

## Alumni News

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I know many of you have, like me, felt immeasurably proud to be a member of the UCL community as the university leads the global effort to tackle COVID-19.

Today I am delighted to tell you that UCL will be able to do even more to respond to the pandemic, thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters. Through the philanthropic support of many alumni as well as other friends of UCL, we have raised over £1m to bolster UCL's response to COVID-19.

Because of donations to the [UCL Coronavirus Response Fund](#) and [UCL Emergency Assistance Fund](#), UCL has been able to: accelerate the development of a potential vaccine; help students struggling financially due to unexpected travel and accommodation costs; investigate why BAME populations are more likely to contract and die from COVID-19, and much more. Yet there's still more to do, and our fundraising efforts and research continue.

It has been a privilege to share so many positive stories from the UCL community with you over the last few months. In future newsletters, you will hear from my colleague Annie Thompson, Interim Deputy Director of Alumni Relations, as I move into a new role at UCL.

Best wishes,

**James Davis**  
 Director of Strategy & Operations (Interim)  
 Office of the Vice-Provost (Advancement)

## UCL on demand



### [Spaces and buildings denamed](#)

UCL is denaming spaces and buildings named after prominent eugenicists Francis Galton and Karl Pearson, in acknowledgement of the university's historical eugenics links.

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### [Black Lives Matter: The student view](#)

Three young, black and British UCL students speak with Dr Humera Iqbal (UCL Institute of Education) about what the Black Lives Matter movement means to them.

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### [Unburied: London's earliest playhouse?](#)

The remains of the Red Lion, thought to be the earliest Elizabethan playhouse, were discovered in London by Archaeology South-East, part of UCL's Institute of Archaeology.

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### [#WeAreUCL: Remarkable Stories](#)

As part of a new podcast series of remarkable stories across the UCL community, alumni Lincoln Lee and Kisum Chan talk about the founding of their social enterprise Rice Inc.

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## Globally United

### [William in Mexico City: "we have a responsibility"](#)

In our Globally United video series, UCL alumni share their personal experiences of adjusting to new ways of living during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This time, William Jensen, President of the UCL Mexican Alumni Association, reflects on the impact of the virus in Latin America.

Acting on a sense of responsibility to apply his education to benefit society, William co-delivered a series of [Spanish-language COVID-19 webinars](#) with speakers ranging from ambassadors to artists. Inspired by UCL's multidisciplinary ethos, the webinars discussed creative solutions to the crisis.

If you'd like to share ideas and resources with the UCL community by submitting your own Globally United video, please contact [alumni@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ucl.ac.uk).



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### [International alumni opportunities](#)

Looking to make a mark on your alumni community? We have volunteer roles available to recent graduates in China, Hong Kong, the US, France, Singapore, Malaysia and India.

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### [Four tips for coping in lockdown](#)

Alumna Dr Patrice Baptiste is a GP, entrepreneur and champion for diversity in the medical profession. In this blog post, she rounds up her tips for dealing with lockdown.

[Read Patrice's tips >>](#)


### [Could you inspire a UCL startup?](#)

Inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs via the UCL Hatchery Mentor Network. They're seeking industry experts, academics and business leaders to become mentors.

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### [Celebrating Pride and being an ally](#)

June is Pride month - a time to celebrate and a chance to learn about LGBTQ+ history and current challenges. Alumna Nichola Carroll has compiled a list of ways to be a better ally.

[Read Nichola's article >>](#)

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