



Success 2018/19

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Welcome by Principal

Another great year!

It's been another fantastic year of success at Myerscough College & University Centre, from individual student achievements to wide-ranging campus developments and national awards.

I have been Chief Executive and Principal since April, 2018, taking the reins from Ann Turner, following her retirement after more than twelve years at the helm. I have more than 25 years of experience in the education sector, and joined Myerscough College in January, 2014, after an 18-year spell firstly in teaching, and then as an integral part of the management team of Runshaw College.

I'm Lancashire born and bred and have lived locally, in St Michael's-on-Wyre for more than 20 years.

This year we have celebrated higher education students graduating and learners completing their further education and foundation learning courses, with once again excellent achievement levels attained as well as personal recognition for a number of exceptional students.

Students have worked towards this for a long time and the results this year reflect the commitment and hard work of the students and staff of Myerscough College. We remain one of the top performing colleges in the country with high progression into employment or to further study.

Many of the industries we support are reporting significant skills shortages and opportunities are available to forge an exciting and interesting career based on their studies at College. On behalf of all the Governors and staff of Myerscough College, congratulations to every student on their success, and we wish them good luck on the next stage in life. We look forward to what they will achieve in the future.

Their learning experience is much more than simply an academic qualification. Ongoing progression is a key measure of our success and this year we're celebrating another truly outstanding year. High community involvement, high student satisfaction, an increasing research profile and regional, national and international recognition for the work we do also play their part. We can proudly claim that this has been an exceptional year.

In addition to student achievement, as a college, Myerscough has significantly enhanced its reputation in a number of key sector areas. This includes the award of Gold in the Teaching & Excellence Framework (TEF) for Higher Education.

Thank you to all staff and students for a truly outstanding year.

Alison Robinson

Chief Executive & Principal, Myerscough College

Steven Downham-Clarke is Myerscough's new Vice Principal & Deputy Chief Executive.

Steven replaced Alison Robinson, as she took up her new role of Chief Executive and Principal, upon the retirement of Ann Turner.



Steven was formerly Assistant Principal at Kirklees College and had strategic responsibility for FE Study Programmes and Apprenticeships. Under his leadership he ran six departments, including Land Based, Construction, Engineering and all STEM activity for the College.

Farewell, Ann

Ann Turner retired as Principal and Chief Executive, after more than twelve years in the role, and a twenty year association with Myerscough College & University Centre.

Before becoming Principal, Ann was a long term member of Myerscough's senior management team, having previously held the position of Director of Finance for seven years, from 1998. Ann played a key role in ensuring the College achieved significant growth and enhanced its position regionally, nationally and internationally.



Myerscough life



Floristry graduate blooms at Miss Universe final



A Myerscough College floristry graduate was given the honour of designing the bouquet for the winner of the Miss Universe contest in Las Vegas.

The Universe pageant was won by Miss South Africa, who was presented with flowers designed by Nadia Davies. Degree student Nadia graduated from Myerscough's BA Honours programme in Professional Floristry & Floral Design.

Nadia has been part of the Ohio State University international intern programme, working at the English Garden Florist, in Las Vegas. The Ohio programme is a long-term partnership with Myerscough which sees students undertake an internship at one of a number of prestigious employers across the United States.

Revolutionising digital learning at Myerscough College



Myerscough College welcomed European representatives of an international project aimed at revolutionising digital learning.

Over the last couple of years Myerscough has led a European funded project aimed at developing innovative blended work-based learning. The BLEND project aims to share and test high quality blended work based delivery models, with other project partners in Holland, Finland and Spain.

The aim of the project is to innovate work based learning and advance the application of new learning technologies and opportunities for collaborative learning.



People's Choice Award for Myerscough in Young Gardeners of the Year 2018

Myerscough College was selected to take part in the Young Gardeners of the Year 2018 competition.

The event saw six of the UK's leading horticulture colleges go head-to-head designing and creating incredible show gardens for the chance to be crowned winners. The event celebrates the best of young British talent in garden design and build, and offers students a great opportunity to showcase their work to a national audience.

The competition was held at the Ascot Spring Garden Show and is organised by celebrity TV gardener, David Domoney.

Myerscough's garden was crowned People's Choice, polling more than half of the total vote from visitors to the show to be crowned the overwhelming winner. In addition, Myerscough received a silver-gilt award by the Young Gardeners of the Year judges.

Myerscough's Level 2 and Level 3 landscape apprentices were involved in the design and build of the ambitious project, which had a 'Northern Soul' theme.



Myerscough is number one for its further education programmes

Figures show that Myerscough College is the number one specialist land-based college in the country for 'all level' achievement amongst 16-18 year olds.

