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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

USA Trip of a lifetime for Abby and Niamh



► **Two students are benefitting from amazing, lifechanging, fully funded trips to the USA thanks to our George Lauder Bursary Award.**

Abigail Cloete from West Wemyss completed two summer art courses at the prestigious Pratt Institute in New York during June and July while Niamh Hogwood from Cardenden is currently on a historic building design internship in Baltimore until 8 November.

This fantastic scholarship was generously funded by the family of George Lauder and the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York which has fully supported both student's stay including food, travel and

accommodation. William Garner, George Lauder's great-great grandson has played a pivotal role in planning and arranging the details of both student's visits, ensuring they are supported throughout their trip, have the most enjoyable and memorable time possible while maximising every opportunity of their stay.

Both students were awarded the scholarship opportunity at the end of 2019, however their trips were postponed for two years due to Covid and travel restrictions. By coincidence both have studied BA Creative Industries (Hons) at Fife College – Niamh graduated this year and Abby is currently in her final year.

Find out more ►►

Scholarships in Numbers 2021/22

296

students were
awarded scholarships
on a par with
the previous year

Award winners shared

£197,597

of financial support

We received

923

applications

Since our scholarship programme began

25 years ago

we have awarded

an amazing

£975k

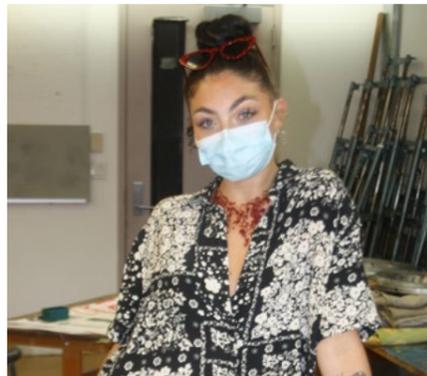
to 2076 students

to help them achieve their goals!

Niamh Hogwood

Throughout her trip, Niamh has been keeping everyone informed about her experiences living and working as an intern for the Mount Clare Museum House in Baltimore. Niamh returns from her three-month trip of a lifetime later this year, 8 November.

[View Niamh's blog and USA adventure](#) ►►



Lyn Gold, Scholarship and Alumni Engagement Lead at Fife College said: "We are extremely fortunate to have this amazing scholarship as part of the range of scholarships and funding we offer to Fife College students. This truly is a lifechanging opportunity which both Abby and Niamh have thoroughly enjoyed and during which they have been fantastic ambassadors for Fife College."

"We are enormously grateful to William Garner, the Lauder family and to the St Andrew's Society of the State of New York and look forward to opening applications later in the year for the George Lauder Bursary 2023." ■

Abigail Cloete

Imagine living and studying in New York for two months! Abigail Cloete did just that and enjoyed every minute!

"Having the opportunity to study at Pratt Institute has been such a wonderful experience."

"I'm so grateful to have been able to expand on my skillset, discover new talents, meet fantastic people and explore Manhattan!"

"Thank you, Fife College!"

[Read more about Abigail's experience here](#) ►►



Designer Chairs Fund Fantastic Furniture Scholarships

► Four furniture students from Fife College have been given a boost after receiving special scholarships funded by the sale of designer chairs.

John Hancock, Claire Forsyth, Justyna Stanka, all from Dunfermline, and Anna Matthew, from Hillend, have been awarded a Renton Scholarship.

Awarded through Adam Smith Scholarships, which is part of Fife College, the Renton Scholarship was set up in memory of Stuart and Ethnie Renton (from Edinburgh and Rannoch) who loved modernist furniture design, especially mid-century pieces and Scandinavian craft.

The family generously offered some of the proceeds from the sale of the chairs and other furniture to Fife College to give students a helping hand with their studies.

Stuart Renton was an architect and took pride in his beautiful Fritz Hansen, Arne Jacobsen, and Eames designer chairs, as well as a selection of Italian and Danish interior products and work by contemporary Scottish artists and craftspeople.

Open to students on the NC Furniture, HNC Furniture and HND Furniture courses, part of



the scholarship application was to produce a 1:5 scale model of a classic chair design.

This year's recipients each received a £400 award, to be used for resources or materials to help them take that next step to further study or employment.

Carol Renton, Stuart and Ethnie's daughter, visited the College to meet the award winners and present them with certificates.



