



# Arden University Graduation Ceremony

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Central Hall Westminster, London

25<sup>th</sup> June 2024





# Welcome

Welcome from our Chief Executive Officer & Vice-Chancellor, Professor Carl Lygo

**On behalf of everyone here at Arden University, congratulations on your success.**



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**It is a great honour to welcome you and your supporters to Central Hall Westminster to celebrate your success today.**

This graduation day is the culmination of many hours, days, and years of hard work and determination from you. It takes a very special kind of person to rise to all the challenges and overcome the obstacles of studying at the highest level. You have proved yourself to be worthy of the highest awards available in UK education. This is your success, so please enjoy every moment of today's celebration. Well done! One of our core values at Arden is to support people in reaching their full potential. We're passionate about making a positive difference in people's lives and I hope, as you sit here today, you feel we have made an impact on yours.

And let's not forget your family and friends who have supported you on your journey, some of whom may be here to celebrate with you today.

With a wealth of opportunity ahead of you, I'm confident that your qualification will help you reach your full potential in absolutely anything you want to do. You now join a select group of people who have the honour of becoming an alumnus of Arden University. You can stay connected with us and watch the further progress of the university through our alumni association. If there is anything the team at Arden University can do to help you further, then please do not hesitate to contact us. You will always be part of the Arden University family.

**Professor Carl Lygo**  
Chief Executive Officer & Vice-Chancellor



# Chair's introduction

Introduction from Professor Ann Tate C.B.E  
(Chair of the Board)

You have now joined a growing community of Arden University alumni, a community which I hope you will take great pride in being a part of.



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arden University I would like to welcome you all – graduands, staff, and guests – to today's graduation ceremony, and congratulate all our graduands on their success.

A graduation ceremony is a rite of passage which marks a significant milestone in your life. It celebrates the hard work and dedication you have invested in your programme of study and allows you to feel great pride in your achievements. I hope that you will enjoy your day and remember it for many years to come. You have now joined a growing community of Arden University alumni, a community which I hope you will take great pride in being a part of. I am proud to be associated with Arden University and the values it stands for.

We believe there is no single right path to a university education. Rather, there are many available routes for access, whatever your background or circumstances may be. Where you finish is much more important than where you start, and Arden University is here to support you on your journey.

I hope that today marks the beginning of a new phase in your life and career, and I look forward to hearing about all your successes in the future. But for now, my warmest congratulations to you all.

Professor Ann Tate C.B.E  
Chair of the Board

# About Arden University

At Arden, we passionately believe that everyone, everywhere has an equal right to education. We strive to remove the barriers created by location, cost, time, and other life commitments, to give ambitious people like you the opportunity to access the life-changing rewards of a university degree.



Since the granting of our university status in 2015, we've worked hard to do things differently. We recognise that your degree needs to fully prepare you for current and future workplace developments and the expectations of employers, to create a better world for everyone.

With campuses across the UK and Germany, as well as our provision of online degree courses studied by students across five continents, many of whom have travelled to join us here today, we've made it possible for people from all backgrounds to take control of their futures.

**As active champions of equality, diversity, and inclusion, we believe that higher education is a force for both social and economic change. We are proud that you have chosen Arden University to be a part of your life journey.**

# Ceremonial order

*Please stand for the incoming and outgoing processions.  
For the remainder of the ceremony, please remain seated.*

## Procession of the Platform Party

*Music – 'Trumpet Voluntary' (Clarke)*

**Opening of the Ceremony** – Professor Ann Tate C.B.E., Chair of Board of Directors

**Student Speaker** – Dace Rozina, Student President

## Presentation of Graduates and Prizes

### Recognition of Fellowships

Amrita Narang, Head of Academic Professional Development (Morning ceremony only)

**Presentation of Honorary Graduate and Acceptance Address** (Afternoon ceremony only)

## Presentation of Graduates and Prizes

**Closing of the Ceremony** - Provost, Professor Dilshad Sheikh

## Recession of the Platform Party

*Music – 'The Best' (Tina Turner)*

*The duration of the ceremony will be approximately 90 minutes*

*Early exit is prohibited and you must remain seated until the end of the ceremony.*

## Alumni Reception

Graduates and guests are invited to attend a drinks reception in the Lecture Hall and Library on the ground floor to celebrate your achievements.

*The Alumni reception won't open until the ceremony has ended and will last for 1 hour.*

*Please ensure all hired graduation gowns and hoods are returned to the drop off area in the corner of the Lecture Hall and Library by the end of the reception.*

**Refreshments** – Please do not eat or drink during the ceremony and please take all litter with you.

**Photography and mobile telephones** – Please do not move from your seats to take photographs or video recordings during the ceremony. Please also ensure that your mobile telephones are switched to silent for the duration of the ceremony.

**Applause** – You are invited to applaud the presentation of the graduates to recognise their hard work and achievement and to celebrate their success. Please applaud only after the student's names are called so that each student's name can be heard clearly when announced.

**Health and Safety** – In the event of an emergency, please remain seated until directed otherwise.



## About Central Hall Westminster

The wonderful location in which we're joining each other for today's graduation ceremony is Central Hall Westminster, a Grade II listed building which we hope you'll agree is a fitting location to celebrate your academic achievements.

