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Alumni engagement: creating change

Message from Professor Andrew Griffiths, Executive Dean, Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

One of the great strengths we offer students is lifelong membership in a strong and vibrant alumni network, a network we actively nurture and one in which success is contingent on the vision, enthusiasm, and generosity of you – our proud alumni.

Connectedness is at the heart of our faculty's advancement strategy. In 2016, we strengthened our global alumni network to ensure its continuing success as a valuable professional and social resource. I am delighted to report that your engagement with UQ is the highest it's ever been:

- The Global Connection meet-ups are now taking place quarterly in 24 locations across the globe, making us the most globally-connected alumni network at UQ.
- In addition, more than 2500 alumni attended Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (BEL) receptions in 15 cities in Australia, Asia, Europe, and the USA as well as other joint events in Sydney, Melbourne, Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong.
- The total number of BEL alumni donors increased by nearly 30 per cent from 293 in 2015 to 377 in 2016.
- BEL alumni were also instrumental in boosting the number of mentors sharing their wisdom and time with students by almost 80 per cent! Volunteers increased from 150 in 2015 to 269 in 2016.

2016 also saw our faculty's alumni dominate the annual UQ Alumni Awards with eight BEL alumni recognised out of a total of 17 awards, demonstrating the calibre, accomplishments, and outstanding professional success of our network.

Our faculty continued to set the lead in many areas of UQ in 2016:

- Our Student Employability Team (BEL SET) was awarded the *Australian Financial Review* Higher Education Employability award with the judges praising the team's systematic, embedded approach to boosting student employability.
- We launched Australia's first Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (Honours) (BAFE) program for high-achieving students, which attracted strong interest from both students and the business community, pushing the entry from OP2 to OP1 this year.
- Nine 2015 BEL Honours graduates were awarded UQ medals in the 2016 winter graduation ceremonies in recognition of their outstanding academic results, which included first class honours, demonstrated academic excellence, and a minimum GPA of 6.
- UQ launched the free online Create Change: Masterclass Series in innovation and entrepreneurship, with three courses: Ideas to Impact, Power to Change, and Engage to Innovate.

Later this year, BEL will be opening new UQ premises in Queen Street, Brisbane city that will include collaborative teaching and learning spaces. It will house student and industry engagement staff who will relocate from the St Lucia campus to provide improved student services. We are also investigating ways to use the space for alumni engagement.

In my first full year as Executive Dean this year, a key focus will be driving BEL's research and exchange opportunities with other high-profile schools around the world. For example, our Business School is one of several from UQ currently working on a major World Bank project in Indonesia and the Philippines – The Capturing Coral Reef & Related Ecosystem Services (CCRES) – to unlock the natural wealth of coastlines, enhance local livelihoods and food security, improve community health and wellbeing, and sustain coastal ecosystems.

I aim to expand our relationships with corporate entities and major institutes in the Asia Pacific and North America and I am also working with our schools to sharpen our focus on sustainability and innovation.

Last, but certainly not least, a key focus for me is to continue strengthening BEL's alumni engagement. I am humbled by your continuing interest and generosity in supporting our students. Your contributions – whether they be financial or in activities such as mentoring – are important to ensure the continuing success of BEL graduates and our remarkable alumni network.



Connecting through philanthropy

Message from Anthea Barry, Acting Director of Advancement,
Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

As I write, the St Lucia campus is buzzing with O-week energy as the next intake of excited students get their first taste of student life. It's one of the wonderful occasions during the year when the campus comes alive.

The students who pass through our halls now will go on to play key roles in forming and shaping society; their achievements will be inspirational and continue to make our university exceptional.

It is our role to provide students with the environment in which to flourish and excel, and one that encourages a continuous exchange of ideas and knowledge; it is a time when the seed of connectedness is sown. It's an opportunity to demonstrate how the UQ experience is not limited to two, three or four years of student enrolment; it is the start of a lifelong connection and one that encourages a sense of belonging to an influential and global hub of business, economics and law intelligence.

The active philanthropy of alumni and friends illustrates this connection perfectly. By providing scholarship support, teaching and learning opportunities, mentoring, state-of-the-art facilities, and the ability to attract world-class academics, we can be confident that the next generation of change-makers is equipped to face the challenges of the future.

While our incoming first-years are grappling with time-tabling and course choices, the importance and value of connectedness

are front and centre for another group of young people. Our newest graduates are making the transition from university to full-time work, further study, starting up a new business, or perhaps still considering the options ahead of them. Many of these young alumni have moved to a new city or returned home after several years away and would appreciate an introduction to a well-connected and friendly network. Please keep an eye out for these young alumni at UQ events or those who have recently joined your organisation.

The Dean's Society for business, economics and law has continued to grow in 2016, with a fantastic annual reception held at GOMA in June. This group provides a great networking opportunity for successful, like-minded people interested in supporting business, economics and law. Paul Taylor (BBus '91, BCom '92) was appointed Chair of the Dean's Society and, together, we look forward to seeing existing members and welcoming new donors at one of the exclusive events this year.

I continue to be humbled by the generosity and vision of donors and volunteers who choose to make an impact through giving to UQ. On behalf of our students, thank you.



Advancement 101

What is advancement?

Advancement is the practice of advancing the mission of an educational institution through fostering strategic and supportive relationships with its key constituents, including alumni, friends, donors, and philanthropic organisations. The core disciplines are alumni relations, fundraising (sometimes referred to as development), and marketing and communications.

What is the role of the advancement team in the BEL Faculty?

Advancement sets the strategy for engaging alumni and donors in the life of the University and for creating pathways into the institution, through face-to-face interactions with academics, students and fellow alumni. Reporting to the Executive Dean, we work closely with the Deans and Heads of our three schools, and with the UQ advancement office under the leadership of the Pro Vice-Chancellor – Advancement.

How does advancement facilitate external engagement?

We deliver a suite of events and communications to engage BEL alumni, friends, donors, and the UQ community in a meaningful way. We coordinate with other faculties and units to provide a comprehensive and varied calendar of events, including lectures, sports events, business roundtables, reunions and more. We manage an active network of alumni volunteers, who coordinate and host events in cities across the world and provide a personal point of contact for alumni.

How are alumni represented?

The advancement team works closely with approximately 70 Alumni Ambassadors, who make up eight Alumni Ambassador Councils (see page 22 for the full list). BEL Alumni Ambassadors advise on programming to ensure relevance and an active, engaged alumni network. Ambassadors are representative of the diversity in the alumni community in terms of school of graduation, field of study, age, gender, background, industry and interests.

What does BEL fundraise for?

We work with donors committed to the mission of UQ and the BEL Faculty to secure financial support for students, research, academic programs, infrastructure and more. We identify key areas of need for private support and match these with a donor's motivation to make an impact in a specific area.

Is a portion of my gift used for administrative or operational funding?

No. 100% of gifts received goes to the destination specified by the donor. Advancement activity is funded by the BEL Faculty's operating budget, and not by donation income.

How can donors see the impact of their gift?

To ensure that gifts are used according to the donor's intent, and that donors can witness the impact of their generosity, we keep in regular contact and facilitate engagement opportunities, for example, meetings between scholarship donors and recipients. We strive to expand the recognition, importance, and impact of philanthropy by profiling stories of donors and their gifts.

How are donors recognised?

The Dean's Society for business, economics and law is the giving society that recognises donors who contribute \$1000 or more per year or \$100,000 or more for lifetime membership. Young alumni aged 35 years or younger can join for \$500 or more per year. Membership is automatic for any eligible gifts to any destination of your choice within the BEL Faculty. The Dean's Society is a well-connected group of like-minded, successful individuals and organisations who are recognised for demonstrating philanthropic leadership.

See page 15 for more information.

Why isn't UQ in touch with me?

We may not have your current email address! Keeping track of where our alumni are, and ensuring that we have up-to-date contact details on the UQ alumni and donor database is an ongoing part of our role. We use platforms like LinkedIn and Facebook for news and updates, but to make sure that you receive invitations to events that are relevant to you, please update your details online at: bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/update-your-details



Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present.

– Albert Camus

Training future business leaders

Message from UQ Business School's Acting Head of School,
Associate Professor Len Coote

2016 was a fantastic year for UQ Business School, in particular for our MBA program, which was ranked first in Australia yet again by *The Economist* and raised its rank internationally by six places to become one of the top 10 MBA programs in the world. The MBA program was also given a 5 Star rating by the GMAA/Good University Guide for the 12th year in a row.

Some other highlights from 2016 include:

- Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited founder and UQ Business School alumnus Mark Sowerby (BArgSc '93, MBA '03) was named Queensland's first Chief Entrepreneur. He has been tasked with helping Queensland attract more venture capital and turning ideas into businesses and jobs. Blue Sky Alternative Investments contribute an annual business scholarship for two Indigenous students to study for up to three years at UQ Business School.
- Dr Lance Newey received a Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning, as part of the government's Australian Awards for University Teaching program. It was in recognition of his social entrepreneurship programs, which have seen more than 600 students completing more than 150 projects in communities in Australia and overseas. Some of their achievements include:
 - installing water purification technology on the roof of the community hall in a remote Indigenous settlement at Dajarra, Queensland
 - restoring biodiversity on Stradbroke Island
 - installing solar lights in 700 Namibian households to address child literacy problems by allowing students to read at night.

Also, thanks to a \$3 million gift from alumnus and leading Australian businessman Malcolm Broomhead (BE '75, MBA '84), UQ Business School is now undergoing a global search for an internationally renowned professor and leader in finance to be the inaugural Malcolm Broomhead Chair in Finance. We are also looking for support to create other similar research chairs and fellowships in data analytics, innovation, and entrepreneurship, which will create even higher-quality learning experiences for students.

This year, we are also developing a student-run managed fund, and, in its initial year, the students will not invest with actual capital. Longer term, we may seek external investors to support this student-led initiative.

