

UHI | ORKNEY

Celebration 2023

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St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall



Chancellor's message to graduates



HRH The Princess Royal,
Chancellor

As the Chancellor of the University of the Highlands and Islands, I congratulate you all on successfully completing your studies. Today represents the culmination of years of hard work, in some of the most testing of environments during a pandemic. In completing your studies, you have demonstrated resilience and a commitment to learning which will serve you well throughout your lives. You will also have experienced great personal growth.

As you begin a new chapter of your life, it is important to remember you have the ability to make a valuable contribution to your community, to our nation and the world. We face many global challenges, but I believe that with knowledge, skills and determination, we can work together to create positive change.

UHI was created to have a transformational impact on the people, communities and economies of our regions. I hope your time with us has shown you we can only achieve that through our commitment to an excellent student experience and that you will use UHI's mission to help build your own dreams and values throughout your career. Wherever life takes you, I encourage you to keep in touch with us in years to come. Whether you are looking for careers advice or thinking about another course to enhance your skills, UHI can help.

As a new member of our growing alumni community, you will always be part of the UHI family. Congratulations and good luck.

A message from our interim Principal and Vice-Chancellor



Interim Principal
and Vice-Chancellor

Vicki Nairn

We are delighted to share the excitement of this day with you and the people who have supported you throughout your studies - your family, friends and mentors.

During your time at UHI, you have gained knowledge, practical and theoretical skills, with the ability to think critically and solve problems in different and innovative ways. These qualities will serve you well as you navigate the opportunities and challenges which lie ahead.

Remember that education does not end with a qualification, it is a lifelong journey which will help you to fulfil your dreams and ambitions.

While today may mark the end of your formal education at UHI, it also signifies the beginning of a lifelong connection with us. You are now part of a vibrant network of UHI alumni who are making valuable contributions to their communities wherever they live and work.

🗨️ **Congratulations! UHI is an amazing university and one where learning genuinely means more - I know you will agree. We wish you every success and happiness as you take your first steps into your new lives as UHI alumni.** 🗨️

A message from the Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, Orkney Islands Council



Councillor
Gwenda Shearer

Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee,
Orkney Islands Council

Welcome to UHI Orkney's Celebration of Success and Achievement 2023. This is our formal opportunity to recognise the hard work that goes on day by day by all our students and staff and the achievement of completing a course of study. I offer my congratulations to all our students on their achievements, and my thanks to their families, friends and tutors for supporting them, and welcome all of you to our celebration today. Some of the best learning is done in collaboration with others, so it is fitting that our celebrations are a collaborative affair too.

UHI Orkney is a special place for many reasons, but one of those is its special dual status. We are the only college in Scotland to be both an Academic Partner of the University of the Highlands and Islands and owned by a local authority. This dual status gives UHI Orkney the strengths of being rooted in its local area, able to respond to local culture, economic developments and needs, as well as the breadth of opportunity that comes from the UHI network.

Some of you may have noticed that there is a new name and a new logo on this brochure. As of this week, we will be formally known as UHI Orkney, and use the UHI branding. This does not make any change to the education and training offered by the college; we remain a tertiary institution, offering learning at all levels of further and higher education, and continuing our provision for pupils in Orkney's schools. We are still the same college, but we are now able to take full advantage of all the marketing activity undertaken by UHI to attract students to our courses.

I am delighted to welcome guests from both UHI and Orkney Islands Council to participate in our celebration today:

Vicki Nairn, Interim Principal and Vice-Chancellor of UHI will join us in celebrating our Higher Education students. Vicki is accompanied by UHI colleagues Fiona McLean, Rector, and Lorna Walker, Vice Principal for Strategy Performance and Culture.

Beverly Clubley will be celebrating our Further Education students and is our guest speaker. Beverly is a passionate advocate of the provision of high-quality Further and Higher Education in Orkney and has served as Chair of the College Management Committee at Orkney Islands Council and Observer on the University Court representing the academic partner Chairs.