Originally opened in 1912 as a space for worship, concerts, and public and private events, Central Hall Westminster is one of the capital's most culturally significant venues. Over the years it has welcomed many noteworthy public figures through its doors, including Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, and King Charles III, and was also the location of the Inaugural Meeting of the United Nations in 1946.

The Great Hall's breathtaking grand organ, which you'll see located behind the stage as you await your graduation moment, features 4,731 pipes; and don't forget to look up – the spectacular self-supporting domed roof above you is the largest of its type in Europe.

**We hope that attending your graduation day in such a beautiful setting will create memories that last a lifetime.**



## Faculty of Business

### School of Health and Care Management

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Healthcare Management with Foundation Year

Bolatito Agbolade  
Veronica Akhalu-Balogun  
Hajer Ali  
Theresah Amapadu  
Rosane Animan  
Bernice Asante  
Nadia Benchama  
Lokange Bokumoni  
Kimeisha Brown  
Chloe Chorlton  
Irina Coyle  
Cynthia Nana Debrah  
Mercy Dzvinyayi  
Wendy Fourneillier  
Rita Ikemefuna  
Aresha Issacs  
Carol James  
Prisca Kalua  
Kadi Kamara  
Trenchmoral Madzinga  
Edson Magombo  
Abu Bakarr Mansaray  
Max Mbuyu  
Kimberley Kimone McKenzie  
Rachel Mensah Adjei  
Esther Mobuse  
Solange Ndedika  
Melotty Ndlovu  
Sinead Nelson  
Jeanne Ntumba  
Modupe Ogedengbe  
Faith Parsons  
Elizabeth Pool  
Kirsha Nerisha Reid  
Lubna Umu Sesay  
Una Sharpe  
Fatima Sikhi  
Estelle Simpson  
Zlatina Slavova  
Shalene Smith Williams  
Anthony Babatunde Williams Awobajo

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Healthcare Management

Maryan Aden  
Toye Kehinde Akangbe  
Jemimah Alconis  
Homa Amin  
Isa Ashley  
Lesia Barnett Carty Née Barnett  
Tabia Brown  
Elena-Raluca Bunduc  
Fatumata Dabo  
Ralitsa Dimitrova\*  
*Arden Achiever (Top-up) School of Health and Care Management*  
Maria-Daliana Dinca  
Camile Douglas  
Silvia-Mihaela Dumitrascu  
Paula Dunn Clarke  
Nnamdi Echemuna  
Endurance Efedjare Odibo  
Magdalene Eboigbe Evbaziegberere  
Abiodun Elizabeth Fapohunda  
Muna Ahmed Ibrahim Farah  
Otutodirinna Gbule  
Olayinka Oluwabukunmi Giwa  
Danielle Grainger  
Natasha Greaves  
Balkisu Hussein  
Pauline Hyatt  
Nwamaka Ikoro  
Comfort Imasuen  
Roxana Carmen Iordan  
Judith Itua  
Tonia Galon Kerkula  
Nadia Khan  
Christian Kitoko Balosa  
Sritharan Krishnapillai  
Joseph Laryea  
Joyce Lawson  
Andrea Lima Da Costa Tebus  
Kaneng Ruth Mang  
Gibrilla Mansaray  
Tarisai Mapfumo  
Anoka Clementine Matshombe  
Eucharía Mbaud  
Hidaya Muhidden  
Carmeta Mullings  
Sandra Nanteza  
Fahimeh Neko  
Sapphire Nicholson-Walker  
Ulanda Nkhonjera  
Jabulile Nkosi

Cecilia Ogoegbulam  
Zainab Ogunde  
Margaret Okerefor-Echemuna  
Blessing Okovido  
Edward Olaribiro  
Caroline Omohegbe  
Rachel Omokaro  
Bianca-Maria Pavalache  
Chris Pinna Bitafu  
Angelina Ramirez-Contreras  
Caroline Raphael  
Sharlene Stacy Ann Reid  
Jessica Sewell-Hubball  
Hawa Sillah  
Emily Solomon  
Yemisi Sosanya  
Tagwa Suliman  
Vivien Uwadiae  
Elena-Roxana Vlad  
Elizabeth Matilda Vroom  
Honey Watson  
Mustafa Yusuf  
Maleen Zembe

#### Master of Public Health

Arinlade Olayide  
Sylvia Owhe-Adjarho

#### School of Supply Chain, Logistics and Project Management

##### Master of Science Engineering Management

Colin Canterbury  
Said Ibrahim  
Patrick David Éinri Murray Whitham\*  
*\*Winner of Deans Prize - Faculty of Business*  
Daniel Robert Player  
Rhys Williams

##### Master of Science Project Management

Sardar Asad Bajwa  
Nithya Adiyeri Kolaparath  
Sijuwade Olaniyi-Oloyede  
Mohammad Quzmar  
Simone Sheffield  
Armaghan Sohail

##### Master of Science Supply Chain Management and Logistics

Mitchell Dsane  
Nishikant Liladhar Sahare

## Faculty of Social Sciences

### School of Criminal Justice Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology and Psychology with Foundation Year

