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GRIFFITH COLLEGE
– 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE –
1974 TO 2024

A photograph of a multi-story building with grey stone walls and red brick accents. A street sign on a green pole in the foreground points right and reads 'Griffith College Dublin'. A black metal railing is in the lower foreground, and a small green tree is on the right. The building has several windows and a prominent arched stone feature.

Griffith College
Dublin

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50 YEARS OF SUCCESS

GRIFFITH COLLEGE CELEBRATES HALF A CENTURY OF ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS WITH A PRIZE WINNERS BOOKLET

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of Griffith College. From its modest beginnings as Business and Accounting Training in Milltown Park, the institution has grown into Ireland's largest independent third-level college.

Today, it offers a diverse array of programmes across multiple disciplines and boasts over 40,000 alumni from campuses in Dublin, Cork and Limerick, along with international students from over 120 countries.



SUCCESSFUL JOURNEYS

Our institution has produced a vibrant community of successful professionals who have made significant contributions in their fields.

Founder and President of Griffith College, Professor Diarmuid Hegarty, tasked the Alumni Office with creating a Prize Winners Booklet to celebrate the remarkable journeys and accomplishments of the College's alumni.

This legacy project features nearly 1,000 prizes won from

1974 to 2024, highlighting the prestigious external awards earned by our students. It showcases their success in national and international competitions, where they have triumphed over peers from other top colleges and universities.

We hope this booklet inspires future generations to reach new heights and continues our tradition of excellence, serving as a powerful testament to the transformative power of education and the endless possibilities unfolding after graduation.

UNITED IN EXCELLENCE

Our staff and students, alongside our partners, have been central to this journey, and our 2024 activities celebrated their invaluable contributions. As we were commemorating five decades of excellence, we held various events across our Dublin, Cork and Limerick campuses, featuring keynote speeches from distinguished guests.

The former Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris, now Taoiseach, joined us for our GC50 launch in February and spoke alongside Professor Diarmuid Hegarty. An Taoiseach praised the role Griffith College has played in Irish Higher Education over the past 50 years, stating:

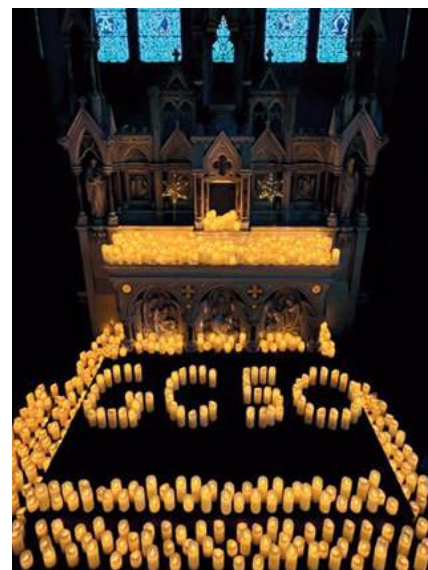
“Griffith College has been at the forefront of innovative education provision, remaining relevant and responsive as society and the economy have evolved and changed in unexpected ways.”

In March, Labour Party Leader Ivana Bacik and Independent Senator Michael McDowell debated the constitutional referendum on the definition of family, with former High Court Judge Roderick Murphy chairing the panel debate.

In April, Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr Kieran McCarthy hosted a reception at Cork City Hall to mark Griffith College's 25th anniversary in Cork.

In May, Network Ireland Cork and Griffith College Cork presented 'The Power of You' featuring Norah Casey, a renowned entrepreneur and former Dragon's Den panellist, who discussed entrepreneurial spirit and professional growth.

Later that month, we marked Griffith College's long history in Limerick with a reception at the Strand Hotel, with esteemed guests Minister Kieran O'Donnell and Mayor Gerald Mitchell.



Finally, we held a special teaching and learning Symposium in October where a series of keynote speakers delved into the evolving educational landscape.

Here's to the next 50 years!



Professor Diarmuid Hegarty and An Taoiseach



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As President of Griffith College, it is my honor to introduce this booklet commemorating 50 years of educational excellence.

Now known as Griffith College, I founded **Business and Accounting Training in 1974** to prepare students for the professional examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

I am often asked why I decided to set up a private Higher Education institution 50 years ago. I was working in what was then Haughey Boland, now Deloitte & Touche, and had just qualified as a barrister and chartered accountant. The pass rate for the chartered examinations shortly after this time was only 12.5%. Many colleagues and friends were struggling and asked for help. I had given lectures in UCD on a part-time basis, so I began providing tutorials for these chartered students. Within 12 months, I was very happy to see their **pass rate improve to 50%**.

During the late 1970s and early 1980s, together with my co-directors Pierce Kent, Roderick Murphy and Frank Scott-Lennon, we established a strong reputation for excellence in teaching. Soon after, Reg Callanan joined us as Director of Professional Programmes, helping the College expand its offerings to include additional professional accountancy bodies, such as CPA, ACCA and CIMA. This growth was marked by remarkable achievements, particularly our students securing first place in both the final and penultimate examinations in 1983.

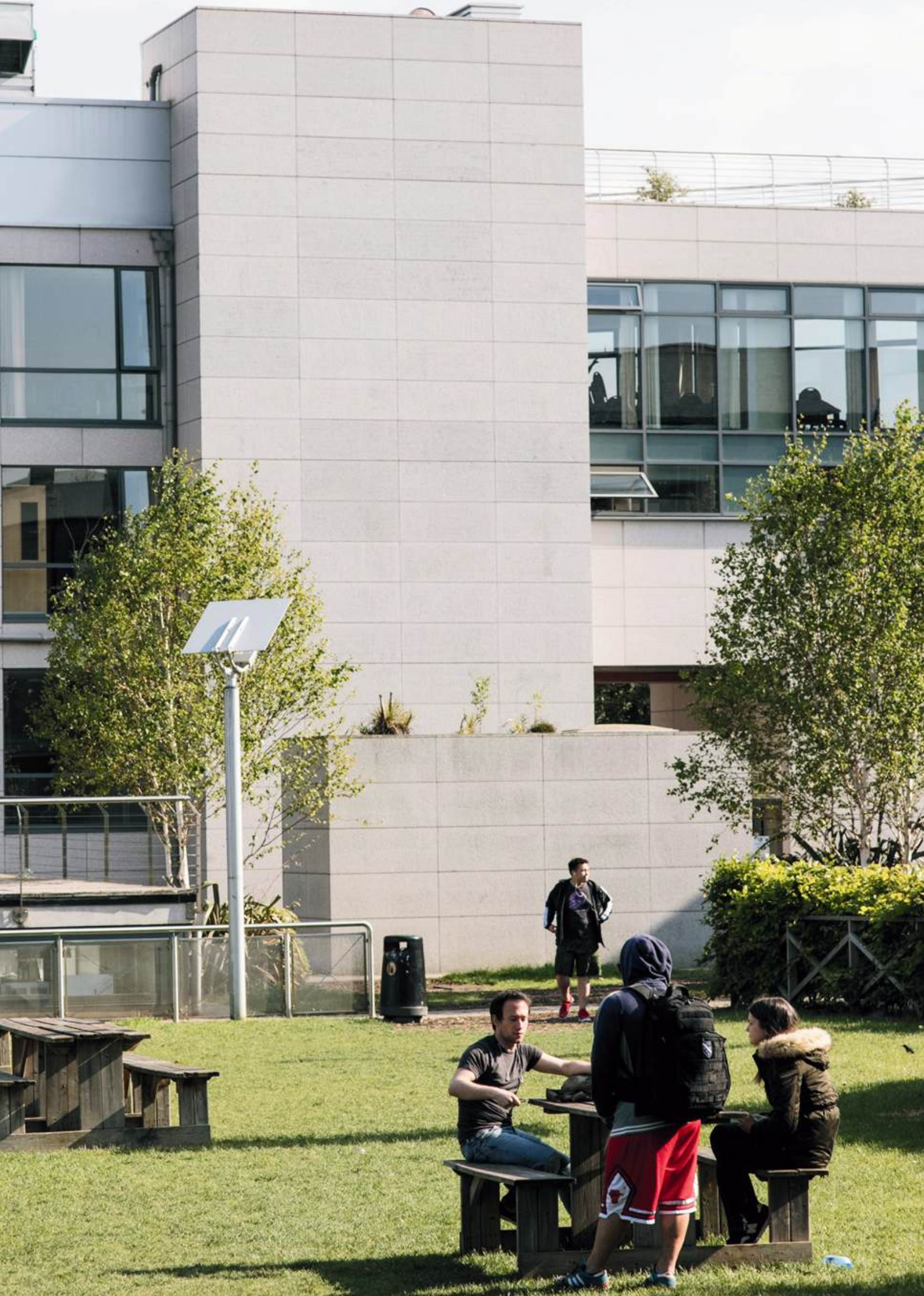
We started in rented rooms in Stephen's Green, St Catherine's School on Baggot Street and Milltown Park Jesuit College. Our acquisition of the historic barracks on **South Circular Road in 1991** enabled us to establish Griffith College.

Today, the profile of our student body stands in certain contrast to our first classes. While we continue to offer professional accountancy courses, our programmes now cover a wide range of disciplines. Through partnerships with over **140 universities and Higher Education institutions**, we proudly welcome students from all over the world.

Without the dedication of over **400 staff members and specialists**, the College would not have reached its current level of success. We will remain committed to nurturing prize-winning students who excel academically and carve out thriving paths in their careers.

