders, joiners, electricians and others who work on Revere's major projects has also grown.

'I am thrilled with the studio and the larger workshop has given us the additional storage space we badly needed with direct access for deliveries. The Innovation Centre is a great place to be and UK Steel Enterprise pulled out all the stops for me when I needed to expand.

The support is just what smaller businesses need as they grow.

'I am seeing an increase in the number of people wanting to work with an independent designer so that they can be sure their needs and budgets take priority and a fixed fee design package we introduced is proving really popular.'

Sue Kirk of UK Steel Enterprise, the business-support subsidiary of Tata Steel celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, adds, 'Diana's business has done extremely well in a short space of time and we were only too pleased to help with the extra space that she needed. We have around 40 growing businesses here and it is a supportive environment – along with her neighbouring tenants we were delighted to be asked to help celebrate the launch of the new studio.'

FEATURE

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**SPECIAL**

Graduate's entrepreneurial approach ensures successful career. From chemicals to pollution control, from water to risk management, work has been full of variety for chemical engineering graduate Kumu Kumar since he graduated with a BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering in 1994



The new Orion building for science and engineering

**Kumu has carved out a successful career path across a number of professional sectors. He is currently a director of Risk Engineering UK and RoI, Zurich Insurance plc.**

There is a method behind the variety – working in the utilities, the process industries and pharmaceuticals sector has given Kumu exactly the knowledge and experience he now needs as an executive at one of the world's largest insurance companies. He acknowledges the role Teesside University has played in his story.

When asked why he chose Teesside, Kumu is characteristically direct, 'The range and strength of industry in the Tees Valley was my first consideration. Where better to learn about engineering than in one of the UK's biggest hubs for industry? The second factor for me was that Teesside offered a sandwich degree with a placement year. The chance to spend a year working in industry was a real draw for me.

'I think all these years later, it is great to see the University is still doing incredible things working with business and industry. The students today are exposed to the latest developments and that is fantastic for their prospects. It certainly helped me to get to where I am today.'

He is also an advocate of mentors and mentoring, 'Wherever I've been, I always seek out someone with experience and empathy that can help me. I wouldn't approach someone in my immediate management line, but someone who knows the firm. These people can be a great way to check your ideas and learn more about your organisation.

'Starting out in your career is always the most difficult stage. As you get older you should have more confidence in yourself and your achievements. For example, a job interview for a junior position is all about showcasing yourself in the best possible light.

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**THE RANGE AND STRENGTH OF INDUSTRY IN THE TEES VALLEY WAS MY FIRST CONSIDERATION. WHERE BETTER TO LEARN ABOUT ENGINEERING THAN IN ONE OF THE UK'S BIGGEST HUBS FOR INDUSTRY?**

As you climb higher you earn the right to treat an interview as a two way process, you are interviewing them as well as them you. There have been occasions when I left interviews early because I knew that I could not work effectively either with some of the people or within the culture of an organisation.'

Kumu has been a home worker since 2003 and asks all of his team of 150 people to do the same, 'It means that they can focus on what is important for them to be successful in their jobs, rather than what the office environment can lead you to believe is important. It is not easy for everyone to make the transition but by ensuring they stay focused on outputs they generally make it work.'

Kumu doesn't know what the future holds, but it is interesting to note that for someone so positive he states that all insurers are pessimists, 'It is true, we go to a site and immediately see all the worst possible things that could happen. It's just our job.'

His final word of advice for his fellow Teesside graduates and students is passing forward the motto of one of his first and most influential mentors, 'The only person in charge of your career is you.'



**2015**



## NEWS

A legendary poet, a much-loved author and a television icon have been among the stellar guests to endorse Teesside University and offer their insight and expertise to staff and students.

## FAMOUS FACES ON OUR STREET

**In recent months the University has hosted visits from poet Benjamin Zephaniah, cited as one of Britain's top 50 post-war poets, award-winning author Michael Rosen and star of stage and screen Dr Thelma Barlow. Jo Jonson MP, the Minister of State for Universities and Science, and the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu have also been among other illustrious guests welcomed to campus.**

Dr Barlow, who received an honorary degree from Teesside in 2008, returned to the University to join the annual graduation celebrations.

