

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND LAW

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES 2025













# Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 4:30pm Aula Maxima North Wing University College Cork

Welcome
Professor Thia Hennessy
Head, College of Business and Law
University College Cork





## Dear Students and Guests,

As Head of the College of Business and Law, I am delighted to award the following scholarships and prizes. It is a special occasion for us to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students.

The College of Business and Law strives for the highest standards internationally. The School of Law is among the world's best law schools, ranked in the top 100 globally in the QS World University Subject Rankings. Cork University Business School continues to grow with ambition: its accreditation by both AMBA and AACSB places it in the top 2% of Business Schools worldwide, and it is now progressing EQUIS accreditation.

Today's celebration would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors, partners and donors and we are very grateful for this support over many years. I also acknowledge the UCC Advancement Office Team which plays a key role in the advancement of College scholarships and prizes, for the benefit of our students.

Our awards include the "Head of College Exceptional Achievement Award", with recipients nominated by the Deans of both Business and Law. It acknowledges a student, this year two students, who have had an extraordinary impact and made a truly unique contribution to student life.

For all Award recipients, today's recognition is testament to your excellence and to the development of graduate attributes reflective of the University's core values. We congratulate you and wish you every success. Those now leaving UCC are encouraged to stay in touch with your lecturers, programme staff, and fellow students. Membership in the Alumni Association will help keep you current and connected with the College and University, as we go from strength to strength with your support.

#### **Professor Thia Hennessy**

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# <u>Prizes and Scholarships offered in the</u> <u>Cork University Business School (CUBS)</u>

# Anthony Reidy Memorial Prize in Accounting

The Chartered Accountants Cork Society have established The Anthony Reidy Memorial Prize in Accounting to honour the memory of Anthony Reidy, a graduate of UCC, who qualified as a Chartered Accountant and was a partner in PwC. Mr. Reidy served as Chair of the Chartered Accountants Cork Society from 2010 to 2012. Mr. Reidy sadly passed away in July 2021.

Alison Lyons, BSc Accounting 3

#### Aoife O'Connell Memorial Prize

This bursary is awarded to a second year student pursuing the BA Economics (Through Transformational Learning) to support spending Year III abroad. The Prize remembers Aoife O'Connell, a third year BA Economics student, who tragically died in Utrecht in 2019, while studying on her year abroad. An ambassador for the programme, Aoife embodied values and attributes that UCC wishes our students to cultivate. The Prize is offered by her family to enable future students to avail of the opportunities and experiences that Aoife had, so that they can better develop those values and attributes.

Roberta Pagliotta, BA Economics 2

#### BComm Gold Medal for Academic Achievement

This specially commissioned medal prize is presented annually to the BComm IV student who achieves the highest academic marks based on their final year.

Damian Florence Cooper, BComm



# BComm III Year Abroad Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to student who has received the highest marks overall in Year II of the BComm and who has been accepted for Study Abroad in Year III.

Ciarán O'Sullivan, BComm 3 Nicola McKeon, BComm 3

## BComm III Semester Abroad Scholarship

These Scholarships are awarded to students who have received the highest marks overall in Year II of the BComm and who have been accepted for study abroad for a semester in Year III

Jacob Allen, BComm 3
Abigail Carey, BComm 3
Cassie Whelan, BComm 3
Eva Callanan, BComm 3
Stephen Spence, BComm 3

# BComm Strategy Capstone Group Project 2023/2024

This Award is presented annually to the BComm Strategy Capstone module student team which achieves the highest academic marks based on their Group Project. The Award is made in recognition of excellence in critical thinking, teamwork and strategic analysis.

