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A photograph of a woman in a yellow and orange mountaineering jacket, smiling and holding the Indian national flag. She is on a snowy mountain peak, with other climbers and a summit marker visible in the background. The sky is clear blue.

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From the Vice-Chancellor



It has been another terrific year of success for us. Our Distance Learning MBA was rated first in the world for value for money by the Financial Times. In the latest Guardian University 2019 league tables we are now in the top ten in the UK for Chemical Engineering, and in the recent Complete University Guide 2019 five of our subjects ranked in the top 10 in the UK including Optometry, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy.

Our academics continue to undertake ground-breaking research and development. Already this year research led by the University of Bradford has opened up understanding around treatment to blood vessel damage and in the field of dementia studies.

This University is a world leading technology university and one of the first universities in the UK to be awarded University of Sanctuary status, recognising our work to foster a culture of welcome and inclusion for asylum seekers and refugees.

Bradford hosted the second World Technology Universities Congress in September 2017, at which we also launched the World Technology Universities Network, a network of global technology universities committed to undertaking cutting-edge, challenge-led research with direct benefits to people and society. This network will provide education for the next generation of

global citizens, graduates who will be equipped with the abilities and understanding to find solutions to global problems.

The Bradford alumni community now stands at over 130,000 across more than 175 countries, demonstrating its global reach and influence. As you will read in this edition, our alumni are continuing to make names for themselves within the worlds of science and commerce. The University and the City are both making great strides and you are the University's ambassadors with a global reach and influence.

We are grateful for the time, expertise, and financial contributions you provide. Your offering of work placements, graduate jobs, student mentoring and curriculum support is also invaluable.

I recently announced that I would be stepping down from being Vice-Chancellor at the end of this academic year, to take up an Emeritus Professorship at the University of Oxford. I will be working hard to see through some important changes in the University over the next year, to put us in a strong position for the future, and to allow for a smooth transition to a new Vice-Chancellor. It has been a great privilege to be the Vice-Chancellor at Bradford. I have had a wonderful time (and I am looking forward to another year of it) working with great colleagues, students and alumni. I will be sorry to leave, but I will always wish the University well and be happy to support it in any way I can

I thank you sincerely for your help and support to the University and its activities. If you have ideas or questions about how to get involved, please contact the Alumni and Development team, who will be only too happy to help you. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Graduate magazine.

Brian Cantor

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Pharmacy Graduate leading the way

Alumni

IN PROFILE

Pharmacy teaching at the University of Bradford dates back to 1927 and the current School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences has an outstanding reputation in research and education, including educational innovation. It is no wonder then, that so many Bradford Pharmacy alumni have gone on to make outstanding contributions to the profession, not least Paul Bennett, BPharm 1984, who was appointed as Chief Executive of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) in 2017. The fact that two Bradford alumni are currently placed in two of the most influential roles in the UK - with Robbie Turner, MPharm 1999, serving as Director for England at the RPS - is a testament to the quality of Pharmacy provision at the University.

Paul previously held the prestigious roles of Chair of the National Pharmacy Association and Chair of the First English Pharmacy Board, as well as being Professional Standards Director and Superintendent Pharmacist at Boots UK.

He believes that both his life and career were influenced by the positive experience of studying at the University of Bradford. "It was a really enjoyable adventure, learning to stand on my own two feet. I have very fond memories of my time at Bradford, including meeting my future wife."



Paul Bennett, Bradford graduate and now Chief Executive of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

According to Paul, the role of the RPS is to act as an advocate, supporting pharmacists to be the best they can possibly be; placing patients at the heart of all considerations. "We have a really important role in advocating for pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists and supporting their educational needs and leadership to assist them to become the best pharmacists that they possibly can be, and to contribute to the development and the betterment of healthcare delivery and patient care." Belief in this philosophy was borne out of Paul's time at Bradford in the 1980s: "A lot of what I still hold true today, in my values of patient care, came out of being at Bradford. It laid the foundation for me as a healthcare professional."

The transformation of the student learning experience at Bradford has enhanced the University's outstanding reputation for research and educational innovation. This has led to a Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) from the Higher Education Academy. These developments have delighted Paul, who witnessed them first-hand, on a recent visit to the University: "I've been blown away by what I've seen at Bradford in terms of how pharmacy is being taught today and how different that is from my time, and how necessary that is in preparing students to be the pharmacist of the future. Some of the techniques that are being used in lectures to demonstrate human physiology, the application of pharmaceuticals, the impact of drug therapy on the human body, in a way which harnesses technology, is very different to the dry textbook approach that I was familiar with. Students today

are very lucky to have such an opportunity to learn in this way."

Paving the way for the development of pharmacy practice

Studying at Bradford was a time of discovery for Paul, laying the foundation for his lifelong interest in science, which he has carried through into his working life. His passion for improving people's health and supporting the development of pharmacy drives his vision for the RPS in confronting the challenges and opportunities facing the profession. "It's our role to open up the opportunities for pharmacists to get into new areas of practice, while not forgetting those who choose to practice in the more traditional areas such as community pharmacy, which can contribute to improved healthcare and patient outcomes. We've done an awful lot of work around creating new opportunities for pharmacists in GP practice, pharmacists in emergency care units and pharmacists in care homes, and I'm very keen on pursuing an agenda where pharmacists can help improve the health of patients in the primary care setting as well as helping pharmacists in secondary care who want to focus upon various specialisations like gene therapy."

"This is a really exciting area, some of which has been touched on in my visit here to the University today, and the RPS needs to help pharmacists who want to operate in those areas and pursue those opportunities. This is about the advancement of the profession and our role as a leadership body is to unlock those opportunities and work with all relevant stakeholders to create new possibilities for

pharmacists as professionals to practice their profession. I am enjoying marshalling the fantastic team at the Society to deliver these objectives."

Complementing these new ways of working are the advancements in teaching and learning, which Paul was able to see for himself during his visit to Bradford: "In terms of preparing students to be the future pharmacists that we so much need and encourage, Bradford is well placed to do that. There is a lot more team-based learning, exposing students to the environment in which they will practice in future. The application of technology at Bradford is clearly a major positive in helping students to learn and develop, and coupled with the modern teaching methods in use, Bradford feels like it's got a very strong and positive future."

Challenges and priorities for the RPS

Paul has gained a wealth of professional and commercial experience from both national and local pharmacy organisations alongside strong leadership credentials from business and from close working with NHS Commissioners of service. This has helped him make the transition to his position as Chief Executive with the RPS, a role he describes as taxing but thoroughly enjoyable. Paul is keen that all graduates and pharmacy professionals see the benefit of joining a membership body, but admits that the challenge is a significant one. "Pharmacists have a choice whether to be members of the RPS or not and it's therefore our job to demonstrate the compelling reasons why being a member of your professional leadership body is the right thing to do."

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PAUL BENNETT

Alumni

IN PROFILE

"We have to stay grounded in what it is that our members expect of us and to make sure that we deliver the things that they need. Whether it be the development and publication of professional standards, whether it is around education, learning and support, whether it be around professional guidance, or whether it's around our advocacy role - we've got to be where members want us to be and doing what they want us to do while being seen to do that with energy and at pace."

"At the Society we have a number of immediate priorities, one of those is around the introduction of revalidation by the General Pharmaceutical Council, the regulatory body of the profession, which is a new approach looking at how pharmacists can remain as competent practitioners and the RPS is leading in this space to help support

pharmacists meet the new regulatory requirements that come in to play this year. We will also be looking at our international strategy in more depth. The RPS has a very strong and proud reputation not only within Great Britain, our main footprint, but globally. We have very strong credentials in pharmaceutical publishing and we'll maintain that position in the UK while we also reach out into different global markets. At the end of the day any commercial success from our activities will be reinvested in supporting our members because we are first and foremost a membership and leadership organisation."

