WE’RE BUILDING A FUTURE FOR WORLD CHANGERS
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Every morning on my way to work I pass the site of the James McCune Smith Learning Hub, the first new build of our campus development.

Watching students heading to lectures, I’m reminded that the new Learning Hub is much more than just a building. It’s a rich resource which will have a unique impact on our students’ learning experience. It’s fitting that this flagship building has been named after James McCune Smith, a pioneer, alumnus and the first African American in the world to gain a medical degree. In this edition we report on the building’s progress and find out why alumni David Armstrong and Alison Shackleton (pictured on the front cover) felt compelled to support this flagship building.

Like David and Alison, our friends and supporters are an integral part of the University family and we want to keep you informed in an effective way. We’re making some exciting changes to Giving to Glasgow, resulting in a new annual supporters’ magazine celebrating the impact of your generosity.

The University has an important history of philanthropy and each and every gift makes a difference. You’ve been instrumental in helping us to achieve great things and continue to be one of the finest universities in the world. Thank you. Together we are the University of Glasgow and together we are changing University.

Our Undergraduate Talent Scholarship scheme provides much-needed financial aid for outstanding students from backgrounds not traditionally associated with higher education.

Alan McIntyre (MA (SocSci) 1988) is one of our generous alumni who supports Talent Scholarships. Alan recently met with two of his scholarship beneficiaries, Lewis and Adam, who both graduated this year with first-class degrees and Adam Smith awards for excellence. Coincidentally, Alan graduated with the same degree, honours and award 30 years earlier!

Although Alan now lives in the USA, he supports the University by giving a gift to the American Alumni of Glasgow University (AAGU), an independent charitable corporation which welcomes tax-deductible donations from the USA to benefit the University. Gifts can still be targeted to the area you care about most – such as vital Talent Scholarships.

Today we welcome more students from the most deprived communities in Scotland than any other ancient Scottish university. Since 2007 around 600 undergraduate students have been supported through the Talent Scholarship scheme and 80 postgraduate students have been supported since 2013.

Through the campus development and our scholarships programme we are determined to keep attracting the best talent to our world-changing University.

• To find out more about our scholarships programme or giving from the US, please email: hannah.johnston@glasgow.ac.uk or tel: +44 (0)141 330 1967.

A GIFT WITH FIRST-CLASS IMPACT

We’d like to thank all those who took the time to speak with our student callers in our October telephone campaign, which raised around £100,000. Since our telephone campaign began in 2003, an incredible 8,570 donors have supported our vital work, from medical research to scholarships.

"It was amazing to be able to tell people all about the great work of the University," said student caller James Burnett. "The alumni and supporters I spoke to were particularly interested in hearing about the new Learning Hub and the effect it will have on me as a student. I was able to explain what a difference it will have on my experience socially and academically. It will be a place on campus where I can meet friends, make my own food and study. I am excited to see how this new building will become the heart of the campus and transform the student experience!"

• Our next round of calls is in January and we look forward to talking to more of you then.

For further information please contact Michelle Mitchell, email: michaella.mitchell@glasgow.ac.uk or tel: +44 (0) 141 330 8501.

GLASGOW CALLING

In October more than 40 children from the University nursery took part in a walk to raise money for our work on cancer research.

Nursery staff and children were sponsored by family and friends to walk from the nursery to the Main Building in the aptly named Pebble Dash, a namesake of the Beatson Pebble Appeal which raised funds to open the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre in 2014.

"The children enjoyed visiting the Main Building and had an enthusiastic audience to cheer them on," says Nursery Manager Caroline McLeigh. "They raised vital funds for cancer research all the while being active in this amazing setting. This event provided a good opportunity for the children and staff to work together and make a difference in the community around us."

Sarah Armour is the proud parent of one of the young fundraisers and Alumni Volunteer Manager at the University: “My daughter was involved in the event and she has loved taking her sponsor sheet around family and friends. It is never too young to teach children about giving back, and they have great fun to boot!"

• If you’d like to know more about now you can get involved in our community fundraising initiatives please contact Rosie Munro, email: rosie.munro@glasgow.ac.uk or tel: +44 (0) 141 330 6248.

LITTLE FEET MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

MEET BARRIE, OUR LEGACY PROFESSIONAL

If you are considering leaving a gift to the University in your will, our Development Officer for Legacies, Barrie Bryson, would be delighted to talk with you about your wishes and intentions.

“I joined the University in 2001,” says Barrie, “and after fundraising for the beautiful Scottish Centre for Ecolog y & the Environment on Loch Lomond and the Chancellor’s Fund, I began looking after gifts in wills in 2013. I really enjoy taking to alumni and friends about their time as students and connection to the University and feel very privileged to support those who want to benefit the University for future generations.”

This year Barrie qualified with a Certificate in Charitable Legacy Administration, a course run by the Institute of Legacy Management and designed by the University of Law, and the only nationally accredited legacy qualification in the UK. Barrie adds: “Being a member of staff who is a qualified legacy professional I hope will reassure supporters that we can offer the best possible advice and look after gifts in wills with expertise, sensitivity and understanding.”

