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Name: Alison Stretton-Downes
Course: BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Management & MSc Disaster Management & Sustainable Development
Graduation Year: 2013 & 2014
Title/Company: Researcher, Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute

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Name: Richard Brownlie-Marshall
Course: BA (Hons) Design for Industry
Graduation Year: 2010
Title/Company: Creative Designer, Pret A Manger & Founder and Designer, RBM by Richard Brownlie-Marshall

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Name: **Rick McCordall**
Course: BA (Hons) Business Studies
Graduation Year: 1993
Title/Company: Director, Olivia's Artisan Food Limited

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Name: **Nina Widharetna Kristanto**
Course: MA Design Management
Graduation Year: 2010
Title/Company: Co-Founder and Creative Director, Kita+Kita Food Studio

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Want to inspire the next generation of Northumbria students?

To help future students make the right choice and apply to Northumbria University, we're asking alumni like you to share your memories of Northumbria and explain how this has helped you in your career today. By featuring alumni on our website and in our communications we hope to inspire the next generation of Northumbria students.

We'd therefore be very grateful if you could please complete this [form](#), and upload a portrait head and shoulders profile image of yourself as a jpeg. It should only take you ten minutes to complete but could make a real difference to someone's future.

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LOOKING FOR CAREERS SUPPORT? THINKING ABOUT A CHANGE OF CAREER DIRECTION?

Northumbria's Careers and Employment Service is here to help you whether you're still seeking your graduate job, unsure of your next step or wanting to venture into further study.

As a Northumbria graduate you can still access our full programme of employer visits, careers fairs and confidential 1-1 support. You can also access [JobsOnline](#), your online vacancy service. Register with JobsOnline now to access 100s of graduate jobs with a wide variety of companies, ranging from SMEs to large blue chip organisations. You'll find opportunities to work locally, nationally and internationally.

Companies including Accenture, Virgin Money, EY, Newcastle City Council, Bond Dickinson and Royal Mail are advertising now - and they want to hear from you! Registering is quick and easy and



GOING SOCIAL WITH NORTHUMBRIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION...

The Northumbria Alumni Association is one big family which we actively encourage all of our alumni and friends to be a part of. The Alumni Relations Office is here to assist you in preserving the connections and memories made with Northumbria University and so we encourage you to join us on social media.

Our posting, tweeting and snapping will keep you up-to-date with all the latest alumni and University news and events as well as open up a whole new set of connections and the opportunity to network with fellow alumni.

Our newly launched Graduway alumni network platforms for Business and Law alumni are also a fantastic way to network, make some new contacts and find out about the latest job vacancies in both disciplines. Content posted on

you can search vacancies by job type, sector and location. You can also set your preferences to receive email alerts direct to your inbox.

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News



NORTHUMBRIA HONOURS INSPIRATIONAL FIGURES AT WINTER CONGREGATION CEREMONIES

Leading figures who have made an impact in the media, the world of business and the world of architecture were recognised at Northumbria University, Newcastle's Winter Congregation Ceremonies which took place last month.

Award-winning journalist Jeremy Paxman, presenter and comedian Alexander Armstrong, architect and presenter George Clarke and director of Emirates airline Sir Timothy Clarke all received honorary doctorates during the December graduation ceremonies.

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these networks is exclusive to these groups of alumni and so is tailored specifically to what you would like to see.

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NEWCASTLE BUSINESS SCHOOL NAMED UK'S BUSINESS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Northumbria University, Newcastle has scooped the Business School of the Year award at this year's prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Awards. The University, which has a global reputation for delivering some of the best business management education in the UK, was also shortlisted for the Entrepreneurial University of the Year award.

Newcastle Business School helps and enables individuals to achieve leadership, management and career potential through research-rich, business relevant and academic excellent education.

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NORTHUMBRIA RANKED 3RD IN UK FOR SATISFACTION WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Northumbria University, Newcastle, was recently ranked 3rd in the UK for satisfaction with international students in the International Student Barometer (ISB). The ISB is a global benchmark for the experiences of international students studying in the UK. It tracks and compares their decision-making, expectations, perceptions and intentions from application to graduation.

