Welcome

Welcome to the newly-reconstituted US Newsletter of the University of St Andrews American Foundation, Inc. As the new Board President, Dr Fiona Hill (MA ’89), outlines in her introduction below, expanding and improving the St Andrews network in the United States is a top priority for both the University and the Foundation. Thus, every graduate, junior year/semester abroad alumnus, current parent and friend, for whom the University holds a valid address, should receive this newsletter. If your friends have been left out, please encourage them to visit the University’s website at www.st-andrews.ac.uk/develop to update their details or sign up for the Family Programme.

This newsletter is for you, so please let us know what you would like to hear. In this edition, we provide an introduction to the Foundation Board members and an update on US activities. In future editions we plan to talk about our family programme, careers counselling and our fundraising approaches and needs.

This is not just a call for ideas, this is also a call for volunteers! If you are interested in helping with alumni clubs, parents’ networking, careers counselling or fundraising, both for the annual appeal and special projects (such as scholarships, the new arts building or new medical building), then please let us know. Contact me in the first instance (jdumas@st-andrews.ac.uk) and I will put you in touch with the appropriate Board member.

With best wishes from St Andrews,

Jennifer Dumas
Director of Development

Note from the New President of the St Andrews American Foundation

In his many years at the helm, Alex Fleming (MA ’71, LLD ’99) put the University of St Andrews American Foundation on an extremely solid footing, raising its profile and fundraising capacity with the University’s student and alumni population in the United States. Those of us on the American Foundation Board of Trustees, and in the St Andrews community at large, owe Alex a deep debt of gratitude for his hard work and his dedication to the University while juggling a demanding job as a senior manager at the World Bank in Washington, DC. In taking over the reins as President of the American Foundation in October 2004, I am delighted that Alex will remain an active Board member. I look forward to working with him and the other Trustees in building on his legacy, and on the legacy of the Foundation’s first President, John Henderson (MA ’39, LLD ’88), who sadly passed away in February 2005.

As the leading university in Scotland and one of the top ten universities in the United Kingdom, St Andrews already has a significant presence overseas. The US accounts for more than 10% of the University’s alumni, the majority of whom are under the age of 40 and 65% having attended St Andrews for their Junior Year or Semester Abroad. We also have a fast-growing number of full-term graduates, whose parents are now interested in supporting the University. The goals of the American Foundation over the next several years are: to capitalize on this rapidly-developing network; reflect all the various communities in the composition of the Board; expand the activities of alumni clubs on the East Coast and in other regions where we have large concentrations of alumni; and help to promote St Andrews as a competitive international educational institution in the US. It goes without saying that we are also aiming to increase our fundraising on behalf of the University.

Expanding the activities of the new US alumni clubs and reaching out to St Andrews parents and prospective students are our most important priorities for this year. The Foundation is thus
delighted to have recruited Jacqueline de Sanctis (MA ’98) to the Board as the National Club Coordinator. Jacqueline, who completed her degree in Classical Studies at St Andrews and is founder and President of the New York Alumni Club, is currently a Vice President for Institutional Sales at Credit Suisse Asset Management in New York City. Her experience in sales and relationship management at Credit Suisse, and previously with J P Morgan Fleming Asset Management, combined with extensive volunteer work as a committee leader and active fundraising volunteer for the Junior League of New York, will help boost our US alumni effort. We have also enlisted Chico Myers — the San Francisco, California-based father of Susanna Myers, a current fourth-year student in Art History and Mediaeval History at St Andrews — to help advise and formulate a Parents’ Program. Chico and his wife, Sara, are both California attorneys in private practice, enthusiastic supporters of the University, and frequent visitors to St Andrews, who have created a series of summer receptions for new St Andrews students and their parents in California.

To enhance the Foundation’s existing fundraising capacity, the Board has recruited Karen Glickman Walls (MA’ 88) as the new Annual Appeals Chair, and brought in Michael Rolland (MA’ 65), who will convert the existing New York Volunteer Board into the Foundation’s fundraising team and take charge of soliciting major gifts. Karen Walls has been living in Boston, Massachusetts since leaving St Andrews and spent ten years working in business development, sales and marketing for several companies in the financial services and international trade industries. Since 1998, Karen has turned her professional hand to interior design and now works for Rogers and Goffigon Ltd, a luxury fabric manufacturer in Greenwich, Connecticut, managing business development for New England. Michael Rolland has been one of the University’s most active fundraisers over the years. He is a native of St Andrews who first moved to the United States to study at Stanford University in California (MBA ‘67). He has been permanently resident in the United States since 1977, and retired in 2000 as a Managing Director of the investment bank Merrill Lynch & Co in New York, where he was responsible for the middle market Mergers and Acquisitions Group that he founded. Michael still spends several weeks a year in St Andrews with his wife, Martha, and maintains strong links with Scotland as a member of the Investment Committee of the St Andrews Society of New York, the oldest Scottish charitable organisation in the United States.

