



20 years of the University of Bremen Alumni – help us reminisce

Dear Alumni,

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Alumni Association. Some alumni have already sent us photos and short memories – thank you very much for that! We were delighted to receive these first contributions.

Perhaps you also remember an alumni event, a conversation at a reception or an evening when you reconnected with fellow former students. Do you happen to have a photo on your phone or among your records?

We would be very happy if you would like to share a picture along with two to three sentences about it. Over the course of the year, we plan to publish selected memories in our newsletter and on our social media channels, so that together we can look back on the past 20 years of the Alumni association.

Please send your contributions to: alumni@vw.uni-bremen.de

Thank you very much!

Warm regards from the office,

Your Alumni Team

ALUMNI-NEWS



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AN ESPRESSO WITH... BASTIAN BULLWINKEL

Almost 20 years ago, Bastian Bullwinkel began his bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Bremen. After completing a master's degree in "Complex Decision-Making" and an initial professional role in Hamburg, he has now been working for ten years as the press spokesperson for Universum Bremen and is an active member of the alumni association.

In our Espresso interview, he talks about his formative years as a student, the unique Bremen spirit, the power of

networks, and why staying connected to the university remains valuable long after graduation. A conversation about connection, reflection, and reconnecting with former companions. [Read more](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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ALUMNI: A WARM WELCOME TO OPEN CAMPUS

On **June 13, 2026**, the time has come again. The University of Bremen will open its doors under the motto “OPENING WORLDS – SHARING KNOWLEDGE,” inviting visitors to gain exciting insights into research, teaching, and campus life.

For us as an alumni association, this day is particularly special, as we are celebrating **our 20th anniversary** this year, and we would love to celebrate it together with you. We therefore warmly invite all alumni to visit us at our central stand during Open Campus. Look forward to reconnecting, engaging conversations, and the opportunity to revive old contacts and make new ones.

A small token of appreciation will also be waiting for you. **The first 20 alumni can look forward to receiving a goodie bag filled with little surprises.** Everyone else will still have a chance to win small alumni surprises in a fun dice game. In addition, our photo booth will provide fun and create lasting memories, offering the perfect way to capture the day. Further information will be shared soon and on our social media channels.



CAMPUS AWARD: HONORING SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH

On May 21, 2026, the CAMPUS AWARD: Research for a Sustainable Future will be presented. The award honors outstanding theses and research projects by early-career researchers that focus on the sustainable use of resources as well as the protection of the environment, climate, and oceans.

Prizes are awarded in two categories, master's theses and doctoral dissertations, recognizing work that stands out for its innovative approaches and strong practical relevance. It is endowed with a total of €3,000. The alumni association is proud to have supported this special award for many years.

The award ceremony will take place on May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Deep-Sea Research, Leobener Straße 10, in Room 2023 "Pacific Ocean."

[Click here to register](#)

EVENT SUMMARIES



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16TH CONRAD NABER LECTURE: EXPLORING "THE MARTIAN MINDSET"

University of Bremen scholars spoke about the Cluster of Excellence "The Martian Mindset" during the 16th Conrad Naber "Visions" Lecture at the Chamber of Commerce.

The event was organized by "unifreunde" with support from the alumni association.

Following a welcome address by Gerd-Rüdiger Kück of unifreunde, Professor Kirsten Tracht, co-spokesperson for "The Martian Mindset" Cluster of Excellence, presented the interdisciplinary team's innovative research approach in her keynote address. [Read more](#)



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B-HUMAN CELEBRATES ANOTHER VICTORY

B-Human continues its success story: the joint team from the University of Bremen and the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI) secured first place in both the Middle and Large Divisions at the RoboCup German Open 2026 in Cologne.

This marks a new era in robot soccer for the RoboCup team B-Human. After many successful years with NAO robots, the team will now compete in the newly established Humanoid Soccer League. Seven new Booster K1 robots celebrated their competition debut on this occasion.