Professor Diarmuid Hegarty
President of Griffith College



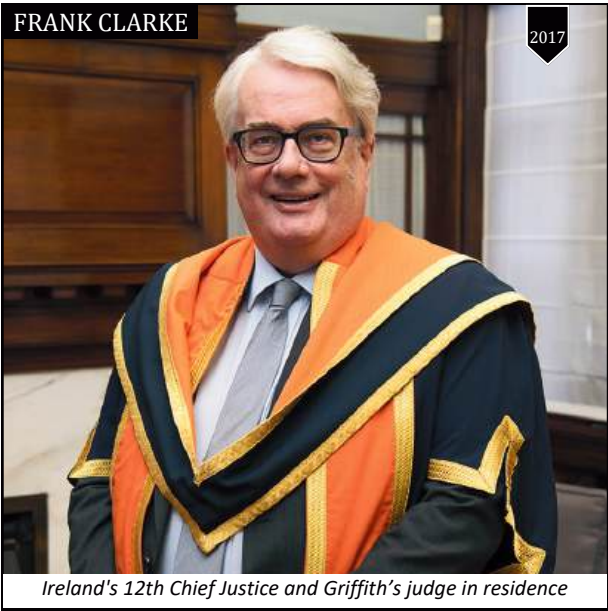
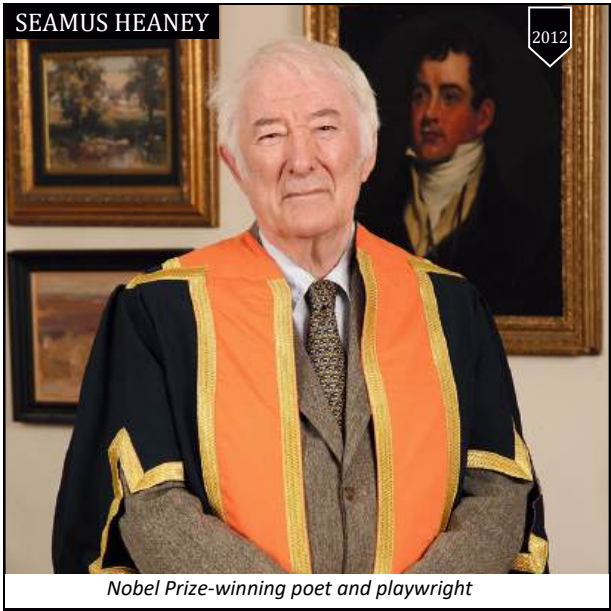
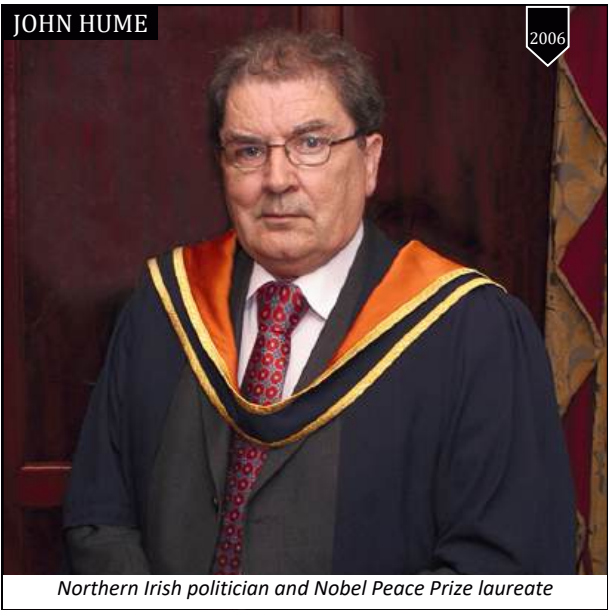
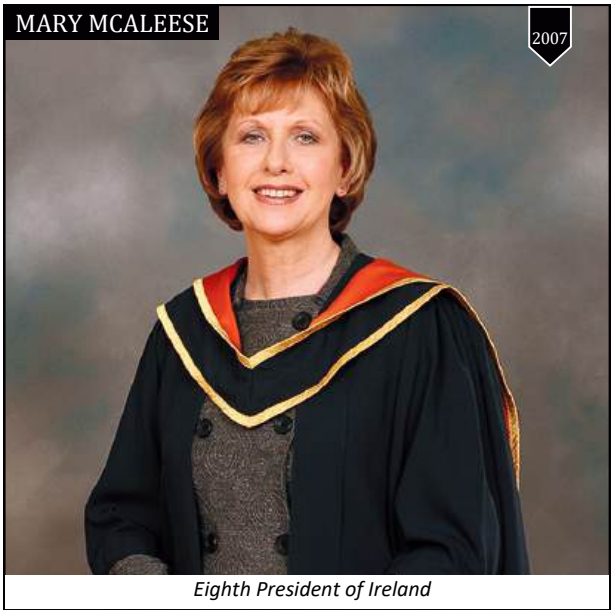


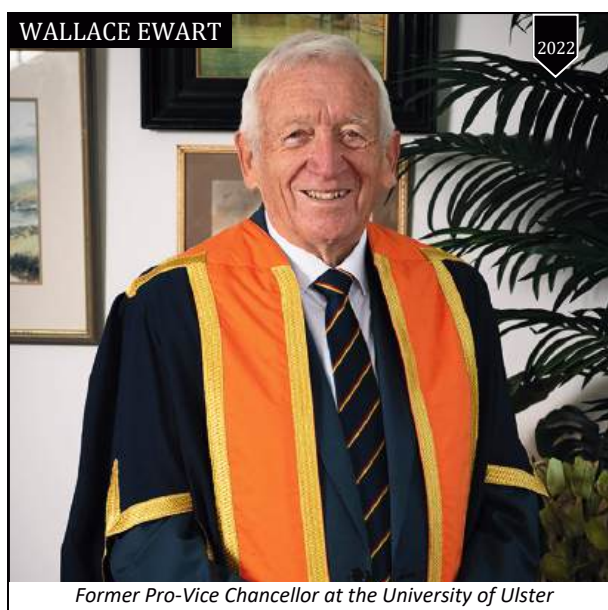
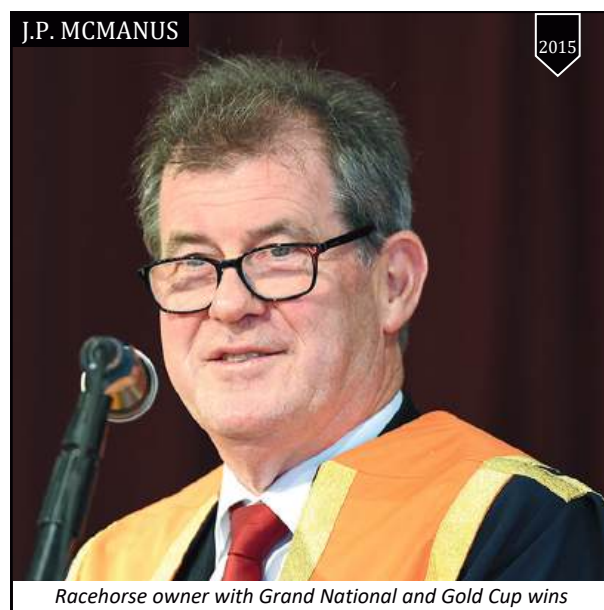
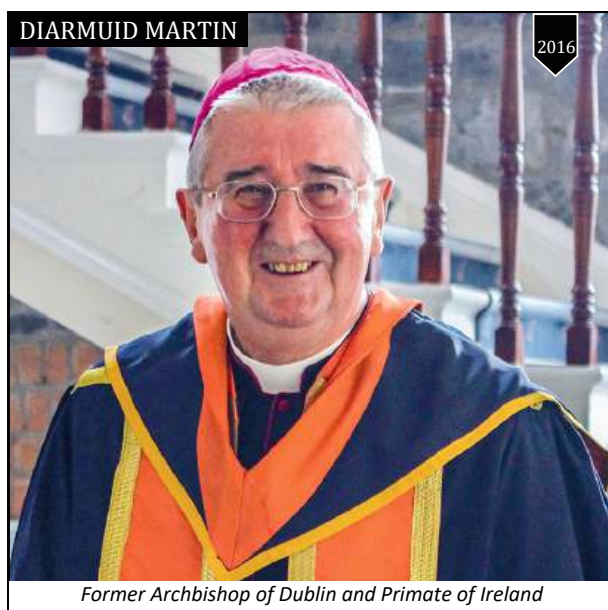
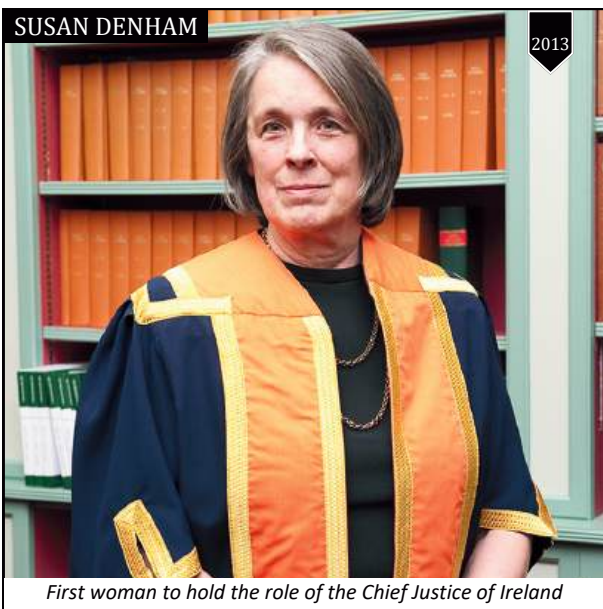
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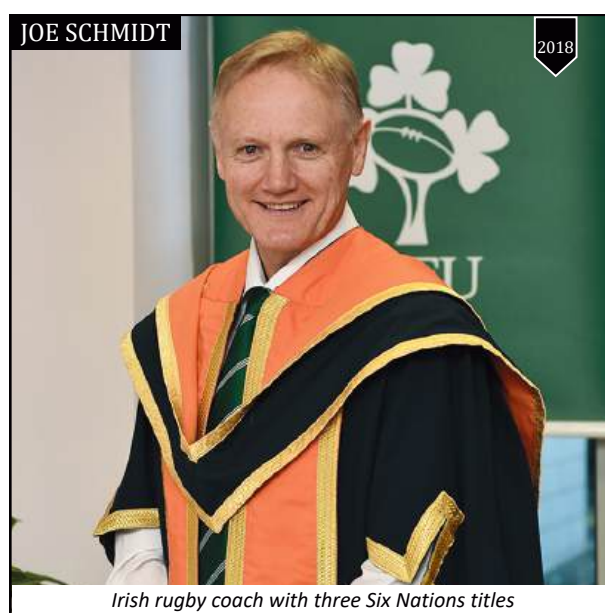
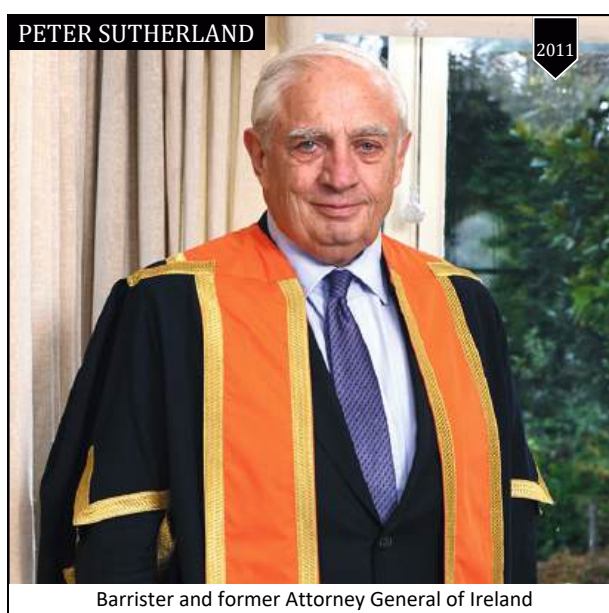
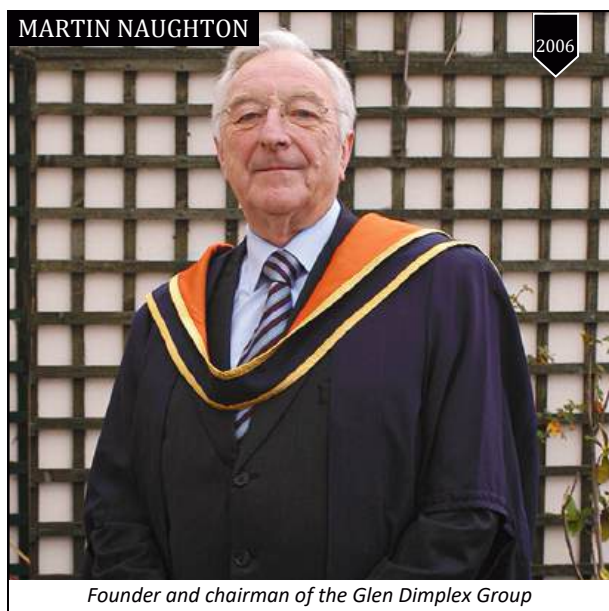
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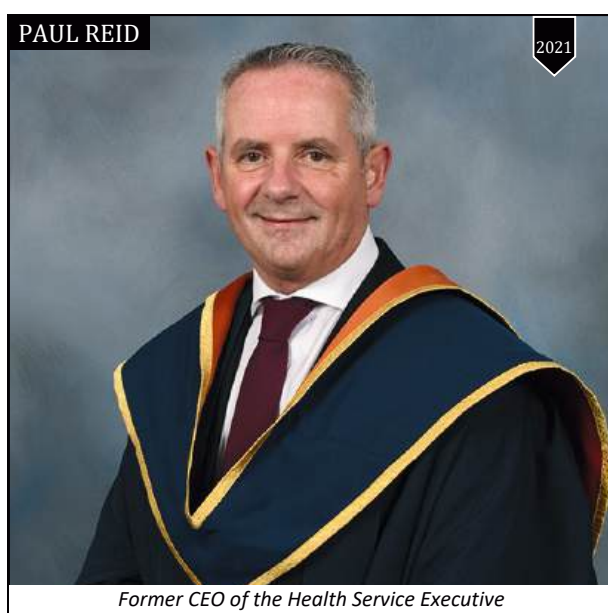
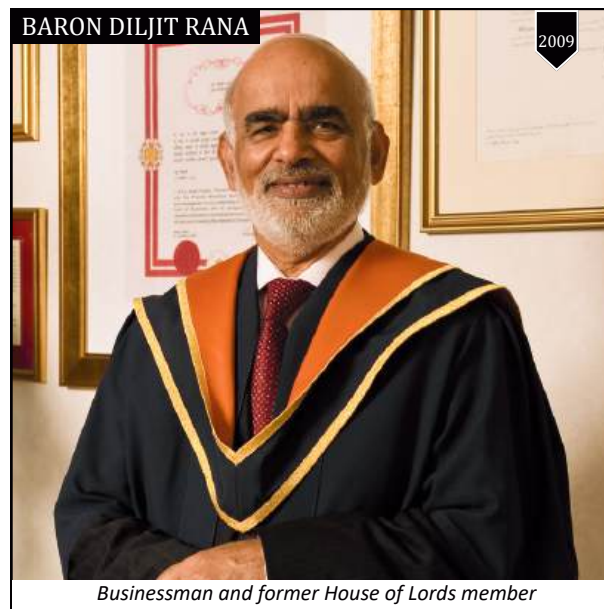
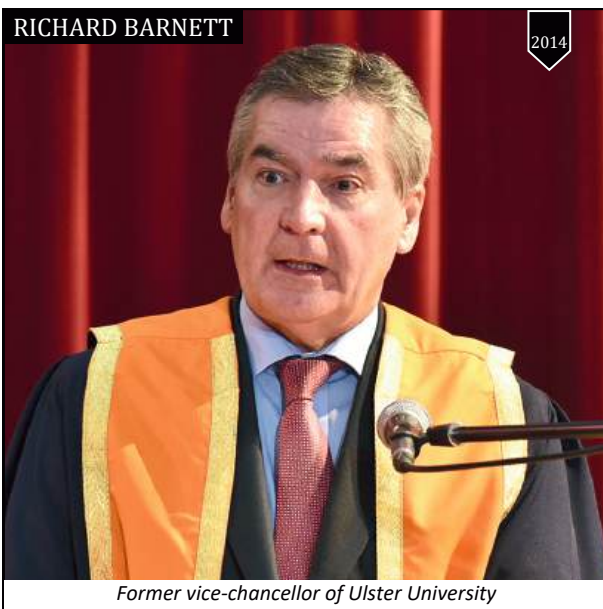
Each year, Griffith College has the opportunity to present honorary awards during the graduation ceremonies in Dublin, Cork and Limerick campuses.