The latest Government figures show that Myerscough scores highly for learning achievement in further education, with the College also ranked number one for provision at its Liverpool campus at Croxteth Park.

The National Achievement Rates Tables (NART) are based on exams and qualifications completed in the 2016/17 academic year and are compiled by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.



Young Farmers Leadership Academy launched

A host of specialists from across all sectors of the agriculture industry were among the keynote speakers in Myerscough College's brand new Young Farmers Leadership Academy.

The leadership course has been designed especially by farmers, industry specialists and agriculture lecturers at Myerscough College to give the appropriate skillset to the next generation of young aspiring farming leaders. The course aims to develop leadership and management skills leading to a more strategic approach to farm business development.

The Young Farming Leaders Academy (YFLA) consists of six two-day modules in the areas of Leadership & Management, Human Resource Management, Farm Business Management, Farm Innovation and Supply Chain Management, Business Strategy, and Marketing & Social Media Reputation.

Myerscough veterinary nursing help homeless animal group



Myerscough College veterinary nursing staff and students have teamed up with an organisation that provides care to animals owned by homeless people.

The Street Paws project is a monthly outreach service where a team of vets and veterinary nurses provide free vaccinations, micro-chipping, health checks, flea & worming and advice to the homeless and vulnerably housed.



Motorsport student Adam races to national title

A Myerscough College motorsport student was crowned the winner of the 2018 Ginetta Junior Championship.

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma Motorsport student, Adam Smalley, won the title following the final rounds of competition at Brands Hatch.

17-year-old Adam, started in 2011, moving through the junior karting ranks initially before competing in the Junior Rotax European Championship, and winning a Ginetta Junior Scholarship and a funded season in the Ginetta Junior Championship in 2017.

The Ginetta is the UK's longest running and most prestigious junior series, and offers the first step on the motorsport ladder for 14-17 year old racing drivers, giving aspiring teenage drivers the experience of a lifetime, kick-starting their journey towards racing stardom. All competitors drive the Ginetta G40 car, containing a 1800cc Ford Zetec engine, capable of speeds of up to 120 mph.

Myerscough research outlines potential to grow women's, girls' and family golf



University Centre Myerscough was commissioned to conduct research into how to attract more women, girls and families into playing golf.

The findings, in a research report published by The Royal & Ancient, showed significant growth opportunity exists for golf if it can attract more women, girls and families to play the sport more often.

The Royal & Ancient commissioned the International Institute for Golf Education, based at University Centre Myerscough, to carry out the research, which brings together the findings of existing academic and industry research, along with the individual views of a wide-ranging group of golf experts.



Recognition for farriery apprentices

Farriery apprentice Harriet Young made the British Apprentice Farrier Team during the combined team trials.

By doing so, she became the first woman to make either team. Farriery learners also enjoyed competing at other external events, including the Great Yorkshire Show, where two learners won awards, while the College itself played host to a popular farriery competition.



Principal's charity Golf Day a success

The annual Principal's charity Golf Day at Myerscough College proved to be as popular as ever, with a substantial sum raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

As usual, the day was overseen by Foundation Degree Golf Management students at the College, who ran the whole event and made sure the requirements of the day were covered as part of their Event Management module for their studies.

University Centre Myerscough student top of the class in British Rally Championship



A University Centre Myerscough motorsport student led his class in the British Rally Championship after his victory at the Ypres Rally in Belgium.

The Myerscough College & University Centre rally team headed to Belgium for a round of the Preston MSA British Rally Championship (BRC). Bart Lang and co-driver, Sinclair Young, were contesting the event at the wheel of Myerscough's Fiesta R2, in the BRC's Cadet Class.

Myerscough landscaper wins Gardeners' World accolade



A recent Myerscough College apprentice has won the prestigious BBC Gardeners' Live Young Landscapers Award.

The competition is run in conjunction with the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL), saw Jacob Botting from Bespoke Outdoor Spaces, take on Dan McGeoghegan and Ryan Bell from The Plants & Paving Company, to build a Show Garden at BBC Gardeners' World Live event, at The NEC in Birmingham.

The aim of the competition was to create a challenging Show Garden packed with an array of landscaping elements, to show off a variety of skills to the very best of their ability.

Ex-Myerscough learner Jacob, won the competition with the creation, The Square Garden, picking up the Silver Merit Award. Dan and Ryan's The Round Garden, earned the Silver Award. The two pairs of young landscapers created gardens designed by celebrity designer, Diarmuid Gavin.

