



**STUDENT
VOICE**



**Celebrating outstanding staff and
academic reps at Ulster University.**

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Titanic Hotel | Belfast





Finola Quigg
Vice President Education

**A dhaoine uaisle, fáilte chuig Oíche na nGradam Foghlama agus Teagaisc 2024.
Welcome everyone to this year's Learning and Teaching Awards 2024.**

UUSU is delighted to again host these awards in recognition of those who continue to support our student and researcher communities, in so many ways, throughout the past academic year.

Tonight, we celebrate those individuals and teams who have made a genuine impact on the life of our students. From the front desk staff who welcome and help students navigate their way around campus, to the teaching staff who educate and prepare students for final exams, all play an integral role in shaping their time at Ulster University. Tonight, UUSU is thrilled to have this opportunity to showcase our appreciation for all those nominated.

While we're incredibly grateful to have so many of our shortlisted nominees here tonight I would also like

to extend a special thanks to those who nominated and congratulate everyone who received a nomination. Knowing a student or researcher took time to write a submission about how you made a positive impact in their life and University experience should be celebrated here this evening.

This year we received more than 500 nominations across 12 categories. Our student shortlisting panel had the challenging task of narrowing down the nominations and I cannot say I envy those difficult decisions. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our shortlisting panel for volunteering their own time to complete this work. These awards are entirely driven by our students and researchers, from nominations to deciding the winners of each category which is a huge part of what makes these awards so special.

This year we also introduced a new category: Inclusion and Belonging Champion. At UUSU fostering an inclusive environment and creating a sense of belonging is at the heart of what we do. Through this award we recognise the exceptional practices and people championing this same ethos.

It may not always be immediately apparent how the work you do shapes students' lives, but it is important to recognise it when we can. Therefore, tonight is a celebration of all the hard work, dedication, and genuine impact that you have had on those around you. I hope everyone has a wonderful evening tonight and I hope this recognition inspires you for ongoing academic years.

Le meas,



Professor Odette Hutchinson
PVC Academic Quality and Student Experience

UUSU's Learning and Teaching Awards (LTAs), are an excellent and important contribution to Ulster's culture of excellence in learning, teaching and the student experience.

The LTAs highlight examples of outstanding innovation and best practice in teaching, learning and the student experience across all our campuses in Northern Ireland. The awards celebrate examples of impactful creativity within the curriculum and meaningful enhancements to the broader student experience. They also highlight those experiences and contributions that have shaped student learning and outcomes

and been truly valued by students.

The LTAs provide an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate academic and professional services staff, who consistently demonstrate outstanding contributions to student learning and or the student experience. What is most significant about the LTAs is that they are genuinely student-led. From



Professor Paul Bartholomew

Vice-Chancellor

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to you all to the annual Ulster University Learning and Teaching Awards ceremony. Today, we come together to celebrate excellence in education and pedagogy, recognising the transformative impact of exceptional teaching and learning practices on our students, our institution, and our wider community.

At Ulster University, we are committed to providing an outstanding learning experience that empowers our students to excel and become leaders in their fields. This commitment is embodied by our dedicated teaching staff, whose expertise, innovation, and dedication inspire and motivate our students every day.

The Learning and Teaching Awards ceremony provides us with a valuable opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional achievements of our teaching staff and the innovative approaches they employ to enhance student learning and engagement. From pioneering pedagogical methods to inclusive teaching practices, each award recipient exemplifies a deep commitment to excellence in education that distinguishes them as leaders in their field.

However, the significance of the Learning and Teaching Awards extends beyond individual recognition; it reflects our collective commitment to excellence in education that permeates every aspect of Ulster University. It is a testament to our shared values and collaborative spirit – a community united by a common mission to educate, inspire, and empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators.

As we celebrate the achievements of today, let us also express our gratitude to all our teaching staff for their tireless dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence in education. Their unwavering dedication to fostering a culture of learning and innovation distinguishes Ulster University as a leader in higher education.

To recipients of awards, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved recognition of your outstanding achievements. Your accomplishments and commitment to excellence in teaching and learning serves as an inspiration to us all.

As we look ahead, let us continue to build upon these strong foundations and strive for even greater innovation, creativity, and impact in our teaching and learning practices. Together, we can continue to transform lives, empower minds, and shape the future of education for generations to come.

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate excellence in teaching and learning at Ulster University. May this ceremony inspire us all to continue our collective pursuit of excellence in education.

the nominations through to the decision-making panels to the LTA Awards event itself and it is without doubt, the student-led nature of the LTAs, that make both a nomination and award so very special to Ulster staff. There is no greater acknowledgement than that of the students themselves.

