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Message from the Head of School

## Congratulations on your graduation.

I hope that your studies at Alliance Manchester Business School have exceeded your expectations and that you leave with wonderful memories of your time here.

It has been a real pleasure having you at the School and we take enormous pride in your achievements. I am confident that you will use what you have learned to make excellent progress in your career and a positive contribution to your community in the future.

You now join our global community of over 60,000 alumni, based across 176 countries and we hope you take advantage of the network as your career develops.

There is lots of information included in this publication about how you can stay involved with the School and benefit from the numerous events and workshops on offer as you embark on this new part of your life.

You have undertaken your studies at a particularly exciting time for the School as we drive forward our research agenda and continue to deliver an outstanding learning and student experience.

We remain thrilled and proud of our redeveloped landmark Alliance Manchester Business School as well as our new executive education centre and adjoining hotels. I hope we will be able to welcome you back to our impressive facilities in the future.

In the meantime, please keep up with School news and achievements via all our alumni communications. We are always keen to stay in touch and share your successes and I look forward to hearing about your progress and achievements in the months and years to come.

Congratulations on all you have accomplished during your time with us and very best wishes for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Devine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'F'.

**Professor Fiona Devine CBE FAcSS FRSA**  
Head, Alliance Manchester Business School

## Message from Xavier Duran

The current business world is one characterized by constant change and uncertainty. This is particularly the case as we go through the current Covid-19 pandemic. It is our objective that not only our MBAs make sense of this dynamic environment but also that they thrive in it. From your first day in the programme you heard that our mission was to transform your life through education and I am confident that the experience you have gained whilst studying on our MBA programme has been transformative.

Taking time out to study for an MBA, whether on a full time or part time basis, is hard. Not only does it take commitment from you as a student but it also requires the support of others. Therefore, on your behalf, I would particularly like to thank your family, friends and employers for the support they have given you during the time you have spent studying at the School.

On behalf of Alliance Manchester Business School, I would like to congratulate you on completing your journey of transformation.

The Alliance MBS MBA is one of the most challenging MBA programmes in the world and you have succeeded in studying a wide range of business and management disciplines and applying the knowledge and skills you have gained during practical project work.

This graduating class has been exceptional on many counts and I have been fortunate to come to know many of you well. The make-up of this class is greatly reflective of how truly international our programme is and reminds me of the great platform we provide to network globally and to understand how business is being carried out across cultures. I have been humbled by the dedication, energy and enthusiasm that I have seen you commit to your academic studies. Your determination to get as much as possible from your Manchester MBA has been amazing and I would like to commend you on it.

In particular many of the final pieces of project work have been outstanding and I have received notes of commendation from organisations around the world that have implemented the recommendations that have been made as part of the Manchester MBA project work.

You are now Masters of Business Administration and have the skillset to move into the highest level of management. Please use the skills that you have acquired to transform both your own working lives and the working lives of your colleagues.

As you complete your MBA in these difficult and uncertain and dynamic times, please remember that there is a lot of opportunity in change and that your new qualification, coupled with the confidence and positive mind-set that the programme has equipped you with, will allow you to stand out from the crowd.

Also, please remember that your transformation does not end with your MBA journey. Success in the current business environment demands the embracing of lifelong learning and a commitment to continued transformation and evolution. Alliance Manchester Business School stands ready to always support you in many ways, so do keep in touch. I wish you every success in the future and look forward to hearing about your future successes.

**Xavier Duran**  
MBA Programmes Director



## MBA Programmes

On behalf of the MBA Marketing and Recruitment team in the UK and Global Centres, we would like to wish you every success in your future.

The help many of you provided to our team was invaluable; speaking with prospective students, compiling student profiles, undertaking PR requests and attending recruitment events.

Please do keep in touch with us, the MBA team visit most major cities in the world throughout the year and we would be delighted to meet up with you, and hear how life after the MBA is treating you.

