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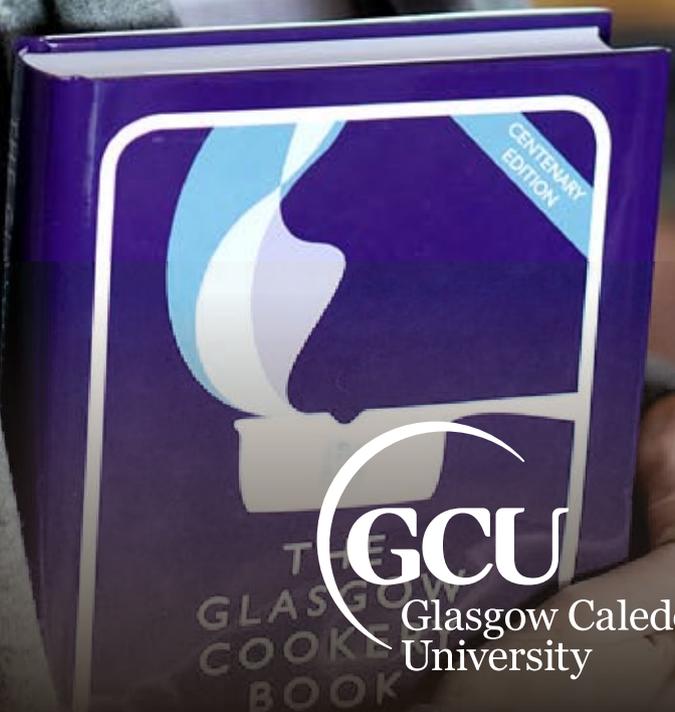
recalls memories of her time as a student in Glasgow.

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Lindsey and Rob with Honorary Graduate Laura Bartlett. Read more on page 22.

A very warm welcome to the Spring 2013 edition of our GCU Alumni magazine.

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of Glasgow Caledonian becoming a university. It is quite remarkable how far the University has come in that time. I myself, as a new student at GCU in 1995, remember how different the campus was then. The advancements in technology, our research and our campus, amongst many other factors, are something for all staff, students and alumni of GCU to be incredibly proud of.

It has been a year of great success for the university, both in the UK and internationally. We are soon to open our GCU New York campus. The GCU London campus on which this is based, has also continued to go from strength to strength, with many more postgraduate students graduating last year. We were also immensely proud to welcome our new Chancellor, Nobel Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus, whose address at his installation ceremony in October was truly inspirational.

We are also exceptionally proud of our Principal, Professor Pamela Gillies, who was awarded a CBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List in recognition of her services and dedication to education and public health.

Many of our alumni have achieved wonderful things this year too. Several of them are profiled in the magazine, and sincere thanks to the many who kindly contributed to our Keep in Touch section. We love hearing what you have all been up to!

Our new Alumni Relations Manager, Rob Morton, joined the team in November last year. Rob joins us from Heriot-Watt University, and brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm with him to GCU. Welcome Rob.

We have a fantastic events calendar planned for alumni for 2013, with a focus on our anniversary. Many of these are listed in the magazine on pages 8-9, with lots more still to come throughout the year. Follow us on our social networking sites to find out more. We very much look forward to welcoming many of you back to the campus!

Kind regards,

Lindsey Becket
Editor and Alumni Relations Officer

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INTRODUCING GTV



STV have won the licence to deliver Glasgow's first local television station in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU).

GTV, which will be broadcast through Freeview, is the first of a new generation of local broadcasting services to be awarded in Scotland by media regulator Ofcom.

STV and GCU will work together to deliver peak time content, news and current affairs

programming, as well as magazine-style shows for Glasgow viewers.

Students on GCU's industry-leading undergraduate and postgraduate Multimedia Journalism courses will now have extended access to work experience opportunities for primetime broadcasts at GTV.

Julian Calvert, Media and Journalism Subject Leader at GCU, said: "The STV bid placed a lot of emphasis on enabling local communities to make their voices heard on the city's television in a way which has never happened before, and the type of programming that is being planned further enhances the University's reputation for community engagement and reflects GCU's commitment to the common good."

Bobby Hain, Director of Channels at STV, said: "STV is delighted to have been awarded the Local TV licences for Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The two services, GTV and ETV, will be delivered in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University and Edinburgh Napier University. GTV and ETV will provide an innovative television service to the communities they serve, complementing STV's existing broadcast, online and mobile services. These new ventures will also provide media students with opportunities to work and learn in a live broadcast environment."

"We're excited to be working with GCU to offer informative content that focuses on relevant, community news. Engaging with local communities is at the heart of GTV."

Bobby Hain, Director of Channels at STV

£1.2M DOBLE CENTRE FOR INNOVATION TO OPEN AT GCU



Don Angell, Doble Vice President, Global Strategy and Solutions, with GCU Principal Professor Pamela Gillies.

A £1.2 million Doble Centre for Innovation will be opened at GCU after the signing of a new partnership agreement with the multinational engineering firm.

The agreement builds on GCU's reputation for world class research in the field of sustainable engineering and technology and reinforces the University's excellent track record in working with international business. Operating in more than 100 countries worldwide, Doble is a leader in diagnostic test instruments and knowledge services for the electric power industry. It develops and supplies diagnostic test instruments to assess the condition of electrical apparatus, including parts of the UK's National Grid infrastructure.

Signing of the three-year framework contract will mean the creation of a Centre for Innovation at GCU's Glasgow city centre campus. The framework agreement will also span multiple research and development activities. These include work to improve the measurement and assessment

of the condition of high voltage systems, the identification of new opportunities to enhance the reliability and integrity of power stations and the development of new products and technologies. The agreement will also open the door to new student placements and research studentships and increase the potential for new investment in Scotland's engineering sector through the development of Doble's presence in the country for the first time.

Don Angell, Doble Vice President, Global Strategy and Solutions, said: "We are excited about our continued partnership with GCU. Their curiosity driven research combined with our extensive knowledge about electrical infrastructure will enable us to advance technologies, products and measurement methods of high voltage systems. Doble is committed to the future of the global electric power industry; by supporting and collaborating with the team at GCU, we know that the future will be bright."

CURLING WORLD CHAMPION PAYS TRIBUTE TO GCU

Curling World Champion Anna Sloan has paid tribute to GCU staff and students for their role in her gold medal triumph.

Anna, who studied Sport and Active Lifestyle Promotion at GCU, clinched the World Championship title alongside team-mates Vicki Adams, Claire Hamilton, Lauren Gray and skipper Eve Muirhead after a nailbiting 6-5 final against Sweden in Riga.

The 22-year-old took time out from the celebrations to send a message to her former tutors and classmates at GCU: "Thanks - I wouldn't have been able to do it without your help and support."

Anna, from Lockerbie, juggled her studies with training and competing in European and World curling events during her three years at GCU.

"It was fine until I got into my third year when the workload really increased," she said.

"But my lecturers and tutors were great - they supported me and even gave me extensions when I needed them. I also had good classmates who would give me their notes to help me catch up if I missed any classes."

Anna is confident that studying at GCU has prepared her for future challenges.

"Because I did a sports degree, it intertwined and linked really well with my curling," said Anna.

"My studies required me to be committed and disciplined - if you do that, you can succeed at anything."

Anna first tasted international success in 2009 after winning gold at the World Junior Championships. In 2011, she won gold again while representing GB at the World University games and later in the year, she would repeat the feat at the European Championship, which subsequently saw her awarded GCU's Sportsperson of the Year.

Anna and her team-mates will compete in Canada before spending the summer training for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Her ultimate aim is to be selected for the Team GB.

"The amount of work we've put in this year compared to last year has doubled, she said. As a unit, we're about ten times stronger and we want to build on that and aim for the Olympics."



VCU PRINCIPAL AWARDED CBE IN NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST



Professor Pamela Gillies, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of GCU.

Professor Pamela Gillies, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of GCU, has been made a CBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List in recognition of her services to education and public health.

Professor Gillies, who was appointed Principal and Vice-Chancellor of GCU in March 2006, said: "I feel extremely honoured to be recognised in this way, but of course this award reflects the combined efforts of the many colleagues I have worked with over the years. I am especially proud of the social impact and benefit of the work of the staff, students and alumni of Glasgow Caledonian University. It is a privilege to be Principal and Vice-Chancellor of such a fine University."

Throughout her academic career,

Professor Gillies has held a long-term commitment to working towards improving public health through research and education. She has researched and written widely on HIV/AIDS, health development, and inequalities in health, focusing on the potential of social action for health improvement.

This work has taken her to Geneva where she contributed to the World Health Organisation's Global Programme on AIDS; to Harvard in the US where she served as a Professor in Health and Human Rights; to India and Brazil where she worked with those affected by HIV/AIDS and back to London where she was seconded as the first Executive Director of Research at the Health Education Authority for England.

Since joining GCU, Professor Gillies has also championed social change through her support for 'common good' initiatives which lie at the heart of the University's 'for the common weal' motto. This includes the work of the Caledonian Club, which promotes widening access to university by working with children and families in communities around the GCU campuses in Glasgow and London.

She oversaw the creation of The Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing/Midwifery (GCCN), which opened in Bangladesh in 2010. The GCCN trains nurses to be leaders in their field and to create change throughout Bangladeshi society where the

nursing profession has not enjoyed the same status as in the rest of the world.

Professor Gillies is a member of the Board of Trustees of the British Council; a member of the Institute of Directors and the CBI; Convener of the Health Committee for Universities Scotland; a GlobalScot and an elected member of the Council of the All Party Parliamentary Group of UK Universities at Westminster. As Vice-Chancellor of the first Scottish University to have a postgraduate campus in London, she is also a member of the London Higher Group of Universities.

She was elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 2002; as an Academician of the Academy for Social Sciences in 2005 and became an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow in 2007.

A native of Dundee, Professor Gillies graduated from Aberdeen University with a BSc in Physiology before taking a Masters in Education and Philosophy and training as a teacher. She studied community health at the University of Nottingham, graduating with a MMedSci and a PhD in Epidemiology before taking up a lectureship in Public Health Medicine at the University. She became a Pro Vice-Chancellor at Nottingham in 2001 and left five years later to take up her role as Vice-Chancellor of GCU.

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST GRADUATION AT GRAMEEN CALEDONIAN COLLEGE OF NURSING



Professor Barbara Parfitt, Scholarship winner Rokeya Akter Bristy and GCU Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yunus

Chancellor Muhammad Yunus and Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Pamela Gillies celebrated with students at Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing's first graduation ceremony.

Thirty-eight students graduated with a Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery from GCCN at a ceremony in Dhaka.

It is the first graduation ceremony at the College, which was established in 2010, and the top three students in the graduating class were awarded Principal's Scholarships, which offer full financial support, including accommodation fees and a financial stipend, to allow them to continue their studies at GCU in Glasgow.

Professor Gillies said: "It was an enormous privilege and pleasure to attend the graduation ceremony at the Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing, and recognise the success of the students. All of these brave young women are from the families of

Grameen borrowers from some of the most disadvantaged and far-flung villages in Bangladesh. It was truly humbling to be with them and their families as they celebrated. The graduation also gave me the opportunity to applaud the exceptional efforts of the founding college Principal, Professor Barbara Parfitt, and her team, who have managed to offer high-quality nursing training in Dhaka in just three years. In doing so, they have managed to deliver on the vision of our Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yunus, to improve the educational opportunities in the field of nursing in his native Bangladesh.

Established in partnership between GCU and the Grameen Trust, the college is addressing the health needs of Bangladesh's most disadvantaged communities, and drawing on the University's high-quality nursing and midwifery education in emerging nations.

"GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY BOOSTS SCOTS ECONOMY BY £444M"

Independent research, Biggar Economics

Independent research by Biggar Economics estimates that GCU supports 10,000 jobs and that it generates £7.20 for every £1 it receives through the Scottish Funding Council.

The analysis also highlights GCU's Scotland-wide impact through its commitment to making a positive contribution to society. The University does this through its research and partnerships with the public, private and voluntary sectors scholarship and teaching, community involvement and leading initiatives to widen access to Higher Education.

The results mean that GCU has increased its contribution to the Scottish economy by £38 million - 9.4 per cent - since a 2010 report by Biggar Economics identified a £406 million economic impact.

Professor Pamela Gillies CBE,

Principal and Vice Chancellor commented: "I am delighted with the findings of this Biggar Economics report. Against a backdrop of ongoing financial challenges, we have managed to increase the contribution the University makes to the Scottish economy.

"The report underlines the success of our Business Academies and our decision to open the first Scottish University with a campus in the city. It is also a testament to the ingenuity and innovation of our staff and students, whose hard work means we continue to deliver real benefits for the communities we serve."