You can become involved with UQ Business School by providing your time, access to your experience and expertise, and through your financial resources. Every gift to support our future leaders is important, no matter the size. On behalf of the staff and students who have benefited through these gifts, I sincerely thank all donors and volunteers for your continued support. Your generosity has helped us provide internships and scholarships to train the business leaders of tomorrow as well as find solutions to some of the world's most pressing business issues.

Many of the generous business leaders who support these initiatives and donate their time, wisdom, and money are alumni. Over the past three years alumni giving to UQ Business School has increased by 75%, so thank you all for your generosity and your role in helping us achieve national and international recognition as one of the best research-intensive business schools in the Asia-Pacific region.



Leading drivers of the economy

Message from Professor Rodney Strachan,

UQ has a long and proud history and our alumni are an ever-evolving central pillar of this history. The School of Economics has a rich tradition of producing world-class economists and 2017 marks the 70-year anniversary of the formation of the School of Economics, as well as 105 years of teaching economics at UQ.

Gifts from our alumni go a long way in helping us achieve our goals of continuing to provide the highest levels of economics education and attracting the very best and brightest economics students.

Beyond student fees and government funding, it is the generosity of time and money afforded by philanthropy that helps the UQ School of Economics to maintain its leading role in Australian economics education.

2016 was no exception. The Archibald Scholarship, The Thomas Riha Scholarship, and the Warren Braxton Bannister Bursary are all highly prestigious examples of our scholarships and bursaries that are directly funded by generous philanthropy.

The school has one of the largest scholarship programs in the University, ranging from special welfare payments that support students experiencing extreme financial distress through to our most valuable scholarship, the Centenary Scholarship, in which 100% of tuition is covered for three years, \$20,000 living allowance is provided per year, plus a single return airfare from the student's country of residence, and a one-off \$500 book allowance.



Alumni-funded scholarships, prizes, and awards for exceptional academic achievement encourage healthy competition among students and help maintain high academic standards.

Our 2016 alumni highlights include our students hearing from Emeritus Professor Ian Harper (BEcon(Hons) '78), Board Member of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Susan Buckley (BEcon '85, MBA '10), Managing Director – Global Liquid Strategies at Queensland Investment Corporation, and Andrea Staines (BEcon '86), Non-Executive Director of Queensland Investment Corporation, SeaLink Travel, Uniting Care Queensland, and Tourism Australia.

I warmly invite our alumni to keep in touch with the UQ School of Economics and to attend our many events, such as public lectures and workshops. These can be great opportunities for networking with industry leaders, staff and students. Following our Facebook page (facebook.com/uniofqleconomics) is also a good way to reconnect and stay in touch.

With your generous support, our school can continue nurturing future graduates who will help address the world's economic challenges.

Philanthropy in action

The Archibald Scholarship

Founded in 1911, this is one of UQ's oldest scholarships, supporting the best economics students. Applications are by invitation only. The value of this scholarship is determined each year by the Executive Dean in consultation with the selection committee. It is maintained by an endowment fund that is open to further gifts. Recipients over the years include leaders in government, the private sector, and academia, which gives a sense of the profound impact that philanthropy can have. With support from our key alumni, we are working to ensure that this historic scholarship can continue for many decades to come.

The Warren Braxton Bannister Bursary

This bursary is funded directly by philanthropy as an endowment from the estate of the late Warren Braxton Bannister. Established in 2005, with two bursaries awarded annually, in 2016 these were awarded to Gregor Evans and Ching Chong. The \$3000 bursary is awarded to the applicants showing the greatest merit as demonstrated by financial need and either academic achievement or evidence relevant to future success in the study of economics.

World-class legal education

Message from Professor Sarah Derrington, Academic Dean and Head of TC Beirne School of Law

Thanks to the vision, generosity and support of you – our alumni and the wider community – our home, Forgan Smith, underwent a dramatic renovation that will provide our current and future students with the space and facilities to flourish under our new teaching approach.

This new approach is focused on collaborative learning in small groups, encouraging students to participate in extracurricular experiences and engage with the profession and community.

We aim to provide a rigorous, world-class legal education that stimulates, challenges, and nurtures excellence in critical thinking. Accordingly, since 2016, we have been deliberately limiting our undergraduate intake to those students who have achieved an OPI. This year, our first-year Bachelor of Laws (Honours) intake was less than 200.

We are striving to position the TC Beirne School of Law as Australia's leading law school. However, we are mindful that we will not achieve this without ensuring that our student population includes those from educationally disadvantaged and culturally diverse backgrounds. Thanks to the generous support of our alumni, we have introduced some exciting new programs to foster diversity within the school.

Last year we set up an endowment fund as part of our Create History campaign, which underpins the re-imagining of our law school. Create History aims to raise \$20 million, and, to date, thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$7 million.

The school is extremely grateful to our alumni and supporters who have contributed to ensuring our current cohort – including those from disadvantaged backgrounds – have access to the best resources and learning experiences available.

Another important equity initiative launched last year was the Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship, which aims to create opportunities for students from

disadvantaged backgrounds. This scholarship was made possible by a \$2 million donation from The University of Queensland Endowment Fund (UQef). To learn more about the LEAD Scholarship, please see page 10.

In addition, students continue to receive support through our other generous scholarships including The Endowed Dr J & Dr M Fulcher Scholarship in Law, The McCullough Robertson Scholarship and The Richard Cooper Scholarship.

While we are making great strides, there is still much to achieve and our philanthropic goals for 2017 are:

- to endow the Pro Bono Centre
- to continue to build the scholarship endowment fund.

There are also many other ways to support our current generation of students by providing mentoring and work placement opportunities. We are indeed fortunate to have such strong and supportive alumni and we welcome and value any support that you are in a position to provide.

I look forward to working with you to support our students in 2017.

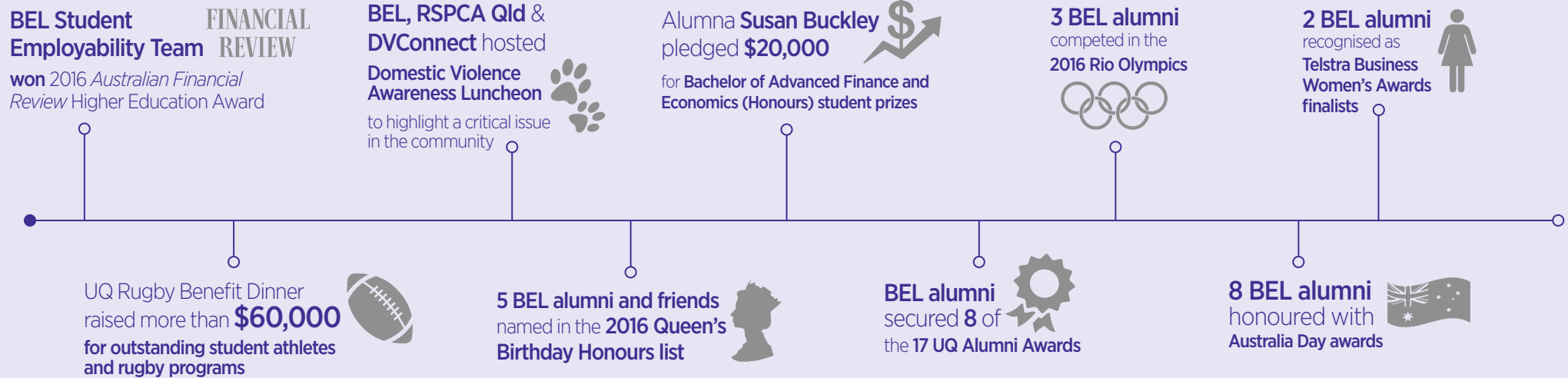


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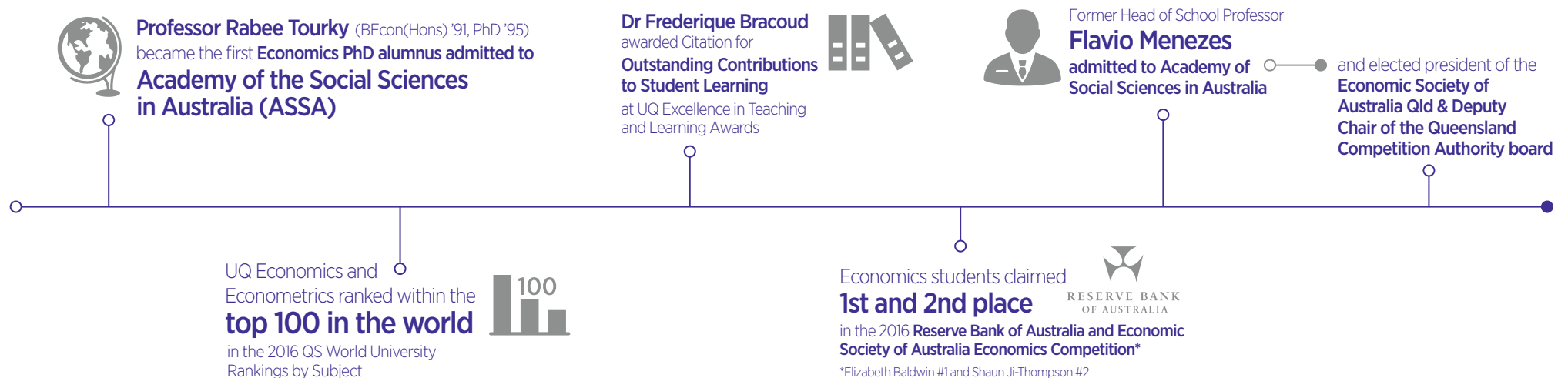
provides opportunities for major benefactors to support academic programs which they feel need stronger emphasis or more rapid development. These opportunities include academic scholarships, named Chairs and research programs.

