Welcome

A message of thanks from the Chancellor

It is a great privilege, not only to be the first Kent alumnus appointed as Chancellor, but to take on the role as the University approaches its 50th anniversary year. These are truly exciting times for the University of Kent, as we celebrate another excellent result in the National Student Survey, coming joint third for overall student satisfaction in the 2014 survey. The Guardian University Guide 2015 places us – once again – in the top 20 nationally, and all of our academic schools produce research of international and world-class standing according to the most recent Research Assessment Exercise.

My installation as the University’s sixth Chancellor took place in Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 8 July. It was a truly inspiring occasion and I was delighted to award degrees during ceremonies in both Rochester and Canterbury. These occasions remind us all of the main focus of our work, our students, and enabling them all to have the opportunity to excel in whichever field they choose.

The coming year will be a chance to celebrate the many individuals and organisations whose contributions to academic and social life of the University have developed Kent into the inclusive, international and inspiring community that we see today. My continued association with the University is a source of great pride, and in my first few months as Chancellor I have been privileged to meet a great many individuals who contribute to its continued success. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming year.

We are all most grateful for your continued generosity towards Kent and I look forward to working with you to ensure that our University continues to go from strength to strength.

Gavin Esler, Rutherford 1971
Chancellor
Thank you

I was awarded the Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship in 2013 and at the time of writing I am starting my second year of PhD research into everyday life in late 16th century London and England. Being awarded the Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship was a great honour and I am delighted to have the opportunity to thank those who are so generously supporting the work of the University. It is especially wonderful that the University is enabling historical research on everyday life; a subject which is becoming increasingly important and relevant in the field of social and cultural history.

My connection with the University of Kent began in 2000, when I commenced my undergraduate degree in Classical and Archaeological Studies with Drama and Theatre Studies; this qualification enabled me to pursue a career in museums which I found rewarding and exciting. When I first considered returning to university to pursue a research degree, I was especially drawn to the strong sense of community at the University of Kent. It's not something that all universities are lucky enough to have. The campus here at Canterbury has a genuinely friendly and supportive atmosphere, and I know that studying here will enable me to produce the best possible work.

Through the Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, I've had the opportunity to work with academics in different departments and hear papers from leading scholars. I've been encouraged to present my work at discussion groups and talk over ideas with my peers. These activities are the foundation of a successful research career.

Scholarships, hardship bursaries and other awards offered to students provide a financial stability which is hugely important; without funding, many students, including myself, would simply be unable to start their research, or they would find activities such as visiting archives and attending academic conferences, beyond their means. Funding enables us to produce more innovative, exciting and relevant research, whilst also developing the skills we need for our future careers.

I'm sure that my fellow students who have also benefited from these awards will agree that this support is a great motivator, especially in those moments when study and research are at their most challenging. I would like to thank you for your generosity, which enables the University to support individuals like me in producing exciting academic research, and helps Kent to further its reputation as a leading research University.

Zoe Hudson
2013 Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholar
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Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Tizard Centre

Representatives of the University of Kent and the Tizard Centre were presented with a Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education by the Queen during a ceremony at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 27 February. The Prize was for the work of the Tizard Centre and its contribution to improving the lives of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and their families.

Law Clinic triumphs

Kent Law Clinic, the University’s pro-bono legal service, has won the Ethical Initiative of the Year award at the Lawyer Awards 2014.

Top 20 Guardian position for Kent

Kent has been ranked in the top 20 in The Guardian university league table for the second year running.

Two thirds of the subjects offered by Kent are also ranked in the top 20 by The Guardian. These include national top 10 subjects: Journalism (1st); Film production & photography (2nd); American Studies (4th); Anthropology (6th); Social Policy & Admin (7th); Classics (8th); History of Art (8th); Social Work (8th); Art (10th); and Drama & Dance (10th). Medway School of Pharmacy, a collaboration between the universities of Kent and Greenwich, was ranked 9th in its subject area.

The 2015 Guardian table (published in June 2014) is based on criteria that include teaching quality, student course satisfaction, staff-student ratio and the percentage of graduates who find graduate-level jobs, or are studying further, within six months of graduation.