Natalie's research has horse power



A University Centre Myerscough equine graduate's research was recognised after she won the BETA (British Equestrian Trade Association) Equine Thesis of the Year competition.

Natalie Owen graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Equine Science. Her project investigated how owners of horses judge quality of life for their animals, introducing the idea that 'normalisation' of stabling has led to an assumption that a lifestyle of confinement can allow good equine welfare.



Double gold for Myerscough gardens at Southport Flower Show



Two Show Gardens built by staff and learners of Myerscough College received Gold awards at the annual Southport Flower Show.

Myerscough work-based staff and learners were given the task of bringing to life the winning entries in the annual Schools Design-a-Garden Competition, with both finished show gardens awarded Gold by the judges.

The competition is for junior school pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and this year they were tasked with designing an attractive, eco-friendly garden, with 'Once Upon A Time' as the theme. The two winners had their winning designs built into real gardens for the Southport Flower Show by Myerscough College's work-based staff and apprentices.

Landscaper Sam paves the way for Euroskills success



A Myerscough College learner was one of just 22 people in the UK chosen to compete at an international event to showcase the finest young skilled people in Europe.

Sam Taylor was part of the Team UK squad for the prestigious EuroSkills event in Budapest. Sam was only one of two people selected for the squad to compete in the Landscape Gardening

category, with Team UK up against more than 500 other competitors from 27 other nations, who are specialists in 35 different skills from hairdressing to heavy truck maintenance.

18-year-old Sam has been undertaking his Intermediate Apprenticeship in Work-based Horticulture – Landscaping - with Myerscough College, and is based at Garden TLC, in Oldham.

Animal Studies students enjoy unforgettable South Africa experience



A group of Myerscough College animal studies staff and students have enjoyed an unforgettable few weeks working on a conservation project in South Africa.

During a three week trip the group enjoyed a busy itinerary, heading firstly for a week at the Gansbaai Marine Experience. Highlights of the trip included cage diving with great white sharks, whale watching, penguin rehabilitation, and big cat rescue.

There was then a two week stay working at the Shamwari Game Reserve, near Port Elizabeth, on the Eastern Cape of the country, for the usual busy and varied programme of activities which included monitoring of wildlife, and undertaking some key conservation activities and maintenance of the reserve.

Myerscough debut motorcycle season on track with double championship win



A motorcycle ridden by a Myerscough College motorsport lecturer and serviced by students raced to two titles in a superb debut season.

Ryan Garside secured two Aintree Motorcycle Racing Club championship titles – the Steel Frame and the Pre-Injection 600. The Aintree Motorcycle Racing Club has been racing for more than sixty years at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, with the popular annual championships contested over five meetings between May and September.

Motorsport lecturer Ryan, recruited the help of his Level 2 and 3 students for the competitions as part of their enrichment programme, where Myerscough offers motorsport learners unique experiences at a number of major events both in the UK and overseas.

Our Awards

Myerscough named Skills Provider of the Year at Red Rose Awards



Myerscough College and University Centre was named Skills Provider of the Year in the Red Rose Awards 2018.

The prestigious annual ceremony at Blackpool's Winter Gardens recognises and celebrates the very best that Lancashire has to offer in terms of business, commerce and industry, promoting success, and the 'heroes' of the Lancashire economy.

In winning the Skills Provider of the Year category, Myerscough beat off very strong competition on the shortlist from other colleges and training providers across different sectors. It was the third successive year that Myerscough had been nominated.

The judges described Myerscough as a *'visionary, innovative and a world class skills provider, with developments such as the Food and Farming Innovation & Technology Centre, put the college, and the county, at the forefront of training and research.'*

The nomination was in recognition of a £30 million campus development programme, the College being rated in the top 10% of colleges nationwide for academic success, 98% of learners being in employment or further study within six months of graduation, and a student satisfaction rating in excess of 95%, among many other achievements during the year.



Sportsturf apprentice recognised at House of Commons reception



A Myerscough College sportsturf apprentice was recognised for the quality of her work at a special reception at the House of Commons.

Tara Massey was invited to Parliament to the Association of College's 'Celebrate Student Success: Past & Present' event. The AoC's Student of the Year awards highlight exceptional students from across the country, with Tara being named Highly Commended in the Apprentice of the Year category for the quality of her work during her Intermediate Apprenticeship in Horticulture - Sportsturf – Groundsmanship.

Tara has spent her apprenticeship as part of the grounds team at Manchester City Football Club, as one of only several female apprentices of their kind amongst Premier League clubs, the others being also at Manchester City, as well as at Leicester City.



