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Believe – the Campaign for the University of Melbourne is an extraordinary effort that is helping to change the lives of future generations.

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***Believe – the Campaign for the University of Melbourne* is more than a philanthropic initiative.**

The University of Melbourne is one of the world's great universities, thanks to its high calibre research and smart, highly motivated teachers and students.

Philanthropy has made a substantial contribution to this reputation and it has been critical to the University's function since our earliest days. Your ongoing support for students, researchers and communities amplifies these successes and ensures that the University can make a significant contribution to the world. Last year, 5 131 people gave a total of \$94.52 million to the University through *Believe – the Campaign for the University of Melbourne*. This extraordinary philanthropic giving is matched by the enormous efforts made by alumni, with 26,606 alumni participating in University activities ranging from events and reunions, through to mentoring and other volunteer services.

This is a phenomenally strong community, which understands the importance of higher education and its ability to change lives in ways that were previously unimaginable. It is my great pleasure to bring to you some demonstrated examples of how that generosity is making a very real difference. On behalf of the University, and everyone who benefits from your generosity, thank you.

Professor Duncan Maskell

Vice-Chancellor, The University of Melbourne



Believe – the Campaign for the University of Melbourne

2019 was a year of significant progress. Thanks to your generosity in giving through *Believe*, last year saw over \$94 million in financial gifts and more than 26,600 alumni participating through volunteering, mentoring and event attendance.

We also introduced our new Vice-Chancellor to alumni and donors around the world, connected thousands of students with alumni mentors and took major strides towards making the *Believe* campaign the most successful university fundraising and engagement campaign in Australia. Thank you for your support – every contribution through giving, volunteering and mentoring makes a difference and is hugely appreciated.

THE CAMPAIGN IN NUMBERS (2008–2019)



**\$952.8M TOTAL
INCOME RAISED**



**27,067 TOTAL NUMBER
OF DONORS, 66.2% OF
WHOM ARE ALUMNI**



**93,543 TOTAL NUMBER
OF ENGAGED ALUMNI**

2019 IN NUMBERS



**\$94.52M INCOME
RAISED**



**26,606 TOTAL
ALUMNI ENGAGED**



**4,282 ALUMNI
VOLUNTEERS**

“We have a community of people in the University and you don’t stop being a part of that community when you graduate.”

PROFESSOR DUNCAN MASKELL
VICE-CHANCELLOR



COMMUNITY

The generosity of our alumni and donors allows us to strengthen opportunities for talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sobur Dhieu (below) is a recipient of the Tony and Maja Carp Scholarship which supports refugees or people from refugee backgrounds from Sudan, South Sudan and Somalia. Without the Scholarship, Sobur's education could have put a large financial strain on her family. Sobur plans to study law at the Melbourne Law School once completing her Bachelor of Arts. From there, she hopes to forge a career in human rights law, with a focus on migration law and protecting the rights of refugees.

"The Scholarship has made a world of difference to me. It's really helped to pay for my books, transport and food – just small things that would have cost my family a lot."





FOSTERING CONVERSATION BETWEEN ALUMNI AND STUDENTS

Throughout 2019, the University's **Ask Alumni** Program has continued to strengthen and expand, offering students exceptional access to the networks and guidance of our more than 400,000-strong alumni community. The most popular conversation topics that students have begun with our alumni have been on how to take the first steps in their careers and how to best prepare a career plan.



**ASK ALUMNI REGISTERED 8,600 PARTICIPANTS
AND 2,500 CONVERSATIONS BY THE END OF 2019**

EASING THE COST OF DENTAL STUDIES

Cathleen Pho (right), Doctor of Dental Surgery, lived at home with her parents and two sisters, where money was a frequent cause of stress. In her third year of studies, the Dental Scholarship helped Cathleen to fund transport, education and equipment costs, considerably taking the financial pressure off her family.

"Thanks to the Scholarship, I invested in dental equipment which helped me achieve a higher quality of work. I really appreciate the generosity that made the Scholarship possible and hope that one day I can give back in the same way."





ABOVE: ROSE ISER, CRISTINA GUARRELLA, GABRIELLE KEATING, BONNE KEATING (LEFT TO RIGHT)

PLACE

Your support of the *Believe* campaign continues to drive collaboration and create partnerships with local and global communities.

“I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT THE JACK KEATING FUND SCHOLARSHIP HAS PROVIDED TO THIS PROJECT”

Last year, **Rose Iser** (above), Doctor of Philosophy – Education, was awarded the Jack Keating Fund Scholarship for her research into schooling experiences of second-generation African Australian children. At this stage, Rose’s research is one of the only projects in Australia to investigate the application of Critical Race Theory and Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy to students of African and refugee backgrounds. Rose plans to share the findings and analysis from her research later this year.



