

A message from Steve Jordan: December 2024

Ahead of the festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on 2024 and express my gratitude for all you do to make our University a vibrant and welcoming environment.

This year has been filled with challenges and opportunities - but the dedication you've shown to operating, maintaining, and enhancing our campus has been nothing short of inspiring.

Whether through improving or watching over the campus, ensuring the safety and comfort of our students and staff, or supporting the University's sustainability goals, your contributions have been invaluable.

We have much to celebrate with a few of the many achievements being:

- Opening of the newly landscaped Quad (which looks amazing with the Christmas lights!)
- Hosting the THE World Academic Summit Conference
- Managing the many protests held on campus
- National and International Green Gown awards in recognition of our ambitious decarbonisation plans
- Numerous student improvement and refurbishment projects

I'd also like to reflect on the retirement of Diana Hampson at the end of July 2024, after almost 40 years of service at the University. Diana left an incredible legacy and a very different campus to what it was 40 years ago!

You have probably seen the news that Barra Mac Ruairí will be joining us in the New Year as the new Chief Property Officer. I am sure you will all make him feel welcome when he starts, and I know he is very much looking forwards to meeting you all.

In my short time acting as Chief Property Officer, the pride I feel in leading such a talented and hardworking team cannot be overstated. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they play a vital role in making our University a place we are all proud of.

As we wind down for the holidays, I hope you can take some well-deserved time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the company of family and friends.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you again for everything you do.

Steve Jordan

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