Jade Anderson  
Michael Appau  
Isha Brill  
Danyal Khan  
Katie Lenord  
Gracia Ngolo  
Anieka Skeen  
Margaret Wambu

### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology and Psychology

Farhiya Hassan Abdullahi  
Eliza-Laura Alazaroaie  
Lilija Aleksejeva  
Lucy Astle  
Mariya Aziz  
Djibrile Batrane  
Keilani Minn Becker  
Celine Casotto  
Iqbal Chowdhury  
Elena-Adriana Dobrescu  
Caitlin Edwards  
Elisea Fontanella  
Alexus Krystal Hall  
Bilyana Toshkova Ivanova  
Zarqa Khavas  
Agnieszka Marta Kojda  
Erika Lozano Chaparro  
Elena-Lavinia Moga  
Victoria Murray  
Ugochukwu Nwosu  
Karen Elizabeth Packham  
Lyric Peters  
Ana-Maria Potorac  
Malihe Sadeghipour  
Viliana Stankova  
Mihaela Dorina Stemat  
Cristina-Mariana Stroisteanu  
Larisa Petronela Vrabie  
Julie Whitbrook  
Kimone Beverley Wright

### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Psychology and Sociology

Aida Daugintiene  
Jordon Leigh James Murdoch

Valerii Nedbai\*  
*\*Arden Achiever School of Criminal Justice*

### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Social Science

Patricia Pryce

### School of Digital Education Postgraduate Certificate Digital Education in Practice

Asraful Alam Khan  
Nicholas John Baker\*\*  
Astrid Marion Erentz\*\*  
Lynne Hemingway\*\*  
*\*Arden Achiever School of Digital Education*  
Gillian Fiona Jones\*\*  
James Randle\*\*  
Hsin-Yi Shih\*\*

### Postgraduate Certificate Digital Pedagogies and Practices

Leanne Rowlands

### School of Law

#### Bachelor of Law with Honours with Foundation Year

Hadiya Hassan

#### Bachelor of Law with Honours

Keren Abbott\*  
*\*Arden Achiever School of Law*  
Kayode Akanbi  
Fatima Asim  
Joan Jacoba Backhurst  
Lasma Boreiko  
Johanna Tanika Bridet  
Charlotte Bull-Domican  
Charmaine Cummings  
Bridget Nancy Ebai Da Silva Enonchong  
Stacey Fennell  
Kubir Hussain  
Mst Mahbuba Jahan  
Chelsea Kemp  
Umair Maqbool  
Kimberley Meredith  
Charles Nkrumah  
Mark David Osborne  
Mounia Romano  
Michael Christopher Smith  
Ionut Titiriga  
Dominique Tripp

### School of Psychology Bachelor of Science with Honours Psychology

Benard Ouma Anyanga  
Amy Elizabeth Crossland  
Laura Foot  
Maram Ghellai  
Shannen Kinsella\*  
*\*Arden Achiever School of Psychology*  
Noel McLean  
Ayesha Ali Mohamed  
Mikhael Magdy Mounir Naguib  
Komal Rizwan  
Lara Turnham  
Meila Watkins  
Chantal Zurfluh

### Master of Science Psychology

Sophie Abbott  
Melanie Kate Belavilas  
Laura Bell  
Bianka Rosanna Bernhofer\*  
*\*Best Performing Postgraduate Student*  
Annette Bielesch  
Gemma Bowden  
Catriona Brady  
Gosia Wagner Czachor  
Elodie De Souza  
Olga Denshchikova  
Kallyna Toneli Gobbi  
Nada Hawa  
Megan Humphries  
Judith Johnston  
Chantelle King  
Ashleigh Louise Marshall  
Janina Rizvi  
Nadia Rubino  
Isabella Sethna\*  
*\*Winner of Vice Chancellors Prize*  
Amy Louise Smith  
Siobhan Theresa Louise Swinscoe  
Nicola Thompson  
Obinna Ezenwa Ugwumba  
Heidi May Van Coeverden De Groot  
Martina Vennemann

### School of Criminal Justice Criminology with Law

Stewart Walker awarded posthumously with credit

*\*\* achieved fellowship through the accredited route*

## Faculty of Business

### School of Digital Finance

#### Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting and Finance with Foundation Year

Shanice Diamond-Thames  
Mahsa Esfahani  
Mujahid Malik  
Nathaniel Masih  
Abubakar Tandel

#### Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting and Finance

Tashmi Ahmed Chowdhury  
Simranjeet Singh Arora  
Joe Jago Dunn  
Muhammad Hassan  
Adil Khawaja  
Shahad Laskar  
Janie Mali  
Omar Manfro  
Kamila Weronika Myslinska  
Hame Nobert  
Saarah Shahzad  
Elsje Verhoeven

### School of Digital Marketing and Sales

#### Master of Science Strategic Digital Marketing

Amy Sciberras\*  
*\*Arden Achiever School of Digital  
Marketing and Sales*  
Emily Sciberras  
Lara Sciberras

