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"The financial and academic breathing space which the scholarship has made possible, has helped me concentrate on my studies, and given me the renewed confidence necessary to undertake a degree like medicine.

With the help of a Pirie and Hunter Scholarship, I was able to remain enrolled and commit solely to my studies without having to lose sleep, time and energy thinking about the financial quagmire which for so long had threatened to derail my progress. For this alone I would never be able to thank them enough."

CALLUM PIERCE, MEDICAL STUDENT
As we look to the future, we want to ensure that the University is open to all, and is able to drive research to meet global challenges, promote health and well-being, and embrace our cultural heritage.

Our ambitious ten-year capital investment plan has been developed specifically to meet the future needs of all involved with the University and its community. Whatever your passion, you can support the values that are of interest to you.

PATRONAGE OF OUR STUDENTS
We educate to prepare students for life. Your support is vital to open their horizons with superb facilities and well-managed activity programmes.

PROGRESS OF OUR INNOVATION
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Making a real difference

TOGETHER WE CAN:
> Provide life-changing opportunities for thousands of students
> Engage local children in the university experience
> Share our heritage and special collections with the world
> Cultivate a community of brilliant minds and world-class research
> Improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of many diseases
> Become a global energy centre of ideas and knowledge
> Nurture safe developments of food and nutrition
> Enrich the intellectual and social university community
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As an undergraduate, receiving the George K Yule Sports Scholarship was a massive boost to my sporting career. The scholarship gave me crucial financial help, taking a massive strain off my parents. I also received gym membership, strength and conditioning training and had a great support team that I was able to contact for advice at any time. All of these factors allowed me to follow my dreams and ambitions, progress in my sport, achieve new targets and compete at senior world level, all of which would otherwise have been near impossible.

BECKY WAIN, MSC INTEGRATED PETROLEUM GEOLOGY STUDENT
Established when Leonardo da Vinci was in his prime, and Michelangelo was still to complete his statue of David, the University has drawn from its past and developed for the future through innovation, enterprise and philanthropy. Thanks to the immense generosity of supporters, we continue to produce pioneers and leaders with influential ideas and skills which could change the world.

Our pioneering spirit came from William Elphinstone, Bishop of Aberdeen and Chancellor of Scotland in 1495. With the patronage of King James IV, a royal endowment and a papal blessing, he founded King’s College to train doctors, teachers, lawyers and clergy for the communities of northern Scotland.

As one of only 43 ancient universities in the world founded before 1500, the University of Aberdeen remains committed to providing a progressive education, and today has a student population of over 16,000 drawn from 120 countries. We are one of the UK’s most internationally distinguished universities, responding constantly to change yet keeping the founder’s values at the forefront of our progress.

We ask you to look forward, give back and help us create a vibrant future for everybody involved in the University of Aberdeen experience.

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Giving across the centuries

THE UNIVERSITY HAS EXPERIENCED EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS:

1495  Bishop William Elphinstone, establishes King’s College.
1496  King James IV endows the inaugural Chair in Medicine.
1593  George Keith, the fourth Earl Marischal of Scotland, endows the foundation of Marischal College.
1624  Thomas Reid bequeaths 1,350 books and manuscripts to the University, including the Aberdeen Bestiary.
1633  First fundraising appeal after King’s Chapel Crown Tower is toppled in a storm.
1898  Anne Cruickshank donates 11-acre botanic garden.
2009  The Suttie Centre for Teaching & Learning opens after receiving thousands of donations, including the largest lifetime personal gift to the University from Ian and Dorothy Suttie.
2010  £150million target for our Sixth Century Campaign reached thanks to thousands of gifts from individuals, companies and trusts.
2012  Dr Mary Duncan leaves over £1million in her will for medical research and scholarships.
2012  Our iconic £57million Sir Duncan Rice Library is officially opened by Her Majesty The Queen.

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Hunter Caldwell graduated in Classics from the University in 1945. His memory lives on through a gift in his will, which supported the Sir Duncan Rice Library and the Aberdeen Humanities Fund.

David Allan, Hunter’s nephew said, “Hunter hugely valued the education he received at the University of Aberdeen and felt privileged to have had that opportunity. He wanted to put something back so that others could have a similar advantage.”

The Aberdeen Humanities Fund supports leading research carried out on the University’s historic collections.

A gift in your will can have a lasting impact on the University’s structure and life.

DAVID ALLAN, HUNTER’S NEPHEW
Many of the University’s historically significant buildings are in use today, and are among the finest in Aberdeen. They are as much a part of the city’s history as they are of the University. The oldest, King’s College, is home to treasures acknowledged as some of the finest examples of Renaissance craftwork remaining anywhere in Scotland.

The Sir Duncan Rice Library has one of the most exceptional historical archives in the country. To bring this history alive we organise a number of stimulating events for all ages – making them more accessible to students, researchers and the wider public.

The Cruickshank Botanic Garden is one of Aberdeen’s most tranquil hidden treasures open to the public. We plan to develop spaces for hosting a range of cultural events accessible to all.