Recently, Kent was placed in the top 10 for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey and was ranked 22nd in the Complete University Guide 2015.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow said: ‘This is an excellent result for Kent. It is also further recognition for all our staff as they continue to provide our students with one of the best academic experiences in the UK. Our league table position remains a reflection of our ability to attract high-calibre students and to provide them with the appropriate skills for their future careers.’

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and their families.

People with IDD and/or developmental disabilities, like autism, are disadvantaged in society in many ways. Those with severe or profound IDD have great difficulties in communicating or learning new skills and, without skilled support, have very restricted lives. Those with milder disabilities are often very keen to find work but can find it difficult to get jobs and frequently live in poverty; socially isolated and excluded from much of mainstream society.

In a joint statement the Centre’s Co-Directors, Professor Glynis Murphy and Professor Peter McGill, said: ‘We are very honoured to receive such a prestigious award. The Prize not only acknowledges the work of both the staff and students at the Centre, it reflects the legacy of its founder, the late Professor Jim Mansell.’

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Liam Russell, Christopher Johnston, Steve Hardy, El Suliman, Adam Ward and Mark Millena contributed to the ground-breaking postproduction work, including realistically inserting Sandra Bullock and George Clooney faces into the ‘universe’ – which, in most scenes, are the only elements not computer-generated. Masters in Computer Animation graduates James Harmer, Guo Kun Pan, James Parsons, and Bernard Wicksteed are also credited for their work on the film. Alongside Liam Russell and El Suliman, these graduates progressed from the undergraduate programme at Kent.

Kent one of the best nationally for student satisfaction

The 2014 National Student Survey (NSS) has placed Kent joint third* in the category for ‘overall satisfaction’ alongside universities such as Cambridge, Durham, and Oxford, with a score of 91%; substantially above the national average of 86%.

The NSS is a national initiative, aimed at final-year undergraduates in Higher Education Institutions in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. The survey covers different aspects of the student learning experience, including teaching, assessment and feedback, academic support, organisation and management, learning resources, personal development, overall satisfaction and students union.

Kent’s Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor David Nightingale said: ‘Once again, this is a clear and welcome endorsement of our ongoing investment in the student academic experience. It also reflects our swift and positive response to student feedback and the ways in which we involve our students with major decisions and developments. The University’s reputation for academic excellence remains one of the best in the UK’.

* out of all publicly funded, multi-faculty (ie not single-subject/specialist institutions) universities.

Gulbenkian awarded national status

Gulbenkian has been accepted onto Arts Council England’s national portfolio programme. Arts Council England announced its three-year funding strategy on 1 July, unveiling Gulbenkian as one of only 30 new National Portfolio Organisations outside London.

Gulbenkian’s status as a National Portfolio Organisation means that, in addition to the current support from the University, Gulbenkian will receive an Arts Council England grant of £220,000 for each of the next three financial years (starting April 2015).

In its report, the Arts Council highlighted how Gulbenkian’s vision reflects its own priorities, specifically working with and for children and young people: ‘The organisation under the current Director has become one of the leading deliverers of arts experiences for and by children and young people in Kent. They continue to run the pilot for ART31, a project which empowers young people, they connect nationally and internationally to children’s theatre and festival programming and are proposing their own children’s theatre festival with strong management involvement by young people.’
Your gifts making a difference

Encouraging creativity

Over the last two years, two PhD students studying Digital Arts in the School of Engineering and Digital Arts (EDA) have been designing a sculpture for a vacant plinth outside the Jennison Building, home to EDA. Michael Green and Sam Frewer, who won a competition to design the sculpture, have had the opportunity to research, design and commission the sculpture, named Synapse-Soleil, thanks to the generous support of John Washington. The sculpture was unveiled on 22 October 2014 as part of the University’s 50th anniversary celebrations.