I would also like to express my thanks to the staff of UHI Orkney, many of whom are present today. Whether their involvement is in teaching or in the many other areas that support the college's

operations, it is their dedication and commitment which create the environment in which students can thrive.

A number of special prizes will be awarded throughout the proceedings today. We are most grateful to both the individuals and local businesses who sponsor these awards, and for the encouragement that this provides to our students studying full-time or part-time, often whilst in employment or with family commitments, to continue with their studies and to achieve their goals.

If you have been at a graduation before, you may notice a few small differences in our ceremony today. A very small number of UHI Orkney final year students do not yet have their final results, due to industrial action by the EIS-FELA union, and for this reason no degree classes are listed in the programme. It is important to us that all students are able to celebrate their achievements with classmates, families and staff and mark the completion or expected completion of their studies. Our ceremony today takes an inclusive approach, and we are delighted to welcome all of our final year students across the stage in acknowledgment of their achievements.

It is a joy to see the success of so many students being celebrated today. I am very conscious of the benefits these achievements can bring to Students' lives, those of their families and their community. Today may mark the start of a new journey for you, but we hope that we see you back with us to study in the future, and to remain part of the UHI Orkney community of learning.

**“ We congratulate you and
applaud your success.
Enjoy today and all good luck
for your future. ”**

Guest speaker profile

Beverly Clubley



Beverly Clubley

Beverly Clubley was head teacher of a 3-16 school in South Yorkshire and chair of the board of directors of a multi-academy trust. Upon retirement she worked for as a school inspector (Ofsted) and as a freelance consultant. Beverly was also a Justice of the Peace in Derbyshire. With all that done she moved, with her husband, Richard, for a very different life in Orkney.

Beverly has greatly enjoyed re-learning the fiddle, singing in a couple of choirs, running, exercise classes, charity work, walking the dog and helping with the B&B. She was soon back in the education harness as Chair of the Orkney College Management Council and vice chair of University of the Highlands and Islands Regional Strategic Committee. Beverly is a panel member, Chair and learning and development coordinator for the Children's Hearing in Orkney.

Beverly's most recent voluntary role is as director of ceremonies for the 2025 Island Games to be held in Orkney.

Beverly loves working with both adults and children. As a teacher she specialised in English and drama and her greatest joys came from directing large scale (record 400 children) musical theatre productions. She is looking forward to the new challenge as trustee for the Pickaquoy Centre.

Order of Service

The Assembly will stand as the
Academic Procession enters the cathedral.

Academic Procession

Welcome

James Wylie, Corporate Director,
Education, Leisure and Housing, Orkney Islands Council

Guest Speaker

Beverly Clubley

Presentation of Further Education Awards

Beverly Clubley

Presiding Officer's Speech

Vicki Nairn, Interim Principal and Vice-Chancellor, UHI

Presentation of Higher Education Awards

Vicki Nairn, Interim Principal and Vice-Chancellor, UHI

Presentation of Special Award

UHI Orkney Student of the Year Award

Closing Remarks

Councillor Gwenda Shearer, Chair of Education,
Leisure and Housing Committee

Our students

Further Education

Pathways to Independence

Charlotte Drever
Evie Hone

Stepping Stones

Victoria Elder
Kyle Johnston
Alasdair Seator
Cadence Ward
Kaylen Wishart

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Agriculture (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Scott Bakker
Danny MacBeath
Ben Mackay
Ryan Oag
Benjamin Rogers
Alexander Scarth
Harvey Slater
Jack Thomson
Connor Wares

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Business and Administration (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Katie Munro
Lylah Shearer

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Professional Cookery (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Jay MacKay
Eilidh Tullock

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Sport and Active Leisure: Operational Services (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Alexander Sinclair

National Certificate in Administration (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Erin Boyd
Jenny Gilligan
Alfred Isbister
Katherine Nash
Alanna Smith
Linda Stott

National Certificate in Computer Technologies with Games Design (SCQF LEVEL 5)