### School of Human Resource Management

#### Master of Arts Human Resource Management

Oyinlola Adesina  
Prince Frank Akenzua  
Nana Antwi  
Andreea Ruxandra Chira  
Usulia Forbes  
Khalid Ibrahim A Mufarah  
Naiileth Parra Ostos  
Aleksandra Pesheva  
Kathleen Poole  
Matthew Romano  
Tanya Louisa Sacco

### School of Leadership and Management

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business with Foundation Year

Richard Akwasi Acheampong  
Nuhamin Afework  
Anne-Marie Agou  
Shevonne Blades  
Adnan Chobaki  
Juliana-Esperanza Curo Llamoca  
Michael Boachie Danquah  
Theresa Elo Kemi Ejegreh  
Miguel Kahn  
Oka Kwami  
Shakana Mark  
Mavis Afia Mmrah  
Iyore Junior Ohenhen  
Babatunde Olutunfese  
Jade Reid  
Safia Summaira  
Andrea Thomas

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business with Honours

Mariam Abdulkareem  
Olufemi Adeyeye  
Milena Atanasova  
Alhaji Bah  
Celia Indira Barreiro Dias Gomes  
Elidona Biba  
Paula Emanuela Biernacki  
Roberta-Carmen Burdighioiu  
Nicholas Burke  
Abigail Butler  
Leontina Cera  
Shanuga Chandramohan  
Natalia Chemaitelli  
Andreea Ciofu  
Estela De Oliveira Carreiro  
Elena Ariadna Ene  
Nora Farkas  
Calvin Ganya  
Luke James Gibson  
Zsuzsa Hegedus  
Mofizul Hoque  
Dildarul Hoque  
Hibak Abdi Ibrahim  
Amarachi Igwe  
Elena Ilesoi  
Md Islam  
Mohammed Israr  
Elizabet Borislavova Ivanova

Cedrick Ciswaka Kabemba  
Jubeda Khatun  
Krasimira Nencheva Krasteva  
Grozdana Krastinovska-Markovska  
Oliwia Kuklinska  
Amy Lewthwaite  
Karen Juliet Lindsay  
Sujata Luthra  
John Mahon  
Emmanuel Makia  
Magdalena Izabela Malcharek  
Sawaira Malik  
Simona Elena Marin  
Ryan Matthews  
Sharon McDermott-Peters  
Teresa Shiferaw Mekuanint  
Mohamed Murad Miah Begum  
Nelly Belemo Nsase  
Sandra Aparecida Oliveira De Souza  
Claudia-Ioana Oprea-Uglea  
Ovidiu-Gabriel Oprea-Uglea  
Benedicta Oteri  
Madalina Paduraru  
Charmi Nileshkumar Parmar  
Mira Paulo  
Jorge Peixoto Felipe  
Maricica Pirvan  
Kalim Ahmed Rahim  
Meena Rahim  
Ahmed Raza  
Kylie Samuel  
Mohammed Shahid  
Roman Singh  
Valentina Stravato  
Ushan K. Sudagala Arachchige  
Alexandra Tamas  
Klevisa Toska  
Saif Ullah Khan  
Ivano Bruno Vavala  
Alexandra Catalina Veconi  
Doreen Vernon  
Cassandra Wilson  
Azilia Zahiruddin

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Finance)

Elena-Madalina Mata  
Laura Outeiro Pinho  
Vinay Vivekanand Srinivas  
Yasemin Ustunkoy

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Human Resource Management)

Nanganji Bwalya  
Surmeli Celebi  
Portia Malatji  
Lauren Matthews  
Erika Misurak  
Arvind Sharma\*  
*\*Arden Achiever (Top-up) School of  
Leadership and Management*  
Mereia Tamani  
Violet Nyanchoka Nyakundi Wanyama

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Marketing)

Hamid Ali  
Maryam Asim  
Alicia Louise Edle Von Daniels  
Murtalha Ibraheem  
Raiba Touqeer  
Grace Njeri Voss

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Tourism)

Lauren Lee-Bowers  
James Kasankha Phiri  
Ilda Reo Sulekopa  
Tewodros Teshome

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business and Computing

Daniel Ogbuogu  
Faiz Muhammad Sulaiman

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business and Law

Kofi Anokye Damte

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Human Resource Management and Psychology

Nathaniel William Nortey Botchway  
Linda Grebezniece  
Claire Ochieng

#### Chartered Manager Degree Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business Management

Kibria Ahmed  
Jennifer Cooke  
Vanessa Gorham  
Emily Negus

#### Master of Business Administration

Muhammad Haris Ashraf  
Qaanita Ateeq  
Taimoor Azhar  
Aljean Campbell-Murray  
Haddy Ceesay  
Dannielle Francis  
Muhammad Mozammel Hossain  
Gislaine-Demain Koudjou Kouakam  
Israel Ogbolo  
Hazel Pilling  
Gustavo Arevalo Scriffignano  
Agness Simango  
James Michael Walton

#### Master of Business Administration Finance

Waeil Alnakhli  
Kirill Karpov

#### Senior Leader Masters Degree Master of Business Administration Apprenticeship

Debra Abbots  
Daryl Antwi-Safee  
Jonathan Bash  
Adam Biggs  
Kerrie Brassington  
Kristie Burberry  
Samantha Clayton  
Emma Cook  
Andrea Curson  
Ondrej Gabaj  
Kelly Geffen