The Distinguished Fellowship Award was established in 2004 by Griffith College to recognise individuals who have made a significant international contribution to Ireland in any field. These recipients were nominated for their well-established reputation and as already well-known individuals.





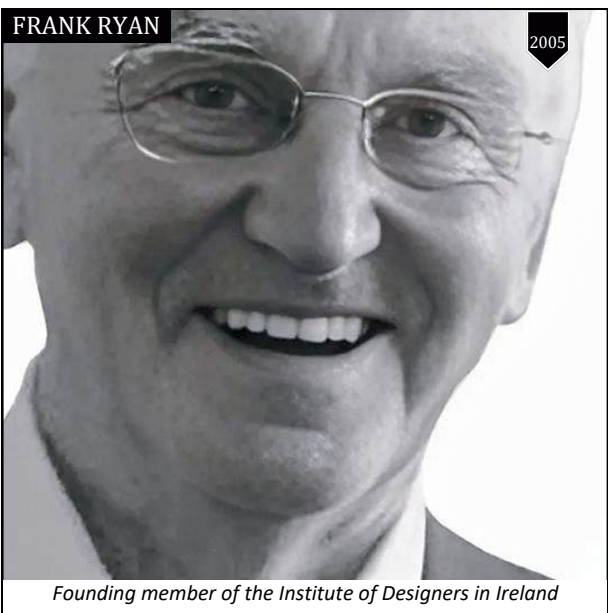
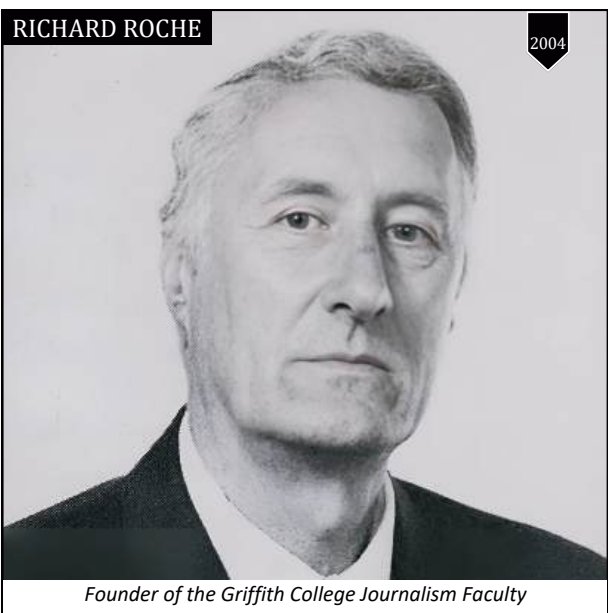


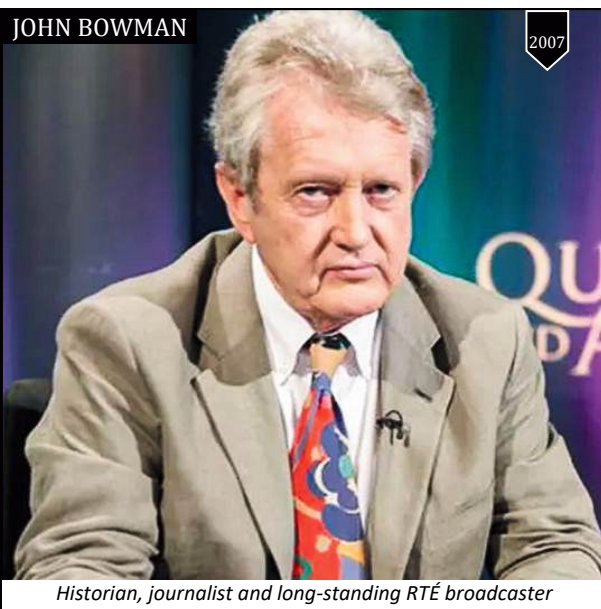


PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The **Professional Excellence Award** was created in 2004 by Griffith College to recognise individuals who have made outstanding contributions to professional or educational development at a national level in Ireland.

These recipients have demonstrated excellent performance and have pushed forward the boundaries of academic interaction and professional or educational development within the context of their own profession.