The full report can be downloaded from our website: www.gcu.ac.uk/theuniversity/economicimpact

A CUT ABOVE THE REST

By Guest Writer Ryan Bounagui

It's difficult to think of Louise Kenny as anything other than incredible. At 26 she has founded her own successful company, Loula Creates, which is attracting customers from all over the world. She has worked closely with Michelle Mone OBE at MJM International, managing all of the company's photo shoots - which included shooting Peaches Geldof - and she managed these shoots so well that the company ended up making its first appearance in Grazia, the UK's bestselling fashion weekly!



Louise Kenny.

She is now the current International Marketing Co-ordinator for Arcadia Group that includes hugely successful high street brands such as Topshop, Burton and Dorothy Perkins. Louise took some time out from her hectic schedule to reflect on her time at GCU, discussing aspirations, overcoming obstacles and a possible return to Glasgow.

Getting hold of someone as busy as Louise Kenny is tough, unsurprisingly. Just as I am about to arrange an interview, I discover she is away in Paris working. Although some things are worth waiting for, and after eventually speaking to Louise, I realised that this was certainly the case. "Of course I miss student life!" she says as if I was foolish to ask such a question. "It's one of those things that you don't realise how good it is until it's gone. Glasgow had such a good student life, I was such a party animal throughout uni - I have so many fun, happy and stupid memories. Looking back I don't have a clue how I managed to go clubbing every night of the week and do so well at uni."

Undoubtedly she enjoyed her time at GCU; I ask what made her decide on this particular University. "I loved Business Studies and Art and Design at school. I was determined to find a university course where I could further develop my interests in both of these subjects. I did receive offers from other universities such as Glasgow School of Art and Heriot Watt; however, these degrees were only arts related, with no business focus. I wanted the best of both worlds and BA Hons in Fashion Business was the perfect fit!"

Louise graduated with a first class degree in 2009. A remarkable achievement in its own right. However, being a student does often present different obstacles, some of which can lead to students sadly dropping out. And in Louise's case it was no different. "Yes, I had some ups and downs but I learnt so much. I actually had to take a year out after my third year due to illness, and never thought I would go back to university to finish my degree. If it wasn't for the faith and support of one of my lecturers and my dissertation mentor I'm not sure I would have come back. Professor Malcolm Lochhead totally inspired and made me realise my potential. Such a motivational man. To this day I still value his opinion. My family also knew how important it was for me to achieve the goal of having a degree and they supported and believed in me the entire time."

Louise then went on to study for a Masters in International Fashion Marketing in GCU's London Campus. "GCU London is so different from GCU, if I was to describe it I would say it's like the five star boutique hotel of the University. The location is amazing and it's actually on 'Fashion Street' in the

heart of London. Studying in one of the world's most famous fashion capitals was a dream come true."

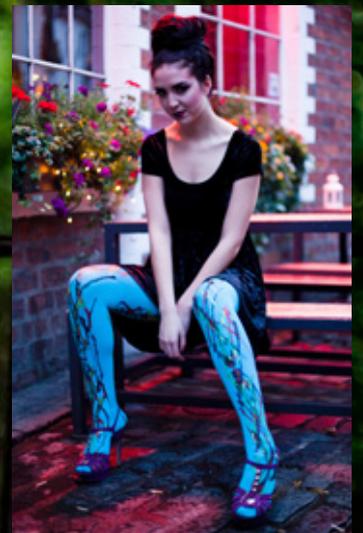
We then move on to discuss Loula Creates, and it is here where her passion shines through. "Without sounding too clichéd I have always had a 'passion for fashion', and have always wanted to launch my own brand. I am totally in love with colour. I swear in a previous life I was one of those tropical colourful birds of paradise. I believe colour exists in life to make you happy. I started to make my own printed hosiery and would often be stopped on the street by women asking where my tights were from. I studied CAD (computer-aided design) in fashion design, and decided to come up with my own crazy, colourful, printed leggings and hand printed hosiery collection...then Loula Creates was born!"

Having done so much, it is fascinating to see what drives her. "I aspire to be successful in life. Living the dream would be having Loula Creates as a globally recognisable boutique brand, and being able to show it at London or New York Fashion Week. I am a firm believer of what's for you won't go by you though." She also indicates her desire to come back to Glasgow: "I would love to come back, especially when I think about having a family later on down the line. Living in London you can get rather homesick as it is such a polar opposite city."

Louise finishes off by offering some invaluable advice to current and soon-to-be fashion graduates who are entering a fiercely competitive environment. "Gain as much work experience as you can. Make yourself known. Also don't be too disheartened when you interview for jobs and aren't successful - I was unsuccessful three times when I was interviewed at Miss Selfridge HQ and it was my determination that got me there in the end."

Guest Writer Ryan Bounagui is a second year BA(Hons) Multimedia Journalism student at GCU. He says: "I'm very passionate about all things journalism-related (except celebrity gossip!). I love to write, talk, present and as for my interests I'm pretty much interested in everything and anything!"





Loula Creates images courtesy of Peter Holiday.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Al Murray at the Glasgow Comedy Festival - March 2013

Almost 70 alumni and friends of the University enjoyed a great night of laughs and socialising as we took our seats in the Grand Circle at the King's Theatre. A private drinks reception was held for our guests prior to the event, which gave alumni a chance to network with each other. We also heard from Graeme Dalziel, Head of the Department of Law, Economics, Accountancy and Risk at GCU, with an update on the latest news from GCU and from Ronnie Dukes of the King's Theatre about the history of the majestic venue.



Lindsey and Rob with Al Murray.



MATV students receiving their certificates from Professor Pamela Gillies.

MA TV Fiction Writing Awards – November 2012

The 2012 MA Television Fiction Writing Awards were kindly hosted by BBC Scotland in the fabulous setting of their Pacific Quay hub. This was an opportunity for those about to graduate to mix with the new intake of students, alumni from the programme and perhaps more importantly, the many industry partners that the programme enjoys a working relationship with. The MA TV Fiction Writing at GCU is the only dedicated full-time postgraduate course of its type in the UK and we are delighted that leading lights in the sector, including Eileen Gallagher and Ann McManus from Shed Media, have been so involved in making the programme a success. The celebration was also the

forum to present the 2012/13 students with the scholarships that have been generously provided by our industry partners. This year there are eight scholars whose fees have been covered thanks to our donors. We are confident that they will use their time at GCU to enhance and hone their writing portfolio and learn to navigate the often perilous TV industry. Graduates have included Mark Stevenson, one of only eight people in 2012 to be offered a place on the prestigious BBC Writers Academy in London, while others have gone on to write for Waterloo Road and Hollyoaks, and have enjoyed success with plays at the Edinburgh Festival.

We look forward to hearing more from the alumni of this programme in the future.

MBA Alumni/Business Network

MBA alumni and business colleagues have met twice in recent months to hear from some interesting industry speakers and engage in business networking. MBA Director, Dr Elizabeth Williamson, welcomed alumni to the events and introduced the speakers. The first event saw Professor Colin Gilligan, renowned academic and writer, deliver an inspiring presentation and talk entitled *'The Changing Marketing Environment: New Rules for the New World'*. The second event saw senior managers, Bill Collins, VP Finance, Tax and Treasury, Billy Grace, Site Infrastructure Support Manager, and Graeme Little, Aerospace IT, Business Relationship Manager from global power management company, Eaton, present on how the company does business, detailing ethical linkage and business processes. After the talks, alumni had the chance to network with each other and make some new business contacts.

Moffat Lecture and Awards Ceremony – October 2012

The annual Moffat Lecture and Awards Ceremony featured an inspiring insight into the Commonwealth Games given by Glasgow 2014 Chief Executive, David Grevemberg.

Grevemberg said he was "deeply honoured" to give the Moffat Lecture – this year entitled *'Glasgow 2014 and the power of sport'* – and paid tribute to the Moffat Scholarships as the only awards of their kind in Europe.

The Moffat Scholarship Awards, generously supported by the Moffat Charitable Trust, were established more than 10 years ago to benefit students wishing to pursue a career in the travel, tourism or events management industries. Around £1million has already been awarded to more than 100 students from 15 different countries.

The Moffat Charitable Trust was set up by Mrs Margie Moffat and the late Mr James H Moffat – the founders of AT Mays Travel Agent Chain, which grew from a single operation in Saltcoats in the mid-1950s to become one of the largest travel agency groups in the UK.

With the days counting down until the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony, Grevemberg said the ambitions of the people of Glasgow were "even greater than the games themselves" before going on to stress the transformative role the event will play communities across the city and beyond.



David Grevemberg with Jamie Moffat and Professor Pamela Gillies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Abu Dhabi Alumni Networking

7th May
Networking for local alumni, current students on the Khalid Abdulrahim Scholarship and prospective students at Sheraton Abu Dhabi Hotel & Resort.

Dubai Alumni Networking

9th May
Networking for local alumni, current students on the Khalid Abdulrahim Scholarship and prospective students at the Mövenpick Hotel, Ibn Battuta Gate.

'Finest Stitches' Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition

9th May
An exhibition of the Embroiderers' Guild's important collection of historic textiles and current textile projects.

London JOLOMO viewing

14th May
Private viewing of JOLOMO artwork with whisky tasting, drinks and canapés. Gallery 8, London.

London Alumni Networking

19th June
Interesting industry speakers and business networking at our GCU London campus.

Occupational Therapy Networking

20th June
Networking event with keynote speaker for Occupational Therapy alumni to coincide with College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference. GCU Glasgow campus.

Professorial Masterclass – GCU Glasgow

1st July
Professor Nick Robertson: 'ASOS: Retail in the New Age'.

Professorial Masterclass – GCU London

25th July
Professor Anthony Morgan: 'Social Action – Perspectives for Public Health: Theory, Methods, Action'

BBC Scotland Tour

August (TBC)
Tour of BBC Scotland offices at Pacific Quay, Glasgow.

Cats by Andrew Lloyd Webber

26th September
Pre-show alumni drink and canapé reception, a chance to meet some of the cast and tickets in the Grand Circle. King's Theatre, Glasgow.

Oman Alumni Networking

September/October (TBC)
Industry speaker and alumni networking at the Caledonian College of Engineering.

For further details on any of the events, please visit www.gcu.ac.uk/alumni/events. New events are added regularly.

To ensure that you are kept informed of local events, please update us with your current email address (most event invitations are via email) by registering your contact details at www.gcu.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch/updateyourdetails.

MEMORIES OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS COLLECTED FOR GATHERING THE VOICES PROJECT

“For many years, Susan would not speak of her ordeal during the war. However, after retiring as a teacher, she began to speak to young people at schools about her experiences. She received hundreds of letters from school children saying how moved they had been by hearing her story. She felt it was vital that what had happened should not be forgotten.”

Susan Singerman’s son Howard recalls the contribution his mother made to help others understand the impact of the Holocaust, a contribution that led to her being awarded an MBE in 1996. The memories of Susan and other Holocaust refugees and survivors are documented in the Gathering the Voices project, led by Glasgow Caledonian University alumna and Academic Development Lecturer, Angela Shapiro, and Claire Singerman, a senior history teacher at Hutchesons’ Grammar School. The Gathering the Voices Association, partnered by GCU, has been given a £55,200 boost thanks to £45,200 funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and £10,000 from a

number of local Jewish Charitable Trusts.

The project will collect, digitise and make freely available to all via a website, the oral testimonies of men and women who came to Scotland in the 1930s and 1940s as Holocaust refugees. In the late 1930s an estimated 10,000 Jewish children were sent from Germany, Austria and other European countries to the UK by their parents via the Kindertransport to save the children from the Nazis, and approximately 400 of these children were settled in Scotland. After the end of the Second World War, more Holocaust refugees settled in Scotland, including a number of concentration camp survivors.

Colin McLean, Head of HLF Scotland, said: “We are delighted to support this project as these people’s lives are inextricably woven into Scotland’s rich history. Sadly, it is an element that is in danger of disappearing as it slips out of human memory. This project will not only capture those vital memories, but in doing so will give different sections of the community the opportunity to develop new skills. Together they can learn from and take pride in their past.”

Angela and Claire were inspired to develop the project by their mothers-in-law, both of whom survived the Holocaust, and wanted future generations to remember not only the atrocities, but also the contributions the refugees and survivors made once settled in Scotland. Angela and Claire with their respective husbands David and Howard and friends Hilary and Steven Anson formed the Gathering the Voices Association to record

and preserve the stories of these Scottish Holocaust refugees.

“They don’t want to be remembered only as victims; they also want to be remembered as people who made a valuable contribution to society,” said Angela. In addition to recording and making available over 30 testimonies on their website, which has been given prestigious recognition in the British Library Archive making it available for generations to come, project members will be working with Scottish teachers to develop teaching packs based on the interviews for use as part of the Curriculum for Excellence.