• If you’d like to know more about giving a gift in your will you can contact Barrie (who is pictured with her beloved Labradoodle, Tattie). Email: barrie.bryson@glasgow.ac.uk or tel: +44 (0)141 330 6988.

Legacy helps develop new work on Burns

Folk singer Jean Redpath (OMus 1999) bequeathed a collection of papers, books, and musical recordings relating to Robert Burns to the University in her will. For listeners across the world, Jean was known as the voice of Scots traditional song, particularly Burns songs.

“We are delighted to be able to provide a home for Jean Redpath’s Burns collection,” says Professor Kirsten McCue, co-director of the Centre for Robert Burns Studies. “It is a fitting legacy that Jean’s research is now helping scholars here at the centre develop new work on Burns, and on Jean’s own contribution to our national song culture.” For more information about the Centre for Robert Burns Studies, see glasgow.ac.uk/robertburns.

THE CHANCELLOR’S FUND TURNS 20

We’re fortunate to have a community of alumni who believe in our vision that every student at Glasgow should have the opportunity to enjoy a rich and rewarding university experience.

Thanks to your support, the Chancellor’s Fund has awarded funding to many diverse and interesting projects, which would otherwise not have been able to happen: from student-led healthcare initiatives in Malawi to providing training for students who lack confidence and communication skills so they can reach their full academic potential. Next year marks the 20th anniversary of the fund and we’re delighted to celebrate the milestones we’ve accomplished over the years. Thank you to everyone who has been involved and here’s to another 20 years of making a difference.

• If you’d like to hear more about the Chancellor’s Fund and the impact it has made please email: alumni@glasgow.ac.uk or tel: +44 (0)141 330 8501.
HELPING TODAY’S WORLD
CHANGERS SUCCEED

Education makes a huge difference to people’s lives. At Glasgow, our aim is to nurture true talent and offer the best environment in which to do so.

Over the past ten years our generous supporter community has championed learning by supporting scholarships, gifts with great impact that benefit many of our students and help them to achieve their full potential.

Our new £90m James McCune Smith Learning Hub takes this further – to transform our students’ learning environment. Opening in the next academic year 2019–20, this creative and inspirational environment will combine flexible study and social learning space with multi-styled and technology-enhanced teaching. This blend of facilities together with targeted support will ensure that it is possible for students to succeed regardless of background or circumstance. More than an innovative and dynamic teaching facility, it’ll be a home away from home at the heart of our campus, creating a sense of belonging, with student clubs and services able to book spaces for events as well as study, and give support to those who need it most.

Alumni supporters Alison Shackleton (MA (Hons) 1989, LLB 1992, DipLP 1993) and David Armstrong (LLB (Hons) 1984) believe its impact will stretch far beyond its physical presence. We asked what prompted them to support the construction of the James McCune Smith Learning Hub.

Early adopters

Very early in the process – long before the cranes began to populate the skyline at the old Boyde Ctr car park – Alison and David could see the potential of this major new facility, which will provide over 2,500 teaching and study spaces including five lecture theatres supporting technology-enhanced assisted learning.

They could understand what it would mean to have a space where students of all disciplines can meet, chat, share ideas and form friendships. They could appreciate why the building’s facilities will include microwaves for students to heat food they have brought themselves, as well as spaces to eat, and so avoid them having to head off campus earlier than they might want to. “This is helping every little barrier to be broken down,” says Alison.

“It’s absolutely crucial. There definitely is a need to support children from family backgrounds where coming to university is not the norm.”

“Why would you not want to come here?”

They both say that deciding to come and study at Glasgow was the obvious choice for them. “The whole location was remarkable,” says David. “Some of the old-style lecture theatres were fantastic, with the old benches and such like. Some had amazing views over Glasgow. So from that perspective, you really felt you’d gone from school to university, big time.” The couple didn’t know each other while at University, but met and married soon afterwards.

So what motivated them to lend their support to the James McCune Smith Learning Hub? “It’s quite uncomplicated, really,” says Alison. “You come to the University yourself. You have a fantastic experience, and then you have an opportunity to invest back into that later on. It seemed to us a bit of a no-brainer to be able to do that at such a monumental time in the University’s history … it was an easy decision to make.”

David agrees. “There was definitely a recognition, certainly if you take the Armstrong family as a whole,” he says, “that we’ve done incredibly well out of the University, for generations. So there’s a recognition of giving things back. And for us, it was about the fact that they really seemed to be putting the University on the map.”

Keeping the family’s links with the University unbroken, their son Tom (above) is now at Glasgow studying aeronautical engineering. Alison and David have high hopes for the future – and the couple are not alone in understanding the benefits of belonging to a wide and diverse University family. “We’re seeing this from the perspective of people who’ve come to the University – alumni – but also the perspective of people who need it most.”

Enduring ties

“I get quite emotional when I see some of these aerial shots of the campus, going down to the Clyde,” says David.

“It is only then that it hits home how much the University is part of the city of Glasgow. And then the shot will be retaken in five years’ time and there’ll be the James McCune Smith building and a few others down there. In ten years’ time, it’ll all be there. It’s going to be an international city that will hopefully be a real magnet. I think the impact will be massive.”
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