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1249 is an important year in the history of the College. It is the year that Univ was founded following an extraordinary benefaction made by William of Durham. William wanted to provide scholars with the time, money, space, and peace to engage in intense learning and rigorous training. He understood that making this a reality would require great means. Eight centuries later, it holds true that to advance the brightest minds and tackle the greatest challenges facing our society requires extraordinary resources.

1249 is much more than just our founding year. We hope it will serve as a hallmark for generations of donors to express their dedication and commitment to the College. Combined with our students' intellect and industry, your resources will provide the margin that keeps our College on the vanguard of higher education. More than this, your leadership commitment makes a powerful statement about your confidence in the College's direction and your

appreciation of your own relationship with this special institution.

We hope you will join this new society of individuals who take the lead; who, through their philanthropy, expand and advance the interests of the College. We invite you to join the 1249 Society and demonstrate the same vision that led to the founding of the College over 765 years ago.



RECOGNITION AND BENEFITS OF 1249 MEMBERSHIP

The 1249 Leadership Giving Society was established in 2013 in order to recognise and thank Old Members who make significant contributions to the College's Annual Fund year after year. Annual gifts at leadership level provide an invaluable source of support to the College and strengthen vital initiatives and projects that directly impact our students.

As a member of the 1249 Society, you will receive:

- Special recognition in the annual Roll of Donors.*
- Invitations to two exclusive 1249 Society events per year.
- A commemorative 1249 Society pin, which will be issued annually as you renew your membership.
- Advance notice on events and, in certain cases, priority booking.
- An annual 1249 Society e-newsletter, providing inside information on what's happening in College today and how your gifts are being directed.

*Univ will continue to respect the wishes of Old Members who would prefer to remain anonymous

1249 SOCIETY MEMBER PROFILE

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL: £1,249/\$2,000 PER ANNUM AND ABOVE (OVER 30)



WIN
MINOT

(1973, PPE)

Win matriculated in 1973 after receiving his AB *magna cum laude* in Economics from Harvard. He went on to receive a JD *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. Since 1979, he has practiced law at Ropes & Gray LLP, where he is currently a partner in the Corporate Department, heading its securitisation practice.

- Win lives in Cohasset, Massachusetts, USA.
- He donates annually via American Friends of University College Oxford (AFUCO).



"I give to Univ in part to enhance the educational experiences of its students, but also to try to ensure that there continues to be a diversity of backgrounds and views among its students. I consider where my gifts will make the most difference, and I definitely get the feeling that Univ needs, and appreciates, the support it gets from Old Members. For donors who have given below the 1249 Society level, I hope they increase their gifts. As governmental grants and aid face ever-increasing pressures and decreases, we cannot take for granted that our experiences at Univ will continue to be available to students in the future unless we support the College financially."

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

There are various annual membership levels according to age with amounts based on the College's founding year, 1249. If your annual giving reaches or exceeds £1,249 (including Gift Aid) within the fiscal year (1st August – 31st July), you will be welcomed as a 1249 Society member for the year in which your gift is made. For those aged under 30, the annual membership level is £124.90, and recent leavers need to give only £12.49 to become members.

AGE RANGE	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	MONTHLY DONATION REQUIRED
30 and above	£1,000 per annum + Gift Aid or £1,249 per annum (\$2,000 per annum USA)	£84 per month + Gift Aid or £105 per month
Under 30	£100 per annum + Gift Aid or £124.90 per annum (\$200 per annum USA)	£8.50 per month + Gift Aid or £10.50 per month
Recent Leavers (Graduating students or Old Members who left in the last year)	£12.49 per annum (\$20 per annum USA)	n/a

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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL: £1,249 PER ANNUM AND ABOVE (OVER 30)



ABIGAIL
GRAHAM

(1984, CLASSICS)

Abigail read Classics at Univ between 1984 and 1988. She is a full time musician (baroque oboist) and a Trusts Fundraiser for St Joseph's Hospice in East London. She is also Trustee and Secretary of the Magdalena Consort, and was previously the Development Manager at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. She has lived and worked in Holland, Germany, and Hungary as a professional musician, organising and performing in concerts, recordings, radio, and television broadcasts with international period instrument ensembles.

- Abigail donates monthly to Univ via Direct Debit.



“Univ gave me an extraordinary preparation for life and my web of friendships across the Univ generations is a rich blessing. It was a huge privilege to spend those years in a small community of interesting people and to be taught in individual tutorials by leading scholars.

Giving to Univ is a way of making sure future generations will be able to benefit as I did. I increased my monthly contributions to make the College my main charity. I was touched to hear that the College is acknowledging our support in this new way. I see my giving it as a long-term investment. Enabling young people to leave university feeling confident, valued, and enriched must surely be one of the best ways of making a difference in the world.”

1249 SOCIETY MEMBER PROFILE

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL: £124.90 PER ANNUM AND ABOVE (UNDER 30)



MINESH SHAH

(2004, PHYSICS)

Minesh was deeply involved in the social life of the College while undertaking his degree in Physics. Not only was he the JCR Vice President and Treasurer, he also coxed and coached College crews, played College cricket, sang in the chapel choir, and was a regular attendee at afternoon tea in the JCR as well as listening to Lord Butler's Sunday evening guests in the Master's Lodgings.

Minesh is now working as an Associate at InfraRed Capital Partners Ltd. He is a founding member of the Young Univ committee, which organises events to help young Old Members stay connected with each other and the College.

- Minesh lives in London.
- He donates monthly to Univ via Direct Debit.



