



### Letter from the Vice Chancellor



Welcome to the latest edition of With Our Thanks

London South Bank University's annual publication created especially for our donors. I am delighted to report that the University has continued to make excellent progress over the last academic year, in no small part due to our donors. As ever, I'd like to thank you for the contribution you all make to your University.

In spite of the challenges we have faced, this year has been one of continued progress of which we should be proud: recruitment is good, we continue to invest strongly in our estate, enterprise activity is developing well, and the University's external reputation is growing. You will see examples of much of this progress throughout the pages of With Our Thanks.

We, like all universities in the UK, experienced a difficult year with the introduction of higher fees. We were expecting a fall in applications, particularly compared to the previous year when students applied in greater numbers than normal to avoid the higher fee regime. We are pleased that we did better than the sector average and more so that the increase in fees did not deter students from poorer backgrounds from applying to us. This is in part because of the generous fee waivers that LSBU offers as well as the scholarships that your support provides.

You will appreciate that employability is increasingly a key outcome for us in that we want our graduates to get graduate level jobs. We do well in this area and this year we have introduced new employability programmes: the

'Job Shop' and 'Career Gym' in the new Student Centre are open for business and they are already attracting employers into the University to meet with current students and recent graduates. The 'Career Gym' is focussed on CV enhancement and on growing the necessary additional skills for students seeking employment. We will continue to do more to improve the employability of our students.

I am pleased to report that we have continued to invest in the estate to improve the student experience. The Student Centre opened last November and has proved a great success, particularly through bringing together the Student Union and student support services in one place. LSBU students now have a place of their own of which they can be proud. The new Clarence Centre for Enterprise and Innovation has recently opened and offers office space to entrepreneurial students alongside established businesses, allowing them excellent networking and knowledgesharing opportunities.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that, following my retirement in January 2014, Professor David Phoenix will become LSBU's Vice Chancellor. He is currently Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Central Lancashire where his career spans 21 years. In 2000, he launched UCLan's Department of Forensics and Investigative Science and in 2002 became the University's Dean of Science, overseeing the opening

of a new School of Pharmacy, the re-launch of Chemistry and the initial stages in the development of Architecture.

I am confident that I am leaving the University in good hands and that with your consistent commitment and support, LSBU can continue to provide a high quality education to all those who can benefit from it.

So for the final time, thank you for supporting LSBU and I hope that you enjoy reading the ways in which your contributions have helped the University and its students.

**Professor Martin J Earwicker, FREng**Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive

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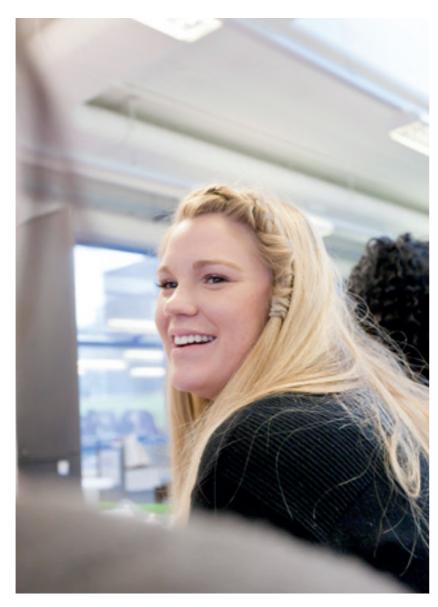
### The LSBU Annual Fund

Support for LSBU in 2012–13

The Annual Fund has now been running for 5 years. In this time we have received over £700,000 from more than 2,000 individuals, trusts, companies and foundations. The money that we have raised through the Annual Fund has helped fund scholarships for students who could not afford to study here otherwise, as well as providing new and updated facilities in our Faculties, books for our Library, and equipment for our sports teams. All of these things help to make the great student experience at LSBU.

In those 5 years we have been lucky to correspond with many donors. Often you have told us the main reason you support the Annual Fund is because you want others to receive the same high-level education that you received from LSBU. Other donors are giving something back to LSBU in return for a transformational experience in their lives. For whatever reason you choose to give, we appreciate your support and our students are very grateful.