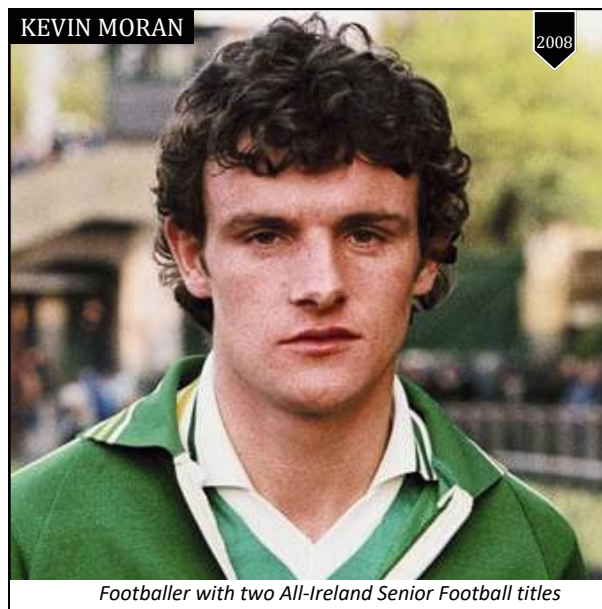




JOHN BOWMAN

2007

Historian, journalist and long-standing RTÉ broadcaster



KEVIN MORAN

2008

Footballer with two All-Ireland Senior Football titles



GEORGE HOOK

2009

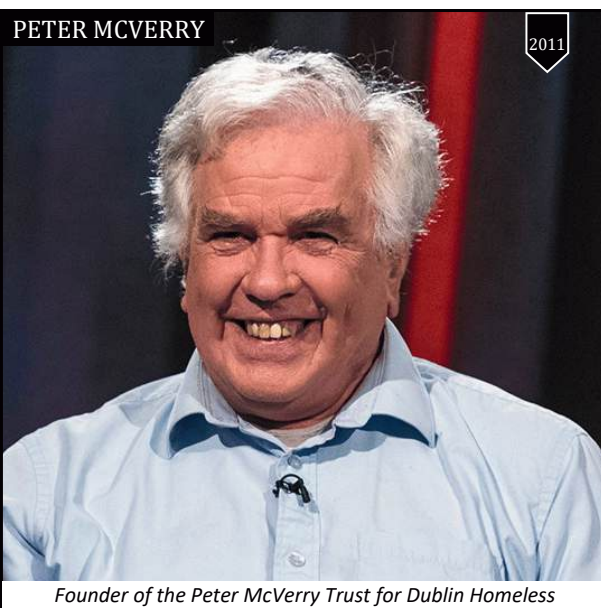
Journalist, broadcaster and rugby union pundit



LOUIS COPELAND

2010

Master tailor and owner of Louis Copeland & Sons



PETER MCVERRY

2011

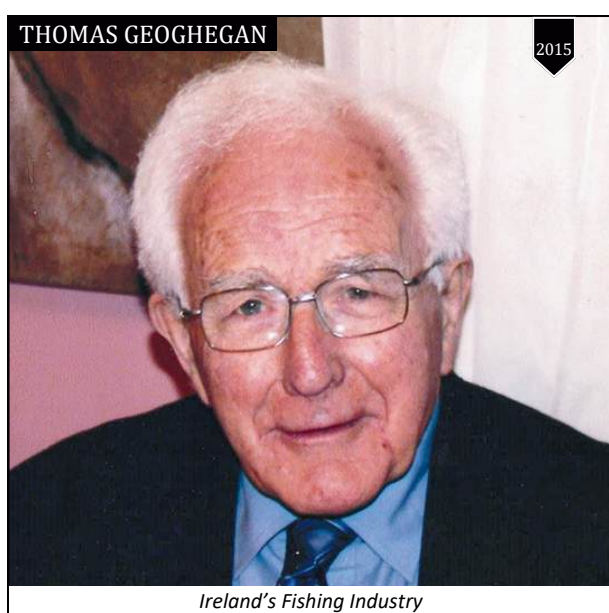
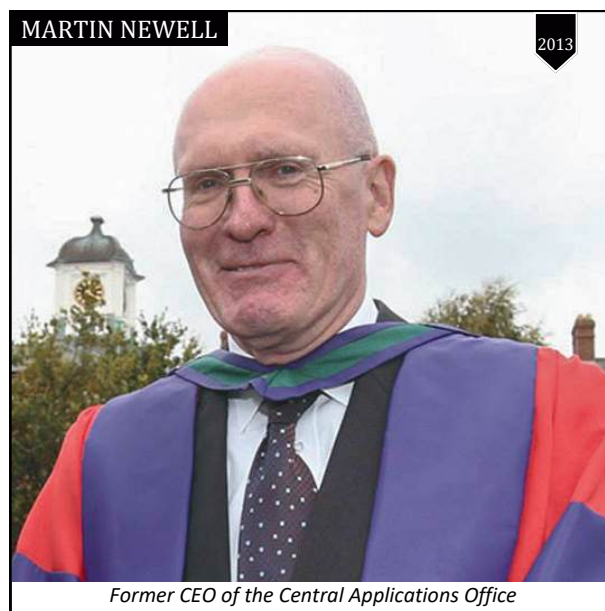
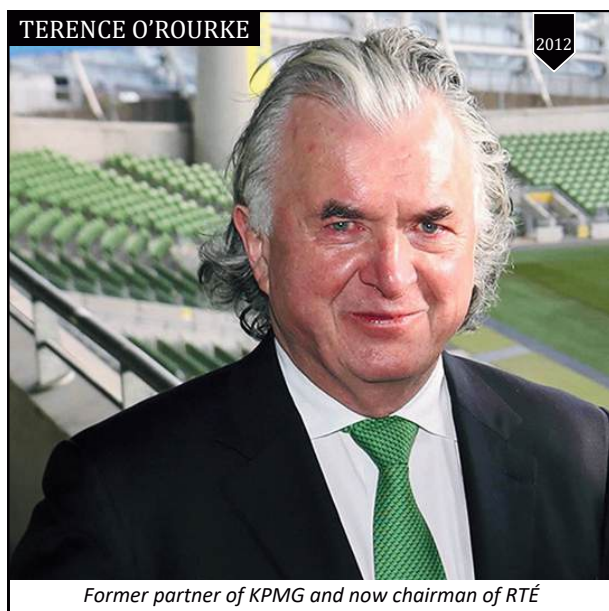
Founder of the Peter McVerry Trust for Dublin Homeless



PAUL RELIS

2011

Former CEO of Microsoft Ireland and now CEO of Viatel



MARK FIELDING

2017



Former chief executive of ISME

HELEN DIXON

2018



Data Protection Commissioner for Ireland

MARK LITTLE

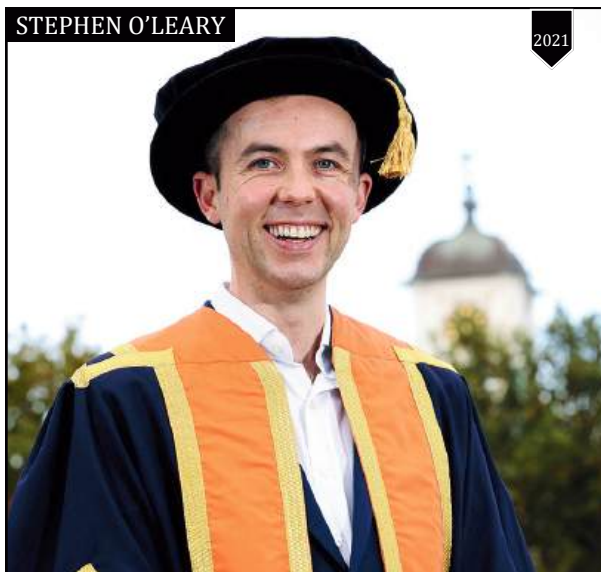
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Presenter on RTÉ, and founder of Storyful and Kinzen

STEPHEN O'LEARY

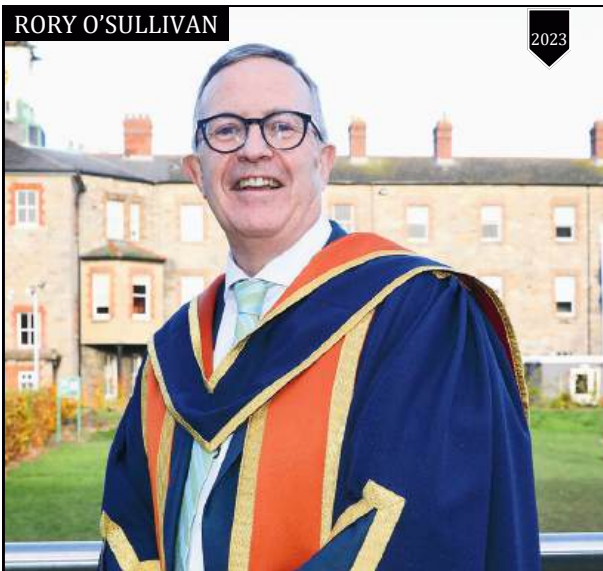
2021



Managing director of Olytico, Griffith alumnus and lecturer

RORY O'SULLIVAN

2023



Chair of Further Education and Training Colleges Ireland

G. KEATING, C. O'DRISCOLL, S. LOMBARD

2023



Founders of iWish inspiring girls to pursue STEM careers



DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARDS

The Distinguished Graduate Award is open to graduates who have completed a major academic or professional programme with Griffith College. They serve as role models for our graduates.







AWARDS GUIDE PER FACULTY

The **Accountancy Faculty** boasts an impressive track record of award-winning students who have thrived in their careers. As the largest and longest-established accountancy body in Ireland, Chartered Accountants Ireland plays a vital role in the profession. Meanwhile, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) offers a globally recognised qualification that upholds the highest standards of professionalism. Here are our accountancy prize winners who ranked first, second or third in their ACA, ACCA and CPA examinations. They competed against students from other Higher Education institutions across Ireland and around the world, with some even ranking first place among over 500,000 students worldwide.

Students from the **Journalism & Media Communications Faculty** and the **Creative Arts & Screen Media Faculty** have consistently achieved success in the National Student Media Awards (Smedias) across all media categories and disciplines. This annual All-Ireland student journalism competition is organised by Oxygen.ie, a website dedicated to third-level students. Additional distinctions include student projects showcased at film festivals or art galleries, and awards won in photography competition organised by Fuji.

The **Design Faculty**'s prize winners have excelled in competitive arenas, displaying their remarkable talent and innovation. Griffith students regularly participate in prestigious contests against their peers, including those organised by the Institute of Designers in Ireland (IDI), which serves as a leading body in the design community and promotes excellence across various disciplines, such as graphic design, fashion design and interior architecture. These prizes are highly regarded within the industry and provide a platform for emerging designers to gain recognition for their work.

We are particularly proud on behalf of Karen Sutton and her team in the Law School on receiving the accolade of **Law School of the Year** at the 2024 Annual Law Awards. We also salute the Law Faculty on the prizes won by its students in the Law Society of Ireland (LSI) entrance examinations. The IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award further celebrates outstanding accomplishment in legal education by rewarding students who have stood out academically. Through these opportunities, our prize winners not only showcase their legal expertise but also position themselves as future leaders in the field, ready to make meaningful contributions to the practice of law.

The **Leinster School of Music & Drama (LSMD)** has been an established examining body in Ireland since 1904. It is Ireland's largest independent music and drama academy and the only institution offering QQI-validated drama education programmes. Since its founding, the school has produced a diverse array of accomplished performers. The Excellence Awards were first introduced in 2004 to present a national competition for students taking LSMD-graded examinations.