Advice for others

With the fast-paced developments taking place in the pharmacy and healthcare professions, Paul's advice for both recent graduates and seasoned practitioners

is simple - maintain an open mind towards continued learning, work hard and utilise available support networks. "Remain curious; never stop learning and investing time in your own personal development. There's no substitute for hard work but also try to have fun at the same time. When you work hard in a profession or area of work that you love, it doesn't feel like hard work. Finally, always remember that you are not alone. There are many colleagues around you, many that might have experienced the challenges you may be facing at any given time, and you can turn to them for support. Clearly, if you are a pharmacist you have a professional leadership body that you can turn to for your support, but I think the important thing is to not think or act in isolation because healthcare is a team-based activity."

School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences

- Pharmacy teaching at the University of Bradford dates back to 1927, and became the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences in April 2017.
- We have an outstanding reputation in research and education, including educational innovation.
- Our curriculum team at the University of Bradford was recognised nationally with a prestigious Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) from the Higher Education Academy in 2017 for their work to develop Team Based Learning in the pharmacy programme.
- We are in the world top 150 departments of Pharmacy & Pharmacology in the QS World University Rankings (2017).
- The MPharm Pharmacy degree programme at the University of Bradford has been fully accredited by the independent pharmacy regulator, the General Pharmaceutical Council, for the maximum permitted period of 6 years.
- Discover our wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes - www.bradford.ac.uk/life-sciences/pharmacy-medical-sciences



Sangeeta on her record breaking ascent of Everest

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Close-up

Scaling the heights

MBA Graduate, Sangeeta Sindhi Bahl, talks to Braduate about her record-breaking climb.



For some people an MBA might be their educational summit. Other people find real-life mountains to climb. Occasionally you find remarkable individuals, such as Bradford Alumni Sangeeta Sindhi Bahl, who conquer both.

And her advice is quite simple: "Never give up if you are passionate about something. Find your own Everest to scale and persevere until you get to it." A motto for life if ever there was one.

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Climbing mountains in her spare time is not something out of the ordinary for Sangeeta - she has climbed six of the world's seven highest peaks. In May 2018 she successfully summited her latest peak, the greatest of the lot: Mount Everest. In doing so, Sangeeta became the oldest Indian woman, at 53, to achieve the feat. Then again, breaking barriers in the pursuit of success is nothing new to Sangeeta; she started working at just 16 and, in 1998, became the first flying crew member from Emirates Airline to graduate from the University of Bradford Executive MBA programme.

When she isn't climbing mountains, Sangeeta is usually helping others to overcome their challenges as an Image Consultant. She founded Impact Image Consultants in 2005, based in Gurgaon, which serves individuals and corporates seeking help with their personal image and style. Additionally, as a keynote speaker and trainer, she specialises in mentoring and coaching individuals and corporate staff.

Sangeeta is truly passionate about women's causes. For her recent climb of Mount Everest she sought to raise awareness about women's causes as well. For her recent climb of Mount Everest Sangeeta sought to raise awareness about Breast Cancer for Women with the Women Cancer Initiative (WCI) in association with Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), Mumbai.

We caught up with Sangeeta shortly after her epic exploits to find out a bit more about her and what makes her tick.

Firstly, congratulations on climbing Mount Everest, Sangeeta! Tell us about what it felt like to reach the summit?

Thanks for your good wishes. I was very emotional and cried towards the last steps up to the summit. This is also because I had not made it last year and a sense of exhilaration came over me at that point that I had actually achieved it. I sang the national anthem sitting for the fear of getting blown away; it was very windy up there at

70kmph. I also thanked Ankur, my rock, my support, my husband and son Aarnav in a short video.

Like all successes, the most triumphal come after a previous failure and that's true for you having failed in your initial attempt to scale Everest in 2017. Tell us about the journey to the top this time, what trials did you face along the way?

I thrive on challenges. My life has been like that. The Everest expedition takes about two months from start to finish and the summit push, as we call it, takes a week on its own. The Khumbu icefall was a huge challenge as that's where we head for our rotations starting from the base camp. I went up and down through icefall six times, so I heaved a sigh of relief when I came back in one piece. The support I received, especially from my two Sherpas, was phenomenal. I thoroughly enjoyed it.



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SANGEETA
SINDHI BAHL



Soaking in sunlight at Mount Everest Camp 2 at 21500 feet





Sangeeta Sindhi Bahl celebrates reaching the summit of Everest

You have now scaled six of the world's seven highest mountain peaks, with only Mount McKinley left. We know you attempted that in 2014, but were thwarted by a knee injury, so what is your inspiration and motivation behind taking on these challenges again?

Setbacks are hidden opportunities to make a stronger comeback. For Everest this time I had trained doubly, looked after myself daily and went back with a more determined mind-set to conquer myself on the mountain. Mount McKinley will be happening next year.

Your mission was both personal and for a social cause. Tell us about the social cause you sought to climb for.

Women are the centre of the universe, looking after their families, work and social lives but they need to look after themselves too. Sometimes cancer can creep up and it's too late. Someone close left behind two small kids without a father. Hence, I took up

this cause and will continue to work with Tata Memorial Hospital and Women Cancer Initiative Mumbai to help raise awareness of Breast Cancer in India.

To some people, studying for an MBA is like climbing a mountain, their very own Everest. How did you find completing your MBA and what did it teach you?

I love to learn, but when I started studying for my MBA, whilst working as a Cabin Services Director for Emirates Airline, it was a challenge to balance my flying and studies. I had to carry my books inside my suitcase, but I believe in doing stuff and that results will be testimony to the fact. I always was and am self-motivated, but my Executive MBA got me a head start with starting up my own business in 2005. I still have my MBA text books close at hand in the office! What I have learned in life is simply to never give up, and remember, setbacks are hidden opportunities to make a stronger comeback!

Running a business must seem easy after conquering some of the world's biggest mountains? What are your immediate and future plans?

I need to get back to work now as I've been away for over two months. I'll be looking at attending many speaking engagements and also working on my mountaineering company, Impact Mountaineering. I will be running Everest base camp treks twice a year and mentorship for high peaks worldwide.

Besides mountaineering, you've been a model, an actress, a manager and a Miss India Finalist, so Sangeeta, what advice do you have for people out there facing their own challenges?

I have been self-driven from the start and the life I lead is all encompassed of the experiences I have had. I feel I have a strong instinct about what will work. But self-belief takes the lead here; don't worry about what people think, do what your heart desires as you only live once!



"Setbacks are hidden opportunities to make a stronger comeback."

SANGEETA SINDHI BAHL

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A year in photos

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University Signs City Of Film Agreement With Qingdao

The University recently completed a successful engagement trip to China and Hong Kong. Mark Garratt, Director of External Affairs, met with more than 60 graduates from different subject areas at alumni networking events in Beijing and Causeway bay.

During the trip, the University signed a cooperation agreement with Qingdao West Coast Area, home to the largest film studio complex in the world. This builds on the existing relationship developed between Bradford UNESCO City of Film and Qingdao, now also a UNESCO City of Film. The new agreement will strengthen the two cities commitment to co-producing films as well as promoting wider collaboration around creative industries, tourism and education.



Mark Garratt (third from left) with dignitaries and University of Bradford graduates in Hong Kong



Professor Edward Mallen is officially appointed President of the College of Optometrists

University of Bradford Professor Named New College of Optometrists President

Professor Edward Mallen, Head of University of Bradford School of Optometry and Vision Science, is the new President of the College of Optometrists.

Professor Mallen was elected to lead the College, the professional body for optometry, after being elected at their AGM in March.



