Once again this is my opportunity to thank you and all our alumni community for the sterling support you have given the College. As you’ll be aware, Cambridge is very much in the spotlight these days, not just for the quality of our research and teaching, which remains at the very highest level, but also for our policies on admissions and student support. Overcoming the challenges presented by these issues requires vision, and also careful and constructive approaches to planning, administration and pastoral support. Progress would not be possible without the full support of our wider alumni community, not least when there is continuing turmoil and uncertainty around student finance. Providing the best possible support – pastorally, educationally and also financially – for our students, even in sometimes adverse circumstances, remains absolutely central to what the College is about. Looking forward to our 675th anniversary in 2025, we have exciting plans ahead for how we will achieve this. We look forward to sharing more with you next year. As ever, I’m immensely impressed by the warmth with which alumni of Trinity Hall continue to support us. Thank you.

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WITH THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

Here is an update on what’s been happening in College over the past year, thanks to you.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Last year, 46 undergraduates at Trinity Hall were on a full Cambridge Bursary and received grants of £3,500 per year to help with living costs. In total we contributed £105,070 towards Cambridge Bursaries for our undergraduates. The bursaries help alleviate financial pressure on students, allowing them to focus on their studies and make the most of their time at collegiate Cambridge.

Research funding has been decreasing at an alarming rate and many of those contemplating a postgraduate degree will already be facing £50,000 worth of debt after their first degree. We provide graduate studentships to cover course fees and living costs to enable talented postgraduates to undertake their research at Cambridge.

We believe there should be no barriers – real or perceived – to students attaining their full potential. Your support is vital to this endeavour. Thank you.

“I was able to purchase a bicycle, essential textbooks and the specific archaeological tools I needed for a training excavation.”

Amber is a current undergraduate student from the UK studying Archaeology. She is a Cambridge Bursary recipient.

“The possibilities here have been endless. I will take everything that I have learned to become the best physician I possibly can.”

Ahmad is an international student from the USA who studied for an MPhil in Translational Biomedical Research. He received a Graduate Research Studentship.

Amber (far right) and fellow archaeology students; on-site at the training excavation; Ahmad presenting his research at Clare College.
The Old Library is the oldest library in Cambridge still in its original setting and one of only a handful of chained libraries left in the UK. Like the building itself, the contents of the Old Library are precious and require careful maintenance. Once such item was restored this year, financed by gifts to our buildings and heritage fund. The Atlas Contractus was published by eminent Dutch publisher and cartographer Pieter Schenk in Amsterdam around 1701. Working with his brother-in-law, Gerard Valck they bought printing plates from other cartographers which they presented in fine style. The Trinity Hall copy is an early issue of this composite atlas with original hand-colouring. It contains Schenk’s important world map, as well as maps of Africa, Asia, and Europe, ending with a map of Schlaraffenland, an imaginary land of idleness and luxury.

The maps of Schenk and Valk were famous for their full wash colour. However the pigments often deteriorated, particularly the greens, leading to browning. This could eventually could cause the paper to crack and flake. This is the case with Trinity Hall’s copy which has recently undergone conservation to prevent further deterioration. The generosity of our donors allowed us to send the atlas for expert restoration using modern techniques and materials to stabilise it and repair much of the damage. This is just one example of the essential work we are able to carry out thanks to your support to preserve our unique resources for future generations.

Enabling innovative thinking, commercialisation of ideas and support for social enterprise has been a key focus this year. A career path is not always conventional or linear, and for some, entrepreneurship maximises their talents. With the help of a donation from an alumnus, we have launched THEN – Trinity Hall Entrepreneurs Network. In its first year, THEN has supported innovation in entrepreneurship across the country through the Cambridge Social Innovation Prize, the Experiencing Entrepreneurship Fund, and events to bring like-minded individuals together.

Trinity Hall has a strong culture of original thinking, which THEN is supporting and encouraging. Students, post-docs, alumni and the wider community have all benefitted this year and their impact can already be seen around the world. Recipients of support from the Experiencing Entrepreneurship Fund have worked with an education initiative supporting the wellbeing of young girls in under-resourced areas of China; explored how the methods of a start-up in Germany could be applied to education and innovation; and helped the Cambridge Development Initiative to increase access to safe, sustainable sanitation and clean water in Tanzania. The world needs new, creative solutions to longstanding and developing problems, and through philanthropy we are enabling our members to explore novel approaches to these challenges and support societal change.

www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/THEN
DONOR EVENTS

We are very grateful for the support you have shown Trinity Hall over the last year. To say thank you, we have arranged the following events. Invitations will be sent out in due course.

Supporters’ Festive Drinks
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2019
Those of you who have given over £100 to College in the last financial year are invited to festive drinks in the Master’s Lodge.

Commemoration of Benefactors
SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020
For those who have given over £10,000 cumulatively or donated for ten consecutive years, we hold the Commemoration of Benefactors dinner.

All donors are listed in the Trinity Hall Review.

To find out more about supporting Trinity Hall, visit www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/supporters

Bateman Feast
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2020
Donors who have given over £500,000 cumulatively are recognised as Bateman Benefactors and invited to the annual Bateman Feast.

Supporters’ Festive Drinks
WINTER 2020
Those who give over £100 in the financial year 2019/20 will be invited to festive drinks.

Endowed academic prizes in all undergraduate subjects

£1,013,136 donated by alumni last year

£1,000,000 spent on student support last year

THE STATISTICS

46 Trinity Hall undergraduates on a full Cambridge Bursary receiving £3,500 per year

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