

USTINOV COLLEGE AWARDS 2018/2019

NOMINATIONS

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual to College Life - PhD Student

Kimberley Liu

- She is so very enthusiastic and helpful. She makes us Chinese students feel at home and contributes a lot to leaving us wonderful memories here, proud!
- Very friendly, supportive and helpful
- She is really nice, so kind and warm hearted, always willing to help others and bring fun to us.
- She is very warm hearted to us. Very efficient in answering our questions. And organize interesting activities.
- She is popular.
- I wouldn't have half of the pics of myself if it wasn't for Kim who comes to virtually all events and documents them with her fancy camera. She also runs a hair styling society, has the best hairstyles, makes clothes for Peter Platypus, and is simply an integral part of Ustinov.
- She contributes a lot to the college life
- She's so famous and active in various collegiate events!
- Holding various activities and events by leading the Hairstyles & Lifestyles Society while contributing to the GCR committee as the Communication officer.
- As a member of communication committee, Kimberley made a lot of contribution to helping students enrich the college life. She helped promote events in different social media platforms, organised cultural tours to different places and gave us a lot of suggestions about our study and life in Durham. She also got involved in many different college events such as the performance in Chinese New year formal and Asia Festival. So I nominated her for Ustinov College Awards.
- She has organized many student activities and helps students knowing and understanding each other better.
- Very helpful and warm-hearted person! Gives a lot of help to us
- Kimberly has made a lot of contributions to students' events.
- Warm hearted. And she always supports different student events.
- Great contribution to student activities.
- Very warm-hearted and nice person
- Because she has excellent ability to organise various activities to make college life colourful and she is very nice to help others.

James O'Neill

- This year, James has played a big role in ensuring that students feel at home at Ustinov, he always treats everyone with respect, is patient when dealing with questions, and he has gone above and beyond to try to make Ustinov a home for everyone and have taken suggestions to heart.

Marianna Iliadou

- She has organised and coordinated many of the activities of the GCP, she's helped people who wanted to give a speech about their research and in general she has everyone feel welcomed in Ustinov.

Vera Bieber

- As a member of the GCR exec she has been helping in all the GCR events, always cheerful and trying to give an amazing experience to the rest of the Ustinovians. Moreover, she has been doing her best as the C&S Officer, providing support to the sport clubs and societies and improving the gym facilities. She is outstanding in every sense and I think her work deserves to be recognised.
- All you have to do is look at the success of our sports teams this year to see the impact Vera has had on college life. But if you think that setting up a few new successful clubs and societies was the limit of Vera's talents you would be wrong. Anyone involved with the GCR can tell you that Vera has been constantly working above and beyond her position of Clubs and Societies officer to help the GCR do its best for Ustinov. Organising events, running the gym, and successfully pestering Team Durham to get our Clubs and Societies the facilities we need, Vera has been a real asset to the college and deserves her hard work to be recognised.
- For going above and beyond the duties of the Clubs and Societies Officer!
- Vera has done a fantastic job promoting and supporting the sport teams. She is always the first to volunteer to help (and she is efficient in doing so!!!), and super enthusiastic!! Furthermore, she is a particularly trustworthy and competent GCR exec committee.
- One of the harder working Exec members.

Vinay Utham

- Pub quizzes, Poker nights, friendly bar member, everything is good about Vinay!

Giuseppe Amatulli

- Ever since coming to Durham, integrating with college life has been key to Giuseppe. He is kind, considerate and always the life of the party - making sure to never miss any of the huge events. (He's the one everyone knows!) Giuseppe is always thinking of others, and works hard to make sure that no one feels left out. Giuseppe and I are in the same department, and he is a central figure in welcoming all the new students. He makes sure they have what they need in settling in to Durham life. He extends this role to his involvement with Ustinov College.

Lana Mattar

- She makes a lot of improvement in Keenan house and actively arrange activities in Keenan. She work much harder than other tutors and everyone can feel it.

Connor Armstrong

- Connor has been very helpful in Ustinov Live, pub quiz, GCR duties and organising his own events, and seems enthusiastic to lend his own time.

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual to College Life - Masters Student