Myerscough students past and present bloom at RHS Chelsea Flower Show

University Centre Myerscough students both past and present have been celebrated as being among the best in the country at the 2018 RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

In the Florist of the Year competition, Myerscough had two entries. Jacqueline Walsh, on the Foundation Degree in Professional Floristry & Floral Design study programme, was a finalist alongside Vicky Clemson, a Myerscough graduate in 2015 on the BA (Hons) Professional Floristry & Floral Design programme.

19-year-old Joanne Hargreaves, also part of Myerscough's Foundation Degree in Professional Floristry & Floral Design study programme, was a finalist in the Young Florist of the Year competition.

Jacqueline was awarded Bronze by the judges for her fantastic take on the design brief, to create a design with the floristry theme of 'Spring Wedding', with competitors in both categories asked to create a Floral Wedding Throne..

Myerscough well represented at IOG Industry Awards 2018

Myerscough College was well represented at the 2018 IOG Industry Awards, with sportsturf learners past and present nominated in a number of categories.

The awards acknowledge the passion, dedication and challenges faced by grounds staff, volunteers and professionals across all levels of sport.

Dan Sparks was shortlisted in the category of Rigby Taylor/Top Green Young Grounds Person of the Year. 26-year-old Dan, who is Head of Grounds at Bristol City's Ashton Gate stadium, completed a Level 3 apprenticeship in Work-based Horticulture (Sportsturf), and in addition to his role is studying an online Foundation Degree in Sportsturf.



Myerscough tutor named Teacher of the Year in Skills Awards 2018



A Myerscough College tutor was named Teacher of the Year in The Skills Awards 2018.

Steven Jones, GCSE and Functional Skills Lecturer in Maths, was recognised for his work with the College's learners, particularly those currently undertaking an apprenticeship in railway engineering.

The Skills Awards aims to reward the quality and diversity of educational delivery and achievement in the best educational establishments, along with the most dedicated members of the teaching profession and their learners.

Myerscough College was also nominated for Provider of the Year.

Myerscough Dans are a cut above in Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards



Two Myerscough College apprentices were named the best student greenkeepers in the country after they both scooped a prestigious national industry award.

Daniel Ashelby & Danny Patten are the 2018 Student and Young Student Greenkeepers of the Year

Daniel Ashelby has been named winner of the 2018 Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year, while Danny Patten has won the Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year accolade. Both Daniel and Danny are studying an Advanced Apprenticeship in Work-based Horticulture (Sportsturf/Greenkeeping) with Myerscough College.

The Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards is a nationwide contest hosted by greenkeepers' association BIGGA. It was the 30th year of the Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award, while the Young Greenkeeper of the Year is in its third year.

Myerscough floristry blooms at national industry awards



Myerscough College's floristry provision was named the best in the country at the industry's annual national awards ceremony, retaining the crown won in 2017.

For the third time in four years, the College was named as Training Provider of the Year at the British Florist Association (BFA) Awards, in a ceremony that recognises and celebrates the best that the industry has to offer. It's a category that Myerscough has dominated in recent years, having also won the title in 2017 and 2015, as well as being named runner up in 2016.

The British Florist Association is the official voice of the UK floristry industry and the only trade organisation in the industry to be formally recognised as such, meaning that the annual awards are truly representative of the cream of the industry.

Higher education graduate, Emily Waddington, also scooped two awards - Student of the Year, and Institute of Professional Florists (IoPF) Florist of the Year.

Myerscough shortlisted in Wyre Business Awards



Myerscough College and University Centre was shortlisted in the 2018 Wyre Business Awards.

The awards are aimed at businesses which are located or deliver services within the Wyre area, and aim to celebrate success stories and promote excellence within the county.

Myerscough has nominated in the category of Rural Business of the Year, after a year of phenomenal success, including the completion of a £30 million campus development programme, 98% of learners moving to employment or further study within six months of graduation, high student satisfaction, and a string of other awards and nominations.

Gold standard for Myerscough's higher education programmes



Myerscough College and University Centre has achieved a prestigious GOLD award in an assessment that highlights excellence in teaching and learning across higher education providers in the UK.

The award has been made by the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) in recognition of the quality of provision in the College's foundation degree, honours degree and masters study programmes. The TEF Panel judged that Myerscough delivers consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students. It is of the highest quality found in the UK.

The TEF report on University Centre Myerscough goes on to say: "Myerscough provides an excellent employer engagement strategy, leading to high rates of employment after graduation.

"There is a highly-valued culture of personalised learning, including small class sizes and high levels of tutor support, resulting in the highest levels of engagement for all students in order to acquire knowledge, skills and understanding."

