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Letter from the Vice Chancellor



Welcome to the latest edition of With Our Thanks

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When I talk to our donors, it is clear to me that you are truly committed to the values that are at the very core of LSBU's mission. You, like us, see the value of providing a high quality education to as many students as possible who have the potential to succeed in higher education. Your support plays a central role in our success. For this, I'd like to thank you.

In the past year, 565 individuals, companies, trusts and foundations have made donations to LSBU. We have asked you to support us by phone, by letter and in person and you have responded in a way that shows the affection you have for LSBU. Your support is enabling our students to strive for the very best they can achieve.

Our commitment remains to create opportunities and transform lives, not only for those who come to LSBU but also for young people in our local schools and community where we nurture talent through our *Higher Education in the Classroom and Learning to Learn initiatives*. These outreach projects are only possible with the help of donors who share our vision.

Our campaigns talk about LSBU as 'the brighter choice'. We are the brighter choice because LSBU has a history of delivering professional training since 1892 and producing successful graduates - 86% of our

graduates go on to employment or further study within 6 months of graduating and we are the number 1 modern university in London for graduate-level jobs.

We believe that LSBU is the brighter choice for undergraduates not only for the education we offer but also for the financial support we provide; our National Scholarship Programme offers over £2.7 million in fee reductions to full time, undergraduate students based in the UK or the EU. We are also the brighter choice for postgraduate students, as we offer an excellent range of full and partial scholarships to reward academic excellence, many funded by our alumni and other friends; and we are the brighter choice for international students, who study among students from 140 countries across the world.

In the past 5 years, we have invested heavily in new facilities to support our students. This year in particular, we have made major investment in a new Student Centre. This building signals a leap forward in the development of employability services, student support services and the Students' Union. This Centre is physical proof of our commitment to the student experience, as well as to the development and improvement of our campus, to continuously meet the changing needs of our students. It has been designed in consultation with members of the student body, the very people who will derive benefit from it.

I hope it is evident that here at LSBU we continuously strive to improve all

aspects of University life to help our students achieve career success.

Once again, thank you for supporting LSBU and I hope that you enjoy reading the ways in which your contributions have helped the University.

Professor Martin J Earwicker, FREng Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive

The LSBU Annual Fund

Support for LSBU in 2011–12

Despite the end of the Government matched funding scheme (which provided £1 for every £2 LSBU raised between 2008 and 2011), the Annual Fund has had an impressive year, with more than £70,000 received from our generous alumni, friends and supporters.

We would like to thank all of you who have supported our efforts to provide more scholarships for our students.

We are delighted that so many of you are committed to the long term future of the University and are either making regular gifts to the Annual Fund or continuing to support with single gifts year after year. Regular and repeat gifts are vital because they make up 75% of the Annual Fund income.

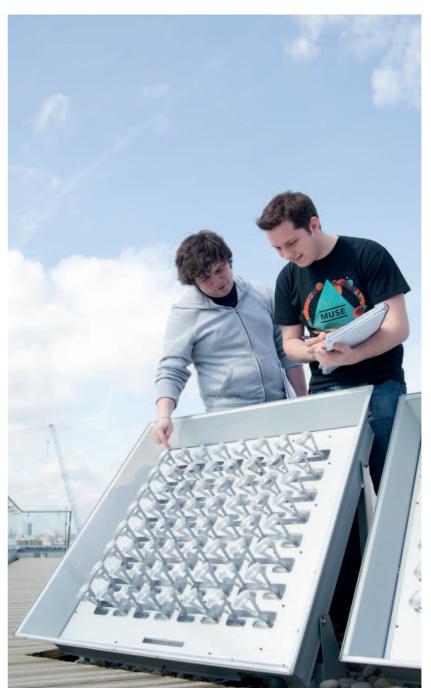
This year, we aim to call 20,000 of our alumni as part of our annual telethon and you may receive another call from one of our student calling team. The telethon is an opportunity for our students to connect with people who have first-hand experience of life at LSBU as well as updating alumni on the major developments that are taking place here. We will, of course, ask that you continue to support your University and we hope you feel that your contribution to the Fund continues to make a difference. We also hope that you will consider how your making a regular gift might help LSBU students for years to come.

Making your gifts go further

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Thanks to your co-operation, we have been able to claim a record £12,000 in Gift Aid. Gift Aid increases the gifts of UK taxpayers who give their consent by 25%. So for every £100 donated, LSBU actually receives £125 towards supporting student scholarships.

If you have not already signed a Gift Aid declaration and are happy for us to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donation(s) made in the past 4 years, please email Suzie Bannerman, Senior Development Manager at sbannerman@lsbu.ac.uk or call on 020 7815 6073.



