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Celebrating with the graduating Class of Winter 2021!

Northumbria marked the success of its latest graduates and honorary graduates at the Winter 2021 congregation ceremonies last week. Honorary degrees were awarded to former chair of Northumbria University's Board of Governors, Chris Sayers; Leading advocate for female empowerment, Dr Bothaina Hassan AlAnsari; Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords and former Victims' Commissioner, the Rt Honourable the Baroness Newlove of Warrington; and Former Supreme Court Justice, the Right Honourable Lady Black of Derwent DBE.

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New INTOUniversity Learning Centre to support young people

A new learning centre will empower thousands of young people aged 7 to 18 to achieve their academic and career ambitions. The INTOUniversity learning centre, located in the East End of Newcastle, is a partnership between Northumbria and Newcastle Universities and national education charity [INTOUniversity](#). It will connect over 1,000 young people each year with two leading Higher Education Institutions, providing opportunities to support their learning and nurture their ambitions to achieve a place at university.

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Nursing leaders officially open new national nursing test centre

A new national nursing and midwifery examination centre has officially opened at Northumbria University in Newcastle. The new NMC Competence Test Centre, based at the University's Coach Lane Campus, will host up to 7,000 nurses, midwives and nursing associates each year for their 'OSCE' Observed Structured Clinical Examination. The exam is the practical part of the Test of Competence that all overseas-trained nurses or those returning after a career break are required to take before they can be registered to practice.

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Spring 2022 Alumni Telethon Campaign

Northumbria University's Spring Alumni Telethon will be taking place from 25 April to 15 May 2022. Our dedicated team of student callers will connect with alumni to find out more about their experiences at Northumbria and hear about where life has taken them since graduating. They will also be providing updates about the University, news about upcoming events and our [Higher Education Without Barriers](#) fundraising campaign.

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Anniversary exhibition celebrates fashion through the decades

The rich history of Newcastle's flagship department store, Fenwick, has been brought to life in an exhibition supported by fashion educators and students from Northumbria University, in time for the store's 140th anniversary. Tracing the roots of the business back to 1882, when John James Fenwick opened a shop as a ladies' tailor and mantle maker in Newcastle, the Fenwick Exhibition 140 will showcase the people, places and products that built the iconic brand which remains popular today.

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Check out the latest edition of Northumbria University News

The Autumn 2021 edition of Northumbria University News is available to read online now. Discover more about our alumni community as we celebrate 30 years of graduate fashion week and read about the trailblazing graduate who has been named as one of the Top 50 Women in Engineering in 2021. [Register today](#) to get future editions of Northumbria University News, delivered to your door. If you have previously signed up to receive the newspaper you don't need to register again. If you no longer wish to receive Northumbria University News, please [contact us](#). [Read more](#)

ALUMNI NEWS



Support our Higher Education Without Barriers Fund

Everyone with the potential to go to university should have the opportunity to achieve their goal. We are committed to **Higher Education Without Barriers**. The opportunity to go to university can be life changing but, unfortunately, for many it is out of reach. Together, we are changing this. Alumna Dr Arnab Basu talks about how and why he is supporting the Higher Education Without Barriers Fund, enabling us to make participation and progression in higher education more achievable.

[Watch now](#)



Entrepreneurial sisters put their fashion business to the ultimate test

A start-up business co-founded by a Northumbria University graduate is set to appear on the BBC's Dragon's Den this month. **Pretty Mama** was formed in 2018 by Jenny McFadden, who was in her final year of a Business and Law degree at Northumbria at the time, and her sister Alex. The sisters wanted to design and produce a collection of maternity clothes, especially for breastfeeding mothers, after Alex had struggled to find feminine and comfortable clothing when she was pregnant with her daughter.

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Northumbria support aids growth for health business

Support from Northumbria University has helped a graduate start-up business specialising in employee health, wellbeing and performance to expand, develop new products and create jobs. Founded in 2018 by PhD graduate Dr Phill Bell and his business partner Dr Paul Smith, Gateshead-based ART Health Solutions works with a growing client base to improve the working environment, health and performance of employees through the use of scientific data collected via wearable technology and a sophisticated cognitive performance mobile app.

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The Dooka Doo Good giveaway

Graduate branding agency, Dooka, is running a competition to give away one of their bespoke branding packages to a company they perceive as doing good. The '**doo good giveaways**' are Dooka's way of supporting start-ups, brands and people who have a business idea that aims to 'doo good'. Not every great idea or business has a big budget for building their brand and this is Dooka's way of giving back. Whether you are a product, service or platform, if you have an idea or passion that you think would 'doo good', the team would love to hear about it.

[Enter now](#)



Alumni needed for undergraduate consultancy project

Northumbria students who are completing the Undergraduate Consultancy Project as part of their degree course are looking to connect with alumni who have gone into the consulting industry to participate in a 30-minute interview. The students are looking to find out more about graduates' experiences in the industry with a view to identifying methods of achieving success when entering new industries and allowing the students to gain an overall understanding of experiences in consulting. To find out more or take part contact student, Daniel Wardle, directly.

[Find out more](#)



Why Small Business Matters Podcast - New Episode

In the latest episode of Why Small Business Matters, host Sarah Stephenson speaks with Northumbria graduate Kirsty McDine-Daniels and Shewley Haque, two of the women behind the **Millin Charity**. The charity helps women to set up their own businesses, gain employability skills, access training and be part of a supportive community of women. Through working with the charity women gain the confidence and skills to not only achieve their goals but also improve their wellbeing, connections, and opportunities.

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GRADUATE FUTURES



Calling 2021 graduates - have you found your graduate role yet?

If you are looking to gain some paid work experience our Northumbria Enterprise & Business Support (NEBS2) internships could be for you. These internships are open to students who graduated between 2018 and 2021. The NEBS2 Internships Programme is supported by the European Regional Development Fund. The University works with small to medium-sized businesses in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to provide graduate internships of up to six months.

[Find out more](#)



Northumbria Graduate Futures Summer Internship funding announced

Northumbria Graduate Futures can further support the growth of small to medium sized businesses by providing a grant to recruit an undergraduate Northumbria student for a Summer Internship. Hiring a student on a Summer Internship offers a wealth of benefits to an SME including an injection of passion to drive your business further. Summer Internships are an excellent opportunity to capitalise on the skills of a student, one who can apply the theoretical learning fresh from academic studies to fulfil a skills gap or undertake a specific, timely project.

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THINKING ABOUT A MASTER'S?

Discover more at our Return to Study a Master's virtual event, 27 April 2022.

Graduates of Northumbria can save on a Master's with our generous **20% Alumni Discount***.

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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.



DONATE

There are a range of opportunities to support the University and our students. With your support we can continue to inspire students to take on the challenges of tomorrow without financial barriers. Join our growing numbers of alumni supporters today!



OBITUARIES

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.



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