The aim of the TEF award is to provide learners with better information about higher education institutions they may wish to study at, as well as recognising and rewarding excellent teaching which meets the needs of industry.



Gold for Myerscough Gardens at North West in Bloom

Myerscough College's Gardens have received a Gold Award at the 2018 North West in Bloom competition.

Myerscough was named as a Gold Award winner in the category of the North West's Best Small Tourist Attraction, at the annual event, held at the Southport Theatre & Convention Centre. Myerscough Garden World has won the category for six consecutive years between 2012 and 2017.

The Regional Awards are judged by a panel of industry experts who look at factors such as horticultural excellence, community involvement, environmental friendliness and sustainability. The latest award recognises not just Myerscough's beautiful gardens but the wider experience in the College's Plantworld centre and the inviting Garden Tea Rooms.

Recognition for Myerscough plant maintenance apprentices in national ceremony



Two Myerscough College plant maintenance apprentices received recognition for outstanding commitment to their work in a national ceremony.

The 'Stars of The Future' Awards is an annual event organised by the Construction Plant-Hire Association, in conjunction with training providers from across the country who offer plant maintenance courses.

Myerscough College had two regional winners.

The Level 2 winner was Michael Barton, from Chippindale Plant, while the Level 3 prize went to Callum Bradley, from the Hire Station. Both Michael and Callum attend Myerscough College on block release from their employer during their apprenticeships.

Myerscough landscaping apprentices named best in the UK



Two Myerscough College apprentices have been named the best in the UK after winning gold and silver at the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) WorldSkills UK finals.

Matthew Wood was crowned champion in landscaping at a prestigious award ceremony over the weekend. The 2018 WorldSkills competition saw Matthew, a Level 3 Landscaping apprentice, who is undertaking his work-based learning at Helmrig in Preston, compete alongside the other finalists from across the country to be crowned the UK's best young landscaper.

Meanwhile fellow apprentice Sam Gordon, from The Gardenmakers in Warwickshire, took home the Silver, to complete a 1-2 for Myerscough College, in a six-person national final, which was held at WorldSkills UK Live, at the NEC Birmingham.



Sports Success

England call-up for Myerscough football student



A Myerscough College football student celebrated being called up to the English Colleges FA National squad.

Tom Preston impressed in trials and was part of the squad for a fixture against the Independent Schools FA at the National Football Centre at St George's Park.

The England Colleges squad also played games against Australia, and the Welsh Colleges, as well as travelling to Italy to play in the prestigious Roma Caput Mundi, an annual international football tournament where the best players from across Europe represent their countries at Under 19 level.

Myerscough student plays in historic first ever rugby league physical disability game



A Myerscough College rugby student has teamed up with stars of Channel 4 show, *The Last Leg*, to play in the first ever rugby league physical disability match to be held in the UK.

Level 3 Diploma Rugby Studies student Tom Lockett appeared for the Leeds Rhinos Foundation Physical Disability Rugby League team as they competed in the UK's first PDRL game against Warrington Wolves Foundation.

The great eight as basketballers celebrate record year



It's been a historic year for Myerscough College's Basketball Academy, claiming an amazing eight titles, and being runners up in five more.

Myerscough, who have dominated college basketball for the last few years, were triple national champions, winning the National Basketball League Division 3 North title, the Division 3 Play-offs and the Men's National Shield.

Myerscough were also the Basketball England U17 Boys National Schools champions, and winners of the EABL (Elite Academy Basketball League) West Conference, the AoC (Association of Colleges) Premier and Knockout Cups, and the AoC North West League.

This was in addition to being runners-up in the EABL National Championship, the NBL U18s National Cup, the AoC U18 Girls Premier Cup, the NBL U18s Premier North, and the EABL National Men's 3x3 championship.



International call up for Myerscough cricket graduate Mike



Myerscough cricket graduate Michael Jones marked his full international by scoring two half-centuries in his first two ODI appearances, including 87 on his debut against Ireland, in a Tri-Series in the UAE.

Since completing a Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Cricket Studies, 19-year-old batsman Michael, has gone on to sign with Durham County Cricket Club.

American adventure awaits basketball student Milly



A Myerscough College basketball student has headed across the Atlantic to further her career.

Milly Knowles will play and study at Eastern Washington University, on the West Coast, where she will represent the Eagles in Division One of the college system. She is studying physiotherapy at EWU, during a four-year scholarship programme.

18-year-old Milly completed a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Basketball Studies at Myerscough College.



Basketball student Callan selected in Scottish Commonwealth Games squad

A Myerscough College basketball student headed to Australia to play in the Commonwealth Games.

