



Anglia Ruskin
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Cambridge campus





Good evening,

I am delighted to be hosting our Alumni Awards ceremony. This is a fantastic opportunity for our alumni to gain public recognition for their achievements in their chosen fields and professions, particularly where their study at Anglia Ruskin University has contributed to their success.

The calibre of nominees has been outstanding and it has been rewarding to hear about our alumni, who are inspirational role models to our students and their fellow alumni.

The prestige of winning an Alumni Award is far-reaching; awardees will benefit from strengthened professional networks and recognition of their dedication, passion and commitment as we reward individuals who go above and beyond.

I am delighted to be celebrating your accomplishments with you today.

Professor Iain Martin
Vice Chancellor



Dr Ben Garrod
Compere

Dr Ben Garrod is a Teaching Fellow for the Faculty of Science and Technology, teaching biology and zoology to our students. He is also an award-winning BBC science presenter.

Ben's main areas of interest are in evolutionary biology, primatology and skeletal morphology.

He graduated from Anglia Ruskin with a First in BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour in 2005 and his PhD, titled 'Primates of the Caribbean' focused on monkey evolution on tropical islands. In addition to his role as Teaching Fellow, Ben has presented a number of BBC television and radio programmes, including a documentary with Sir David Attenborough, his own six-part BBC Four series 'Secrets of Bones' and more recently a Radio Four series on museums and BBC Four series 'Rise of the Robots'. He has just written six books and is about to start filming 3 new series and programmes next year.

Award categories

Alumni Service to Society Award

Recognising alumni who have made an exceptional contribution and commitment to creating positive social change and improving the lives of others.

Alumni Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Recognising alumni who have made a transformative contribution to the local, national or international community through an enterprising business venture.

Alumni Contribution to Culture Award

Recognising alumni who have made a considerable contribution to the local, national or international cultural community.

Young Alumni of the Year Award

Recognising alumni, under 35 years of age, who have distinguished themselves professionally since graduating from Anglia Ruskin, and are likely to inspire the next generation of alumni.

Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

Recognising alumni who have distinguished themselves for their excellent and sustained contributions and achievements in their chosen field over their professional lifetime.

Finalists



Alex Basile

BA Hons Business & Management 2009

Alex and his brother established 'Enviro Solar', one of the biggest installers of solar electricity panels and one of which was the most successful renewable energy companies in the UK. When the government reduced the incentives for solar power, Alex redirected his expertise towards manufacturing thermodynamics and founded local firm 'Magic Box International'. This new company uses thermodynamics to address the gap in the market for water heating and is the only Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) approved thermodynamic product in the world, reducing hot water energy usage by up to 80%. Company products are now sold in 19 countries, with thermodynamic panels sold to over 175,000 homes worldwide along with commercial properties. Alex is also working on his next venture, 'Globus Homes', of which he is a co-founder, selling plumbing and heating products to trade across world.



Kat Bruce

BSc Hons Wildlife Biology 2008

Kat came to Anglia Ruskin to study Wildlife Biology having abandoned a Classics degree at the University of Oxford and after spending a year in the Amazon rainforest. After graduating, Kat completed a PhD in Molecular Ecology at UE and ran the university rowing club there. She founded NatureMetrics in 2015 to provide DNA testing of environmental samples, which allows large-scale biodiversity data to inform environmental management in industrial and conservation contexts.

Finalists



Alessandra Caggiano

MA Cultures and Organisational Leadership 2012

Alessandra launched e-Luminate Cambridge in 2013, the city's light festival, which has grown into one of the most eagerly awaited events in the Cambridge cultural calendar.

Alessandra's sustained leadership and vision in the cultural sector not only leads in industry and sets an example of practice for arts students, she has also contributed to the learning, teaching and effective pedagogy at Anglia Ruskin University, where she achieved an MA in Cultures and Organisational Leadership.



Trevor Chatelier

LLB Law 1973

Trevor achieved his Law degree at Mid Essex Technical College. He became a solicitor and was a defence lawyer for most of his career until being made a full-time District Judge (MC) in 2003. Trevor is also a recorder of the Crown Court. In 1981, Trevor wrote a book on Criminal Advocacy and has also written for the Law Society Gazette.



Briony Clarke

LPC Legal Practice 2009

Briony is a Partner at Taylor Haldane Barlex LLP. She had qualified as a Police Station Representative by age of 19 and in 2017, became the youngest female Deputy District Judge (aged 31) on record in the UK.

Finalists



Christopher Cook

BSc Hons Computer Aided Visualisation 2009

Chris Cook is an award-winning Visual Effects Artist working on some of Hollywood's biggest blockbuster films. His credits include Beauty and the Beast, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 and the Oscar & BAFTA winning Gravity.

Since graduating Chris has also become an industry mentor, regularly visiting schools, colleges and universities to help train industry hopefuls.



Donna Finch MBE

University Diploma Social Care 2011

Donna leads the Community Development and Safeguarding Team for the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and is internationally known as a champion of innovative practice. Donna is a successful advisor for intervention and prevention initiatives.

This year, Donna was recognised in the New Year's Honours List in appreciation of the prominent role she has played in Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and the life changing programmes she has developed.