GCU will store the audio files in its Spoken Word repository and the complete interviews will be kept at the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, where they will be available to schools and councils for events such as National Holocaust Memorial Day. An exhibition based on the interviews will also visit schools and small communities, and will be displayed in Glasgow museums during the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

As Howard Singerman says of his late mother, “Susan always said it was essential not to let the Nazis destroy her humanity, and the humanity of those they were oppressing. She said she would not let the Nazis turn her into an animal. My mother spent her life helping other people, and impressing the need to remember the Holocaust to ensure such evil never happened again.”

If you would like to find out more, please visit the website: www.gatheringthevoices.com



Clockwise from top right: Susan with her sister Marta, with Granddaughter Jenni, Susan collecting her MBE at Buckingham Palace, the Gathering the Voices team, and Susan as a teenager.



SMELLS LIKE TEAM SPIRIT

By Guest Writer
Colin Stone

The expression 'been there, done that, got the t-shirt' is perhaps bandied about too readily these days, but the phrase could not be more appropriate for GCU alumnus John Cullen.



From the top: Dilexan and Thomas with the Olympic torch, John commenting at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, competing in 2006, with London Mayor Boris Johnson, commenting at the 2012 Olympic Games.

International taekwondo competitor, Team GB captain, sports commentator, linguist, Scottish national coach, gym owner, management consultant – John really has done it all. However, he hasn't forgotten his roots. "My career all started thanks to GCU. Simple," he says.

Following his graduation from the University in 1999, John spent 12 months in America before travelling halfway across the world to study at the Olympic University in Seoul after a short spell in Tokyo. After completing his education (and honing a few other skills along the way), John returned to the UK and became the first Scottish athlete to win a gold in taekwondo at the 2003 British Championships, eventually going on to captain Team GB through future British and European competitions.

"GCU has had a massive role in my career. The year's placement I had in the States put me one step ahead of everyone else looking for opportunities, so without the year in the States I wouldn't have got the six-month placement in Japan, which wouldn't have led me to Korea and all the steps along the way!"

"I think the exchange programme in Japan also inspired me to set up my own one," he adds.

With the support of GCU and Pung Saeng High School, John began his own programme by bringing three Scottish youngsters over to Korea in 2002 to learn the sport of taekwondo – and the initiative has continued to grow year on year for a decade.

"I started the exchange programme because, having lived in Seoul for long periods, I knew that all the university students out there wanted to learn English and our guys wanted to learn taekwondo – so I thought I'd combine it."

"Sadly, one of my best friends in Korea got cancer and passed away around this time, so we decided to name the programme after him, and it became the Lee Sung Hee International Exchange Programme. Every summer, we bring five or six Scottish youngsters to Korea and five or six Korean youngsters to Scotland; the Korean kids learn English and the Scottish kids learn taekwondo, so it's been brilliant."

Alongside fellow GCU alumnus John Haggerty, John set up his own gym in Anniesland which has now been running for more than six years. Many of the teenagers who have travelled to Korea have been initially spotted here, with Dilexan Francis Aloysious and Thomas Anderson being two of the most notable names. The pair have been supported by GCU for more than three years, enabling them not only to travel to Asia, but to rise through the ranks of taekwondo and lead out the world's top fighters at the 2012 Olympic Games as part of their Gamesmaker roles. Funded by Professor John Wilson and Professor

Ailsa McKay, the two boys have participated in activities that they would have been otherwise unable to experience.

"GCU has done great, great things," John says proudly. "They provided the flights, accommodation for the two lads and promised them an academic scholarship if they perform well at school, and Dilexan has made it. The University's been both very influential and extremely helpful."

After captaining the Team GB taekwondo team, John delved into coaching before utilising his vast knowledge of sport in the world of broadcasting.

Over the past four years, John has commented on several minority sports for the BBC, Sky, ESPN and Eurosport at events like the World Championships and the Olympics.

John's attitude towards his career is one that he also encourages young people to adopt.

"I think it's all down to a certain mindset that you need to have. It's mind-blowing when you see the opportunities, the contacts and the links you can get, and you realise that if you do the hard work, the breaks will come to you. That's the way I look at it."

Nowadays, John works in management consultancy for oil, gas and constructions, coaching their staff in motivation and leadership.

However, he is now back at the University where it all began, studying for a Masters in International Event Management, and he continues to hold the institution in very high regard.

"For me, the opportunities you get at Glasgow Caledonian University, you won't get anywhere else."

"They're very career-focused and they're very person-focused, and they give you a real platform to create whatever it is you want to."

"The sky's the limit in terms of opportunities – if you're prepared to do the work."

John Cullen is one alumnus who certainly took those words to heart.

Guest Writer Colin Stone is a final year journalism student and the current station manager of Radio Caley. He hopes to emulate John by also becoming a sports broadcaster.



HELP US TO CREATE BRIGHTER FUTURES

You may already have received a call asking you to donate to our Brighter Futures Fund. If you did donate, then thank you - you've helped make a real difference to a student's life.

The Brighter Futures Fund supports widening access scholarships, enhances student facilities and adds value to clubs, societies and community engagement projects. It enables alumni and friends to donate whatever they can afford, whenever is convenient to them.

Projects that have benefited from the Fund include the Caledonian Club, GCU's award-winning widening participation and community engagement initiative which works with local communities and schools to raise aspirations.

Our annual Brighter Futures telethon, which took place for the second time this March, was a great opportunity for alumni to catch up with activities at GCU, hear about our events programme - and perhaps to remember their time here by giving a little back to help current and future students get the most from their University experience.

GCU students are specially recruited and trained to make the calls. Being part of the telethon is a valuable experience - not only do they receive money to support their studies, they also gain news skills and confidence.

One such student is Ryan Bounagui, a Caledonian Club Scholar and Mentor, who is in his second year of a BA(Hons) Multimedia Journalism. He says:

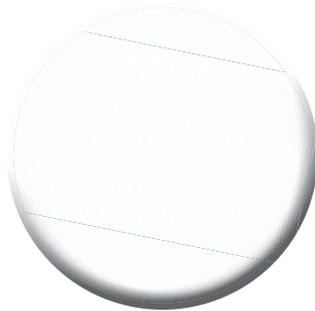
"I wanted to get involved purely for the fact I wanted to give something back. I am a recipient of the Brighter Futures Fund and it has honestly made a remarkable difference. Of course it allows me to keep up with the essentials, such as books, exam fees and refectory lunches!

What it does also enable me to do is to go out from time to time with my friends at university, and I do feel it has been very important to socialise with my classmates outwith the university.

"The Caledonian Club has made an unbelievable difference to my life, it's a credit to them that I'm at GCU! I'll be forever grateful to the Brighter Futures Fund and the Caledonian Club. When I get a call from the telethon campaign, when I become an alumnus, I will certainly be donating!"

Later this year, GCU will also be launching a unique tile campaign where alumni and friends will have the opportunity to leave their mark on campus by purchasing a tile with their photograph on it. Collectively, the photographs will make up a mural image of the GCU campus through the years which will be built on campus. By purchasing a tile you will not only be celebrating your time at the University, you will be supporting current and future students at GCU with all profits being donated to the Brighter Futures Fund. We will be contacting alumni in the coming months to announce the launch of the Tile Campaign.

To find out more about the Brighter Futures Fund or to make a donation please contact us on development@gcu.ac.uk or **0141 331 8769**.



FIVE YEARS OF VALUABLE SUPPORT FROM THE ROBERTSON TRUST



Pupils from Cloan Nursery in Drumchapel visiting the GCU Campus for a Cook and Eat project, promoting healthy eating to families.

The Robertson Trust were one of the first key supporters of GCU's Caledonian Club, an initiative started in 2008 to help raise aspirations and build key life skills amongst nursery, primary and secondary pupils. Five years later the Trust's generous support of the Club's work in the Drumchapel community has totalled £75,000.

The Trust was established in 1961 by the Robertson sisters Elspeth, Agnes and Ethel, who donated the shares in the businesses founded and developed by their grandfather and father to the Trust for charitable purposes. They ensured that the Trust operated along the principles which the family had employed in business, namely: honesty, integrity and willingness to help people in trouble or need.

Director of the Robertson Trust, Kenneth Ferguson, said: "We, at the Trust, have been greatly impressed by the unique approach the Caledonian Club has to working with young people and their families. By building long lasting relationships and using inspirational student mentors, the work not only provides young people with practical skills but also with the self-belief and confidence to know that nothing is beyond them. Education and work with communities are areas of great importance to the Trust and we are proud to have been able to help the Club achieve so much."

The funding has allowed the Club to pilot and deliver new initiatives with children in Drumchapel and has also enabled the introduction of innovative new parent and family based projects.

Robyn McKay, a former pupil at Drumchapel High School, has benefited directly from the work of the Club. Robyn is the first member of her family, and one of only five school leavers from her year group, to study at university. The mentoring and financial support she was given by

the Caledonian Club helped Robyn to undertake full-time study at GCU.

"It was a great experience getting to visit the GCU campus whilst still a pupil and I am very grateful to the Caledonian Club for their help and support with my move from high school to University. I think the work the Club does is very important and is very influential, as I don't think I would have even thought about applying for university if it wasn't for the Caledonian Club mentors and staff I met in high school."

Robyn is now in her second year of a BA Social Sciences at GCU, and she in turn has become a Student Mentor for the Club, in order that she too can give something back and help school pupils to have the opportunities she did. The Caledonian Club is continuing its work in Glasgow, with the help of supporters like the Robertson Trust, to reach children of all ages and show them that a University education could be right for them.

"The pupils returned from their day visit to the University, brim full of enthusiasm to become a student there in the future. Every single pupil had something that had caught their imagination. I was delighted at their reactions and hope to keep their curiosity about higher education alive."

Margaret Coyle, Headteacher, Camstradden Primary School



GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY AS A GLOBAL INSTITUTION

By Guest Writer Gillian Lambie



Jinan exchange students at GCU.

When students come to GCU, it opens up a world of possibilities.

The University has a postgraduate campus in London and partnerships with universities all over the world, including India, China and the USA. Exciting plans to set up a GCU base in New York have also been confirmed using GCU London as a model. The New York campus will offer training and short courses as well as building on existing links with universities in the city.

GCU also works closely in partnership with the Caledonian College of Engineering in Oman, and the Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing in Bangladesh. The College of Nursing opened in 2010 through a partnership between GCU and The Grameen Trust, and was founded by GCU Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yunus. The award-winning College aims to increase nursing and midwifery standards in Bangladesh and provide high quality education and research.

Students of GCU can also access research and study opportunities all over the world, thanks to GCU's membership of the prestigious Santander Universities Network of more than 700 universities globally. Santander have also kindly provided funding for a wealth of study, exchange, language and scholarship opportunities.

It is not just students who begin their studies at GCU who benefit; students coming on exchange programmes to experience Glasgow receive a world-class education and a fantastic student experience.

Sarah Balweirczak, a criminal justice student at Illinois State University, has come to GCU this semester to study Criminology: "GCU has been really helpful; I love Glasgow! I love the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) - they just always have a student social event going on like going to the movies. I am just back from a trip to Amsterdam through ESN that we went on too!"

Scholarships are available for international students and INTO GCU programmes on campus offer academic and English language courses. INTO GCU recently won the Best Student Experience award at the 2012 INTO Partner Awards and is fully accredited by GCU to give the best education and knowledge possible.

Our alumni are based in 123 countries including China, India, America, Brazil, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Russia and Canada to name just a few.

International Alumni Ambassadors are also on hand to help students settle into GCU and offer tips and advice on the academic and social life of the University and the city. Sandhya Anantharaman, originally from India, is one such ambassador:

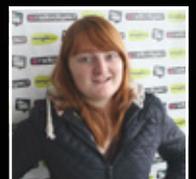
"I joined GCU as a Masters student in 2007 and fell in love with the University and the city of Glasgow. I have never encountered such a friendly place in my life before. GCU has always given each and every student, be it international or home, the space to explore themselves and develop their personality which is a major part of the student experience. I was an active part of the Students' Association and the President of Indian Social Group. GCU was open to various cultures which gave me

an opportunity to spread the Indian culture within other student communities at GCU. I also continued my PhD at GCU; I spent five full years there and felt like I was a part of the woodwork. Now that I am back home, I have realised how much I miss Glasgow and GCU. I am currently an International Alumni Ambassador for GCU and aiming to attend education and recruitment fairs to express my views about our University and help others experience the goodness of GCU."

If you are interested in becoming an International Alumni Ambassador, please contact the Rob Morton in the Alumni Relations team for more information - rob.morton@gcu.ac.uk

Guest Writer Gillian Lambie is a second year BA(Hons) Multimedia Journalism student at GCU. She says:

"I am loving every minute of my studies at GCU. Originally from Speyside in the North East of Scotland, I moved to Glasgow in 2011 in the hope of becoming a journalist and since then I have become involved in writing and broadcasting."