HND Furniture student, John Hancock, said "I was overjoyed to hear that I'd won! It's a huge compliment to hear Carol Renton liked my work! The money will help take so much pressure off and help me with my future endeavours in my new career path."

"Also, a big thank you to Carol for giving the students at Fife College this fantastic opportunity, we all appreciate her consideration and generosity!"

Anna Matthew, also on the HND Furniture course, said "I was quite surprised to find out that I was one of four scholarship winners, this was the confidence boost I needed. After reading Carol's comments on my design, I feel reminded that I do have the ability to create an exciting design."

Carol Renton said "Congratulations to this year's winners – their chair designs were fantastic, and they all thoroughly deserve their scholarship awards."

"My parents would have been thrilled to know that their beloved chairs were supporting the next generation of furniture designers to achieve their career goals."

Lyn Gold, Scholarship and Alumni Engagement Lead at Fife College, said "We are very grateful to Carol and the Renton family for offering these awards which we know will have an immediate impact on students' academic lives and their plans."

"John, Justyna, Anna and Claire are extremely hard-working, talented students who are all worthy winners of this year's awards – we wish them well in their studies and careers." ■

Students on the road to success thanks to Arnold Clark

► **Four students at Fife College have been awarded special scholarships by Arnold Clark to support their studies.**

Catriona Bell, William Gunn, Neil Law, and Aleksandra Nowicka received scholarships of £500 each in recognition of their commitment to progress their careers within the areas of business, engineering and automotive.

Europe's largest privately-owned car retailer, Arnold Clark, has offered scholarships at Fife College for several years with some supported students going on to gain employment with the company after their studies.

This year's scholarship recipients were presented with their awards by Lynne McBurney, Group Head of People at Arnold Clark, at a special presentation held in the vehicle workshop at the College's Glenrothes Campus.

Vice Principal Dorothee Leslie was delighted to welcome Lynne and her colleague Carole Anne McCann, Group Recruitment Manager to the College. Both Lynne and Carole Anne enjoyed chatting to the students and finding out more about their future plans as well as meeting staff from the engineering and business faculties.

Advanced Certificate: Business Enterprise (with Admin, Accounting or Legal) student Aleksandra Nowicka, from Dunfermline, said: "This scholarship is a great honour. I'm so happy as it will allow me to develop my education further. I will spend the money on a new computer to use on my next course."

HNC Mechanical Engineering student Neil Law, who was unfortunately unable to attend the presentation, plans to use his scholarship award to support his university studies.

Lynne McBurney, Group Head of People at



Arnold Clark

Arnold Clark, said: "We are thrilled to be able to offer these scholarships to the students at Fife College - we hope they'll go a long way in helping them to purchase the materials and resources they need to get the most out of their studies."

Community is one of our core values at Arnold Clark and so we are always looking for innovative ways to support local organisations."

Lyn Gold, Scholarship and Alumni Engagement Lead at Fife College, said: "Arnold Clark has provided great support to many students at Fife College over several years."

"We are grateful to them for offering these latest scholarship awards which we know will have an immediate impact on these students' academic lives and their plans for the future."

"Catriona, William, Neil, and Aleksandra are very deserving of their awards. We wish them well in their studies and careers and look forward to continuing our relationship with Arnold Clark." ■

I feel over the moon to be awarded this scholarship which will greatly help with my future progress through to the master's degree course. I will spend this money on resources to help me with my studies such as books and a portable electronic device to use while at university.

- Neil Law

HNC Mechanical Engineering

Scholarship creates fantastic opportunities for students

► **Seven Fife College students have received a boost after becoming the latest recipients of the Claremont Office Furniture Scholarship.**

The scholarship is offered by Glasgow based Claremont Office Furniture to support



Furniture and Interior Design students with their studies.

This year's recipients, Andrew Murphy, Annette Sampson, John Hancock, Malgorzata Norberczuk, Michelle Kinmont, Oscar Olmo Moreno, and Shannon Cairns have each been awarded a share of £2,000 through the scholarship, now in its fourth year.

NC Furniture student Annette Sampson's scholarship award will be a huge help to her studies. Annette Sampson, said "Thank you so much for the award, this means so much to me and proves that returning to college in my 50s was a pretty good idea.

"I have been working with a sewing machine which was my late mothers and is over 25 years old, I think it is time to replace this and bash on with other projects. Thank you again."