At Ulster University we work in partnership with students to continually review and

enhance student learning and experiences. This is done in pursuit of delivering a transformative learning and teaching experience for students that decide to come and study at Ulster. 2023/24 has been another productive year and we are about to launch our new Student Success Team and a Student Academic Affairs Team, each of which represents a significant investment

in student success and the wider experience by the university. As we look forward to the start of a new academic year, we do so with a sense of real pride for the exceptional staff and students that provide endless inspiration and motivation for one another. We are proud of UU.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

**EXCELLENCE
IN SUPPORT
OF STUDENT
AMBITION**

**STAFF
TEAM OF
THE YEAR**

**PHD
RESEARCHER
SUPERVISOR
OF THE YEAR**

**OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION TO
STUDENT LEARNING
(NON-TEACHING)**

**INCLUSION &
BELONGING
CHAMPION**

**STUDENT
ACADEMIC
REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE YEAR**

**EDUCATOR OF
THE YEAR**

**FACULTY OF ARTS
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL
SCIENCES**

**FACULTY OF COMPUTING,
ENGINEERING & BUILT
ENVIRONMENT**

**FACULTY OF LIFE
& HEALTH SCIENCES**

**ULSTER UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS SCHOOL**

PHD DEMONSTRATOR

**INSPIRATIONAL
AWARD**

UUSU SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT AMBITION

Staff nominated within this category will have helped develop their students into professionals that have the knowledge and skills to succeed in their chosen field. Whether through providing advice, connecting them with opportunities or supporting their dreams they will have helped them on their way to achieve their professional ambitions.



DR IDONGESIT EKERETE

School of Computing

What our students' have said...

"Dr. Ekerete possesses a rare ability to inspire and motivate students to reach their full potential. Through engaging lectures, thought-provoking discussions, and real-world examples, Dr. Ekerete fosters a supportive learning environment where students feel empowered to pursue their ambitions and excel in their chosen fields. Whether it's through one-on-one mentoring sessions, tailored academic advising, or creating opportunities for skill development and growth, Dr. Ekerete prioritizes student success at every step."

Three words students' have used to describe Idongesit...

MOTIVATING

SELFLESS

PROBLEM-SOLVER



DR LISA HARKNESS

Department of Global Business & Enterprise

What our students' have said...

"I remember my first day at university, I was so determined to be the best and Lisa has helped me achieve so much academically and professionally in my first year of university life. If anyone in our class applied for opportunities, Lisa has supported them through that. It was amazing to have the support of a lecturer I look up to. I am so thankful for her ongoing support in my career, both academically and professionally."

Three words students' have used to describe Lisa...

ORGANISED

CARING

HELPFUL



LOUISE O'BOYLE

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

What our students' have said...

"Louise O'Boyle goes above and beyond to improve the experience for students at Ulster University, does empowering work for females both student and staff. She invited me along to the white ribbon charity gala, and I have never been so empowered or inspired by advocating for women in an institution. I can't think of anyone better suited to this award, to be acknowledged for the continuous work and effect dedicated to the students and staff."

Three words students' have used to describe Louise...

EMPOWERING

PASSIONATE

DEDICATED

STAFF TEAM OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the efforts of a collective in supporting the student journey; which involves so much more than just one academic – nominations recognise the breadth of support offered from teams and the collegiality which is displayed within Ulster University.



School of Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

"This team offers exceptional support, guidance, and dedication to enhancing students' learning experiences and overall well-being. They consistently go above and beyond to offer comprehensive assistance to us, extending their support beyond regular hours to accommodate our needs, even on weekends and evenings. Their dedication to academic success and personalised guidance ensures that students have the direction and resources necessary to excel in their studies. This course holds significance for individual career advancement and for enhancing the quality of patient care."

Three words students' have used to describe Cataract & Refractive Surgery Teaching Team...

EMPOWERING

KNOWLEDGEABLE

COLLABORATION



School of Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

"This team goes over and above the role they are paid to do, has a genuine interest in students of all abilities, and is probably the most educated team any university could recruit. I have found the course content to be excellent, and found the ideas and approach the team takes to be outstanding. I have told countless friends and family how this team creates a sense of belonging and has no qualms recommending mature students to study English here."

Three words students' have used to describe English Team...

KNOWLEDGEABLE

FORWARD-THINKING

SUPPORTIVE



School of Education

What our students' have said...