SCOOTER GRAN'S NOVEL KNEE PAIN TREATMENT PUT TO THE TEST

The science behind the success of internet sensation Scooter Gran has been revealed by academics working in GCU's Institute for Applied Health Research.

Grandmother Barbel Roerig became a worldwide hit after being seen racing around the streets of Perth on a fold-up children's scooter, which she said helped take the pressure off her painful knees.

Fascinated by the story, researchers in GCU's Musculoskeletal and Neurological Rehabilitation Group set out to discover how the children's toy helped to ease Mrs Roerig's symptoms.

The team borrowed a scooter from one of their children and brought it into the laboratory for tests.

The results of the off-kilter experiment were more than a little intriguing, said Professor Martijn Steultjens, and have led to wide coverage across the Scottish media.

He said: "You normally get a big jolt through

the knee when you walk, but what we saw with the scootering is that the jolt almost completely disappears.

"We found that the load on the leg being used to propel the scooter – the stepping leg so to speak – was reduced by as much as 67%. We were really surprised at just how much it was reduced."

German-born retired architectural technician Mrs Roerig gave the GCU experiment her seal of approval. She told the Daily Record newspaper: "The scientists are quite correct. I had arthritis of my knee which has definitely improved since I started using the scooter."

Though the novel method of transport isn't for everyone, added Professor Steultjens. "At 74 years of age, Mrs Roerig demonstrates remarkable coordination and balance, so whilst it's a novel way of easing knee pain, with safety very much in mind, its wider use does require careful consideration."



'Scooter Gran' Barbel Roerig

GCU TO LAUNCH £1MILLION ADVANCED HIGHERS TEACHING HUB FOR GLASGOW SCHOOL PUPILS

GCU has been awarded nearly £1million by the Scottish Funding Council to establish an on-campus centre to deliver Advanced Higher programmes to pupils from 15 targeted Glasgow secondary schools as part of the University's commitment to widening access to Higher Education.

In partnership with Glasgow City Council, the Advanced Highers Hub at GCU will offer courses in English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Computing, Modern Studies, Business Management and History to between 150 and 200 S6 pupils each academic year. An increasing number of young people are staying on to S6 and many of them already hold at least one Higher qualification.

By offering Advanced Highers at GCU, it is hoped that pupils will benefit from a wider choice of university or college opportunities and be better prepared academically for their first year of continuing education.

Pupils will have access to GCU's excellent library, laboratory and technology facilities, plus support with application and admission

to university and entry at advanced standing to GCU programmes in relevant subjects. Recruitment of Advanced Higher teaching staff will begin in March 2013 and the first classes will begin in August 2013.

Eleanor Wilson, Director of UK Recruitment and Outreach, said: "This is an amazing opportunity for GCU and Glasgow secondary schools to further cement existing relationships as part of the University's commitment to the common good."

"The Hub will provide new opportunities to senior pupils in Glasgow to study at Advanced Higher level but with the added benefit of having the University facilities at their disposal. We cannot wait to welcome our first S6 cohort in August."

The pilot initiative will work with GCU's partnership schools across the city. Classes will be held during the school day and GCU and Glasgow City Council will pick up the bill for pupils' travel expenses.

The Advanced Highers Hub is part of GCU's ongoing commitment to widening access to Higher Education – 34% of GCU's undergraduate students are from a disadvantaged background compared with a Scottish average of 27%, and 73% are the first in their families to attend university.

RESEARCHERS BEGIN WORK TO HARNESS THE POWER OF GLASGOW'S ABANDONED MINES



A project which could lead to the water held in the network of abandoned mine workings underneath Glasgow being used to generate up to 40 per cent of the city's heat will begin this month.

Scientists at Glasgow Caledonian University have recently received funding from ScottishPower to map the maze of abandoned tunnels which exist beneath the city. The team will identify underground reservoirs of water which have the potential to heat homes and potentially to power under street heating.

One small city housing estate - Glenalmond Street in the East End - already uses geothermal energy and residents have heating bills of around £160 per year, as compared to £660 for an average Scottish family.

GCU's Dr Nicholas Hytiris, a geotechnical specialist in the University's Institute for Sustainable Engineering and Technology Research, said that once the correct data have been gathered on the location of the underground water reservoirs, special ground source heat pumps could be used to extract heat

from the water. The extracted energy would then be used for the heating of homes or offices.

He said: "After Hamburg and Stockholm, Glasgow could be the third city in the world to have under street heating. In three years' time we will have a full and accurate record of what is going on beneath our feet and then we can go on from there. We believe this technology will, in the long term, be able to provide cheaper and more sustainable heating, which could be an answer to fuel poverty issues prevalent in many areas of Glasgow, particularly those with a mining past and a legacy of poor quality housing and high unemployment."

Dr Hytiris will be joined by GCU colleague Dr Rohinton Emmanuel, a reader in sustainable design and construction who has expertise in urban climate change and Bjorn Aaen, a former technical advisor and a former group leader to Glasgow City Council. Dr Caroline Gallagher, senior lecturer at GCU and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) specialist,

will assist in an advisory capacity. This project will be carried out by GCU graduate Emma Church, as part of her PhD research in this field, funded in part by the School of Engineering and Built Environment and ScottishPower.

Mr Aaen, whose original vision initiated interest in this field a number of years ago from his knowledge of Glasgow's geology and mining history, said: "We aim to show that harnessing this energy is a viable option, which we believe it is. We're confident that utilising this technology properly will lead to a large energy saving for thousands of Glaswegians."

The project will initially focus on the Clyde Gateway regeneration area but will grow to encompass several other parts of Glasgow with a mining history.

World leading geoscience centre, the British Geological Survey, has offered full access to its data including a unique 3D geological model of the city for the three-year duration of the project.



GCU RESEARCH MAY LEAD TO CLEANER DRINKING WATER IN MILLIONS OF HOMES

A GCU research project which could result in cleaner drinking water in millions of homes across Europe is about to begin a pilot study at a water treatment plant in Germany.

GCU's Professor JiaQian Jiang has been funded by two German water companies, LW Water Supply and Lake Constance Water Supply, to develop a new method of treating drinking water which leaves fewer pollutants than the current industry wide approach.

Professor Jiang's research investigates the possibilities of using ferrate (VI), a super charged iron molecule, to remove micro pollutants from drinking water. The study will pay particular attention to the potentially harmful by-products created when ferrate is used to remove pollutants.

It is thought that the ferrate produces fewer potentially toxic by-products than the current process, which uses ozonation to degrade harmful micro-pollutants and chlorination to kill germs.

Professor Jiang and his team are preparing to upgrade their work following a successful laboratory trial conducted at Langenau Water Treatment plant in Germany.

The new phase of the study at the Lake Constance Water Treatment plant, also in Germany, will discover if the treatment techniques developed in the lab work on a larger scale and if they are as cost effective as current processes.

If so, Professor Jiang's work could have a huge impact on the way drinking water is treated. Professor Jiang said: "Our initial laboratory studies have shown that the process produces an excellent performance. This is why the German companies have decided to offer additional funding for the pilot-scale trials of our research. We predict that the next stage of the study will confirm this advanced technology's potential to have a great impact on achieving both high water quality and cost effectiveness."

A WEE CHAT WITH PHYLLIDA LAW

By Lindsey Becket



“The Dough School teachers didn’t know quite what to do with three girls doing a Housewifery course, so we were sent to wash down the lavatories with vinegar in the rinsing water, and we’d sit and smoke, shrieking with laughter!” recalls Phyllida Law, Scottish actress, author and matriarch of the famous Thompson acting dynasty. Phyllida, herself a famous actress, is mother to actresses Emma and Sophie Thompson, and wife of the late Eric Thompson, actor and producer.

I meet her at her home in West Hampstead, London, and am immediately drawn to the gargoyles and gnomes adorning the garden wall, as well as the blackboard next to the front door which announces proudly that “the witch is in!” Phyllida welcomes me enthusiastically into an Aladdin’s cave of a home, beautiful and bursting with character, just like its owner. Every inch is covered with all manner of fascinating keepsakes, photographs and memorabilia. We sit on rocking chairs by a roaring log fire having tea and Scottish shortbread, and recalling memories of the old days in Glasgow and her time as a student at The Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, more affectionately known as the Dough School, and now part of Glasgow Caledonian University.

Phyllida was born and brought up in the West End of Glasgow, in “the type of place where they take their ashes down to the midden in a briefcase”. As a war baby, at age seven she was evacuated to Lenzie where she became so accustomed to the noise of overflying aircraft, she could tell which ones were enemy planes. Her Aunt Avril and Uncle Douglas with whom she lived at that time, made an air raid shelter at the bottom of their garden “with a flowerbed on top to confuse the Germans”. She recalls looking out the window wide-eyed one night during the blitz and seeing the Campsie Fells edged with flames, a beautiful sight quite removed from the devastation it signified.

Following a brief (and as she puts it “miserable!”) spell as a student studying Medicine then French and History, she was sent by her mother to do a Housewifery course at the Dough School. The course was designed to prepare young ladies for married life and looking after their husbands. Her mother, Margaret Cockburn Orr, had attended the Dough School herself to study cookery during the First World War. She told a young Phyllida about an amusing time as a student when she had been to a rugby match with a boy (who it later emerged was her brother) which was considered to be scandalous, and had been spotted and reported to the Principal of the Dough School who gave her a stern talking to over the matter. Her mother, Phyllida’s beloved Granny, who was a “tiny, terrifying wee lady”, was so furious she marched to the Dough School and gave them a piece of her mind.

She recalls those three months at the Dough School as being “enormous fun”. “There were three of us who were great friends. We spent most days weak with laughter and did such silly things! One day we were put in a cami knicker-making class where I was absolutely hopeless and a disaster with the graph paper used for patterns,” she laughs. In the cookery classes, she recalls making drop scones and being asked to wash up afterwards, turning the tray upside-down and sending the freshly baked scones flying all over the classroom. “We really did try very hard and did learn some valuable skills, but despite our best efforts we were just hopeless!”

Phyllida still uses her original cookery book from her days as a student, proclaiming proudly that the “old recipes are still the best”. She keeps a copy at home in London and another “down the glen” at her home in Ardentiny, Scotland, owned by the family for the last 53 years. Her daughter Emma also has her grandmother’s original Dough School cookery book with notes still in the margins, a treasured family heirloom. “Mother was very good at cooking venison,” Phyllida remembers. “It’s very good if you bury it in the garden for a week and put a wee bit redcurrant jelly to it” she says, adopting a broad Glaswegian accent to emulate her mother. When I remark on her perfect Glaswegian accent, Phyllida tells me she was taught by the actor Robbie Coltrane, who got her to say the word “BRILLIANT” over and over!

When I ask whether the culinary skills have been passed down the family, she replies with amusement: “To my astonishment, both my daughters are excellent cooks. Emma does a wonderful soufflé without even thinking about it which always amazes me, it’s a gift. Sophie is also famous for her five hour lamb!”

Following her Housewifery Course, Phyllida went on to audition for Bristol’s Old Vic Theatre School. “I behaved so badly at the Dough School that when I left and told them I was going to theatre school, they said “Ahhhh, so THAT’S what was wrong with you” she grins. Since then, and despite her grandmother telling her London was “the gateway to hell” she has never looked back, carving out a successful and varied career on stage and screen. She started out in theatre “because that was all that was around in those days”, starting in productions such as *La Cage aux Folles*, before going on to feature in numerous television and film roles, including *Peter’s Friends*, *Jane Austen’s Emma*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*. Working with both her daughters on various different projects has proved “very straightforward because you already know how the other one works, what they like in their tea and so on.” As the first in the family to act, Phyllida didn’t expect her daughters to necessarily follow in her footsteps: “Emma has a good brain and could have been Prime Minister, but some other fellow

got in first, and Sophie, despite her quiet speaking voice, has an enormous operatic singing voice”.

Regardless, both girls fell naturally into acting and have had enormous success of their own.

Phyllida, now 80, continues to act regularly, and enjoys art house films and small, intimate roles. She says she learned a lot from looking after her mother about limitations that come with age and as “I’m frightfully old and don’t want to stay away long”, she chooses roles accordingly. She particularly loves Scottish productions and says the whole family are keen to maintain their Scottish connections through their work. She lists her recent award-winning short film *Love at First Sight* as a highlight, in particular acting with John Hurt “who was simply wonderful”.