James Daintith
Benjamin Derrick
Christopher Diamond

National Certificate in Hairdressing (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Luke Laing
Olivia MacNamara
Gregor Naysmith
Michaela Rosie
Rachel Sivier

National Certificate in Professional Cookery (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Daniel Fergus
Sofia Findlay
Dylan Graham
Aimee Sinclair

Advanced Diploma in Accounting (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Elizabeth Irvine
Natalia Kuzmina
Joanna Rux

Scottish Vocational Qualification Agricultural Livestock (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Connor Archibald
Jack MacKenzie

Scottish Vocational Qualification and Personal Development Award in Bricklaying (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Kieran Doherty
Andrew Mulrairie
Jason Steadman

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Business and Administration (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Grace Harcus
Andy Tait

Scottish Vocational Qualification and Personal Development Award in Carpentry and Joinery (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Jake Davidson
Archie Flett
Connor Hancock
Joe Moodie
Andrew Seator
Reece Worthington

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Healthcare Support (Clinical) (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Hayley Bruce
Kaitlin Millar
Lorna Sinclair

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Mixed Farming (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Dylan Alexander
Gabriele Brown
Findlay Lie
Einar Muir

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Professional Cookery (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Jennifer Hayne

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Social Services and Healthcare (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Agnieszka Borys
Clare Burton
Vera Copland
Ar-Ryl Empuerto
Elaine Gallacher
India Harcus
Diana Leslie
Valerie Logan
Elspeth Middleton
Emily Murrell
Tricia Nicholson
Sheila Nicolson
Brendon Njilakondo
Wendy Norquay
Kristi Rendall
Karen Sales
Sarina Skinner
Josephine Stanger
Diane Stevenson
Jake Topham

Scottish Vocational Qualification and Personal Development Award in Wood Machining (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Andrew Harvey

National Qualification in Childhood Practice (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Kayla Muir
Alicia Stanger
Jane Wishart

National Qualification in Health Care (Access to Nursing) (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Brendon Njilakondo
Erynn Stevenson

National Certificate in Art and Design (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Milly Dixon
Jasmine Jamieson
Helen Keauffling
Gill Lewis
Harriet Stout

National Certificate in Hairdressing (SCQF LEVEL 6)

Katy Liddle

National Vocational Qualification Level 3 in Archaeological Practice

Alannah Edwards
Travis Lowe

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Social Services (Children and Young People) (SCQF LEVEL 7)

Lorraine Aim
Callie Bland
Kerri Budge
Claire Cook
Mary-Louise Karius
Tracy Linklater
Margaret MacInnes
Jennifer Meek
Marion Ratier
Terri Reid
Ruth Scott
Arlene Slater
Eliska Zajicova

Scottish Vocational Qualification in Social Services and Healthcare (SCQF LEVEL 7)

Inga Bosworth
Gareth Flett
Leah Garriock
Barry Gruber
Katie Irvine
Avalon Lye
Lesley-Anne Millar
Donna Reid
Elizabeth Rhodes-Schofield
Katie Ross
Kerry Savage
Carmen Sandison

Higher Education

Doctor of Philosophy Archaeology

A Historical Archaeology of Whisky in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. c.1500-1850
Darroch Bratt

Northern Studies
Mapping of Digital Connectivity and Island Governance: A Comparative Study of the Scottish Archipelagos and Irish Islands
Fleur Ward

Master of Research
Evaluation of LiDAR Visualisation
Techniques within the National Scenic
Area of Orkney
Crane Begg

Master of Arts
Contemporary Art and Archaeology

Carmel Brennan
Lucy Carr-McClave
Harriet Crisp
Susan MacKenzie
Aaron McCarthy
Aileen Ogilvie
Victoria Shane
Katherine Taylor
Susan Torrance

Master of Education
Educational Leadership

Frank Hotchkiss

Specialist Qualification in Headship

Catherine Browne

Master of Letters
Archaeological Studies

Vivian Bailey
Lynda Baird
Karen Collins
Delia Cumming
Andrew Fitches
Aaron Hawthorne
Anna Kahn
Robert Lewis
Gianluca Marzagalli
Fiona Shaw
Mark Woodsford-Dean