Many of you feel so connected to LSBU that you continue to give year after year. As donors, you understand that in order to continue to enhance the student experience, we need to continue asking for your support. We hope that you will wish to support the University and our students again this year and will contact you by letter or by telephone to seek your further support in the coming months.



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#### 2012-13 Annual Fund

During 2012-13 the LSBU Annual Fund received more than 500 donations. Thousands of LSBU students will benefit from support that has been provided as a result of your generosity.

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# Scholarships

Scholarships are the main focus of the Annual Fund each year. Many of our scholars have interesting stories of how they came to study at LSBU. Two of our Frank Brake scholars, each studying the MSc Food Saftey and Control, discuss life before LSBU and explain what the scholarships they have received will enable them to do in the future.

### Erika Szabo

## Tell us about your undergraduate degree

I studied agriculture at SzentIstvan University in Hungary. When Hungary joined the EU in 2004, food safety systems had gained more and more importance so it was logical for me to focus on this; my thesis revolved around a dairy farm! I also completed a four year course in English translation after my agriculture degree.

# What have been the main highlights in your career so far?

After graduation, I started working at the Hungarian Food Safety
Office where the focus is the legal enforcement of food safety. With the experience I gained in my career, I worked on a programme that aimed to prepare Serbia for its accession to the EU.

#### Why did you choose to study at LSBU?

The main reason is the positive employment record of LSBU graduates, and the favourable feedback from industry on the course was very convincing. Also, the course is well suited to my speciality in food safety.



# How did you feel when you found out that you won your scholarship?

I felt relieved and happy. I was also really proud of myself!

## How will this scholarship make a difference to your studies?

London is an expensive city to live in and due to the scholarship I can focus on my studies instead of focussing on easing the financial burden that studying abroad involves. Now that I don't have to worry about finances or working, I can put all of my attention and efforts into studying and can perform at my best.

### Natacha Porter

### What were you doing prior to coming to LSBU?

I studied Veterinary Science at university in Cuba. I was good at science and was always passionate about animals. When I finished my degree, I worked for the Ministry of Agriculture's Swine Research Institute as a scientific researcher in the Department of Nutrition. After 2 years, I was promoted to be a national inspector of animal feed practices, which involved all phases of the food production cycle.

### Why did you decide to study this course?

Upon my arrival in the UK, I had hoped to continue my career immediately. However, I was disappointed to discover that it was not possible to practise Veterinary Science in the UK without starting again from the most basic level and completing 6-7 years of education that I had largely covered in Cuba. I considered other options based on my experience to build an alternative career in the UK. An internet search led me to the Food Safety and Control course at LSBU. Not only did I find the course very interesting but also it aligned with my work experience very well.



# How did you feel when you found out you won the scholarship?

I was at work when I found out and I was speechless! I couldn't believe that I had been selected for this amazing opportunity.

# How will the scholarship make a difference to your studies?

My husband and I had discussed remortgaging our house to pay for the course. My income has been low in the UK and I have relied on my husband to pay most of our household bills, as I have financial commitments to my family in Cuba. It wasn't easy to make the decision but I couldn't lose this opportunity. I am so grateful because I now feel I have a positive way forward. I am so pleased to be at LSBU!

# Scholarships

Christine Nantege has recently graduated with an MSc in Food Safety and Control and tells us how her Frank Brake Scholarship helped her achieve one of her biggest goals.

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Coming from a small town in Uganda, it was instilled into me by my parents to reach for the stars. For a long time I wanted to pursue a Master's degree in Food Safety and Control and I was accepted onto the course at LSBU. All I had dreamt of was steadily falling into place; the only exception was I could never afford the tuition fees. While I was on the verge of giving up, I decided to apply for the Frank Brake Scholarship and I got it! Receiving the Scholarship turned my life around as I would never have done my postgraduate degree if I had not received it. The Scholarship reduced the financial burden on my family and also allowed me to devote a greater amount of time to my studies. Frank's generosity helped me achieve one of my biggest goals.

My graduation day was the happiest day of my life. The presence of family, friends and all the people who made it possible for me to achieve this goal made the day extra special. I was so honoured that Frank was there to see me graduate. He not only sponsored me but has been a part of my journey throughout this course. My parents were lost for words and the look in their eyes said it all. They were so happy to finally meet Frank and thanked him for his financial generosity.