She can also now add author to her wide resume, having recently published two endearing and insightful books. *Notes to my Mother-in-Law* is a collection of post-it notes she used to leave around the house for her mother-in-law, Annie, who lived with the family for seventeen years and was increasingly deaf. *How Many Camels are there in Holland*, published this year, tells the story of her much-adored mother Meg’s final months being cared for by the family at home in Ardentiny. Having had such a close relationship with both her mother-in-law and mother, Phyllida in turn is exceptionally close to her daughters and grandchildren. Emma lives, quite literally, across the road, and Sophie just a short drive away in East Finchley “which, believe it or not is still too far. Not quite New Zealand, but still.” Phyllida laughs.

She spends much of her time in Scotland, which she still considers to be very much home, and adores Glasgow, “although it has changed so much since my time there. I still can’t quite get over the fact that tourists come from all over the world to hop there! Mostly though, when I’m in Scotland, I just want to go up the glen”. She laughs when people ask her what on earth she does while there with only seven sheep as neighbours, and tells them that she does very little. “The days seem so much longer there, hours can be spent just pottering and walking, it’s lovely.”

Before I leave I ask if she has any advice for young graduates, to which she replies: “Don’t run away to theatre school! No seriously, if you’re doing any kind of cookery, carry on until you can make a good soufflé!”

BRIDES-TO-BE TAKE LESSONS:

DOMESTIC COURSE AT COLLEGE.

LOVE laughs at depression, and bad trade cannot hinder the matrimonially inclined! Crisis or no crisis, this has been a "bumper" year for weddings in Glasgow, and there is prospect of an even greater spate of brides and bridegrooms in the comparatively near future. One straw which shows the way the wind is blowing is the increase in the number of girls who have enrolled for the "Engaged Girls' Course" at the College of Domestic Science.

"Three Months' Course" it is called on the prospectus, but that is far too unromantic a name for this training in cookery, housewifery and laundry which is specially designed to teach young brides-to-be how to look after their homes and their husbands. No longer can husbands complain of indigestion; no longer do they limp about with "lumpy" darns in their socks, no longer do they search fruitlessly for a clean collar. The "Engaged Girls' Course" produces efficient housekeepers who know their job thoroughly and are particularly good at "feeding the brute."

DOMESTICITY AS CAREER.

The modern young woman prepares herself for domesticity with the same thoroughness that she would prepare for a career. Business girls who are looking forward to a home of their own go to "night school" at the Domestic Science College, and take cookery classes. Young wives attend classes and demonstrations in the different branches of household arts, and even that very up-to-date product, the bachelor girl, does not disdain to learn the best uses of the casserole and saucepan! Instead of the modern girl giving domesticity a miss, she is taking it up with as much enthusiasm as her grand-mother, and a great deal more science. Every course in the College of Domestic Science is fully booked, and there is an increase in the numbers of students enrolled.

Three Months' Housewifery.

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N.B.—Students may begin training in the above Course in September, January, or April.

*These Lectures are not given in the Summer Term. Additional lessons in other courses may be taken instead. Infant Management Lectures are given only in January.

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Top middle: Phyllida, Eric, Emma and Sophie cooking. Top right: Phyllida with daughter Emma, Emma's Husband Greg Wise, their daughter Gaia, and son Tindy on his graduation day. Images courtesy of GCU Archives.

ALUMNI BENEFITS

As GCU alumni, you are very much part of the GCU community. As such, we are delighted to be able to offer you a series of exclusive benefits and discounts as shown below. This list is continually improving, with regular new additions.

20% POSTGRAD STUDY DISCOUNT

A discount of 20% off Taught Postgraduate courses starting in session 2013/14 is available to anyone who has received their undergraduate qualification from GCU (or one of our founding institutions).

THE EYE CLINIC

The Eye Clinic at Glasgow Caledonian University is offering alumni a special **20%** discount off all its services.



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As well as a huge range of classes and health and fitness facilities, Arc offers affordable alumni-friendly membership rates to help keep your bank balance as healthy as your body. Our bright, modern health and fitness centre plays host to numerous affordable classes and activities, and is home to the many University sports clubs, a hair salon and spa.

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by Gillian @ Arc

Discounts of **10%** are available for GCU alumni.



The University library, located in the stunning Saltire Centre, includes over 280,000 books. Membership is £60 a year, however, as alumni you are entitled to a 50% discount when you set up an annual direct debit of just £30.

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In collaboration with the Ambassador Theatre Group, we are delighted to be able to bring some fabulous exclusive offers to our alumni, such as Viva Forever and Spamalot. These are updated regularly and can be found on our website.

- ROOM BOOKINGS - GLASGOW AND LONDON



A range of meeting, lecture and conference facilities are available at both our Glasgow and London campuses, with fantastic discounts available for alumni. Our dedicated team will provide you with all the technology and equipment you need to make your event a success.

GCU London, conveniently located in Spitalfields, boasts modern, high tech facilities and easily adaptable meeting space. The flexible layout comprises of rooms across three floors which can be used separately or combined to accommodate up to 120 delegates. For smaller events, we can provide classrooms and spaces, with capacities from 18 to 70, featuring break-out rooms, natural daylight and flexible seating. Please contact events@gculondon.ac.uk for more information.

We also regularly post offers to our Facebook and Twitter sites, so stay tuned!

For more information on all our alumni benefits, visit our website: www.gcu.ac.uk/alumni/alumnibenefitsservices.

JOIN US!

Social media provides a wonderful platform to allow us to keep in touch with our 116,000 alumni, based in 123 countries globally! At the touch of a button, we are able to update you on our news stories, events and lots of other interesting information and photographs.

We at GCU see our Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn sites as an extension of our GCU community, as we are all there with a shared connection. These channels provide a great way for us to be able to support our alumni, by posting job opportunities, placements, scholarships, networking events and further study discounts.

We also love to keep up to date with what you are all doing, and congratulate alumni on their successes.



@CaledonianAlum

Twitter allows a fun, fast-paced source of shared information. We regularly tweet live from events and post up to the minute news.



www.facebook.com/CaledonianAlumni

Our Facebook site is populated regularly with a wealth of interesting news, events information, photographs and links. We enjoy a mixture of valuable information like job opportunities and fun stuff like the latest Glasgow weather!



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With almost 3,000 members and counting our LinkedIn Group is a great resource for connecting with classmates, engaging in career-related discussion forums, learning about job opportunities, and joining industry-specific subgroups.

COMPETITION WINNER!



Congratulations to our alumni social media competition winner Jaimi Hunter who won an iPod Touch in time for Christmas.

Jaimi says: "Wow, that's amazing. Thank you so much! I would have to say that I had some of the best times of my life at GCU; I met so many amazing people and the facilities on offer rival nowhere I've seen! The support on offer after graduation is also excellent with staff always willing to assist whether it is for career help or contacts."



NAIMA AL MANDHARI

- BSC(HONS) TELECOMMUNICATION ENGINEERING 2006 -
CALEDONIAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, OMAN

GCU has worked in partnership with the Caledonian College of Engineering (CCE) in Oman since it first opened 15 years ago. CCE started with 27 students in 1996 and now has over 2,700 students, 260 staff and offers 15 undergraduate programmes and two Masters programmes.

GCU's partnership with CCE, which was recently awarded the Asia Award for the Best Educational Institution in Engineering by the World Education Congress, also makes possible staff and student exchanges.

The College recently opened its new Airport Heights Campus, at which the most recent graduation ceremony was held, and attended by GCU Principal Professor Pamela Gillies. The new campus houses the College's School of Foundation Studies and has teaching areas, a library and social and student services spaces, as well as boarding accommodation for 250 female students.

Interestingly, almost 50% of students at the College are female, a considerable figure for engineering-based subjects in comparison to GCU, where females make up a mere 18% at the School of Engineering and Built Environment.

Why did you choose the Caledonian College of Engineering and your particular course?

Caledonian College of Engineering is considered one of the best Engineering Colleges in Oman. I studied Telecommunications as it's an industry that always develops and it's really important to our generation.

What did you enjoy most about life at the University?

I made lots of friends.

Do you have a best memory?

My best memory will be completing my project to create a Laser Security System for the University's facility, where we had to plan for the project by maintaining the components that we needed to build the project and draw the circuit diagram. I got a high grade.

...and worst memory?!

I don't have any!!

How did your degree prepare you for your career?

My degree opened up lots of opportunities with big organisations.

During my time with CCE, I learned so much not only academically but even socially. I learned to be positive, motivate myself and be a productive team member.

I can say that CCE opened a brighter future for me and definitely others.

What advice do you have for new graduates?

Work hard and be the best in what you do.

What single word sums up your University experience?

Awesome!

GRADUATION CEREMONIES CELEBRATE LEADING CITIZENS

GCU celebrated the success of more than 1,500 graduates and welcomed five Honorary Graduates at our November ceremonies.

Scots Olympic bronze medallist **Laura Bartlett** (pictured right) returned to GCU to be awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the field of sport and her success at the Olympics, during which she played a pivotal role in the success of Team GB's women's hockey team at the London 2012 Games.

The 24-year-old admitted that returning to GCU was an emotional occasion for her and her family.

"It is a real privilege to come back to GCU and be awarded such a fantastic degree, especially as I didn't make my own graduation ceremony due to hockey commitments," said Laura.

"When I was a student here, I received great support from so many individuals and that enabled me to continue with my BA Business Studies while playing hockey at the highest level, and I would like to thank the University for that."

Laura was one of five leading citizens who were recognised by the University for their contributions to public life, science, medicine, sport and academia.

World leading cardiovascular scientist and clinical researcher **Professor Anna Dominiczak** was presented for an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by Professor Nicky James, Executive Dean and Pro Vice Chancellor of the School of Health and Life Sciences.



Regius Professor of Medicine, Vice Principal and Head of the College of Medical, Veterinary

and Life Sciences at the University of Glasgow, and an honorary consultant physician and non-executive member of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Professor Dominiczak's work in the fields of hypertension, cardiovascular genomics and systems medicine, is internationally renowned and influential, and her research income for the past three years totals more than £30million.

"I am deeply delighted to receive this award from GCU - it was a completely unexpected and pleasant surprise," Professor Dominiczak told graduates from the School of Health and Life Sciences. She highlighted the close collaboration between GCU and the University of the Glasgow for the continued benefit of "this proud city."

Kevin Moore OBE, Managing Director of Business Therapies Limited, founder of Scotlab, and former top flight football referee, was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science for his outstanding contribution in the field of Life Sciences in Scotland, and in recognition of his continued and valued support for the University and the School of Health and Life Sciences.



Laureator Dr Alistair Corbett, of the School of Health and Life Sciences, said: "Kevin has also been a good friend to GCU - we want our graduates to have all the skills and attributes sought by employers and Kevin is helping us achieve this aim."

Professor Lesley Sawers, formerly Chief Executive of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University for her outstanding contribution and achievements in promoting the economic interests of the city of Glasgow and Scotland, both at home and internationally. Since graduations, we are delighted to announce that Professor Sawers will take up the new role of Vice Principal for Business Development at GCU in early summer.

Addressing graduands, she said: "I am proud to add my name to the honorary graduates roll at GCU. Believe in yourself, dream big and, most importantly, go do."



Professor Alice Brown, Member of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council and Emeritus Professor of the University of Edinburgh, was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters for outstanding contribution in the field of Public Service in Scotland and valued support for the University's Women in Scotland's Economy (WISE) research programme.

Laureator, Professor Ailsa McKay, of the Glasgow School for Business and Society, revealed that one of the first university lectures she attended as a university student was given by Professor Brown, who has continued to inspire her to this day.



Graduands broke out in applause when told of Professor Brown's commitment to gender equality and the impact her work has had on policy decisions at the highest levels.

Professor Brown told graduands: "Be confident in seizing the challenges that arise in these difficult economic times. In your own way, you can make a difference and I hope you will be inspired to change lives for the better."



SUPPORT FOR YOUR CAREER



No matter where you are in your career, GCU Alumni are here to support you. On these two pages you will find details about a number of ways that we can offer tangible support to your career development.

Learn with GCU

Most of you have already completed one or more qualifications at GCU; however you may consider undertaking some Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at the University or maybe even a Postgraduate qualification. The University offers alumni a 20% discount on course fees for Taught Postgraduate programmes. Links to courses that we offer and details on the discount can be found at www.gcu.ac.uk/alumni/furtherstudy. You may also wish to consider applying for one of the University's scholarships - details can be found at www.gcu.ac.uk/study/scholarships.

Network with GCU Alumni

Business networking is important in today's job market. GCU Alumni are keen to bring you as many ways to network with fellow alumni as we can. The largest online business networking tool is LinkedIn and GCU Alumni has a group with almost 3000 members. Why don't you join in the discussions and make useful business connections? You'll find the group by searching for 'Glasgow Caledonian University Alumni (Official)' at www.linkedin.com

GCU Alumni also organise networking events to allow you to build relationships with other alumni. We plan to set up even better networks in the coming years and we'll be in touch by email with details of events relevant to you. See page nine in this magazine for events that we have in the diary and keep your eye on www.gcu.ac.uk/alumni/events for future events.