Finally, the Higher Education and Training Awards (HETAC), the legal successor to the National Council for Educational Awards (NCEA), granted Higher Education awards based on criteria such as academic achievement, quality of teaching and the relevance of courses to industry needs. In this context, we are proud to highlight some of our Students of the Year from the **Business Faculty**, the **Graduate Business School** and the **Computing Faculty**.

there is so
much i want
to tell you

BA in Photographic Media
Graduate Show

Sarah Baker
Noelle Shannon
David Maguire
Conn McCarrick



50 YEARS OF PRIZE WINNERS



1975, Bill Fitzgerald

3rd Place, ACA Final Examination

Bill worked as an independent financial and IT consultant, providing support and mentorship in business restructuring and improvement, as well as taking on various interim financial management and CFO roles.



1975, Eoin McBennett

3rd Place, ACA Foundation Examination

Eoin worked as a CFO and is now retired. He shared: *"I'll always thank Diarmuid for what he did for us young accountants in the 1970s. It's great to see Griffith College grow from its beginning as BAT in Milltown Park."*



1976, Aidan Feighery

2nd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2

Aidan's career spanned roles from audit and taxation at PWC to finance director at SIAC Construction Pacemetrics, and later as principal consultant at Elegant Energy.



1976, Brendan Gilligan

3rd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2

Brendan spent a decade in KPMG's Public Audit division in Ireland and Canada. He was the CFO of GE Capital until his retirement in 2018.



1976, Ciaran Spillane

3rd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2

Ciaran was an EU member of the ITER Financial Audit Board and the Audit Committee of the EU Fusion for Energy Joint Undertaking. He shared: *"I studied under Diarmuid Hegarty [and] have always admired your College as it has grown into such an influential and useful institution."*



1976, Reg Callanan

2nd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2

Reg has been a director of Griffith College for several decades. He is himself an alumnus and was one of the College's first prize winners. He is regarded by many students as one of the best accounting lecturers in the country.



1976, Seamus Buckley

3rd Place, ACA Final Examination

Seamus, a partner and chairman of BKK, a practice he established in 1977, credited his success to the guidance he received: *"Diarmuid was the driving force and absolutely inspirational in the results achieved back then."*



1977, Michael Cawley

1st Place, ACA Final Examination

Michael joined Ryanair in 1997 and is currently their non-executive director. He is also a chairman of Hostelworld Group and Winthrop Technologies, and a non-executive director of Clancourt Management and Gowan Group.



1978, Peter Blessing,

1st Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2

Peter worked in corporate finance with AIB and was one of the first people to work in the IFSC. He then became a director of a property and finance company, and is now a director of several financial services companies.



1982, Owen O'Leary

1st Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2

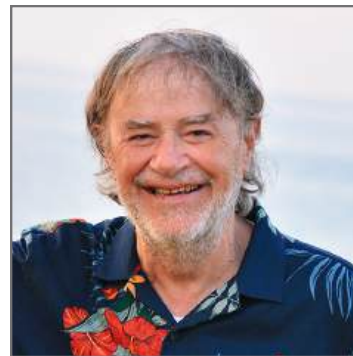
Owen is a chartered accountant with nearly 20 years of senior experience in the professional services industry. He currently serves as an interim CFO at Marvinet.



1985, Martin Freyne

1st Place, ACA Prof 3 Examination

Martin completed his training with PwC, and eventually retired after 25 years as an assurance partner with the firm. He now sits on various boards and committees in both the commercial and charity sectors.



1986, Joseph Buckley

1st Place, CPA Formation 1

Joseph is the head of finance, contracts and audit for the European Commission, overseeing the administration of the EU's development aid programmes in Africa and Asia.



1987, Cornelius Quigley

1st Place, ACA FAE Examination

Cornelius is a corporate financier serving as a non-executive director at Ei Electronics, a chairman at ExperiQHTL, and a strategic adviser at BDO Ireland.



1988, Adrian Kelly

1st Place, ACCA Level 3

With over 40 years at Enterprise Services Business, Adrian serves as a business operations manager in the ESB unit and a trustee of the Defined Benefit Scheme.



1990, Stephen Ross

1st Place, ACCA Level 2

Stephen worked at Hayden Brown audit firm before transitioning to finance roles. He then relocated to California with Cisco Systems and joined PayPal where he is now their senior director of regulatory reporting.



1994, Martin Magnier

1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper 13

Martin previously worked with the Revenue Commissioners and is now an ACCA taxation e-learning tutor at Griffith College.



1998, Jonathan Kerr

NCEA Student of the Year

With many years of experience in Group Pension Consultancy, Jonathan is the director of Willis Towers Watson's Retirement team.



1999, James Dunne

NCEA Irish Times Christina Murphy Prize

James co-founded Hyphen, a hybrid agency-consultancy that combines creative velocity with strategic vision.



2000, Aidan Fahy
Overend Scholar of the Year, LSI
Law of Contract Prize, LSI
Law of Tort Prize, LSI

Aidan has worked in Matheson's tax practice for 20 years and been a partner since 2011. He is a solicitor, an AITI Chartered tax adviser, a council member of the Irish Taxation Institute and a member of the Taxation Committee of the LSI.



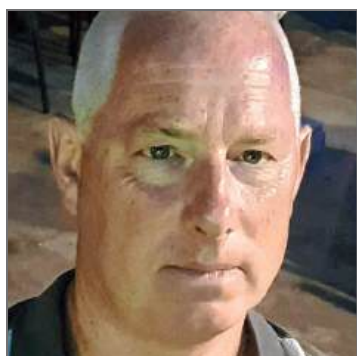
2000, Donal O'Callaghan
2nd Place, ACCA Paper 13

Donal was a financial accountant for the SWS Group and is now the finance director of Pat McDonnell Paints.



2000, Garret Grogan
3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3

Garret is the head of fixed income for Goodbody Stockbrokers and previously held roles as head of trading for Bank of Ireland and fixed income trader for Bank of Montreal Europe.



2000, Raymond Colreavy
1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Financial Accounting

Raymond is a financial accounting consultant in Co. Kildare and previously worked as a financial director for an Irish division of a multinational business.



2001, Aidan Rourke
Best Overall Student, CPA Professional 2

Aidan founded RGR Partners Chartered Accountants, a practice in the west of Ireland serving over 1,000 clients, and holds several director positions.



2001, Audrey Crean

1st Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper 4

Audrey set up her own practice, Audrey Crean Taxation, which advises individuals, businesses and family companies while also supporting accountants and solicitors.



2001, Brian Kelly
1st Place, CPA Professional 2 Management
1st Place, CPA Professional 2 Taxation

After his exams, Brian joined the CPA Education and Training Committee. As a data manager at FBD Insurance, he has handled various roles in investments, business intelligence and financial planning.



2001, Caroline Minchin
3rd Place (14th in world), ACCA Paper 3.7

Caroline spent a decade at The Butler's Pantry, climbing from financial controller to CFO and company secretary. She then joined MINK Dublin as head of finance.



2001, David Histon
HETAC Student of the Year

David serves as a principle product manager at Mandiant, now part of Google Cloud.



2001, Ed Griffith

TV3 Cast Award

Ed became an Apple certified trainer and video editor, working on a variety of projects, including producing and directing corporate videos, editing documentaries and dramas, and conducting workshops with adults, youth groups and refugee children.



2001, Emer Murnane

1st Place (8th in world), ACCA Paper 1.1

3rd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper 1.2

3rd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 2.1

Emer has been a group treasurer at Smurfit Kappa for nearly 20 years.



2001, Helen Bray

2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 4

Helen holds the position of CFO at Egis Ireland, a global consulting, construction engineering and operating firm.



2001, Inger Sund

Best Documentary, Kerry Film Festival

Short Film of the Year, Smedias

TV Production of the Year, Smedias

Inger serves as the head of communications at AFRY.



2001, John Moffatt

3rd Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper 4

For the past decade, John has been with Grant Thornton, currently as a director in the Financial Services Audit team overseeing audits of brokerages, investment firms and funding organisations.



2001-03, Niamh O'Reilly

3rd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 1.1 (2001)

2nd Place, ACCA Paper 2.2 (2002)

2nd Place, ACCA Paper 3.6 (2003)

Head of investor relations at AIB, Niamh boasts 20 years in financial services. She is also on the board of Payzone and a member of the ACCA Financial Services Network.



2001-02, Owen Quinn

1st Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2 (2001)

2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper 3.4 (2001)

2nd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5 (2002)

Owen is a non-executive director at ID Technology Group. He previously held CFO roles at Nuritas, an AI food ingredient start-up, and at an international FMCG business.



2001, Paul Hehir

1st Place (5th in world), ACCA Paper 3.6

Paul has enjoyed a long career as an auditor with FDC & Associates.



2001, Richael Leahy

1st Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper 4

Richael began her career at Mazars where she completed her accountancy training. She then transitioned to University College Dublin where she currently serves as the director of finance.



2001, Sheila Cannon

2nd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper 5

Sheila is a cost accountant at Thermo King Galway Trane Technologies where she has held multiple accounting roles over the past 20 years.



2002, Aidan Hore

2nd Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper 3.7

Aidan is a managing director and deal principal in the Loan Distribution Group at ING Bank N.V.



2002, Caitríona Doran

National Design Week's Creativity Day Award

Caitríona joined the graduate programme at Musgrave Retail Partners where she worked in the Store Design department. She also took on a 3D animation role, contributing to projects in both Ireland and the UK. In 2012, she returned to her family's SuperValu business.



2002, Caitríona Meagher

Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Caitríona returned to her position at Bruff FCJ where she set up a darkroom facility and taught photography. Following her redeployment to Pallaskenry, she continued to pursue her passion and participated in several art exhibitions.



2002, Linda Brown

1st Place, CPA Professional 2 Accounting

Linda is a management accountant at The Royal Hospital Donnybrook with experience in process re-engineering, business planning, operational solutions and system implementations.



2002, Patrick Sheahan

HETAC Student of the Year

Patrick is an architect and technical lead for POS Payment Solutions at Fiserv.



2002-04, Paul Moreton

Best Overall Student, CPA Formation 2 (2002)

Best Overall Student, CPA Professional 1 (2003)

1st Place, CPA P2 Financial Management (2004)

Paul is an agricultural consultant based in Ballivor.



2002, Stephen McCann

1st Place, ACCA Paper 2.4

Stephen is the CFO and general partner at SOSV, mentoring hundreds of startups within the company's portfolio while overseeing its Cork office.



2002, Vanessa Foran

2nd Place, ACCA Paper 1.3

Vanessa is a principal at RPC Recovery Partners, an insolvency practice, and a director at the Irish League of Credit Unions.



2003-04, Barry Knox

1st Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper 1.2 (2003)
3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.1 (2004)

Barry focused his career in the area of commercial finance, progressing from analyst positions to business partnership roles. Over the past ten years, he has been with Vodafone.