Perhaps best known for her role as Mavis Riley in *Coronation Street*, whom she played for nearly 2,000 episodes, over 26 years, Dr Barlow visited mima's Localism exhibition, met with director Alistair Hudson and was shown around the new University campus heart and The Curve building.

'It was lovely to be back, and the new building and new campus is quite fantastic,' says Dr Barlow. 'The University is so nurturing – everything is purpose built, but above all, the facilities are for the students and the fact the students are getting this great care is very heart-warming.'

Another honorary graduate, the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu, stopped by the University just before Christmas as part of his pilgrimage around the York diocese.

Writer, lyricist and musician Benjamin Zephaniah, who is described as Britain's most identifiable poet, was the star guest as Teesside University marked Black History Month in October with a series of events and activities.

Benjamin hosted an intimate 'audience with' session and also performed live with Dennis Bovell and his fabulous Dub band.

Following the literary theme, children's author Michael Rosen visited the University in November. He is famed for family favourites such as *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Uncle Billy, Being Silly*, but his poems for grown-ups are less well-known.

Michael spoke about his work and read from *Don't Mention the Children*, his first collection of poems in almost a decade. It is a remarkable series of poems about anti-Semitism, fascism and war, connecting the contemporary world – UKIP, Marine Le Pen, Palestine – to the lives of Michael's parents and grandparents.

The title of the poetry collection refers to the refusal of the Israeli Broadcasting Authority to allow the names of the children that were killed during the shelling of Gaza in 2014 to be read out on air.

Jo Johnson MP toured the University as part of his visit to the region. He was shown the cutting-edge animation and video game technology at the Phoenix building and the newly-refurbished Orion building, which has the latest technology used to train students in the School of Science & Engineering including a distillation plant, jet engine testing laboratories and a flight simulator unit.

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From the top: actress Thelma Barlow, author Michael Rosen, Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu, Jo Johnson MP, Minister for Universities and Science and writer, lyricist and musician Benjamin Zephaniah.



GRADUATE STORIES

# Double award helps kick start Marc's career

**Exhibiting at Teesside University's annual showcase of students' work helped Marc Davies to embark on his career in computing.**

The BSc (Hons) Computer Science graduate currently works as a developer with mobile app agency Hedgehog Lab in Newcastle. His role involves working on creating mobile phone apps, which can vary from games, to apps related to health and fitness.

Originally from Middlesbrough, 23-year-old Marc was drawn to Teesside University to study due to its location and reputation for computing courses.

He says, 'It's my local university, but it is also well-known for its teaching in computing and the range of courses available, so it was the obvious choice. The facilities are brilliant and the placements provide essential experience and a chance to make contacts in the industry.'

He adds, 'The degree was focused towards mobile trends and was really up to date, which helps in preparing students and graduates for the jobs they eventually want to do.'

Marc secured his foot in the door to the industry after achieving recognition during ExpoTees, the University's annual showcase of work by students studying computing. 'ExpoTees was

the starting point for my career as I won two awards for my final year project; the computer science award and mobile development award, and it also led to a job offer from Stockton web development studio Mobile Rockit.'

Marc previously completed an internship with Mobile Rockit, which he felt provided vital experience and an opportunity to make industry contacts.

He concludes, 'The internship opportunities are really important as they help to provide real experience of work. The course itself was brilliant and the campus has been transformed in recent years.'





## FORTY YEAR COMMITMENT TO FINISH A LIFETIME'S WORK

**A dedicated academic has shown huge commitment and determination to finally graduate with a PhD which he originally started back in the seventies.**

Dr Shaikh Hamid, 70, never gave up on his dream of achieving a doctorate and despite his career taking him abroad and then suffering from ill health in later life, he was determined to finish what he had started.

Now he has celebrated with his family as he graduated from Teesside University with a PhD which encompasses a lifetime's work and became a real labour of love.

Dr Hamid worked as a biology lecturer in Bangladesh before moving to London in 1976 to improve his subject knowledge and start a PhD in seed biology at King's College. After five years, and with two young daughters, Dr Hamid decided to take a break from studying and moved to Nigeria, where he taught for 14 years.

With a lingering ambition to complete his doctorate, Dr Hamid made attempts to resume his PhD and shared contacts led him to Teesside University in 2005 where his studies resumed.

