25 years of Kellogg College
Welcome to the new Academic Year

A warm welcome to new and returning students, and to fellows, staff, Common Room Members, Research Members of Common Room, and alumni – all of whom make a tremendous contribution to the life of the College.

This year we welcome a record number of students, both for full-time and part-time study. The record number of part-time students reflects the continuing success of this mode of study – not permitted at Oxford until Kellogg was established in 1990. We hate to say ‘we told you so’, but we did.

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Our welcome weeks for students were once again a great success, with an impressive range of activities and events which were invariably both informative and enjoyable. This included the ‘come up’ dinners during which the Senior Tutor and Dean were able to brief our new students. Two students sitting by me were enthusiastic about joining the College.

This included the two ‘coming up’ dinners at the University, which was held the College Hub. We also conducted our first-ever ‘telethon’, with a team of students phoning alumni around the world to report on the progress the College is making. But we also received generous gifts, including a silver tea set which will be put to good use hosting College visitors, and £20k towards the College developments, raising almost £50k.

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Sadly, our Honorary Fellow PD James passed away last November – his visits to the College had always been highlights not just for our creative writing students, but for all. She always spoke fondly of Kellogg, and we recently heard that she left Kellogg a legacy, as well as a collection of novels – some written by her but most not – that we hope to make available outside the library collection, in student rooms and elsewhere for more general enjoyment.

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Alumni Weekend Reunion in Vienna – 24th–26th April 2015

Following hotly on from the US tour, we packed our bags and travelled to Vienna where we joined more than 450 alumni and guests for the weekend to celebrate the 2015 University’s Meeting Minds: Alumni Weekend in Europe. The weekend consisted of a wide-range of intellectual and social events, including academic presentations, panel discussions and walking tours of Vienna. We were delighted to meet our European Alumni and in particular join the other Oxford Graduate colleges for a very special dinner at the Palais Daun-Kinsky in Vienna on Friday 24th April.

Reunions in Beijing and Hong Kong, September 2015

We wish to thank all alumni and friends who attended the Vice-Chancellor’s Farewell Receptions in Beijing and Hong Kong in September 2015.

We were delighted to see so many alumni attending these special occasions and meeting with Kellogg representatives. In Hong Kong, we even set a record attendance by having the College Hub building full of people! In Beijing, we had a wonderful evening meeting with alumni and friends.

A new building for Kellogg College

We are very grateful to our alumni community who continue to support Kellogg in such an important way. Thank you.

How to support Kellogg College

If you would like to support Kellogg College, contact Monica Popa at monica.popa@kellogg.ox.ac.uk or give online at www.campaign.ox.ac.uk/kellogg-college.

Please support the campaign

We are actively seeking to raise £2.2 million in pledges towards the total cost for the College Hub project. There are naming opportunities available giving permanence to your support of the College, now and in the future.

Donations of £100+ for your name on the donor wall

For extremely generous donations there is the opportunity for rooms to be named, as well as the building itself.

To explore the ways in which you can help reshape the landscape of Kellogg College, please contact Monica Popa, Head of Development and Alumni Relations on +44 (0)1865 612040 or at monica.popa@kellogg.ox.ac.uk. By supporting the infrastructure at Kellogg College, it is possible to help build future success.

Jeremy Cresswell 1949–2015

We were very sad to hear of the death, on 19th June 2015, of Kellogg Fellow Jeremy Cresswell. Jeremy was Director of the Oxford University Foreign Service Programme, a one-year residential Postgraduate Programme aimed primarily at early-to mid-career serving diplomats from all over the world. A graduate of Exeter College (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), he joined the British Diplomatic Service in 1972 and served in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (London) several times, with postings to Brussels, Kuala Lumpur, West Berlin, NATO, Prague, Berlin (as Minister/Deputy Head of Mission), and as British High Commissioner to Jamaica and The Bahamas, based in Kingston. He retired from the FCO in 2010 and took up his position in Oxford later the same year.

As President Jonathan Michie remembers, ‘Jeremy Cresswell was a tremendous member of College. Whatever he happened to sit at lunch he would be genuinely interested in their area of study and experiences, and he in turn would always have fascinating and usually amusing tales to tell of his own experiences from his time as a professional diplomat. He was equally engaging whether talking with members of staff, students, fellows, or visitors to the College. It is ironic that someone who came late to College life displayed all the characteristics of what one could hope for from an Oxford college fellow. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by all members and friends of the College.’ Jeremy is survived by his wife Barbara and their two children. The funeral service was held at Exeter College Chapel on Thursday 16 July 2015.

Please note that dates may be subject to change, for the latest information please visit the College website. If you do not receive the events email and would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Naomi Maxwell-Wood via communications@kellogg.ox.ac.uk.

Reunions in Beijing – 7th September 2015

Celebrating the Hong Kong Reception – 12th September 2015

Looking forward to seeing you all in China for an incredible weekend. If you have any queries or wish to change your contact details, please contact Monica Popa via alumnia@kellogg.ox.ac.uk.
At our 25th Anniversary Foundation Dinner on March 14th 2015, the University’s Chancellor Lord Patten described Kellogg College as one of the “jewels in the crown” of the University of Oxford. Over the next few pages we take a look at some of the events that have constituted our celebrations throughout our silver anniversary year so far.
Foundation dinner
We started our 25th Anniversary year with two Foundation Dinners in March.
25th anniversary summer garden party

On Saturday 27th June members of Kellogg College came together to celebrate the College’s 25th Anniversary at the Summer Garden Party. Members of College were entertained with live jazz and afternoon tea, whilst the children of fellows, students and alumni learnt circus skills and enjoyed having their faces painted. Speeches were given followed by a toast to the College.