2003, Caroline Moran

Overend Scholar of the Year, LSI
Company Law Prize, LSI

After completing her apprenticeship and a further two years post qualification in McGovern Walsh Solicitors in Sligo, Caroline took up a specialised role in criminal law where she has practiced since 2011.



2003, Fiona Cullivan

Constitutional Law Prize, LSI

Fiona trained at a busy general law practice and became a partner before taking time out to focus on her family. She now works in-house as a commercial director for Catalyst, a technical advisory and ESG consultancy firm with offices across Europe.



2003-05, Jason Lambourne

1st Place, ACCA Paper 1.1 (2003)
2nd Place, ACCA Paper 1.3 (2003)
1st Place, ACCA Paper 2.2 (2003)
1st Place, ACCA Paper 2.3 (2004)
1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper 2.5 (2004)
2nd Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper 2.6 (2004)
3rd Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2 (2005)
 Jason is the head of applications at H+K International and oversees teams worldwide.



2003, John Halpin

3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.3

John started as an assistant GL accountant at Eason & Son and is now a treasury manager EMEA at Doosan Bobcat EMEA.



2003, John O'Donogue

2nd Place, ACCA Paper 3.7

John is a partner at Moriarty & Murphy Accountants, a firm in his hometown that provides services to the SME sector.



2003, Julie Berry

3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.2

Julie worked at Browne & Murphy Chartered Accountants in Dublin before moving to Sydney in 2007. She has been with Ellice-Flint & Co. Chartered Accountants since then.



2003, Lorraine Sherry

City & Guilds Practical Photography Challenge

Lorraine trained with Barry Moore of Photogenics, ran a successful wedding photography business and joined the IPPA, securing many licences and accolades. For more than two decades, she has been a Rostrum camera operator at RTE.



2003-04, Miki Iwane

1st Place, ACCA Paper 2.6 (2003)

1st Place, ACCA Paper 3.3 (2003)

2nd Place, ACCA Paper 3.6 (2004)

Miki is an experienced senior finance business partner with a background in financial services and the IT industry.



2003, Paul Doyle

1st Place (17th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5

Paul has been working for Oracle for the past 17 years, progressing from financial controller for the Middle East and Africa to vice president for the Global Finance Systems & Asset Controllers organisation.



2003-04, Tanya Doyle

TV Production of the Year, Smedias (2003)

City & Guilds Gold Medal of Excellence (2004)

Prince Philip Medal of Excellence (2004)

Tanya is the creative director of Marmalade Films and Griffith College's Creative Arts & Screen Media faculty head. Her documentaries have been screened at major festivals worldwide.



2004, Agnieszka Furlong

1st Place, ACCA Paper 1.2

Agnieszka is currently the vice president of the Derivatives Centre of Excellence at State St. in Kilkenny.



2004, Brid Creedon

1st Place, ACCA Paper 3.4

2nd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5

Brid is a former Griffith College lecturer and has held various financial leadership roles. She is currently the executive director P2P at Eli Lilly.



2004, Catherine Dorman

1st Place, ACCA Paper 1.3

While studying at Griffith College, Catherine changed roles to work at Lamartine. She qualified during her time there and has been with the company for 17 years.



2004, Colm Brennan

2nd Place, ACCA Paper 3.1

Before his current role as group head of internal audit at Monument Life Insurance, Colm was head of financial control. He is also a fellow of the ACCA, a chartered tax adviser and a member of the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors.



2004, Dolores Grace

3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.4

Dolores worked as a management accountant and compliance manager. She also lectured part-time and worked in private practice, carrying out internal audits in many credit unions. Her current role is with Stephens Cooke & Associates.



2004, Frederick Logue

Constitutional Law Prize, LSI

Frederick is a managing partner at FP Logue Solicitors, a law firm specialising in planning, environment and information law.



2004, Gerard Kiernan

1st Place (19th in world), ACCA Paper 2.3

As the owner and managing director of Icon Accounting, Gerard has overseen the company's growth over the last 16 years. Under his leadership, the firm has expanded and now employs 40 people.



2004, Jim Byrne

Interior Architecture Award, IDI

Jim is the innovation lead and associate director at RKD Architects.



2004, Johann Fox

News Radio of the Year, Smedias

Johann is the head of development at Dogs Trust Ireland and has 20 years of experience at a senior management level in the not-for-profit sector.



2004, Norah Comey

Best Student Performance, IILEX Certificate

Norah is a solicitor at St. John Solicitors LLP in Dublin with an extensive litigation and conveyancing experience.



2004-05, Siobhán Brady

1st Place (5th in world), ACCA Paper 2.6 (2004)

1st Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2 (2005)

Siobhán completed her ACCA exams with the support of KBG. She started managing a new branch in Co. Longford when the company expanded and became a partner in 2017.



2004, Sorca Clarke

1st Place, CPA P2 Audit Practice

Sorca is the Education spokesperson for Sinn Féin and TD for Longford–Westmeath. She is also a member of the Oireachtas committee DFHERIS, the all-party committee on autism and the taskforce on safe participation in public life.



2004, Therese Lyne

Company Law Prize, LSI

Therese became an adviser in the Central Bank of Ireland's Enforcement & Anti-Money Laundering Directorate and has been on the editorial board of several legal publications.



2005, Declan McNamara

3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.6

Declan has worked in public practice for 20 years. Setting up his own practice was a long-held dream for him and he established Moran McNamara in 2015.



2005, Emma Hinchey

2nd Place (4th in world), ACCA Paper 2.6

Emma has held positions as CFO, CEO, independent director and chairperson across multiple businesses and organisations in Ireland and Australia.



2005, Gillian Wyse

HETAC Student of the Year

Gillian has spent nearly 20 years within the financial services sector and is currently a senior programme manager within the business change function, with a leading specialty insurer and reinsurer in London.



2005, Karen Mulligan

2nd Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5

Karen started as group financial controller at Twinlite before moving to head of finance and deputy CEO at Savvi Credit Union, and then CEO at Life Credit Union. She is now the head of operations at the Irish League of Credit Unions.



2005, Lisa Byrne

3rd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 3.4

Lisa became financial controller of an SME before progressing to group financial controller for a fast-growing global company in the circular tech economy.



2005, Naomi Keatinge

1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper 3.4

Naomi has enjoyed a diverse career in both practice and industry, including several years as a self-employed professional.



2005, Nicola Proctor

2nd Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5

Nicola joined Sheridan & Co. Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors.



2005, Steve Ryan

News Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Steve is a portrait and food photographer from Kilkenny and has worked with some of the most innovative food brands.



2005, Tristan Geoghegan

3rd Place (14th in world), ACCA Paper 2.2

Tristan became the chief operating officer at Home Store + More.



2005, Valerie Metcalfe

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Valerie worked in corporate travel for over 40 years. She used her legal qualifications to advance to managing director of a corporate management company. Now retired from travel, she has established her own dog grooming business.



2005, Yvonne Pender

1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation

Yvonne joined Revenue as an administrative officer in local property tax and was promoted to assistant principal, focusing on audit and compliance.



2006, Aidan Harty

1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper 3.2

Aidan joined Mid Cork Pallets and became their managing director. He is also a director at Cork Green Energy and Rochestown Park Hotel.



2006, Anna Breen

2nd Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2

Anna worked for an SME as an accountant before starting her own firm whose client base consists of farming, construction and hospitality sectors.



2006-07, Attracta Duggan

1st Place (2nd in world), ACCA Paper 2.5 (2006)

1st Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 3.7 (2007)

Attracta has over 25 years of experience in leadership positions in Irish and international financial services. She is currently the CEO of EisnerAmper Ireland, a specialist advisory, accounting, audit and tax firm.



2006, Daniel Lovett

1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper 3.5

Daniel moved to Enstar Group as a senior risk manager before taking on the role of US & Bermuda chief risk officer.



2006, Eileen O'Leary

2nd Place (17th in world), ACCA Paper 3.6

Eileen has held various accounting and controller roles at a US company named Avery Dennison for the past 20 years.



2006, Evelyn O'Donnell

Contract Law Prize, LSI

Evelyn has practiced as a solicitor specialising in probate and conveyancing and is currently with Joseph Nolan & Co. Solicitors.



2006, Gary Creedon

2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 3.1

Gary is an internal auditor at Uisce Eireann Irish Water and an experienced senior financial accountant with a history of working in construction and property management.



2006-07, Gina Morrissey

1st Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 3.1 (2006)

2nd Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper P1 (2007)

Gina is a financial analyst providing advice and assistance to the central service areas at University College Cork.



2006, James Clark

2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5

2nd Place (8th in world), ACCA Paper 3.7

James is a senior director in Global Deal Assurance & Forecasting at VMware.



2006, Joanne Leetch

Constitutional Law Prize, LSI

Joanne works as a senior associate solicitor in the Probate & Conveyancing department at Callan Tansey Solicitors LLP. She previously worked as a general practice solicitor with Catherine Murphy & Co. Solicitors.



2006, Marion Horgan

3rd Place (20th in world), ACCA Paper 2.5

Marion has worked in publishing, motor, manufacturing, hospitality and professional services. She shared: *"The lecturers were always very approachable and this helped me to obtain my award. Having the ACCA qualification has always made my CV stand out."*



2006, Maurice Moloney

1st Place, CPA P2 Financial Management

Maurice works with Crowley & McCarthy Xeinadin and wishes to continue learning and adapting to the changing business environment.



2006, Michael Doyle

Company Law Prize, LSI

Contract Law Prize, LSI

EU Law Prize, LSI

Overend Scholar of the Year, LSI

Michael trained as a solicitor at Arthur Cox and later became a partner at A&L Goodbody. He was recently appointed as the head of the ALG Employment team.



2006-09, Niamh McGuire

3rd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper 2.4 (2006)

3rd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper P1 (2009)

Niamh was accepted as a fellow in 2017 and has since worked in many accounting roles.



2006, Noel Burke

Film Script of the Year, Smedias

Noel is a communications specialist at IBM, working in global communications.



2006, Patrick Cummins

1st Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper 2.5

Patrick is the managing director at Apex Fund & Corporate Services (Guernsey).



2006, Paul Cleary

1st Place, CPA P1 Financial Accounting

Paul came to work at Griffith College as a management accountant and has been here ever since.



2006, Stephen O'Leary

Small College Publication of the Year, Smedias

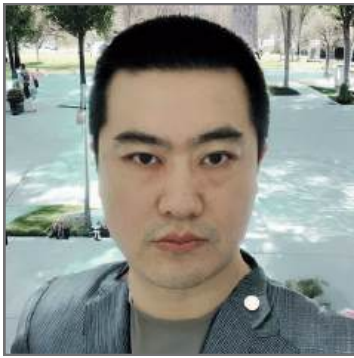
Mr. O'Leary is the managing director of the well-known social media analysis firm Olytico and a former lecturer at Griffith College.