Beata Gielazys-Wojcik  
Dillon Heffernan  
Nicola Keye  
Gavin James Luck  
Kelly Mendis-Gunasekera  
Penny Ankin Murray\*  
*\*Arden Achiever - School of Leadership and  
Management*  
Peter Mwangi Njoroge  
Saiga Parveen  
Philippa Louise Patterson  
Ruth Razik  
Sandra Mercedes Rojo-Martinez  
Laura Shinkins  
Elizabeth Smillie  
James Smith  
Adam Spencer  
Mathew Spinks  
Aadil Thakur  
Heather Thompson  
Llewellyn Victor  
Sarah Williams

## Faculty of STEM

### School of Computing

#### Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing with Foundation Year

Mohsan Ahmed  
Al-Deeb Algubwani

#### Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing

Aleksandar Rumenov Atanasov  
Abena Boateng  
Daukenumwerimi Victory Charles\*  
*\*Winner of Deans Prize-Faculty of STEM*  
Narcis Razvan Chiorean  
Ozlem Degirmenci  
Ivaylo Dimitrov  
Daniela Filipescu  
Genet Haile  
Terry Ikporo  
Robert Mitchell  
Sharif Mohammed Ahmed  
Tommaso Mori  
Silviu Negoita\*  
*\*Arden Achiever (Top-up)*  
*School of Computing*  
Athiqur Rahman  
Mohamed Mazaher Remtulla  
Andres Rendon Vanegas  
Eduard Rijalo  
Emmanuel Shotonwa-Roagess

#### Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing (Information Management)

Patou Youmto Tagne

#### Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing (Mobile Computing)

Bryan Andrew Florentine

#### Postgraduate Certificate Data Analytics

Kerthika Jeyapahan

#### Master of Science Data Analytics & Project Management

Barclay James Harding  
Marcus Klitgaard Soerensen

#### Master of Science Data Analytics and Enterprise Architecture Management

Leonard Ziwenjere

#### Master of Science Data Analytics and Finance

Jasmyne Winter

#### Master of Science Data Analytics and Human Resource Management

Sofia Tsiskanegkof

#### Master of Science Data Analytics and Information Systems Management

Adetunji Ayoade  
Diana Camargo  
Abdoullah Nyassi

#### Master of Science Data Analytics and Marketing

Akim Adeoye  
Shabnam Afzaly  
Charlotte Box

#### Master of Science Enterprise Architecture Management

Christakis Christodoulou  
Kenneth Chidi Igiri

#### Master of Science IT Security Management

Moses Ayo Ajogbeje  
Brilliant Grant Kaimba  
Matilda Konotey  
Asmer Medar  
Sheldon Linley Sookoo

#### Master of Science Strategic IT Management

David Firoozi

### School of Design and Creativity

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Graphic Design

Rim Baajour  
Anastasia Poliakova  
Harveer Sekhon  
Joseph Weller

## Faculty of Social Sciences

### School of Criminal Justice

#### Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminology and Psychology

Morgan Trett

### School of Law

#### Bachelor of Law with Honours

Juliana Ajunga Ochelle\*  
*\*Winner of Deans Prize-Faculty of Social Science*

## Faculty of STEM

### School of Design and Creativity

#### Diploma of Higher Education Graphic Design

Alex Sacha Elba awarded posthumously

# Awards of Advance HE Fellowships

We are delighted to announce that the following staff members have been awarded HEA fellowship in 2024. Staff receiving HEA fellowship have been found, through a rigorous external assessment, to have clearly demonstrated their commitment to high quality teaching and learning, to the values of inclusivity, scholarship and participation that underpin their practice, and to giving students an exceptional experience through their teaching or leadership.

Arden University supports colleagues to apply to Advance HE for three categories of Fellowship. The following applicants have successfully been found to meet the criteria for Fellowship and Senior Fellowship.

## Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)

**Paul Moses**

**Richard Charlton**

**Hayley McGrath**

**Basava Rajeswari Matam**

**Christopher R. Moore**

**Stephen McShane**

**Wioletta Domanska-Zielinska**

**Ayosola Odunlami**

**Muhammad Asim Irshad**

## Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA)

**Gail Archibald**

**Nav Ahmed**

**Alice Chapman**

**Lucy Anacleto**

**Mvikeli Ncube**

# Prize winners

## Best Performing Undergraduate Student

Awarded to the undergraduate student with the highest classification mark across the university.

Mohammed Auchoybur

## Arden Achiever Undergraduate

Awarded to the undergraduate student with the highest classification mark across a School.

### School of Computing

Lenka Brnova

### School of Criminal Justice

Valeriia Nedbai

### School of Design and Creativity

Adri Mari Le Roux

### School of Digital Finance

Samuel Gresham

### School of Health and Care Management

Hanna Breusch

### School of Law

Keren Abbott

### School of Leadership and Management

Christian Knutsen

### School of Psychology

Shannen Kinsella

## Best Performing Postgraduate Student

Awarded to the postgraduate student with the highest classification mark across the university.