Costal and Maritime Societies and
Cultures

Linda Johnson-Bell

Highlands and Islands Culture

Peter Mould

Highlands and Islands Literature

Mary Church
Magdalena Hirt
Rebecca Richmond

Island Studies

Julie Elworthy

Scottish Heritage

James Simon

Viking Studies

Martin Brockett
Lee Clarkson
Matthew Edwards
Ameliah Sommer
Kathryn Wood

Master of Science
Archaeological Practice

Owen Brady
Jane Brewer
Peyton Flanders
Evan Fray
Helen Newton

Postgraduate Diploma

Viking Studies

Helen Braynis
Robin Illingworth
Jasmine King

Postgraduate Certificate
Contemporary Art and Archaeology

Rhiannon Brown
Zoe Gwynne
Fiona Sanderson

Highlands and Islands Literature

Arlette Manasseh

Into Headship

Karen Adams
Louise Bell
Louise Davidson
Kyle Eaglesfield
Kimberly Fletcher

Joseph Hannaway
Louise Kinnear
Jennifer Law
Aileen MacDonald
Christina MacFarlane
Jennifer MacIver
Blair Mackay
Peigi Maclean
Zoey MacLeod
Donald MacRae
Tom Magowan
Paul Malcolm
Ruth Malone
Kirsty Moneagle
Samantha Muir
Craig Paterson
Alison Ralston
Sara Riach
Sebastian Sandecki
Allison Smith
Laura Smith
Natalie White
Katie Wight
Gillian Winter
Rachael Blackhall

Island Studies

Gavin Cameron

Scottish Heritage

Lauren Bate

Specialist Qualification in Headship

Sharon MacDonald

Teaching Qualification Further
Education

Renate Andrews
Alistair Cameron

Viking Studies

Nicola O'Brien

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Archaeology
Francesca Meneghetti
Thomas O'Brien
Emily Robinson

Child and Youth Studies

Megan Cumming

Fine Art

Elizabeth Bown
Rebecca Mooney
Barbara Morrison
Molly Shearer
Janine Smith

History and Archaeology

Alannah Edwards

Literature

Leah Bliss
Alicen Geddes

Scottish History and Archaeology

Susan Knowles

Social Sciences

Abbie Sinclair

Batchelor of Science with Honours

Archaeological Science

Amy Blank

Computing

David Ruddick

Psychology

Andrea Marwick

Professional Graduate Diploma in
Education (Primary)

Catherine Day
Leila Dearnass
Rachael Dunnett

Bachelor of Arts

Archaeology

Hannah Thompson

Childhood Practice

Jessica Wood

Culture and Heritage

Paula Loughery
Murray Stewart

Scottish Vocational Qualification
Social Services (Children and Young
People)

(SCQF LEVEL 9)

Sarah Muir

Scottish Vocational Qualification
Social Services and Healthcare
(SCQF LEVEL 9)

Erin Johnston
Lesley Mulrairie
Debra Tsotsi

Higher National Diploma

Computer Science

Daniel Griffith

Scottish Vocational Qualification
Business and Administration
(SCQF LEVEL 8)

Jenna Harper

Scottish Vocational Qualification
(LEVEL 8)

COSCA Certificate in Counselling Skills

Yvonne Drever
Lucy Garson
Margaret MacInnes
Catrina Stevenson
Fiona Stout
Talia Taylor

Higher National Certificate

Childhood Practice

Zoe Kemp
Lois Nicolson
Jessica Sinclair
Jenna Tait
Chloe Wilson

Computing

Richard Booth
Arwain Davies
Amy Grimmond
Samuel Hay
Cameron McCulloch
Gary Scollay
Greig Smith

Counselling

Jaden-Marie Browne
Angela Green
Anthea Hume
Caroline Hume
Angela Leslie
Helen Pepper
Rebecca Scott