HNC: 3D Design (interiors) student, Oscar said "I am delighted to be awarded this

scholarship, it was very unexpected! I will put this towards supplies for my course!"

Claremont Office Furniture have been providing quality office furniture to businesses throughout Scotland for more than 36 years. They are credited by a wide range of sustainability organisations meaning that all their furniture is produced with respect for the highest ecological, social, and ethical standards.

Martin Fellowes, Business Manager for Claremont Office Furniture, said "We are delighted to continue to offer our scholarship which recognises the commitment and high standards of work of students at Fife College.

"As a family-run business we feel it is important to give something back and support those looking to start a career in the furniture and design industry - offering our scholarship through Adam Smith Scholarships is a fantastic way of doing that." ■

Faculty Award for Iona

► **Iona Tytler is this year's award winner of the Faculty for Business, Enterprise and Tourism with Supported Programmes Scholarship.**

The HNC Accounting student, from Glasgow is delighted to win the scholarship award which will be a great help following a challenging time. Iona said:

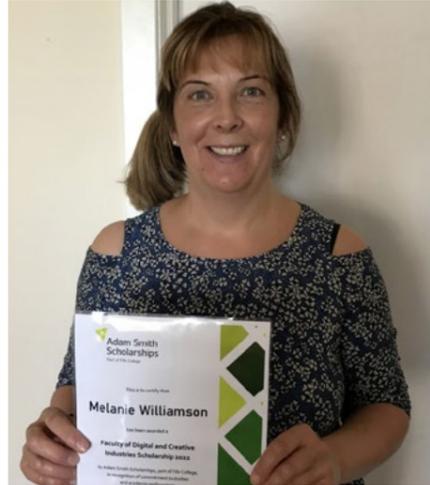
"I was extremely surprised to have been awarded this scholarship, it is a great honour and I was quite overwhelmed when I was notified I would be receiving it. It's a great achievement to be able to add to my CV and the money will help me further my career, by allowing me to pursue work experience at an accountancy firm.

"This has given me extra confidence in myself after returning to study after an extremely challenging few years, I am very grateful for this award and I would encourage everyone to apply for the scholarships available!"

Iona was awarded a £1,000 scholarship award for her hard work and achievements whilst working towards a degree. Iona has come a long way and has gained confidence throughout her time at Fife College which will allow her to reach her goals. With a positive outlook on life and her future, Iona is an inspiring role model to others. ■



Faculty award helps fund students' futures



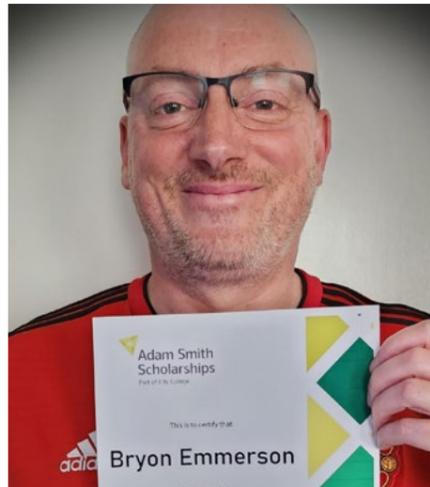
► Five Fife College students were delighted to be awarded our Faculty of Digital and Creative Industries Scholarship recently.

Bryon Emmerson from Rosyth; Corinne Ferdinand from Dundee; Kirsten McLaughlan from Dunfermline; Melanie Williamson from Glenrothes and Tom Kirk from Kirkcaldy received a share of £1000 to support them in their studies.

Bryon said: "My family and I are really pleased and proud of this award. It is nice to hear that my lecturer felt that I deserved it and this is a huge confidence boost. I am happy to have received a certificate which can go with my CV in any future job applications. The money will be used to purchase supplies for my HND Cyber Security course next year.

Melanie Williamson was thrilled; she said: "I could not believe that I had been awarded this scholarship, it was such a wonderful surprise!"

Corinne was proud to have been awarded this scholarship and said: "I feel absolutely over the moon to have won this scholarship! I worked so hard throughout this course and to have been awarded this means the world. This will help me to launch my photography business as well as online marketing and repairing my laptop to allow me to work more efficiently." ■



Cheers Diageo!

► Two amazing students are recipients of the Diageo Scholarship 2022. Staff at Diageo were keen for the scholarship to continue to be awarded to hospitality, as well as engineering students, as we recover from the pandemic.

