

Non Nobis Solum

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Welcome

- Professor Wendy Powers

I'm delighted to welcome you all to the second edition of *Non Nobis Solum*, which recognises the generosity and contributions of our alumni and friends to University College. On behalf of the College and personally, I'm enormously grateful for the difference your gifts and your time have made to Castle and our students.

2022 was a year filled with 950th anniversary celebrations. We opened our doors to an additional 1000 visitors from the local community; we welcomed several prominent speakers including Sir Malcolm Rifkind KCMG KC and Dr Barbara Boehm as part of our renewed Castle Lecture Series; and we held two in-person alumni gatherings for the first time since lockdown. It was wonderful to see our alumni and friends play such a prominent role in these celebrations. From volunteering to taking part in our Castle to Careers in-conversation series, to offering space for us to hold our London Reunion and giving back to support student hardship and opportunities – your help has been truly invaluable in marking the 950th birthday of our college home.

I hope you enjoy reading about the difference philanthropic giving and volunteering makes to University College and that you are inspired to continue supporting us in whatever way you can.

Unique Experiences: Internship

Kathrine Bertram

PhD Candidate Classics and Ancient History



Durham Castle 950
REAWAKENING

Throughout 2022, I had the incredible opportunity to serve as Castle 950 Intern.

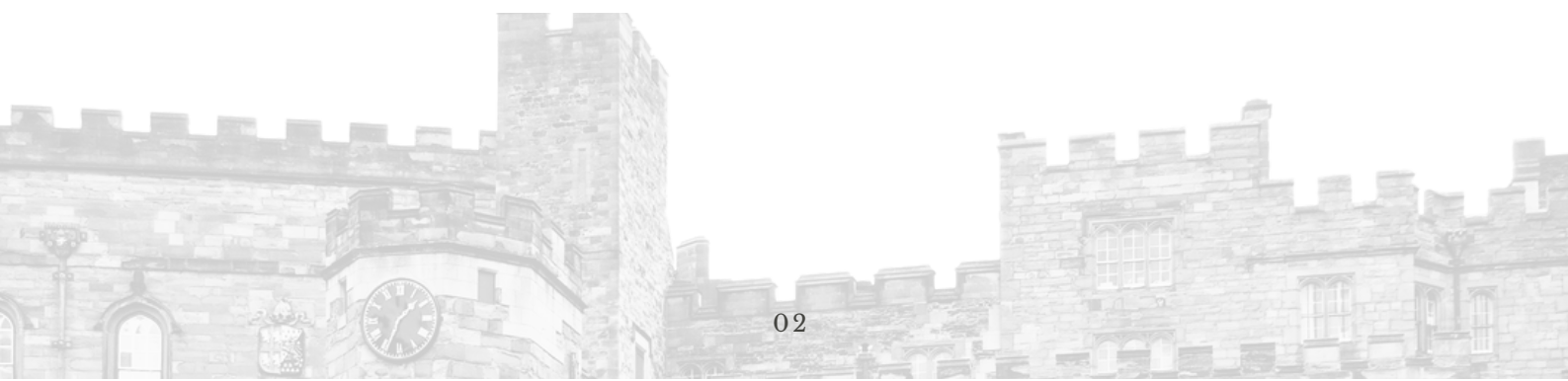
In this role, I helped to organize a series of events and celebrations to honour Durham Castle and the people who have called it home over the centuries. Durham Castle, founded in 1072 at the behest of William the Conqueror, has been the seat of power for the great Prince Bishops of Durham. It has hosted royalty on many occasions, and since 1837 it has been the home of University College.



From formal large-scale lectures for hundreds in the Great Hall and relaxed Q and A sessions in the Bishops' Dining room to sunny birthday celebrations in the courtyard and scary stories by candlelight in the Castle's haunting halls, the year was a whirlwind of events and activities. As 950 Intern, I was given the chance to help bring diverse stakeholders, alumni, staff, students, and the broader community together to connect with one another and the Castle while celebrating our shared stories.