2006, Susan Miller

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Susan has been working in the private sector in a project role, with the last 20 years spent in a communications environment.



2007, Bingliang Chen

HETAC Student of the Year

Bingliang moved from China to Ireland in 2000, beginning as a developer at SoftCo and advancing to team lead. He is now a principal group engineering manager at Microsoft in Dublin.



2007, Conor O'Reilly

2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper F8

Conor joined the Finance team at Magnet Networks, progressing from financial controller to CFO. In 2021, he joined Cara Pharmacy Group as a director and shareholder, where he currently serves as CFO.



2007, Geraldine Linehan

1st Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper 3.4

Geraldine joined CRH Plc nearly 20 years ago and completed her accountancy qualification there.



2007, John Heeney

News Photographer of the Year, Smedias

John has spent over 30 years at the Department of Justice, focusing on educational content creation through video.



2007, Niamh Donegan

3rd Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper F7

Niamh joined the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General to work in public sector audit, and is now a general manager in the HSE's Internal Audit department.



2008, David Reilly

3rd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper F4

David worked in various accountancy roles and joined Ericsson as a software engineer where he is now working as a product owner.



2008, Domenico Rea

Commercial Design Award, IDI

Domenico is an entrepreneur who formerly worked at Rorsa Douglas in Cork and is now retired from the industry.



2008, Fiona Daunt

1st Place, CPA P1 Auditing

Fiona is a certified public accountant with experience in auditing, advisory services and finance. She is the founding partner of an accountancy practice based in Mallow.



2008, Maurice Wright

Speech & Drama Excellence Award

Maurice participates in Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society productions twice a year. His TV and film experience includes working as a body double on 'Game of Thrones' and appearing in several TV commercials.



2008, Nigel Wynne

Commercial Design Award, IDI

Nigel gained employment with NMA Architects as a designer covering a diverse range of projects which earned him an associate position within the practice.



2009, Adrian Cronin

1st Place, CIMA Paper P04 Organisational Management & Information Systems

From spearheading the development of Gas Networks Ireland's Data Competency Centre to leading innovation initiatives at Ervia, Adrian's roles have showcased his expertise in harnessing technology to meet strategic goals.



2009, Alan Kavanagh

Speech & Drama Excellence Award

Alan (Al Porter) is an IFTA award-winning comedian and one of the few Irish comics ever nominated for the prestigious Perrier Award in Edinburgh. He is currently the writer, director and star of the 30lympia family panto every Christmas, as well as the writer and director of their new late-night panto.



2009, Aleksandra Krupa

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Aleksandra has over 15 years of legal experience in both practice and academia. She completed a two-year programme with IILEX and Griffith College, before progressing to the LL.B. (Hons) with the Faculty of Law at Griffith College's Cork campus.



2009, Amidu Ganiyu

3rd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper P2

Amidu was an EMEA indirect tax supervisor with PayPal, and now works at Trinseo as a team lead within R2R, overseeing operational and compliance accounting.



2009, Bin Sun

HETAC Student of the Year

Bin is a chief technology officer at Insent.com and resides in China.



2009, Colette Byrne

1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Reporting

Colette worked in the telecommunications industry as an accounts assistant and currently works in the pharmaceutical sector as a finance manager.



2009, Edward McDonnell

1st Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper P1

Edward is a financial controller with extensive accounting experience, employed at Microsoft Ireland.



2009, Imran Qazi

1st Place, CPA P1 Auditing

Imran became a senior finance manager at EY.



2009-10, James Dunning

1st Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper P3 (2009)
3rd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper P2 (2010)
3rd Place (14th in world), ACCA Paper P5 (2010)

James is a senior credit and risk manager at Cisco Systems in the EMEA region where he manages a portfolio of end customers and partners.



2009-10, Karolina Bigos

2nd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper F5 (2009)
2nd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper F7 (2010)

Karolina holds a managerial role at Canada Life, leading a team of accountants and trainees.



2009-11, Laura Egan

3rd Place (19th in world), ACCA Paper F4 (2009)
2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper F5 (2009)
2nd Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper P3 (2011)

Laura worked with NETGEAR for 17 years, starting as a graduate and completing her ACCA exams through the graduate programme offered at that time. She is currently the financial director of NETGEAR in Cork.



2009, Melissa O'Sullivan

Company Law Prize, LSI

Melissa became a corporate solicitor at PwC Legal LLP.



2009, Susan McGowan

Interior Design Award, IDI

Susan is the founder and creative director of Ashen & Cloud, an interior architecture and design studio.



2009, Vincent O'Brien

2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper P2

Vincent worked in practice before taking the role of group financial accountant for the Fitzgerald Hospitality Group.



2010, Carmel Carrick

1st Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper F5

Carmel works with the Northern Western Regional Assembly and has recently been promoted to administrative officer of corporate, finance and HR.



2010, Caroline Battlebury

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Caroline has had a stellar legal career, having worked with Arthur Cox and William Fry, and is now a legal PA with Addleshaw Goddard.



2010, Ciara Cummiskey

2nd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper P3

Ciara started as a financial analyst position at Apple before being promoted to a managerial role. As of spring 2023, she took a career break to care for her children.



2010, Glenn Creighton

3rd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper F9

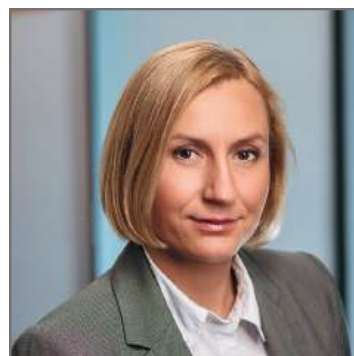
Starting in a finance graduate programme and rising through the ranks, Glenn was promoted to international finance director at Arlo where he oversees worldwide AR, AP and tax matters.



2010, Katrine Westum

Interior Architecture Award, Digital Hub Best in Show

Katrine became an interior architect at Designfolk.



2010, Malgorzata Wiecek

3rd Place, ACCA Paper P6

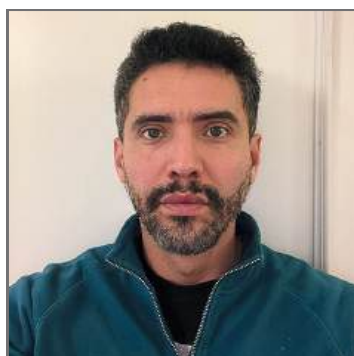
Malgorzata has been working as a financial accountant for Contracting PLUS.



2010, Paul Mahon

1st Place, CPA F2 Management Accounting

Paul is the global process owner for Order to Cash at Meta.



2010-12, Rolando Cedeno

2nd Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper F9 (2010)

1st Place (5th in world), ACCA Paper P2 (2011)

3rd Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper P5 (2012)

Rolando is currently a finance director at Esmark Finch.



2010, Seán O'Quigley

50th Irish Times Debating Competition

After graduating, Seán attended the Honorable Society of King's Inns and obtained his BL. He was called to the Bar of Ireland in 2011 and has been working as a barrister since specialising in criminal law.



2010-11, Seetal K.C.

2nd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper P2 (2010)

3rd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper P7 (2011)

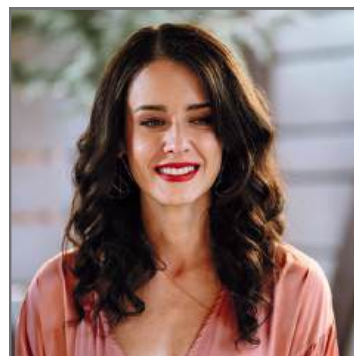
While studying, Seetal joined the BDO outsourcing team, gaining exposure to several U.S. multinational tech companies. He later joined Quantcast as a financial accountant and progressed to an international controller role.



2011, Alison Ritchie

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Corporate Finance

Alison is the CEO of Polar Ice, a leading supplier of dry ice products. She also mentors other entrepreneurs through initiatives like ACORNS and Going For Growth, sharing her expertise to inspire emerging female business leaders in rural Ireland.



2011, Ana Maglajlic

HETAC Student of the Year

Ana worked in the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and is now a senior political adviser at the Royal Norwegian embassy in Sarajevo.



2011, Anna Smyth

3rd Place (20th in world), ACCA Paper F9

Anna is a senior financial reporting manager in the insurance industry and aims to focus on sustainability matters in the coming years.



2011, Diandra Xavier

European Commission Representation in Ireland, Eurotrip 3: talktoeu.ie

Diandra has been working in the TV and Film industry across Ireland, the UK and America, focusing on casting, research and writing.



2011-14, Jitka Pechancova

1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper FFM (2011)
1st Place (5th in world), ACCA Paper FTX (2011)
3rd Place (19th in world), ACCA Paper F5 (2013)
3rd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper F6 (2013)
2nd Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper F7 (2014)
3rd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper F9 (2014)
2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper P3 (2014)
 Jitka is a senior accountant at Murray Cloney & Associates, an accountancy practice in Co. Cork.



2011, Maria Burke

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Leadership

A busy mother of seven children and working full-time as a CE supervisor in Cork, Maria has worked as an accountant for 15 years for Tenba and Kerry Group.



2011, Mathias Odden

TV Production of the Year, Smedias

Mathias has been working as a film director and scriptwriter for a Norwegian film and communications agency. He told us: *"Every day I get to use the knowledge I first gathered and developed at Griffith. If it hadn't been for my lecturer Tanya, I think my career and life would have been a lot different."*



2011, Morgan Tierney

3rd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper P1

Morgan works in banking and finance with AIB and holds a QFA qualification accreditation with the Institute of Bankers. He is part-qualified with ACCA and is currently on pause from pursuing his qualification.



2011, Nathalie Galligan

3rd Place, ACCA Paper P6

Nathalie is a group financial controller for an international communications equipment provider in Australia where she has worked her way upwards from assistant accountant to senior manager.



2011, Niall Donnelly

1st Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper F6

3rd Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper F8

Niall joined the professional services firm UHY Farrelly Dawe White as a tax manager in 2018. He has since progressed to the board of directors as the tax director.



2011, Tapiwa Sibindi

3rd Place, ACCA Paper P6

Tapiwa is the director of industry relations at UnitedHealth Group.



2012, Fiona Ryan

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategy & Leadership

Fiona has worked as an accountant across several multinational sectors, including as a consumer receivables accountant at Apple and a GL accountant at Itron & Mandiant. She is currently a senior cost accountant in the pharmaceutical industry.