Callan Low was called up for the Scotland basketball squad who competed in the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, as basketball made its return to the Games for the first time since 2006.

At 17-years-old, Callan also made history as he became the youngest player ever to represent Team Scotland in basketball, stepping up from being Vice-Captain of the Scotland U18 team last season.

Myerscough strengthen Colombian football links



A link between Myerscough College football and Colombia continues to flourish, after two lecturers spent time in the country delivering a special soccer camp.

Tutors Andy Collins and Conor Craddock headed to Alset-Bolton, based in Bogotá, to deliver a training camp and sports science classes, along with two coaches from Bolton Wanderers Football Club. In total, around sixty players had the unique opportunity to receive the classes and training.

Alset-Bolton Football Club is a pioneer in Colombia in conducting English football camps, with several thousand young aspiring players going through the programme so far. The aim of the partnership is to eventually give young players the opportunity to study either a one or two year further education course at Myerscough. So far, five Colombian students have come to successfully study with the College, and it's hoped that more will follow in future years.

Overseas adventures for cricket students



Myerscough College Old Trafford cricket students have enjoyed an unforgettable experience on a pre-season trip to South Africa.

The group were based at the PUK Sports Village in a Potchefstroom, an academic city in the North-West Province of South Africa, around 75 miles from Johannesburg. Myerscough played three competitive fixtures, against North West Invitational XI, North West University Under 19s, and Volksskool Potchefstroom Cricket Academy.

Meanwhile students at our Old Trafford campus enjoyed an outstanding year, attaining 100% retention and achievement, all while enjoying the superb facilities that Lancashire County Cricket Club has to offer.

Meanwhile Myerscough College Preston cricket students enjoyed a fantastic experience on their pre-season training camp in Spain.

The group were based at the Desert Springs Resort in Almeria, enjoying the same high class practice facilities as those used for the 2015 England Cricket Team Pre-Ashes Training Camp and the England ODI team, prior to the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy.

Great year for higher education golfers



It's been a phenomenal year for University Centre Myerscough's golf students, winning four trophies, including a clean sweep 'treble' of league titles.

League matches are played in a six-ball format, and the three teams, all from Myerscough, but who play under the banner of UCLan, won the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) Premier (North) division, as well as the Northern Conference 1A and 3A titles, in addition to the BUCS Sport Northern Conference Cup.

Members of the squad are all studying either Foundation Degree or other undergraduate courses in Golf Management and Performance programmes. In partnership with the University of Central Lancashire, the courses on offer allow students every opportunity to move into course management or to become professionals themselves.



Rugby students play in international tournament

Myerscough College rugby students headed to Portugal for the annual Rugby Youth Festival.

The squad jetted to Lisbon to pit their wits against teams from countries around the world. The Myerscough Academy gave a fantastic account of themselves in the Under 19s category, winning their games against local side CDUL, Irish team, Ballinrobe RUFC, and Australia's Melbourne Kangaroos, before being narrowly beaten by the eventual tournament runners up.

Myerscough College Rugby Academy was also invited to play in the biggest sporting event in the college calendar, the AoC Sport National Championships.

Myerscough played ten games across two days, winning eight, scoring 304 points conceding just 97. In their final game they came back from 17-0 down to narrowly lose 22-24, finishing third overall, with just three points separating the top three sides in the tournament.

Golf students claim national title



A team of Level 3 BTEC Golf Studies learners from Myerscough College has won the national AoC Sport Open Golf Championship at St Andrews, smashing a tournament record in the process.

The 2018 AoC (Association of Colleges) Sport Open Championships returned to the superb Fairmont St Andrews resort in Scotland, with Myerscough College battling it out with eight other colleges from across the country in team and individual events.

It was a record-breaking competition, which saw some of the best scoring in the Championships' eight-year history, with some exceptional performances from the Myerscough students over the two-day Open competition.

It was another great year for Myerscough College's FE golf students, with more success on the course adding to the programme's reputation.

Myerscough recorded league titles in both the Gross and Nett ICT (Inter Collegiate) leagues. The College field sides in both the 'Gross' (scores from scratch) and 'Nett' (scores with handicap added) leagues, with the students involved all on the Level 3 BTEC Golf Studies programme.

Campus Developments



Croxteth Park expansion completed

A multi-million pound education hub at Myerscough College's centre at Croxteth Park on Merseyside has been completed.

The state-of-the-art new Animal and Equine Studies Centre complements the College's current provision at the site, which has seen the former Glendale council depot on the site transformed into new, expanded teaching facilities. The new-look Myerscough College Croxteth Centre is made up of single-storey buildings sited behind a wall opposite the Home Farm area of the site.