The Board has also recruited as a new member, Andrew Gillen, a ‘JYA’ at St Andrews in 1987-88, who attended the University on a scholarship from the St Andrews Society of Philadelphia while a student at Pennsylvania State University. Andrew is currently employed as a Vice President with US Bank having previously worked in the White House Office of Management and Budget, the management consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton, and in New Jersey state government. In his ‘spare time’ Andrew is currently pursuing an MBA in the Kellogg School of Management's executive program in Evanston, Illinois, and is a Director and Treasurer of Hands on DC, an all-volunteer non-profit organization for Washington, DC public schools.

Another new member is Peter Drummond-Hay, the father of two St Andrews daughters, and head of the Executive Assessment Sector of Russell Reynolds Associates, one of the world’s top executive recruitment firms, based in New York. Before joining Russell Reynolds in 1982, Peter was, among other positions, Director and Senior Vice President of Arbuthnot Export Services, a branch of the London-based merchant bank, Arbuthnot Latham & Co.
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In addition to the Board’s new members, the Foundation has been fortunate to keep Caroline Thacher (BSc ‘61) as our long-standing and experienced Treasurer. A transplant to California immediately after graduating from St Andrews, Caroline first undertook research at the California Institute of Technology and then moved with her husband to San Francisco where she worked on clotting factors at the University of California. From 1966 to 1973 she lived in Pasadena, while her husband attended medical school, before moving to Ojai, near Santa Barbara, where she raised her three sons and still lives. Susan Samoriski, another St Andrews parent, will stay on as a Trustee in the new capacity of Secretary. Susan is the Executive Director of the Mary Lyon Foundation, a community-based non-profit she created in 1990 to identify educational needs and help develop new programs for schools in several small towns in Massachusetts. Mary Lyon, the daughter of a Scot who came to America after the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion, was born in one of those small towns (Buckland, MA) and became the first female school principal in America. Finally, Kurt Drstvensek (MA ’00), founder of the St Andrews Alumni Club in Washington DC, who joined the St Andrews American Foundation in 2003 and briefly served as Secretary, will remain a Trustee. Kurt is now an Analyst for RREEF, Deutsche Bank’s Real Estate Group in New York.

The Foundation and the University will benefit greatly from the dedication and expertise of our ‘old’ and new Trustees. We very much hope that you, as members of the St Andrews American community, will send us suggestions for improving the University’s outreach in the United States, and support the activities of both the new alumni clubs and the St Andrews American Foundation.

Fiona Hill (MA ’89)
Washington DC

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**Eulogy: John Henderson, 1918 - 2005**

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Strengthening US Alumni Networks

The University alumni connection in the United States has enjoyed significant progress over the past three years. The first US alumni event hosted by James Hedges and Jacqueline de Sanctis in New York City on January 24, 2002 was to celebrate Burns Night. Since then, a strong network of alumni, parents and friends of the University has been identified in the New York Metropolitan area, Washington DC, New England, San Francisco and Texas. In an effort to further enhance these connections, the St Andrews American Foundation, Inc has nominated Jacqueline de Sanctis, as a Board Member to represent the alumni clubs and associations throughout the United States. With this new post, Jacqueline will work to align the interests and activities of the current alumni clubs, foster new networks in regions throughout the US and liaise with the alumni coordinators from the other three ancient Scottish Universities to promote co-sponsored events such as Tartan Week and an Alumni Ball. Jacqueline and her colleagues who oversee existing alumni associations in the US are eager to hear from graduates and friends of the University. Below please find all relevant contact information:

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To those alumni who are keen to help foster a St Andrews connection in their area, please find a map below which illustrates where St Andrews alumni live in the United States. If you are interested in establishing an Alumni Club, the Development Office at St Andrews can help you by contacting alumni in your area or by posting a message through Alumni Web Services, to gauge the level of interest. They can also offer guidance on how to go about setting up a Club and put you in touch with other Alumni Club volunteers who can share their experiences.

Interested parties, please contact Elaine Cartwright, Alumni Relations Officer, Tel: +44 (0) 1334 462597, Fax: +44 (0) 1334 462590 Email: ec3@st-andrews.ac.uk

University of St Andrews US Alumni Network

Total Number of Graduates = 1458
Total Number of Non-Graduating Alumni = 2280
Total Population (including parents and other friends of St Andrews) = 4194