Jennifer Helen Buckley, BComm Niall Byrne, BComm Alison Guerin, BComm Cian Murphy, BComm Darragh O'Donoghue, BComm



#### The Dr Brendan Richardson Memorial Prize

This Award remembers our colleague Dr Brendan Richardson, a long-standing lecturer in the Department of Management and Marketing, Cork University Business School, who passed away in June 2018. Brendan lectured on the MG2003 module for many years with consumer behaviour and sustainability issues central to his interests and expertise. This Prize is presented annually to the student who achieves the highest overall academic mark in the MG2003 module: *Consumer Behaviour and Sustainable Consumption* 

Kate Margaret Browne, BComm 2, MG2003

#### CUBS Dean's Scholars List

The Dean's Scholars List is an annual award for academic excellence and performance of the very highest achievers. Dean's List winners become part of a distinctive alumni community, inspiring the career aspirations of future students from the School and beyond. Students who achieve the highest overall mark in third year of an undergraduate degree programme in CUBS, are eligible to be nominated to the Dean's List.

Kaitlyn Alexi Gerber, BComm

Aisling Mary O'Halloran, BSc Food Marketing & Entrepreneurship

Alison Lyons, BSc Accounting

Cillian Val Walsh, BSc Finance

Neasa Elizbeth Goulding, BSc Business Information Systems

Noah Rivera Hawthorn, BSc International Development

**Jiayi Wang** BA (Business and Financial Economics)

Laurenz Maximilian Weber, BComm (International) with Chinese Stds.

Ava Dineen, BComm (International) with French

Rebecca Mary Ryan, BComm (International) with German



Tara Eileen Keane McCarthy, BComm (International) with Hispanic Stds.

Cormac Anthony Leahy, BComm (International) and Irish

Benny Enwerem, BComm (International) with Italian

Paulina Marta Jaworska, BComm (Hons) (International) with German

## The PwC Prize for First Accounting and First Finance Students

PwC sponsor annual prizes to first year BSc Accounting and BSc Finance students who achieve the highest combined aggregate mark in accounting modules:

First Prize: Molly Bridget Morley, BSc Finance 1
Second Prize: Donagh Paul Stephenson, BSc Finance 1

Third Prize: Eimear O'Donnell, BSc Finance 1

#### The PwC Prize for First Year Commerce

PwC sponsor annual prizes to students who achieve the highest combined aggregate mark in accounting, economics, mathematics and statistics modules in Year I of the BComm Degree.

First Prize: Timothy O'Leary, BComm 1
Second Prize: Eva Kavanagh, BComm 1

Third Prize: Cian John O'Riordan, BComm 1

# The PwC Prize for Second Accounting and Second Finance Students

PwC sponsor annual prizes to students who achieve the highest combined aggregate mark in accounting modules in Year II of the BSc Accounting or BSc Finance programmes.

First Prize: Ailbhe Margaret O'Carroll, BSC Accounting 2

Second Prize: Tom Kenneth Kelly, BSc Finance 2
Third Prize: Colin Hannigan, BSc Accounting 2



#### The PwC Prize for Second Year Commerce

PwC sponsor annual prizes to students who achieve the highest combined aggregate mark in the core subjects of Year II of the BComm Degree: management accounting, economics, information systems and management.

First Prize: Ciarán O'Sullivan, BComm 2

Second Prize: Emma Louise McCarthy, BComm 2
Third Prize: Samuel John Costelloe, BComm 2

# The PwC Prize in Accounting

This Prize is awarded annually to the BSc Accounting student who receives the highest combined aggregate mark in accounting modules.

Liam Hickey, BSc Accounting 4

# The Deirdre O'Sullivan Memorial Prize in Accounting

KPMG Ireland established this prize to honour the memory of Deirdre O'Sullivan, a graduate of UCC, who qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG and who sadly passed away in September 2011. The prize is awarded to the Master of Accounting student who receives the highest aggregate mark.

Conor Timothy Buckley, Master of Accounting

## The KPMG Prizes

These prizes, awarded by KPMG, Chartered Accountants, are presented to the students who have obtained the highest and second highest marks in the overall Second University Examination in the BSc (Hons) Accounting Degree programme.