### **MBA Marketing and Recruitment Team**

On behalf of the Postgraduate Careers team in the UK we would like to congratulate you on your graduation!

Successfully navigating the challenges of the programme whilst balancing your professional and personal commitments is a remarkable achievement and shows the dedication you have to your current and future career.

The network and skills you have built throughout your MBA will help you continue to make your mark as you launch your post MBA career, and the team are here to support you in any way we can, so please do stay in touch as we are always delighted to hear the success stories you have!

Once again, many congratulations.

### **The Postgraduate Careers Services Team**



## MBA Programmes

To our wonderful full-time MBA Class of 2020 – where did the time go?

Tuesday 28th August 2018 – it was such a wonderful day to see everyone come together for the first time as a class and here we are now at your graduation and you are like a family!

The Manchester MBA presents a uniquely challenging journey and you made it through. We loved being part of your journey. Thank you for your creativity and your passion to make AMBS and the MBA even better and particularly your vital help in our recruitment and admissions process to continue to recruit great students – your input has been invaluable and we hope you will continue to be great ambassadors as alumni.

You will always be a part of our MBA alumni family so our relationship doesn't end here – we hope to be friends for life!

We have loved your spirit, energy and enthusiasm and hope that those qualities help make your post-MBA dreams come true.

We wish you every possible success and great happiness for the future.

**MBA Admissions - Helen, Janak, Emma, Joanne, Sarah & Breege**



Many congratulations on successfully completing your MBA Programme. It is a real joy for all the AMBS team to see you reach this milestone after your many months of hard work.

It is also an opportunity to reflect on how each of you have changed and grown – both professionally and personally – since your first day on the MBA and we hope to be able to celebrate with you, if not in person then virtually.

Your graduation ceremony may have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic but it does not diminish the fact that you have all achieved something great and will go on to achieve even better things. During these tough times you are some of the best equipped and skilled people out there so we have the confidence that you will succeed.

You have each had the opportunity to work with and meet an amazing group of friends you have made during the course. You have been a tremendous support to teach other and our School so although the FT Class of 2020 will be going their separate ways, we know that you will keep in touch with each other and us.

Wishing you every success for the future.

**Fran, Lynne, Michelle, Jemma and Paul**

## MBA Programmes

Congratulations on graduating. You have been a great pleasure to work with over the last 18 months. Providing consultancy to clients is not easy and I have enjoyed watching you develop an amazing skillset. I have many tremendous memories of the experience. You are a credit to the School and I look forward to watching your careers develop and catching up in the future.

**Phil Galvin**, Associate Director, MBA Consultancy



Many congratulations to our Global MBA graduates. Completing the MBA whilst balancing work and family life takes great dedication, commitment and hard work and you should all be incredibly proud! Please keep in touch and we wish you every success for the future.

**The Global MBA Team**



## International Centres

Graduation is a hugely significant step in your life and the East Asia Centre congratulates you and wish you all the very best on this important occasion. Your study has been hard work and demanding on both you and your family/ friends, especially in view of the disturbing events of the past year.

We urge you to contemplate the friendships you have made, the gifts of knowledge received from your study and the values you have learned to espouse. These are treasures that will stay with you as you move onward to a rewarding future. We hope sincerely that you will want to keep up the ties with the East Asia Centre to which you have dedicated so much time and energy.

Our alumni group is a very personal and invaluable resource for you; follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for the latest developments at your alma mater.

Our best wishes are with you today and into the future. Congratulations to you all.

### East Asia Centre – Hong Kong



On behalf of The University of Manchester South America Centre in Sao Paulo we extend our congratulations to all our Global MBA graduates for such an important achievement. It is time to celebrate with your family, friends and colleagues.

The MBA journey is a challenging one and you all have made it to the end. We are proud of each one of you. We appreciate the changes that the MBA has made in your life and you are now a different person than the one who started the programme a few years ago: you have expanded your knowledge, your networking, and your views of the world, have made new friends and mainly you have gone through an experience that will be with you forever.