Part of the award includes a visit and tour of the Diageo plant in Leven planned to take place in the coming months.

James McNeil, (pictured bottom right) HNC Electrical Engineering and Stuart Taylor, HNC Professional Cookery are the proud recipients of this year's scholarship and were awarded £1000 each to support them with their studies.

Stuart said: "I still can't believe I've been awarded this scholarship which has given me a great feeling of self-achievement, I'm extremely proud! Being awarded the Diageo Scholarship has made me even more determined and committed to achieve more in the hospitality industry. I can't thank Diageo enough and I am grateful for being chosen."

Lyn Gold, Scholarship and Alumni Engagement Lead at Fife College said: "Diageo have very generously been supporting our students through these scholarships for over 20 years and we are looking forward to meeting the staff face to face on site, to thank them personally. We are delighted to see James and Stuart awarded this year, both are truly deserving and fantastic role models, we are very proud of their achievements." ■

Support from former staff

► Former staff members at Fife College have been generously supporting our current students by fundraising at events and donating towards the College's scholarship programme since 2016.

Two outstanding students were the proud recipients of this year's Fife College Association Scholarship; Deborah Strain Advanced Certificate: Pathway to Social Sciences and Roisin Farrell Advanced Certificate: SWAP Access to Arts, Humanities and Primary Education.

Deborah said: "I am feeling very grateful at receiving this award as it will help towards getting study materials for the HNC Social Sciences next year"

Roisin said: "Winning this scholarship has made me feel at ease about going to university. I will spend my scholarship on the books I will need for my course."

Chairman of the Fife College Association, Bob Cunningham said: "We are delighted as a group to be able to continue to support Fife College students and provide a financial boost as well as some much-deserved recognition. Congratulations to Deborah and Roisin!"

Our scholarship staff were also delighted to attend the group's annual dinner in March and inform members about our scholarship activity and new Dunfermline Learning Campus. ■



Fife College Foundation Scholarship

► An incredible 17 students received a scholarship award with a share of £7000 from the Fife College Foundation to support their studies. This scholarship supports seven subject areas including; STEM, Supported Learning, Performing Arts, Hospitality and Culinary Arts, Health and Social Care, ESOL and Childcare.



university so the money will go towards purchasing my stethoscope!"

Lecturers at Fife College nominated students for this scholarship, making it even more unique and special. ■



Jordan Mathieson-Davies who is studying SWAP Health and Social Care said: "I was elated to have won the award. This will benefit me massively! Things have been challenging and we have been trying to convert our utility room into a study to support me working from home. This scholarship will help buy a desk, chair and a monitor. I would also like to buy some books for starting my University course in September."

Laura Corkhill who is studying SWAP Health and Life Sciences was glad to hear the news, Laura said: "I am speechless and so very grateful! I have applied to Paramedic Science for

Friends delight for Kirstin

► Fife College student Kirstin Armstrong received a unique scholarship which recognises creativity and passion in Art and Design.

Kirstin is a very talented student who is going on to study a degree course at university and has been awarded the Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries Scholarship, funded by the Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries, which aims to boost public awareness of the Galleries.

The scholarship offers a cash award of £600 which is used to support studies and help career progression.

Kirstin was among several students shortlisted this year who submitted copies of their artwork and designs as part of the application process. These were then judged by the group who were impressed with Kirstin's skills and creativity.

Kirstin, who recently completed her HND in Art and Design at the College, is progressing on to Dundee University this year to study an Art and Philosophy Degree.



"This is going to help me so much within my studies at university. I will now be able to afford the supplies needed for my course as well as aiding my own personal art journey, allowing me to grow and evolve within my studies.

I am so appreciative of how this will help me and allow me to focus on my studies without having to worry about financial barriers" ■

Principal supports degree scholarship



► Five deserving Fife College students have had an amazing start to their degree studies this year after being awarded a Principal's Degree Scholarship.

Carly Jane Stewart, Annemarie Keenan, Jackie Harvey, Brooke

Cunningham, and Sharron Clelland (pictured below left) were named winners of the scholarship which is offered by the College's Principal, Hugh Hall.

The scholarship was created by the Principal to support Fife College students who progress to degree level studies.