2016 highlight reel: BEL highlights and key achievements

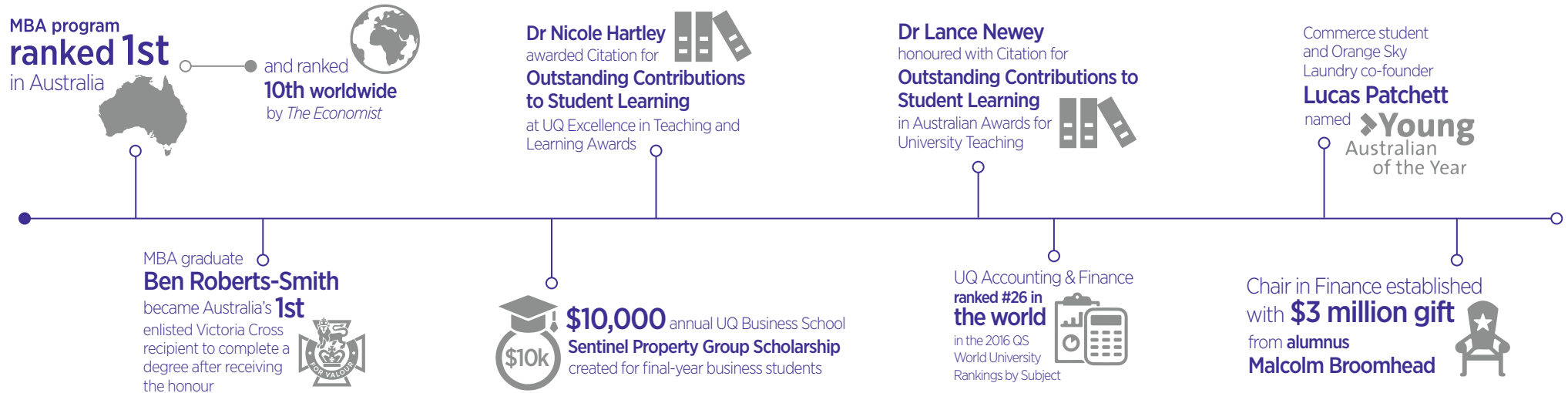
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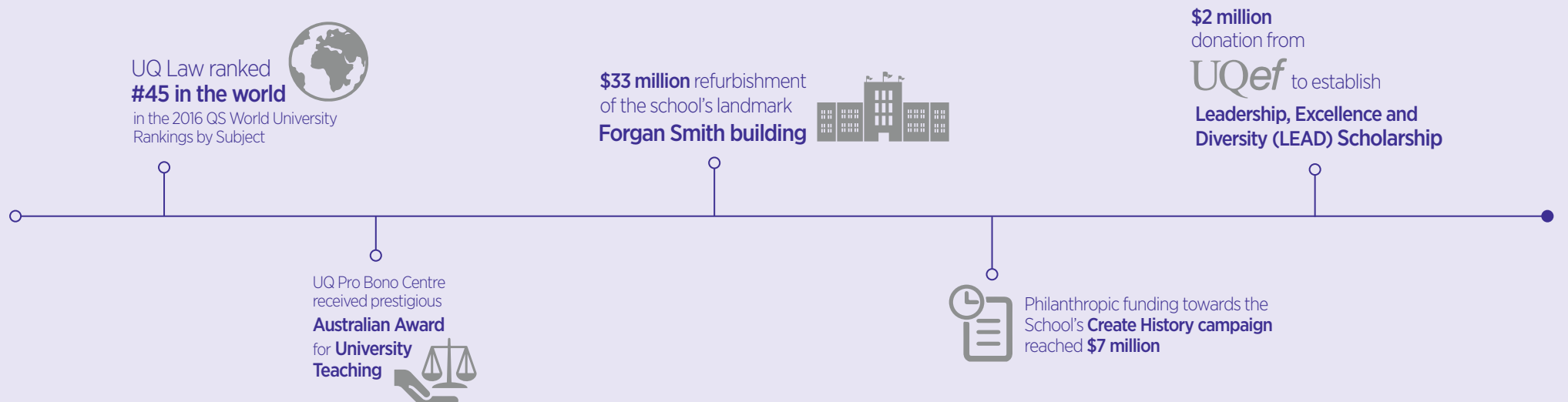
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LEAD Scholarship paves the way for diversity in law

In 2017, seven first-year UQ law students from disadvantaged backgrounds will have the opportunity to live their dreams with the support of a generous new scholarship.

The Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship was made possible by a \$2 million donation over five years from The University of Queensland Endowment Fund (UQef).

The scholarship was established in 2016 to promote diversity in the TC Beirne School of Law. It supports aspiring law students from non-selective Australian state schools, rural and remote areas, low income, Indigenous or refugee families, and those who are the first in their family to attend university.

Up to 15 students will be awarded the scholarship each year, conditional upon their being granted a place in the School through the QTAC application process. Scholarship recipients will receive \$7000 a year for up to five years, among other benefits.

Head of School and Dean of Law Professor Sarah Derrington hopes that the vision and support of the endowment fund and business community donors will inspire further philanthropic contributions to ensure the scholarship program's longevity.

"We are striving to position the TC Beirne School of Law as Australia's leading law school, and we will not achieve this without ensuring that our student population includes those from educationally disadvantaged and culturally diverse backgrounds," she said.

"One of the major hurdles for financially disadvantaged students is the cost of living while undertaking a full-time degree. The LEAD Scholarship provides successful applicants with \$7000 each year to assist towards the cost of undertaking a Bachelor of Laws (Hons), alleviating, to some extent, the imperative to work to survive."

"Recipients receive priority access to valuable internship opportunities and access to academic and tutorial assistance offered through the UQ residential colleges, and professional networking opportunities."

The scholarship – together with the School's reduced annual student intake, increased cut-off score requirements for undergraduate admission, and recent \$33 million building refurbishment – is part of the School's significant refocus to ensure a more personalised, innovative and world-leading experience for students.

To support the Law School Scholarship Endowment Fund, please visit: law.uq.edu.au/alumni/giving/giving-scholarships



National award for legal community outreach services

The TC Beirne School of Law's Pro Bono Centre received a prestigious Australian Award for University Teaching in December 2016.

A representative of the Federal Minister for Education and Training, the Honourable Simon Birmingham, presented the Pro Bono Centre with an Award for Programs that Enhance Learning at a ceremony at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

Students assist community legal centres, law firms, barristers, and community agencies.

Through the Pro Bono Centre, they can also participate in law reform and policy research and deliver legal information sessions to secondary school students.

Pro Bono Centre Director Monica Taylor said her team was delighted to be recognised as a national leader, delivering structured law-student pro bono work in close partnership with the legal profession.

"Students get to appreciate first-hand the impact of the law and apply their emerging legal skills to improve access to justice," she said.

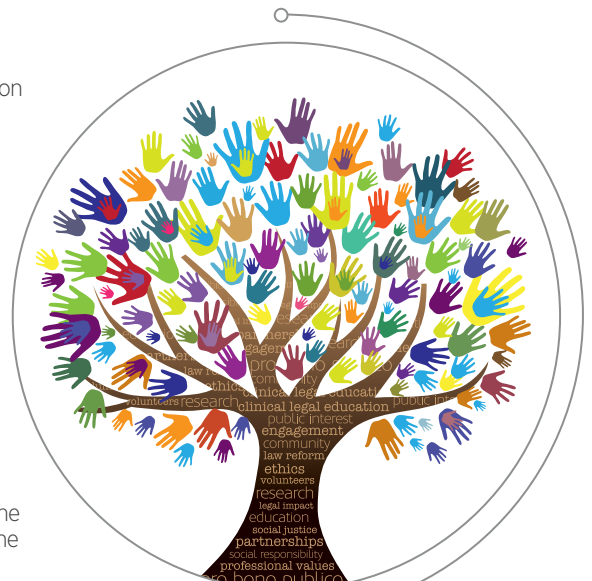
In 2016, more than 100 law students undertook pro bono legal activities in partnership with the profession across a diverse spectrum of legal issues including:

- assisting legal groups to prepare submissions for a parliamentary inquiry into whether Queensland should legislate to introduce a statutory Human Rights Act

- researching the legal supports available for families appearing in coronial inquests
- working with a domestic violence organisation to develop a policy on ethical fundraising
- delivering a tenancy law clinic providing legal advice to vulnerable tenants at risk of losing their housing
- producing the only dedicated legal information fact sheet currently available in Queensland addressing the sensitive issues that arise when a family member goes missing
- presenting at a regional Asia Pro Bono Conference in Myanmar
- conducting public interest environmental law research in Malaysian Borneo
- producing a paper on jury law reform on behalf of the Supreme Court of Tonga.

Head of School and Dean of Law Professor Sarah Derrington said that the TC Beirne School of Law encouraged students to think critically about the law and investigate its structures, principles, policies and values.

"The UQ Pro Bono Centre nobly achieves this aim, contributes to the outstanding legal education offered by our school, and enriches the student experience," she said.





All donors to the Create History project are acknowledged in an elegant display of books on glass shelving in the Law School, featuring the donors' or in memoriam names on the book spines and covers.

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History created with Forgan Smith re-imagination

The \$33 million re-imagination of UQ's landmark **Forgan Smith building** was completed in early 2017, providing state-of-the-art facilities and customised learning and research spaces for the **TC Beirne School of Law**.

Head of School and Dean of Law Professor Sarah Derrington said she was humbled and encouraged by the generous support of alumni, the legal fraternity and wider community.

\$7 million has to-date been raised or pledged towards the \$20 million target for the Create History project, with individuals gifting from \$500 to \$2 million.

Naming opportunities are still available – ranging from study booths to teaching rooms – and donors have the option of naming their space in their own right or in memory of an inspirational friend or family member.

The refurbishment supports a major refocusing of the School to provide a stimulating, interactive, and inspiring environment for students and teachers that reflects the more collaborative practices of the modern legal workplace.

The new space includes collaborative research spaces and break-out rooms, independent study areas and facilities for mobile technology, innovative learning, research, and academic activities. Alumni are encouraged to view the re-imagined Forgan Smith building, and can make an appointment with the BEL Advancement team for an escorted tour.

