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UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXCELLENCE RECOGNISED NATIONALLY

Northumbria University's teaching excellence has been recognised in a Silver Award in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). The new national scheme is aimed at assessing the quality of undergraduate teaching in universities, colleges and other higher education providers.

The award recognises that Northumbria delivers high-quality teaching, learning and results for its students, and consistently exceeds rigorous national quality requirements for UK Higher Education.

Commenting on the award, Professor Andrew Wathey CBE, Vice-Chancellor and Chief



TEAM NORTHUMBRIA REAP GOLD IN BUCS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Seven of Northumbria University's sports teams made their way to the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) 'Big Wednesday Finals' in Bath, with three teams bringing home the silverware.

Both the Rugby League and Men's Volleyball team brought home champion titles, while Men's Water polo achieved a bronze medal - their highest award to date.

Taking place at the University of Bath, BUCS Big Wednesday saw hundreds of students from 14 sports descend on the West Country for an action-packed day of sport. The event was the

Executive of Northumbria University said: "This award clearly demonstrates the quality and high standard of our undergraduate teaching, and I congratulate our staff on the hard work that has led to this significant and encouraging achievement."

culmination of this season's team sport competitions, with teams from more than 800 leagues having battled it out for a berth in the season finale.

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Course: BA Travel & Tourism Management
Graduation Year: 1998
Title/Company: VP Strategic Development (EMEA), AppNexus



Name: Chris Nixon
Course: BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
Graduation Year: 2007
Title/Company: Project Director, Footy.com

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Name: Jaana Pinnick
Course: MSc Information & Record Management
Graduation Year: 2016
Title/Company: Research Data & Digital Preservation Manager, British Geological Survey

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Name: Lady Edwina Grosvenor
Course: BSc (Hons) Criminology & Sociology
Graduation Year: 2004
Title/Company: Philanthropist

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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 to share memories of their time at University and explain how being at Northumbria gave their career the edge. By featuring alumni on our website and in our communications we hope to inspire the next generation of Northumbria students.

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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NORTHUMBRIA IS SUPPORTING FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS!

Northumbria University's free start-up support service, [Student and Graduate Enterprise](#), ranked first in the UK for graduate start-ups* is on a mission not only to support more students and graduates to engage in enterprise and/or become their own boss, but more specifically provide expertise, opportunities and support to female entrepreneurs.

Research by the Women's Business Council has shown that the UK economy is missing out on more than 1.2 million new enterprises due to the untapped potential of women and how important female entrepreneurship is to the UK's economy (*Women's Business Council: Maximising women's contribution to future economic growth - two years on, July 2015*). One of the aims of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) project [Northumbria Enterprise and Business Support](#) is to boost the number of female entrepreneurs in the North East as well as engage more female students in enterprising activity.

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NORTHUMBRIA UNVEILS BUSINESS CLINIC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SANTANDER UNIVERSITIES

Northumbria University's highly successful Business Clinic has taken on a new dimension with a relocation to purpose-built, state-of-the-art premises in the heart of the city and a £150k boost from Santander Universities UK.

The Business Clinic is part of Northumbria University's award-winning Business School; recognised as Business School of the Year in 2015 and more recently the first North East Business School to win the Small Business Charter for services to SMEs.

The Clinic is an education scheme where business students participate in a 'consultancy firm' to provide advice for clients. The free service is available to all types of businesses from SMEs and multinationals to charities, social enterprises and not-for-profit organisations. Students are encouraged to get to the root of the problem and deliver genuine solutions for real businesses.

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AND THE WINNER IS....

The winner of this year's Woon Art Prize has been announced by Northumbria University, Newcastle, and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art.

Final year art student Joy Labinjo has won the £20,000 first prize award and will now take up a 12-month fellowship in the Woon Tai Jee studio at BALTIC 39 in Newcastle. The fellowship includes studio space and mentoring from staff from both institutions as well as a final exhibition with catalogue at the end of 12 months.

One of the UK's most generous arts awards, The Woon Foundation Painting & Sculpture Prize, jointly hosted by Northumbria and BALTIC, offers an exceptional prize fund of £40,000 for student artists. Now in its fifth year, it includes a £20,000 first prize package and two generous runner-up prizes of £9,000 and £6,000.

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BANGLADESH ALUMNI HOST INAUGURAL GET-TOGETHER EVENT

On 17 June 2017 an informal gathering of alumni, hosted by graduates in the region, took place at the Hotel Bengal Canary Park in Bangladesh.

The event was organised by the newly formed Bangladesh Alumni Network group, with graduates from as early as 2001 in attendance at this memorable event.

The event celebrated the bonding of graduates and strengthened connections amongst the alumni in attendance at the event. It also provided

SPORTS ALUMNI REUNITE FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION WEEKEND

On Friday 2 June - Sunday 4 June 2017 the class of 1992 BA (Hons) Sports Studies reunited for a weekend of catching up, re-acquainting themselves with the city and reminiscing over their time at Northumbria.

The Northumbria University Alumni Association supported the group organisers, Iain Miller and Mick Hogan, in promoting the reunion with 25 alumni in attendance.

The group took part in a number of activities including a walking tour of the city and a game of badminton at the University's Sports Central with a great time had by all in attendance.

To find out more about how the Alumni Association can support you in hosting a reunion click 'Contact Us'.

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COULD YOUR COMPANY BENEFIT FROM NORTHUMBRIA GRADUATE TALENT?

