



Bangor makes history by qualifying for internationally prestigious Telders Moot Competition

Bangor Law School has made history by becoming the first team ever to represent Wales at a world-renowned moot competition.

Law students Andrew Jones, Damian Etone, Cathal McCabe and Adam Gulliver will travel to the Netherlands to compete in the Telders International Law Moot Court – the most famous contest of its type in Europe – held at the seat of the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

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“It is an incredible achievement for the team to make it this far and to have the chance to represent Wales at such an extraordinary event”

said Dr Evelyne Schmid, who will accompany the students to Holland. “The preparation has been intense and the four team members are really talented. The last remaining challenge is to find some sponsorship – all donations, no matter how small, will go a great way towards making this trip possible.”



Andrew Jones, Damian Etone, Adam Gulliver, Cathal McCabe, Evelyne Schmid

Of the four team members, three are students on the Masters programme in International Criminal Law and Human Rights Law, first offered at Bangor in September 2011. Andrew Jones sees the Telders Competition as a unique opportunity to practice what he has learnt throughout his studies and to observe the workings of the international legal community and its processes.

Cathal McCabe, a graduate of Bangor Law School, is a founding member of the Bangor Comedy Society, which will host a special comedy night on 17th April to raise money towards the team’s fund. He ultimately hopes to become a barrister specialising in the areas of law pertaining to vulnerable people, particularly children.

Damian Etone, from Cameroon, won a prestigious and highly competitive Chevening scholarship to fund his studies at Bangor. Having grown up in the midst of human rights violations, his career ambition is to

become a barrister specialising in human rights law and to equip himself to help his home country.

The fourth team member, Adam Gulliver is an undergrad student and Master of the Moot for the Bangor Students’ Law Society, which conducts its own annual moot competition with support from academic staff.

Gwilym Owen, lecturer in Law at Bangor Law School, voiced his support for the team as representatives of both the School and Wales: “as a Solicitor Advocate, I am very pleased to see Bangor students representing Wales in this competition. Their enthusiasm and commitment are a great inspiration for young people in the region.

“Legal practice in Wales will only benefit from such initiatives and I wholeheartedly support the students in their adventure!”

Research News...

Bangor at the forefront of innovation in 'green' technology...

Researchers at Bangor and Aberystwyth have developed a technique where the sugar is squeezed out of ryegrass and the leftovers are moulded into shape.

Packaging trays for soft fruits such as pears and plums, as well as cosmetic products, can be created using the moulding technology.

The project is funded with £600,000 of Welsh government money. It is hoped that one of the UK's main supermarket chains Waitrose, a partner to the project, will be able to use the techniques to create more sustainable packaging for its products.

Similar packaging products to the ones being developed have been made previously using wood, but experts at Bangor University claim this exact method using grass has never been done before.

Robert Elias, commercial manager of Bangor's BioComposites Centre, said the grass containers developed were "higher quality, more resistant to damage and easily composted after use".

The researchers said the project highlighted the need to support the rural economy and said that as well as finding a new use for excess grass cuttings the plans could minimise land wastage. Quentin Clark, head of sustainability at Waitrose said: "Moving to easily recycled fibre-based packaging for foods, where this can show positive environmental benefit, is something we're keen to develop".



Bangor University international students launch their first app...



Karthikesan with mentor Chris Walker and Kala

Two international students from Bangor University are busy getting ready for the launch of their long-term reminder app for mobile devices.

Kalaivani, 32, and her husband Karthikesan, both from Singapore, are undergraduate international students at the Bangor Business School and the College of Applied Science at Bangor University. They have been developing their own app, Key It In, over the last four months and have been gearing up for the launch which took place on March 15th.

About the App, Kala said: "It is meant to address everybody in general. It is the concept of allowing people to store information about the location of valuable items which has been safely kept away. It eliminates the issue of having misplaced/forgotten the item after a prolonged period of time. It could be a TV manual guide you kept away for future reference or that valuable will and legal documents.

"Having recently moved to Bangor, we had a lot of paper work that needed to be kept safe and we sometimes had difficulty remembering where we had kept them so we decided to develop an App that lets you note where you keep your important items.

"It is a simple and easy to use concept with vibrant graphics. We found out about support that was available during an Entrepreneurship modules, there was a guest speaker who spoke about Venture Wales. That led us to looking up their website and discovering that Bangor University had a B enterprising department. I met with Lowri and was referred to Chris Walker who gave me an idea of what kind the help that was available for starting your own business."

Kala's husband, Karthik, already had prior knowledge and interest in the IT industry and studying in Bangor Universities School of Applied Science gave him an insight on how to go about programming and developing Apps. They now have their own company, Kastle, and hope to develop more apps in the future.

Kala came to Bangor after completing two years of her degree programme at MDIS, in affiliation with Bangor University, in Singapore.

B-Enterprising can help students and graduates who want to develop their business ideas through various HEFCW and Welsh Government funded initiatives such as one to one mentoring, specialist and interactive and practical workshops and events.

International student wins 'High Sheriff' award for Voluntary Work...



Mrs Marian Wyn Jones, the current High Sheriff with James McLean from Kenya

The annual High Sheriff Award ceremony took place at Bangor University recently. The High Sheriff's Award recognises and rewards both individual and group volunteering efforts by Bangor students.

The Awards were presented by the current High Sheriff, Mrs Marian Wyn Jones, in her first official engagement in her role as High Sheriff. The students were congratulated for giving their time and effort on top of their studies to contribute to the student community and the wider community through their voluntary work.

High Sheriff Marian Wyn Jones said: "It's a delight to be able to recognise and reward students at Bangor University for the valuable voluntary work they undertake in various roles, schemes and programmes within the local community. Students are volunteering in a wide range of projects and contribute 400 hours of volunteering a week just in the projects with children, young people and the vulnerable in the community."

James Mclean, who is studying Environmental Sciences at Bangor and who comes from Kenya is described in the Award nomination as: "a fine example of a truly selfless individual". According to the nomination, "What makes Jamie unique is his infectious passion and drive for providing opportunities for others, always ensuring a high level of safety, organization and participation. He is a polite and infectious young man, liked by all who is truly an ambassador for Bangor and its student community and experience."

Jamie said that he was "over the moon, it's amazing, I never expected to be rewarded I'm proud and happy, but there's also a larger team effort behind it all!"

Jamie chose to study at Bangor University as he was keen to study environmental Sciences and impressed with the University's profile and reputation for teaching the subject, he wanted to come to a University that was 'outdoorsy' and was delighted with the environment around the University .

Bangor News...

PhD Studentships worth £13,000 available for October 2013...

Bangor Business School is inviting applications for Research Bursaries starting in October 2013. This provides three years of support for full-time PhD study.

The PhD bursary provides a total annual allowance of £13,000. Bursary holders are required to pay fees and contribute around 100 hours teaching and/or research support per annum focused on a supervisor / research team as part of their development as an academic of the future.

Further details about the projects and how to apply can be found on the PhD studentships page.

Bangor Professor awarded illustrious Accounting & Finance award...

Professor Phil Molyneux, Professor of Banking and Finance at Bangor Business School's Bangor and London campuses, has been awarded a prestigious honour by the British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA).

The Distinguished Academic Award is given annually to an individual deemed by BAFA to have made 'a substantial and direct contribution to UK academic accounting and finance life'.

It was awarded to Professor Molyneux – also Dean of the College of Business, Law, Education and Social Sciences at Bangor University – in recognition of his significant contribution to teaching and research.

Alongside his academic career, he has acted as consultant to various international banks and consulting firms, including New York Federal Reserve Bank, World Bank, European Commission and the UK Treasury.

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