Professor Derrington said the Create History project also supported an endowment scholarship fund to assist financially disadvantaged students.

“The endowment fund aims to maximise the ability of students of all backgrounds to study at the TC Beirne School of Law, despite their means,” she said.

All donors to the Create History project are acknowledged in an elegant display of books on glass shelving in the Law School, featuring the

donors' or in memoriam names on the book spines and covers. Generous supporters of the project were honoured at a cocktail function at Government House in November.

The Governor of Queensland, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, and Mrs Kaye de Jersey, both UQ alumni, hosted the gathering to acknowledge the significant contributions that alumni and members of Queensland's legal fraternity have made to this new chapter in the School's history.

For further information, please visit law.uq.edu.au/create-history or contact Anthea Barry at a.barry4@uq.edu.au



Mentoring: a two-way street

Becoming a mentor is not only a rewarding experience but also a surprisingly educational one, according to alumnus and executive leader Jeff Weigh.

Mr Weigh (BEcon '75, MEconSt '80) has had a diverse career as an executive leader, CEO, and non-Executive Director in the tourism, infrastructure, asset management, property, manufacturing, and allied health industries.

The Faculty of Business, Economics and Law's Student Employability Team (BEL SET) facilitates the BEL Career Mentoring Program that matches mentors to highly motivated students.

As a mentor to BEL students, Mr Weigh said he enjoyed learning from the mentees.

"It's not a one-way street, it's a lovely experience of finding out what young people think. I'm pretty interested in what they have to say," he said.

Graduate Mary Overington (BlnSt '13) said that she gained much more from her experience as Mr Weigh's mentee than the expected industry knowledge and encouragement.

"He challenged my thinking about what sort of career and future I want to build for myself," she said.

"It's incredible what a difference it makes simply to talk with someone every fortnight, especially because that person has a genuine interest in my future."

"I always left our meetings feeling excited about the opportunities ahead of me, and with a clear idea of how I can harness them."

"I gained gems of knowledge that otherwise would have taken me years to obtain and a renewed sense of optimism about what I am capable of achieving."

"Most importantly, I met someone I respect greatly and who is just as excited about my future as I am."

Another mentee, Sherry Lam (MBus '16) agrees that Mr Weigh's level of engagement was wonderful.

"Jeff has been very inspiring and he's been a great leader for my career purposes. It was the perfect mentorship for me. Jeff has a lot to offer and teach. His level of engagement is unlike any other I've had before and it's been wonderful," she said.

From 2017, the BEL SET Mentoring Program includes law students. Employability Specialist, Cate Clifford is encouraging UQ law alumni to consider becoming a mentor.

For information about becoming a mentor, please visit: bel.uq.edu.au/bel-career-mentoring-program or contact Cate Clifford at c.clifford@uq.edu.au



The Mentoring Program was a key element of the BEL SET team's success in being awarded a prestigious 2016 *Australian Financial Review* Higher Education Award in the employability category.



BEL alumnus and mentor, Jeff Weigh

The Dean's Society

The Dean's Society honours the loyalty and generosity our alumni and friends have demonstrated through their gifts to the schools of business, economics or law.

Throughout 2016, our Dean's Society members enjoyed exclusive invitations to a range of special events, such as the Dean's Society Reception in June, plus priority seating to build valuable networks with like-minded business leaders, shaping the future with UQ.

Donors who give \$1000 or more per calendar year are automatically acknowledged as Dean's Society members. Young alumni, 35 years and under, become members with an annual gift of \$500 or more. Lifetime membership at the bronze, silver, gold, diamond, and platinum level is granted for gifts over \$100,000. Please refer to page 27 for a full list of Dean's Society members.

Chair of the Dean's Society: Paul Taylor

Paul Taylor was appointed Chair of the Dean's Society in 2016. After graduating with a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Commerce from UQ, Paul moved overseas to earn his Master of Finance from the London Business School. His move led to a position as an investment analyst with global asset manager Fidelity International (London), and, from there, his career in portfolio management flourished.

Paul returned to Australia in 2003 to take on his current role as Head of Australian Equities at Fidelity International. Both Paul and his wife Sue have given generously to UQ, funding scholarships, the library, medical research and mentoring students. In 2015, the Taylors donated \$1.25 million towards establishing UQ's Centre for the Business and Economics of Health.

The centre drives change in Australia's healthcare systems and policies through research, bringing together researchers and resources from the BEL Faculty, the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences (HABS), and the Mater Research Institute – UQ. Paul believes that philanthropy is key to ensuring that UQ is competitive with the world's elite universities.

"Whether it is funding scholarships to ensure that the best and brightest have access to a world-class tertiary education irrespective of their backgrounds, sponsoring exceptional research, or attracting the best teachers and researchers to UQ, philanthropy plays a critical role in maintaining the University's leadership position," he said.

The Dean's Society Annual Reception

The 2016 BEL Faculty Dean's Society Annual Cocktail Reception was a night to remember for the crowd of 70 BEL alumni, friends and staff in attendance.

The reception brought together Dean's Society members from around the world – including Chair of the Dean's Society Paul Taylor – at the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) in June. Guests celebrated the positive impact of their gifts over drinks, canapés, and an exclusive guided tour of GOMA's *Line + Form: Paintings and Sculpture from the Indigenous Australian Collection*.

Former BEL Faculty Executive Dean, Professor Iain Watson, acknowledged the power of philanthropy and its ability to create change in the lives of current and future students.

"Philanthropic investment is a cornerstone of education; nothing makes a more powerful statement than alumni and friends such as yourselves choosing to invest in your alma mater," he said.

"We thank you for your philanthropic leadership, which is integral to UQ's mission to shape the future, inspire the next generation, and advance ideas that benefit the world. Every single gift received is important and makes a difference to a student's educational journey."

Make your gift by 9 June to qualify to join the Dean's Society Reception on Tuesday 13 June 2017.

For more information, please visit bel.uq.edu.au/deans-society or contact Anthea Barry at a.barry4@uq.edu.au

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Professor Iain Watson, Dr Andrew Brice AM, Georgina Story and John Story AO



Empowering student success

The BEL Scholarships and Prizes Luncheon is an opportunity for our exceptional scholarship and prize recipients to meet and thank the generous donors who have invested in their future success.

In 2016, Customs House once again hosted more than 70 scholarship recipients, donors, and BEL Faculty staff for the annual festivities. Guests heard from BEL Faculty Executive Dean Professor Andrew Griffiths, Director of Advancement (Acting) Anthea Barry, and Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Engineering student Cassie Dai.

Cassie was the 2016 recipient of the BJ Freeman Scholarship in Commerce. She shared her personal experience, reflecting on her move from China to Australia during childhood and the imperative to work constantly to support herself and her family. For Cassie, her scholarship has given her more valuable time to focus on developing vital skills.

“To help out at home, I started working as soon as I turned 13 years and nine months, the legal age to work in Australia at the time,” she said.

“At one point I had three jobs simultaneously. For me personally it is a constant battle between taking on more part-time work and investing in my future.”

“In the interview I was asked what this scholarship means to me. It gives me freedom, support, and the ability to have dinner with my family once in a while. With a scholarship, I don’t have to burn out. I can focus on my passion and use my skills to end up where I want to be.”

Cassie thanked all BEL scholarship and prize donors for believing in and supporting the recipients’ “dreams and passions” and their capacity to create change in the world.

“The generosity of those involved inspires me to do my very best, and your faith in not just me but everyone here today is what will drive us to succeed.”

“Andrew, thank you for the invitation to the scholarship and prizes lunch today. It was great to meet you, and a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours with some really outstanding young people. They were all great ambassadors for the University; you must be very proud of your extended ‘family’.”

“

Cassie was a worthy winner of my scholarship, and I appreciated the opportunity to spend some time with her. I have been so impressed with the quality of the candidates presented to me and the impact that this modest financial support can make, that I recently increased the value of my scholarship in coming years. Events like this reinforce why I started this journey a couple of years ago.”

– Bradley J. Freeman, Vice President, Fujitsu

To speak with us about enabling student success through scholarships or prizes, please contact Anthea Barry at a.barry4@uq.edu.au

To read more about Cassie’s experience, please see her speech adjacent.



Cassie Dai



My name is Cassie Dai, I am currently in my penultimate year of studying my Bachelor of Engineering and Commerce and I am the 2016 recipient of the BJ Freeman Scholarship in Commerce from Mr Bradley Freeman.

Today I am here representing all the students who have received scholarships, prizes and gifts. First of all I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the incredibly generous donors.

To the donors in the room, you have not only rewarded us for our success, but you have invested in the leaders of the future, enabling our road to our future successes to be less bumpy.

Whether it was directly funding our activities or indirectly by helping us to be able to afford not to work in exam block or to devote more time to extracurricular activities. The donations from donors have awarded and supported us in developing our professional skills in one way or another.

I want to share my personal experience with you and how over the years, equity scholarships have helped me achieve success.

I grew up with two sisters and my mum in a very small apartment in Chongqing, one of the most populated cities in China. Growing up, I hardly saw my mum besides when she took me with her to her work. She worked seven days a week, and would wake up before I got up for school and arrive home after I had fallen asleep. She would then prepare my dinner for the next day. I've never ever felt disadvantaged though, as I always had food, clothes and a home.

From a young age I understood how to work hard and be independent. I also discovered the impact of social entrepreneurial initiatives at a very young age. I was appointed as the academic leader of my class in primary school in a low socio-economic area in China. At the time there was no library at my school; the playground was just brown dirt. At the age of 10, I initiated a project where I collected unwanted books from everyone and formed a small library within our class of 40 students.

We moved to Australia when I was 11 years old. To help out at home, I started working as soon as I turned 13 years and nine months, the legal age to work in Australia at the time. I started as a checkout clerk at IGA and I worked in various hospitality and retail establishments all throughout high school. I was a bartender, barista, sales person and waitress. At one point I had three jobs simultaneously. I now have the privilege to be the first person in my family line to graduate with a bachelor's degree. For me, personally, it is a constant battle between taking on more part-time work and investing in my future.