Bianka Rosanna Bernhofer

## Arden Achiever Postgraduate

Awarded to the postgraduate student with the highest classification mark across a School.

### School of Computing

Jonathan Pertwee

### School of Digital Marketing and Sales

Amy Sciberras

### School of Health and Care Management

Jessica Marshall

### School of Human Resource Management

Altaf Karjekar

### School of Leadership and Management

Penny Ankin Murray

### School of Logistics Supply Chain and Project Management

Henry Williams

### School of Psychology

Jamie Lee Adams

### School of Digital Education

Lynne Hemingway

## Best Performing Undergraduate Student (Top-up)

Awarded to the undergraduate top-up student with the highest classification mark across the university.

Johnson Godswill Sunny

## Arden Achiever Undergraduate (Top-up)

Awarded to the undergraduate top-up student with the highest classification mark across a School.

### School of Computing

Silviu Negoita

### School of Health and Care Management

Ralitsa Dimitrova

### School of Leadership and Management

Arvind Sharma

## Arden Achiever Postgraduate (Top-up)

Awarded to the postgraduate top-up student with the highest classification mark across a School.

### School of Leadership and Management

Ali Abdullah Al Malki

## Vice-Chancellor's Prize

The Vice-Chancellor presents this prize to a student who had to overcome significant challenges to pursue higher education.

### Isabella Sethna

## Dean's Prize

Arden University presents this prize to a student who achieved the greatest academic success within the faculty, while demonstrating the values of Arden University.

### Patrick David Éinrí Murray Whitham

 Faculty of Business

### Juliana Ajunga Ochelle

 Faculty of Social Science

### Daukenumerimi Victory Charles

 Faculty of STEM

## Katie Aubrey Prize

This prize is in memory of Katie Aubrey, a much loved and missed Arden University colleague who passed away following a short illness. Arden University presents this prize to a student who has overcome a personal challenge and achieved success.

### Craig Marriott



# Taking Arden with you after graduation

We asked some of our alumni to reflect on their time at Arden University and tell us about their visions for the future.

## Ofentse

Arden University alumni,  
BA (Hons) Business Management



*One thing that really helped was the fact that, since I'm always working, you can actually pace yourself according to the assignments that you need to do. Then there's also the advantage with working that I can immediately apply my theory to my work, which has been beneficial. For me, I started off as a sales rep and now, as soon as I graduated, I've become a client liaison officer.*

## Dorka

Arden University alumni,  
BA (Hons) Graphic Design



*I've really enjoyed studying. I've enjoyed the online aspect of it because I could just carry on with my life. And I enjoy the community, I love talking to my peers. It's just nice to be able to talk to people who are in the same class who have similar backgrounds to me, because we all do online studying for some reason, family work, any other circumstances.*

## Ayaan

Arden University alumni,  
BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology



*You've got to know why you want to do it, why you want to study, and understand what you're hoping to gain from your degree. If you know all that, you should go for it. The hardest step is always going to be taking the first step. Once you take that step, though, just continue. There will be lot of challenges and a lot of hurdles you might have to jump over, but just keep continuing and it will always get easier.*

## Charles

Arden University alumni,  
BSc (Hons) Computing



*I was really nervous at first. Most times you try to make decisions for yourself, but you also have to face the question about whether you can actually succeed. This was my first time moving away from my home country, and I was also considering how competitive it would be in order to succeed in an environment like this. But I was also optimistic. I wanted to succeed and I needed that challenge. Now, I'm really happy I made the decision because I can see the positivity and the results.*