Members of the University of Bradford Pharmacy Curriculum Team

Bradford Pharmacy Team Award

The University of Bradford Pharmacy Curriculum Team was recognised nationally with a Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) from the Higher Education Academy.

The award recognises the team's transformation of the student learning experience and pioneering implementation of team-based learning.

These teaching methods are now being adopted in other universities across the country in a range of subjects.



Joanne Marshall, Director of HR, receives Government's Employer Recognition Scheme award on behalf of University of Bradford

University Recognised by MoD

The University of Bradford's support of the Armed Forces was recognised at a special awards ceremony held as part of the Government's Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS).

One of only 15 organisations from across the Yorkshire region to have won the award this year, the University was credited for its flexible working practices and positive support for reservists, cadet force adult instructors, veterans and families of service personnel.

Environmental Industry Recognition

The green credentials of the University's campus were recognised after receiving the Environmental Industry Award at this year's Educate North ceremony.

The award is credit for a 50% reduction in the university's carbon emissions and keeps it on track for its target reduction of 75% by 2021.

This award follows a sixth consecutive Yorkshire in Bloom Gold Award and second consecutive Green Flag Award.



The University of Bradford's Bright Building, one of the UK's most sustainable buildings according to BREEAM, (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method).



Professor Brian Cantor speaks at the second World Technology Universities Congress

Bradford Leads Creation of First Global Technology Universities Network

The University of Bradford has led the creation of the first World Technology Universities Network.

Representatives from 30 universities and 20 other major organisations worldwide converged on Bradford for the second WTUC, which took place at the University with a range of high profile speakers and an extensive programme.

The third WTUC will take place at IIT Madras in Chennai, India, from 28-30 November 2018.

Theatre In The Mill Funding Boost

A grant of almost half a million pounds, from Arts Council England, has been secured by the University's Theatre In The Mill.

As well as ensuring the building can open longer, the funding will help strengthen local, regional and national relationships with artists and arts communities.

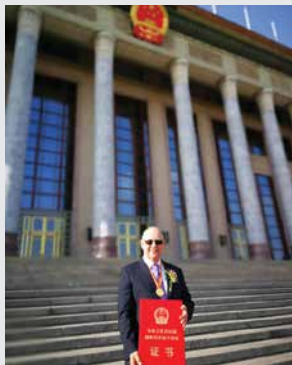


The Theatre In The Mill which has secured a funding boost

Chinese Recognition for Bradford Professor

Phil Coates, Professor of Polymer Engineering, has been bestowed China's highest award for a foreign scientist; the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award.

Professor Coates is only the sixth British person to be given the award, which recognises citizens who have promoted the development of science and technology.



Professor Phil Coates with his International Science and Technology Cooperation Award



University of Bradford's Emm Lane Campus

School of Management Extends Global Business Accreditation

The School of Management has extended its 'triple-crown' of global accreditations in business, one of just 49 business schools across the world to do so.

EQUIS - the European Quality Improvement System - and AACSB - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business - both recently reaccredited the School.

This represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide.

Additionally, the School's new MSc in Logistics, Data Analytics and Supply Chain Management has received accreditation from the UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, and the Bradford Distance Learning MBA was rated the world's first for value in the 2018 Financial Times online MBA rankings.

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The University's Sanctuary award was presented to members of the working group at a Sanctuary supper in March 2018

University Hosts Successful Diversity Festival

The diverse nature of the city of Bradford was once again on display during the 2018 Bradford Diversity Festival.

Events including comedy, art exhibitions and poetry

performances featured in a varied programme.

A sanctuary dinner was also held to showcase the work which resulted in the University being one of the

first to be awarded University of Sanctuary status. The award recognises the University's work to ensure that it fosters a culture of welcome and inclusion for asylum seekers and refugees.

Peace building in Africa

University of Bradford alumni in Africa got the chance to meet Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Cantor and other distinguished guests during a high-level visit to Ghana and Nigeria.

Professor Cantor and a delegation of academics and professional staff visited Accra, Abuja and Lagos, meeting with other vice-chancellors who share interests in internationalising their universities.

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The aim of the visit was to develop strategic links with Ghana and Nigeria as the University seeks to boost student recruitment from the region in line with its strategic aim of growth in international student numbers.

The delegation met with government officials, alumni of the University of Bradford and potential students..

During the visit Professor Cantor delivered keynote lectures on 'The Impact of Universities on Economies'. Professor Udy Archibong, with the support of Cecilia Anim, President of the Royal College of Nurses, delivered a workshop on Dementia and Stigma. This was attended by 118 nurses and was sponsored by the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA).

Professor Udy Archibong, Professor of Diversity and Strategic Advisor for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Bradford, said: "Bradford is proud of its long-standing engagement with Africa, exemplified in our student body, partnerships and collaborations. This trip was a great success and has enabled us to reinforce

the strong relationships we already have as well as create exciting new ones."

Mark Garratt, Director of External Affairs said: "This was without doubt the most successful Vice-Chancellor delegation that we have run in my five years at the University. Having Professor Udy Archibong, who is a native of Nigeria, leading the delegation planning and delivery was invaluable and really demonstrated the power of having someone with knowledge of how to ensure the trip was incredibly high profile and a huge success."

"Combining meetings with senior government officials and senior officials from Ghanaian and Nigerian Universities, along with reconnecting with our amazing and successful alumni, whilst getting them to engage with prospective new students, was incredibly powerful. The media profile we received was out of this world."

More than 200 alumni in Ghana and Nigeria engaged with the University, with many attending networking receptions hosted by the delegation in Accra, Abuja and Lagos respectively. The

University has an impressive alumni network across West Africa, with Bradford graduates working at very senior levels in government authorities, educational institutions and in the private sector.

Professor Oshita Osang Oshita is one example of the notable *Braduates* who emanate from Africa. He obtained an MA in Peace and Conflict Studies from Bradford in 2004, something he describes as "life changing", and is now Director General and CEO of the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) in Nigeria.

Well known as an expert in governance, peace and conflict studies, Professor Oshita has done consultancy work for a number of high profile international organisations, including the United Nations.

Professor Oshita spoke to Braduate to give an insight into his background, his career and why he believes the University of Bradford has such a unique link with West Africa.



Left: Professor Brian Cantor, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bradford
 Right: Professor Udy Archibong, Professor of Diversity and Strategic Advisor for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Bradford



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UDY ARCHIBONG

What do you remember most from your time at Bradford and what impact did your degree have on you?

Bradford was a wonderful place for me and my family, the global community I encountered on the Bradford Peace Studies programme remains something I couldn't have discovered anywhere else.

For me, the University of Bradford was a vibrant example of the diversity that the world has to offer; all parts of the world were represented in my class in one form or another.

University of Bradford has a track record of producing top level graduates within the areas of peace and conflict – can you comment on this from an African perspective?

Bradford Alumni have been directly involved, or back-stopped, for key mediators and negotiators in different parts of Africa. Some are in government and others are in the international development sector, while others hold important political leadership positions at ministerial level. There is even a Deputy Prime Minister, elsewhere in Africa, who is a Bradford alumnus.

You have been at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution since 2000. Tell us about the work of the IPCR and your vision for the organisation.

The institute was established by the Government of Nigeria as a think tank and research agency to identify and tackle the root causes of conflict disorders whilst prioritising conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

The association has a continental mandate that covers not just Nigeria but the rest of Africa. It is our aim to be the leading Research and Intellectual Centre of excellence in peace research and conflict analysis in Africa.

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“The University of Bradford is a centre of excellence in peace practice education, combining one of the oldest Peace Studies teaching departments in the world and the legacy of BCID – the Bradford Centre for International Development.”