I remember in the interview for my scholarship I was asked what achieving it would mean to me? It gives me freedom, support, and the ability to have dinner with my family once in a while. I have been able to dedicate time to develop my professional skills through volunteering for different student societies and not-for-profit organisations. These experiences have exposed me to mentors who have helped develop my leadership skills, career pathways, and trained me to think strategically.

These experiences have given me an opportunity to apply these skills in leading and organising various projects in the last two years. I was able to lead my own team of 12 volunteers for the Power of Engineering Dalby event in 2014, inspiring the next generation of engineers... inspiring 200 high school students. The team and I had to design and organise a workshop with the focus of introducing students to STEM education as a career path. As you can tell, I'm not the best public speaker. That's why, last year I started an initiative called "Game Changers" sponsored by the UQ Student Employability Centre. It is a free fortnightly run practical workshop that focuses on boosting the confidence of our attendees through two focal skills: public speaking and interviews.

With the help of the BJ Freeman scholarship, I have been able to dedicate more time as the 2016 academic coordinator of the UQ South Pacific Islander Association. I have used the leadership skills and training I have gained and created "INSPIA". It is a one-day event at UQ to inspire the next generation of Pacific Islander and Maori heritage students from all across South East Queensland. With the help of 35 volunteers, this event will take place next Thursday and we just got over 100 registrations last night! Wool!

The primary purpose of INSPIA is to use various interactive activities to provide high school students with information regarding university, tertiary education, career pathways, valuable life advice workshops that, we university students, have gained from hindsight. The information provided throughout this event will be of utmost value for our attendees, as many students from this background will be the first of their family to be able to attend university, just like me. As illustrated in a Queensland Health study, Maori and Pacific Islanders are disadvantaged in attaining education.

You may ask why I do all these things, given I have very little free time... for my resume, of course! No, no, I do everything because once upon a time I was in those students' shoes and I wished for guidance. Your donation does not only help and invest in us, the leaders of the future, it also inspires us to be able to do the same for the next generation of leaders when we succeed.

As full-time students, every day we face hard choices on what we do with our time. For example, cooking 2 Minute Noodles or spending a few hours on healthy meals that last several days. Besides devoting time to study, sport, and trying to have a social life, we are constantly battling between choosing something that benefits us now or develops us professionally for our future, such as unpaid internships, attending conferences unfunded, studying overseas, volunteering on community projects or student societies.

I remember in my second year of university when I had three jobs at once. I worked from 6:30am till 4pm as a waitress and then went straight to a cricket match at 5pm as a checkout clerk finishing at 9pm. After being on my feet for 15 hours, I ran for the last bus near the stadium, and of course I missed it. While walking to another bus stop, I collapsed and my legs could not walk anymore, so I sat on the side of the road and cried. I'm pretty sure someone from a car threw coins at me.

I ended up having to take a taxi home, effectively meaning I worked for nothing all night. That night I realised that I should not let my hard work go to waste, and how we spend our time can be infinitely more important than money. Of course this was before learning about sunk costs in my microeconomics subject. With a scholarship, I don't have to burn out and kill my legs, I can focus on my passion and use my skills to end up where I want to be.

I have dreams and passions. What makes me believe I can achieve these is the fact that there are people who believe in us and our passions too. Without the scholarship, yes, I may have succeeded, but I may have not have been able to do as much as I have done over the past years.

The generosity of those involved inspire me to do my very best and it may not be much, but your faith in not just me but everyone here today is what will drives us to succeed, and for that, I thank you. Thank you for everything you have done for me and for all those who are here today. I am very humbled that there are people who believe in me too.

We all have unique experiences, but I can say with certainty that all of us here today have used the scholarship to invest in our potential. The free time we have is the most expensive time, because nobody pays for it but ourselves. I would like to thank again all the donors here today and particularly Mr Bradley Freeman for my scholarship. Your generosity plays a vitally important role in ensuring that UQ students can take advantage of the opportunities that they have worked so hard to deserve.

Alumni Lecture Series

Industry leaders inspire alumni.

2016 was another stellar year for the BEL Alumni Lecture Series (ALS), thanks to a diverse speaker line-up and exclusive sponsorship from Mazda Australia.

The ALS is a series of complimentary lecture and networking events featuring speakers, often past UQ alumni, who are leaders in business, finance, economics, entrepreneurship, tourism and law.

All UQ alumni interested in lifelong learning and thought-provoking discussions are encouraged to come along and be inspired.

Over the course of 2016, eight ALS events were held in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Speakers provided insight into their industries and career journeys and mingled with alumni and BEL Faculty staff. Dean's Society members were also invited to intimate small-group roundtable discussions with the speaker following the main event.

- **Malcolm Broomhead** (BE '75, MBA '84), Chairman of Orica Ltd, and Non-Executive Director of BHP Billiton Ltd and Plc
- **Kathryn Fagg** (BE '82), Board Member of the Reserve Bank of Australia
- **Marie Myers** (BA '87, BEcon '88), Senior Vice-President (Finance) of Hewlett Packard
- **Jamie Pherous** (BCom '88), Managing Director of Corporate Travel Management
- **Ann Sherry AO** (BA '78, Hon.BBus '14), Executive Chairman of Carnival Australia
- **Don Taylor** (BCom '72), Chairman of Graincorp Limited
- **Denis Wagner**, Managing Director of Wagners
- **Peter Wanckel**, Managing Director of John Deere Limited – Australia/New Zealand

As in years past, the BEL Faculty awarded seven \$1000 ALS scholarships – in honour of the 2016 speakers – to outstanding first-year BEL students. Bachelor of Commerce student and ALS scholarship recipient Nifal Ahmed Nazim said she was “deeply grateful” to be selected.

“Through your support, I have strengthened my commitment to my undergraduate studies,” she said.

“The impact that your interest and contribution have had on me has made me realise that, with my university education, I will also be capable of positively impacting many lives in the future.”

Nifal received her scholarship at the Don Taylor lecture in May.

2016 also saw the introduction of donations through ALS event registrations, which raised more than \$10,000 for ALS scholarships such as Nifal's, as well as other BEL priorities.

Director of Advancement (Acting) Anthea Barry said she was overwhelmed by the generosity of the ALS attendees.

“On behalf of the BEL Faculty, I would like to thank our alumni for their contributions to the ALS throughout 2016,” she said.

“Your participation is just as important as the amount you give, and the success of the ALS events is a testament to our active alumni community.”

“On top of this, your generous donations will help us continue to provide scholarships for our students and fund other valuable initiatives and programs.”

ALS donations also contribute towards eligibility for membership of the Dean's Society.

The BEL Faculty would like to thank Mazda Australia for their generous sponsorship of the 2016 series.

To support the ALS, please visit bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/als-sponsorship



Rugby Benefit Dinner in NYC

Rugby stars turn out to support UQ benefit dinner.

The 2016 UQ Rugby benefit dinner was a star-studded event, attracting a long list of Australian and international rugby legends.

Held in New York City in November each year, the annual dinner was once again hosted by Professor Iain Watson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement), and attended by UQ Rugby Football Club President Michael Zaicek.

The event raises funds for exceptional student athletes and strengthens ties between UQ and its USA-based alumni and friends.

BEL alumnus, New York resident, and former UQ Rugby player Brian Macnish (LLB '77) organised the 2016 event in conjunction with BEL, UQ Rugby, and The University of Queensland in America Foundation (TUQIA).

High-profile former and current players were on hand to show their support and participate in a lively panel discussion, including **Dr Steve Cutler, Con Foley, James Horwill, Dr Mark Loane AM, Michael Lynagh AM, Andy McIntyre, Nathan Sharpe**, and the late **Dan Vickerman**.

Legacy table sponsors Blue Sky Alternative Investments LLC, Dixon Advisory USA, and Paul Compton again took the opportunity to host clients and guests together with one of the rugby panelists at their table.

Behind the glitz and glamour, the highlight of the night was the announcement of the 2016 Mark Loane Medal recipient, University of Arizona business student Bronson Teles.

Commissioned in 2015, the medal recognises the outstanding potential of America's best high school rugby player based on their skills, ability, and aptitude, both on and off the rugby field.

As the incoming medallist, Bronson will travel to UQ in 2017 to complete a rugby scholarship at the UQ Rugby Academy and play for the renowned UQ Rugby Football Club. He takes up the mantle from the 2015 medallist, fellow University of Arizona student Steven Branham.

The medal recognises Bronson's stellar rugby career thus far, including his tenure at the Katy Barbarians Rugby Club in Texas, where he has played for nine years and been captain for three. In addition to being named MVP by Katy, two-time 'Forward of the Year' by Rugby Texas, and 'Player of the Month' and 'MVP of the Month' in the March 2016 Goff Rugby Report, Bronson played for the Texas All Stars for four years and was varsity captain this past season.

He represented the High School All Americans, USA Rugby u18-19 in 2016 playing both 7s and 15s. He was also selected for the USA u20s (Men's Junior All Americans) and played in the 2016 Junior World Trophy in Zimbabwe.

Dr Mark Loane AM is regarded as one of the finest rugby players ever to emerge from Queensland, playing for UQ, the Queensland Reds, and the Wallabies in the 1970s. He is also a distinguished ophthalmologist, known for his efforts to improve eye health in Indigenous and remote communities.

The 2016 dinner raised more than \$60,000 through ticket sales, raffle tickets and a live auction. Funds raised will support the current and future Mark Loane Medal recipients and other outstanding student athletes, the UQ Rugby Club, and important rugby programs and initiatives. A portion of the event proceeds will also benefit Play Rugby USA, a non-profit organisation designed to teach positive life skills to young people through rugby.