First Prize: Ailbhe Margaret O'Carroll, BSc Accounting 2

Second Prize: Elizabeth Lobanova, BSc Accounting 2



# KPMG Outstanding Scholar - Year I BSc Accounting

This prize, awarded by KPMG, Chartered Accountants, is presented after competition to two first year BSc Accounting students and includes a summer internship with the firm.

Cormac Shine Holland, BSc Accounting

Ruth O'Donoghue Patterson, BSc Accounting

# KPMG Outstanding Scholar - Year II BSc Accounting

This prize, awarded by KPMG, Chartered Accountants, is presented after competition to two second year BSc Accounting students and includes a summer internship with the firm.

Éimer Dinneen, BSc Accounting

Ruth Stritch, BSc Accounting

# KPMG Women in Accounting Prize

This prize, awarded by KPMG, Chartered Accountants, is presented after competition to female student(s) in second year BSc Accounting. Through its "Women in Accounting" scholarship programme, KPMG hopes to increase awareness and encourage a new generation of high-achieving women to take up the challenge of a career in accounting.

Ailbhe Margaret O'Carroll, BSc Accounting 2



#### The Deloitte Economics Prize for BSc. Finance

The Department of Economics, UCC, in partnership with Deloitte, award these Prizes to the students who achieved the highest average grade in economics modules in years I through to IV of the BSc Finance Degree.

Róise Maire O'Donnell, BSc Finance 1 Michael Dore, BSc Finance 2 Cillian Val Walsh, BSc Finance 3 Claudia Anne Kavanagh, BSc Finance 4

### The Downey Prize

Colleagues and friends of the late Mr. Joseph Downey, Secretary and Bursar of University College Cork from 1912 to 1944, raised a fund for the provision of an annual book prize, to be known as "The Downey Prize" and awarded on the results of the Summer BComm (Hons) Degree Examination.

Damian Florence Cooper, BComm 4

## The Edward P. Cahill Prize

With the support of the Department of Accounting and Finance and UCC, Mrs Angela Cahill established this prize to acknowledge the contribution of her husband, Professor Edward Cahill, to the University. Professor Cahill was the first Professor of Accounting at UCC, holding the position from 1988 until his death in 2005.

The Prize is awarded to the student who achieves the highest overall marks in the final year of the BSc. Accounting Degree.

Emma Helen O'Donovan, BSc Accounting 4



# The FDC Group Scholarship

The FDC Group Scholarships support students participating in the Master of Accounting, MSc Management and Marketing, and MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives programmes. Included in the Scholarships is the opportunity for recipients to complete the placement element of their programme with FDC Group.

Patrick Thomas O'Halloran, MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives Michael Anthony Walsh, MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives Holly Laragh Bowles, MSc Management and Marketing

# Ornua Scholarship: MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives

This Scholarship is awarded after competition to a student accepted onto the MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives programme.

Marie Aoife O'Leary, MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives

# The Carbery Group Scholarship

This Scholarship is awarded annually following competition to a postgraduate student in the MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives, Agri-programme. It provides fees, stipend and work placement with The Carbery Group.

Ellen Catherine Hurley, MSc Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives

## James Quirk Memorial Prize in Sports Economics

This Prize is supported by the Quirk Estate in remembrance of the seminal lifetime contributions made to the field of sports economics by Professor Quirk, who taught at Caltech and the University of Kansas, and was of Irish descent. It is presented to the student with the best academic performance annually in the module EC 3219 – *The Economics of Sport.* 

Felix Schilcher, Erasmus, VSEU



# The John Busteed Memorial Prizes

Awarded to students of Economics, this is a series of prizes funded in honour of Professor John Busteed, Professor of Economics and Dean, Faculty of Commerce, from 1924-1964, who was an inspiring teacher, an enthusiastic supporter of Adult Education, instrumental in the unification of the trade union movement, and member of several Government Commissions. The fund was used previously to support an annual Busteed Memorial Lecture.