"From the very beginning of the course, the lecturers welcomed me wholeheartedly, creating a strong sense of belonging in the classroom. Each session was not just a lecture, but superb presentations, delivering valuable and insightful information with clarity and expertise. Each lecturer offers a rich depth of knowledge and a distinctive approach to their teaching. Shauna and team are now an integral part of my journey towards almost achieving what I once thought was unattainable."

Three words students' have used to describe PGCE Primary Team...

COLLABORATIVE

DEDICATED

INSPIRING



PHD RESEARCHER SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the PhD Researcher Supervisor who at the top of their chosen field of research, is helping others to get to the top of theirs. They will have read endless drafts and offered continued support, inspiring their students to push boundaries.



**PROF. DEWAR
FINLAY**

School of
Engineering

What our students' have said...

"Dewar has invested significant amounts of his own time, with calls and meetings after hours when issues have arisen. Dewar has done all of this with enthusiasm and passion, always ensuring that I am prioritised. He epitomizes the qualities of an exceptional PhD supervisor and has done so for the entirety of my PGR journey. His unwavering dedication to creating a supportive, stimulating, and inspirational research environment has left a clear mark on my academic journey, propelling me further than I thought was possible."

Three words students' have used to describe Dewar...

SUPPORTIVE

MOTIVATED

INSPIRATIONAL



**DR KYLE
MATCHETT**

School of
Medicine

What our students' have said...

"Kyle established a lab focused around three core values: research excellence; research culture; and research impact. Kyle sets high standards for all of us within in the lab and is the perfect role model for all aspiring scientists. Without Kyle, I would not have been able to deal with the set-backs both personally and within the lab. He is my biggest supporter and I am very lucky to have him."

Three words students' have used to describe Kyle...

DEPENDABLE

AMBITIOUS

TRUSTWORTHY



**DR IAN
MILLER**

School of
Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

"Ian has provided me with industry insight and understanding of academic history, and how this work connects into other industries. He has assisted me to develop a career plan, helping me to set goals, whilst also building a portfolio of work for discovering consultancy opportunities. He has done this with encouragement and compassion, always supporting me to achieve my goals and beyond. I am grateful to have had his leadership and guidance throughout my research journey."

Three words students' have used to describe Ian...

EXPERTISE

INTEGRITY

DEDICATION

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT LEARNING (NON-TEACHING)

Succeeding at University depends on so much more than just the people who teach and deliver your subject content. This award is aimed primarily at non-teaching and support staff - to recognise all those outside the classroom that have gone above and beyond to help and guide students.



KEVIN BURNS

Belfast School of Art

What our students' have said...

"Kevin is currently supporting me throughout my final year, providing me with industrial knowledge on materials and suppliers, as well as painstakingly fixing the technical mistakes I make when setting up the loom. Weave is such a specialist subject, so the ability to learn from someone so greatly knowledgeable has been invaluable to me as an artist and weaver. I have yet to ask a question that Kevin does not know the answer to."

Three words students' have used to describe Kevin...

KNOWLEDGEABLE

SUPPORTIVE

ENCOURAGING



AOIFE MCFERRAN

School of Engineering

What our students' have said...

"Acting as a dedicated advocate, Aoife offered assistance with accessing resources and provided insightful advice to address any challenges I encountered. Aoife consistently exceeded the expectations of her role by going the extra mile to ensure I had everything I needed to succeed. Her proactive approach and commitment to my success enabled me to surpass my own academic goals for the year. Through her mentorship, Aoife made my university experience more enriching and fulfilling"

Three words students' have used to describe Aoife...

SUPPORTIVE

ENGAGING

KNOWLEDGEABLE



SAM SCOTT & SARA WILSON

What our students' have said...

"Sam and Sara have put their hearts and souls into their jobs. Regardless of your background they will treat you just the same as anyone else. They are arguably the best the university has to offer. If Ulster wants to show reasons why people should come to study at their campuses, it's not through state-of-the-art facilities. It's through good-hearted people like Sara and Sam, who'll go the extra mile for anyone."

Three words students' have used to describe Sam & Sara...

FUNNY

PATERNALISTIC

ASSURING



INCLUSION & BELONGING CHAMPION

A new category, this award recognises those who demonstrate a commitment to advancing the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion across Ulster University communities and beyond.



**DR STEPHEN
BUTLER**

School of Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

"Dr Stephen Butler is probably one of the most equality-seeking lecturers in this university. Every single book I have studied throughout my three years here have been from under-represented (mainly female) authors. He is always seeking to educate us for the bigger picture, the entire world, the planet itself. I started university feeling (as a very mature student), I had no right to be here but am leaving it feeling empowered and enriched"

Three words students' have used to describe Stephen...