The 2017 UQ Rugby Benefit Dinner will be held on Thursday 2 November.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for the 2017 UQ Rugby Benefit Dinner. If you would like to show your support, please visit: bel.uq.edu.au/uq-rugby-benefit-dinner



I just wanted to say thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity and experience; I couldn't be more grateful and honored

for this nomination. It has truly been a dream of mine since I was a kid to play rugby overseas as I know I will work very hard and enjoy every minute of it. I would like to thank my coaches and my family for the continuous support and guidance they provide me on a daily basis and throughout my life. I can't thank enough my coaches, Coach Salty and Coach Duffy, for nominating me for this prestigious award; I am very honored and thankful. I am extremely excited about this experience as I know it will open up many doors on and off the field, and broaden my knowledge of the game. I have done my research on Mark Loane, and I'm very grateful to be a part of an amazing organization representing exemplary character and integrity. I am beyond excited for this opportunity and experience. I look forward to seeing what the future holds."

– Bronson Teles,
2016 Mark Loane Medal recipient



Mark Loane medal



2016 Mark Loane Medallist Bronson Teles and Dr Mark Loane AM

2015 Mark Loane Medal recipient

University of Arizona Rugby,
Steven Branham.

Meeting Mark Loane, immersing himself in Australian rugby culture, and the friendliness of UQ's students were the highlights for 2015 inaugural Mark Loane Medal recipient Steven Branham.

Steven spent two months at UQ during his summer vacation this year, completing a rugby scholarship at the UQ Rugby Academy, and playing with the UQ Rugby Football Club in Brisbane.

"I was looking forward to immersing myself in the deep rugby culture here; it's one of the best in the world," he said.

"I met with Mark Loane several times and he was very approachable and kind. It's very impressive how he has balanced his Wallaby rugby career with being an ophthalmologist."

Steven said he loved living at King's College and had made many friends. His advice to 2016 recipient Bronson Teles: **"Jump in, live it, enjoy it, and embrace it all!"**

To watch a short video of Steven's experience in Australia, please visit vimeo.com/192573919



2015 Mark Loane Medalist Steven Branham

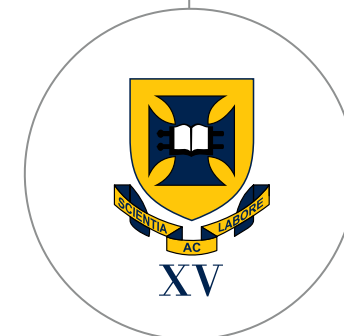
Funds raised

How the UQ Rugby Football Club will benefit from the funds raised:

- Approximately \$5000 towards supporting the Mark Loane Medal Winner (Bronson Teles) including return flights, cash stipend, registration fees, Academy fees, etc.
- \$10,000 to UQ's team in the inaugural AON Women's University Sevens Series. Expenses include uniforms, equipment, strapping tape, physiotherapist, athlete management software, etc.
- \$20,000 to the ongoing growth of the UQ Rugby Sevens Program for men and women. Expenses include entry fees, uniforms, equipment, strapping tape, accommodation, speed and agility sessions, tent, recovery facilities, meals, etc.
- \$10,000 to the 2017 overseas tour to South Africa, where Team UQ will play major international universities, Stellenbosch and Cape Town.
- \$5000 to ongoing concussion management software (HeadSmart).
- Remaining funds to support ongoing operations of the UQ Rugby Football Club and ensure a best practice environment for our players, coaches and staff.



New York Rugby Benefit Dinner guests



NATHAN SHARPE
Former Wallabies Captain

"I just wanted to say thank you very much for putting on an incredible event and looking after us so well. It was one of the best functions I have been to and I thought the quality of people in the room was outstanding."



Nathan Sharpe and Mark Griffin MBE - Founder and CEO, Play Rugby USA



Reconnect and reminisce at **THE [GLOBAL] CONNECTION**

Organised by a network of BEL alumni coordinators, The [Global] Connection provides a regular, friendly point of contact for alumni across the globe to connect with fellow alumni.

First launched in 2014, The [Global] Connection is now open to all UQ alumni. The casual events are the perfect opportunity to form new friendships, reignite old associations, and connect with fellow professionals over drinks.

2016 saw the expansion of The [Global] Connection, now held in 24 cities worldwide. This expansion was made possible by our volunteer alumni coordinators in each city, who via word-of-mouth and social media promotion made 2016 the most “connected” year yet!

BEL Executive Dean, Professor Andrew Griffiths, also hosted a number of receptions internationally, including the annual UQ Alumni Reception at Australia House in London and in Guangzhou.

Join The [Global] Connection in 2017 to socialise and network with UQ alumni in your city! To find out about upcoming event dates, follow the Facebook page: facebook.com/UQalumniglobalconnection

UQ Alumni Reception at Australia House, London



UQ Alumni Reception, Guangzhou



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[HONG KONG]



[SEOUL]



[CANBERRA]



THE [GLOBAL] CONNECTION

Thank you to our Alumni Ambassadors (Members as at January 2017)

Alumni Ambassadors work in alignment with the BEL Faculty to assist and advise on the strategic engagement of the global BEL alumni community.

Name	Organisation Position
BRISBANE	
Chair Robin Levison (MBA '10)	Ignition Equity Partners Pty Ltd Chairman
Susan Buckley (BEcon '85, MBA '10) <i>Emeritus</i>	QIC Managing Director, Global Liquid Strategies
Louise Dudley (BCom '83)	Queensland Urban Utilities CEO
Anna Feros (BSc '93, LLB '94, LLM '09)	DibbsBarker Partner
Chad Hardy (LLB '13)	GoCatch Head of Public Policy and Expansion
Prue Mackenzie (BA '00, BCom(Hons) '01)	Aurizon Vice President Regulation
Mark Sowerby (BAgrSc '93, MBA '03) <i>Emeritus</i>	Queensland Chief Entrepreneur
Mark Tanner (BCom(Hons), BEcon '99)	Hillross Financial Adviser
Tim Wilson (BCom '90, LLB '93)	Blue Sky Alternative Investments Ltd Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of Private Equity and Venture Capital

SYDNEY

Chair David Brown (BCom(Hons) '00, LLB(Hons) '02)	Pacific Equity Partners Managing Director
Deputy Julianne Miao (BBusMan, BCom '01)	AMP Manager, M&A and Treasury Transactions
Cameron Brownjohn (BCom(Hons) '99)	Macquarie Group Limited Division Director, Macquarie Capital
Daryl Dixon (BEcon(Hons) '64) <i>Emeritus</i>	Dixon Advisory Executive Chairman
Emily Dransfield (BCom, BEcon '14)	AMP Advice Business Performance
Dr Don Hamson (BCom(Hons) '83, PhD '93)	Plato Investment Management Managing Director
Anthony Kerwick (BCom(Hons) '93, LLB(Hons) '95)	Adamantem Founder
Ian Macoun (BCom '74, MFin '90)	Pinnacle Investment Management Managing Director
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Diane Rutter (BBusMan(Hons) '06)	PricewaterhouseCoopers Director
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Melanie Wilson (BCom(Hons) '96)	Peandel Pty Ltd Executive Director

MELBOURNE

Chair Michel Mamet (BCom(Hons) '98)	Flagstaff Partners Managing Director
Deputy Paul Gibney (MBA '91)	Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) Director, Finance & Administration
Martin Benders (BCom(Hons) '75)	Mazda Australia Managing Director
Stephanie Elwin (MBA '15)	KPMG Australia Manager
Dr Vince FitzGerald AO (BEcon(Hons) '69, Hon.DEcon '15)	Acil Allen Consulting Director
Ian Harper (BEcon(Hons) '78)	Deloitte Access Economics Senior Advisor
Julian Lincoln (BSc, LLB(Hons) '99)	Herbert Smith Freehills Partner
Joanne Mercer (MBA '05)	Myer General Manager Footwear and Accessories
Kristina Vouras (BBusMan '03)	PricewaterhouseCoopers Strategic Markets Manager

SHANGHAI

Chair Owen Cox (BCom '90, LLB '94)	Senior Lawyer – China Specialist
Deputy Tony Guan (BCom '07)	Tianjin Tianhai Investment Senior Investment Director
Vanessa Gu (MCom '07)	HSBC HSBC Portfolio Sales
Xin Hu (MBus (Adv) '11)	PHD Worldwide Communication Planning Manager

Name	Organisation Position
LONDON	
Chair Dr Kerrie Mitchener-Nissen (BEcon(Hons) '97, PhD '07)	JPMorgan Executive Director, Head of Product Development International Global Liquidity
Deputy Susan Andrew (BA, LLB(Hons) '08)	Grant Thornton UK LLP Associate Director, Financial Services Regulation
Nick Shiren (BCom '91, LLB(Hons) '95)	Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP Partner
Kaushik Banerjee (MBA '97)	HARMAN International Senior Vice President – Europe and Asia
Robyn Chatwood (BEcon '88)	Dentons Managing Associate
Matthew Custance (BCom(Hons) '91, LLB '95)	KPMG Advisory Partner
Georgina Malcolm (BJ, LLB '11)	JLL Legal Counsel
Charlotte McMillan (BA '91, LLB '94)	Digital Media Consultant

NEW YORK

Chair Brian Macnish (LLB '77)	Craven Capital LLC Managing Principal
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Paul Compton (BCom '84, BEcon '86)	Barclays Chief Operating Officer
Evan Kilpatrick (BCom '05)	Credit Suisse Vice President, Financial Sponsors and Leveraged Finance
Stephanie Kilpatrick (BBusMan, BCom '07)	The Doman Group Chief Financial Officer
Matthew Lancaster (BCom '94, LLB(Hons) '97)	Macquarie Corporate & Asset Finance Senior Managing Director
Serena Wolfe (BCom '00)	Ernst & Young Partner