Finalists



Hayley Ginn

BSc Hons Sports Science 2006

Hayley is the founder of Carbon Motion, a company established in 2013 to provide specialist support and training for lower limb amputees wanting to run. Hayley works with her clients in a variety of ways and circumstances, whether immediately following rehabilitation through to coaching the next generation of Paralympic Athletes. Her former athlete successes include Double Paralympic Gold Medalist Jonnie Peacock and current World Record Holder, Richard Browne (USA).



Richard Guy OBE JP

BA Hons Health, Welfare & Social Policy

Richard has lived with a life-changing disability for most of his life yet he has remained active in the local community for over 40 years. He has spent 35 years working in criminal justice, several years as an Associate Hospital Manager of three secure psychiatric hospitals, chairman of two charities, and Director of a Residential Management Company. His philanthropy also supports local causes, in addition to him being an advocate for the disabled and disadvantaged. This work was honoured in 2017 when he received an OBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Finalists



Daniel Hillier

BA Hons Graphic Arts & Illustration 1995

Dan is a self-employed illustrator and award-winning artist. Dan won Best Art Vinyl of 2014 for his illustration for English rock duo 'Royal Blood'. His work is displayed in many galleries: Saatchi Gallery in London, Louis Vuitton Marc Jacobs show in Paris and The Globe Theatre in London.



Beatriz Lostale Seijo

MA Children's Book Illustration 2017

Beatriz Lostalé Seijo is a Spanish illustrator. She graduated first in her year in Fine Arts at the University of Salamanca before moving to the UK to study the MA Children's Book Illustration. During her time at the Cambridge School of Art, her work was selected in various illustration competitions. More notably, she was the winner of the prestigious Victoria & Albert Student Illustrator of the Year Award, being selected among hundreds of participants for her artwork 'The Odyssey'.

Finalists



Rita McIntyre

BSc Hons Building Surveying 2003

After graduating, Rita achieved her chartership with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, before embarking on her second career in international emergency relief. With 12 years of experience in leading multifaceted programmes up to £10 million in the commercial, emergency relief, recovery and refugee relocation sectors, Rita has proven herself as a visionary leader of up to 60 staff in culturally diverse and often insecure environments. She recently completed her MSc Population and Development at LSE, for which she was awarded a full scholarship.



Helen Reeve

HND Agriculture & Food Production 2004

From an early age, Helen knew that agriculture was the career for her. Despite concerns from family and friends, her parents bought her a Dexter heifer, creating the Waveney herd. The herd was merely a hobby but during her studies at Easton College, she realised her pastime could become a business. With guidance on business skills learnt through College and Norfolk Young Farmers, Waveney Dexter Beef was born. The herd today totals 50 cattle including breeding females and males for beef production, which are sold directly to customers through farmers markets, talks and private sales.

Finalists



Andre Rosendo

BA Hons Graphic Design 2008

Andre is the founder of OkEstudante (student recruitment agency) and CEO of Vermillion Group. He started OkEstudante whilst still a student at Anglia Ruskin and now manages 40 members of staff. Andre won Navitas' top performing agent award within a year of collaboration. OkEstudante has also been on Portuguese national news and has now expanded to Spain. Andre also founded start-up UKADEMICS, an online platform and app helping students find the right university/course for them. UKADEMICS took the top spot at the European Big App 2014 competition, receiving a £150k investment prize.



Samir Saran

Global Sustainability 2016

Samir is the Vice President at the Observer Research Foundation in India - an independent think tank. Samir is an honorary director of the centre for peace and conflict studies at the Sardar Patel Police University (SPUP). He has recently been made a commissioner on the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace.

Finalists



Poul Webb

Art 1968

Poul studied art at Cambridge Art School. On completion, he worked as an Assistant Art Director of *Harper's Bazaar* magazine, before moving to New York in 1969 and working with Andy Warhol for a short time on *Interview* magazine. Now back in the UK, Poul is a full-time painter and printmaker and has held sixteen one-man exhibitions on Mayfair, London and has represented in many international exhibitions. Poul is also an art blogger, generating in excess of 5 million views and has published two collections of poetry.



Bethan Woollvin

BA Hons Illustration 2015

Bethan Woollvin graduated from the Cambridge School of Art with a First Class Degree in Illustration in 2015, and currently lives and works in Brighton as a freelance illustrator. In 2014 Bethan won the Macmillan Children's Book Competition with her debut picture book 'Little Red' which in 2016 was awarded as a New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book. In 2017, Bethan won the World Illustration Awards in the category of 'new talent'. Since winning the Macmillan book prize, Bethan has been working closely with her publishers Two Hoots on creating more new and exciting children's books, most recently published being Rapunzel which was released in June 2017.

Evening at a glance

- 7.00pm Drinks reception
in the Science Centre Atrium
- 7.40pm Welcome Address
Professor Iain Martin, Vice Chancellor
- 8.00pm Dinner in ceremony pavilion
- 9.15pm Presentation of Awards, Ben Garrod
- 9.45pm Photograph opportunities
- 10.15pm Close

We would like to thank the Alumni Awards selection committee members:

Jukka Aminoff, MA Marketing and Innovation, 2012
Daryl Brown, MA Management, 2009
Michelle Keaney, BA Hons Business and Management, 2004
Aneela Rose, BA Hons Business Studies, 1995

And a very special thanks to all alumni and friends who took the time to nominate a successful Anglia Ruskin alumnus.