Find a job through GCU

GCU advertises jobs for alumni through various websites. A selection of these are noted below:

- Graduates from the last two years - www.gcu.prospects.ac.uk
- Links to major reliable job vacancy sites - www.gcu.ac.uk/careers/vacancies
- All graduates - www.linkedin.com (join our group 'Glasgow Caledonian University Alumni (Official)' and click the 'Jobs' tab)

Initiatives for new graduates

- *Commonwealth Graduate Fund* - Glasgow City Council has provided financial support to employers for the creation of new graduate level jobs around Glasgow. To find out more about each vacancy register/log-in at www.gcu.prospects.ac.uk, click 'search vacancies' then search for 'Glasgow City Council'.
- *Talent Scotland Graduate Placement Programme* www.talentscotland.com/gppgraduates
- *Adopt an Intern* www.adoptanintern.org.uk

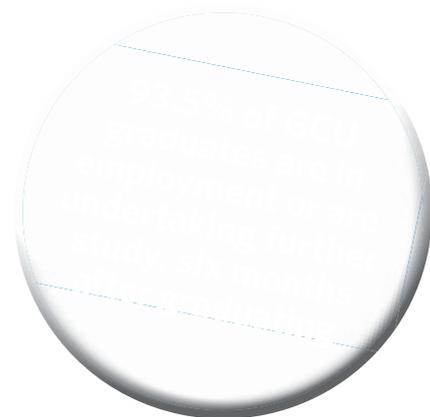
Keep an eye on the Careers Service website at www.gcu.ac.uk/careers for more.

Employ GCU students

Your company may be looking for new talent. Had you considered working with the GCU Careers Service to employ our students and recent graduates? You can advertise vacancies for free, arrange presentations to students, offer internships and work placements or support student enterprise. See www.gcu.ac.uk/careers/employers

Other ways that GCU can support your career

We are always open to new suggestions and we're happy to discuss ideas and ways that we can help alumni career paths, tangibly. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please do contact us on alumni@gcu.ac.uk. You will also find additional details at www.gcu.ac.uk/careers or www.gcu.ac.uk/alumni



In partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University



Spurtle is a new, online career coaching service offering personalised, one-to-one video coaching in convenient 20 minute sessions.

Coaching You to Success

GCU is pleased to offer its Alumni a pioneering new service to support you in your early career development and beyond.

Together with **Spurtle**, we are the first university in Scotland to offer high quality career coaching at reasonable prices. The service is available exclusively from May to September 2013 at specially reduced rates.

We have developed the service with you in mind, working closely with our careers team. We believe that coaching at an early stage in your career can really help you to focus on what you want for the future and get you to where you want to be.

What's involved?

Spurtle is completely online and is flexible so that you can access coaching whenever and wherever it is convenient for you. Once signed up, you simply define your objectives, choose from a list of suitable coaches and the booking and payment is handled seamlessly online.

Online coaching sessions take place through Skype™ technology and can be booked in short or longer sessions to suit your needs. Pricing starts at £30 per 20 minute session or £80 for an hour, offering even better value!

For more information or to sign up, visit www.spurtleconnect.com/gcu

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS!



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The annual Alumni Achievement Awards (AAA) recognise and celebrate the successes and contributions that our alumni make to society in their chosen path.

The awards are given to graduates from Glasgow Caledonian University and its founding institutions who have excelled in their chosen field, made contributions to society, the community, humanitarian issues, the arts, sport or charitable work, or special contributions to the life and development of the University.

We are delighted to award this to three very deserving alumni of GCU:

Alan Bennie - BA (Hons) Accountancy 1977, Glasgow College of Technology - Vice Chairman, Vivid Imaginations Ltd

Awarded for outstanding professional achievements and charitable work.



Alan at his graduation in 1977, and receiving an award from GCU Honorary Graduate Sir Richard Branson in 2010.

Alan's career started in 1977 when he joined the graduate programme at the Matchbox toy company. He is now Vice Chairman of Vivid Imaginations Ltd, a company he co-founded in 1992. It is now the UK's leading toy sales and marketing business with global retail sales of £193m, and one of the top 20 worldwide. It also holds the distribution rights to popular TV shows and movies, with notable successes in the past including Shrek and Toy Story 3. Alan is a keen supporter of children's charities such as Childline and Barnardos, and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the British Toy and Hobby Association in 2012.

Alan says: "I am delighted and very honoured to receive this award from Glasgow Caledonian University. I enjoyed my time there enormously and this is also an opportunity to recognise the platform provided by GCU which enabled me to launch my business career."

Alison Psarolis - BA(Hons) Consumer and Management Studies (Fashion) 1996, GCU - Brand Director, Duchamp London

Awarded for services to the Fashion Industry and the support of Higher Education in Fashion



Alison pictured in 2013.

Alison started her career in high street fashion, rising through the ranks as a merchandiser and buyer for companies such as Topshop and Debenhams, culminating in a senior buying role with Marks and Spencer. Together with husband

Marc, Alison owns Duchamp London, one of the world's leading luxury menswear brands based in the Savile Row area of London. Marc started at Duchamp in 2002 as CEO, and Alison joined him there in 2006 as Design and Production Director before becoming Brand Director in 2010. Together they bought the company in 2006, transforming the company into a global brand with celebrity fans including Sir Anthony Hopkins.

They operate two flagship stores in London, as well as several large concessions within the major UK department stores including Harvey Nichols in Edinburgh. Duchamp is also sold in the world's most prestigious department stores, including Barneys and Bloomingdales in the USA, Holt Renfrew in Canada and Lane Crawford in Hong Kong.

Alison has also been a good friend of GCU London, hosting masterclasses, supporting projects, offering guidance and advice and internships for students.

Alison says: "I was overwhelmed when I found out that I had been considered for and won this award. I am so proud to be an alumna of GCU and hope that in some way I can help to inspire other women to achieve. My experience at GCU was instrumental in forming the discipline and drive that has enabled me to follow my dreams."

Alan Cox - BSc (Hons) Ophthalmic Optics 1985, Glasgow College of Technology - Chief Executive Officer and Founder, IndigoLighthouse Group

Awarded for academic excellence and services to the optical industry.



Alan at his graduation in 1985, and pictured in 2013.

Inspired by his Father, Bert Cox, an optometry lecturer at Glasgow College of Technology, Alan began his career as an optometrist before founding the Indigo Lighthouse Group (ILG) in 1998.

ILG started life as specialists in contact lens consumer management and soon grew to provide this service for large multinational optical groups. Today ILG is the largest provider of contact lens consumer management for leading optical groups worldwide and its customer centric philosophy has enabled it to diversify services to include all backend services required by the growing e-retailing world. Services include web management, database management, logistics, warehousing and distribution, a highly sophisticated international payment management platform, a unique subscription model

as well as end-to-end multi lingual customer contact centre services. ILG distributed over 25 million packages worldwide in 2012 and dealt with over 750,000 customer calls providing support in fifteen languages. Its customer centric approach has been recognized by numerous high profile awards for exceptional customer service.

Alan's focus on innovation and service quality continues to underpin his business philosophy and on-going success.

Alan says: "I am delighted and humbled to have been awarded the Alumni Achievement Award from GCU. I have no doubt that my education at GCU provided the foundation for my success in life and I will always be grateful for this start to my career. The interpersonal skills I also learned as an undergraduate and the lifelong friendships I forged have been invaluable. GCU really was the catalyst and inspiration that enabled me to achieve my dreams."

The awards will be formally presented at the GCU London graduation ceremony this summer, held at Spitalfields Church.

The trophy to be presented to the winners has been designed and produced by GCU International Product Design student, Greg Gilfillan who won a competition to design the trophy. Greg's prize was a week-long much sought-after placement with Chesapeake Branded Packaging, based in Glasgow. Julie Kennedy, Product Champion at Chesapeake said: "Greg arrived at Chesapeake just as we received a major brief from a customer for an Innovations Day which was to be arranged at short notice. He launched straight into the project along with the Design team and his help proved invaluable and has left us confident that what we present will be successful. Greg fitted in well with the team and we all enjoyed the opportunity to work with him and wish him every success for the future."

Greg says: "I found it really useful and it opened my eyes to real life production techniques. The company were invited to an Innovations Day by the Grants Group during my time there, and I was delighted to see my designs being used that day. I am so grateful to have been given this valuable opportunity and as I'm particularly interested in packaging and product design, I'm sure this will be of great benefit to me career-wise."



Greg during his placement at Chesapeake, working on a re-design of the bottle sleeves for Sailor Jerry rum.



NO MAN IS AN ISLAND... UNLESS HIS NAME IS LEWIS

Actor Gary Lewis has come a long way since graduating in 1983 with a BA Social Sciences from one of GCU's founding colleges, Glasgow College of Technology (GCT).

These days he is a multi-award-winning actor of stage and screen, but he still remembers fondly his time as a student at GCT: "Just before I started at Glasgow Tech I was part of a theatre group from Easterhouse which was touring a play called *Krassivy*. We had just won a Fringe First award in Edinburgh and were playing a few Glasgow high spots: the Special Unit at Barlinnie Prison, the old Third Eye Centre in Sauchiehall Street and the Students' Union at Glasgow Tech. The play went down well. It celebrated the life of Glasgow socialist John MacLean and was written by the late, great Freddy Anderson. Freddy's archive is now housed at GCU Archives which is fitting given the warm welcome we got there in 1979. For me it was a good introduction to Glasgow Tech and as a student I enjoyed the next four years there!"

Gary started acting as a career in his early 30s, joining Robert Carlyle's Raindog Theatre Group in 1991 despite having no formal training. There he met actor/director Peter Mullan, with whom he was to form a long-standing working relationship. In the early nineties both men would appear in Danny

Boyle's film *Shallow Grave* and since then Gary has acted in many of Mullan's productions and acted alongside him in acclaimed productions such as *Orphans* and *My Name is Joe*.

One of his best-known roles was that of Billy Elliot's father, an intense but sensitive performance which brought a BAFTA nomination for Best Supporting Actor and international recognition. Gary admits he initially had no idea that a British film about a northern lad with dreams of becoming a ballet dancer in the grim backdrop of the miners' strikes of the 80s would be such a success, but suggests that the really special thing about the film is the solidarity shown by the community. The miners who have virtually nothing, and are struggling to maintain their strike, give their last pennies to allow Billy to go to the Ballet School audition in London.

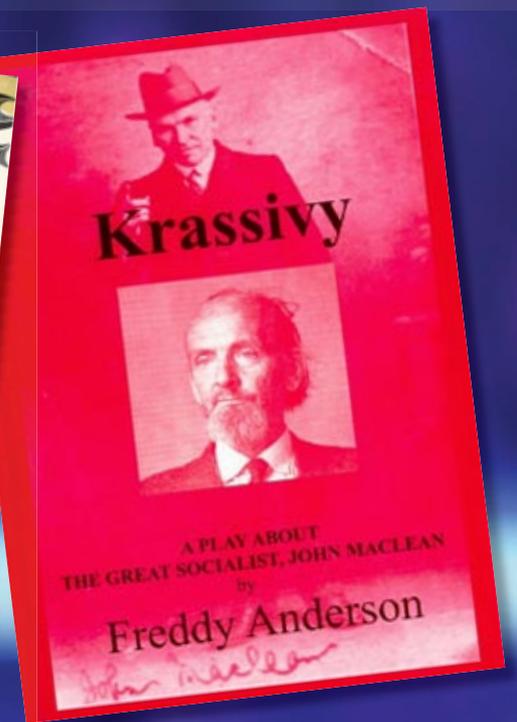
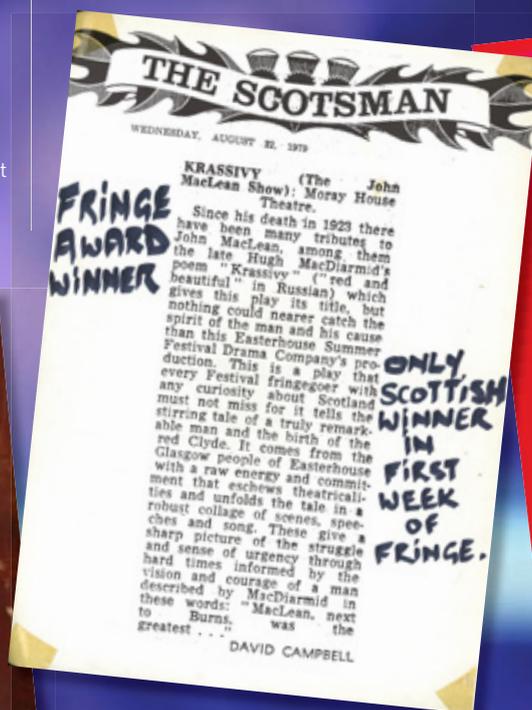
Director Martin Scorsese was so impressed by his performance that he invited Gary to join the cast of *Gangs of New York*, a role which put him on the screen with a host of Hollywood stars including

Daniel Day-Lewis, Liam Neeson and Leonardo DiCaprio. The film went on to receive ten Academy Award nominations.