Engineering Systems

Jesse Veitch

Social Services

Andrew Brown
Karin Flaws
Kirsty Hunter
Terri Reid
Allana Rosie
Carmen Sandison
Angela Shearer
Connor Thomson

Professional Development Award
(SCQF LEVEL 7)

Health and Social Care Supervision

Gemma Alexander
Shanea Linklater

Professional Cookery

Frances Bodley-Scott
Joseph Cole-Halkier
Kristen Norquoy
Ahmi Santiago

Special Award Winners

Hospitality SVQ Student of the Year

Sponsored by Hospitality Department
Jay MacKay

Hospitality Industry Student of the Year

Sponsored by Hospitality Department
Eilidh Tullock

Hairdressing NC Student of the Year

Sponsored by Hairdressing Department
Gregor Naysmith

Hospitality NC Student of the Year

Sponsored by Hospitality Department
Daniel Fergus

Carpentry and Joinery Apprentice Award

Sponsored by Orkney Housing Association Ltd
Joe Moodie

Modern Apprentice Agricultural Student of the Year

Sponsored by Orkney Agriculture Society
Dylan Alexander

Agricultural Award of Merit

Sponsored by Agriculture Department
Gabriele Brown

Soulisquoy Mal Cowtan Award for Experimental Print

Sponsored by Soulisquoy Printmakers
Jasmine Jamieson

The Freya Rose Dalrymple Memorial Award

Sponsored by Art & Design Department
Gill Lewis

Best Performance in Postgraduate Archaeology

Sponsored by the Archaeology Institute
Karen Collins

Best Postgraduate Archaeology Dissertation

Sponsored by the Archaeology Institute
Andrew Fitches

Best Dissertation

Sponsored by the Institute for Northern Studies
Linda Johnson-Bell and Kathryn Wood

Judith Robertson Memorial Prize

Sponsored by Orkney Archaeology Society
Owen Brady

Best Performance in Undergraduate Archaeology

Sponsored by Andre Artymiuk
Francesca Meneghetti

Best Undergraduate Archaeology Dissertation

Sponsored by Andre Artymiuk
Francesca Meneghetti

The Pier Arts Centre Award for

Higher Education Art and Design Student of the Year

Sponsored by The Pier Arts Centre
Elizabeth Bown

Best Interdisciplinary Project/Dissertation

Sponsored by Culture & Heritage Department
Paula Loughery

IT Student of the Year

Sponsored by Computer Science Department
Richard Booth

Hospitality HNC Student of the Year

Sponsored by Hospitality Department
Joseph Cole-Halkier

Bricklaying Apprentice Award

Sponsored by Orkney Construction Training Group
David Cowie

Best Graduating Student (Culture and Heritage)

Sponsored by Culture & Heritage Department
Abbie McDermott

Student of the Year

The Student of the Year scheme is designed to encourage and reward exceptional achievement in the College's student community.

UHI Orkney Student of the Year Award

Lesley Mulrairie

UHI Alumni

Congratulations to our new alumni!

This is the goal every student works towards, and you deserve to be proud of your achievement, you've earned it! However, this is not the end...



Welcome! You are joining over **35,000** other former UHI students in an ever-growing, global alumni community and we're delighted to have you!

We really value our alumni, and we are here to support you, for life. We hope that you continue to stay in touch and benefit from the many opportunities being part of our community brings:

- + Careers support and guidance
- + Access to our online Job Shop
- + Discount on UHI postgraduate course fees
- + Access to a range of electronic resources
- + A regular e-newsletter to keep you up to date with UHI and alumni news
- + Share your news and promote your business with the alumni community
- + Volunteering opportunities
- + Invitations to events, reunions and networking opportunities

Our annual Alumni Awards recognise the great achievements and contributions of our former students. Perhaps one year this could be you!

Please do stay in touch and let us know how you are doing!

With best wishes for your continued success from everyone at UHI.

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