The alumni association has supported the team as a sponsor for many years and is delighted to celebrate this latest success together with the B-Human Team. [Read more](#)



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BREMENCONNECT: ALUMNI TALK WITH JANA WEHMEYER

In collaboration with the alumni association, an engaging talk session was held on March 31, 2026, specifically for ProMentes and Deutschlandstipendium scholarship holders, featuring geophysicist Jana Wehmeyer. After completing her Master's degree in Geosciences at the University of Bremen, she initially worked at the Universum® Science Center in Bremen as well as in various outdoor retail stores before joining FUGRO in April 2021.

The Dutch company provides services in geophysical and geotechnical subsurface investigation, contaminated site assessment, and resource exploration. In her role as an offshore geophysicist, Jana Wehmeyer works at sea on projects around the world—most recently off the coast of South Africa. Assignments are typically global and last between three and six weeks.

She offered vivid insights into her exciting day-to-day work, her extraordinary workplace, and her personal career path. The subsequent discussion was lively and covered a wide range of questions on career decisions, personal interests, and both technical and transferable skills. A particular focus was placed on reflecting individual career paths rather than following predefined “career recipes.”

CAMPUS NEWS



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NEW CAMPAIGN: CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF THE DEUTSCHLANDSTIPENDIUM

Im funding year 2025/2026, the Deutschlandstipendium at the University of Bremen celebrates its 15th anniversary. Since its introduction, nearly 1,800 talented and dedicated students have been supported.

We have been supporting the Deutschlandstipendium for many years and are pleased about its positive impact on students. To mark the anniversary, 15 participants share what they particularly value about the scholarship. Their

insights vividly demonstrate the importance of the program for both the students and the university.

Their statements can be read online or on the Deutschlandstipendium's social media channels. [Read more](#)



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EQUALITY IN FOCUS: THE NEW WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT PLAN

With the Women's Advancement Plan for 2026 to 2029, the University of Bremen is continuing its efforts to promote gender equality. In an interview, the Gender Equality Officer, Monica Wehaus, provides insights into her work, current challenges, and the goals for the coming years. [Read more](#)

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BREMEN: A TEMPORARY HOME

In April, at the start of the summer semester, the University of Bremen will once again welcome numerous international students. To help them settle in, the International Office has created a website that makes it easy for locals to offer accommodations to new arrivals. Two university employees, Claudia Pellegrino and Britta Plote, have opened their homes to international students. In this interview, they talk about their experiences, from the advantages of scheduled shower times to new culinary impressions and game nights. [Read more in the online magazine "up2date"](#)

NEWSFLASH

TRANSFER AWARD 2026: APPLY BY MAY 31



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For the second time, the University of Bremen will honor exceptional transfer activities with its Transfer Award. The award is endowed with 2,000 euros. This year, the Sustainability Transfer Award will also be presented for the first time, which is endowed with 1,000 euros. [Read more](#)



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BREGOS² – SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE OF BREMEN'S UNIVERSITIES ENTERS NEXT ROUND

Bremen's universities are continuing their joint commitment to sustainability. The Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space will be funding the joint project "Bremen Goes Sustainable" (BreGoS) for an additional two years. [Read more](#)



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AI IN NURSING CARE: ROBERT BOSCH FOUNDATION HEALTH AWARD FOR BREMEN-BASED RESEARCH PROJECT PROKIP

The ProKIP project has received the Robert Bosch Foundation's special 'Ideas for Impact' award for 2026. On Thursday, 26 February 2026, the researchers in Professor Karin Wolf-Ostermann's team from Institute of Public Health and Nursing Research were honoured. The award, which is endowed with €25,000, was presented at a ceremony in Berlin. With this special prize, the Bosch Health Campus, on behalf of the Robert Bosch Foundation, recognises the innovative project, which contributes to improving the healthcare system with sustainable digital solutions and AI. [Read more](#)