James Flanagan, BA 1

Timothy O'Riordan, BComm 1

Ciarán O'Sullivan, BComm 2

Avery Coryell, BComm 3

Katie Quaid Cashman, BComm 4

Roberta Pagliotta, BA Economics 1

Aimee Keating, BA 2

Aine Daly, BA 3

James Caball, BA Economics 2

Aaron Smyth, BA Economics 3

## MSc Strategic Marketing and Practice - Graduate of the year

This Award is presented annually to the student who achieves the highest overall academic mark in the MSc Strategic Marketing and Practice Programme. The recipient receives a Skills Bundle package from the Marketing Institute of Ireland.

Karen Hough, MSc Marketing



# The O'Connor Pyne & Co Prize

O'Connor Pyne & Co sponsor annual prizes to students who achieve the highest combined aggregate mark over first and second year in their first sitting of accounting modules.

First Prize: Finn Moroney, BSc Accounting 2

Second Prize: Ailbhe Margaret O'Carroll, BSc Accounting 2

# UCC CIMA Prize - BSc Accounting or BSc Finance

This prize is awarded to the BSc Accounting or BSc Finance student who attains the highest grade in Management Accounting and the Introduction to Taxation modules and passes all first-year exams.

Molly Bridget Morley, BSc Finance 1

## UCC CIMA Prize - BComm

This prize is awarded to the BComm student who attains the highest grade in the Introduction and Intermediate Management Accounting modules and passes all second-year exams.

Darragh Joyce, BComm 2

# The Odgers Berndtson Prize in MSc Management and Marketing

This prize is awarded to the student receiving the highest exam result in the MSc Management and Marketing programme and includes mentoring with the firm.

Clodagh Hennessy, MSc Management and Marketing



# Quercus Undergraduate College Scholarships

These Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded by the College of Business & Law based on the results of the Summer 2024 University Examinations. The recipients of these awards who are pursuing programmes in CUBS are:

Eva Kavanagh, BComm

Ciarán O'Sullivan, BComm

Adrijana Mickeviciute, BSc Accounting

Ailbhe Margaret O'Carroll, BSc Accounting

Míra Merész, BSc Business Information Systems

Cian David McCarthy, BSc Business Information Systems

Molly Bridget Morley, BSc Finance

Tom Kenneth Kelly, BSc Finance

**Isabel Joan McElwain**, BSc (International with Languages)

Mia Grace Casey, BSc (International with Languages)

Rose Nicole McCabe, BSc (Food Marketing & Entrepreneurship)

**Damyana Milenova Ivanova**, BSc (Food Marketing & Entrepreneurship)

Roberta Pagliotta, BA (Economics)

**Jake Toomey Parsons**, BA (Economics) Work Placement

Freddie Danielle Phipps, BSc (International Development)

**Cornelia Hauch Skovmand**, BSc (International Development)

Freddie Danielle Phipps, BSc (International Development), Top Mature Student Year I

Leon lan Bernard Quirke, BSc Finance, Top Mature Student Year II

Jiayi Wang, BA (Business and Financial Economics), Top Non-EU Student Year II



# Prizes and Scholarships offered by the College and University

# Edward and Matilda Ryan Scholarship

The late Professor Mary Ryan, who had been Professor of Romance Languages from 1909 to 1938, made a bequest to the University endowing a summer holiday or short period scholarship for the study of French in France. Recipients must have achieved set aggregates in first University examinations, must be pursuing French to honours degree level in the University, and not be native speakers of French.

Lara Ferne Horgan, BCL Law and French 1
Mark Fitzgerald, BCL Law and French 1

University Graduate of the Year

Cara Griffin, BComm 4

The Peel Memorial Prize

In 1861, Sir Robert Peel, Chief Secretary of Ireland, initiated a fund to enhance the awards of the Queen's Colleges. The Peel Memorial Prizes which are University wide prizes are awarded to students who have taken their primary degrees with first-class honours, have strong academic distinctions and played a distinguished part in the public life of the University.