Dr Hamid suffered various health problems and split his time between studying at Teesside and being with his family in London – supporting himself financially with a range of part-time jobs.

He says, 'I was determined to complete what I had started. I always had a hidden desire and did not want to leave the work unfinished. I wanted to see it through. Giving up was not something I ever considered. I am so proud to be able to say I finally have a PhD.'

Dr Hamid was joined by his wife Shahida and one of his sons, Mohiuddin to celebrate his graduation. He says, 'My family and friends have been incredibly supportive. They are extremely proud and it is a victory for them as much as me.'

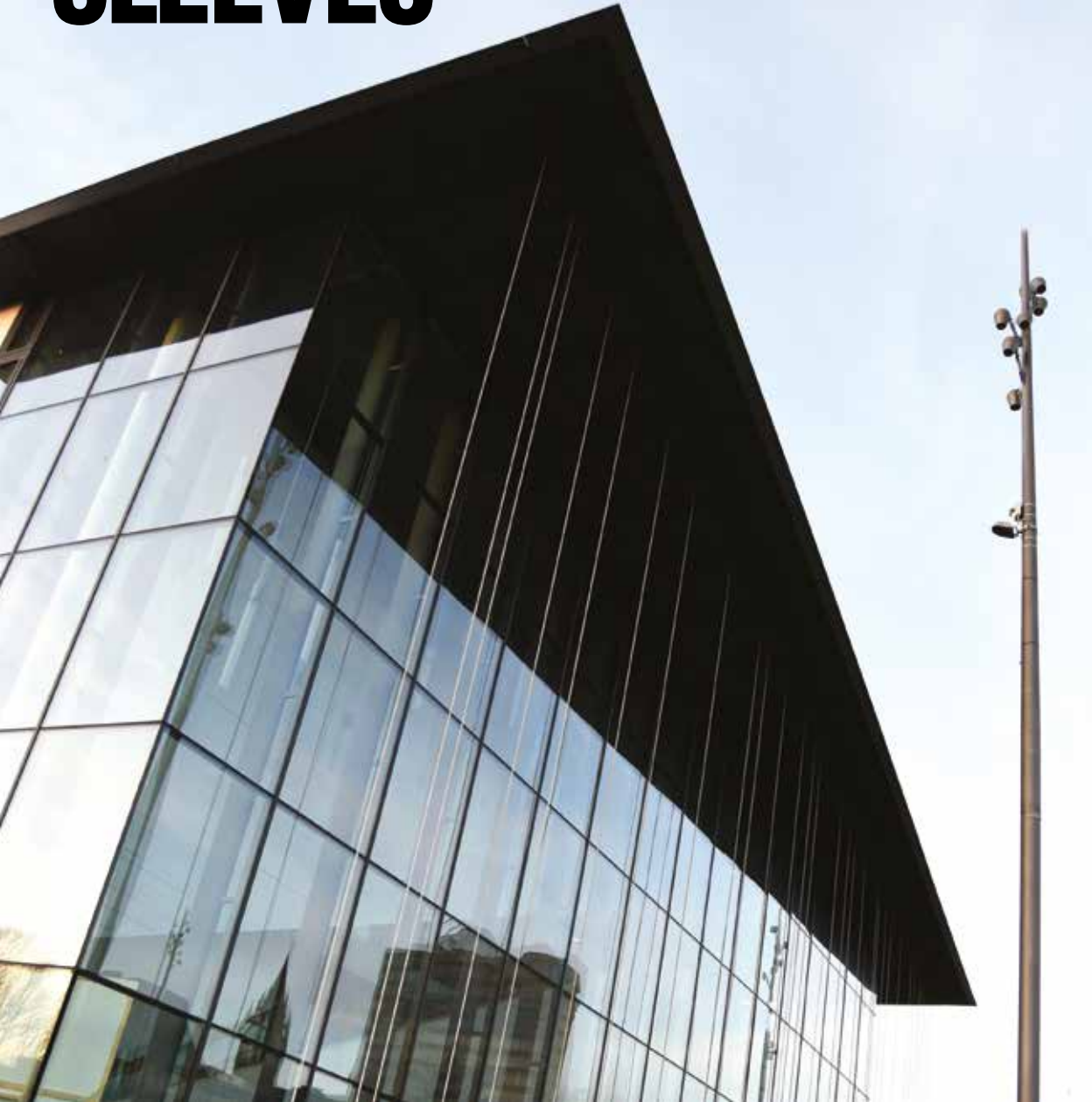
'The staff at Teesside University has also been tremendous – they were all incredibly friendly and helpful.'