A new path starts now in terms of your engagement with the University and its alumni community; we encourage you to keep involved to make the most of that relationship by supporting new students in their journeys and making that community grow stronger and stronger across the region and globally. We wish you all success in your ongoing professional and personal journeys. Congratulations!

### South America Centre – Brazil



## International Centres

On behalf of The University of Manchester Southeast Asia Centre, we would like to wish all our Manchester Global MBA graduates our most heartfelt congratulations. The completion of your MBA with the University has only served to prove what we knew from the start – that the brilliance, capabilities and ambitions that brought you to us would carry you through to the very end.

It has not been an easy conclusion to your journey with us, amidst the coronavirus outbreak that has shaken the world at large. Nevertheless, you should all be very proud of overcoming the challenges you have faced and of the hard work you have put in that has earned you your degrees.

In light of the current pandemic, now, more than ever before, it is the visionaries like you that can help shape the world, who can create a better future with your leadership, and dream of a better world by being brave enough to light a path towards achieving your dreams.

May your graduation be the beginning of a new chapter in your life that will lead you to many more wonderful achievements, both personally and professionally.

We hope that you will share your journey with other like-minded people who may find your educational pathway with the University to be inspiring, transformative and cathartic, as you may have.

We are proud of our global alumni community, the largest of any campus-based University in the UK, who are here to support you and impart their knowledge. Feel free to get to know other graduates, many of whom hold top positions in every conceivable field.

We heartily welcome all of you to continue to engage via our industry talks, networking events, and in mentoring new students on board their MBA journey. We thank you all for your support and look forward to seeing you continue your journey with the Manchester family as our newly minted alumni.

### **South East Asia Centre – Singapore**





## International Centres

The University of Manchester China Centre team would like to congratulate you on the completion of your MBA study. We hope this momentous occasion can refresh some wonderful memories of your learning journey at Alliance Manchester Business School and its overseas centers.

Graduation is not the end but the beginning of a new chapter in the relationship between you and the School, and of course the China Centre.

We feel proud of the quality of our MBA students we attract here and will be actively supporting alumni clubs and chapters for and around you in the China region.



2019 Graduation Party in Shanghai and Launch of MSc Financial Management

Please keep following China Centre official WeChat (China Centre account: UoM\_China; Alumni account: Manchester\_Alumni). We look forward to keeping a lifelong relationship with you all.

This year marks the 12th anniversary of the China Centre. Since the establishment of our Centre, we have supported nearly 2,000 Global MBA students in the region and we have been awarded by national top media as one of the top business education provider in the country. Thank you all for your engagement in making the UoM China Centre such a success. We feel proud of your achievements and wish you every success in your future careers.

**China Centre – Shanghai**



## International Centres

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre in Dubai congratulates all our new MBA graduates as you start a new phase of your career and life, as valued alumni.

Graduation is the well-earned culmination of your tremendous hard work and commitment, as well as personal sacrifice over a sustained period to successfully complete a very challenging programme. It has been our pleasure and privilege to accompany you on your transformational journey – your personal success stories are an inspiration to us and to students who follow you.

You have all reached the high standards expected of Manchester MBA graduates capable of managing the competing demands of life, work and study. We are very confident that you will continue to build exciting and rewarding careers and contribute to the student and alumni community developing here in the Middle East.

You chose your MBA programme wisely and will continue to benefit from this world-class qualification, whether you are focusing on accelerating your current career, switching career or embarking on an entrepreneurial pathway.

In a period of global economic uncertainty, we believe that your MBA experience and network, and the skills and confidence you have gained, will prove to be a very sound investment.

This is the time for versatility and you are better equipped than ever to meet the future with the support of a global alumni network.

The world needs more 'original thinkers'. You will have a special role in helping shape the future of business and the opportunities to transform the companies, industries and communities of which you are a part, as socially responsible Manchester MBAs, wherever you choose to build your careers.