Major Capital Projects

The Borough Road Gallery Heritage Lottery Fund

The Nathu Puri Engineering and Enterprise Institute

Professor Nathu Puri

2011-12 Annual Fund

During 2011-12 the University Annual Fund received more than 500 donations. LSBU students will benefit from thousands of pounds that have been provided as a result of your generosity.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The Nathu Puri Commonwealth Scholarships

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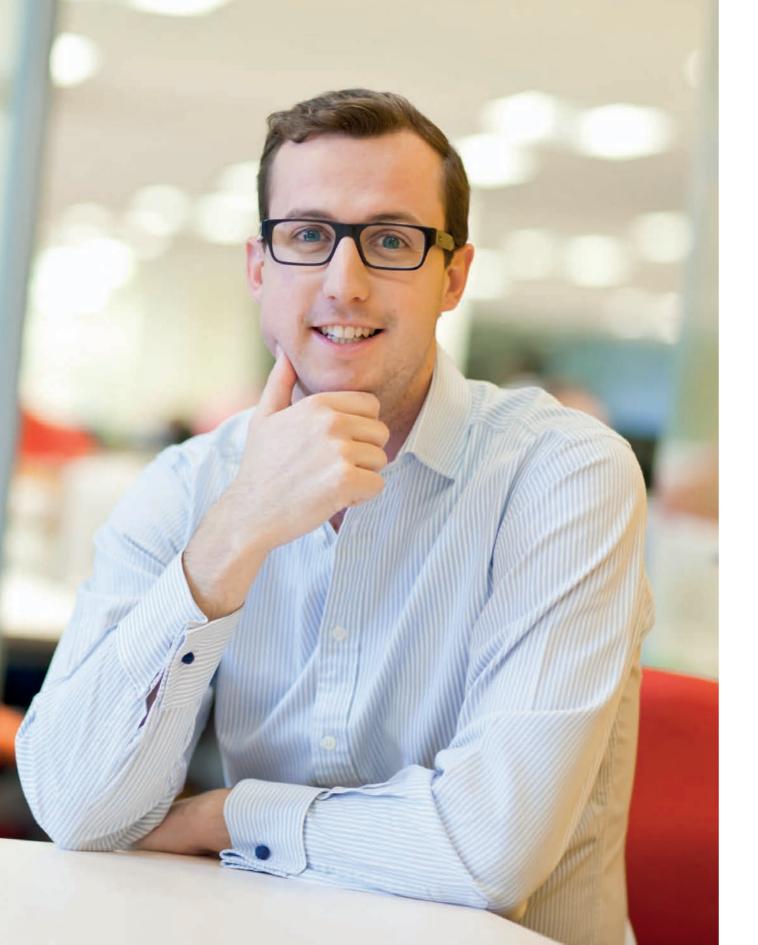
Notting Hill Housing

The Esmond Robinson Scholarship
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The Shoaib Rawat Fellowship

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Alumni Scholarships LSBU Alumni



Paying It Forward

A Vice Chancellor's Scholarship helped Real Estate Masters graduate Elliott Sparsis build solid foundations for the future, both for him and for others.

'When I left college, I didn't feel ready for university. I wanted to work. I got a job as an Estate Agent in Barnes, and that was when I started to get interested in surveying. I ended up doing a bit of work with one of the local surveyors, which motivated me to apply to university and get on the path to qualification myself.

The Master's is essential for my career. To get onto a graduate scheme, I needed to do a RICS-accredited course and LSBU has a great reputation. I was doing an internship at Savills, and they recommended I apply here. It's valuable knowledge and should open doors for me in the future.

The Vice Chancellor's Scholarship made a huge difference to me. I had been living with my parents in Wimbledon since I started studying and it was getting to the stage where I really felt like I couldn't ask them for any more support. The award took that pressure away and enabled me to focus on my studies. It's a very intensive course and I think I would have struggled to combine it with part-time work. Winning the Scholarship was an honour, too. It's something that I feel proud to have on my CV.

That extra bit of financial security gave me the chance to focus on my own venture, Sociable Surveyors. We act as an intermediary between major global real estate companies and students looking for internships. Using money from our corporate sponsors, we pay for flights and accommodation; all the firms have

to do is pay a wage. Last year, 15 students went off to gain invaluable experience in Shanghai, New York, Paris and Monaco, as well as London. This year, we're hoping to offer internships to at least 30, including in Sydney and Melbourne.