FEATURE

# ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES

The new vision for Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (mima) as the useful museum is gaining a groundswell of support throughout the region as well as the national and international art scene.





**Having being in post for a year now, mima director Alistair Hudson, is carving out a new niche for the iconic gallery that is twanging the vocal chords of the art world.**

As one of the judges for the 2015 Turner Prize, Alistair is at the forefront of a new social art movement and has a public programme of off-site projects, commissions and community-focused initiatives planned for mima in 2016.

Keeping in tune with the concept of asserting the importance of local culture in a globalised world, the gallery has an Office of Useful Art. Operating as a working space open to the public, works from Middlesbrough's collection are displayed alongside an archive of examples of useful art.

A new café has also emerged as Luke Harding, owner of Eaglescliffe's The Waiting Room, prepares to takeover with a delicious menu that's organic in nature, responding to mima's visitors and current exhibitions.

2016 also sees changes to the jewellery gallery as it emerges as a makers' space. Integrating pieces from the ceramic collection, it will become a flexible and active space, showcasing additional works from the collection throughout the year.

## BE PART OF IT

Two new membership schemes launched for mima can help you get the most out of your useful museum.

### MIMA CIRCLE

The mima circle is an initiative for supporters who wish to make a significant and ongoing contribution to our vision. The circle help mima to invest in exhibiting, commissioning and collecting art, delivering sustainable projects in the public realm and providing enriching educational opportunities for all. The mima circle are mima's venture philanthropists.

### MIMA ASSOCIATION

The mima association is crucial to our mission to make art accessible to everyone and evolve a new kind of institution that leads the field in testing innovative approaches to making art work in society. Our community of associates are passionate about supporting us in taking forward this vision and making mima the useful museum.

Join the circle or the association and play your part in celebrating the breadth of artistic talent and creative activity on Teesside.

### HOW TO JOIN

For more information or to join the mima circle or the mima association contact the Development Team on **01642 384270** or email [development@tees.ac.uk](mailto:development@tees.ac.uk)



## EXHIBITIONS

### Basil Beattie

20 February 2016 - 5 June 2016

**Renzo Martens** presents the Congolese Plantation Workers Art League, an exhibition co-produced with the Institute for Human Activities

6 February 2016 - 22 May 2016

### Winifred Nicholson

8 October 2016 - 29 January 2017

### Jane & Louise Wilson

24 September 2016 - 15 January 2017

## GRADUATE STORIES



## National recognition for award-winning nurse

**Michelle Hudson achieved national recognition during her time studying to be a nurse at Teesside University.**

The BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies (Adult) graduate was named Care Maker of the Year at the Student Nursing Times Awards 2015. She was also shortlisted for the Student Nurse of the Year: Adult award at the same awards ceremony.

Mum-of-three Michelle, 38, of Stokesley in North Yorkshire, returned to education to change career to nursing. She is now working as a staff nurse at South Tees NHS Foundation Trust, specialising in oncology.

Michelle says, 'The School of Health & Social Care was extremely supportive throughout my academic studies, placement experience and the extra work I was involved in as a care maker.'

Care Makers are part of a national network of students and newly qualified nurses who act as ambassadors for the professional values set out in the NHS nursing strategy.

Michelle adds, 'I love being a nurse and love working with the service users we are here to support. I am always proud to wear my Teesside University uniform. From

day one we were encouraged to be nurses with the values of the six c's; care, compassion, commitment, competence, communication and confidence.

'I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a student nurse at Teesside University. The facilities and the staff are top class, ensuring the best possible start to my career. I am looking forward to coming back to Teesside University in the future to study for a master's degree and taking advantage of the facilities in the fantastic new campus heart.'

# Margaret proves it's never too late to learn

**Despite working full-time Margaret Norman decided to return to education to continue learning and complement her career.**

The specialist nurse in perioperative care is the co-ordinator of orthopaedic pre-admission services at The James Cook University Hospital, Northallerton's Friarage Hospital and Redcar Primary Care.