# The Arden Graduate Grove

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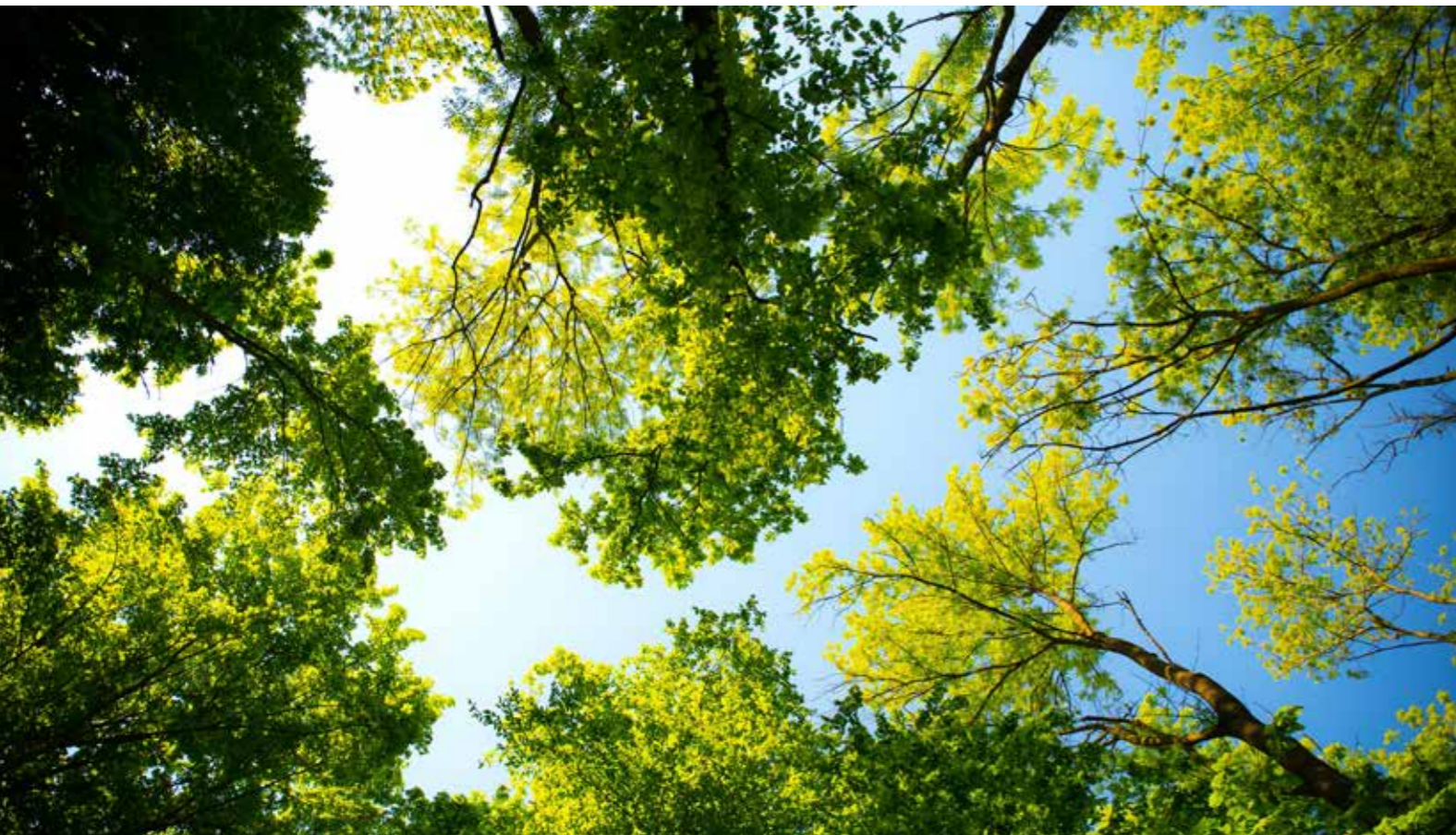


Arden University has committed to plant a tree for each of our graduates. In this endeavour we work closely with our chosen partner Ecologi, a passionate community of over 19,000 SMEs and 40,000 members that empowers businesses to accelerate global action on climate and nature.

Since launching the Graduate Grove in 2021, Arden University has planted more than 5,000 trees on behalf of our graduates.

## When will your tree be planted?

We aim to have each tree planted within a year of donation. Once we have planted your tree, we will be able to give you a grid reference for its location.



We believe that education should be long-lasting, providing huge benefits for our students and their families long after they graduate. As a result, we hope that, just like the trees in our Graduate Grove, the knowledge and skills you have gained through your education with us continue to grow long after you have completed your studies.

You can learn more about Ecologi and their action on climate change by visiting [ecologi.com](https://ecologi.com)

# Arden University Graduate Gowns



## Arden University HNC, HND, UG Certificate & UG Diploma Gown

**Gown:** Black bachelor shape.

**Hood:** CNAA shape hood in navy lined teal.

**Hat:** Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.



## Arden University Bachelor Gown

**Gown:** Black bachelor shape.

**Hood:** Cambridge full shape hood in navy lined and the cowl bound 1" teal, the neckband is faced teal.

**Hat:** Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.



## Arden University Postgraduate Gown

**Gown:** Black masters shape.

**Hood:** CNAA shape hood in navy lined teal, the inside of the cowl is bordered 1" silver.

**Hat:** Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.



## Arden University Master Gown

**Gown:** Black masters shape.

**Hood:** Cambridge full shape hood in navy lined and the cape bound 1" teal, the neckband is faced teal, the cowl is bound 1" silver.

**Hat:** Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.



# About today's mace bearers



**Paula Reilly**

Paula is the Director of, Effectiveness and Compliance at Arden University, having been engaged with Arden University for almost 19 years in both academic, professional services and senior management roles. Paula started work at RDI as an Associate Lecturer teaching on HND & Undergraduate Business degree programmes. Over the years, her career has developed from a teaching academic (online and in the classroom) into a Director role, leading academic operations and functions within the University.

A long-standing and valuable member of the Arden University senior management team, Paula has played a key part in the changes we've seen over the years. From the early days when RDI was a small private education provider offering distance learning 'paper based' correspondence programmes, to the launch of online programmes, achieving Taught Degree Awarding Powers (TDAP), the birth of Arden University, the launch and development of blended learning provision, and more. In her previous role as Director of Academic Services, Paula was instrumental in laying the foundations for the Digital Learning, Library, and Timetabling services that exist at the University today.

Paula passionately believes in the power of education to change lives. After many years working at Arden University, she looks forward to supporting the next phase of growth and development to ensure our students get every opportunity to be the best that they can be.