This enables universities to make informed decisions to enhance the international student experience and drive successful recruitment and marketing strategies.

We are specifically looking for our international alumni to provide us with alumni profiles to share their experience of studying in the UK and at Northumbria University with other prospective students overseas. To share your story, complete our online profile form [here](#).

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NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY STAFF AND ALUMNI HONOURED IN QUEEN'S NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

Northumbria University alumni and staff have been honoured by the Queen in this year's New Year 2016 Honours List for their contributions across a number of different sectors. Alumni who received honours were:

- **Stephen Miller** - MBE for services to Sport.
- **Janice Pallas** - MBE for charitable services to Children and Families.
- **Bernadette Knill** - OBE for services to Children with Special Educational Needs.
- **Sarah Jane Munro** - BEM for services to Business and the Community in Macclesfield.

The Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive of Northumbria University, Professor Andrew Wathey, was also appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to Higher Education with Northumbria University governor, Alison Alden, also receiving an OBE for services to Higher Education.

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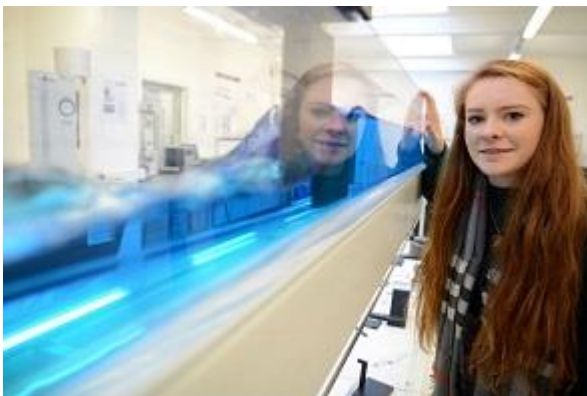
NEW DEGREE OF SUCCESS FOR PROFESSIONAL RUGBY PLAYER

Newcastle Falcons' club captain and member of the Rugby Players' Association (RPA), Will Welch, swapped his playing kit for academic robes this week as he joined the latest graduate cohort at Northumbria University, Newcastle.

Will, along with team mate Alex Rogers, was celebrating after gaining a BA (Hons) Leadership and Management (BALM) degree from Newcastle Business School. Designed in partnership with the RPA, the degree matches a professional rugby player's needs and provides the flexibility to study around their sporting career.

The players are part of 24 current and former players to graduate from the BALM degree this year. They join over 70 others who have completed or are studying the degree. The course encourages students to draw upon their leadership skills as sports professionals, and equips them with a leading business degree to help secure a successful career after rugby.

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CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENT WINS A £10k SPONSORSHIP WITH MAJOR PLAYER IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

A first year student at Northumbria University, Newcastle, has successfully secured a £10k sponsorship with Taylor Woodrow, including placements throughout her course and a guaranteed job when she graduates.

Civil Engineering student Isabella Ponton was only five weeks into starting her course when she won the lucrative sponsorship. This opportunity means that Isabella will begin her career in one of the largest house building and general

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Northumbria University's postgraduate education will take you and your skills to the next level. Whether you want to get the real world experience you need to progress in your career, the research skills you need to drive the direction of your discipline, or you simply want to build your confidence and pursue your passion, a Masters qualification will take you there.

Northumbria's postgraduate taught courses are co-created with students and employers so that we can ensure that what we teach and the way we teach gives you the skills and attributes needed to succeed. We are also able to offer our alumni a [20% discount](#) on Postgraduate study as part of the Northumbria Alumni Association's benefits and services package.

Why not come along to our upcoming [Masters Open Day](#) event on Wednesday 10 February 2016 to find out more and discover how you can take your skills to the next level.

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NORTHUMBRIA GRADUATE COOKS UP A STORM WITH TV CHEF

A Northumbria University graduate is working with Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food on a mission to get the North East cooking healthily. Food Science and Nutrition graduate Joanna Lacey is inspiring people about good food in her role as Director of Operations at Food Nation, a social enterprise involved in running the Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food cookery programme in Newcastle.

construction companies in Britain, helping to give her a fantastic head start in her future career.