Louise Naylor, Director of the Unit for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, said ‘John’s kind donation has helped us realise the creative talents of two PhD students in EDA, through a practical project to design a sculpture for the Jennison plinth that will not only serve to celebrate the 50th anniversary, but will provide a symbol and legacy for EDA in the future. This would not have been possible without John’s backing’.

Exploring culture

Many years ago, the Ken Lewis Dance Orchestra, which performed in the county of Kent from the 1930s onwards, bequeathed its entire set of performing parts to the University of Kent Music department. This extraordinary gift was unearthed by Deputy Director of Music Dan Harding during the move by the Music department to the Colyer-Fergusson in the summer of 2013. Yellowed with age and still bound by the original string, the sheets were bursting with music from the 1930s era, and required instruments which suited a number of student players. These students were invited to a first rehearsal in November 2013 to play some of the pieces, and the General Harding’s Tomfoolery band (pictured above) was born.

This lively twelve-piece dance orchestra has had amazing success, from winning Keynesstock, the annual Keynes college battle-of-the-bands competition, and headlining at The Ballroom in Canterbury to playing on the main stage of the Kent Union Summer Ball and adding energy to the VE Day celebrations at Canterbury’s St Christopher’s School. The generosity and foresight of the Ken Lewis Dance Orchestra to bequeath their performing parts to Kent has meant that their music is now being played by and to a new generation of students, decades later.

The University Music department has also had the wonderful opportunity to have bespoke music stands made for the University Big Band, thanks to the Richard Scase Music Fund.

Funding was received to ensure that the Band’s high musical standard was matched by a professional look, which the stands offer them in abundance, and they are grateful to the Richard Scase Music Fund for its support.
Promoting research

The Centre for Philanthropy, part of the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, has recently conducted research into why wealthy people give, with the findings being published in a book titled *Richer Lives: Why Rich People Give*, by Beth Breeze (pictured above) and Theresa Lloyd. The project was supported by a £20,000 donation in 2012 from Pears Foundation, the Centre’s most generous philanthropic supporter to date.

This support has enabled the Centre to make a useful contribution to the understanding of why some wealthy people in the UK choose to give away their private resources for the public good.

The Centre for Philanthropy are deeply grateful to Pears Foundation for making this study possible, and thank them for all the additional support, encouragement and insights that they gave along with their financial contribution.

Nurturing innovation

The Big Ideas Competition, run by Kent Innovation and Enterprise and sponsored by Santander, enables students to present their business ideas to a panel of judges with a wealth of experience in innovation, enterprise and business. This year’s prize, which was won by Disha Bansal (pictured above), a second-year economics student, includes a fully-funded office in Kent Enterprise Hub and support from a Santander business mentor for 12 months, a cheque for £1,000 to help towards early start-up costs and an all-expenses paid trip to Virginia, USA, to compete in the Global Business Concept Challenge.

The Santander Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) Internship Scheme has also seen huge success. The Scheme supports internships for students within small businesses, whose wages are partially funded by Santander and the University. SMEs have the opportunity of hiring student interns and improving their business acumen. In turn, students gain vital experience in the workplace which will benefit their employability and future career prospects.

Supporting internationalisation

Thanks to the generosity of alumni across the United States, the UKA scholarship programme has gone from strength to strength in recent years, and now supports the prestigious Kent-Fulbright award, which provides opportunities for gifted students to undertake postgraduate study at the University of Kent as part of the Fulbright programme.

In 2013, the University welcomed its first Kent-Fulbright scholar, J Meade Klingensmith (pictured above), who, after a life-changing year at the University, has now gone on to continue his studies at Stanford. Before finishing his studies, he told us: “Without the Kent-Fulbright award, I never would have had the chance to study at the University of Kent. The past year of my life would have looked very different; as, most likely, would the next. So, my deepest thanks go out to everyone who has contributed to the UKA scholarship programme. I can honestly say you changed my life.”

The University is very grateful to the University of Kent in America for its support of this award.
Kent Law Campaign: giving access to justice

The Kent Law Campaign is an exciting £5 million project to build a new home for the Kent Law Clinic, which provides free legal advice and representation to members of the local community who need but cannot afford access to legal services, and the University of Kent’s Mooting Programme.