Gary came back to Glasgow Caledonian University in 2005 to celebrate the launch of *Krassivy* by Freddy Anderson, published for the first time by GCU Research Collections. It seemed apt to return to the place where his career first began. Now, some 30 years since Gary graduated from GCT, he finds himself coming full circle once again:

"In my last year at the Tech, I joined the Drama Club, set up by Mike Tobin, a Politics Lecturer. I joined with a mate and took part in *Lysistrata*, an ancient Greek comedy by Aristophanes. It was a great laugh, with students from all over the College taking part: Ophthalmics, Nursing, all sorts. There was also a guy doing Business Studies called Brian McCardie. In 2012, I acted in a film adaptation of Irvine Welsh's *Filth* with none other than..... Brian McCardie!

"There's just no getting away from the old Glasgow Tech!"



The cast from *Krassivy* with their Fringe First award, pictured in 1979. Gary is front centre in a red top'. Scotsman article from 1979, showing the comments and sellotape marks where it has proudly displayed by the Theatre Group', *Krassivy*, the book, published by GCU Research Collections. Images courtesy of GCU Archives.

ROMANA NAMED RISING STAR OF THE COMPUTER GAMES INDUSTRY

GCU alumna Romana Ramzan has been named as one of Develop's top 30 Under 30 most influential rising stars of the international gaming industry.

Develop is Europe's only website and magazine devoted entirely to the games development sector and it provides news, analysis, job details and the latest information about the industry. Now in its fifth year, the Develop 30 Under 30 list shines a talent spotlight on the twenty-something innovators who are transforming the games industry of tomorrow.

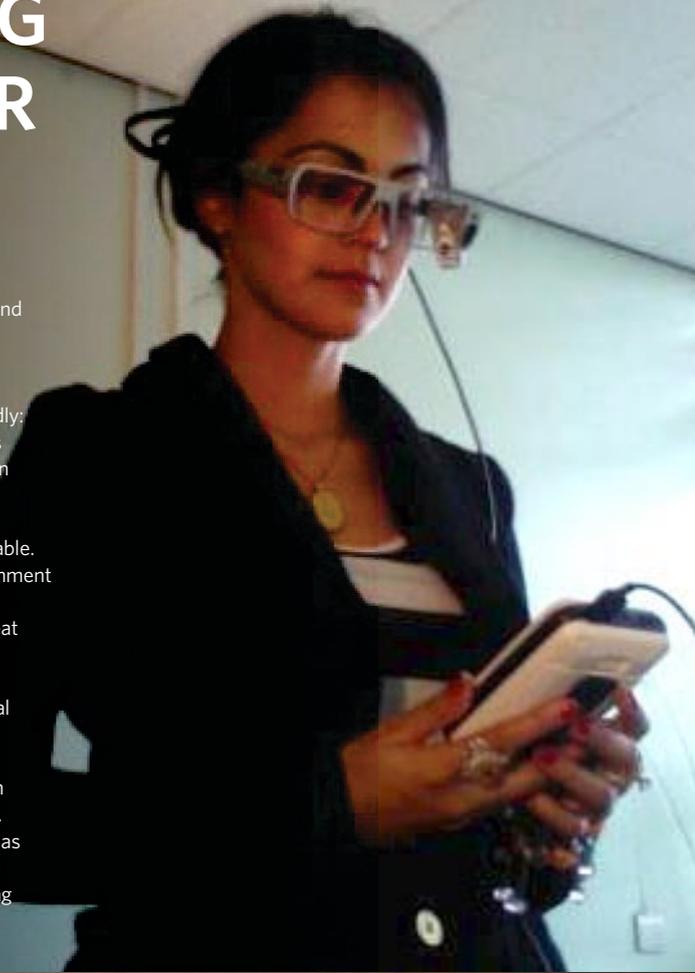
Romana, 29, is a GCU alumna through and through, having completed her undergraduate degree in Internet Software Development in 2005, postgraduate degree in Games Technology in 2006, and has just been awarded her PhD in 'An Investigation of Social Exercise and Music on Performance and Experience in Exergames' in 2013, researching how Exergames can improve health, self-confidence and the ability to set and achieve goals. She was also one of the key research staff at GCU's eMotion Lab,

a premier facility that offers consultancy and development services in the area of user-centred design and evaluation of digital interactive media.

Romana remembers her GCU time fondly: "I've had a wonderful time at GCU both as a student and a researcher. The lecturers in the computing department demonstrated a high quality of teaching; I always found them to be very supportive and approachable. The University has a great learning environment and the research facilities are excellent. I will always look back at my time with great fondness and hope that I can give back to a University that's given me so much."

Romana has also gained an international reputation as the organiser of the hugely successful Scottish Game Jam, hosted by GCU each year. She also helped the British Council establish a Game Jam in Thailand.

This year Romana, who is now working as Player Champion for Dundee-based game creation company Denki, joined the judging panel for the 2013 Scottish Games Jam.



JOURNALISM GRADUATE WINS NCTJ AWARD

GCU journalism graduate David Lyons came face-to-face with one of the most respected interviewers in the business when he accepted a National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ) 2012 Award for Excellence in December.

David graduated with an MA in Multimedia Journalism, then headed straight to Nottingham to attend the NCTJ Journalism Skills Conference later that day to pick up the Student Sports Journalism Award from veteran broadcaster and former journalist, Sir Michael Parkinson.

His winning entries included an article about a European netball tournament in Glasgow, during which David seized the opportunity to interview the former President of Switzerland just months after she stepped down.

Other articles highlighted the story of an Afghan refugee, who was forced to flee his home country and started a new life in Glasgow, where he used his football skills as a way to meet people and integrate into the Scottish way of life. David's third article focused on a rugby tournament that was being held on the west coast of Scotland.

Speaking about his win, David said: "It's a privilege. All the judges are people I really respect and to receive praise from those I hold in such high regard is an honour."

The annual NCTJ Conference celebrates the achievements and talents of the UK's most promising young journalists and photographers at a grand gala dinner attended by a host of top journalists, editors and tutors.

Announcing the award winners, Kim Fletcher, NCTJ Chairman, said: "These young people have demonstrated the hard work, determination and journalistic skills that make them deserving of their awards today and I've no doubt they will all go on to achieve great things in their careers."

David is now a staff news and sports reporter for the Highland News. As he began to make his mark in Inverness, the 24-year-old reflected on the year he spent at GCU.

"I wanted to be a journalist and knew it was best to study a course that was NCTJ accredited so I visited GCU and had a look around the facilities in the journalism department, which were brilliant. The MA Multimedia Journalism had good reviews from former students and that decided it for me. Going to GCU was the best decision I could have made."



David receives his award from broadcaster Sir Michael Parkinson

GLASGOW COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY MEMORIES!



Glasgow College of Technology was established in 1971, as a result of the merger of two proposed colleges of higher education, the College of Science and Technology and the College of Commerce. Built on the site of the old Buchanan Street passenger and goods railway station, the striking College buildings stood on the brow of a hill, surrounded by generous green spaces.

Twelve technical and non-technical departments were initially established, including Engineering, Computing and Biology. In time, Students were offered a broad range of CNAAs (Council for National Academic Awards) degrees, diplomas, and certificates with access to state-of-the-art equipment. The Optics Department was the only one of its kind in Scotland, and the first CNAAs degree offered by the College. Nursing was soon to follow

suit, and remains to this day an area of great success for GCU as part of the School of Health and Life Sciences.

Many students will remember 'The Bubble' with great fondness. Following a fire in the previous Students' Union, caused by a parked motorcycle that subsequently caught fire, the building had to be completely renovated. A temporary (fireproof!) measure was found in the form of a 34 x 15 metre canvas building, kept erect by compressed air, hence its nickname.

The Students' Union was also home to many well-known bands, including Thin Lizzy, Slade, Deacon Blue and Primal Scream. Billy Connolly even did a comedy routine there in 1972!

Many well-known faces from academia, politics and entertainment were part of the College too, notably: Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown was a lecturer in Politics, Professor David Gartry, the first person to perform laser eye surgery in the UK, studied Optometry, actor Gary Lewis (profiled on page 28) studied Social Sciences and Rhona Martin MBE, Olympic curling gold medallist, studied Hotel Catering and Institutional Management.

The College merged with the Queens College in 1993 to become a unified Glasgow Caledonian University, and remained on the original GCT site

on Cowcaddens Road. Now, 20 years on, GCU has transformed the site into a beautiful modern campus, with the award-winning Saltire Centre occupying the site of the old union.

Graduates of all our founding colleges can now search online for their original graduation book. You can also update your contact details, check for classmates and lost friends through the 'Lost Alumni Directory', post a 'Like' on Facebook and create a virtual copy of each graduation book on file.

<http://yearbooks.gcu alumni.org.uk/>



The Queen's College, Glasgow (1984 - 1992)
Glasgow College of Technology (1973 - 1987)
Glasgow College (1988 - 1990)
Glasgow Polytechnic (1991 - 1992)

KEEP IN TOUCH

The complete list of all those who contributed updates is available on our website: www.gcu.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch

1960s

Eleanor Stevenson (née Atkinson)

BSc Multi Media Technology 1966

I'm retired. My daughters both work in education. Kaye is a specialist teacher, teaching deaf and handicapped children. She graduated from GCU ten years before me. Janice is a classroom assistant (a new career after giving up a business partnership). I'm on Facebook but wasn't aware of the alumni page. Hope to catch it up.

Margaret Miller

Dip Domestic Science 1967

I would like to hear from anyone who was in my year. Personal circumstances have meant that I have moved around a bit, having taught in Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway. I am married, with two grown up children, and one grandchild.

1970s

Ummed Jain

BA Accountancy 1974

Development of the accounting profession in Nepal was recognised by ACCA with a debut Achievement Award in 2006. I did my MBA in financial services at the University of East London in 2008/09. All of my three children are ACCA qualified and working in the financial sector. Currently I am developing academic relations with the Indian Government.

Brian Williamson

HND Engineering Management 1976

Finally got married on 8th December 2012 in Stirling Castle then had our honeymoon in South East Asia for five weeks over Christmas and New Year. We decided to have a wedding that was in a traditional setting but had a totally different approach. I entered to the guests standing on chairs and cheering as did the bride. Five of the guests surprised us both by performing the full monty as a surprise gift. The whole day was a fantastic dream that all said was the best wedding ever.

Iain Henderson

HND Accounting 1977

I would just like to hear from anyone who was on the course with me. Married with three children and have had quite an interesting time. I like the usual skiing, fast cars, music, football, rugby and oh a little bit of golf and a few other things.

Joan Garrigan (née Gilchrist)

Cert Health Visiting 1979, Cert Health Education 1989, BSc Health Studies 1992

I retired from health visiting and went to Strathclyde University to complete the postgraduate Diploma in Counselling and now work part time as an EAP Counsellor. I am one of the new generation of sixty somethings who are still working.

1980s

Eileen Lister

BSc Applied Biology 1981

Managing and delivering an effective technician service in East Dunbartonshire Council. Responsible for science and technical technicians working in secondary schools. Provide health and safety advice and support.

Carole Zeichick (née Sacharin)

BSc Applied Biology 1982

I've been a stay-at-home mum for the past 18 years. Our son is now a US Marine. I keep busy with volunteer work at a variety of organisations.

Oscar Mendoza

BA Social Sciences 1984

Back in the international development field after a long and happy career in grant making to UK charities, with the Big Lottery Fund. Working hard to encourage and enable poor children to gain an education by providing school feeding programmes with Mary's Meals.



Oscar Mendoza with school children in Liberia - 2012.

Elizabeth Chow (née Cassellis)

BA Home Economics 1985

After graduating I moved back to Canada where I had grown up through my formative years. I met my husband and have been happily married for over 20 years. We have two teenage daughters. I have mainly had jobs in the administrative field in retail and design. I have been in my current position for five years. I would be interested in reconnecting with my former classmates.

Mark Cullinane

BA Accountancy 1988

Married to Lorraine with two children; Sara born in 2000 and Ethan in 2003. Still live in Ardrossan and worked at a variety of prior companies including Digital and IBM plus ten years in local regeneration. Hobbies include Football and Golf.