ABOVE: JILL VAUGHAN, CRYSTAL KIRBY, ADA PETERSON AND DEBBIE LOAKES (LEFT TO RIGHT)

STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Linguistics researchers within the Faculty of Arts are helping to strengthen Indigenous language education and usage in the rural communities of the Mildura region. With generous funding from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and the Melbourne Humanities Foundation, Research Unit for Indigenous Language (RUIL) researchers **Debbie Loakes**, **Brigbide Collins** and **Jill Vaughan** (above) are working closely with Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) and Chaffey Secondary College on the ‘*Strengthening Language, Strengthening Community: Showcasing Mildura’s Aboriginal Languages*’ project. The project aims to create new resources to strengthen Latji Latji and Barkindji language learning, and to bring cultural and linguistic materials back to the community.



**\$101M HAS BEEN
DONATED TO INDIGENOUS
PROJECTS THROUGH THE
BELIEVE CAMPAIGN**

“THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING ME WITH THIS LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY”

Siobhan Linde, Master of Teaching (Primary), was awarded the Suzanne and Geoffrey Dawson Scholarship, allowing her to participate in a four-week placement at Yirrkalā Homeland School in North East Arnhem Land. This was a personally rewarding experience for Siobhan that proved to be crucial to her research into bilingual education in remote Indigenous communities.

EDUCATION

With your generosity, we've been able to offer a world-class education, preparing students for success as leaders, change agents and global citizens.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENGINEERING TALENT

Anna Magennis's talent for engineering was noticed at an early age, when her high school teachers encouraged her to pursue a career in the field due to her aptitude and passion for maths and science. Commencing her Masters in Engineering (Biomedical) without a source of income was stressful, however this stress was alleviated when Anna received the Allan Reid Scholarship in 2018. The Scholarship has had a profound impact on Anna's life, from supporting her in her final year project on low cost prosthetics for below-knee amputees in Vietnam to an exchange to South Korea in 2019. Anna has now graduated and works for the medical technology company, Planet Innovation.

"Not only has this helped me to follow my passion in the biomedical engineering field, but also to become the best engineer I can be."





PIONEERING ACCESS TO ECONOMIC HISTORY

The generosity of Peter Griffin AM and Terry Swan's gift in 2019 allowed the Faculty of Business and Economics to appoint a Senior Lecturer, **Dr John Tang** (left), who has since developed and delivered a series of breadth subjects in Economic History. As part of Peter's desire for everyone to learn about Economic History, the Faculty of Business and Economics held the Griffin Public Lecture on 2 May 2019, which was delivered by Professor Emeritus Martin Daunton from Cambridge University, as well as The Griffin Economic History Summit held on 2-3 May 2019.

INSPIRING LAWYERS OF THE FUTURE

Bich-Huyen Nguyen (below right), the inaugural recipient of the Norman M O'Bryan Scholarship, is a Juris Doctor student at Melbourne Law School. The impact of the Scholarship not only reduced financial stress for Bich-Huyen but increased her motivation to succeed in her studies and inspired her to become a donor in the future.

"Being the recipient of this Scholarship means a lot to me, and I'm extremely grateful for it."



STRENGTHENING STEAM IN AUSTRALIA

Victoria will be home to a new gallery inspiring young adults with STEAM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). This extraordinary opportunity was brought to life through the generosity and leadership of a \$4 million gift from philanthropists **Peter and Ruth McMullin** (above). Science Gallery Melbourne is the first and only Australian node in the acclaimed international Science Gallery network. It will open at the University of Melbourne in early 2021.

PHOTO: NICOLE CLEARY



DISCOVERY

Your support allows us to attract and support the best researchers in the world and foster opportunities for our students to work with them.

HEALING MINDS AND HEARTS WITH MUSIC

Thanks to the generosity of the University of Melbourne community, **Professor Felicity Baker** (above) and her team are continuing to make a positive impact on people living with dementia. Felicity Baker leads an international team of music therapy researchers who are running a pilot study to train carers to use music appropriately in the day-to-day care of those living with dementia. Called Homeside, this study aims to make music intervention programs available around the world by 2023. Thanks to the generosity of more than 350 donors, planning has commenced for the development of the mobile app. A prototype of the app is expected later this year.

“Your support makes an impact not only to people living with dementia, but their families and friends. Thank you.”



IMPROVING ACCESS TO CANCER CARE

Dr Suzie Sheehy (above), the Baker Fellow in Medical Accelerator Physics, established a new research program in partnership with the School of Physics and the Melbourne Medical School. The initiative will transform cancer treatments, save lives and train a new generation of accelerator physicists, radiation oncologists and radiologists to diagnose, treat and cure more patients more effectively. 2019 saw Dr Sheehy welcome her first wave of research students into the program – Elodie Higgins, Frank Zhang and Greg Peiris.

Dr Sheehy and her research team are collaborating with the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN) on the next generation of hadron therapy accelerator design and are continuing to work towards improving access to cancer care with more robust radiotherapy accelerators.