Throughout 2013/2014 it has been a great privilege to meet so many of the generous donors who are making this new building a reality. The University would like to extend its thanks to all of its donors whose support has helped to advance the Kent Law School even further into the ranks of the UK’s finest universities.

Giving access to justice a new home

Kent was the first UK law school to allow students to conduct cases and provide free legal advice to the public as a part of their studies. This pioneering approach proved to be enormously successful, and today, the Law Clinic has grown to provide a vital service to hundreds of members of the local community, whilst continuing to provide students with vitally important experiences of legal practice. Professor John Fitzpatrick (pictured above), Director of the Kent Law Clinic, tells us of the importance of the work of the clinic, and some recent successes:

‘Over the last year, the Law Clinic dealt with over 1,500 queries from members of the public, and provided legal advice and representation in many fields including employment, housing, consumer contract, immigration and asylum, welfare benefits, family, public rights of way and village greens. Over 200 Kent Law School students participated in the provision of this service; 51 of them had their work in the Clinic assessed for their LLB degrees, the remainder contributed on a voluntary, extra-curricular basis.

The service is provided by Clinic solicitors and students working together, aided by local volunteer solicitors and barristers, and three pieces of work illustrate just how important it is to the public.

First, in January of this year the Clinic applied to the Home Office for asylum under the Geneva Convention on behalf of an Afghan man on the grounds that his atheism would put him at risk of persecution if he were returned to Afghanistan. The case, believed to be the first of its kind, received widespread media coverage across the world, and has undoubtedly brought hope to many people fearing persecution for similar reasons.

Secondly, over the course of the year the Clinic lodged nine appeals to the First-tier and Upper Tribunals (Social Security) on behalf of clients who were facing demands to repay alleged ‘overpayments’ of benefit or had been refused Employment Support Allowance. Eight of these appeals were successful, and the outcome worth a total of £218,000 to these clients: £106,000 in respect of repayment orders successfully resisted, and £112,523 in terms of extra allowance gained (calculated to the next review period).

Thirdly, under the supervision of Clinic solicitor Elaine Sherratt, three students – Alex Courtnage, Oliver Hartland and Hannah Lennox – appeared at a five-day Public Inquiry as advocates for the residents of an estate in Westgate-on-Sea who had applied to have a local field registered as a ‘village green’ in order to secure its continued use by their neighbourhood. The Inspector accepted the case that they put forward, and in June 2014 Kent County Council decided to implement her recommendation for registration. These are difficult applications to bring especially for those without expertise or representations, and the residents were delighted.

I speak for all of us in the Law Clinic – the students, the staff and our generous volunteer colleagues in the local legal community – in saying how grateful we are to all of those who have contributed to the Kent Law Campaign. It really is a tremendous boost to our efforts to know that we are moving steadily towards the reality of a new building which will enable us to help more people locally and to teach more students in the process. Thank you!’

Campaign Board

• Professor Richard de Friend, Campaign Chair (Eliot 1967)
• Colin Mendoza, Deputy Chair (Darwin 1979)
• Elaine Colville (Eliot 1972)
• Peter Frawley (Darwin 1979)
• Elizabeth Hiester, Former Law Lecturer of the Kent Law School
• David Hughes (Keynes 1973)
• James Laughland (Darwin 1987)
• Sir John Mummery DL, Deputy Chairman of the Takeover Appeal Board and Deputy Lieutenant of Kent. Former Lord Justice of Appeal.
• Jeremy Pendlebury (Keynes 1976)
• District Judge Michael Walker CBE (Eliot 1969)
Law Benefactors’ Reception: thanking our donors

The University, academic staff and students personally thanked 84 supporters of the Kent Law School at the inaugural Law Benefactors’ Reception, the largest ever gathering of law donors, held on 12 June 2014 in The Drawing Room at Fortnum and Mason, Piccadilly.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent, Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow, who hosted the event said ‘It was an enormous pleasure to welcome our benefactors for a very special celebration, a celebration of how our wider community continues to help build success at the University of Kent. Many of our guests had given gifts of time or financial support to the Kent Law School and those who have benefited from their generosity are most grateful’.

