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The American-Scottish Foundation Holds Wallace Awards During 45th Anniversary of the First US Scotland Week

Scottish/American Philanthropist Francis Finlay, CMG, OBE and City of Glasgow College CEO Paul Little
Honored for their Contributions to British-American Heritage, Arts, Culture and Education.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21, 2019 -- The American-Scottish Foundation, Inc. (ASF) hosted on November 8, 2019 its annual Wallace Awards Celebration culminating the 45th Anniversary of Scotland Week organized by Lady Natalie Douglas-Hamilton and held in New York City on November 10-17, 1974.

The Wallace Awards brings together Scots and the Scottish-Americans to honor those who have made an outstanding contribution to build and improve relations between the two countries.

“This year’s honorees were selected for their outstanding contributions to the arts and education,” said ASF President Camilla Hellman, MBE. “This is one of our most significant annual events, and we were delighted to honor Francis Finlay and Paul Little. This event raised funds for the ASF Youth Bursaries programs, originally set up by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton when he founded the American-Scottish Foundation in 1956, which helps American or Scottish youths to participate in ours and other cultural and educational programs.”

“I was particularly thrilled to speak about this year’s honoree Paul Little,” said ASF Chairman Kenneth Donnelly, “who has earned an international reputation as a visionary education reformer. I have worked with Paul over the years, and seen the accomplishments that he has made to the college system of Scotland. I am particularly impressed that he extended his expertise to New York by contributing to the SUNY Maritime College. He believes passionately that education is the great enabler of social mobility, and in providing unrivalled access to higher and further education for all, not just the few.”

“Francis Finlay made our Wallace Awards Celebration something special” said Roddy Gow, OBE, co-Chair of the Wallace Awards Committee and the ASF international Advisory Board. “He’s been called a ‘quiet philanthropist’ with a large portfolio that he calls “enthusiasms,” including years of support to his alma matter –Oxford University’s Merton College – the British Museum, the National Galleries and National Libraries of Scotland – and the ASF. His work and generosity ensure that Scottish-Americans will have access to Scotland’s history and its culture well into the next century.”

The mission of The American-Scottish Foundation[®], an international not-for-profit, is to establish links and champion the extraordinary relationship between the peoples of Scotland and the United States through the pursuit of contemporary social, cultural, and educational activities.

Additional information, photographs and video are available upon request from the American-Scottish Foundation.

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Francis Finlay, CMG, OBE

Francis Finlay, CMG, OBE, has had a long career in Anglo-American relations, support for the arts, and international finance. For his schooling, he attended Ardvreck in Crieff, Scotland before going on to Merton College, Oxford University.

In 1982, he and John Clay co-founded Clay Finlay, Inc., a global investment management firm that he led as Chairman and CEO through 2006. During that time, he served as an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University School of Business (1981-1986) and later as a Governor of the London Business School (2002-2011).

Francis' attention then turned to "a portfolio of enthusiasms." In his days at Oxford, he participated in the Oxford Playhouse, which ignited a life-long love for the theatre. Over the decades, and on both sides of the Atlantic, he has been an executive producer for many shows.

Another major interest for years has been international affairs. Francis has been very involved as a Governor and Trustee with the Ditchley Foundation, which seeks to promote international understanding and relations. He also maintains a years-long involvement with the EastWest Institute, where he is now Chairman Emeritus. Francis is an Honorary Fellow of Merton College, and a member of the Chancellors Court of Benefactors. From 2005-2015, he was Chairman of the James Martin 21st Century Foundation.

Outside the field of international affairs, Francis' not-for-profit directorships focus on education and the arts, especially in relation to Scotland. He is a Director of the American Patrons of the National Library and Galleries of Scotland, and in recognition of his significant donation towards the Playfaire Project (an ambitious, extensive redevelopment of the Royal Scottish Academy Building), the Finlay Room was named for him and opened by the Duke of Edinburgh in 2004.

Another major involvement is with the British Museum, where he was a major donor to the restoration and renovation of the Enlightenment Gallery and supports a curatorial position that bears his name. Currently, Francis is a Director of the American Friends of the British Museum (previously a Chairman), and he was a Trustee of the Museum from 2005-2013.

As he has done for decades, Francis Finlay continues to make a great contribution to the arts and culture in both Scotland and the United States. We are proud that he is an Honorary Patron of the American-Scottish Foundation.



Paul Little

Paul GK Little is the founding Principal and CEO of City of Glasgow College. A Harvard Business School graduate and distinguished academic, he brings a wealth of experience in tertiary sector transformation, curriculum innovation, change management, and performance excellence. He has been recognised with five Fellowships including the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and has earned an international reputation as a visionary reformer in redefining college education.

For the past 32 years, he has successfully led and reshaped five UK colleges, pioneering the merger of Glasgow's specialist colleges into a super campus, and then turning the City of Glasgow College into one of the top performers in Scotland in overall Further Education and Higher Education.

As Ambassador for WorldSkills in Scotland, he has overseen the creation of a World Skills Academy and the college's current top ranking in the UK. Awards include the top 'Beacon of Excellence' College in the UK, the Queen's Anniversary Award and the People Glasgow Legacy Award, and most recent articles include *New Frontiers for College Education: International Perspectives*, and *Colleges as Anchors in Their Spaces*. In late 2019, he was commissioned by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to review the impact of Scotland's colleges on the Scottish economy.

Maritime education and service has always been a major focus. He is a Fellow of the Nautical Institute, a founding Board Member of the Scottish Maritime Cluster, and has helped shape the Scottish Government Maritime Strategy. He is a veteran HM Coastguard Officer (30 years) holding various roles including SAR team leader, Rescue Cox Swain, EMT, Cliff Rescue Specialist, and Silver Command. He was decorated with two medals and long service bar from the Queen. He was also selected to train with the US Coast Guard, completing three tours of duty and being made an Honorary Member (Fifth District).

Throughout an exemplary career, Principal Little continues to believe passionately that education is the great enabler, boosting social mobility, and providing unrivalled access to higher and further education for all, not just for the few.



American Scottish Foundation 2019 Wallace Awards were presented to Francis Finlay, CMG, OBE and Paul Little, at a Gala Celebration in New York for their outstanding contributions to Anglo American Heritage, Arts and Education. Co Chairs Roddy Gow, ELizabeth De Forest Scott and Olivia Fussell join Paul Little prior to the Awards.



Olivia Fussell accepts the ASF 2019 Wallace Award on behalf of Francis Finlay from American Scottish Foundation Chairman, Kenneth Donnelly