This position afforded me invaluable opportunities to work in a heritage setting and gain hands on experience in the outreach and development sectors. I was able to develop my understanding of event management and explore volunteer and community engagement while honing my communication skills. University College is a wonderful vibrant community that I love being a part of. It was an honour to play a role in sharing the Castle and its story, while in a small way helping to lay the foundations for the Castle's legacy for the next 950 years.



Sharing Knowledge: In Conversation

Where will a Durham degree take you? As part of our Castle to Careers in-conversation series, we help answer that question by welcoming back alumni to meet with current students in an informal setting. As part of the events, our volunteers answer questions about how they have used their degrees and what their experiences have been since graduation.

This year's in-conversation series included a Q&A with alumnus Nick Delaney ('86-'89) who shared his journey as a first generation student studying economics, eventually becoming a CEO of a group company working in the private equity market.

We were also joined by William de Gale ('84-'87) and Geoffrey Smith ('84-'87), who met at Castle and remain firm friends today. Together they answered questions on careers in Banking and Finance and highlighted how diversifying their CVs led to fresh opportunities.

Across all of the series, we explored how students can prepare to meet the dynamic challenges of the world of work in the 21st century and make the most of their time at Castle.

"Castle is a special place, and it was great to see another generation making their new memories in ancient surroundings."

Geoffrey Smith '84-'87

"It was great to be able to talk to today's students about the mistakes and wrong-turns I inevitably made along the way and what that taught me about building a successful career"

Nick Delaney '86-'89

"Returning to Durham was lovely: a lot has changed, but essentially it remains the same. Good to be a small part of it again, albeit briefly!"

William de Gale '84-'87

Unique Experiences: Court Marshalling

Thanks to the generous offer made by Castle Alumnus, the honourable Mr Justice Goss ('71-'74), Castle student Laureen Wong was able to spend two eye-opening days marshalling in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) at the historic Royal Courts of Justice.

In her own words:

"Throughout the two days, I have sat with the Judge in hearing a variety of criminal conviction and sentencing appeals. Before the hearings, Mr Justice Goss allowed me to read the court materials and give my opinions. This once-in-a-lifetime marshalling experience has been very rewarding. I have gained a new perspective into the court proceedings, and was able to develop my own oral presentation skills through observing the different styles of advocacy demonstrated by counsels in court. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr Justice Goss and his clerk Mr Christopher O'Leary for their time and wisdom!"



Giving Back to the Community: Hardship Fund

The current realities of the cost of living crisis, with soaring accommodation, transportation food and textbook costs, puts pressure on most of our students' finances. This is perhaps most visible in the 20% increase in Castle student hardship applications this term alone. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni community, this year we have been able to provide nearly 100 student hardship and career development bursaries, but we still need help to make sure we can meet the increasing demand.

The loosening of Covid Restrictions meant that this year we were finally able to have (not one but two!) in person alumni reunions. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces return to Castle. Among them was an alumnus who joined Castle in 1968 to read Chemistry. He, like many others, was able to relate to the growing financial struggles faced by our students.

“The chemistry department (Bill Musgrave) and UC Master (Len Slater) and Senior Tutor (Ramsay) were very sympathetic to my case at the time and allowed me to run up a certain deficit on my college account, but it wasn't until the Michaelmas term of my third year that I had a breakthrough with applications I'd made to various charitable trusts, notably the Skinners' Foundation. Up until then, I was never sure whether I would be able to complete my degree, a stressful situation, as you can probably imagine. But complete it I did, albeit Honours without flying colours! I was subsequently unusually fortunate to be hired as a research assistant at the then new Max-Planck-Institute für molekulare Genetik in West Berlin and completed a doctorate in biochemistry at the Freie Universität, Berlin in 1974.”



As a result of this proud Castle alum's generosity, we will be able to offer hardship awards for at least 2 more Castle students per year. Our unique collegiate system offers so many opportunities to students, helping them develop and grow beyond academic successes; but these opportunities often come with an additional cost. Being able to offset some of these expenses makes a world of difference to our first generation and working-class students in particular who already face some different challenges than their more resourced peers.