Many students have been awarded scholarships, prizes and hardship funds donated by our supporters and others have given to the Kent Law Campaign which has raised £3.4 million of its £5 million target to date to build new facilities for the Kent Law Clinic and Mooting Programme. In addition, over 100 of our benefactors support the School by advising the Kent Law Clinic, judging internal mooting competitions or offering work experience to our students.

Hilary Edridge, Head of Campaigns, said ‘I was delighted to see so many people during the evening; alumni who are generous in their support of their alma mater and friends of the University who continue to play a direct role in the School and the Kent Law Campaign for which we are so grateful’.

Highlights of the year included:

- The Kent Law Campaign Student Group worked tirelessly to fundraise during the 2013/14 academic year, raising a total of over £16,000
- 100 students took part in Freshers quiz
- 112 registered for the inaugural 5km Race for Justice in November 2013, which raised over £4,500
- 300 attended 2014 Law Ball
- Group won ‘Volunteering Society of the Year’ award
The University’s founders were committed to the principle of equal opportunities for all students, and we aim to continue this tradition by ensuring that all of our students have the chance to excel academically, personally and professionally, regardless of financial circumstances.

The Kent Opportunity Fund was established to support a broad range of scholarships, student projects to enhance extra-curricular activities at Kent, and bursaries to support students experiencing financial hardship. Committees of Kent staff, alumni and donors allocate the funds raised and ensure that they go to the students most in need.

The Fund supports three main areas. The first is the Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship, which offers students the opportunity to study in a field that they feel passionately about whilst also contributing to University research. Two students who have benefited from the Scholarship are featured on page 12. The Kent Opportunity Fund also supports the Student Projects Grant Scheme, which enables students to bid for funds to run their own projects which will enhance their academic studies and develop their personal and professional skills. Examples of some of these projects can be found on page 11. With financial pressures rising due to the increase in tuition fees and living costs, students who are experiencing financial hardship can also receive support from the Kent Opportunity Fund, which offers bursaries of between £500 and £1,000, and helps those who are struggling financially to get back on their feet and complete their studies. For more information, please visit kent.ac.uk/giving

Aaron Brown has personal experience of how the support of a bursary can make a real difference. He received a KentHealth bursary in 2013 from the Kent Opportunity Fund, which enables outstanding undergraduates to work on clinical research projects during the summer vacation. Aaron took a placement at the William Harvey Hospital where he carried out research into the treatment of ischaemic strokes. Since undertaking this project, Aaron has been invited to present his work at the 2014 European Stroke Conference in Nice, and is hoping to see the paper published in the ASA Stroke Journal in the near future. He has helped other Kent students to gain similar opportunities by taking part in the spring 2014 Telephone Campaign as a student caller, which raised over £68,000 for the Kent Opportunity Fund.

How did you find out about the KentHealth bursary scheme?

While I was searching for opportunities to improve my application to medical school, my tutor emailed me about the position at the hospital paid for by the KentHealth bursary team. Staying in Canterbury and undertaking this research was something I wouldn’t have been able to do if not for the bursary.

How has the bursary changed your experience of Kent?

It greatly improved my chances of gaining a place to study one of the most competitive degrees – Graduate Entry Medicine at Imperial College London. I have also managed to complete my dissertation using the research database I worked with during my placement and so it has completely changed my final year experience for the better.

What made you decide to come to the University of Kent?

I chose to come to Kent as the course has a good reputation and very well respected lecturers. I also liked the fact that the University is in an extremely nice area of England.
Your generosity in action

Since launching in 2012, the Kent Opportunity Fund has provided students with many chances to develop their skills, confidence and career prospects. In January 2014, grants of almost £40,000 were made to 13 projects taking place around the University, designed to benefit students and enhance their experience whilst studying at the University.