I have now been in contact with a few food industries back home in Uganda and apparently there are some interesting roles I have applied for. I hope all goes well! I am so proud

that Frank Brake has become a part of my success and I am equally proud to be a graduate of London South Bank University.

# An update from Theo

In the last edition of With our Thanks, Theo Shaw (MSc Refugee Studies) explained how a chance conversation with a student calling in the telethon led her to a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship. She has now completed her studies and updates us on her progress.



I am sincerely grateful for my scholarship as it gave me the opportunity to pursue my Master's in Refugee Studies, in which I was just awarded a Distinction. It was sincerely a blessing in my life.

I had always wanted to pursue my Master's but was slightly apprehensive about the demands of the course, coupled with the cost of undertaking it. The frail economic climate made it difficult to find a stable job. However, some luck and some determination led me to a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship.

I am not the brightest star in the sky but I knew that in order to succeed I had to work hard and I'm proud to say I did that from beginning to end. I know this dream would not be a reality without LSBU and its donors and for this reason I am expressing my sincere gratitude.

I can officially say I have a Master's with a Distinction although I still can't quite comprehend it! I look forward to my graduation day; my parents are sincerely proud and equally excited. I am the first to graduate and the first to hold a Master's degree. Soon I hope to write stating I have found a great job. But in the meantime, I am volunteering for a local charity called Working Chance. The organisation specialises in offering a second chance to female offenders. After all, everyone needs a second chance. I got mine, with a Distinction!





## Prizes, Awards and Bursaries

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### List of Donors

The Honour Roll is published as a thank you to individuals and organisations who have financially supported the University during 2012-13. This year, the focus for your gifts continues to be scholarships and since the Annual Fund closed on 31 July 2013, we have 25 scholarship students enrolled on our postgraduate courses.

The 2012-13 Honour Roll records gifts received from 1 August 2012 to 31 July 2013. Gifts received after 31 July 2013 will be recorded in the 2013-14 Honour Roll. We thank you all for your generous support.

We have shown graduation year in brackets (where known). If your graduation year is not featured, please contact us so that we can update our records.

We would like to apologise for any omissions or inaccuracies.

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### LSBU News

# Annual Fund disbursement competition

Earlier this year, the Annual Fund offered staff the opportunity to bid for up to £25,000 to improve an aspect of student life at the University. Following a high number of applications, it was decided that the Annual Fund would disburse the funds to Library and Learning Resources to buy extra copies of books in high demand.

Margaret Kitching, Director of Library and Learning Resources, said: 'Whilst some universities are reducing library stocks, here at LSBU book borrowing continues to be a key demand from students. Academic books can be costly and we want to ensure that we have sufficient stock so that students who cannot afford to buy them can borrow them from the Library. LSBU wants to ensure that these expensive resources are not limited to those who can afford to buy them.

'Although LSBU has been building its collection of electronic books, and these have proved popular with students, some core texts are not available in electronic form and library loan copies remain a main source of information to support study. The £25,000 from the Annual Fund will enable us to buy additional print copies of 'high demand' books and have them readily available for students to borrow when they need them, rather than having to make reservations on limited copies.'

Annual circulation figures are in the region of 800,000 loans per academic year and some books have been borrowed as much as 630 times during the year. The £25,000 will fund up to 1,000 additional books in 2013-2014.

### **Sponsor a Book**

A new scheme aims to make sure all students can access the learning resources they need.

In light of the need at LSBU for more books, a new scheme has been launched called 'Sponsor a Book'. This programme offers the chance for alumni and friends of LSBU to donate £25 towards the purchase of extra copies of frequently borrowed books. For every donation, a bookplate will be placed inside the front cover of a new book stating the name of the sponsor.

As a way of thanking our donors who have already made gifts of £25 or more in 2012–13 (or are making regular gifts by direct debit) we have included a bookplate in their names within some of our most popular books. It is a way of marking the very special commitment these donors have made to the University.