The MSc Nursing (Advanced Nurse Practitioner) graduate says, 'It was difficult working full-time and juggling study, especially as the course structure meant we were required to do a lot of work in our own time. I wanted to do the course for my own personal sense of achievement and also to continue my development as a practitioner.'

'I really enjoyed the course as it has developed my clinical skills,' adds Margaret, who is a guest lecturer in the University's School of Health & Social Care.

Margaret, of Ingleby Barwick, explains, 'I qualified as a nurse when I was 21, with the State Registered Nurse

qualification. Studying at this advanced level ensures my skills remain relevant and current enabling me to deliver evidence-based practice.

'There is support from the academic staff, but I would say students also need to form their own support network. This is particularly important for mature students who are not always regularly involved in campus life.'

Margaret says encouragement from two other students in the cohort, Tara Ashley and Jane Carr, proved vital, 'We were all in the same position, working full-time, running a home and completing the course. At various times we all felt the pressure, but it was the support of the other two which helped to encourage me to keep going. We became a great team and it was this comradeship in the face of a shared challenge that got us all through.'

'I would encourage anyone thinking about returning to study to just go for it, as it is a case of putting the time and the work in, in order to see results.'



FEATURE

# EPIC SHOW EPIC TALE

There is something taking shape in the North East that promises to be as breathtakingly spectacular as it is unique and unexpected.

**Audiences will cross the globe to see an astonishing new show that is epic in size, scale and imagination.**

Set on a 112 acre site with a stage itself spanning seven-and-a-half acres, 'Kynren – an epic tale of England', presented by Eleven Arches will open in July - September with 14 opportunities to see the spectacle this year.

The show is set to dazzle audiences of up to 8,000 each night with a storytelling experience of the history of the North East over the last 2,000 years.

A cast and crew of over 1,000, 280 pyrotechnical effects, 1843 specially crafted costumes and 34 of the finest riding and driving horses from around the world, will bring the performance nights alive in Bishop Auckland.

Kynren, the Anglo-Saxon word for generation, has been named to symbolise not just the historical story but the generations of volunteers that will drive the project. 1,400 volunteers have signed up aged from three to 87 years old.

This hugely ambitious project is part of investment banker Jonathan Ruffer's pledge to invest in the regeneration of the area. Jonathan, who is part of the Constantine family who founded Teesside University, set up the Auckland Castle





Trust in 2012 when he stepped in and bought the castle and paintings by Spanish artist Francisco Zubaran for £15m. He then went on to establish the 'sister' trust, Eleven Arches in 2014, inspired by the economic impact of Puy du Fou in France – which has become an artistic partner in the Bishop Auckland project.

Puy du Fou has seconded a team of six for a year to Bishop Auckland to help establish the show. Puy du Fou has been running for 38 years in the Vendee on the west coast of France attracting millions of visitors. It has partnered with Eleven Arches on the principle that it is driven by volunteers and works to regenerate the region's economy while building skills, confidence and employment throughout the supply chain.

This is an unprecedented partnership and it will be unique within the UK. Puy du Fou's only other partnerships to build similar attractions are in Russia and China.

Anne-Isabelle Daulon the chief executive of Eleven Arches is tasked with creating a visitor destination centrepiece at the heart of Bishop

Auckland. Born in France, she has lived in the UK for 19 years where she led a successful career in the City spanning more than 13 years in senior marketing, sales and strategy roles in leading global investment banks.

'We are creating an entirely new breed of visitor attraction, unique and unseen in this country so it is in itself a remarkable marketing challenge. Early conversations we had to bring people on this journey with us had to be face to face as we tried to explain what it is. Now that people have grasped what we are trying to achieve, there is a massive groundswell of support.'

The project has been running for just three years. Planning permission was only granted in July last year - the first night is 2 July 2016, 'That is incredibly quick for the scale of the challenge,' Anne-Isabelle explains.

With a background in investment banking, finance and business as well as design, Anne-Isabelle has employed all of her skills in the challenge against the clock and has been buoyed up by the strong ethos in volunteering in the North East and the UK as demonstrated by the Game

Makers in the 2012 London Olympics.

'Whether it is people who want to give back to the community, make friends, gain skills for employment or application to university, there has been no shortage of volunteers. If we have a successful first year then the sky is the limit.'