PIONEERING

INCLUSIVE

FORWARD-THINKING



**DR MARIANNE
DOHERTY**

School of Law

What our students' have said...

"I always remember the sense of belonging and inclusion that was fostered by her way of teaching. Even small actions which have a big impact such as the sharing of pronouns and having them visible in email correspondence and on her lanyard allowed me to feel even more welcome in her classes. Marianne always stressed how it was her priority to make sure that everyone was able to perform at their best and always signposted towards who could help further"

Three words students' have used to describe Marianne...

PASSIONATE

COMPASSIONATE

UNDERSTANDING



**DR PAUL
JOSEPH-RICHARD**

Department of Management, Leadership & Marketing

What our students' have said...

"He's committed to making sure all students, including mature students like me, feel supported and included at university. He has been the most helpful Lecturer who constantly encourages his students to get out of their comfort zones as he sees the potential in them. Dr Joseph has written many papers on how inclusiveness is so important. He has championed all students, allowing them to have their say in different lecture focus groups."

Three words students' have used to describe Paul...

EMPATHETIC

APPROACHABLE

EXPERIENCED

STUDENT ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR

Our Course Reps, School/Dept Reps and Faculty Reps are a vital source of information, support, and guidance for our students. This group of volunteers provide the conduit between students and course teams to ensure their collective voice is heard within the University and UUSU. These students have been nominated and recognised by their peers and staff members.



LAUREN BOYLE

School of Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

"She volunteers for everything, usually without being asked, demonstrating her helpfulness and generosity with her time. Lauren's dedication to this role has had a positive impact on how she actively represents the student voice, making my job much easier! Lauren always takes the time to connect with her classmates ahead of our student staff meetings, to ensure everyone's views are captured, represented, and elevated, particularly when change is required."

Three words students' have used to describe Lauren...

GENEROUS

SUPPORTIVE

COMMITTED



DEVON-LOUISE GILLILAND

School of Nursing & Paramedic Science

What our students' have said...

"Devon has been an exemplary class representative. Throughout her tenure she has displayed an exceptional high level of maturity and awareness, often able to read, understand and analyse the dynamics of numerous situations, and always offering the appropriate level of support. She has championed the need for suitable practice time for her fellow peers and has proven to be a trusted medium through which her fellow students feel comfortable raising their concerns."

Three words students' have used to describe Devon-Louise...

APPROACHABLE

MOTIVATIONAL

INCLUSIVE



HANNAH MCALEAVEY & MARTIN MCCARTHY

Department of Management, Leadership & Marketing

What our students' have said...

"They have consistently demonstrated exceptional qualities in representing and amplifying the voices of their fellow students, consulting their peers, gathering their views, and representing them with respect and professionalism. Hannah and Martin have been good advocates for positive change. They have consistently gone above and beyond to ensure student voices are heard. They effectively lobbied for adjustments to teaching methods, leading to a more interactive and engaging classroom environment."

Three words students' have used to describe Hannah & Martin...

RESPONSIBLE

PROFESSIONAL

EXEMPLARY



**EWAN MCCOMB
STUDENT SPEAKER**

School of Arts & Humanities
3rd Year BA Hons History Student

Ewan will be sharing his UU journey as a final year Coleraine student, course rep and engaged member of UUSU. He will be reflecting on those who influenced and shaped his experience inside and outside of the lecture theatres.

OUR CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2024

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Sharing the Love throughout the year

Through the UUSU Share the Love campaign we offer students a less formal opportunity to tell us about their real time experience in acknowledging those who make a real impact day to day. Our Rep and Staff of the month awards aim to shine a light on the inspirational work going on at Ulster University throughout the year.

All those nominated have been recognised by their students as a valued partner in supporting and developing their learning experience at Ulster University.



STUDENT VOICE



Reps of the Month:



JOSEPHINE DOWELL

Three words to describe Josephine...

**Positive
Supportive
Professional**



MUHAMMAD FAROOQ SIDDIQUI

Three words to describe Muhammad...

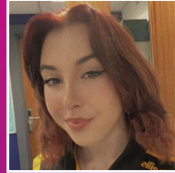
**Innovative
Impactful
Excellent**



PADRAIC ETHERTON

Three words to describe Padraic...

**Effervescent
Irreplaceable
Courageous**



CAITLIN LOWRY

Three words to describe Caitlin...

