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It is with great pleasure that we enclose the new issue of Bangoriad. I hope that you enjoy reading about the latest developments here at Bangor University and that it brings back some fond memories of your time with us.

We have been lucky enough to have had some of these fond memories shared with us during the recent reunions that have taken place this year. You will find more on those inside the magazine.

Another way of sharing with us memories of your university days is via the telethon. The Development and Alumni Relations Office hold biannual telethon campaigns that involve current students telephoning a small number of our alumni. The aim of these calls is two-fold; firstly to strengthen relationships between our alumni and the University through informal conversations about recollections of your time at Bangor and hearing about the student's experience of Bangor today, as well as to update you on recent developments. The second reason is to tell you about The Bangor Fund and give you an opportunity to join so many other alumni in donating to this invaluable fund. Thank you so much to those of you who already have.

Donations can be made in support of either an unrestricted fund, The Greatest Need, which will be allocated to the University's most pressing priorities, or you can designate your gift within three broad categories:

1. **Student Support-** including scholarships, bursaries and hardship awards for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. As you'll be aware, this year's intake will see the first students paying the higher tuition fees. There has never been such a crucial time for student support.
2. **Campus Improvement-** supports the University's efforts both to preserve its architectural legacy and ensure students study in buildings which are conducive to learning of the highest quality.
3. **Welsh Medium Provision Support-** supports a wide range of Welsh language and cultural activities.

This year, awards included hardship grants to 54 students, who, for a number of reasons, including disability, illness or family circumstances needed financial support, portable floodlights for sports pitches allowing a tripling of training sessions for student clubs and Cymorth Cymraeg Rhan Dau, a website that helps students and staff use Welsh in the workplace. (Please see inside the Bangoriad for more details of other awards given.)

As we only contact a small section of our alumni during each telethon, it is unlikely that you will be called, **however should you have any queries or would prefer not to receive a telephone call from a current student this year, please contact Paula Fleck, our Development Administrator on 01248 382020.**

I do hope you enjoy reading your copy of Bangoriad and that we see you in Bangor again soon.

Yours sincerely,

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