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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BULLETIN



## University News



### Northumbria staff on frontline supporting the COVID vaccination roll-out

Nursing academics from Northumbria University have been delivering COVID-19 vaccinations to priority patients, as part of the University's continued efforts to support the frontline response to the pandemic. They supported the vaccinations of more than 300 people over the age of 80 for East Durham Primary Care Network in one weekend and were the first volunteers from Northumbria to begin working on the programme.

[Read more](#)



### Recognising and challenging racial inequalities at Northumbria

The University is committed to understanding racial inequality and is developing an action plan to overcome institutional and cultural barriers that impact on our staff and students. In February 2020, we signed up to Advance HE's Race Equality Charter (REC) and this will inform future plans and discussions, helping us connect more effectively to our community.

[Read more](#)

## Alumni News



### Ambitious About Autism

Northumbria Graduate Futures are working in partnership with **Ambitious about Autism** and Santander UK Universities to deliver the **Employ Autism Higher Education Network**. Employers offering meaningful work experience placements for Northumbria University autistic students and graduates will benefit from free training and support with opportunities fully funded from Spring 2021. Further information can be found via the **Autism Exchange short film**.

[Get in touch](#)



### Get involved in the NU Futures Programme & Employer Panel Events

Employers can make a valuable contribution, enriching the learning experience of our current students. This includes supporting the NU Futures programme by providing an Employer Insight or Mock Interview session or joining a sector specific panel event to share your knowledge with students or provide valuable input through programme development activities.

[Find out more](#)



### Northumbria Enterprise and Business Support 2

This important initiative offers a package of financial assistance and expert advice to SMEs and graduate start-ups. Until June 2023, SME businesses in Tyne and Wear and Northumberland can access Regional Development Fund (ERDF) financial support including a financial contribution to help small businesses employ up to two graduates, typically on 6-month internships programmes.

[Find out more](#)



### Santander Universities SME Internship Scheme

The Santander Universities SME Internship scheme supports SMEs by contributing to the salary of a final year Northumbria student intern or Northumbria graduate intern. Internships are an opportunity for students and graduates to gain valuable work experience and allow SMEs to work with talented Northumbria students and graduates. Final funding terms and conditions for the academic year 2020-21 are to be announced in March/April 2021.

[Register your interest](#)



### **Northumbria University & Graduates Outcome Survey**

As a Northumbria graduate, you will be contacted around 15 months after you graduate, to take part in the Graduate Outcomes survey, to find out what you have been doing after leaving University. The results feature in national league tables and help current and prospective students plan their careers. You'll be contacted by email and/or phone and we ask that you complete the survey and share your progress.

[Read more](#)



### **Another win for England's rugby stars: A double win for Northumbria**

Anthony Watson and Mako Vunipola join fellow England player and captain Owen Farrell, in recently graduating from Northumbria. Anthony achieved a First-Class Honours and received the Pro Vice-Chancellor Award for Excellent Performance. The BA (Hons) Leadership & Management degree has been designed in partnership with the Rugby Players' Association (RPA) to match a professional rugby player's needs and provide the flexibility to study around their sporting career.

[Read more](#)



### **Did you and your significant other meet at Northumbria? We want to hear your story!**

With Valentine's Day around the corner we want to hear from members of our alumni community who met at Northumbria. Share your story and be part of our special social media Valentines tribute on the 14th February. To submit your story simply drop us an email by clicking 'Share your story'.

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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

*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

*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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