**Dedicated
Determined
Caring**



BROOKE STEWART

Three words to describe Brooke...

**Articulate
Passionate
Empathetic**



Staff of the Month:



ANDY LYNCH

Three words to describe Andy...

**Ambitious
Inspiring
Brilliant**



MARINUS THOMAN

Three words to describe Marinus...

**Intelligent
Informative
Golden**



PROF. DEIRDRE BRENNAN

Three words to describe Deirdre...

**Empathetic
Committed
Knowledgeable**



DR FODHLA MCGRANE

Three words to describe Fodhla...

**Dynamic
Supportive
Kind**



DR RACHELLE IRWIN

Three words to describe Rachelle...

**Attentive
Practical
Outgoing**

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES
& SOCIAL SCIENCES

During such an exceptional time in higher education there have been many changes and challenges to navigate. This award aims to recognise all the elements of teaching excellence which bring a subject to life and immerses students in their learning experience. We receive so many nominations in this category there is one for each Faculty.



**DR LAURA
AGUIAR**

School of
Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

"Laura's lectures are always engaging and informative. She actively encourages us to get involved and participate in events outside of class, often facilitating these events herself. Her enthusiasm for the subject always shines through, encouraging us to think outside the box and explore different areas of the industry. It always feels like she actively cares about us as individuals and wants us to do the absolute best that we can."

Three words students' have used to describe Laura...

PASSIONATE

INFORMATIVE

AMAZING



**DR JANET
COULTER**

Belfast School
of Art

What our students' have said...

"She took such care to plan every class to make the material interesting, interactive and brought us out of our shells. For every single class she had planned activities and games, all with props to make the material come alive. I cannot understate how much we all looked forward to her class each week. She is a fantastic teacher that will always stick in my mind and has ensured my return as a mature student."

Three words students' have used to describe Janet...

CREATIVE

ENGAGING

FUN



**DEBORAH
WHITE**

Belfast School
of Art

What our students' have said...

"I have witnessed first-hand how Deborah is always getting to know students, giving tips, providing knowledge and influential contacts so students can build their own network. Deborah's eager, enthusiastic passion for textiles has really motivated and driven me this year. Her dedication to her students does not end at 5pm. I am grateful to Deborah as she has pushed yet supported and challenged me to aim high. Most of all, I am grateful for her encouragement to believe in myself!"

Three words students' have used to describe Deborah...

ADAPTABLE

AMIALE

DILIGENT



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

FACULTY OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING
& THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



**SIMON
FRASER**

School of
Computing

What our students' have said...

"In all interactions I've had with Simon I've been spoken to in a manner that made me feel equal and I have never felt inadequate or ashamed when not understanding a topic. He finds ways to explain difficult topics in a manner that explains topics fully without over-explaining and causing more confusion. Simon has made an effort to speak with all students and has been the friendliest and most understanding educator I have come across."

Three words students' have used to describe Simon...

UNDERSTANDING

ENTERTAINING

INFORMATIVE



**DR ANGELA
ROLFE**

Belfast School of Architecture
& the Built Environment

What our students' have said...

"They are genuinely enthusiastic about the subject and create a fun, but professional environment which inspires people to learn. It genuinely seems like they have the cohorts' best interests in mind and they go above and beyond to check on people's welfare and understand how their academic journey is going. This is somebody who you look forward to engaging with and I know the same is true for the rest of my cohort."

Three words students' have used to describe Angela...

GENUINE

ENTHUSIASTIC

SUPPORTIVE



**MARINUS
TOMAN**

School of Computing,
Engineering & Intelligent Systems

What our students' have said...

"The quality of his module was superb. I learned so much, the most I have learned in any module so far. The quality of the practical work was fantastic, and it was always extremely engaging. He stands in sharp contrast with many of the lecturers I have had up to this point. He consistently put maximum effort into his engagements with my class. Truly a cut above the rest."

Three words students' have used to describe Marinus...

INFLUENTIAL

EFFECTIVE

GOLDEN

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

FACULTY OF LIFE &
HEALTH SCIENCES



**DR FELICITY
HASSON**

School of Nursing
& Paramedic Science

What our students' have said...

"Felicity was the 'rock' that I needed to get through. Nothing is ever too small or big for Felicity. Felicity provides more than the allocated time in the module and I know she sacrifices her personal time to do this. She has really made an impact on my work and how I approach evidence-based practice. Felicity embodies the essence of an exceptional educator, and their unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching deserves recognition."