SINGAPORE

Chair Philip Forrest (BCom '68)	Non-Executive Director
Deputy Ian Lim (BCom '94)	F J Benjamin Chief Executive Officer
Siobhan Cool (LLM '03)	Cool Consults Pte Ltd Managing Director
Suyin Lee (BCom '89, MBA '01)	Flight Centre South East Asia Managing Director
Hoon Sun Loh (BEcon(Hons) '64, DipCom '63)	Phillip Securities Pte Ltd Managing Director
Shahir Muaz (BCom '14)	Grant Thornton Singapore Associate
David Ow (BBusMan '09)	Citibank Singapore Marketing Manager
Angelo Venardos (MBA '83)	Heritage Trust Group Chief Executive Officer and Founder
Kwok Yen Wong (BEcon(Hons) '88)	Genting Singapore PLC Assistant Vice President, Treasury

HONG KONG

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Deputy Lawrence Au (MBA '82)	BNP Paribas Securities Services Executive Advisor – Asia Pacific
Paul Accornero (BCom '90)	De'Longhi Group International Commercial Director for Asia Pacific and Americas
Lily Chan (BCom '06)	Goldman Sachs Executive Director
Peter Hildebrand (BEcon '88)	W Hong Kong General Manager
Stefanie Myers (GCEnvMan '05)	Advisor – Business and Community Engagement
Lynette Nam (BA, LLB(Hons) '10)	Justice Centre Hong Kong Legal Officer
Ross Smith (MBA '99, MCom '04)	Shenton Limited Director
Timothy Usasz (BCom '05, MBA '13)	Credit Suisse Vice President – Institutional Equity Sales
Joe Wu (BE '01, MCom, MInfTech '04)	GAM Asset Management Client Director

2016 BEL Alumni Ambassador Council highlights

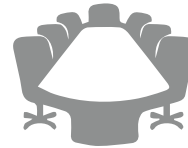


12 new ambassadors were welcomed to the group.

The Melbourne Alumni Ambassador Council initiated a partnership with the Melbourne Rebels



and hosted a **corporate box at the Reds vs Rebels** match at AAMI stadium.



The Singapore Alumni Ambassadors hosted the 2nd annual BEL Leadership Conference with guest speaker **His Excellency Phillip Green OAM**, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore.



Melbourne hosted an **alumni lecture** featuring **Malcolm Broomhead**

(BE '75, MBA '84), Chairman, Orica Ltd and non-Executive Director, BHP Billiton Ltd. Plc.

The London Alumni Ambassadors Prize for a BEL tutor was awarded for the 2nd year, with a **35% increase in funds raised.**



London hosted its **annual cocktail reception** featuring **Dr Peter Steer**

(MBBS '81), Chief Executive of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust.



8 BEL alumni honoured in the UQ Alumni Awards including Melbourne Ambassador and Emeritus Professor **Ian Harper** (BEcon(Hons) '78)



Sydney hosted a **wine and cheese tasting event** with a panel discussion on the theme **Beyond Sydney 2030: The future for sustainable business in Australia.**



Melbourne held an exclusive viewing of the **Winter Masterpieces exhibition, Degas: A New Vision.**

The event was made possible by **Martin Benders** (BCom(Hons) '75), Managing Director of Mazda Australia and Melbourne Alumni Ambassador Council member.

Brisbane hosted **4 alumni lectures** at Customs House.



Singapore gathering strengthens alumni engagement

An exclusive group of alumni from around the world were treated to unique insights into the economic development of the Asia-Pacific region and opportunities for Australia to engage more deeply with Asia when they participated in the 2016 BEL Leadership Conference for Ambassadors and Volunteers in Singapore in April 2016.

The representatives from the BEL Alumni Ambassador Councils in Singapore, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Brisbane, London, and New York also exchanged ideas and provided important feedback about how the Faculty and University were tracking in terms of profile, engagement, and visibility, highlighting areas that required strengthening.

Former BEL Executive Dean, Professor Iain Watson hosted the event, which was also attended by BEL Associate Dean (Academic), Associate Professor Phil Bodman.

The BEL Alumni Ambassador Council in Singapore provided tremendous support in planning and executing the conference for their fellow ambassadors.

Chair Phil Forrest assisted in sourcing speakers of the highest calibre:

- **His Excellency Mr Philip Green OAM**, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore
- **Mr Chris Rees**, Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade Singapore
- **Mr Glenn Maguire**, Chief Economist (Asia-Pacific), ANZ, Singapore
- **Dr Stewart Arnold** (BA(Hons) '92, MPsyOrg '88, PhD '10), Executive Educator and Senior Lecturer, Strategy, Management and Organisation, Nanyang Business School.

In their feedback, participants commented that the speaker presentations highlighted the disconnection between Australia and Asia as well as opportunities for Australia to better leverage its geopolitical position in the world.

Participants overwhelmingly reported that the conference was an informative, enjoyable and productive event.

Phil said he was honoured to host such an illustrious group of alumni, and very much looks forward to continuing the discussions in Brisbane.

An alumni cocktail event for BEL alumni living and working in Singapore was particularly successful, drawing 80 participants, who were delighted at the opportunity to reconnect and engage.

The second annual BEL Leadership Conference was an invaluable opportunity to strengthen fellowship and collaboration between the councils.

The 2017 event will be held at the UQ St Lucia campus in Brisbane in June.

To see photos from last year's event, please visit:
[flickr.com/photos/uqalumni/albums/72157665523267293](https://www.flickr.com/photos/uqalumni/albums/72157665523267293)



Charismatic Daniel a model tutor

BEL Honours student Daniel Mouat (BCom '15, BEcon(Hons) '16) was named the second London BEL Alumni Ambassador Council Tutor award recipient in August.

The award, conceived and funded by the London BEL Alumni Ambassador Council, was introduced in 2015 to recognise Honours students and increase awareness of the importance of staying connected after graduation. The judges selected Daniel because he was **“very smart, extremely clear, innovative, responsible and respectful of all.”**

Students reported that his tutorials were well organised and genuinely helpful and that he was charismatic, engaging, approachable, and a great communicator. In thanking the council, Daniel said the award would help alleviate financial pressure to allow him greater time to focus on his research.

“My Honours thesis investigates health inequality in Australia and it is my hope that some meaningful policy contributions will stem from the paper,” he said.

“By financially supporting this tutoring award, you are indirectly helping to further our understanding of this pressing issue facing Australian society.”

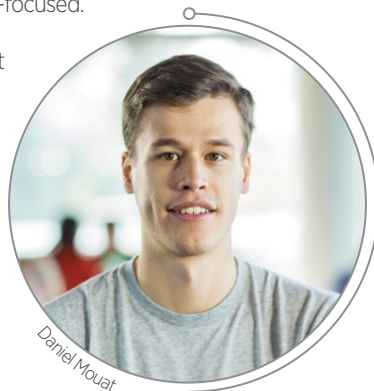
“I am grateful for, and humbled by the award, and I sincerely thank the London Alumni Ambassador Council for setting it up.”

Daniel has tutored at UQ for three years and says he enjoys the challenge of breaking down complex ideas while keeping the sessions engaging, particularly for those who don't major in economics.

He said tutoring had helped him develop marketable employment skills such as leadership, attention-to-detail, and being results-focused.

In January, he started as an Associate Consultant with Bain & Company, a global management consulting firm.

He said he aspired to a leadership position in Bain or an ASX50 company, but was also attracted by the idea of being part of a start-up company.



New ambassadors appointed, emeriti status bestowed

In 2016, 12 new BEL Alumni Ambassadors were selected to join the exclusive international community of approximately 70 alumni from the schools of business, economics and law.

BEL Alumni Ambassadors represent the interests of our 60,000 alumni worldwide, and contribute to developing faculty programs, benefits, and a vibrant, relevant network for all graduates, as well as lending their name and support to the reputation of UQ and BEL.

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Endowments are large philanthropic donations held by the University in its long-term investments portfolio. The endowments are invested and the annual earnings distributed for the purpose specified by the donor.

Archibald Scholarship

Established in 1911 with an initial gift from the beneficiaries of the late Honourable John Archibald, MLC. The Archibald Scholarship encourages and supports economics honours students.

BEL Faculty Student Rugby Athlete Scholarship Support

Established in 2014 by alumni and the UQ Rugby Community to support academically qualified students who play rugby for The University of Queensland and to support the Mark Loane medallist.

BJ Freeman Scholarship in Commerce

Established in 2014 by Bradley Freeman (BSc '81, BCom '85) to support academically qualified students studying commerce at the UQ Business School who are economically disadvantaged.

Blue Sky Alternative Investments Business Scholarship for Indigenous Students

Established in 2014 by Blue Sky Alternative Investments to support academically qualified Indigenous students studying at the UQ Business School.

Business Scholarship for Chinese Students

Established in 2013 by the Chin Family Trust to support academically qualified Chinese students of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law who are economically disadvantaged.

Don Argent Indigenous Business Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2013 to support academically qualified Indigenous students of UQ Business School.

Don Argent Indigenous Business Scholarship

Established in 2013, this scholarship is to encourage and support Australian Indigenous students to take post-secondary study with the UQ Business School at The University of Queensland.

Doug and Janine Ritchie Scholarship

Established in 2014 by Doug Ritchie (LLB '84) and his wife, Janine (BA '84), to support academically qualified students of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law who are in financial need.

Frank Finn Scholarships

Established in 2007, these scholarships are to encourage and support students pursuing a commerce honours degree and experiencing financial need.

Hollewand Consulting UQ MBA Scholarship

Established in 2016 by Dr Michael Hollewand to support economically disadvantaged students on the MBA program.

Janelle Donnelly Scholarship

The Janelle Donnelly Scholarship was established in 2015. In making a gift to The University of Queensland, Janelle Donnelly (MAppLaw '01) wishes to honour her commitment to provide opportunities for academically qualified female students enrolled in a program at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law who are of Samoan heritage and are economically disadvantaged.

J & M Fulcher Endowed Scholarship in Law

Established in 2015. In making a gift to The University of Queensland, Jonathan Fulcher (BA(Hons) '86, JD '04) and his wife, Michele, wish to honour their commitment to provide opportunities for academically qualified Indigenous students who are economically disadvantaged.

Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity Scholarship

Established in 2016 by the UQ Endowment Fund. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and support students from educationally disadvantaged and/or culturally diverse backgrounds to undertake studies in law.