PROFESSOR OSHITA



Professor Oshita (fourth from left), with Professor Brian Cantor (fifth from left), Professor Udy Archibong (third from left), Mark Garratt (right) and other delegates at the ICPR offices in Abuja, Nigeria

In 2016 I also established the National Peace Academy as the training and capacity building platform for the ICPR. It has been engaged in strategic and community level training and capacity building through various stakeholders.

What are the most pressing challenges facing Nigeria in terms of peace and stability and what do you see as the role of the ICPR in overcoming these?

Our priority, as a fledgling democracy, is to rebuild and reconfigure the infrastructure for peace in our country.

The ICPR facilitated the development of a draft National Peace Policy in 2006 and we are working at having that document legitimised by the government. Both the National Assembly and National Economic Council have recognised the need for a National Peace Commission that will have more independence and gravitas.

You recently hosted the Vice-Chancellor and a University of Bradford delegation at ICPR during their visit to Nigeria. What were the outcomes of your engagements and what plans do you have to develop partnerships with the University?

It was a great pleasure to have hosted the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Cantor, and to discuss partnership opportunities between the University of Bradford and the ICPR. We agreed to hold a joint conference on the role of education in peacebuilding and the prevention of violent extremism. We see a lot of opportunities for mutual collaboration between our two organisations.

What advice would you give to others considering a career in the areas of peace and conflict?

My advice to those people keen for a career in this area, especially young people, is for them to go and study at the University of Bradford.

The University of Bradford is a centre of excellence in peace practice education, combining one of the oldest Peace Studies teaching departments in the world and the legacy of BCID - the Bradford Centre for International Development - a Centre of global reputation which has seen knowledge transfer and the study of applied development practice since 1969.

By studying there you will become enmeshed in research around peace and conflict resolution in a totally life-changing environment. This will help you to acquire the skills that will prepare you to rise to the top of your profession.

Giving to Bradford

Philanthropy plays an increasingly important role at Bradford and is making a real difference to people's day to day lives.

Our donors, friends and supporters are crucial in helping us to drive strategic growth at the University and continuing to make a real impact in the world.

50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Update

A scholarship appeal, launched as part of our 50th Anniversary in 2016, has raised over £260,000 in support of students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. As a result, 19 deserving students have received fully funded Master's Scholarships.

In June 2018, we hosted an event on our Emm Lane Campus to celebrate the success of this fund. Our Vice-Chancellor, donors and student recipients, spoke about the huge impact that receiving a scholarship can make to an individual's life.

Mary Adeleye, an MSc Finance and Investment student from Nigeria, and one of this year's scholarship recipients, outlined directly how a 50th Anniversary Scholarship has changed her life: "I am honoured to be one of the recipients of the 50th Anniversary Scholarships, this rare opportunity is allowing me to pursue my dreams, deepen my expertise and develop a career in the field that I am passionate about. Despite longing to proceed to do an MSc in Finance and Investment after my first degree in Accounting and Finance, I quickly realised how unaffordable this would



Mary Adeleye speaking at the scholarships celebration event

be, hence I was faced with the decision to proceed to applying for jobs. Fortunately for me I found out about this scholarship and applied for it. With the fully funded tuition fee I have been able to make the most of my studies without the extra stress of worrying about paying for my fee which I am very grateful for."

Over £4million is invested in scholarships annually, by The University, to help improve the educational and life chances of our students.

With your valuable support we are determined to help to raise the aspirations of young people and enable them to achieve their full potential. More scholarships will be awarded from the 50th Anniversary fund in September 2018 and we have ambitious plans to grow this fund and support even more deserving students over the coming years.

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Bestway Foundation Partnership Update

In 2013 the University unveiled a partnership with Sir Anwar Pervez, from the Bestway Foundation UK, to invest £500,000 to fund five annual scholarships over five years

for postgraduate students applying from Pakistan. £250,000 was committed from Bestway who work to support charities and empower communities in both the United Kingdom and Pakistan.

The scholarships, which cover all expenses including tuition and accommodation fees, are open to people who want to move to Bradford to study science, technology, maths or engineering-related disciplines.

To date, 25 students have benefitted from these life changing opportunities; going on to work and study across the world after graduating from Bradford. Competition for these scholarships is strong, with the University receiving thousands of applications each year.

As a result of these successes, Bestway Foundation and Sir Anwar have committed a further £400,000 over the next five years.



Mark Garratt, Director of External Affairs, (right) and Sir Anwar Pervez (third right) standing with past Scholarship recipients and University colleagues



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Freemasons Province Of Yorkshire West Riding Commits Further Support For The Institute Of Cancer Therapeutics

The Freemasons Province of Yorkshire West Riding has awarded £30,500 to the University's Institute of Cancer Therapeutics (ICT). The grant will be used to purchase a cell sorting machine for use by the immunotherapy group to understand how current drugs can be integrated with immunotherapy. The ICT is a multidisciplinary team of researchers in cancer drug, target and biomarker

discovery with the aim to develop new treatments.

This new grant demonstrates the valuable commitment

from the Freemasons following their generous previous grant of £47,500 in support of the Bradford Crocus Cancer Appeal.



Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire, West Riding, David Pratt (second from left) with Masonic colleagues and University staff during a recent visit to see the cell sorter at the ICT. From Left to right: Professor Richard Morgan, Director of the ICT, David Pratt, Professor Alastair Goldman, Dean of Life Sciences, Eleanor Clyde-Evans, Head of Engagement and Partnerships, Dr Roberto Espindola, Teaching Fellow, Ian Wright, and Bill McCarthy, Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Picture credit: Telegraph and Argus

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As these highlights show, philanthropy now plays a bigger role than ever at the University of Bradford; helping to promote both the welfare and educational opportunities of our students.

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University, our students and our work. You can volunteer your time, expertise or even consider becoming a student mentor.

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Securing our digital lives

Meet Melih Abdulhayoglu: a Turkish-American entrepreneur and CEO of one of the worlds' leading internet security companies, Comodo, which he founded 20 years ago. Under Melih's direction, the Comodo group has grown to a worldwide presence, acclaimed in the cyber security industry for innovation and trust.

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Melih Abdulhayoglu: CEO of Comodo Group

Having graduated from Bradford with a BSc in Electronic Engineering in 1998, Melih founded Comodo seven years later, after realising that internet security was a significant problem of global importance. "It was all about protecting the human race and empowering them to use the Internet by protecting the Internet for them" he states, "there wasn't a person who inspired me per se, it was me identifying the problem and wanting to solve it."

Comodo produces digital security products, notably Secure Socket Layer (SSL) Certificates for websites, the backbone of internet security. These protect sensitive information as it travels across the world's computer networks and today 50% of this worldwide traffic is secured by Comodo. This is a significant achievement and one that has not come about easily, though Melih maintains a philosophical approach to overcoming challenges. "Entrepreneurship is about perseverance and breaking down the obstacles one by one, whether they come in ones or tens."

Melih came to the United Kingdom from his native Turkey at 18 and shortly after embarked upon a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering at the University of Bradford. "My time in Bradford gave me a great grounding in electronics engineering" he says, when reflecting on his university studies, "my strongest memories are the time spent at Revis Barber Hall, the computer room and library, and the labs where we used to build electronics."

Today, Comodo is the world's largest provider of SSL certificates by volume, having issued over 100 million certificates serving over 200,000 customers across 150 countries. The company has consistently recorded double-digit revenue growth for the past several years, delivering a record 45 percent increase in year-over-year revenue in 2018.