Three words students' have used to describe Felicity...

DILIGENT

INNOVATIVE

NURTURING



**DR ALYSON
HILL**

School of
Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

"Dr. Hill went above and beyond, investing her time in preparing us and staying long after the lecture, personally assisting each group. This level of care left a lasting impression, demonstrating her commitment to her students' success. Unlike any other educator I've encountered, Dr. Hill is approachable and proactive. Her unwavering dedication to being accessible has been invaluable to me, and I am forever grateful."

Three words students' have used to describe Alyson...

COMPASSIONATE

RELIABLE

HUMBLE



**MARK
POULTER**

School of
Health Sciences

What our students' have said...

"Mark goes out of his way to try and teach students in a variety of ways. He finds interesting ways of encouraging retention by associating learning with real-life stories. He has clever ways of remembering things that I found useful such as fun little phrases like "posh cowboy" to remind us of assessment techniques. He is passionate about educating students and helping them become the best possible healthcare practitioners they can be."

Three words students' have used to describe Mark...

ENGAGING

PASSIONATE

FAIR



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

ULSTER UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS SCHOOL



**DR MARC
DUFFY**

Business
Engagement Unit

What our students' have said...

"It is clear that he stands out as a lecturer who really truly cares about his students and subject and wants to inspire others to be passionate as well. Having been an apprentice himself Marc has a unique insight into the lives of my cohort allowing him to connect with us on a deeper level. Marc is enthusiastic and compassionate and makes a genuine difference and impact on his students' lives."

Three words students' have used to describe Marc...

DEVOTED

APPROACHABLE

EMPOWERING



**SEAN
OWENS**

Department of Hospitality &
Tourism Management

What our students' have said...

"Chef Owens has inspired me and many other students to excel in competitive environments. They always believed in me and pushed me to the limit. For this I am forever grateful, he never gave up on me. I remember his mantra, "Train Hard now and live your life as a champion". I am now the World Skills UK Champion in Culinary Arts. Without Chef Owens' investment in me, this would never have been possible."

Three words students' have used to describe Sean...

CREATIVE

PATIENT

RELENTLESS



**DR AISLING
REID**

Department of Global Business
& Enterprise

What our students' have said...

"Dr. Aisling Reid is an exemplary lecturer whose dedication to inspiring students in the field of business enterprise is truly commendable. With a passion for fostering innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, she consistently goes above and beyond to impart valuable knowledge and mentorship to her students. Aisling has been a true inspirational lead in the development of my academic and professional skills and I will never forget the advice, encouragement, and support that she has given me."

Three words students' have used to describe Aisling...

INSPIRATIONAL

HARD-WORKING

CARING

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

PHD
DEMONSTRATOR



**KEELAN
HALL**

School of
Psychology

What our students' have said...

"Keelan truly has been an excellent teacher and guide all throughout my dissertation process. He is happy to help and guide at all times of the day and night and nothing is ever to much bother, even when it could be! A great Phd researcher who deserves recognition in his teaching and guidance."

Three words students' have used to describe Keelan...

INFORMATIVE

RESPONSIVE

PRODUCTIVE



**ABIGAIL
KENNEDY**

School of
Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

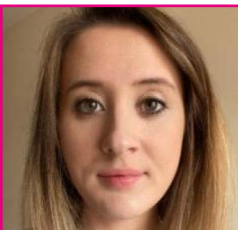
"Abigail's strongest points are her enthusiasm; her ability to communicate complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner and consistently providing valuable and timely feedback helping students to make significant improvements in their academic journey. This passion has a profound impact on our motivation and engagement in learning. Abby shows the qualities of an outstanding educator, and her contributions have had a lasting impact on students' academic and professional growth."

Three words students' have used to describe Abigail...

PATIENT

ENTHUSIASTIC

ENGAGING



**PATRICIA PUYOL
MCKENNA**

School of
Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

"Patricia has shown extraordinary dedication, passion, and talent as a demonstration. Her excitement for the subject is evident, making every engagement with her both stimulating and enriching. Patricia is a leader in creatively utilising technology to improve the learning environment. They use unique teaching strategies to engage pupils to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Their innovative teaching style pushes pupils to think outside the box and explore new possibilities within the subject area."

Three words students' have used to describe Patricia Puyol...

PATIENT

ENTHUSIASTIC

ACCOMMODATING



INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

This person stands out to our students as the one who has made a difference to their academic career: nominations encompass examples of support and innovation in all aspects of student life, above all these individuals inspire further study and deeper learning.