As proud guardians of this thriving campus, we are passionate about enriching it, and planning for the preservation of this priceless legacy. Your support is needed to safeguard and share this valuable inheritance for the benefit of generations of students, staff and friends as well as local school children and the wider community of North East Scotland.

As guardians of our splendid cultural heritage, we are charged with preserving it for future generations.

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Many bright students are kept from further education due to financial restraints, but the University of Aberdeen was founded on the principle that it ‘would be open to all’. It is our broad range of scholarships and support services which allow us to open up our education to talented students, whatever their background.

Not only do scholarship awards open up career paths which would otherwise be beyond students’ reach, but easing the financial burden and boosting confidence has an enormous effect on individuals, helping to build characters beyond basic theory.

Support provided by you for scholarships, activities and facilities at the University, allows us to maintain that synergy of education, experience and innovation for students and the community as a whole.

The University of Aberdeen we strive to produce well-rounded individuals who look forward to an exciting future with the solid foundations of a stimulating education behind them.

The difference you’ll make

Your patronage of our students means we can:

- Offer life-changing scholarships and opportunities
- Provide outstanding facilities and activities
- Create individuals that can change the world for the better
- Widen access to higher education
- Attract a global student pool
- Create a vibrant community for learning

This will have a profound and meaningful impact on their ability to:

- Realise their ambitions
- Achieve their full potential academically and socially
- Develop crucial life-skills and become active citizens
- Benefit society locally, nationally and internationally
- Shape their own future
- Become specialists and trailblazers
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Poised right in the centre of one of the world’s largest energy hubs, our new science building, which will be home to the Aberdeen Institute of Energy, will provide a collaborative environment for highly specialised global energy activity.

Nutrition is linked to so many global challenges including chronic disease, food security and healthy ageing. The University’s Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health represents one of the UK’s most respected centres for pioneering food and health-related research.

As we strive to influence global energy strategies, help people live healthier lives, determine nutritional benefits which prevent illness and collaborate with partners globally, your support is vital to help us keep up our momentum.

Our international research and reputation spans many areas including medicine, energy, and food and nutrition. This has attracted a pool of exceptional talent, and builds on our legacy of innovation.

World-class research and innovation

YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR RESEARCH WILL:

> Help solve critical problems and challenges, such as malnutrition and obesity, around the world
> Help brave people facing diseases to live longer, happier lives
> Build on our research expertise in disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology and music
> Provide cutting-edge equipment and facilities to enable groundbreaking discoveries
> Provide our most talented students with opportunities to undertake original research at postgraduate level
> Ensure that Scotland has a pool of well-prepared research experts
> Nurture strong links with brilliant academics around the globe
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Six months after losing her partner to a stroke, Marie suffered a suspected heart attack. Faced with leaving her seven-year-old daughter with no-one to care for her, Marie agreed to take part in a University of Aberdeen research trial that involved sending beetroot juice to her heart, while the blockage to her artery was being cleared.

A year later Marie understands the importance of cardiovascular research at the University.

“I remember thinking, ‘Oh I can’t die, as my little girl won’t have anyone left.’ But now I’ve been given another chance and I must grab it with both hands.”

MARIE JOHNSTON
Together we can make a huge impact

THROUGHOUT ITS PROUD HISTORY, THE UNIVERSITY HAS RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF VISIONARIES WHO HAVE LOOKED TO ITS FUTURE. YOU NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ONE.

We’d love to speak to you about how we can work together. You can give anything from a £10 single donation to a major contribution or a gift in your will. Companies can give a corporate donation or encourage staff to raise funds through activities.

You can choose to support a specific area within the University, or you can give a donation which enables us to respond quickly and appropriately to the greatest needs.

As a member of our Aberdeen family, there are also many ways for you to become involved if you have time to give back to the University. Speak to our Alumni Relations team about volunteering, mentoring or becoming an ambassador.

The University has ambitious plans and you are our way ahead. Please look forward and give back to help shape the future of one of Scotland’s greatest pioneering institutions.

THANK YOU SO MUCH – WE COULDN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU
Your support
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Ways to give

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SUGGESTED JUST SOME OF THEM HERE BUT WE’D
BE DELIGHTED TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT WHAT
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YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP:
> Provide a scholarship or enhance the student experience
> Enhance our campus facilities
> Preserve, enrich and share our historical legacy
> Develop world-class research
> Establish a Chair to attract the world’s greatest academics

INDIVIDUAL, ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND CORPORATE
OPTIONS INCLUDE:
> Donating securely online, by post or by text
> Exploring matched giving through an employer
> Leaving a gift in your will and joining our Thomas Reid Circle
> Raising funds through the community
> Joining our Parent & Family Programme
> Giving tax efficiently through, for example, Gift Aid
> Giving your time by mentoring or volunteering

For more information or to discuss what you’d like to do,
visit www.abdn.ac.uk/giving, telephone +44(0)1224 272281
or email giving@abdn.ac.uk.