The new training facilities include three animal studies blocks along with stabling, aviaries and pens for goats, alpacas and hens adjacent to the Grade II listed former Laundry House. Two other buildings have been converted for animal housing and dog grooming, and a third for reptiles, amphibians and tropical species, as well as accommodation for staff and students.

The development was granted planning permission back in November, 2016, with work commencing last May. The development enables Myerscough to continue and enhance providing students with a first class environment to deliver quality education and training.

The city council has contributed to the scheme by way of a discounted rent on the site, in addition to £1 million from the College and £2 million from the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).



Walton Hall

From September 2019, Myerscough's new centre at Warrington will be set within the newly restored Shippon in the heart of Walton Hall Park, immediately adjacent to the newly refurbished conservatories and glasshouses. Students will also have full access to the Zoo, ornamental gardens, extensive parkland and woodland.

Working in partnership with Warrington Borough Council and the Walton Lea Partnership, Myerscough College will offer courses here in Foundation Learning, Animal Studies, Horticulture and Landscape Studies.

Warrington Borough Council, working with Myerscough College, along with other partners, Walton Lea Partnership and the Friends of Walton Estate, are restoring the historic conservatory and stable buildings and transforming the old buildings into a dedicated learning centre.

The stable yard will become classrooms and offices, with the historic conservatory and vinery used as teaching, growing and display space.

Merseyside provision expansion plans continue



Work continues to further expand Myerscough College's learning provision in Merseyside, as part of a multi-million pound scheme to revamp Bowring Park, in Huyton.

The site comprises the golf course, plus a public park, which includes open parkland with veteran trees, play pathfinder area, formal historic gardens and a series of outbuildings and estate buildings.

In February 2016, an application was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Parks for People' programme to secure just under £2 million investment for the Park to restore its heritage features and re-develop the site as a public park to reinvigorate its benefit to the local area and additionally support the viability of the golf course through the restoration of its heritage assets.

As part of this programme Myerscough College plan to locate a permanent learning centre on the site, for the delivery of learning and skills to local young people in the specific vocational areas of horticulture, arboriculture, sportsturf, golf and foundation learning.

Graduation & Fellowships

Student success celebrated as four new Honorary Fellowships awarded

Internationally acclaimed consultant in agriculture, Neil Rowe; horticulture and landscape magnate, Bill Trotman; international animal conservationist, David Barclay; and former Myerscough Corporation Chairman, now Management Consultant and charity champion, Ian Higginbotham, have all accepted the highest honour that the College can bestow.

They have now been inducted into the College's elite group of inspirational people and join a very exclusive club that contains names from the world of business, sport and entertainment.



Neil Rowe is awarded a Myerscough College Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture and innovative practices in both dairy & beef sectors.

Nuffield Scholar, Neil Rowe, has 38 years of experience managing high performance beef and dairy farms, and is now an internationally renowned consultant in agriculture.

Neil has a reputation for innovation, sustainable farming and knowledge transfer, being a regular speaker at conferences and farmer meetings. For the last ten years alongside farm management Neil has been providing agricultural consultancy to farmers and industry. In the last four years he has been a finalist or winner in three national awards.

Neil said: "I'm very humbled and honoured to receive this award.

"My advice to students graduating and receiving their qualifications is to seek out as many opportunities as you can. Wherever you go there are always opportunities to learn new things. Take them and use them wisely.

"The most valuable lesson I've learned is that change is inevitable, but success isn't. I'd like to wish everyone every success in their chosen career."



David Barclay is awarded a Myerscough College Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding achievements in felid based conservation (particularly Scottish Wildcats).

David Barclay is Cat Conservation Project Officer at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, with his conservation and research work taking him all over the world.

For the last 10 years David has specialised in the management, captive breeding and research of felids and continues to play a key role in both Scottish wildcat and Pallas's cat conservation projects.

David was instrumental in Myerscough acquiring four Scottish wildcats, who live at the College's Animal Studies Centre, which means Myerscough is a contributor to the national conservation plan.

David said: "It's an absolute privilege to be given a fellowship in recognition of my work.

"My advice to students is to take every challenge that life throws at you as a learning opportunity and use it to get where you want. Be passionate about what you do and support others around you and most of all, enjoy your career."



Bill Trotman is awarded a Myerscough College Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding contribution in field of landscape and horticulture.