**DR FELICITY
HASSON**

School of Nursing & Paramedic Science

What our students' have said...

"Felicity is more than just a tutor, she is a beacon of inspiration for her students. What sets Felicity apart is her unique ability to not only impart knowledge but to inspire and motivate her students to strive for excellence. She has a remarkable talent for making complex concepts accessible, sparking engaging discussions that leave a lasting impression. Her unwavering commitment to student success, coupled with her passion for teaching and genuine care for her students, makes her truly deserving."

Three words students' have used to describe Felicity...

COMPASSIONATE

APPROACHABLE

NON-JUDGEMENTAL



**CLAIRE
SCOTT-MCATEER**

Department of Global Business & Enterprise

What our students' have said...

"Claire goes above and beyond to create opportunities to support students in any area where they need it, as well as providing a fantastic course. Claire is an inspirational teacher. I asked my fellow students if they had anything to add and 'above and beyond' was the prevailing opinion, along with, 'best teacher I have ever had', 'kind and helpful,' and 'the course director is a dote and makes accounting more interesting than you would expect'."

Three words students' have used to describe Claire...

CHEERLEADER

EXPERTISE

PERSPICUOUS



**DR DONNA
TOWE**

Department of Management, Leadership & Marketing

What our students' have said...

"It would be no understatement to say that without her providing the support she I would have dropped out by now. She's inspiring in her ability to be everything at once. Your tutor, your friend, your course director, your disciplinarian, your support and that person that gives you that talk that you don't want to have but you really need. She does her job so well that you never actually notice that she's doing it at all."

Three words students' have used to describe Donna...

UPLIFTING

AWESOME

ENERGETIC



UUSU SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The UUSU Recognition Award aims to profile partnership focused projects and the people behind them.

By listening to or encouraging active participation by SU officers, reps or wider student communities they will have removed barriers and provided authentic opportunities to collaboratively enhance the lived student experience.

UUSU is honoured to recognise two recipients this evening.



LAST YEAR'S WINNERS



NOMINATED STAFF & STUDENTS

Aaron McGrotty
 Aaron Niblock
 Abigail Kennedy
 Abigail Pierce
 Adrian Boyd
 Adrian Moore
 Adrian O'Connell
 Aideen Hunter
 Aine Doran
 Aisling McBride
 Aisling McLaughlin
 Aisling Reid
 AJ Ramos
 Alec Parkin
 Alex Shortt
 Alison Hampton
 Alison Yeates
 Alyson Hill
 Amanda Finch
 Amy Boyle
 Andrea Reid
 Andrew Chambers
 Andrew Coyle
 Andrew Keanie
 Andrew Nesbit
 Andy Lynch
 Andy Turnbull
 Angela Carlin
 Angela Rolfe
 Anne Maire Ward
 Antonio Leccisotti
 Aodhan McNicholl
 Aoife McFerran
 Arshad Raza Syed
 Athena Acosta
 Barry Quinn
 Beverly McCormick
 Brian McEnteggart
 Brian Mulligan
 Brian Solan
 Bronagh Masoliver
 Brooke Stewart
 Callum Crummey
 Caoimhin Boyle
 Carmel Traynor
 Caroline McNutt
 Caroline Morrison
 Caterina Brandoni
 Catherine Hegan
 Catherine Hepburn
 Catherine Hughes
 Cathy Corbett
 Cathy Gilligan
 Cathy Kennedy
 Chiara Salaris
 Chris Nugent
 Christina Woods
 Christopher Anderson
 Christopher McLaughlin
 Cillian McGrattan
 Claire McDowell
 Claire Scott-McAteer
 Claire Wright
 Clare Rainey
 Clodagh Hegarty
 Connor Brain
 Conor Heffernan
 Damian Hutton
 Dan Reinstein
 David Anderson
 David McCartney
 Dawn Surgenor
 Dawood Kahn
 Debbie Greaves
 Deborah Grant
 Deborah Lowry
 Deborah White
 Declan McKenna
 Deirdre Brennan
 Deirdre Heenan
 Denise MacDermott
 Dermot Barnes-Holmes
 Devon-Louise Gilliland
 Dewar Finlay
 Donna Caldwell
 Donna Taggart
 Donna Towe
 Edel Griffin
 Elizabeth Crooke
 Emeir McSorley
 Erin Bryd
 Erin Early
 Erin Kelly
 Felicity Hasson
 Fidelma Ashe
 Finbarr O'Harte
 Fodhla McGrane
 Frances Devine
 Frances Donnelly
 Francesca McLean
 Frank Ferguson
 Frank Sewell
 Franz Hoeritzauer
 Fred Johnson
 Gary Adamson
 Gearóid Ó Domagáin
 Geraint Williams
 Giluano Campo
 Grainne Kelly
 Gregory McGrath
 Hannah McAleavey
 Hannah McSorley
 Hayden Bennet
 Hazel Bruce
 Heather Burgess
 Helen Dolk
 Helen McGuffin
 Helene McNulty
 Henry Melki
 Hoang Anh Bui
 Hope Paul
 Huiru Zheng
 Ian Cleland
 Ian Miller
 Ian Thatcher
 Idongesit Ekerete
 Jack Gormley
 Jack Quigley
 James Bradbury
 James Dooley
 James Houston
 James MacPherson
 James Ward
 Jamie Scott
 Jan Jędrzejewski
 Janet Coulter
 Janette Connolly
 Jason Broom
 Jason Wilson
 Jency Rajan
 Jennifer Goddard
 Jenny Davison
 Jenny Reid
 Jerome Marley
 Joan Ballantine
 Joanna Ward
 Joanne Wright
 John Thompson
 John Wade
 Johnathon Wallace
 Jonathan Acheson
 Judith Wylie
 Justin Sherwin
 Karen Lacey
 Karen Walsh
 Karim Tourkmani
 Kate Byrne
 Katherine Byrne
 Kathryn Saunders
 Kathryn White
 Katie Lagan
 Katie Liston
 Katrina Bradley
 Keelan Hall
 Kelly Clarke
 Ken Boston
 Kerry Clarke
 Kevin Baxter
 Kevin Burns
 Kevin De Ornellas
 Kim Martin