I started on the Savills graduate programme in May. Four of the people who joined me on the programme were on last year's Sociable Surveyors programme. That's proof that the programme really is making a difference to people's career prospects. With LSBU's support, both for me personally and as the programme's academic sponsor, we've got off to such a good start. Perhaps one day I'll be able to give something back to the University, guiding and supporting the surveyors of the future.'

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Theophilia Shaw explains how a chance conversation with a student calling on behalf of the Annual Fund helped her gain a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for her Master's in Refugee Studies.

'I first came to LSBU in 2004 as an undergraduate studying Social Policy. I had a wonderful three years here and then wondered what I should do. I spent some time finding my way and worked for a few years in health and social care, often focusing on outreach work and sexual health within disadvantaged and hard to reach communities.

I realised I wanted to do more. I'd always been interested in volunteering and I thought my experience in outreach work would be a natural fit for a development project overseas. I was lucky enough to get a VSO placement in Sierra Leone, where most of my family come from. While there, I worked for an NGO specialising in gender equality, HIV and AIDS awareness and gender based violence.

It was such a rewarding experience to see the impact that the NGO had on improving women's lives in Sierra Leone and I am very proud of the part that I played in it.

When I came back from Sierra Leone, I knew that I wanted to do my Master's but I wasn't sure how I was going to finance it. While I was wondering how I was going to afford further study, I received a phone call from a student wanting to discuss the Annual Fund. She explained how alumni support creates scholarships for students and referred me to the scholarships website - I was very lucky to be home that night! I wasted no time in applying and was so happy when I got the news about the scholarship and that I would be able to pursue my dream of doing my MSc in Refugee Studies at LSBU.

I understood exactly how one of my fellow scholars felt when she broke down in tears after being introduced to the alumnus who had supported her financially through her postgraduate studies; because, had it not been by chance that I had spoken to that student caller, I might have decided I could never afford my Master's.

When I saw the advert for a job as an LSBU student caller, I didn't hesitate to apply. If I could tell alumni about the Annual Fund and the impact it has had on my life, I might inspire one of them to apply for a scholarship too (as well as encouraging others to donate to the Annual Fund itself). I'd like to thank all of you who have contributed to the Annual Fund because you have helped students like me to transform our lives.'

For alumnus, Stuart Johnson, the importance of education was always made clear and like many students at LSBU, he was the first in the family to go to University.



Stuart graduated in 1984 from, what was then, the Polytechnic of the South Bank. From a young age, he had a keen interest in buildings and construction so when it came to deciding on a career path he began researching courses, stumbling across Building Surveying as a discipline. Stuart visited four Polytechnics that offered this course before selecting South Bank. 'I preferred South Bank; it just felt the right fit. I never regretted picking it', he says. 'It was quite intimidating to go to University, coming from a non-traditional background, but South Bank was very welcoming.

'There was always an expectation from my parents that my sister and I would go to University and that we would be able to fulfil our potential in education, an opportunity that they had never had. I grew up in East London in a traditional working class family. Although we were not wealthy, the importance of education was always made clear.'

Whilst at LSBU, Stuart completed a one year placement at Jones Lang LaSalle and was offered a full time position as a Surveyor after he graduated. He then went on to work at Savills and became an Equity Partner at Watts Group plc, before returning to Savills as Director of Professional Services. Stuart has now set up his own practice, Stuart A Johnson Consulting, and has completed some high profile projects, including the Sainsbury Laboratory,

which recently won the Sterling Prize 2012, and offices for The Institute for Government. He also wrote a book, Greener Buildings, which was among the first to provide a guide for surveyors and architects on how to make buildings more sustainable.

Stuart has generously funded a scholarship for postgraduate students on the Building Surveying, Construction Management and Quantity Surveying courses. He says: 'When I was at South Bank, I received a grant and the fees were paid by the local authority. It's interesting to see the changes to the fee structure because, if I were coming to University today, the idea of leaving with that amount of debt would be off-putting.

'Therefore, I decided to fund a scholarship at LSBU in recognition of what the University had done for me. I was sure what I wanted to do for a career and LSBU was good at harnessing my ability. The scholarship was something I'd always wanted to do, and I was able to do it because of the education and support that the University gave me. I am delighted with how the scholarship is going so far!'

If, like Stuart, you would like to fund a scholarship for our students, please contact Michael Simmons, Director of Development - by email: michael.simmons@lsbu.ac.uk or by phone: 020 7815 6042



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Brian Brookes Memorial Prize

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Denis Fitzgerald Memorial Prize

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The Lend Lease Bob Trew Memorial Prize

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The Honour Roll is published as a thank you to individuals and organisations that have financially supported the University during 2011-12. This year, the focus for your gifts continues to be scholarships and since the Annual Fund closed on 31 July 2012, we have offered over 20 scholarships to LSBU students. We look forward to updating you on their progress over the next 12 months.