Matthew McLennan and Richard Howes Outstanding Honours Collaboration Scholarship

Established in 2014 by Matthew McLennan (BCom(Hons) '91) and Richard Howes (BCom(Hons) '92, BEcon '93) to support honours students of the Schools of Business and Economics to encourage academic collaboration.

McCullough Robertson Endowed Scholarship for Law Students

Established in 2013 to support academically qualified students of the TC Beirne School of Law wishing to pursue a career in law who are socially, physically, or economically disadvantaged.

Richard Cooper Scholarship

Established in 2006, this scholarship aims to support the pursuit of a postdoctoral law degree in the areas of particular interest to the late Justice Richard Cooper: maritime law, administrative law, trade practices, and native title.

Ruthning Memorial Scholarship

The Ruthning Memorial Scholarship, established in 1960 by a legacy of Miss E S D Ruthning and Miss V E M Ruthning in memory of their father Mr H L E Ruthning, a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland. This scholarship aims to encourage and support students studying for a degree in law.

Sentinel Property Group Scholarship

Established in 2016, the scholarship aims to support students who demonstrate leadership qualities in the property sector.

TC Beirne School of Law Scholarship Endowment

Established in 2005, this scholarship aims to encourage and support students wishing to pursue a law degree who are experiencing economic pressure.

Thomas A Plein Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2013 to support academically qualified but economically disadvantaged students of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law who are citizens of the United States of America.

Tomas Riha Scholarship

Established in 2014 to support academically qualified students of the School of Economics who are experiencing financial need.

Warren Braxton Bannister Bursaries in Economics

Established in 2005 from the estate of the late Warren Braxton Bannister (BA '71), this scholarship aims to encourage and support students of the School of Economics who are academically qualified and in financial need.

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BAFE prize recipients' lunch and McLennan Howes Scholarship

Alumna recognises top performers in elite new program.

In 2016, UQ alumna Susan Buckley (BEcon '85, MBA '10) pledged \$20,000 to fund prizes for the top two Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (Honours) students each semester.

Susan leads QIC's Global Liquid Strategies and was the inaugural Chair of the Brisbane Alumni Ambassador Council. She is now recognised as an Emeritus Ambassador. Her generous donation will provide prizes for the new program's top male and top female student each semester over four years.

The inaugural winners for Semester 1 2016, Richard Khuu and Josephine Auer, joined Susan for a celebratory lunch along with three other students who all achieved an overall mark of more than 91 per cent for the semester.

The Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (Honours) is the first program of its kind in Australia, aimed at high-achieving school leavers aspiring to become future leaders in finance and economics.

Susan said she was passionate about economics and finance, and the new program really resonated with her.

"The aim is to support students who are academically gifted and promote diversity in the male-dominated industry," she said.

Susan is also providing informal mentoring to the winning students. Semester 1 recipient Richard thanked Ms Buckley for her support and generosity.

"The program is challenging and exciting and this award is another motivator for me to continue the hard work," he said.

Semester 1, 2016 recipients:

- Josephine Auer
- Richard Khuu

Semester 2, 2016 recipients:

- Josephine Auer
- Laurence Bristow



Richard Khuu, Susan Buckley and Josephine Auer

Alumni-funded scholarship encourages research and collaboration.

Bachelor of Business Management (Honours) student Nkosana Mafico and Bachelor of Economics (Honours) graduate Anh Nguyen were joint recipients of the 2016 Matthew McLennan and Richard Howes Outstanding Honours Collaboration Scholarship.

Established in 2014, the prestigious scholarship encourages collaboration through research between top Honours students from UQ Business School and the School of Economics.

Nkosana and Anh's research paper investigated the economic consequences of a lack of diversity in the Australian workforce. While traditional diversity advocates have pushed for it on moral grounds, their research took on a new perspective, highlighting the strong economic arguments for diversity at work.

In November 2016, Nkosana and Anh met with Matthew McLennan, Head of Global Value Team at First Eagle Investment Management and Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) alumnus, at a lunch celebrating past and present scholarship recipients. Matthew said he established the scholarship with fellow alumnus Richard Howes out of a desire to give back and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration.

"We thought back to our time at UQ, and it wasn't just the content that was valued; it was the habits of the mind," he said.

"Part of that was the benefit of camaraderie and collaboration across different disciplines, so we felt sponsoring a scholarship aimed at stimulating collaborative research would give people meaningful experiences."

"It's inspiring and rewarding to meet the recipients and to see their ideas put into practice."

Nkosana said he was motivated by Matthew's success story and his ability to create change as a UQ alumnus.

"It's about loving what you do and having that drive to succeed," he said.

"Mr McLennan studied Commerce at UQ and now he's managing \$80 billion at his firm in New York – there's nothing stopping me."



Matthew McLennan



Nkosana Mafico



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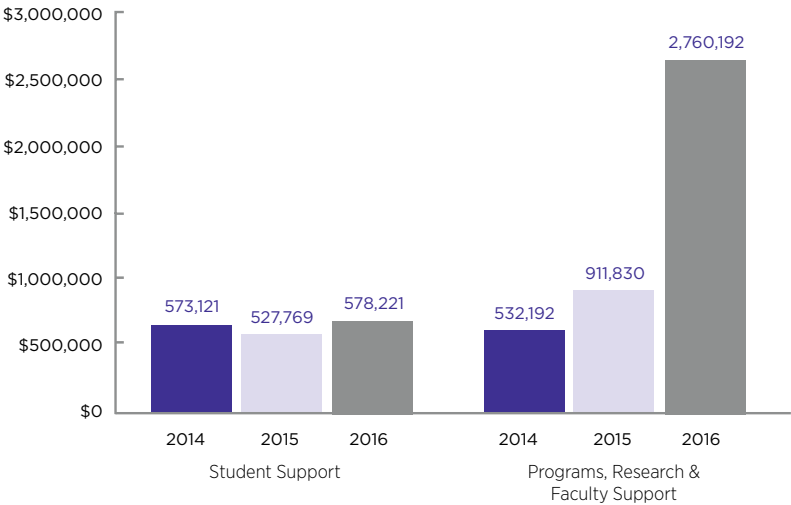
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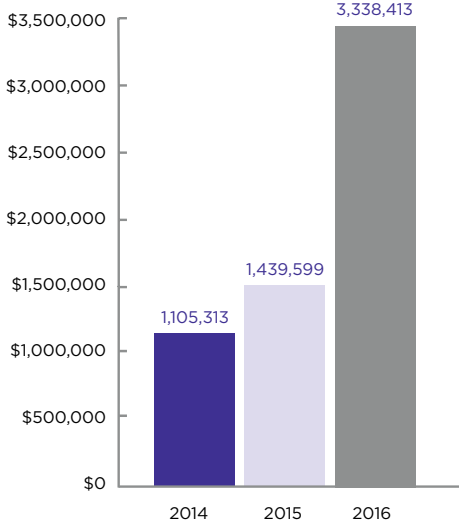
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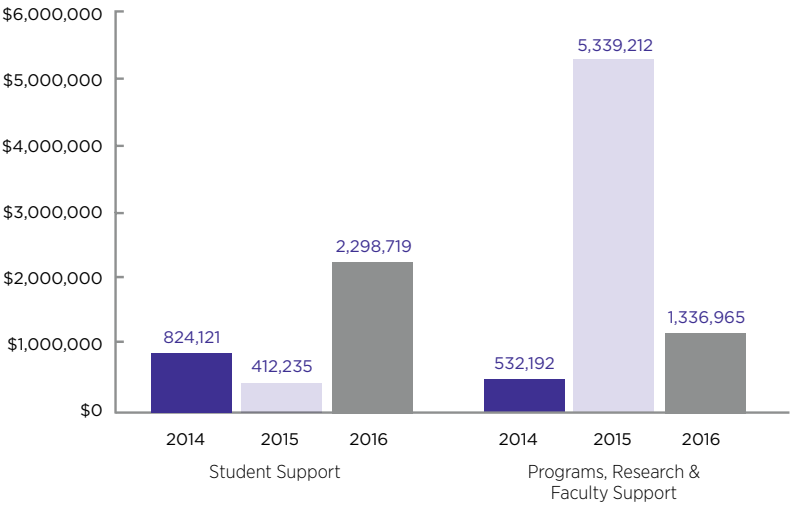
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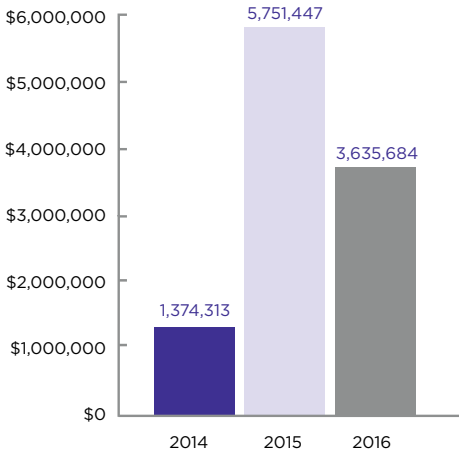
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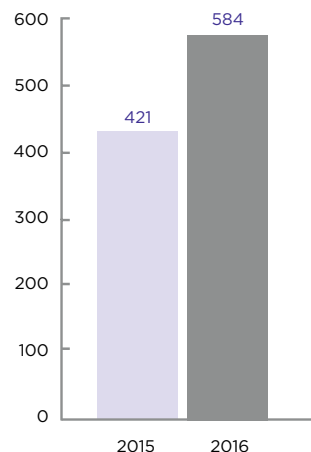
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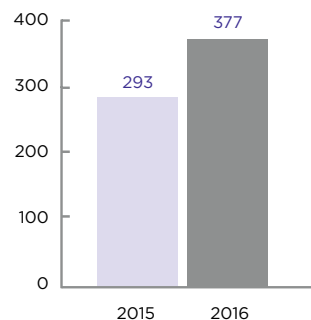
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