The Northumbria Placements & Careers Fair, our recruitment event for employers seeking students and graduates for placements, work experience and graduate roles, is taking place on **Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November 2017, 11am - 3pm** at our Newcastle City Centre Campus.

The event is free for exhibitors and is a great chance to meet Northumbria students and graduates from all years and disciplines, who are

those attending with the opportunity to remember their time at Northumbria and share their nostalgic memories with other members from different graduation years.

To find out more about how the Alumni Association can support you in hosting an informal event in your region, click 'Read more'.

seeking placements, work experience and graduate jobs.

This flagship event is run over two days with a different sector focus on each day. Employers can book for either of the days, and there are a small number of two-day spaces available too.

Bookings are now open, click the 'Read more' button below for further information and to book a space.

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In brief...



KTP SUCCESS CELEBRATED AT NORTHUMBRIA

A senior UK Government representative for innovation and industrial collaboration has visited Northumbria University following the success of a scheme which connects academics, graduates and businesses.

The impact of Northumbria's Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs) was celebrated during a recent visit by Dr Ian Brotherston, head of the KTP



CREATIVE TALENT ON SHOW AT GRADUATE FASHION WEEK

Fashion students from Northumbria University, Newcastle showcased their work in front of some of the most influential names in the industry during Graduate Fashion Week in London.

The annual event features work by students and graduates from some of the most inspiring universities around the world and includes catwalk shows, exhibitions, awards, live talks and

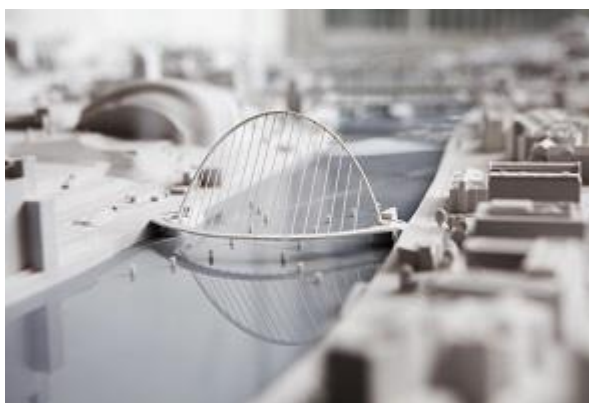
programme at Innovate UK, which has rated a number of Northumbria KTPs as 'outstanding'.

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships are three-way partnerships which see a graduate (known as an associate) work within a business to lead a strategic project. They are supported by the company as well as a university, which provides academic advice and expertise as well as research facilities.

workshops by leading names from the fashion industry.

Students from Northumbria's Fashion, Fashion Design and Marketing and Fashion Communication courses showed their final undergraduate year work throughout the week, with an impressive 17 students shortlisted for awards.

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GLOBAL RECOGNITION FOR NORTHUMBRIA ART AND ARCHITECTURE COURSES

Two degree subjects offered by Northumbria University, Newcastle have been rated as among the best in the world.

Both Art & Design and Architecture & Built Environment at Northumbria scored highly in the latest annual QS World University Rankings by Subject.

Northumbria has been ranked in the top 101-150 out of almost 1,700 universities from across the globe for Art & Design, meaning it is in the top 8% institutions in the world for Art and Design Higher Education provision.

In addition, Architecture & Built Environment at Northumbria also scored highly, ranking in the top 151-200 of such subjects worldwide.

In total, more than 4,400 universities across the globe were evaluated as part of this year's QS World University Rankings by Subject, with ratings given across 46 different subjects.

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NORTHUMBRIA ACADEMIC HELPS ESTABLISH MAJOR TRANSPLANT PROGRAMME IN INDIA

A Northumbria University academic is playing the lead role in bringing heart and lung transplants to state-run hospitals across India.

Stephen Clark, Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Cardiopulmonary Transplantation in Northumbria's Department of Applied Sciences, is helping the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), in Nawab, to establish its first heart and lung transplantation programme.

Until now, only a few heart transplants have ever taken place in India, and these have taken place in private hospitals because of previous complex licensing issues. Anyone requiring such life-saving surgery would have to travel long distances and pay prohibitively high costs.

Professor Clark, consultant cardiothoracic and transplant surgeon at Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, is mentoring SGPGIMS surgeons through their first operations.

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NEW TECHNOLOGY IDEAS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY DEMENTIA

Community-driven technologies could soon be helping families living with dementia, thanks to a new online competition.

Open Lab and Northumbria University have teamed up with Dementia Care and Sunderland Software City to deliver the competition, which opened for ideas on 27 March. Create4Dementia is the first in a series of LaunchSpot competitions to design technologies for mental health.

Create4Dementia will give members of the local community the chance to propose ideas for technologies to help enrich the lives of people with dementia. They will then be able to discuss and vote on each stage of the development process, using the LaunchSpot platform developed by research software developer Ed Jenkins at Newcastle University's Open Lab.

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RESEARCHERS AND EMPLOYERS 'THROW AROUND' BUSINESS IDEAS IN SANDPIT EVENT

Leading researchers from around the world came together at Northumbria University for a "sandpit" event to explore how organisations can successfully tap into young talent.

The group workshop-style event is part of an €954,000 European-funded project which sees Northumbria lead research into why many employers the world over struggle to attract, manage and retain young talent.

Global & Entrepreneurial Talent Management 3 (GETM3) is a consortium of international higher education institutions, the Irish Association of SMEs (ISME) which is a partner in the project and employers focused on young talent as a key driver of future development.

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