- Rowena Frances Gutsell
- Rowena has done an amazing job as part of the GCR- her work to bring back the Q-Stinovian and give voice to LGBT+ Ustinov students, as well as her tireless work during welfare hours have really has an impact on college life!
- Kristine Kivle
- Kristine's commitment and diligence in trying to get Ustinovians to become part of volunteering have been remarkable. She works hard to try to make volunteering part of a Ustinovian experience. She is always willing to help where she can, no complaints, and she is always willing to go above and beyond.
- Teodora Nikolova
- Teodora is a fabulous member of Ustinov College and we love her poetry.
- Sumien Deetlefs
- Sumien is involved in many activities in our college and she is always trying to help others. She is kind and friendly, definitely making a difference in Ustinov community. Additionally, she is very much involved in volunteering, by organising events and leading initiatives (such as the Neville's Cross Christmas Festival).
 - Sumien has been a wonderful addition to Ustinov life. She always gets involved with all college related activities and puts her heart and soul into whatever she does for example the Christmas festival at Neville's cross was spearheaded by her and the leader Mandeep. Sumien worked tirelessly to decorate, plan and execute all the activities and it was really lovely. She gets involved in games nights etc and volunteers and she loves to meet new people as she knows quite a lot of Ustinovians. She is always has a kind ear to listen if you're having problems. She's welcoming and fun. She has made Ustinov a better place
- Matthew Roberts
- Working with him at the GCR has been one of the most amazing experiences I ever had. He is a nice person always willing to help and collaborates with the GCR, GCP, NX community and his department.
 - Is there anything that Matt is NOT doing? Film nights, GCP, GCR, walking tours, Beamish trip, Bamburgh & Lindisfarne trip... and on top of all that being one of the loveliest people around, always willing to listen and help, and always in good mood (I only saw him angry once when we realised that the 500 pound worth of catering for our International Dress party didn't show up). Seriously, Matt4prez.
 - He is always around helping people, member of both GCR and GCP, runs film nights.
 - Film nights, nice chilled fellow.

Undercover Hero

- Connor Armstrong
- Connor is very dedicated to contributing to college life without most people realizing. As GCR webmaster, he does an excellent job keeping the website up to date, which is a never ending task. He is also always willing to lend a helping hand whenever others need help planning events.
- Tais Fernanda Blauth
- Tais is one of the most caring individuals I have ever met. She is always willing to listen to anyone, to give some advice or a helping hand. Tais would have been a perfect Welfare Officer if the position was available. Tais brings calmness and comfort to all who have the privilege to interact or work with.
- Benedetta Mura
- She is part of the GCR and she has always been willing to help and cooperate with others in order to run the events.
- Anna Gangi
- She is part of the staff of the college and is one of the most cheerful people I ever met. As the first person you see while entering to the college she always gives you a warm welcome and is always kind to everybody.
- Matthew Roberts
- As amazing as his contribution is, I feel like it often gets taken for granted. He is also modest and doesn't seem to want to give himself too much credit so I think that doesn't help in the overall recognition of his efforts, but he absolutely deserves more spotlight!!
- Vinay Utham
- I am nominating him for this category as I have seen him help everyone in all the events. From issues in bar to movie night, pub quiz, he's helping everyone without taking any credit for the same. He helps posters clean the cafe on Saturday morning after long Friday night parties. Now that he is graduating, he deserves some recognition. Thank you
- Sumien Deetlefs
- Sumien is a part of the GCR Committee in the role of working fairly unknown to everyone with the Durham charities. However she has been involved far more widely than that, almost every social event of the year has had some involvement from Sumien and she always has a variety of good ideas and more importantly is always keen to get involved. She deserves this award for her continual commitment to helping organise social events and getting involved far more broadly than her original role.
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Alastair Stewart

- Alastair took over after the previous chairperson resigned. Thanks to his extensive experience of the GCR committee (having been secretary last year), his huge sense of commitment and responsibility, and his friendliness nature, he is a crucial member of the GCR exec committee. He goes far beyond his role entitles him to do, always with the best interest of the committee and Ustinov members in mind – mostly behind the scene! Always here to help everybody and super competent and reliable!

Thesi Seiringer

- Thesi has been very helpful on the Facilities committee, helping with the vending machine orders, the decorations at parties, SPRA, volunteering for the Cafe des Arts and generally always enthusiastic to help out with anything community related.

Outstanding Contribution by a Non-Ustinovian to College Life

- Jonathan Brown
- All porters are wonderful and helpful but Jonathan just goes that extra step. He is very approachable and enjoys chatting with students and offers advice whenever needed. He was also a great help with moving the table tennis table to Sheraton!
- Ana Cristina Reyes
- She is part of Collingwood College but helps to run the Ustinov Drama Society since it started. She works really hard and helps in all the lessons we have. She spends more time at Ustinov than at her college!
- Li Zeyu
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- Colin Dunn
- Colin, like many of the porters has been at Ustinov longer than any student can remember and as such knows better than most people in college, including some of us students, what is best for Ustinov and always has useful ideas as to the best way to improve the Ustinov experience. Colin could well be the handiest man in college, he is the reason the pool tables have covers that let them survive the wildest GCR events, and the reason all the matriculation photos are up showing the history of Ustinov College, along with many other small bits and pieces over the year. I think Colin deserves this award for all this work and his willingness to help out with whatever task no matter how small.

Friendliest Bar Staff Member

- Katie Murphy
- Katie is endlessly cheerful, and her work ethic is impeccable. She always fills orders quickly and has a smile and a nice word ready for everyone!
- Vinay Utham
- Warm and welcoming to everybody who comes to the bar, he does an excellent job.
 - The contagious good mood and energy from this guy are out of his world. Our bar has many friendly staff members, with Ariam and James being close runner-ups, but Vinay's amazing personality, kindness, eternal smile and positivity win him this prize for me.
 - He was friendly and remembers my usual order.
- Ariam Mora-Hernández
- Is happy to make any cocktail anytime!
- Annie Moore
- Annie is a frequent friendly face from behind both the bar and cafe. Happy to chat to anyone on those slow evenings in the bar, is always a source of information of what is happening in college, and importantly for anyone wanting a late night snack, makes probably the best panini's.
 - Lovely, polite, friendly, chatty (but not too much) and quick and competent.
- James O'Neill
- Knows his drink and the responsibilities that he's taken upon himself. Never gets anyone's drink wrong and always there to serve you with a smile and chit chat.
 - James is always smiley and friendly!