Anne Gillgrass (née Powell)

BA Risk Management 1989

I graduated in Risk Management in 1989 and began work as a Risk Consultant in the Insurance industry. Thirteen years later following redundancy I changed

career path and found myself managing a shopping centre in North Manchester. Perhaps not the best career choice just before the biggest recession in history but despite the inevitable challenges it remains a dynamic and enjoyable role with many opportunities to apply the Risk Management principles learned all those years ago.

1990s

Gillian Bruce (née Baird)

BA Communication Studies 1990

Married the guy I was with at graduation (1990) who swept me off my feet to live in sunny Ayr for six months. We are still here (2013). Two kids (boy/girl - lovely) two rabbits (boy/boy - not recommended) and one sad solitary goldfish (his fault - he ate his tank mate). Set up my own marketing/PR company five years ago which means I get to work from home a lot and take the summers off.

Kevin Marron

MSc Biomedical Science 1992

Married with three kids. Moved to Ireland ten years ago after working in Inverclyde Royal Hospital in Greenock for 20 years.

Iain Hamilton

BEng Engineering Management 1993

Left Scotland in 2000 for Canada. Worked in Nortel Networks in various roles and joined Cree in 2002. Now working as the engineering manager for the LED components business and loving life stateside.

Lesley Pile (née Arbuckle)

PgD Dietetics 1995

After 17 years as a dietitian I left the profession to start my own business, Nappy Days, making new-baby gifts and pamper gifts for all occasions. Initially only online March sees the opening of Nappy Days' permanent retail outlet at Widnes Market. Having my own business has greatly improved my work-life balance.

Duncan Turnbull

BA Nursing Studies 1996

I started my nursing career with the NHS in 1985 and following a return to full time studies graduated from GCU with a BA in Nursing studies. Following this and NHS jobs in day surgery, ICU and CCU I went on to First Aid Scotland as an HSE registered first aid training provider.

Muliadee Abdul Majid Anisah

BA Risk Management 1997

I have worked in many industries since graduating, such as banking, insurance, construction and now in oil and gas. Tough life but surviving. Now I'm on my own doing business consultancy.

Ross Macfadyen*BA Retail Management 1998*

After graduation, I spent ten years working in various positions with Waterstone's Booksellers and then became a stay-at-home Dad. I volunteer for the National Autistic Society and am also a Director of community radio station Celtic Music Radio 1530AM based in Glasgow, but broadcasting to the world.

Daryl Sharp*BSc Electronic Engineering 1999*

After graduation I moved to Belfast in 2000 for 2.5 years. Have since moved to Telford and got married had a son and have another child due this July. Been with Phoenix Contact for six years now and have progressed from commercial support to Commercial Support Supervisor and currently I am the Technical Support Engineer for the UK.

2000s

Caroline Gilmour*PgD Entrepreneurial Studies 2000*

Fortunate to be teaching the subject that I love - Sociology - for almost 12 years now. Proud mum of a wonderful son who is four.

Agnes Russell (née McGunnagle)*BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance 2001*

I enjoyed my time at GCU and it was here I met my lovely husband. We now have a beautiful baby girl Emily who is now one year old. I have worked in a couple of sectors giving me great experience, but I now find myself back at the University in yet another new sector, as I take on the role of Financial Accountant. It seems that I have come full circle and really look forward to the challenge ahead.

Margo Paton*Psychology and Social Science 2002*

I am currently studying an Aromatherapy and Body massage course at College.

Wilson Ibrahim Babatunde*MSc Energy and Environmental Management 2003*

I am very happy with the wealth of knowledge gained during my stay at GCU. After graduation I worked in the oil and gas industry in Trinidad and Tobago and later as a Manager with a water utility in Sierra Leone and then as Head of Infrastructure with the African Development Bank and now as Technical Advisor in the Ministry of Energy in Sierra Leone. I would like to contact some of my classmates and lecturers including Simeon Glen, Bob MacIllwarth, Prof Bob Gilmour, Bill Pollock and Dr Stas Burek.

Barbara Lofgren (née Bardzki)*MPhil 2004*

Just moved to New Zealand after eight years in Denmark.

Genevieve Bartuski*MSc Forensic Psychology 2005*

I am working on my doctorate in Clinical Forensic Psychology at Alliant University in California. I recently spent three weeks in South Africa where I trained with the Investigative Psychology Section of the South African Police Service. I also work at the Burn Institute where I do risk assessments court reports and research on juvenile fire setters and bomb makers.

Christopher Plews*LLB Law 2006*

Married with one toddler and more trouble on the way. I recently started a new job with St James's Place Wealth Management. Since leaving GCU I have worked in the voluntary sector with youth work organisations but 2013 marked a slight change of direction into the world of investments. Away from work I volunteer with the GK Experience taking young people from disadvantaged backgrounds on residential trips and have been known to trek up the odd hill play a bit of golf and some football.

Mohammed Hamid El Nasri Ahmed*BSc Computer Engineering 2007*

I'm 29 years old and a proud alumnus of Glasgow Caledonian University. I joined the job market shortly after graduation where I obtained a job as a Computer Engineer in an IT Solutions company. This opportunity allowed me to utilise the best of my education & develop fast professionally which resulted in me being appointed as a Project Engineer (in 2010) for the prestigious project of the Royal Opera House Muscat. -Today I'm a Project Manager at an early age and continue to ascend.



Mohammed at work as a Project Manager.

Muhammad Bilal*MA European and International Trade Law 2008*

After completion of my postgraduate degree I returned to Pakistan. Instead of establishing my law practice, I preferred to join the humanitarian organisations to become a voice of displaced persons and raise their concerns and grievances to the authorities. I use my knowledge and skills for the betterment of conflict affected displaced persons by providing International Human Rights Law, Refugee Law, National Law, Customary Laws and UN IDP guiding Principles trainings. I married in 2011 and have 1 daughter.

Kingsley Ojumoola*MSc Construction Management 2009*

I am currently working on a Qatar Foundation Education project worth £85m as a Senior Cost Controller/Quantity Surveyor. My qualification and experience gained in the UK, most especially from GCU has really given me an edge and opened doors of opportunities for me. I would like to hear from friends in my set. I happened to be the class representative for the Construction Management class while studying at GCU.

2010s

Mark Gilmour*BEng Mechanical Electronic Systems Engineering 2010*

Since leaving GCU I got my job with my current employer. I've been quite lucky it's a small company but we do massive design jobs for big energy

companies all over the world so I've been able to get a lot of experience very quickly. The job has also allowed me to do quite a bit of travelling. I've also become a father. I now have two amazing sons. I have very fond memories of GCU particularly the staff. I'd love to hear from Jim Canning as he helped me a lot.

Hamza Afdhal Mehdi Mirza*BEng Mechanical Electronic System Engineering 2011*

Working in one of the best companies in my country (Oman). Getting a job in such a reputed company was a dream come true. This would not have been possible without the humble support I got from GCU Faculty. GCU is truly one of the best Universities. I would recommend at the moment. Miss the quality time I spent with my colleagues in Glasgow.

Jennifer Semple*BSc Physiotherapy 2011*

Rachel Catherwood and I run a physiotherapy clinic in Glasgow city centre. We started it up in 2011, just a few months after we both graduated from GCU, in the hopes of creating permanent full time jobs for ourselves and also providing much needed physiotherapy treatment to busy people in the city who maybe haven't taken the time to see a health professional or didn't want to wait weeks on a list before seeing someone. We sought support from the Prince's Trust (then known as PSYBT), who helped us to gain some funding and then put us up for an award which was decided between themselves and BT. We won best website! Our content was judged to be the best as it is informative, helpful, clear and concise.



Rachel and Jennifer with their award.

James Malitoni Chilembwe*MSc International Tourism Enterprise 2012*

I feel great to graduate from GCU and be part of GCU Alumni. Currently, I am working as a lecturer in Travel and Tourism Management at the Malawi Institute of Tourism, the only government tourism training institution in Malawi. Recently, I have published a few articles in the local newspapers but I want to publish more especially in academic journals. Furthermore, I am working so hard to get an opportunity for doctorate studies in the same field of tourism.



James, with Professor John Wilson and Daniel Liwimbi, Malawian Former Minister for Tourism.

A TRIBUTE TO HARRY MADDEN



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Harry Madden, GCU Senior Lecturer in the School of Engineering and Built Environment. Harry passed away in January 2013 following a long illness.

Harry was the lead educator of Building Surveyors in Scotland and respected as an academic and practitioner throughout the UK.

He graduated from the Glasgow College of Building and Printing in 1976 and worked for the Property Services Agency for five years before moving to private practice. He returned to the College in 1982 as a lecturer. During his time there, he established the Building Surveying Programme which he ran with great passion for 30 years in total, developing it to an Honours Degree award and taking it from the College of Building and Printing to Glasgow College when the Department of Building and Surveying was formed in 1990. Glasgow College subsequently became Glasgow Polytechnic and then GCU.

From Tony Kilpatrick, Colleague and Friend:

"To quote one of his former students 'Harry was and always will be a legend in our circles, certainly for those that he taught, mentored and generally fulfilled with his passion for Building Surveying'. This says everything about his commitment to the programme, to his students, to all other students that had the benefit of having him as a lecturer and also of his contribution to the profession. His legacy is in this and in the help and support he gave to so many others.

"Friends and colleagues knew his thoughtfulness, his generosity and his sense of humour; he was to quote again 'a real gent'. For those that didn't know he was also something of a Celtic supporter.

"Harry is missed by all who knew him but his memory and example will remain with us"

To commemorate Harry's invaluable contribution to the Building Surveying profession, The Harry Madden Award has been established in his honour. The award will be presented annually to the Best Building Surveying Student at Honours Level. The trophy, and a medal for the winner to keep, are kindly sponsored by Trident Building Consultancy Ltd. and were presented by Director Stewart Rutherford.

Harry is survived by his wife Pam, sons Joe, Tony and Paul, and three grandchildren Eilidh, Freya and Brodie. Fittingly, Harry's three sons have all followed in their Father's footsteps, with Joe and Tony both Building Surveyors and Paul as a Principal Teacher.



Professor Doug Greenhalgh (Executive Dean, School of EBE), Stewart Rutherford (Director Trident Building Consultancy Ltd), Harry's sons Joe, Paul and Tony, and wife Pam.

KEEPING GCU IN THE FAMILY



If there was one institution which has been truly embraced by the Scott family, it is GCU.

Patriarch of the Scott family, Andrew Scott, has been Head of Print and Design Services at GCU for a whopping 24 years, managing the design and print of all the University marketing materials, prospectuses, course information, student module handbooks, and exhibition stands. Andrew is also Chair of a group of Scottish University and College Print Managers and is on the executive committee of the UK group, regularly presenting at their UK conferences.

Andrew's wife Moira is the Assistant Head of Administration in the School of Health and Life Sciences, managing the technical staff and laboratory resources within the School. She has worked with the University even longer, since 1978, starting off as a Junior Technician, then working in a number of other technical roles and Human Resources prior to her current position.

Their dedication to GCU has clearly rubbed off on their two sons, Craig and Stuart, both of whom came to GCU to study BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying. Craig graduated in 2005, and cherished his time at GCU: "I really enjoyed my time at the University and look back on my years there fondly. I made some fantastic lifelong friendships and many friends are now working all around the globe, including the Far East, the Americas, Australia and the Middle East. I know from my experiences and contacts that the qualification we obtained at GCU is highly regarded worldwide."

Stuart then went on to graduate in 2008. He said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at GCU. I made many friends and invaluable contacts that I will use throughout my professional career."

Both Craig and Stuart now have successful careers with Turner and Townsend PLC.

But that's not all! All four members of the Scott family will be proudly attending graduations this summer, as both Craig's wife Louise and Stuart's girlfriend, also Louise, are due to graduate from GCU.

Craig's wife Louise will graduate with a BA(Hons) in Social Work. She said: "I have had a really good experience at GCU and my recent placement has been particularly rewarding." Louise's brother Steven also graduates this summer with a BA(Hons) in Marketing!

Stuart's girlfriend Louise Riley also graduates from GCU this summer with a BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying. Interestingly, her Dad Stephen graduated in November 2012 with an MBA.

Andrew says: "It's been a bit of a roller coaster ride at times with family attending the University as well as myself and Moira working here but it's been a real insight into the student experience and the lifelong benefits gained from an excellent education here at GCU. Speaking for myself, I have always been proud to work for an institution that shares the same values, working for the common good."

With GCU featuring so prominently in the family and extended family, you never know, maybe one day GCU will be welcoming the next generations of the Scott family through its doors too!



The Scott family: Andrew, Moira, Stuart, Stuart's girlfriend Louise Riley, Craig's Wife Louise, and Craig. (Above) Andrew pictured at GCU in 1998.

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