Internet security is a big business sector - the market is worth \$4 billion - so it's understandable that when Melih sold a majority stake in his company to a private equity firm in 2017 he describes it as being "like sending your kid to college". Money was never the primary motivator, however: "A security company should not be making money from the troubles and security problems of its clients," Melih says, "it earns the right to ask for money only when it really protects its clients."

Melih actively advocates higher standards throughout the security industry. In 2005 he established the Certification Authority Browser Forum (CA/B Forum), a consortium of Certificate Authorities and Internet browser providers,

thereby bringing industry leaders together to establish new authentication standards for Extended Validation (EV) SSL Certificates.

His efforts to promote Internet security earned him Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award in Information Technology Software for New Jersey in 2008. He is a frequent speaker on Internet security issues and has appeared as an expert on various media outlets, including Fox TV and USA Today.

We have seen a significant increase in some of the biggest cyber threats in recent history, with millions of consumers and thousands of businesses affected by everything from the WannaCry attack to the Equifax and Uber data breaches. The 2018 Cyber Security Breaches Survey, from the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, shows that 43% of businesses and 20% of charities experienced a cybersecurity breach or attack in the last 12 months.

Information security spending worldwide will reach more than \$114 billion in 2018, according to a report from Gartner. Additionally, the 2017 Cybercrime Report anticipates cybercrime damages will cost the world \$6 trillion annually by 2021. According to Melih, the issue of cyber security is about understanding business and not necessarily just looking at IT software. "Unfortunately security is very disconnected, point solutions. It's about protecting 'business', not a computer or an email account. It requires a whole new approach and platform and that is why I built the Comodo cyber security platform we have today."

"As the human race increases its dependency on the Internet, it will create a bigger attack surface for criminals to target and this in turn increases the need for greater security. Cyber security is a field that suffers from an inability to differentiate a good product from a bad product. This in turn results in a 'choice fatigue' for the consumers of cybersecurity."

Melih's biggest supporter is also a Bradford alumnus: his wife. "I never had a mentor, or someone I looked up to, but I don't think I could have done what I have without my wife." That sense of family is also why, in 2004, he moved to America, relocating his company to New Jersey. However, they still retain operations in Manchester and Bradford. Melih is certainly not winding down yet, describing his future plans as making the world a better place to live in.

He is in the process of setting up two further companies, one focussed on a home automation platform and the other on an IT management platform. "Today home automation is where computers were in the 1970s; good for hobbyists" says Melih, "with a proper platform that we are building, under Ezlo Innovation LLC, we hope to change that."

So what does a multimillionaire think is the key to success? "Entrepreneurship is about perseverance and always looking for problems. Do what you are passionate about, dream big, make sure you never give up and don't take no for an answer!"



"Entrepreneurship is about perseverance and breaking down the obstacles one by one, whether they come in ones or tens."

MELIH
ABDULHAYOGLU

Your Alumni Association

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Graduates of Bradford belong to an international community of more than 135,000 alumni spanning over 175 countries. This incredible network, the Bradford Alumni Association (AA), represents a powerful force for the good of the University and for alumni.

The AA, here to support and inspire you socially and professionally, is led by an elected Chair and a group of committed alumni volunteers, forming an Executive Committee which provides a voice for the Bradford alumni community whilst promoting ongoing connections between graduates, and with the University.



Message from the Chair

Terry Carroll

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAIR

So much seems to have happened since I took over as Interim Chair of the AA in December 2016 and, now, I have the great honour to be chosen as permanent Chair for the next three years.

Professor Brian Cantor, Vice-Chancellor, gave a spellbinding presentation of the University's ambitious strategic plan at that AGM. The University has

been lucky to have him at the helm, following his resounding success at York; he chose Bradford despite a welter of offers elsewhere. We wish him well with his impending departure for Oxford.

As well as the exciting times ahead, there is no shortage of challenges for graduate associations in the 21st century.

The funding arrangements for universities have changed and students themselves now pay the lion's share. But they also graduate with an average of £50,000 debt. They should have a strong voice in Bradford and in Higher Education generally. We are your medium for participation.



Alumni Association AGM 2018



Economic times in the UK are still austere, some 10 years after the 'Crash'. Millennials have suffered more than most. Tony Blair's goal of 50% of young people going to university has debased the value of some degrees; led to falling standards and high unemployment in a range of chosen study fields; and has not solved the skills shortages, especially in science, technology and engineering. His own son, Euan, now recommends that many more young people should eschew a university place for an apprenticeship.

But such thinking should place Bradford in the forefront of revolution. Being founded in the 1960s as one of the original technology universities, its first Chancellor was Harold Wilson with his prescient speech on the "white heat of technology".

So surely, in an era where 'arts' students have multiplied and yet struggled to find a vocational career, everyone from government, through policymakers and universities

to parents, teachers and students, should be working towards transforming education to fit the booming demands in the very fields on which Bradford focuses, including business studies, health and medicine.

Otherwise, the forthcoming revolution in AI and robotics will confine even more graduates to the bin, or to services jobs in call centres, leisure and retail - unhappy, debt-ridden and unfulfilled.

So the University of Bradford and its AA should have a key and growing role to play if Britain is ever to rediscover its former economic glories. And the AA has an 'open door' to partnership both with the University and its graduates.

In this context, 2018 has already been a most satisfying year for AA participation. As well as the Vice-Chancellor, we heard exciting AGM presentations from Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Shirley Congdon and UBU Union Affairs Officer, Faiz Ilyas.

The latter has now confirmed that all AA members can maintain life membership of the Students' Union for free, thereby strengthening and enriching a relationship we all started as students.

Most exciting for me has been the rapidly growing participation and enrichment of the AA Committee, especially by younger members keen to contribute to both action and dialogue.

We have a clear, simple strategy; a voice; a wealth of partnerships; and a vast resource of former students to tap into. I hope in this brief note you may read and feel the passion I have for the future of our Association and the University from which we all graduated. There are great times ahead!

So wherever you are in the world, whatever you are doing, please participate, read and discover what we are doing, communicate with us and encourage any fellow graduates you know to do the same. We are all members of the AA free, for life!

"We have a clear, simple strategy; a voice; a wealth of partnerships; and a vast resource of former students to tap into."

TERRY CARROLL

MEET THE *Alumni Association Executive Committee*

Your

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Terry Carroll

Chair, BSc Business Studies 1970

"The AA now has a rich partnership with the University and the Students' Union. Wherever you are in the world, whatever you are doing, please participate, communicate with us and encourage any fellow Bradford graduates you know to do the same."



Dr Nasim Hasnie

PGC Race Relations and Community 1991

"The AA means a great deal to me as it provides a genuine platform for former students to engage with the University community in a positive and constructive manner to help it achieve its vision to obtain an overall outstanding status."



Iskren Ivanov

BA (Hons) Graphics for Games 2016

"I joined the AA Executive Committee to maintain my relationship with the University and make a positive impact for future alumni by sharing my story and experience."



Emma Jones

BA (Hons) Development and Peace Studies 2013

"I sit on the AA Executive Committee because I want to be as proud of it in fifty years' time as I am now."



Felix Kankwamba

BA (Hons) Politics and Peace Studies 2013; MA Media Studies 2014

"50 years from now what will people say about you? I joined the AA Executive Committee to share my passion for this great institution, we are often told to leave a legacy behind. Being part of this committee weaves my experience into the fabric of this University and the alumni we represent."



Peter Lunio

MBA 1989

"I joined the AA Committee to help reinvigorate our alumni and to promote the exciting new developments going on at the University."



James Robertson-Dunn

BTech (Hons) Civil and Structural Engineering 1973; MSc Transportation 1976

"I would like to see the AA Executive Committee used as a resource to develop fundraising and to play an active part in raising the profile of the University."