"In my time on the JCR committee, I was fortunate enough to see how Old Members' contributions to the College were put to use – be it the financial support the College gives students, the wide array of activities of the Common Rooms or support for the College to plan for the future. Seeing the positive impact it made on the student body was more than enough to convince me that I wanted to, and why I continue to, contribute."

1249 SOCIETY MEMBER PROFILE

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL: £12.49 PER ANNUM AND ABOVE (RECENT LEAVER)



ELLE
COSTIGAN

(2009, HISTORY)

Elle attended the King Edward VI Five Ways Grammar School in Birmingham before coming up to read History as an undergraduate and then as a Masters student. While at Univ, Elle was heavily involved in the Boat Club and worked as a telethon caller in 2014. She was the recipient of the Frederick H. Bradley Prize in History for her outstanding performance in her examinations during her undergraduate course.

After graduating from Univ, Elle won a place on the Civil Service Fast Stream and is now working as a Generalist in the press office of the Ministry of Defence.

- Elle made her first gift of £12.49 to celebrate her graduation.



"I give to Univ because I want others to share in the fantastic opportunities that Univ gave to me. Giving to the College is my way of saying thank you. I give to student support and bursaries because I want to help guarantee that money is not an obstacle for any Univ student. Bursaries ensure that the most exceptionally talented students are able to come to study at Univ regardless of their financial circumstances and background."



BENEFICIARIES

UNDERGRADUATE



VICKY
OLIVE

(2013, PPE)

Vicky attended Parkstone Grammar School in Poole. She is reading Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Univ and is one of our Student Ambassadors. She is also a member of the Blues Volleyball team and Women's Captain of UCBC. She was a former JCR OUSU Representative and a member of the JCR Executive. Prior to her studies, she was a Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Poole and undertook a work placement in the House of Commons. She has worked at a variety of holiday jobs in sales, banking, hospitality, and events in order to support her studies.



"Receiving the Old Members' Trust Bursary was an unexpected surprise and will make a huge difference to my time at Oxford. My finances are now much less of a concern. I will not need to look for employment in the holidays and will be able to concentrate fully on my studies. Furthermore, I feel I will be more able to enjoy my time here and get the full Oxford experience. I am extremely grateful that I received the Bursary, and would like to thank everyone who supports Univ."

BENEFICIARIES

UNDERGRADUATE



JOSHUA
RICHARDS

(2013. HISTORY
& POLITICS)

Joshua is reading History and Politics at Univ, and is the 2014-15 JCR President. Originally from Edinburgh, he attended George Heriot's School. He is considering studying Theology. His manifesto commitments include promoting ethical behaviour in College through continuing to argue for Fair Trade and divestment from fossil fuels, and improving Univ's disability access. He is on the committee of Just Love, Oxford, an organisation that aims to inspire Christian students to engage with issues of social justice.



"The Annual Fund is absolutely vital in maintaining and improving the College. It allows us to reach an ever wider audience of potential applicants, presenting Univ as a caring and creative community. Thanks to your support, finances need never be a barrier to calling Univ home and the JCR is able to support a range of activities – from Chinese New Year celebrations, to an EU discussion group, to Ultimate Frisbee – to help people find their place in our community. Thank you."

BENEFICIARIES

POSTGRADUATE



SARAH
MORROW

(2014, CHEMISTRY)



Sarah is undertaking a Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences DPhil at Univ. She won first prize in the GlaxoSmithKline Awards in Organic Chemistry Part II in 2014, one of the two highest ranked Oxford graduates, having studied at Jesus College for her undergraduate degree. She was among the first cohort at the Oxford EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Synthesis for Biology and Medicine in October 2014. In the interdisciplinary spirit of the programme, Sarah is currently researching the type of chemistry which may have been important in the origins of life. The project is an exciting one and in the early stages of development, meaning that she may be tempted to continue research in the area beyond her DPhil in a post-doctoral position.

“Univ is brilliant in offering a huge range of graduate scholarships and I was lucky to receive part of my funding through a Radcliffe Scholarship. It is a shame that pure enthusiasm cannot fund a DPhil and so I am very grateful for the generosity of the Univ alumni that have provided this funding; it certainly ensures that the MCR remains a vibrant and inclusive environment. With a lively MCR and excellent accommodation, Univ is extremely ‘graduate-friendly’ and I hope it can remain so for the foreseeable future!”

BENEFICIARIES

COLLEGE STAFF



RICHARD
PYE

(COLLEGE SURVEYOR)

Richard was appointed to the Works Department as College Surveyor in 1997 following nearly twenty-five years in the construction industry. He has worked on construction projects for private clients and various departments of the MOD, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has been presented to the Queen on two occasions. He produces, estimates and directs a five year rolling programme of building maintenance and refurbishment projects across a wide range of College properties and their associated mechanical and electrical services. He is also engaged in capital projects of considerable value, the new Univ Boat House being the most recent example.



“Univ is the oldest collegiate foundation in Britain, consequently the infrastructure, services and buildings require essential maintenance to preserve buildings which are largely rated Grade I, II, and II. Planned, cyclical, and routine maintenance ensures the integrity of the buildings and is vital for the comfort of students, staff, visitors, and the conference trade.*”

The College and, more particularly, the Works Department, are very appreciative of capital contributions from Univ Old Members to support maintenance and improvement works throughout the estate.”

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



Become a special steward of the College with a leadership gift and share in the responsibility of ensuring current students continue to receive the quality of experience that defines an Oxford education. Whether you direct your donation to undergraduate internships, bespoke travel scholarships, on-site accommodation or new lectureships, your generosity will have an impact throughout the Univ community.

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OVERSEAS GIVING: For information about how to give tax-efficiently via our networks of overseas friends, including AFUCO, visit www.univ.ox.ac.uk/giving-overseas.

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