Dear UCL Alumni,

Although we are not currently able to visit UCL alumni around the world, our ties are as strong as ever. I would encourage you to take advantage of the Alumni Online Community to stay in contact and continue to share news and events.

We also have a profound responsibility to tackle the myriad of scientific, social and economic challenges the world now faces. I could not be prouder of the role that UCL – brilliantly supported by you – is playing in helping to manage and mitigate the COVID-19 outbreak.

We have emphasised the importance of mental health and wellbeing, and the importance of supporting each other in these challenging times. We can all do our bit to support our loved ones, our communities and our society, and to take care of our mental health.

The newly launched UCL Coronavirus Response Fund will also give us the flexibility and time to reflect and ask: “How do we want to live our lives in the ‘new normal’?”

In February, UCL alumna, author and television producer Jane Fallon received an opportunity to share her top tips with our MA Publishing students.

In these turbulent times, we’re inviting UCL alumni around the world to share ideas, resources and words of advice through our Globally United video series.

Whether locally, nationally, or globally, UCL is proudly playing its part. Our medical students are volunteering to help NHS staff, businesses are adapting to the significant changes in the way we live, learn and work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on society. In London, they are co-ordinating food donations, and in Italy, our researchers are helping to provide protective devices for coronavirus patients.

This week, it was announced that engineers at UCL and Mercedes F1, alongside clinicians at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, have created a CPAP machine to help treat COVID-19 patients in Italy. The device, UCL-Ventura, allowed for the successful treatment of a patient in Rome. Italy has now ordered 1,400 of these machines, which will help prevent the need for hospital admissions. CPAP machines allow COVID-19 patients to stay out of intensive care and provide a breathing support using a simple procedure.

To ensure that you continue to hear about UCL news and events, and receive your new, best newsletters, please keep us updated.

Best wishes,

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