Cynthia Whitehead

BA Social Studies 1994

"I joined the AA Committee because I see it as an opportunity to promote the University and to enable those who have valued their study time to remain part of 'the family' wherever life has taken them."



Gordon Wills

BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1989

"The Bradford alumni are a tribe whose members are spread over the globe, the alumni and University should benefit and develop from each other."



Michael Bell

Secretary, BTECH Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1968

Penelope Rossiter

BA Modern Languages 1975

"The AA is an organisation which links graduates to the University and enables them to benefit from what the University can still offer them and which also works for the benefit of current students."

Thomas Whitford-Bartle

BSc (Hons) Psychology 2015

Jawahar Dhutia

BSc Mathematical Sciences 1979

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Alumni News

The following are a few highlights featuring Bradford graduates that have made the headlines over the last year.

Bradford Scientist Receives Healthcare Award

Biomedical scientist and Bradford alumni Chloe Lockwood has been awarded the Rising Star Award at this year's Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards.



Bradford alumni Chloe Lockwood meets HRH The Princess Royal at the Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards

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Bradford Alumnus and Student Elected as President of Sierra Leone

University alumnus and PhD student, Julius Maada Bio, was sworn in as leader of the Republic of Sierra Leone. Opposition candidate Mr Maada Bio took the Presidential oath to become the leader of the African nation on Wednesday 4 April 2018. As well as being a senior research fellow at the University, Julius is the leader of the Sierra Leone People's Party and a former military

ruler who briefly ruled the country in 1996. He received 51.8 percent of the vote, beating Samura Kamara from the governing party, the All People's Congress, according to Electoral Commission figures. Having already completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Research Methods in 2016, Julius had put his PhD in Peace Studies on hold to concentrate on the election campaign.

Photo credit: Olivia Acland/Reuters



Haryanto Adikoesoemo: Bradford Alumnus and Founder of Indonesia's first contemporary art museum. Picture source: www.nytimes.com

Bradford Alumnus Opens Contemporary Art Museum in Jakarta

Haryanto Adikoesoemo, a Bradford alumnus and Indonesian property and chemicals tycoon turned prodigious art collector, has founded Indonesia's first contemporary art museum in Jakarta. Museum Macan opened

its doors to the public in November 2017, presenting items from the 800 contemporary and modern works owned by Haryanto.



British Council Honours Bradford Alumni

Two University of Bradford alumni have been honoured by the British Council for their contributions to strengthening ties between the UK and overseas.

Vashil Avinash Jasgray and Dr Abdallah Adlan were recipients of the Study UK Alumni Awards 2018 at awarding ceremonies in Mauritius and Saudi Arabia respectively. They were recognised for their outstanding achievements as business professionals and community leaders, and for

their important contribution to strengthening collaborative ties between the UK, Mauritius and Saudi Arabia.

The prestigious international awards celebrate UK higher education and the achievements of UK alumni all over the world. Now in their fourth year, the awards received more than 1,700 applications from international UK alumni in a record 123 countries, representing more than 140 UK higher education institutions across the UK.



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Terry Carroll Elected as Chair of Alumni Association at AGM

Terry Carroll has been elected as Chair of the Alumni Association at its Annual General Meeting held at the University on Saturday 20 January 2018. Four other posts on the Associations' Executive Committee were filled at the meeting.



Terry Carroll: Chair of the Alumni Association

Terry had previously held the position of Interim Chair since the last AGM, in December 2016, and is elected for a three-year term. He graduated with a BSc in Business Studies in 1970 and went on to have a successful career in Financial Services and other industries in West Yorkshire.

The four other alumni voted onto the Executive Committee (comprising 12 elected members), were Iskren Ivanov, BA (Hons) Graphics for games 2016; Emma Jones, BA (Hons) Development and Peace Studies 2013; Felix Kankwamba, BA (Hons) Politics and Peace Studies 2013 and MA Media Studies 2014; and Thomas Whitford-Bartle, BSc (Hons) Psychology 2015.



Scientist and First Class Bradford graduate, Sophia Nanou

Bradford Biomedical Science Graduate Takes Gold

Congratulations to Bradford Biomedical Science graduate, Sophia Nanou, who was praised for her research at the British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) annual meeting in October 2017. Sophia, who was born in Bradford, graduated in July 2017 with a First Class Honours in Biomedical Science.

*Bradford
Alumnus Gavin
Williamson
Appointed as UK
Defence Secretary*



University of Bradford alumnus and Government Chief Whip, Gavin Williamson, was appointed as the new UK Defence Secretary after Sir Michael Fallon's resignation. Gavin graduated from the University of Bradford with a BSc in Social Sciences in 1997.

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Picture source: www.thesouthasiantimes.info - R.K.M. Jayanty, second right

*Bradford Chemistry
Graduate Awarded
US State Award*

Dr Radhakrishna Jayanty was awarded the 2017 North Carolina Award, presented at a ceremony in January 2018 by the State Governor Roy Cooper, for his work in air pollution monitoring and control. The North Carolina Awards are the state's highest recognition and have been presented annually since 1964.

*Bradford Academic
Librarian Awarded
National Teaching
Fellowship*

University of Bradford graduate and subject librarian, Sarah George, has been awarded a National Teaching Fellowship. She was one of 55 new National Teaching Fellows (NTFs) revealed by the Higher Education Academy (HEA) in August 2017. Sarah graduated from Bradford with an MSc Osteology, Palaeopathology and Funerary Archaeology degree in 1997.





Mohamad Shukor Ariffin Appointed CEO of Big Tree Outdoor

Bradford alumnus Mohamad Shukor Ariffin, BSc (Hons) Social Sciences (Economics) 1993, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Big Tree Outdoor (BTO). BTO is part of the Media Prima Berhad ('Media Prima' or 'the Group'), Malaysia's largest integrated media group.

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Bradford Graduate Wins Royal Honour for Business Success

Noor Uddin, a Bradford graduate who has demonstrated 'remarkable entrepreneurship', has been honoured by the Duke of York. Noor, who graduated with a BA (Hons) in Marketing in 2012, has received a Duke of York Young Entrepreneur Award after founding his company Atrium Financial last year.



Picture credit: National Science and Media Museum/Roger Moody

BAFTA honour for Bradford Graduate

Adam Syrop, a graduate of BSc (Hons) Computer Animation and Special Effects 2003, who later founded a children's gaming company, has been honoured by BAFTA for his mentoring of young people.

Adam, programme leader at Bradford-based Impact Games CIC, won the award after being nominated by the public for educating young game designers.

A Clinical Success: Zainab Garba-Sani

“Make the most out of your university experience. There are so many opportunities available for students, you just have to be willing to say ‘yes’ and give things a go. Do not be afraid to stray away from the norm. You do not need your friend’s approval to join a society, start a campaign, or run to be a student representative.”

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Clinical Sciences graduate Zainab Garba-Sani has done all of the above, so she knows what she is talking about! A student representative in second year and faculty representative in third year, she also took part in the study abroad programme, where she visited Egypt. Zainab was then elected to serve as a Sabbatical Officer for 2017/18 in the role of Academic Affairs Officer.

As she prepares for her new role, within the NHS, we got the lowdown from her on her time in Bradford.

Zainab, why did you decide to study Clinical Sciences and why did you choose Bradford?

At the age of eighteen, it is easy to feel like you need to have your life plans sorted, but I was considering several options and so the confusion was coupled with uncertainty for the future. I applied to the University of Bradford because of how perfect the Clinical Sciences course was for me at the time.

Tell us about your time at Bradford, about the course, what did you enjoy and did it challenge you in any way?

Clinical Sciences showed me that we are not limited to those half a dozen vocational courses that we sometimes think we are as school children.