**1601 NEW DONORS JOINED
OUR COMMUNITY IN 2019**



**32 PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS
HAVE BEEN CREATED THROUGH
THE BELIEVE CAMPAIGN**



ADVOCATING FOR A FEDERAL CONSERVATION POLICY

Ainslee Meredith (above), recipient of the Faculty of Arts 110 Scholarship, is a researcher, writer and paper conservator, and the first in her family to attend university. Her research looks at the problem of not having a current conservation policy in Australia. Ainslee's idea is to eventually push for a conservation policy at a federal level. Ainslee's work in conservation research is supported by the generosity of the 110 Scholarship donors.

"The financial security the 110 Scholarship gave me was so helpful. It assisted my field work and meant that I was able to put time into volunteer work, a lot of which was in the conservation industry and with community organisations."

GLOBAL

As we move through 2020 and beyond, the support of our engaged alumni and partners assists us in becoming a knowledge and research hub for the Asia-Pacific region.

“I HONESTLY CAN’T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. ONE DAY, I HOPE I CAN DO THE SAME FOR STUDENTS”

Mark McOwan (below), third year Doctor of Medicine student and Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS) Scholarship recipient, was offered the opportunity to do a clinical elective at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota last year. To travel to one of the most respected medical clinics in the world was a dream for Mark, however he was unsure how to financially turn this dream into a reality. Thanks to the MDHS Scholarship, Mark will be heading to the Mayo Clinic this year.





A LASTING MUSICAL LEGACY

The Catherine Mary Sullivan Scholarship in Music Composition was established through a gift in Catherine's Will, with a preference to support female graduate students. Catherine's gift ensures that more young women composers have the financial support that will allow them space and time to explore their creativity.

Inaugural recipient **Caerwen Martin** (left), cellist, composer and single mother to two daughters, received the scholarship in 2017. Catherine's gift gave Caerwen the freedom to focus on her music. Now enjoying a career that has taken her across the world, Caerwen recognises how much impact Catherine's gift has had on her success.

"Receiving the Scholarship has taken me from a Master's degree onwards – I've now started working internationally in both London and New York."

PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER POLACK



6,514 OF OUR
DONORS RESIDE
OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA



\$15.1M WAS THE TOTAL
RECEIVED FROM WILLS
AND ESTATES IN 2019



683 OF OUR ALUMNI
VOLUNTEERS RESIDE
OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA



THE RISE OF AN ELITE ATHLETE

Jemima Montag (above), Bachelor of Science (majoring in Immunology), found a passion for athletics at an early age. After winning a gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Jemima's grit and determination to represent Australia as well as succeed with her studies shone through, leading her to be the third annual recipient of the Andrew and Geraldine Buxton Foundation Athletics Scholarship in 2018. Jemima recently qualified for the Olympics and will be representing Australia next year in the 20km race walk event.

We are immensely grateful to Andrew and Geraldine Buxton for their visionary support, which allows our student athletes to pursue their academic goals while excelling as elite athletes.



BRIDGING THE DIVIDE BETWEEN TWO CITIES

YatChi Yan (left), Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, was awarded the Kate Gordon-Addison Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Travelling Scholarship in 2019. With the support of the Scholarship, YatChi Yan was able to travel to Cambodia for a three-week international experience to learn about veterinary medicine in a developing country.

"Receiving this Scholarship has contributed to my passion and future goals of helping educate developing nations in improving their veterinary health and medicine and animal husbandry practice."



SUPPORTING VETERINARIANS OF THE FUTURE

The Dr Sue Newton Scholarship supports students to travel overseas to pursue their research in international laboratories or through attendance at conferences in overseas destinations. **Omid Fahkri** (left), third year PhD student in Veterinary Virology, was the 2019 recipient of the Dr Sue Newton Travelling Scholarship. Thanks to the Scholarship, Omid was able to attend a conference in Heidelberg, Germany in late 2019.

WHERE ARCHITECTURE AND ATHLETICS COLLIDE

Catriona Bisset (right), Master of Architecture and Diploma in Languages, and recipient of the Andrew and Geraldine Buxton Foundation Athletics Scholarship in 2019, had a remarkable athletic season last year. Catriona broke the 43-year-old Australian women's 800m record running at the London Diamond League event in July. In addition to Catriona's breakthrough athletic season, she also received the ARBV Architectural Practice Award recognising her performance in her architectural studies.

Catriona recently qualified for the Olympics and will be representing Australia next year in the 800m event.





\$12.17M

**DONATIONS MADE TO THE
UNIVERSITY'S RESIDENTIAL
COLLEGES AND CAMPAIGN
AFFILIATES IN 2019**

9,261

**NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS
HELD WITH ALUMNI AND
FRIENDS AS PART OF THE
TELETHON IN 2019**



\$450,000

**TOTAL VALUE OF STUDENT
GRANTS FUNDED BY
DONATIONS AWARDED TO
STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL
NEED IN 2019**

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of the University of Melbourne.

Your generosity is transforming the lives of so many students and making an impact across the University community and wider society. We particularly wish to thank those donors within our recognition societies who together make an outstanding contribution to the work of the University.



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