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NORTHUMBRIA ARTS STUDENT WINS PRESTIGIOUS FILMMAKING AWARD

PhD student, Jacqueline Donachie, has won 'Best film by an AHRC-funded doctoral student since 1998' at the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Research in Film awards.

Jacqueline was praised by judges for her short film Hazel, which is part of her PhD research at Northumbria University, Newcastle, and is based around a series of interviews with two sisters, one of who has the inherited genetic neuromuscular disorder Myotonic Dystrophy and one who does not.

The film explores the sisters' attitudes to the ongoing effects of the disease and focuses not only on their physical and emotional wellbeing, but also takes a wider look at the effects of ageing.

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Food Nation educates people to eat healthily, providing food and nutrition advice to school, businesses and communities. The organisation is delivering the Ministry of Food cookery course to inspire people of all ages and abilities about food, nutrition and health.

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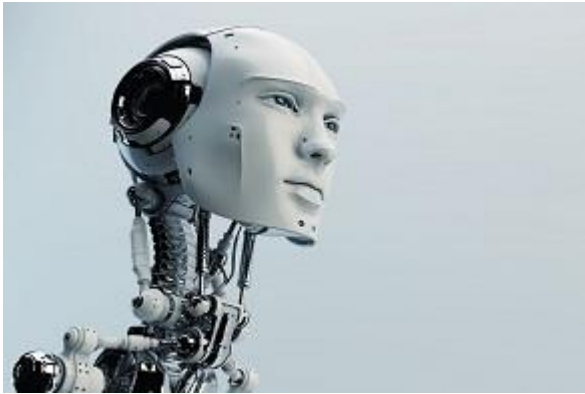
NORTHUMBRIA BUILDS ACADEMIC LINKS TO MEXICO

Northumbria University has signed a clutch of partnership agreements with leading universities in Mexico as it broadens its presence and profile in Latin America.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP), and with Universidad del Valle de Atemajac (UNIVA), will offer student exchange opportunities, strengthen academic ties and encourage greater research collaboration and funding options.

The agreement with BUAP, which has more than 50,000 students and is the oldest and largest university in the Puebla region of Central Mexico, was signed by the Rector of BUAP, Alfonso Ortiz Esparza, and Northumbria's Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) Jon Reast.

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THE FUTURE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A Northumbria academic looking for the next breakthrough in artificial intelligence and machine learning has been praised after a trio of high-profile research publications.

Professor Ling Shao, who previously worked as a senior scientist for Philips Research in Eindhoven, recently published a series of articles in prestigious research journals, including one rated in the top 3% in the field of artificial intelligence. The academic, who joined Northumbria's Department of Computer and Digital Technologies just over 12 months ago, specialises in Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Pattern Recognition, Data Mining, and Image/Video Processing.

Professor Shao's research team is working on topics including deep learning, person re-identification, facial age estimation, cross-modal image retrieval, human activity recognition and image description using natural language.

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Events



Public Lecture Series: Professor David Gleeson - For more details [click here](#).



NORTHERN WRITERS AWARDS: NORTHUMBRIA STUDENT & ALUMNI AWARD

The Northern Writers' Awards are the UK's premiere talent development programme for both adult and young writers with the awards having played a significant role in the career development of many writers since they were established in 2000.

The category of 'Northumbria University Student and Alumni Award' is now open to students and graduates based in the North of England and from any discipline who meet the criteria of:

- a final-year undergraduate or current postgraduate student; or
- alumni who have graduated from an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at Northumbria University within the last two years (since 2013).

This award, worth £2,000, is open to writers of both fiction and poetry with rules stipulating that competition submissions must be between 3,000 and 6,000 words of prose, up to three short stories (of no more than 60,00 words in total) or up to 30 poems.

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Public Lecture Series: The Right Hon Lady Justice Black DBE - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



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British Council Education UK Alumni Gala 2016, New York - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



Public Lectures Series: Professor Glenda Cook - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



Newcastle Fashion Show - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



New York Furniture Fair - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).