In her speech Navlika Ramjee, Kellogg alumna and founding MCR President, said that Kellogg offers “a place in my life where I feel completely at ease, completely accepted, and warmly welcomed. Something rare for any institution to achieve.”

Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education, Professor Sally Mapstone told us that, “Kellogg is known across the University to be forward-thinking and inclusive and I am always struck by what a diverse and vital community Kellogg students create.” She concluded with, “Kellogg College brings principles, and values of informality and fun, to the University of Oxford.”

Alumna Joy Richardson explained of her time at Oxford that she, “…felt I didn’t belong, but the welcome I received from everyone at Kellogg means that of course I do belong. Kellogg opened my mind and challenged my assumptions. It’s changed my life and the way I see the world – in a gentle and caring way. Kellogg College gives people the opportunity to be part of something that they thought they never could.”
On Monday 24th August we tuned in to BBC2’s University Challenge to watch our team of students compete against Christ’s College, Cambridge for a place in the competition’s second round. Our team’s effort was valiant but Christ’s College gained more points, taking them through.

This is the first year that a team from Kellogg College has appeared on the programme, hosted by Jeremy Paxman, where teams of students from UK universities answer questions on a range of challenging subjects. Team Captain Jonathan Finlay (MSt Modern British and European History) said of the experience, “To represent Kellogg on the show for the first time, during the College’s 25th Anniversary year, was both a personal thrill and an enormous honour for everyone on the team.”

Finlay was joined by teammates; Jake McBride (MSt English 650-1550), Victoria Ball (MSc Sustainable Urban Development), and Simon Dismore (MSc Software and Systems Security). Our congratulations go to our team for competing. Watch this space for next year!
Meet our scholars

We offer a wide range of scholarships each year, including fully-funded scholarships in partnership with the University. In the first of a series of profiles, we meet new Scholar and student Derek Wilson, to find out more about his research and first impressions of life at Kellogg and Oxford.

Which scholarship do you hold?
Kellogg College Scholarship.

What subject are you studying?
I am undertaking a part-time MSc in Sustainable Urban Development.

What research have you recently undertaken?
My research has been primarily focused on demonstrating the economic value of sustainable urbanism. Land development can be used as a tool to improve environmental and social outcomes, but the private sector (and many governments) have been reluctant to employ these sustainability techniques because of a perceived economic loss. Several of my recent papers have shown that sustainable development is, in certain cases, more profitable than conventional development. I believe that proving the economic case for sustainable development is critical to its real-world implementation, and that continues to be the objective of my work.

What does this scholarship mean to you?
It is an honour to receive the Kellogg College Scholarship – one that I am deeply grateful for. This award has provided me with important financial support for my studies, not only financially, but in terms of advice, resources, and an active student network. I am very excited to be a part of the Kellogg College community, and look forward to the many opportunities for engagement it provides.

A list of current scholarships offered for students commencing their programme of study in 2016, including eligibility criteria and application details, can be found at www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/study/scholarships-2016

A donation to our Scholarship fund could give the gift of an Oxford education as well as the opportunities that being a Kellogg student provides. If you would like to know more about making a gift to our Scholarships fund, please contact Monica Popa via monica.popa@kellogg.ox.ac.uk or +44 (0)1865 612040

A full part-time journey
I enrolled into a part-time M.Sc. program in Evidence-Based Healthcare (EBHC) to learn to assess the quality and limitation of medical research. I was very excited because the whole field was started here in Oxford and I had a chance to study under the very people whose names were cited by practically everyone.

I chose Kellogg to be my second home because of what Kellogg could offer. Many people do not realize that College is the most important part of one’s Oxford experience. Since I was previously matriculated from another college with a M.Sc. in sociology, I am an active part-time student, and an active student network. I am very excited to be a part of the Kellogg College community, and look forward to the many opportunities for engagement it provides.

First of all, studying part-time is not for the “leisure class”. Oxford has an unbelievably “squeezed” version (all teaching took place in one week). I sometime wonder why I would torture myself by taking such a challenge while suffering from a 12-hour flight and an 8-hour jetlag. Nevertheless, I did it for the love of knowledge and the experience. One of the most cherished Oxford experiences is the freedom to debate and disagree. The system is designed to make the assessment to be as impersonal as possible – weekly assignments are marked but not graded. Therefore, we are encouraged to experiment with different arguments and approaches without worrying the grades. This unique approach was adopted in our post-residency online weekly assignments. The feedback from the tutors and the collaborative nature of the discussions significantly enriched our understanding.

Every college in Oxford is unique due to its history and mission. Kellogg, as a graduate-only college and started as a department for part-time students, is much more accommodative than others. For example, we were able to attend formal dinners as well as participating in college functions while we were in Oxford, even though we did not have a lot of free time during our stay. The tutors, college advisors, and staffs were all very supportive and they understood better the obstacles we faced while working and studying at the same time.

Nothing is better than living in the city of dreaming spires. However, no one should skip a chance to study in Oxford. This part-time journey will make your life full.
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