The 2011–12 Honour Roll records gifts received from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012. Gifts received after 31 July 2012 will be recorded in the 2012-13 Honour Roll. We are also grateful to those individuals and organisations that have requested anonymity. We thank you all for your generous support.

We have shown graduation year in brackets (where known). If your graduation year is not featured, please contact us so that we can update our records. We would like to apologise for any omissions or inaccuracies.



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Mr Gerard Wadsworth (1996) Mr Morris Walker (1969) Mr Trevor Walker (1983) Mr John Wall (1972) Dr Pamela Walter (1987) Professor Clifford Walton (1974) Ms Judith Ward (1985) Ms Marie Warner (2005) Mr Andrew Waters (1976) Mr Michael Watson (1973) Mr Brian Webb (1993) Mrs Susan Webb (2008) Mr Hubert Weeden (1954) Mr Steve Weekes (1988) Ms Eileen West Mr Michael West (1955) Mrs Barbro Wettler (1999) Mr Ron Whitaker (1971) Mr Ian White Mr William Whiting (1956) Mr Barry Whitmore (2003) Mr Anthony Wilkins (1964) Mr Richard Wilkinson (1968) Mr Timothy Williams (1983) Miss Hilda Williams (2006) Ms Wilma Williams (2000) Miss Norma Williamson (2000) Mr Charles Willoughby (1964) Ms Abby Wilson Mr Claude Wolf (1993) Mr Geoffrey Wonnacott (1977) Mr Michael Wood (2009) Ms Annette Wray (2008) Mr Aston Wright (1991)

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Alumna Marcelle Jansen (1979) reminisces about her time at LSBU in the 1970s, the impact her degree has had on her career and the reason why she is making a regular gift to the Annual Fund.

Having studied (and been mostly unmotivated by) three literature based subjects at A Level at a very academic school and with teachers who considered literature to be exclusively from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, I wanted to continue my studies but needed a course that was firmly rooted in the twentieth century. South Bank Polytechnic, as it was back in 1975, offered just such a Modern Languages degree with politics, economics and international relations.

My degree turned out to be even more useful than I would have imagined. It enabled me to get my first job with a tour operator based in the South of France. Then, after two years, I came back to London to do my PGCE. In the course of an eight year stint teaching French and German, I introduced an alternative French A Level syllabus, focusing on French society in two schools where I taught. At that time there weren't many senior women in the City so when I left teaching for the financial industry, my language skills and background knowledge, particularly in economics, enabled me to conduct meetings, sell complex financial services, and provide corporate governance research in French and German.

But South Bank was, of course, not just about studying. During my first year

I became more and more involved in college life, both through the Drama Society and my growing interest in student politics, meeting groups of students not only from different faculties but also from different backgrounds and age groups. This was always one of LBSU's greatest strengths - a real mix of cultures, social circumstances, and a large number of mature students. I'm convinced that this environment along with my active participation in the Students' Union, including a sabbatical year as Publications Officer (and yes, I have kept a small archive of the handbook, rag mag I produced, and the student paper, bizarrely called Digger!), contributed to a growing confidence that enabled me to speak fluently: first, in front of a class of 18 year old students at the age of 22; and then later, to over 200 delegates at more financial conferences than I can remember.

This is the kind of rounded education I believe everyone should have and that most young people can certainly benefit from. Had there been fees of £9,000 to pay along with living expenses, my parents (both impoverished teachers in those days) would have struggled to support me and my sister through university and we would have both run up significant

student debts. But in those days when only a small minority of the population continued into higher education, our fees were paid and we received a grant from our local authorities.

So when I was called by a remarkably confident and articulate student during the annual telethon and told about scholarships and bursaries that needed funding, I didn't need much convincing that I should make a regular donation - it also helped that it was really easy. I will also be happy to leave a legacy to LSBU because if I can help someone to have the same kind of educational experience as I did during my 4 years at South Bank Poly, then hopefully they'll have as interesting a career as I've had (so far) and a great time during their student life as well!

If, like Marcelle, you are considering a gift to LSBU in your Will, please contact Suzie Bannerman, Senior Development Manager - by email:

sbannerman@lsbu.ac.uk or by phone: 020 7815 6073 to discuss the options for what your legacy could achieve.

What our donors have supported

In 2012, we will disburse the funds that have been raised through the Annual Fund and by other means on the following projects:

The Student Adviser

A grant of £23,000 has been made to provide additional non-academic support for over 200 students.