All the funds generated by ticket sales will be invested back into the show and growing the experience year on year. The Eleven Arches project is confident that this spectacle can play a pivotal role in making the whole of the North East a tourist destination.

'People will want to come and visit other attractions that demonstrate the history of the area as depicted by the show from Roman forts to Beamish, from medieval castles to the birthplace of the railways.'

If you want to secure your seat in the making of another slice of North East history then you can book tickets at [www.elevenarches.org](http://www.elevenarches.org).





# Always believe in yourself

**Dr Maurice Dawson, chairman of international logistics firm AV Dawson was awarded an honorary Doctorate Business Administration at last year's graduation.**



Maurice has enjoyed the kind of career that fellow business leaders look to for inspiration, but he is quick to point out that he did not do it all himself and describes the secret of his success as the people who have helped him along the way.

The company emerged from humble beginnings when Arthur Vernon Dawson, with the support of his wife Eleanor, started selling coal from a cart pulled by a horse called Dina. Although the company didn't

grow rapidly, Vernie and Eleanor's great contribution was to lay the foundations from which Maurice could grow and develop the business.

Maurice is quick to point out that his own indefatigable work ethic was inspired by his father who started working at 12 and in 1938 at the age of 18 set up AV Dawson. Throughout Maurice's childhood Vernie would leave for work at 5.00am every morning, often leaving Maurice and his mother, Eleanor, with a five mile walk before getting a bus to school. Those long walks stirred an appreciation of the rewards of hard work and dedication in the young Maurice and when he left school he joined his father and mother in the firm, Eleanor was company secretary a role she held until she retired.

Taking the helm in 1971, due to Vernie's ill-health, Maurice, then 29, oversaw an unprecedented period of growth and expansion. In 1973 Maurice moved the company to Dent's Wharf which today is called Dawson's Wharf.

Since he took over, AV Dawson has quietly become one of Middlesbrough's most inspiring success stories of recent years. Based off Vulcan Street on the banks of the River Tees, the company specialises in logistics, transport and freight, employing more than 200 people and turning over tens of millions of pounds a year.

In 2000 Maurice's own son Gary, also at the age of 29, took over the business as managing director with Maurice taking on the role of chairman. The company continues to grow under Gary's leadership.

When asked what advice he would give to an aspiring entrepreneur Maurice is typically clear and concise, 'Be yourself, do not try to be something you are not. Do not be afraid to ask for help or guidance. Be punctual and do not be shy of staying on for an extra few minutes to go the extra mile. Working hard will help you to make the world a more fulfilling place for you. And always believe in yourself.'



Dr Maurice Dawson, with son Gary, was awarded an honorary Doctorate Business Administration during the University's 2015 graduation celebrations.



## NEW ROLE FOR MUM DR DEE

### **Dr Haley Dee combined study with being mum to two young boys to complete her Doctorate in Counselling Psychology.**

Haley first came to Teesside University in 2007 when she began a BSc (Hons) Psychology and progressed to the MSc Forensic Psychology, before deciding to continue her studies.

She recently took on a role as a counselling psychologist with Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust, working within a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

Haley, 30, of Consett, says, 'It is a very varied role, which primarily involves providing psychological assessments, advice and interventions to facilitate children and young people who may be experiencing mental health issues.

'Teesside has a lot to offer, although not the closest university

to where I live, I first came here for undergraduate study as the resources, careers services and facilities across the campus are excellent. Teesside also has a fantastic reputation, with friendly and approachable staff.

'My studies offered me both the academic qualifications needed to pursue my chosen career and also provided an opportunity to shape my own development by exploring my own professional interests.

'Students are encouraged to expand their knowledge beyond what is directly taught and the experience gained from the work placement during the course was invaluable, as my passion lies in directly working with individuals experiencing mental health issues.'

Haley adds, 'As the academic staff are all qualified psychologists, they were able to deliver knowledge from text books along with relevant, real life, complex clinical experiences.

'As a mature student with two children, a husband and mortgage, the staff had genuine understanding and appreciation for individual circumstances.'

Haley, who is mum to Calum, 10, and Jaxon, four, says, 'While the course was challenging in terms of deadlines, especially with two young children, it increased my desire to succeed and amplified my sense of achievement once the course was completed.

'I'm also grateful for the support of my husband Trevor and mum Jackie, along with the guidance, support and flexibility of the academic staff.'