We would love to expand our student hardship opportunities offer to reach even more of our students who struggle with the expense of club or society involvement, ball participation, study abroad, conference participation or other life expenses that hinder their full engagement in the community. If you can help with this we would be delighted to hear from you: www.castlealumni.uk/keep-in-touch/contact

Expanding Horizons: Michael McCarthy Memorial Lecture

In October, we had the honour of hosting the Michael McCarthy Memorial Lecture and Dinner. Michael grew up in Maryland and graduated with distinction from the University of Virginia in 1996.

From 2000-2003 he took two Master's degrees at Durham, as a member of University College. He then moved back to the US and practised as a successful lawyer, before his untimely death in 2012. Michael was an anglophile and a great believer in the importance of US-UK alliance. Thanks to the support of Michael's family and friends we were able to host this important event to raise funds for a student bursary in Michael's name.

The evening featured the thought-provoking talk 'Russia, a Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery, Inside an Enigma?' presented by former UK Defence and Foreign Secretary, The Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind KCMG KC and we were delighted to welcome members of the McCarthy family as well as supporters and recipients of the McCarthy Memorial award.



During the evening we raised over £1300 to support the award, which offers University College students an invaluable opportunity to gain career and academic experience in the United States. Avery Winningham, a recent award holder who attend the lecture recorded her experience:

"At Durham, I study Chinese and International Relations. As a result of the pandemic, my year abroad plans to study and work in Shanghai were abruptly cancelled...I applied to the Michael McCarthy Award to undertake an investigation into the Manhattan City Government's relationship to Chinese Immigrants that inhabit Chinatown.

During this time, I spent significant time in and around the Chinatown area, both creating reports through interviews with locals, speaking with borough council officials, and observing cultural events and how they were impacted by encroaching government policies and development projects...Now, having returned to Durham, I am able to apply my experiences and further knowledge to aid my dissertation study"

Final Thoughts

- Julia Bonner, Alumni & Development Manager



Over the past year I really enjoyed meeting and getting to know Castle alumni from all around the world. Alumni attendance at both of our Durham gatherings was brilliant, and it allowed me to see first hand the connection that many of you have to Castle.

This was perhaps most visible during the September reunion when, as some of you might remember, we faced some not insignificant plumbing challenges. Despite the challenges we were able to come together as a community, and to me this is what Castle is really about.

It is this sense of community, which encourages many of our alumni to stay connected, to give back and to support the next generation of Castle students. And it is something which we are so grateful for. The North Terrace Restoration and Fellows' Garden Projects are both crucial parts of our estate, which will help us strengthen this sense of community and belonging in College. Launched as part of our 950 birthday celebrations, the projects will help us open up new opportunities for students interested in arts and music, as well as introducing new and much needed space for personal reflection. Thanks to the tremendous support of one of our alumni, we are in a very good position to begin both projects this year – but we can only do that with the support of our other friends and alumni such as yourselves.

The sense of community also means helping students on an individual level. I see first-hand the difference that hardship support makes to Castle students. A case which features perhaps most vividly in my mind is that of a local student who grew up on a council estate and who could not afford a bus ticket to come to lectures. University College is so full of opportunities, but some of our students are simply not able to access those due to financial constraints. Fortunately, thanks to the regular donations we receive from our alumni we were able to help that particular student, but there is still much more we can do to ensure that every student who asks for help is able to receive it.

As a result of your continued support, we have been able to achieve more than ever this year. Thank you for helping us bring about a positive change – to individuals, to our College community and to our beautiful heritage site.



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Events to celebrate 950th birthday of Durham Castle



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New Internship Opportunities for Students at University College



£329K

Raised to support the Castle and our students



> 1000

New visitors to University College as part of our public 950 celebration events



97

Awards made to Castle students in the last academic year



35

Dedicated volunteers supporting students and the alumni community



500

Year anniversary of the first English maths book written by Bishop Tunstall



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New philanthropically funded awards and bursaries to support Castle Students



£3,685

Given away to student clubs and societies by Durham Castle Society