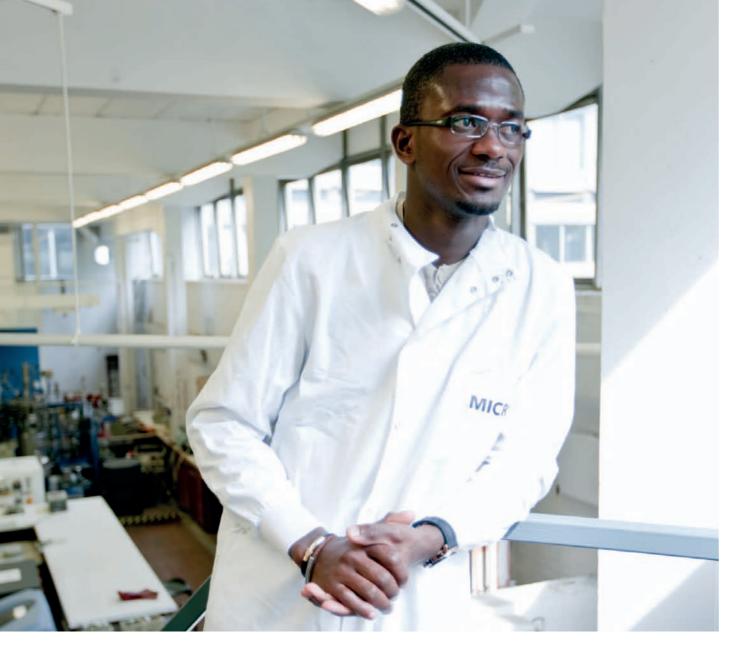
Many of our students need additional support with financial, health and social problems and other concerns that can hinder success. Our experience is that trained staff, through relatively low-level interventions, can help students to negotiate the different kinds of internal and external support, which can make all the difference to their progress.

With funding from the Annual Fund, a new Student Adviser will enhance a small team, housed in the new Student Centre, whose workload is expected to increase in a year when all students are experiencing a different fees regime. The Student Centre is a new social learning space in which students will obtain support from LSBU Central Services, find solutions to their problems and learn about valuable social, academic, personal and career opportunities.

The Student Adviser will provide expert advice, information and guidance to help students with strategies for improving their academic and personal skills, which are essential for successful adaptation to University life, personal effectiveness and further study. The Adviser will also contribute to enhancing the wider student experience at LSBU by providing a high quality, customer focused service.

We are delighted that the Annual Fund has been able to provide such a valuable resource for our students.





Creating professional opportunities

Most LSBU students need assistance to secure suitable professional placement opportunities. A grant of £23,000 has enabled the appointment of an additional part time Careers Adviser who will secure valuable professional placements for students.

This additional role will help ensure that all our undergraduates have this important opportunity. The Adviser will also work with students to enhance their employability skills in areas such as presentation and interview techniques.

Enterprising Events

£2,000 has been given to support a series of four "How to" events inspiring and supporting students to think and act in enterprising ways.

The first of these, "How to Pitch" was led by former Dragons' Den star and new LSBU Chancellor, Richard Farleigh, who opened the event with a talk to students from across the University, giving advice and tips on how to present their business ideas.

Building for Success

Five housing associations and one trust have generously given a total of £21,500 in memory of an LSBU alumna.

The Sylvana Chiappa Bursary scheme will offer five bursaries to full-time UK and EU students on LSBU's BA in Housing Studies. Each bursary is worth £4,300 and is spread over the three years of the course.

The bursaries were set up to enable talented women from black and ethnic minorities, preferably those living in social housing or working in the sector, to apply to study at LSBU. The bursaries were created in memory of Sylvana Chiappa, who was an esteemed housing professional and graduate of LSBU's Housing

Studies course. Sylvana spent much of her time inspiring young people in Lewisham to aim high in their careers and so these bursaries, in her honour, are very fitting.

Ruth Richards, Head of LSBU's Department of Urban, Environment and Leisure Studies, says: 'Sylvana was clearly a remarkable housing professional and an excellent role model. We hope that these bursaries will inspire other women to follow in her footsteps and fulfil their ambitions in this exciting and dynamic sector.

'The University is very grateful for the generosity of the five housing associations and one trust that have contributed to the bursaries, and to Janet Crome of RedLoft who organised ths support and liaised with Sylvana's family.'

The bursaries have been generously supported by: Barnbury Housing Association, Genesis Housing Association, London and Quadrant Housing Association, Notting Hill Housing, Family Mosaic and one anonymous trust.