She concludes, 'I have made some lifelong friends during my studies, with the supportive atmosphere proving instrumental in making my whole journey more enjoyable.'

# Class Notes

## Ruth Massingill

2011

Ruth describes enrolling at Teesside as 'the best decision I could have possibly made for my career'.

Graduating in 2011 with a PhD in Management, Ruth is currently associate department chair and Associate Professor of Mass Communication at Sam Houston State University, USA.

After deciding to pursue a doctorate, Ruth began searching for an English-language university with international certification. Teesside's flexibility in tailoring a distance learning programme allowed her to spend part of each summer in England while retaining her teaching job in Texas.

Building on the HIV/AIDS research programme she developed while working with PhD supervisors at Teesside, Ruth has received grant funding and international recognition for her work. In the last decade she has focused primarily on international HIV/AIDS social marketing, producing papers, book chapters, presentations and videos to educate about the disease and motivate healthy life choices.

Ruth frequently recommends Teesside to her colleagues and friends, telling them it was a positive and rewarding experience that has enhanced her life and career. We're also thrilled to announce that Ruth is a finalist in the British Council's Professional Achievement Awards, USA.



## Alex Mullen

BA (Hons) Creative Digital Media  
2013

Alex describes Teesside University as a huge part of his life and experienced an incredible three years completing his degree and taking part in the graduate internship scheme. He says, 'it proved the catalyst for the beginning of my career'. Alex has had a stammer all of his life which was particularly bad before attending university. Once he moved to Teesside and into Parkside Halls his confidence grew and since May 2015 he finally took control of his speech for the first time after completing an intensive four day speech therapy course called the McGuire Programme, as seen on Channel 4's documentary, Stammer School.

Alex is now a marketing assistant for global engineering firm Arup promoting software solutions and organising exhibitions across the world. He loves going to work every day working with advanced pedestrian simulation and crowd analysis tools. He chose creative digital media because of its wide ranging modules.

He adds, 'The whole campus had a great feeling of community to it, and everyone was friendly and knew each other. You can really cement yourself here and make endless amount of friends. There was never a dull moment and I had the time of my life.'

## Malcolm Hall

1997

Malcolm is founder and managing Director of Hall-Fast Industrial Supplies and describes running his own successful business as very rewarding.

Along with a BA (Hons) Design Marketing degree, he enjoyed the social life offered at Teesside and even met his wife in the Dicken's Inn.

'Gaining this qualification has given me the grounding I needed to be the successful business owner I am today.'

During his time here Malcolm won a design award and gained a placement at ICC in Darwen, Blackburn. Without the professional qualification he feels he would not have had the confidence, credibility or practical experience to start his own business.

Starting Hall-Fast in his back bedroom in 2006, the company now has over 15,000 customers in 95 countries and has won a succession of major business awards for growth, entrepreneurialism and exporting. We're also thrilled to announce that Malcolm has been recognised for his services to businesses in the New Year's honours.

Malcolm is passionate about giving back and is a governor of Vision West Nottinghamshire College and at Vision Studio School and is a figurehead ambassador for entrepreneurialism for the Mansfield and Ashfield area.



# Academic Award winners

## Andrew Scott Prize

Joseph Owen Millar, LLB (Hons) Law

## Barbara Mcreddie Outstanding Achievement Award

Haley Claire Dee, Doctor of Counselling Psychology

## Best Overall Student on BSc Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy

Rebecca Thomas, BSc (Hons) Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy

## Best Overall Student on BSc Integrated Service Improvement

Mark Christopher Pritchard, BSc (Hons) Integrated Service Improvement

## Best Overall Student on BSc Occupational Therapy

Lauren Hume, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

## Best Overall Student on BSc Physiotherapy

James Alexander Watson, BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

Steven Johnson, BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

## Best Overall Student on BA Social Work

Patrick Boyd, BA (Hons) Social Work

## Best Overall Student on BSc Midwifery (3 Year)

Abbie Elizabeth Greening, BSc (Hons) Midwifery (Pre-Registration)

## Best Overall Student on BSc Nursing in the Home/District Nursing

Jennifer Marie Harper, BSc (Hons) Nursing in the Home/District Nursing

## Best Overall Student on BSc Nursing Studies (Learning Disabilities)

Joseph Robert Woods, BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies – Learning Disabilities (Pre-Registration)