Dearbhla Anne Richardson, BSc International Development 4

Orla Leahy, BCL (Law and Irish) 4

# The Head of College Prize for Exceptional Achievement

This Prize is given to acknowledge a student who has made an extraordinary impact during their time in the College. Nominated by the Deans of both Business and Law, the Prize aims to recognise a person who has made a truly unique contribution to student life while at UCC. This year an award is presented to two students.

Rishika Jaiswal, MSc Business Analytics James O'Connor, BCL (Law and Irish) 4



# Dr Seamus McDermott Entrepreneurial Scholarship (The Liffey Trust) Ronan Curley, BComm 1

# Prizes and Scholarships offered in the School of Law

# A&L Goodbody EU Law Essay Prize

Oisín Lynch, LW2204

## The Bloomsbury Prize

This prize is awarded by the publishers, Bloomsbury Professional, to the student who receives the highest mark in the First Civil Law examination

Mark Fitzgerald, BCL Law and French 1

## The Brian Dillon Memorial Prize

Brian Dillon, born in 1830 in Glanmire, Cork, was a leading Fenian and Republican agitator and the Prize is dedicated by his descendants to his memory. Arising from his political activities he was incarcerated in Cork City Gaol; Mountjoy Prison, Dublin; Pentonville Prison, London; and Woking Prison, Surrey. He died in 1872 shortly after his release from Woking Prison. This Prize is awarded to the undergraduate student who obtains the highest mark in Criminal Law and obtains a First Class Honours.

Mark Fitzgerald, BCL Law and French 1, LW1153



# Comyn Kelleher Tobin Scholarship – LLM Children's Rights and Family Law

Supported by Comyn Kelleher Tobin LLP, this Scholarship is awarded annually after competition to a postgraduate student enrolled in UCC's LLM Children's Rights and Family Law Programme.

Laura Lengyel, LLM Children's Rights and Family Law

#### Gerard O'Keeffe Memorial Prize

In memory of the late Mr Gerard O'Keeffe, Solicitor, formerly of Kanturk, Co. Cork, Mr Niall O'Keeffe has kindly provided an annual prize for the provision of "The Gerard O'Keeffe Memorial Prize", awarded to the student who achieves the highest overall mark in Law of Torts I and II examinations. In addition, the prize-winner's name will be engraved on "The Gerard O'Keeffe Memorial Prize" plaque, located in the School of Law.

Pepper Mary Robson, BCL International

# The Matheson Undergraduate Prize in Information Technology Law

The prize is awarded annually to the student who achieves the highest mark in the Information Technology Law exam.

Natalie Cardiff, BCL Law and French, LW2269

# The McCann Fitzgerald Contract Law Bursary

Students who achieve the top ten results in Contract Law – Year I are invited to apply for this Bursary which is awarded after competition that includes an interview, and submission of an essay on the question: "Commercial Contracts: Does Good Faith make Good Law?"

Ronan McAuliffe, BCL Law and Business, LW1154



The McCann Fitzgerald Prize for Best Performing Student in Environmental, Social & Corporate Governance (ESG) and Businesses: Law, Policy and Practice

Lucy Ellen Walsh, BCL Clinical 4, LW3408

## The Oxford University Press Law Prize

The Oxford University Press Law Prize is awarded to the student who achieves the highest overall marks in the second-year undergraduate law programmes at the first attempt, as determined by the Dean of the School of Law.

Keri Noelle Murphy, BCL Law and Business 2

# RDJ Diversity Scholarship

This Scholarship, awarded after competition to two UCC undergraduate Law students each year from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME) background, recognises diversity in the student population. Sponsored by RDJ, the Scholarship includes a work placement or internship with the firm.