NOMINATED STAFF & STUDENTS

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Kinza Jabin
Kirsty Pourshahidi
Kris Brown
Kristel Miller
Kyle Hughes
Kyle Matchett
Lara Gillespie
Lara Goodall
Laura Aguiar
Laura Morgan
Lauren Boyle
Leane Hoey
Lee Cadieux
Leonie Murray
Lesley Hemphill
Lesley McGrogan
Liam O'Driscoll
Linda McElduff
Lindsey Finch
Lisa Harkness
Liza Fitzpatrick
Lizzy Deery
Louise Brown
Louise O'Boyle
Lysa Owen
Mackenzie Smyth
Maire Braniff
Mairead Ferris
Marc Duffy
Marcio Novaes
Maria Mulhern
Marian McLaughlin
Marianne Doherty
Marinus Toman
Mark Benson
Mark McCrory
Mark Ng
Mark Poulter
Mark Shelvin
Marriane Doherty
Martin McCarthy
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Mary McCann
Mary O'Rawe
Mateus Webba da Silva
Melanie Giles
Mervyn Smyth
Michael Chapman
Michael Gillies
Michael McKnight
Michelle Tracey
Mickey Keenan
Mike O'Callaghan
Moses Moboluwaji Itanola
Moyra McClure
Mst Sonia Khatun

Muhammad Farooq Siddiqui
Muhammad Usman Hadi
Neera Thamilmaran
Neil Duncan
Neil Saunders
Niall Cartey
Niall McAteer
Nick Maycock
Nigel Farrell
Nigel Irwin
Nigel Ternan
Noel Brick
Noella O'Neil
Noelle McManus
Noha Seoudi
Nomathamsanqa Tholo
Noreen Giffney
Olawale Olaiya
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Rita-Marie Murtagh
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Robert McKenna
Robert McMurray
Robert McNamara
Robyn Macartney
Rodger Anderson
Rodrigo De Almeida
Rory Quinn
Rosaleen Hegarty
Rosemary Craig
Rosina Doherty-Allan

Ruth Mercer
Ruth Price
Ryan Harkin
Saikat Jana
Sam Doherty
Sam Moore
Sam Scott
Sara McDowell
Sara Wilson
Sarah Bonner
Sarah Craig
Sarah Dargie
Sasha Gillespie
Sayali Chavan
Sean Owens
Shane Porter
Shannon Devlin
Sharatchandra Varma Bogaraju
Sharon Ponsonby-McCabe
Shaun Ryan
Shauna McGill
Shauna Page
Shirley Davey
Siena McConaghie
Simon Fraser
Simon Russell
Siobhán Buckley
Sonyia McFadden
Sophie Scott
Stephanie Funnell
Stephen Brown
Stephen Butler
Stephen McNamee
Stephen Shannon
Susan Hawthorne
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