Jackie Harvey, (pictured above right) who studied HND Sound Production at our Glenrothes Campus is going on to Glasgow Caledonian University to study BSc in Audio Technology, said: "Receiving this scholarship means everything to me and will make a huge difference

"It will make travelling and studying in Glasgow much easier as it means I can get the seasonal train fare and I can also get a new laptop for my studies. This scholarship will also allow me to utilise the library and take part in late night study sessions or early starts." ■



Engineering students awarded scholarships at Mossmorran



HNC Electrical Engineering students Sean and Craig, and HNC Mechanical Engineering student Fiona, were awarded their scholarships during a special visit and tour of Shell UK's Fife NGL Plant at Mossmorran. Fourth scholarship winner Nathan was, unfortunately, unable to attend on the day of the visit.

skills and knowledge in the engineering field."

Craig Burnett, Plant Manager at Shell UK's Fife NGL (Natural Gas Liquids) Plant, said: "By linking real-life and learning experiences we aim to nurture the next generation of problem-solvers, leaders, and innovators, as well as grow the UK's skills base and pipeline of scientists and engineers.

"We were delighted to welcome Sean, Craig and Fiona to the plant to present them with their scholarship awards - I hope they enjoyed their visit.

"Congratulations to all four of our Adam Smith Scholarship winners this year. They are each very much deserving of their award. I'm confident they can go on to enjoy exciting and fulfilling careers in the energy sector in the future." ■

► Four Fife College students have been given a fantastic boost to their career prospects after they were awarded a prestigious scholarship by Shell UK.

Engineering students Sean Tyrell, Craig Reid, Fiona MacDonald, and Nathan Wragg have all received scholarship awards of £625 each from the energy company.

The scholarship awards, which have been offered by Shell since 2009, can be used by the students to purchase equipment and materials to support their studies and to progress onto another course or into employment within the energy industry.

This was the first time the scholarships have been awarded at the Fife NGL. Sean, Craig and Fiona were greeted at the plant by Mairi McKay, Community Liaison Officer and were introduced to the facility by Craig Burnett, Plant Manager.

Craig also gave a bit of background to his career at Shell, as well as giving some career advice on how to get into the industry. The students were then taken on a tour of the site by Engineering Lead, Tyne Bradley.

Sean Tyrell, from Markinch, said: "The visit to Mossmorran was very interesting and a great way to experience how engineering professionals worked day-to-day."



Craig Reid, from Dunfermline, said: "It was an honour to be invited to Mossmorran. A facility that has always been on my doorstep, I found it very interesting to learn exactly how the plant operated and what they processed."

Fiona MacDonald, from Edinburgh, said: "The visit was a great opportunity to see many of the topics I study in action and applied in an industry setting. I will be using the scholarship from Shell to access more courses to enhance my



Russell Trust gives fabulous boost to students



► 147 Fife College students have received a Russell Trust scholarship to help progress their studies.

The scholarship awards, which range from £50 to £300, will support students to buy equipment and resources to help them progress in their studies, giving them some much-needed help and recognition for their hard work and commitment.

The awards were presented in person by Cecilia Russell and Alice Croal from the Russell Trust to a number of this year's recipients at a special event held at the College's Carnegie Conference Centre.

The annual scholarship from the Russell Trust is one of the largest scholarship funds offered through Adam Smith Scholarships, part of Fife College, donating £15,000 each year.

It is also the longest-running of all scholarships at the College, awarding over 1,000 students since it was set up back in 1999.

One of this year's scholarship recipients, Nicola Brown from Kirkcaldy, plans to use her award to purchase a new laptop.

Nicola, studying HNC Administration and Information Technology, said "I am sincerely grateful to have been awarded the Russell Trust Scholarship. I was thrilled to learn of my award and I am deeply appreciative of the support. I plan on spending the money on a new laptop so I am not sharing one with my daughter."

Nicola, who was inspired to return to education after her daughter became the first person in their family to go to University, added "I haven't been in education for 22 years but now I am fully committed to achieving my HNC so I can progress further at work.

"After being made redundant seven years ago from a retail role, I decided to change my career to administration and managed to get a role within Fife Council but have been unable to progress due to having no administration qualification.

"I had the determination to secure my role without a qualification though, so now I'm determined to achieve the HNC to help me progress further."

The Russell Trust was set up in the memory of Patrick Russell who died in action during World War II - through this, the former Tullis Russell paper company, which was based in Glenrothes, has supported a large number of local charities and educational institutions over the years.