Most Enthusiastic Dancer

- Tom Pitts
- Tom not only puts in a lot of work to organize parties, he also brings them to life with his enthusiasm for dancing. He enjoys moving around the room and making sure that everyone is having a great time while entertaining everybody with his dance moves.
- Dee Werter
- When Dee dances, everyone wants to join in. She has fantastic moves that most of us can only dream of mastering. I always enjoy seeing Dee dancing, her moves will make Michael Jackson look like an amateur.
- Giuseppe Amatulli
- He is always happy to show his best moves in silent discos and in any party he attends, people want to join him after seeing him dance.
 - When Big G dances, even Joao Pinheiro and his hips have to give way to the smooth Italian moves of our favourite anthropologist.
 - He has great passion for dancing. He is definitely the most enthusiastic dancer in Ustinov!
- Alastair Stewart
- He always makes people around him dance! His dance moves could be funny sometimes but they always make people move.
 - The hips of a Latin dancer.
- Benjamin Ceaser
- When the music comes on, he has the best dance moves. More than that, however, he engages everyone. Acting as a hype man, he can effortlessly turn even the most mundane person as enthusiastic as he is.
- Roni Ben-Ami
- Anyone that has seen Roni performing at karaoke will not be able to doubt her enthusiasm for both singing and dancing. Some of the most enthusiastic dancing I've seen in Ustinov was seen from Roni during the induction week silent disco and while she has been absent from the dance floor recently hopefully an award for enthusiasm will get her back there!
- Alex Blair
- Have you seen Alex on the dance floor?! I highly recommend!! Works with his fantastic interpretation of Barbie Girl at the Karaoke too ;)

Best Ustinov Chef

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| Giorgio Manzoni | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giorgio is an excellent chef, like you would expect any Italian to be. When in doubt, he calls his mother to make sure that his dishes are cooked to perfection. His lasagne is a dream! |
| Kimberley Tey | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kimberley should have her own cooking show. Her food is always fantastic, her kitchen always filled with people and her Instagram post about food will always make you hungry. |
| Gabriel Zambrano | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He makes the tastiest food! Bringing the Latin America flavour to UK is a difficult task but he nailed it! |
| Benjamin Ceaser | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes the best coconut curry chicken, and I don't even like chicken. He also has an apron with his name written on it which is something that every chef who thinks seriously of himself should have. |
| Halla Alsafadi | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• She is the best cook in Ustinov! Her Palestinian dishes are the best! |
| Dorothy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big fan of cafe's breakfast here. I am not sure what is her surname, as well as I am not sure I spelled the name correctly, but I tried her breakfast a couple of times and it was fantastic! |
| Sher Khan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no Pakistani food in county Durham that has been made so deliciously tasty. It's basically magic on a plate! |

Best Non-Competitive College Group

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| Hairstyles & Lifestyles Society | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different interesting activities for Ustinovians.• I really like the photo-taking activities they've organised.• Activities are great.• Leading different activities & make the college life amazing.• Lots of fun!• It's very popular among students and it organised a lot of events including photography and cosplays. I found many of my friends really interest in the society.• The events in the society are quite nice and leave us a lot of beautiful memories in Durham. |
| Tang Soo Do | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being Ustinov's newest society, the Tang Soo Do club is very enthusiastic and has been welcoming all potential new members with open arms, both students and residents from the community! They may not have the ideal practice space but are excellent at making the most of the situation.• Yay for Lennie and his amazing classes that better not be underestimated as you might end up with epic DOMS like I did! |
| Games Society | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They meet every week and give an excellent time to anybody who attends. |
| Café Politique | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They have put on three events and are planning to put on three more. Each are pertinent to a political event or concept in one region, keeping in mind the idea of global citizenship. They always have great speakers and take the time to engage and speak to the attendees afterward.• Café Politique has organised many events since the beginning of the academic year, enabling Ustinov students to learn more about contemporary issues in politics and debate important issues.• Ustinov's Café Politique is the premier politics discussion forum in Durham outside the School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA). The Café Politique team works to bring engaging discussions and presentations to the Ustinov community, covering a wide range of local and global political issues. Recent topics explored include: US Midterm Elections and The Legal Status of Taiwan. The Politique team has consistently had a high and successful turn out to their events this year and engaged students from all colleges and subjects. Moreover, the team works hard researching potential speakers and venues and dedicates their time every week to attend meetings. |

Biggest Contribution to Life at Dryburn

Lana Mattar

- Lana does so much for the families here. She is the most hardworking person. We love her.
- Lana was a wonderful help for the recent Beamish trip.

Maureen Midgley

- Maureen is always supportive and we appreciate her kindness.