I was always the exception to the norm; choosing the modules that most people would not, but I loved it. It was opportunities like this that I have Clinical Sciences to thank for. Opportunities that did not only benefit my grades but also set the foundations for my future aspirations.

I did what was best for me and found that my friends were willing to support me on my journey. I gradually got more and more engaged with extra-curricular activities and challenged myself more every year. The amount of personal and professional development you undertake at Bradford is truly remarkable.

What were your first impressions of the University?

I was instantly impressed by the University campus. It did not take me long to realise how many incredible, modern and exciting facilities there were at the University and that there were so many opportunities for me to get involved in.

Looking back what have been your most memorable moments at University and what impact do you think your time at Bradford has had on you?

My time at Bradford has literally shaped me into the person I am today. It has taught me invaluable lessons – some learnt the hard way – but these have made me stronger and more self-confident. Bradford has opened my eyes to the world and the diversity of people. My most memorable moments at the University all have one thing in common: the people! The staff are so supportive, always willing to go the extra mile to help and the students become an extension of your family.



Zainab poses with an award she received at the 2016-17 UBU Student Leadership Awards alongside Professor Gwendolen Bradshaw, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning, Teaching and Quality)

Tell us about how you got involved with the Students' Union and what led you to stand for the position of Academic Affairs Officer?

I got involved in the Students' Union in my first year and in second year my journey as a student leader began when I became a Student Representative before progressing through the representation system to become a Faculty Representative, sharing student views on senior University committees as a result.

My wealth of experience and desire to give back and help others succeed made it a natural progression to the role of Academic Affairs Officer. But, in all honesty, it was other people who believed in me

who encouraged me to run for the position. They were the ones who were convinced I could make a real positive difference based on my past work with the Union and the University, and urged me to take up the opportunity.

What does the Academic Officer do and how have you it?

There have been huge challenges and various lows against the many highs, but I have absolutely loved this role. Every single experience has been vital in making my journey so insightful, enriching, growth-developing and rewarding. How many 22-year-olds can say they were privileged enough to join other colleagues on the V-C's delegation to Africa and meet government officials, alumni and prospective students in

two extraordinary countries?

As a trustee of both the Union and the University, I protect the institution for students and I am involved in the strategic developments of the two organisations. It is my responsibility to uphold students' interests in all academic matters and University policies.

I have learnt so much from the countless different people I have interacted with and from the amazing opportunities I have had the pleasure of partaking in. The role has also given me the opportunity to develop some incredible skills such as: public speaking; networking; conflict resolution; negotiation; resilience and communication on various levels; to name a few.

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"I have learnt so much from the countless different people I have interacted with and from the amazing opportunities I have had the pleasure of partaking in."

ZAINAB
GARBA-SANI



Zainab Garba-Sani delivering a speech as a University of Bradford Student Representative

What are your views on students and graduates in HE today – what are the great challenges and opportunities?

I recognise that we are in challenging and changing times, but students and graduates have so much potential and there are so many opportunities for them to succeed.

However, many students are still unable to make the most of extra-curricular activities which are arguably just as important as their academic achievements. As a result, many students are losing out on the development opportunities that come with moving away from home to start a new chapter in higher education.

Congratulations on securing your new role – tell us what you will be doing and where you will be based.

From September I shall be joining the NHS Graduate Management Scheme and I am incredibly excited to embark on this new chapter. I shall

be based in London, which is also incredibly exciting for me as I am looking forward to exploring our vibrant and bustling capital.

Is this your dream job and what helped you get it?

This is a dream come true. At the time I applied to Clinical Sciences, I hoped it would be a door to exploring opportunities and it definitely has been.

My year as Academic Affairs Officer most definitely helped me get onto the scheme. I have worked in leadership and management in a higher education setting and this has truly helped me confirm and cement my passion to pursue a career in not only healthcare leadership and management, but policy and strategy, to be more specific.

When I first started following the scheme, back in 2014, there were only four available strands and General Management was the specialism that suited me best. However, as soon as the Policy and Strategy specialism was introduced, I knew I had found the perfect match and could not wait to apply.

What are your future plans?

I am hoping, through the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme, that I can start working on combatting inequalities and help create a society where everyone is able to reach their full potential.

What advice do you have for other students, young graduates, and those studying Clinical Sciences?

Follow your heart, not the crowd. Being truthfully honest: university is not easy. It is, though, one of the best experiences you will go through. It truly is a rollercoaster – your highs will be out of this world and the lows may try to break you but you will just bounce back stronger than ever.

Believe in yourself and keep an open mind, do not worry if you have not got your whole life sorted right now. You do not need to leave university and have the rest of your career planned out.

You never know what doors could open until you try them. Some may be locked and force you to take another route, but that is all part of the journey and by the end of it, you will be glad you took it.

The University of Bradford has definitely shaped me into the person I am today and has been the launchpad to my future. So my final piece of advice is to never limit yourself; dream big and then follow those dreams until hopefully, one day, they become reality.



The UBU Sabbatical Team at the NUS Students' Unions Conference, July 2017

“Sisters are doin’ it for themselves; standin’ on their own two feet”

That’s how the song goes and that’s what Valeria and Veronika Mantziou are about to do too, as a result of graduating from the University of Bradford this summer.

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IN PROFILE



Valeria and Veronika

Their degrees from Bradford, a place Valeria describes as diverse friendly and open-minded, have now set the sisters up for prestigious postgraduate study. Veronika has been accepted onto a Master’s of Philosophy course at Cambridge, while Valeria is heading to University College, London to study for a Master’s in Law.

The siblings, who are triplets, came from Ioannina, Greece, to study Law (Valeria) and Biomedical Sciences (Veronika). Their brother, Kostas, stayed behind to study medicine at the University of Ioannina.

They were in no doubt that Bradford was the right institution for them to study

for their undergraduate degrees. “I definitely wanted to come here and my choice did not let me down” says Veronika. Valeria concurs, saying: “We wanted to do something together and Bradford gave us the opportunity to study for our degrees together in a very good, multi-cultural environment.”



The Mantziou family celebrating Graduation Day for Valeria. Left to right: Dad (Apostolos), Veronika, Valeria, Mum (Magda) and brother (Kostas)

The academic quality of both the School of Law and the School of Chemistry and Biosciences attracted them to Bradford. "The way that law is studied here was something that I really liked" says Valeria, "there are more practical elements within the programme so you can get real-life experience in what you want to do. So, for example, having the opportunity to experience being in a courtroom, sitting next to a judge, was amazing." The greater practical activity within the Biomedical Sciences programme was equally appealing for Veronika. "Back home course content is more theoretical, here I was able to work with people in the Institute of Cancer Therapeutics and it was really amazing; it exceeded my expectations. We have gained a lot more practical experience compared to studying for a degree back home."

It is clear that extra-curricular activities played just as big a part in the sisters' experience as their degrees did. "University is not only

about the degree itself, it's about all the experiences you get in the three years." says Veronika, while Valeria thinks that they became more independent and mature as a result of active involvement in a variety of clubs, societies and volunteering activities provided through the University's Students' Union. "I believe that these extra activities help you build your personality and confidence. If we went to another university, I don't know if we would have had as many opportunities."

Valeria has spent her time at Bradford championing women's rights issues. She served as an Ambassador for the Women Breaking Barriers Network, an organisation which encourages young women to overcome the challenges they will face, build their confidence and provide opportunities to foster personal and professional development. "We need to promote equality", says Valeria, "the gap between men and women is reaching a balance, but I do not believe we have reached that point yet."

Not to be outdone, Veronika also got stuck into volunteering. As well as Treasurer of the Hellenic Society, she was involved with the Rowing Club and became a leader for Whizz-Kidz, a charity working hard to transform the lives of disabled children across the UK.