Alicia Olaniran, BCL 3 Ester Evangelista de Alcantara, BCL International 2

#### The Southern Law Association Prize

To mark its close and long-standing relationship with the School of Law, UCC, the Southern Law Association provides an annual prize.

The prize will be awarded to the LLM student who obtains the highest mark, for the 15,000-word dissertation, across any of the LLM programmes offered in the School of Law.

Saoirse Niamh Coughlan, LLM Children's Rights and Family Law



# Quercus Undergraduate College Scholarships - School of Law

These Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded by the College of Business & Law based on the results of the Summer 2024 University Examinations. The recipients of these awards pursuing programmes in the School of Law are:

Niamh Alexandra Wilson, BCL Pathways I

Thomas Gordon Cosgrave, BCL II

Niamh Hayes, BCL (International) II

Dearbhla O'Donovan, BCL (Clinical) II

Aine Christina McLaughlin, BCL (Law and Languages) I

Diarmaid Michael Byrne, BCL (Law and Languages) II

Ella May Dowling, BCL (Law and Business) I

**Keri Noelle Murphy**, BCL (Law and Business)

Stephen Richard Hennebry, BCL (Law and Business) III

David Robert Matthews, BCL (Pathways), Top Mature Student I



# **Quercus Scholarships**

# Quercus Entrance Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to First Year undergraduate students, selected on the basis of achieving maximum score of 625 in the Leaving Certificate Examination.

The recipients in the College of Business and Law are listed here for information. There was a recent University event celebrating the achievement of these students.

# Cork University Business School

Alison Bambury, BSc (Hons) Finance

Ruairí Bourke, BSc (Hons) Finance

Emma Carney, BSc (Hons) Finance

Naomi Conlon, BSc (Hons) Finance

Sorcha Cronin, BComm (Hons)

Niall Deely, BSc (Hons) Finance

Rachel Feeley, BSc (Hons) Finance

Seán Fenton, BSc (Hons) Finance

Sarah Flynn, BSc (Hons) Accounting

Sophie Guiney, BSc (Hons) Finance

Charlie Hannan, BSc (Hons) Finance

Paul Kelly, BSc (Hons) Finance



Cillian Lloyd, BSc (Hons) Finance

Sinéad McCormack, BSc (Hons) Finance

Shane Murphy, BSc (Hons) Finance

Molly O'Callaghan, BSc (Hons) Finance

Neill O'Carroll, BSc (Hons) Finance

Alan O'Connell, BSc (Hons) Finance

Tiernan O'Mahoney, BSc (Hons) Finance

Rex O'Sullivan, BSc (Hons) Finance

Nathan Power, BSc (Hons) Finance

Clodagh Rochford, BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems

Harry Wixted, BSc (Hons) Finance

#### School of Law

Alison Forde, BCL (Hons) Law and Business

Skyla Kluge, BCL (Hons)

Joshia McKeinze Limansag, BCL (Hons) Law and French

Cian O'Keeffe, BCL (Hons) Law and Irish

Paul Scanlan, BCL (Hons) Law and Business

Caoimhe Walsh, BCL (Hons)

Jonathan Walsh, BCL (Hons) Law and Business



# Quercus Talented Students' Programme

This is a scholarship programme that supports and promotes excellence in academic, sport, creative and performing arts, active citizenship & innovation/ entrepreneurship. The recipients in the College are listed here for information:

Aine Christina Power, BSc (Finance), Quercus Scholar Sports (Hockey)

Michael Foy, BComm, Quercus Scholar Sports (Rugby)

Gene O'Leary Kareem, BComm, Quercus Scholar Sports (Rugby)

Mohammad Naeem, BCL (Pathways), Quercus Scholar (Active Citizenship)

Sumaya Mohammed, BCL (Pathways), Quercus Scholar (Active Citizenship)

Ethan Twomey, BSc Business Information Systems, Quercus Scholar Sports (Hurling)

Liam Éamonn Ó'Hógáin, BCL (Law and Irish), Quercus Scholar (Academic)

## Heavener International Case Competition

The Heavener International Case Competition, organised by the University of Florida, provides a world-class business case competition that exposes students to the strategic challenges and decisions encountered by global business leaders. The competition provides students from schools in North America, Asia\Australia and Europe the opportunity to improve their problem-solving, teamwork, and communication skills in an environment with real-world business problems to solve, and by doing so take what is learned in the classroom and apply it to actual business scenarios.

