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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BULLETIN



## University News



### Northumbria supports the global response to COVID-19

In a time like no other, colleagues, students and alumni are demonstrating remarkable effort and admirable spirit as the world joins forces to combat the COVID-19 outbreak. As well as coming together to **support our immediate community**, colleagues are working hard to support wider society activity, from providing vital equipment to the NHS and enabling access to our car parks for NHS workers, to providing critical care upskilling for front line staff.

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### COVID-19 Hardship Fund: We are almost there, can you help us reach it?

These are challenging times for everyone and many of Northumbria's most vulnerable students are struggling. The University's COVID-19 Hardship Fund is providing these students with security, enabling them to continue to learn and invest in their futures. With your help, we have raised £91,000 and provided 230 hardship grants to students in greatest need. We want to do more. Can you help us?

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## Check out the latest edition of Northumbria University News

Northumbria University News is packed full of news and features covering everything from research projects and business partnerships to student and staff awards. The newspaper also includes interviews, listings, previews, health and lifestyle features and much more. Headline features in this edition include 'Breath taking new device to help disease diagnosis', 'To infinity and beyond' and 'On thin ice'.

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## Alumni News



### Congratulations Class of 2020!

July is always our month of graduation celebrations however due to the COVID crisis we have had to pause on our usual congregation activity on campus and postpone the ceremonies until we are in more certain times. We do, however, still want to celebrate our newest graduates' achievements and we have produced a film celebrating the Class of 2020. This can be found by clicking the link below. We hope you enjoy it!

[Watch now](#)



### Northumbria alumnus, Paul Winters, talks about his support of students via a bursary

Bursaries relieve hardship and provide enriching University experiences. Awarded to students based on their personal circumstances; or if they come from a low-income family, bursaries can help students who may face more barriers to attending full-time education, enabling them to access university. Bursary donor Paul Winters has supported a student since 2015. He talks about his time at Northumbria and why he chooses to support a current student through their studies.

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## Share Your Story



### Dr Shaikh Mehdee Mohammad - PhD in Geography, 2015

Dr. Shaikh has recently been involved in providing food assistance to the vulnerable and unemployed members of society in Bangladesh with a group of fellow alumni from the class of 1994 at Harimohan Government High School in Chapai Nawabganj. The group have worked to provide food packs to 135 vulnerable families with these packs including rice, potato, lentils, soybean oil, onions, salt, soap and BDT100 in cash.

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**Sarah Graham - BSc Adult Nursing, 2012; PG Dip Midwifery, 2015; MSc Practice Development, 2018**

Sarah is a dual-trained Nurse and Midwife currently working in an Early Pregnancy Unit supporting women through pregnancy complications prior to 16 weeks. She is being redeployed to A&E over the next week to support colleagues on the front line. Women accessing the service are often experiencing problems such as miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy so are already incredibly vulnerable. She is finding ways to navigate these scary times without compromising on the care provided.

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**Dan Simmonite - BA (Hons) Media & Journalism, 2019**

Dan works as the Media Officer at York City Football Club. It's been a very hard period for all professional football clubs, but the club has contributed where they can to bring some positive stories to the York community. Last month when a home game was called off due to COVID-19, the club donated food prepared for match hospitality. Dan worked with the Club Chef to deliver the food Changing Lives, a local charity which houses vulnerable people in York.

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**Let's celebrate our alumni community!**


We have reached out to both our alumni community and wider University community to hear about how you have been helping aid the effort and have been overwhelmed with stories of volunteering, kindness and caring for our most vulnerable members of society. We have featured a selection of these in this e-bulletin but are still interested in hearing from more of you. To share your story and be featured on our social media channels complete our online form.

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*Northumbria University Alumni Association encourages our graduates to get involved in the work of the University as one of our Alumni Ambassadors. From providing an alumni profile to providing a lecture, talk or workshop, there are lots of ways to volunteer.*

## Get Involved

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*In addition to our COVID-19 Fundraising Campaign, there are a range of other opportunities to support the University and students. With your support we can continue to inspire our students to take on the challenges of tomorrow without financial barriers. Join our growing numbers of alumni supporters today!*

## Donate

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*We commemorate and celebrate the lives of alumni and friends of the University who are no longer with us. If you would like to submit an obituary for an alumnus or former member of staff for inclusion, please email [alumni@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@northumbria.ac.uk).*

## Obituaries

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