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Championing our alumni voice in shaping the future of Newcastle University is important to me that is why I am standing for Chair of Convocation. As a new law graduate (2023) and recent President of the Students' Union (2023–24), I bring fresh insights, deep knowledge of the University's governance, and a proven record of delivery.

During my presidency, I sat on the Universities key governance bodies where I championed the voice of students making sure that their perspective was realised in key decision making. This means I understand how the University really works and what needs to be done to ensure that your voice is heard.

Since graduating, I have remained involved with the University and our alumni community. I helped relaunch the Newcastle Alumni Association which included setting up a LinkedIn group to stay in touch with alumni in the region.

Furthermore, we hosted a successful networking event featuring guest speaker Andy Haddon from Big River Bakery, with more events planned for the future. These efforts reflect my passion for helping graduates stay engaged with the University.

As Chair, I would ensure that Convocation becomes a more welcoming and engaging space for all alumni to contribute. Additionally, I aim to grow participation from our increasingly global and diverse graduate body. I would like to explore new ways for recent graduates to get involved, so that Convocation offers something meaningful for everyone.

I bring fresh perspectives and loads of enthusiasm, and your kind support would be immensely appreciated.