NOTES ON BENEFACTORS

FOUNDERS

Pope Alexander VI, who issued a bull giving his permission for the erection of a university in Old Aberdeen

King James IV, who granted a Charter of endowment to the University

William Elphinston, Bishop of Aberdeen, and Chancellor of Scotland, founder of the University and of King’s College, 10 February 1495

Gavin Dunbar, Bishop of Aberdeen, second founder of the University, who issued a new Charter in 1529

King James VI, who granted to the Earl Marischal the lands of the Black and Grey Friars for the endowment of Marischal College

George Keith, Earl Marischal, founder of Marischal College and University, 2 April 1593

King Charles I, benefactor of King’s College and founder of the projected Caroline University of Aberdeen, combining King’s and Marischal into a single university, in 1641

BENEFACCTOR TO THE UNIVERSITY AWARD

2015        Dr Ronald Scott Brown
2016        Ms Margaret Carlaw
2016        Professor Derek Ogston CBE
2016        Moonlight Prowl
2017        Dr James S Milne CBE DL
2017        Sir Gerald H Elliot FRSE

The University of Aberdeen wishes to express its gratitude to the many donors, past and present, who have generously supported us. The University was founded over 500 years ago with a gift from King James IV, combined with charitable donations from the local community. Over the centuries our graduates and scholars have changed the world in the broadest selection of fields. Their legacy and inspiration lives on today in our tradition of excellence as well as in our wide-ranging museum collections, historic collections and archives.

The spirit of philanthropy which created the University still thrives today. The University of Aberdeen Development Trust continues to raise funds to contribute to the mission and vision of the University, making Aberdeen one of the world’s truly great universities. The Trust’s key priorities include support for scholarships, studentships and the student experience, a broad range of research including the University’s Cancer Research Programme, Osteoarthritis and Women’s Health research, and the preservation and promotion of our unique special collections, culture and heritage.

The University today has bold ambitions to create a 21st century learning environment with modern teaching and research facilities that advance our mission, enrich our historic campus, and support collaboration across disciplines. We are honoured to recognise and celebrate all those who have contributed to the advancement of the University in the past year through our Benefactors’ List. We remain indebted to all those who have contributed in previous campaigns. The impact of this support remains evident and endures across the University.

The Benefactors’ List is not exhaustive and many supporters choose to support the University anonymously. For any additions, amendments or comments on the Benefactors’ List, please contact the University of Aberdeen Development Trust.

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Aberdeenshire Council supports public and schools outreach activity at the Sir Duncan Rice Library
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Professor David J Benson supports Mathematics

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Ms Margaret Carlaw supports the development of music at the University and a wide range of medical research projects

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CNR International Limited supports the CNR Scholarship Programme

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Ms Mary Duncan supports the Cancer Research Programme

EarthWatch Institute Europe supports Zoology

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Fisheries Innovation Scotland supports Zoology

Friends of ANCHOR supports cancer research through its ‘Dream Big’ campaign

Friends of the Library supports the Sir Duncan Rice Library and the Aberdeen Humanities Fund

Mr David P Fullerton established the Fullerton Scholarship

The Cyril and Margaret Gates Charitable Trust supports breast cancer research

John Gordon Charitable Trust supports the University of Aberdeen Summer School

Miss Anne C Harper supports the restoration of the King’s (Black) Paintings

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Moonlight Prowl supports women’s health research and the Cancer Research Programme

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Professor Elizabeth M Russell CBE supports the Elizabeth Russell Career Development Fellowship

Dr R Scott Brown & Mrs J Scott Brown support heart research and the Cancer Research Programme

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Saving Sight in Grampian supports ophthalmology research

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Professor John G Simpson supports the Simpson Chair in Medical Education, the Alexander Noble Simpson Scholarship and the Wynne Bonnyman Scholarship

Mr William R Strachan and Mrs Irene R Strachan support areas of greatest need

The Roland Sutton Academic Trust supports Academic Radiology at the University and the purchase of a new Cyclotron for clinical research

Mr Ashley J Swanson supports the Cancer Research Programme

Swire Charitable Trust supports the James Henry Scott Scholarship

Tenovus Scotland supports the Princess Royal and Moulton Barrett PhD Scholarships and medical research

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University of Aberdeen Alumnus Association supports scholarships

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Professor Mark A Vickers supports malaria research

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Thank you to our regular supporters

We are also incredibly grateful to our community of regular donors, whose loyal support makes such a wonderful difference to a wide range of projects. You have enabled students in financial need to attend university and make the most of their studies, through scholarships and bursaries. You have helped preserve the historic spaces and buildings on our beautiful campus. You have invested in world-leading research into women’s health, dementia and cancer which would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you.

Community Fundraising

We would also like to thank our community of volunteer fundraisers and their supporters for their dedication to and enthusiasm for raising funds towards the University’s medical research. Your efforts enable us not only to continue to make strides in investigations into devastating diseases, but also to raise awareness of these vital activities.

Gifts in Wills

Throughout the University's history gifts in wills have created an enduring foundation and we are delighted to recognise these significant gifts on this special day in the University calendar. All donations made to the University through a gift in a donor’s will is recognised in our Reciprocation Book which today is on display in Elphinstone Hall.

We wish to give our deepest thanks to every supporter of the University of Aberdeen.

Thank you.