## Best Overall Student on BSc Specialist Community Public Health Nursing

Karen Gilmour, BSc (Hons) Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (School Nursing)

## Best Overall Student on Cert HE Dental Nurse Practice

Kimberley Claire Stewart, Certificate of Higher Education, Dental Nurse Practice

## Best Overall Student on Foundation Degree in Science in Health and Social Care Practice

Paul Campbell, Foundation Degree, Science in Health and Social Care Practice

## Best Overall Student on MA Social Work

Emma Smiles, MA Social Work

## Best Overall Student on MSc Advanced Clinical Practice

Michael Andrew Trumper, MSc Advanced Clinical Practice

## Best Overall Student on MSc Health and Social Care Sciences

Tracey Jane Pugh, MSc Health and Social Care Sciences (Public Health)

## Best Overall Student on MSc Medical Ultrasound

Hiriwala Rc Asoka Weerasinghe, MSc Medical Ultrasound

## Best Overall Student on MSc Evidence-Based Practice

Deborah Claire Ireland, MSc Evidence-Based Practice

## Best Overall Student on MSc Nursing

Margaret Elizabeth Norman, MSc Nursing (Advanced Nurse Practitioner)

## Best Overall Student on MSc Occupational Therapy

Carlene Hill, MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)

## Best Overall Student on Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

Kate Louise Weatherley, Postgraduate Diploma, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

## Best Overall Student on Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing in the Home/District Nursing

Alison Elaine Brennan, Postgraduate Diploma, Nursing in the Home/District Nursing

## Best Overall Student on MSc Physiotherapy

Natalie Gutteridge, MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)

## Best Overall Student on MSc Transformational Leadership

Michelle Elizabeth Grant, MSc Transformational Leadership, Health and Social Care

## Best Overall Student on MSc Service Improvement

Sarah Gill, MSc Service Improvement

## Best Overall Student on Postgraduate Diploma Midwifery Studies

Bryony Anna Manning, Postgraduate Diploma, Midwifery Studies

## Best Overall Trainee on Doctor of Clinical Psychology

Alan Robert Bowman, Doctor of Clinical Psychology



**Bryman & Bell Prize**

Anna Josephine Smith, BA (Hons) Business Management  
 Kimberley Jane Saunders, BA (Hons) Business Management

**Butterwick Hospice Prize**

Stephanie Jane Turley, BSc (Hons) Practice Innovation

**Cecil M Yuill Foundation Student Award: Achievement by a female student in any field of engineering**

Suet Syn Siew, MEng Chemical Engineering

**Cecil M Yuill Foundation Student Award: Achievement in any field of construction by a local student**

Sean Randall, MEng Civil Engineering

**Cecil M Yuill Foundation Student Award: Achievement in any field of construction by a local student entering the university with non-traditional qualifications**

Robert Jack Bradley, BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering

**Cecil M Yuill Foundation Student Award: Achievement in any field**

Sarah Louise Slack, BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences

**Chartered Institute of Marketing Prize**

Laura Peat, MSc Marketing Management

**Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences Accredited University Student Award**

Jack Mcintyre, MSc Computer and Digital Forensics

**Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences Most Meritorious Postgraduate Student Award**

Kayleigh Rosanna Carr, MSc Forensic Science

**Cleveland Police Award**

Emily Hitchin, BSc (Hons) Policing and Investigation

**Craig Allison Award – North East Ambulance Service**

Shaun Robson, Foundation Degree, Paramedic Science

**Dean's Award**

Emilis Baltrusaitis, BA (Hons) Computer Animation and Visual Effects

Suzanna Jane Kellett, MA Concept Art for Games and Animation

**Elaine Juliet Lythe Award**

Lindsay Michelle Simpson, Diploma, Nursing Studies (Child)

Elaine Teasdale Award sponsored by Dentsply

Kerry Michelle Newsome, BSc (Hons) Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy

**Elizabeth Casson Rose Prize**

Charlotte Louise Lawton, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

**Erlingklinger Prize**

Andrew Dockray, MEng Mechanical Engineering

**Evening Gazette Prize**

Katie Anna Pearson, BSc (Hons) Food Nutrition and Health Science

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