So what advice do these two go-getting sisters have for other Bradford students?

"Don't be afraid to chase your dreams just try to focus and study hard" says Valeria, who has her heart set on a career in the legal profession. For Veronika, pushing your boundaries is the key: "If you really want to make a change and do something better, improve, then you have to step outside of your comfort zone. Learning different cultures is a whole different experience and improves you as a person, as an individual."




"University is not only about the degree itself, it's about all the experiences you get in the three years."

VALERIA
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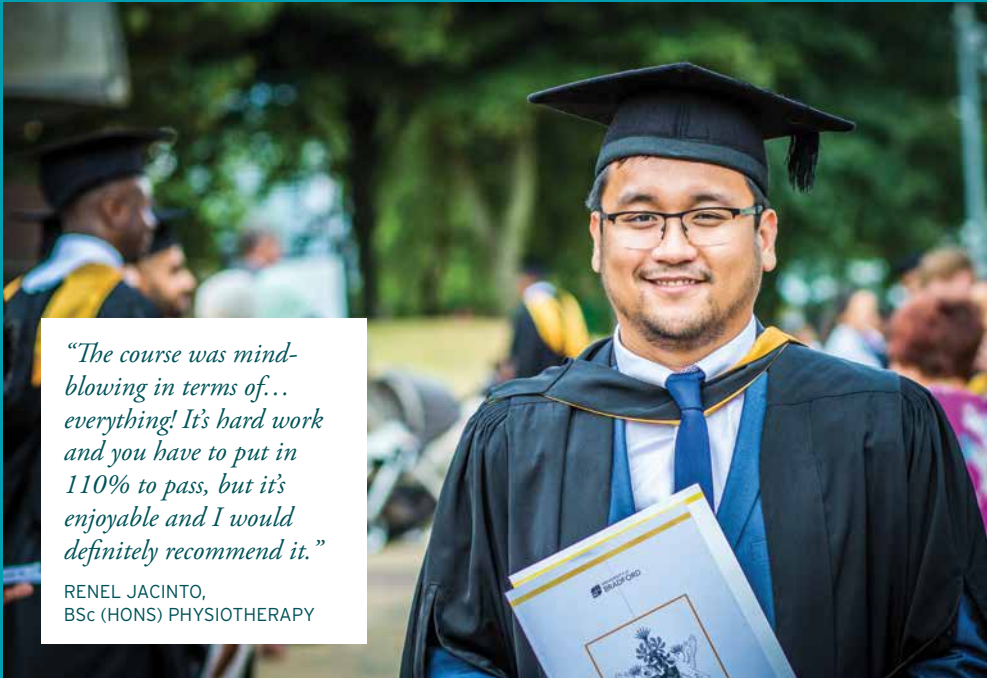
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"I love it here – most people do. It's a bit like an unpolished gem! I love the city, the people, and the lecturers."

EM CLARIDGE,
MSc HUMAN OSTEOLOGY
AND PALAEOPATHOLOGY



"The course was mind-blowing in terms of... everything! It's hard work and you have to put in 110% to pass, but it's enjoyable and I would definitely recommend it."

RENEL JACINTO,
BSc (HONS) PHYSIOTHERAPY



Welcome to the Braduate family

Congratulations and welcome to our most recent Braduates from 2018. We wish you all the best for the future and hope you keep in touch, because you are members of the Bradford family – Team Bradford.

Visit our website bradford.ac.uk/alumni to discover our international network of more than 135,000 alumni and the ways you can stay connected with the University and your fellow alumni.

Joining our graduates in 2018, six distinguished individuals were awarded honorary degrees by the University.

- **Nadira Mirza:** Doctor of the University, for her services to Higher Education and the University of Bradford
- **Graham Pearson:** Doctor of the University, for his services to international security and defence studies
- **Professor Sir Mark Welland:** Doctor of Engineering, for his outstanding services to science and nanotechnology
- **Richard Noble OBE:** Doctor of Engineering, for his services to technology and mechanical engineering
- **Dr Gullapalli Rao:** Doctor of Science, for transforming vision healthcare in India and services to ophthalmology
- **Dr Ruth McKernan CBE:** Doctor of Science, for her services to the pharmaceutical industry and her work to promote women in innovation

Benefits for our alumni

We want to make sure that you continue to feel part of Team Bradford after you leave the University. As a member of our alumni community you can access a range of benefits and services to support you and maintain your connection with the place where it all started.

- Continued access to careers and employability services and the library
- Discounts on further studies
- Life Membership of the Students' Union (UBU)
- Braduate alumni magazine and regular e-newsletters
- Support for alumni groups and reunions worldwide
- Invites to networking events
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Get involved

Your relationship with the University of Bradford doesn't end at graduation. As alumni and friends, you have a significant role to play in contributing to the continued success of the University.

Your involvement and support make a real difference to the experiences of our current and future students and help the University to achieve excellence.

There are many ways you can make a difference:

- Serve as an alumni ambassador or representative helping to promote the University in your country
- Contribute to the curriculum either as a speaker or by supporting programme development
- Create opportunities for students, such as work placements, internships and graduate jobs
- Donate towards our fundraising projects
- Support our research

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What Anglo Saxon Reeth Can Tell Us About Modern Health

Analysis of Anglo Saxon child skeletons, by researchers at University of Bradford, has revealed how evidence from teeth could help identify modern children most at risk from conditions such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

Investigations showed that analysis of milk teeth of children's skeletons from a 10th Century site in Northamptonshire gave a more reliable indicator of the effects of diet and health than bone.

The results of the ground breaking study were published in September's edition of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology.

Forty Per Cent of People Have a Fictional First Memory, Says Study

A collaborative study, by experts from the University of Bradford, City University, University of London and Nottingham Trent University, has found that nearly 40 per cent of people have a first memory which is fictional.

The project, one of the largest surveys of people's first memories, found that 38.6 per cent of a survey of 6,641 people claimed to have memories from two or younger, with 893 people claiming memories from one or younger. However, current research indicates that people's earliest memories actually date from around three to three-and-a-half years of age.

The authors suggest that these fictional memories are based on remembered fragments of early experience which may have been derived from photographs or family conversations instead of actual memories.

Joint UK India Project Combats Infections Threat From Antibiotics

University of Bradford researchers are part of a £3 million project which will address the growing threat of drug resistant infections in India.

The project will develop innovative diagnostics to curb antimicrobial resistance (AMR), with the aim of targeting areas where levels of infectious diseases are high but public knowledge is low.

With global antibiotic use continuing to grow, detecting resistant bacteria is one of the most important challenges of the 21st Century.

Nine leading academic institutions, five from India and four from the UK, will come together to work on the programme over a three year timeline.



The Belgian research vessel Belgica was used to carry out detailed geophysical surveys of the area

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Prehistoric Settlement Expedition

Experts from the University of Bradford have joined colleagues from Ghent University and Flanders Marine Institute in an expedition to find the lost prehistoric settlement of the Brown Bank.

In April the combined teams launched a two year marine excursion searching for prehistoric, submerged settlements, within the southern North Sea.

The discovery of concentrated archaeological material, alongside chance finds by trawlers

and fishermen over many decades, have led archaeologists to suspect that the southern North Sea plain - right in the heart of Doggerland, the now flooded land mass that used to connect Great Britain to continental Europe, - may have been home to thousands of people.

It is hoped that state-of-the-art techniques will allow academics to map and reconstruct these forgotten landscapes and settlements with unprecedented detail.

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Would you like to volunteer to represent University of Bradford on an international level?

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You can act as a point of contact for current and prospective students, alumni, UoB staff, and other members of University of Bradford's global community.

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