Cecilia Russell, Trustee of the Russell Trust, said "The Russell Trust is delighted to be able to offer these scholarship awards to the students of Fife College. We heartedly congratulate all the students who have been awarded scholarships this year.

"Promoting higher education for the young people of Fife was of great importance to Sir David

Russell, founder of the Russell Trust. Over 70 years after the Trust's founding it is fantastic to see this value still carried through by the Russell Trust Scholarship." ■

I am beyond grateful for this award, I couldn't be prouder of myself for being able to achieve this amazing opportunity. This money will be going towards more resources that will benefit my studies at college and help me pursue a career in the cookery business.

- Jordan Gunn

Professional Cookery

Ian Rankin awards for creative talent

► Three Fife College students have been awarded special scholarships by one of the world's leading crime writers, Sir Ian Rankin.

Popular for his fictional character Rebus, Sir Ian generously supports the annual creative writing scholarship which this year was awarded to talented students Isabella Webster, Sam Trotter and Tamzin McDonald.

As well as the chance to meet with Sir Ian in the future, the winning students received a monetary award of £600 each to support their studies.

Isabella, Sam and Tamzin also received certificates to mark their achievement, as well as a copy of Ian's award-winning book, 'The Dark Remains', at a special presentation event which was held at The Academy training restaurant on the College's Kirkcaldy campus.

HNC Legal Services student Isabella Webster, from Edinburgh, said "I was amazed when I saw that I had won, not only because the support will be invaluable to finance my further studies, but also because it has allowed me to prove to myself that this is something I am good at.

"I now have an unconditional place at the University of Glasgow to study Scots Law and History, and this award will make a huge impact on tuition and course costs."

Tamzin McDonald from Penicuik, who is studying Non-Advanced European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL), said "I am elated to win the scholarship. It has boosted my confidence in my writing and my belief in myself. I am planning on spending the money on some learning support software, writing supplies and essentials".

HND: Acting and Performance student Sam



Trotter, from North Queensferry, said "Being able to be a part of and win this scholarship was an amazing opportunity for me to put my creative energy into a project with a very valuable prize.

Sir Ian, who was knighted on the Queen's Birthday Honours list on the eve of the Platinum Jubilee, said "I was delighted to award this year's scholarships to Isabella, Sam and Tamzin. There was a great range of entries, all of which were of a high standard, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading through them all.

"It was unfortunate I was unable to attend the presentation event in person this year but I'm hoping to visit the College at a later date to get the chance to chat with this year's scholarship winners."

Lyn Gold, Scholarship and Alumni Engagement Lead at Fife College, said "This

is the 18th year of Sir Ian's award, which has inspired and supported over 50 students since 2004.

"To have a world-renowned author like Sir Ian Rankin continue to support our students in this way is amazing and we are grateful for his ongoing support."

Scholarship winners' entries with comments from Sir Ian Rankin:

Isabella Webster - Medusa

"Powerful and fascinating stuff, and quite a challenge to present Medusa in a staged setting and as the hero rather than villain! The heightened prose is apt and works well and this extract is very promising indeed."

Tamzin McDonald - The girl next door

"This is the really creepy tale of a really creepy guy who stalks his neighbour. It is tense and well-written and, while nodding towards Hitchcock's 'Psycho', manages to comment on the modern phenomenon of stalking as well."

Sam Trotter - Lifelines

"An evocative piece of nature writing. Such a positive and life-affirming piece with a good eye for the details of the changing seasons. I was waiting for a twist in the tail but this turned out to be a warm hug of a story." ■



Welcome to Fife College!



► Our students were given a warm welcome to the start of their new term at Fife College. We were delighted to attend a variety of Welcome Sessions and Freshers events at all our five campuses to ensure our new students know all about our scholarships.

Staff members Caitlin Bryce and Jill Grant manned the stands with fun quizzes and freebies, to highlight our different scholarships. These were popular amongst students with goody bags as prizes and everyone received a free scholarship pen made from, believe it or not, recycled car parts! ■



Did you study at Fife College?

If the answer is YES we would love to hear from you!

As a graduate of Fife College, or one of our legacy colleges, you hold the power to inspire others and benefit your career by registering as one of our alumni.

Benefits to you include:

- Invitations to College events
- References from College staff
- Keep up-to-date with College news

Ways you can help:

- Share your story
- Offer work experience
- Become a mentor
- Deliver a guest lecture
- Support fundraising

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If so, please get in touch scholarships@fife.ac.uk



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