It fills me with immense pride to be mace bearer today. As a first-generation university graduate myself, who achieved all of my formal qualifications through part-time study whilst working full-time, I can appreciate and understand the challenges that many Arden University students face. Although I have attended many graduation ceremonies in the past, it always amazes me to witness just how much Arden University means to our students and graduates. I am honoured to be sharing this celebration with you all, and I hope everyone enjoys every moment of this special day.



**Eric Hayes**

Eric Hayes is the Senior Student Support representative at the Tower Hill campus in London, having joined Arden University in November 2022.

Eric focuses on supporting students with day to day queries as well as organising new student inductions, creating class registers, hosting attendance meetings, assisting lecturers, and organising academic timetables.

This is Eric's first role in higher education since recently graduating with an MA in Education from St. Mary's University, which granted Eric a visa to live and work in England after teaching English in southeast Asia for the past five years.

In March 2024, Eric got married to his Mancunian wife, Faith, whom he met while teaching English in Thailand. Outside of work, Eric spends his time soaking up as much live music as London can offer across its multitude of venues. Eric has also become infatuated with the various British seaside towns across the country. Once the weather warms up you can usually catch him strolling along a pier or boardwalk most weekends.

I am honoured to carry Arden University's ceremonial mace at today's graduation ceremony. To be a part of so many students' big day reminds me of why I got into education in the first place. Seeing individuals reach their goals through hard work and determination is a beautiful moment, and I'm so happy to be here to celebrate your success.

# The history of the ceremonial mace

The tradition of the mace derives from medieval times in England when the mace was held by a bodyguard for dignitaries at ceremonial functions.

As an ancient symbol of authority, it reminds us that universities are custodians of both enduring traditions in learning and of the power they bestow upon those who come to learn.

The mace has become a symbol of authority and character of the institution and is carried at the head of the robed academic procession, followed by academic staff from the schools and faculties whose students are to be presented.



## About the Arden University mace

Our beautiful mace was designed by Arden University Graphic Design student Jemma Lee Loppnow and crafted by the world-famous silversmiths Thomas Fattorini Ltd in Birmingham, England.

The creative and modern design represents a modern university and is symbolic of Arden University's proud history and values.

The symbolic Arden 'A' is held by supporting hands and the bird holding the scroll in its beak represents offering education to all. The globe at the bottom, represents opportunities for a higher education around the world.



Please scan the QR code to watch an interview with Jemma and the making of the mace.

# Arden University Honorary Doctorate

## John Holden



John Holden, former owner of RDI (Resource Development International Ltd), is celebrated for his pioneering innovations and profound commitment to education. His journey highlights the transformative impact of knowledge and the crucial role education plays in shaping minds and driving progress.

John is renowned as a trailblazer in distance learning university education, dating back to the late 1980s. He established the first distance learning university programmes in collaboration with the University of Leicester and the University of Wales, expanding to Africa and the USA. This initiative not only created a new market for UK university education but also provided affordable access to students aspiring for a UK education.

Born in post-war Coventry, John began his career as an Apprentice Engineer, later pursuing education while working overseas. Recognising the need for expanding UK education, particularly in Asia, he founded Resource Development International (RDI) in 1988.

Under his leadership, RDI became a global centre of innovation and educational excellence, offering mentorship programmes and resources worldwide.

His advocacy for educational reform and equity has left a lasting impact, influencing policies at local and international levels. His vision for interdisciplinary education and commitment to accessibility have touched countless lives, inspiring us to recognise the transformative power of knowledge. Today, we honour John Holden for his remarkable contributions to education, celebrating his enduring legacy and unwavering dedication.





## Welcome to the Always Arden Alumni Community

We are excited to have recently launched our Alumni Community. This initiative has been established to keep graduates like you involved, informed, and engaged in all things Arden, even long after you've finished your studies.

By joining the Arden Alumni Community you can gain access to:

- **Career development advice and guidance from the Arden Alumni Careers team.**
- **Opportunities to volunteer your time to give back to the University, to other students and graduates, through sharing your own experiences and providing valuable career insights. This could include guest webinars, speaker sessions, mentoring and offering work experience opportunities.**

**We look forward to growing and building our community with you, and for you.**

You can read more about getting involved with the community by visiting our dedicated Arden Alumni webpage. Simply scan the QR code.







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## Supporting Talent, Shaping Futures

Now that you've become one of Arden University's valued alumni, you can access support from Alumni Careers. Wherever you are in your career, making continued use of the careers support provided by Arden University could help you to feel more equipped and confident in your career development. You may not be ready now, but at some point in the future, you might feel you could benefit from some career advice and guidance.

Maybe you are keen to explore career options, find great opportunities, or want to feel prepared to navigate employer applications, interviews, and selection processes. Alumni Careers can support you step-by-step, helping you feel more prepared and confident in your career development and transitions.

### Accessing Alumni Careers

You can gain support from a Careers Consultant, as well as register and have access to a range of online careers resources and tools via Arden Futures

Visit [futures.arden.ac.uk](https://futures.arden.ac.uk) and go to alumni sign in and registration

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