Participating in the competition which took place from the 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the team members were tremendous ambassadors for UCC and for CUBS.

Michael Dore, BSc Finance 3

Rachel O'Callaghan, BSc Finance 4

Lucie O'Neill, BComm 4

Charlie McGuinness, BComm 4



# The John Molson Undergraduate Case Competition

The John Molson Undergraduate Case Competition (JMUCC), organised by Concordia University in Montréal, Canada, is the largest international case competition in the world. The competition prepares students from the world's top business schools to become leaders in a globally interdependent, culturally diverse and rapidly changing economic environment, while fostering strategic thinking, innovative problem-solving and sound decision-making. Twenty-four teams from all over the world come together in Montréal from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for one week of intense case analysis to provide solutions to real-world business problems for a range of local and international companies.

Wiktoria Szecowka, BComm 4

Cliona Ní Ghallchoir, BComm 4

Mark Harrington, BComm 4

Jacob O'Brien, BComm 4

# Gala Moot and James D. Donegan Memorial Prize

This year's School of Law, Annual Gala Moot took place on 19 March 2025 in Washington Street Courthouse.

Ms. Lucy Walsh and Mr. Ben O'Sullivan appeared as counsel for the Appellants; and Ms. Niamh Mulcahy and Mr. William Walsh appeared on behalf of the Respondents. The students presented and defended legal submissions before Her Honour Judge Helen Boyle. An audience of students and staff of the School of Law attended the court proceedings, Professor Mark Poustie, Dean of the School of Law provided closing remarks. The Gala Moot incorporates the James D. Donegan Memorial Prize, which is awarded each year to the student who, in the opinion of the judge, should be awarded the prize of 'outstanding speaker'. The prize is generously donated by S. Donegan & Co. Solicitors, Cobh, Co. Cork, who has supported the Gala Moot and sponsored the prize for many years.

Niamh Mulcahy, BCL 3

Ben O'Sullivan, BCL Law and Business 4

Lucy Ellen Walsh, BCL Clinical 4

William Walsh, BCL 3



#### Irish Red Cross Corn Adomnáin

The *Corn Adomnáin*, an international humanitarian law competition organised by the Irish Red Cross, tests students' knowledge and application of the laws of war in a variety of real-life scenarios, through a (fictitious) case study of conflict. Students participate in role-play, simulations and moot courts to explore key elements of international humanitarian law.

This year's competition took place on 29 March 2025 at Queens University Belfast and concluded with an international treaty negotiation exercise on the proposed convention regulating Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems in front of representatives of the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs.

Two teams from the School of Law participated and both are congratulated for representing UCC so well, with Team A placing a deserved second overall in the competition.

#### Team A

Nancy Elabbas, LLM International Human Rights Law & Public Policy

Evalina Schneider, LLB 1

Lya Nolan, BCL International 2

#### Team B

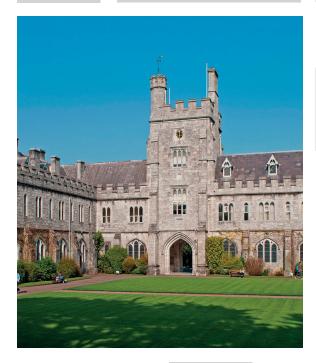
Marta Correra, LLM International Human Rights Law & Public Policy

Alusine Kamara, LLM International Human Rights Law & Public Policy

Izabella Carvalho, Evening BCL 4









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