If you would like to make a further donation toward the 'Sponsor a Book' scheme and receive a bookplate in your name, please use the donation form at the back of With our Thanks.

These donations have a significant impact on LSBU students and their learning experiences while giving sponsors an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy to LSBU.

# Redevelopment of the National Bakery School

# LSBU-sponsored Academy to open in 2014

LSBU is set to enrich the local community in Autumn 2014 by sponsoring Southwark's brand new school, the University Engineering Academy South Bank.

The Academy will be the first in the area to be sponsored by a university and will offer an innovative educational experience for young people in south London. It will open in September 2014 to 150 Year 7 pupils, with an additional 25 places for children with special educational needs.

Located in the Walworth area of Camberwell, it will specialise in providing a science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) focussed curriculum, in response to industry demand for modern engineering skills.

LSBU is committed to serving the local community and sponsorship of the Academy will provide school pupils in the area with access to a wealth of expertise and knowledge, specialist facilities and materials and an exciting new curriculum.

Jane Rowlands, Principal of the Academy says: 'I'm very excited to start working with the Academy. We hope to bring creativity to the heart of all learning there and I can't wait to inspire another generation of students interested in science'.

#### Big Changes at the Perry Library

The Perry Library has recently been allocated £1.9 million from the University to improve its accessibility.

The big changes have improved the external entrance, making it more accessible from Keyworth Street, as well as providing a refurbished ground floor entrance with a new reception desk, turnstile entrance, book return facility and help-desk area. A new silent study space with Wi-Fi has also been created for our students.

This refurbishment has provided an opportunity to respond to the feedback of the Library's users and will be a welcome improvement to the facilities.

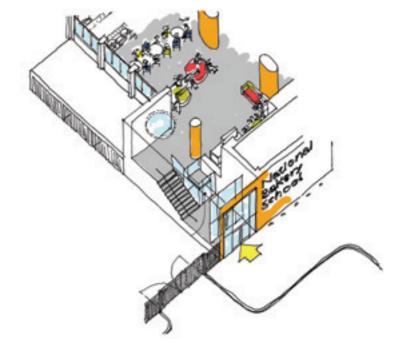


The National Bakery School (NBS) has a unique place in the world of baking. Founded in 1894 as part of the Borough Polytechnic Institute, it remains part of LSBU today. The NBS is the leading and oldest bakery school in the UK and the only UK institution to offer a degree in baking.

The NBS has held a close relationship with the baking industry since it was founded with the support of the National Association of Master Bakers. It has strong links with the Worshipful Company of Bakers which provides mentors and bursaries to NBS students. The School has made cakes for numerous royal, City and national occasions and alumni are found running their own bakeries all over the world, from small artisan bakeries to major international baking corporations.

In recent years, demand for the BSc in Baking Technology Management has grown dramatically and the School now has nearly 180 degree students. There has also been increasing interest from the baking industry in areas ranging from recruiting students to product research.

The NBS moved to its current accommodation in 1969 and since then the facilities have changed little. With the support of the baking industry, the National Bakery School has embarked on a fundraising programme to support a major re-development of the School. Its aim is to upgrade the



training bakeries and provide new facilities which will encourage the baking industry to use the School for events and staff training.

The NBS has drawn up exciting plans for the redevelopment, which have an estimated cost of £2m. The University has offered to match external funding and the School has been seeking the involvement of industry leaders to help achieve its £1m fundraising target. The NBS is deeply grateful for the wide ranging support it has already received. This includes a grant of £200,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation, a charitable trust set up by the founders of Associated British Foods, the company behind Allied Bakeries. Further gifts totalling £150,000 have so far been received

from companies, including a gift of over £100,000 from the Yamazaki Baking Company of Japan. Gifts in kind from industry suppliers totalling over £250,000 have also been pledged. The NBS continues to seek further support from the baking industry and anyone with an interest in baking. A leaflet about the redevelopment and the benefits available to donors is available by emailing Michael Simmons at michael.simmons@lsbu. ac.uk.



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If you are considering making a legacy gift and would like more information, or if you have already included LSBU in your Will, please contact Suzie Bannerman, Senior Development Manager, at sbannerman@lsbu.ac.uk or 020 7815 6073.

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