These activities – often organised by student groups themselves – illustrate just some of the ways your gifts are making a difference to our students, the community and beyond! The projects outlined below highlight just a small sample of those funded:

Kent Experiences of Work bursary scheme: £5,000

Work experience is now often seen as essential in securing that all important first job, but many students struggle to support themselves whilst undertaking it. Working hours may be incompatible with part-time jobs designed to fit around their studies, or the costs of transport or accommodation may be more than they can afford.

In 2013, the Careers and Employability Service launched the ‘Kent Experiences of Work’ scheme to help students obtain work experience whilst studying at the University. This included a bursary scheme set up to support students undertaking otherwise unpaid work experience.

The scheme covers out-of-pocket expenses incurred when undertaking these activities – not only covering direct expenses like travel costs, but extending other costs, like childcare or the purchase of appropriate work clothing. During the 2013/14 academic year, 55 students benefited from bursaries supported by this project.

European Summer School scholarships – Brussels and Paris: £10,000

European Summer Schools took place at our Paris and Brussels centres in the summer of 2014. The project was highly successful, with over 500 applications made for the 40 places available. These scholarships were awarded to second and final year undergraduate students, based on their academic performance and covered tuition, travel and accommodation expenses.

Summer School students were able to develop their knowledge of the European Union or study the revolutionary influences of French history and culture. Over a two week period, they debated with academics and interacted with real life practitioners and thinkers on a range of themes and issues. Each programme comprised academic and cultural sessions that took place in and around Brussels or Paris, and provided students with a range of transferable skills that will be attractive to future employers.

Healthcare Work Experience Projects: £4,000

Working with KentHealth, this project provided bursaries to allow eight students to each complete an eight week work placement during the summer vacation. In partnership with healthcare providers (such as NHS trusts), our students gained valuable experience by being exposed to the realities of the healthcare profession and undertaking research within a professional environment.

This work benefits both the partner organisation, by providing a capable student, keen to learn and develop, and builds relationships between the University and local healthcare organisations, potentially benefiting both through future collaborations. This project is jointly funded by KentHealth, the Kent Opportunity Fund and East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust.

Student projects funded 2013/14

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As we approach the 20th anniversary of the award – which is generously supported by alumni and friends of the University through the Kent Opportunity Fund – we caught up with two former recipients and current donors, Dr Kirsten Haack and Dr Samuel Godfrey, to reflect on the impact it has had on their lives.

**Kirsten Haack – 2001 Scholar**
Kirsten commenced her PhD in International Relations at Kent in 2001. Her research explored the role that democracy has played and continues to play in the United Nations agenda.

It was only by being selected for the prestigious Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship that Kirsten was able to fulfil her research ambitions at Kent.

With the funding, Kirsten was able to study full-time and also work as a seminar teacher. This opportunity helped her to secure her first post as an Associate Lecturer at the Open University. Kirsten’s academic career has gone from strength to strength and in 2010 she was appointed Senior Lecturer in International Politics at Northumbria University. She published her first book in 2011.

Kirsten told us: “I cannot emphasise enough how valuable the alumni scholarship was in affording me the kind of career and life I hoped for. I am now proud to support this award myself, and look forward to seeing many more students benefiting from it in the future”.

**Samuel Godfrey – 2007 Scholar**
Sam Godfrey was awarded the Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship to support his PhD in Biochemistry, developing a new targeted therapy for use in cancer treatment. Sam worked with a team of researchers to develop an antibody which would specifically target cancerous cells, counteracting the harmful side-effects of radiation and chemotherapy.

Several laboratories in the UK are now working with the antibody that they produced, researching new therapies for leukaemia, bone-marrow transplants and gene therapy.

Following the award of his PhD, Sam was appointed as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Imperial College London.