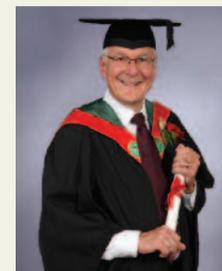
Bill Trotman has been in the horticultural industry for 47 years, working both in the public and private sectors. He is currently the Managing Director of Continental Landscapes, a business with a c£30m annual turnover.

Bill attended Myerscough between 1972-75, studying a course in amenity horticulture. He has been with Continental Landscapes for the last 23 years and as Managing Director since 2008. He has a range of academic qualifications in horticulture and technical disciplines, parks and public administration and a business degree.

Bill said: "This is indeed an honour for me and I'm very grateful to receive this award.

"I've been fortunate enough to have work I'm passionate about and work that is also rewarding. I try to do the right things with hard work and have a passion for results, and these have been the keys to the later rewards of my achievements over the years.

"For students I would say set your targets for your personal achievements and then position yourself to achieve them and enjoy your career."



Ian Higginbotham is awarded a Myerscough College Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his commitment, dedication & services to the College and charitable work.

Ian Higginbotham is a former Chair of the Myerscough Board of Governors. After a long career in the financial sector, Ian is now a Management Consultant, as well as being actively involved in Christian charity work.

Ian became Chairman of the Myerscough Corporation in 2010, serving until the end of 2013. During this time Myerscough became among the top 5% performing Colleges in the UK.

Ian said: "A massive thank you to the College for this honour. I'm deeply humbled and never thought I'd be a recipient of this.

"It has been an inspirational privilege to work with one of the very best land based colleges, which gives opportunities to people to succeed."

They join a fellowship list including the likes of ex-Manchester United manager, David Moyes; football legends Jimmy Armfield CBE & Sir Tom Finney; cricketer Andrew Flintoff; and supermarket entrepreneur, Edwin Booth.

As usual, ceremonies have taken place across Lancashire & Merseyside this year that have seen hundreds of Myerscough College and University Centre students presented with their qualifications in both Higher and Further Education, ranging from degrees and foundation degrees, through to BTECs, City & Guilds, and a host of other vocational qualifications and apprenticeships.

Alison Robinson, Principal & Chief Executive of Myerscough College, said: "I'm pleased and proud to welcome our four new fellowships, and I know they join with me in congratulating our students on their achievements.

"All four of them have made vital contributions to our student success and experiences.

"Congratulations to all of our students. They are at the heart of the College at Myerscough and the experience of our learners is so much more than a simple qualification. It includes high quality work experience, sporting competitions, applied research, community work, charity fundraising and industry knowledge, which all creates a broad, life changing experience."



Open Day and Country Fair

Crowds flock to Myerscough Open Day & Country Fair

It was another bumper year for the Myerscough College Open Day & Country Fair.

Thousands of people were welcomed to the College's main Bilsborrow campus to enjoy the excellent weather and the hundreds of attractions on offer.

The College's biggest event of the year is now well established as one of the best days out in Lancashire's outdoor events calendar. An action-packed family fun day out, the event included the usual array of demonstrations, shows and interactive activities from the College's many diverse subject areas as well as food, drink and entertainment. Prospective students also got the chance to see the beautiful campus at its best and chat with tutors and staff from each area.

The Open Day & Country Fair is a major undertaking for Myerscough and involves months of preparation by staff and students as well as working closely with dozens of partners, third party companies and exhibitors.

Highlights of the day this year included "Mr Showtime" Steve Colley performing stunts and tricks on his motorbike, the ever popular Sheep Show and the Dog and Duck Show, a Theatre of Food with demonstrations by barbeque expert Richard Holden, the Cartford Inn and Honeywell Meats, equestrian shows and demonstrations, motorsport and machinery displays, agricultural shows and falconry demonstrations, photography and floral exhibitions, a Sport Zone and children's activities. The agriculture and countryside zones and superb landscaped gardens also proved extremely popular.

The BASC Chudley's scurry proved a hit, as did a giant Children's Inflatable Playground and sheep dog trial demonstration. Visitors also enjoyed tractor and trailer rides, farm tours, off-road driving experiences, while visitors were also able to have a look at the College's array of new buildings, and enjoy other 'have-a-go' activities, including landscaping, button hole making and planting.

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- £35 million campus development programme
- OFSTED rated GOOD (March 2017) with 'highly effective' teaching
- OFSTED rated GOOD for Care & Support of Residential Students
- Top 10% of colleges nationwide for academic success
- 98% of learners in employment or study within six months of graduation
- National Centre of Sporting Excellence in football, golf, rugby, cricket and basketball
- 95%+ student satisfaction amongst 16-18 year-old learners
- No.1 specialist land-based college for 16-18 year-old results (all levels)



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