We hope you will continue to share your success stories and we look forward to welcoming you to the centre for one of our many networking or other social events and to tell your stories to our students and alumni.

Congratulations to you all from every member of the Middle East Centre team.

### Middle East Centre – Dubai





Congratulations to all our DBA graduates. Completing any degree takes significant effort and dedication, but even more so in the case of doctoral studies. You and those who have supported you over the course of your study should feel very proud of your achievement. This goes for us as well. We have no doubt that your DBA will benefit not just professionally but personally as it has required you to rethink how you think and contribute to society and your profession. We wish you all the best for your future.

**Timothy M. Devinney DBA Director**

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Congratulations on completing your DBA studies be proud of this moment as it represents all the hard work and passion you have invested over the past years. We wish you every success as you continue on your journey, wherever your path may be taking you.

**Doctoral programmes administration, AMBS**

# Alumni Relations

Alliance Manchester Business School has an impressive international presence - with over 60,000 alumni in 176 countries and the only UK business school with a presence in six global hubs.

We have given you a foundation to build your network during your studies but proactively connecting with the Alliance MBS alumni community now you have graduated will give you a personal network that lasts a lifetime.



## How you can get involved in the alumni community

Our celebrated alumni talent pool makes an invaluable contribution to students, academic life and to other graduates. Whether you can commit regularly, or you only have an hour available sporadically, by sharing your knowledge and expertise you make a critical contribution to the success of next generation alumni.

### Sharing your experiences at admission time

There are many opportunities for you to help identify prospective students and participate in the student recruitment process across the world.

### Play an active role in an alumni group

The University of Manchester Worldwide Centres complement and support the activities of our alumni groups and contacts across the world. Contact us to find out more about attending an overseas event, to request an introduction to an alumnus or local insights from one of these Centres.

### Mentor a student

Mentoring can help boost your own career by providing opportunities to communicate your professional expertise as well as offering others the benefit of your experience. Create an account now or sign in with your LinkedIn login [here](#).

As you progress in your career path, additional opportunities will be available for you to get involved with the alumni community and showcase your knowledge – ensure you keep us updated with your contact details so we can continue to involve you in these exciting opportunities.

## Benefits and Services

### Alumni benefits and services

#### Professional development

As you embark on the next stage of your career post-Alliance MBS, the invaluable knowledge passed on from alumni can continue to have an influence on your decision making.

**Alumni advice** - A collection of interviews and webinars delivered by alumni speaking about their own experiences and industry expertise bring vital insights directly to you.

**Webinars and interviews** - high-profile Alliance MBS alumni share personal experiences and industry expertise along with [online tools](#) to assist you in your job search.

**Access to libraries, online journals, collections and databases** - All alumni can access the University of Manchester Library, where you can borrow up to 15 books for a semester (excluding high demand books). If you regularly deliver presentations or require authoritative research from a range of business sectors, various research tools are available to you [online](#).

#### Manchester Network

The Manchester Network is our online professional networking service that lets you advise alumni wherever you are in the world and without having to make a long-term commitment. [Log on via LinkedIn now](#).

**Mentoring:** As your career progresses and managerial and directorial opportunities become desirable, mentoring a student is an ideal way to hone the appropriate skills.

**Alumni directory:** The searchable directory allows you to connect with others in your field of interest or track down those elusive former classmates too.

#### Original Thinking Applied

Read thought-provoking articles from the latest issue of the Alliance Manchester Business School's Research Magazine (online version is available [here](#)).

#### Extend your network

As the only UK business school with a presence in six global hubs, we give students and alumni a strong foundation to build a network from. Whether you want to meet a specific person, meet new people at stimulating events or make connections online, the thriving alumni community is waiting to be explored.



# Think Alumni

## Alumni Relations

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Alliance Manchester Business School Alumni (Official)

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