“I am hugely grateful to everyone who supported my scholarship, because without those donations I could not have afforded to work towards my doctorate on a subject that I feel so passionately about. Without the funding from alumni I could not have progressed to this exciting point in my career and I cannot express eloquently enough how thankful I am”
Our donor community for 2013/2014

**Age of oldest donor in 2013/2014**: 90

**Age of youngest donor in 2013/2014**: 22

**Consecutive years of support from a single donor**: 31

**Biggest gift in 2013/2014**: £400,000

**Total number of gifts in 2013/2014**: 6,608


**Total number of donors in 2013/2014**: 1,202

**Top 5 countries by donor numbers in 2013/2014**

1. United Kingdom
2. USA
3. Hong Kong
4. Belgium, Germany, Singapore
5. Australia, Bermuda, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, France, Greece, Japan, Malaysia, Monaco, Spain

**Number of organisations who supported us philanthropically in 2013/2014**: 27

**Number of philanthropic scholarships and awards given to students in 2013/2014**: 90

**Number of new legacy pledgers in 2013/2014**: 7

**Total number of legacy pledgers in 2013/2014**: 45

**Number of philanthropic prizes given in 2013/2014**: 212

**Total amount donated in 2013/2014**: £1,354,428.66*

*Includes gifts-in-kind
Dear friends,

As the University of Kent’s fifth Vice-Chancellor, I am privileged to be part of an institution which has a long history of being able to say “thank you” to the donors and supporters who make our work possible. As we look forward to our 50th anniversary year, it is fitting to reflect on the great many people who, from the very beginning, have shared our ambitions and supported our many achievements.

Without the founding donors who raised the initial funds to bring the idea of a university in Kent to reality; without the early donation from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation which enabled the construction of the Gulbenkian Theatre; and without the many thousands of individuals who have supported us over the past 50 years, our University would be a very different place.

It is a privilege to thank the donors and supporters of the University at the many events we host, including our annual Benefactors’ Garden Party, which took place in June this year. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to hear from some of the very many students who benefit so much from your generosity.

Other events taking place this year included our new Donor Appreciation Day on 14 February and an event for supporters of our extraordinarily successful Kent Law Campaign, at Fortnum & Mason in London. Our student community in particular have risen to the ambitious challenge of creating a new building for our award-winning Kent Law Clinic with tenacity and enthusiasm, and a huge range of fundraising events and activities have inspired many others to support this vital project.

I was also privileged to meet many of our international supporters again this year. During visits to Hong Kong and Malaysia I was able to thank our alumni committees there for their continued support and for their tireless efforts on behalf of the University in their part of the world. Events in Paris, Brussels, and Athens reinforced our European connections and enabled us to say a personal thank you to our many alumni and friends who have supported the development of our European centres since the first was established in Brussels 15 years ago.

It was a real pleasure to be able to say thank you in person to so many of you. In this, our 50th anniversary year, I hope to have the opportunity to meet many more. The range of events, projects and activities taking place across the University, within the UK and internationally, is extraordinary, and a real testament to the dedication of our staff and students and their determination to celebrate this very important anniversary.

We take huge pride in our past and the many individuals who have shaped the University of Kent over the past 50 years, and we will be recognising our generous supporters over the next few pages. I look forward to working with you all as we “inspire the future” and look forward to the next 50.

With sincere thanks for your support,

Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow
Vice-Chancellor
Financial information 2013/14

In 2013/2014, alumni and supporters donated over £1.3 million to the University of Kent. Our two main campaigns are the Kent Law Campaign and the Kent Opportunity Fund, both of which focus on providing our students with an academic environment in which they can excel both personally and academically. The University records its thanks to all those who have helped to provide first class learning facilities, financial support and self-development opportunities for our students.

As a charity, we understand and value the importance of being accountable to you, our supporters. The table below details the University's philanthropic income for 2013/2014:

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**Lifetime giving**

The following have made a generous gift of over £1 million to the University.

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The following have made a generous gift between £1,000 and £10,000 to the University in the last year

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**Annual giving**

The following have made a generous gift between £10,000 and £1 million to the University in the last year

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The launching of the University reminds me in many ways of the launching of a ship: romance, high hopes and sound craftsmanship. She is to be the home and workplace of a company of men and women of varying views and skills, bonded together for a chain of voyages into the seas of knowledge.

Lord Grimond
Chancellor of the University of Kent 1970-1990