2012, Helaine Trumble

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Helaine has over 25 years of experience and is a legal executive at the litigation firm Callan Tansey Solicitors. She shared: *"My firm encouraged me to complete the Diploma in Legal Studies & Practice at Griffith College, known for its excellence in legal education, which equipped me with a solid foundation."*



2012, Ian Donegan

Small College Publication of the Year, Smedias

Ian is a PR consultant at SkyParlour and an experienced iGaming account manager.



2012, Mary Fennelly

1st Place, CPA F2 Management Accounting

Mary worked as an accounting technician with Malone O'Regan Consulting Engineers until retiring a few years ago.



2012-14, Philip Murray

1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper F5 (2012)

2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper P3 (2014)

Philip is a qualified ATI and ACCA accountant. He has experience in both practice and industry roles, and has been a lecturer at Griffith College since 2015.



2012, Rebekah Deegan

1st Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper P7

Rebekah works in financial services as a corporate accountant in an investment services business.



2012, Sean Lane

1st Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper P7

Sean has held several roles in the payments and regulatory areas. He is currently employed at Google.



2012-13, Stephen Stenson

1st Place, Accounting Technicians (2012)

2nd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper F5 (2012)

1st Place (14th in world), ACCA Paper F7 (2013)

2nd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper F8 (2013)

2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper F9 (2013)

Stephen began his Amazon career in Munich in 2019 and is now a principal business intelligence engineer at Amazon in Washington DC.



2012, Tetyana Myronova

2nd Place (19th in world), ACCA Paper P4

Tetyana works in IT as an SAP finance functional analyst and project manager, leading teams of consultants to deliver system changes for business users.



2013, Adriana Renee Skaar
IDI Student Award

Adriana works as an interior architect for YSA Design, a design studio for the cruise ship industry.



2013, Brian Coughlan

3rd Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper F7

Brian runs his own business and provides accountancy support to various industry sectors.



2013, Christine Fagerbakke

Sports Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Christine returned to Norway as a photojournalist before transitioning to investigative journalism. Today, she is the communications adviser for the Norwegian National Institute of Marine Research.



2013, Diane Duffy

3rd Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper P3

Diane works as a financial accountant for Energia Renewables and enjoys working on wind farm projects.



2013, Fiona O'Grady

2nd Place (14th in world), ACCA Paper P2

Fiona is the executive director at AviLease Aircraft Leasing Company, having recently joined after a decade in Standard Chartered Aviation Finance.



2013, James Keating

Headline Award for Student Journalism

Relating to Mental Health & Suicide, Smedias
 James went on to work with RTÉ, producing several radio programmes and reporting for Radio 1. He currently works as a director of content for TCGplayer in New York.



2013, Jean Anne Sadlier

1st Place, CPA P1 Auditing

1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Reporting

Jean Anne works as an accountant for The Fruit People.



2013-14, Lisa Mannering

1st Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper F6 (2013)

2nd Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper F5 (2014)

Lisa progressed from financial analyst to senior financial analyst in the financial services industry. She is now a finance manager in the tech industry, partnering with executive leaders and their teams.



2013, Maria Lukjanov

1st Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper F9

Maria is currently a senior financial accountant at Google Ireland, focusing on DACH Controllershship.



2013, Michelle Bourke

2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper P7

Michelle qualified as a practice accountant and transitioned to industry, before advancing to the role of financial director at a multinational company in Cork.



2013, Mihaela Balasca

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Performance Management

Mihaela has been working at the Revenue Commissioners.



2013, Noel Joseph Delaney

1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Corporate Reporting

Noel is the principal partner at Kenny, Whelan & Co. firm. He shared: *"The calibre of the lecturers, the support from the staff and the excellent facilities all contributed to an environment where success wasn't just encouraged but achievable."*



2013, Paul Finn

1st Place (3rd in world), ACCA Paper P3

Paul completed his exams while working with the FBD Hotels and Resorts Group. He is now their finance manager.



2013, Ray Hegarty

Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Ray is an independent photographer who works as a lens-based artist and educator in Dublin. He is now pursuing a Certificate in Cinematography and Colour Grading at Griffith College.



2013, Robert Higgins

Short Story of the Year, Smedias

Robert is an Irish director and the co-founder of the Harp Media company. Starring Éanna Hardwicke from 'Normal People' and Danielle Galligan from 'Kin,' his 2023 film 'Lakelands' was a success.



2013, Siobhán Carroll

EU Law Prize, LSI

Siobhán is a legal counsel at Deloitte Ireland, acting as a legal business partner to their audit and risk advisory.



2014, Andrew Matthews

2nd Place (14th in world), ACCA Paper P2

Andrew has worked as a group accountant at an Irish software company and was recently promoted to group finance manager.



2014, Brid Darcy

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Corporate Finance

Brid is a director at Shane Somers & Associates, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors.



2014, Candace Kinsella

1st Place, CPA F2 Information Systems

1st Place, CPA F2 Taxation

Candace works for Messenger Publications, a Jesuit-owned religious organisation.



2014, Chiara Pizzi

Short Story of the Year, Smedias

Chiara is the senior impact manager at WaterBear in the Netherlands, the first interactive streaming platform featuring NGO-led documentaries dedicated to the future of our planet.



2014, Damien Foran

2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper P4

Damien is a senior accountant at Wasteco in Canada.



2014, Donal Brosnan

1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Corporate Reporting

Donal worked in hospitality in 5-star hotels before transitioning to the tech industry with Cyberfortress. He is currently a financial controller at Smarttech247.



2014, Eoin Clarke

2nd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper F9

After completing his exams as part of the PepsiCo Graduate programme, Eoin took a financial accountant role within the company before transitioning to the Record to Report team at FMC. He is now an accounting manager at Malwarebytes.



2014, Geraldine Quilter

1st Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper F8

As the lead financial accountant and head of a Company Secretarial department, Geraldine manages data, creates financial information, compiles statements, and oversees statutory audits and tax compliance.



2014-15, Julian O'Reilly

Interior Design & Architecture Award, IDI (2014)

Interior Design & Architecture Award, IDI (2015)

Julian is a senior interior designer at Henry J Lyons Architects.



2014, Laura Dowling

Radio Production of the Year, Smedias

Laura became a payroll specialist at eir Ireland.



2014, Laura Hunt

Radio Production of the Year, Smedias

Laura worked as a freelance writer for local newspapers and magazines, and is now a programme manager at TELUS International AI.



2014, Linn Marie Hatlelid Karlsen
Nissan Generation Next Young Designer of the Year

Linn Marie set up her own brand before transitioning to healthcare. She aims to integrate her artistic background into art therapy, believing in its power as a tool for communication.



2014, Ramachandra Gaire
Dublin Student of the Year

Ramachandra completed his audit training contract with Deloitte before transitioning to the reinsurance industry at a French company. He initially worked as a financial accountant and is now the financial controller.



2015, Aisling McDevitt

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Corporate Finance
Aisling is the director of PGIM Real Estate Loan Services and sits on several Innovation Councils across PGIM. She is also a member of AmCham's Global Strategic Services Forum, an associate of the Institute of Directors in Ireland, and part of the Board of Donegal 2040.



2015-20, Angela Kiernan
1st Place, CPA F2 Financial Accounting (2015)
1st Place, CPA Advanced Taxation (2018)
Best Overall Student, CPA P2 (2020)

Angela has been working for Amatino Advisory Services in Cavan.



2015, Ayelen Roger

1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
Ayelen is a business and finance consultant at Ecovis DCA and has built up experience across various sectors.



2015, Dean Alford

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Performance Management
Dean is a finance manager at Freight Europe for DP World and has worked on various projects in the aviation leasing, insurance, logistics, professional services and recruitment sectors.



2015, Jane Small
1st Place, CPA F2 Information Systems
1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Laws & Governance
1st Place, CPA P1 Managerial Finance

Jane's role evolved from assistant accountant to company financial accountant, and then to director of finance in a medical device innovation company.



2015, Kevin Barry

3rd Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper P1
Kevin trained with Moore Stephens and BNP Paribas, before taking on his current role at PAFS Ireland.



2015, Lamis Goumaa

DIT Student Design Award
Lamis joined the London-based brand Percival before being recruited by Pomelo in Thailand. She is now an assistant product technician at Primark.



2015, Liubov Lehoux

1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation

Liubov has worked as a financial accountant, general ledger and VAT accountant. She is now a group consolidation controller in the Watches & Jewellery industry in Geneva.



2015, Marius Dalseg Saetre

Sports Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Marius worked as a news journalist in Oslo and now travels around Norway, telling stories through visual media as a video and content producer for The Norwegian Trekking Association.



2015, Matthew Foyle

National Student Challenge, GradIreland

Matthew worked at Algolia in London as a solutions engineer and then engineering manager. He now leads developer experience at Dynamic.xyz in Poland.



2015, Moya Comer

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Moya, a nurse educator, told us about her studies at Griffith College: "[It] equipped me with the necessary skills and confidence to support healthcare staff in their learning regarding legal issues relevant to practice."



2015, Robert Morrissey

Blog of the Year, Smedias

Robert became a freelance multimedia journalist and content manager.



2015, Ryan Bailey

Sports Writer of the Year, Smedias

Ryan is a communications manager at the Irish Rugby Football Union.



2015, Shiva Ranabhat

Limerick Student of the Year

An internship facilitated by the College led to a full-time position, marking the beginning of Shiva's tech career. Starting as an analyst, he then transitioned to a software engineer role.



2015-16, Silvia Cagianca

1st Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper F7 (2015)

1st Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper F9 (2016)

Silvia began her accounting career in Italy but moved to Ireland to work for an asset management company, an Irish subsidiary of a major Italian bank. She later joined a company specialising in financial solutions for SMEs.



2015, Sukhwinder Singh

2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper F7

Sukhwinder worked with McGinley and Co. for a decade. He recently began a new journey working for a company in the aviation sector.



2015, Tiberio Ventura

Photographer of the Year, Smedias

TV Production of the Year, Smedias

Tiberio is a photographer and videographer who has worked for The Irish Times and Dunnes Stores.



2015, Uchenna Opabola

1st Place, CPA P1 Auditing

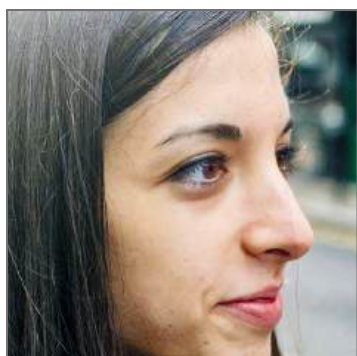
Uchenna ran her own consultancy business for three years and is now the senior accountant and internal auditor for a not-for-profit organisation.



2016, Barry Blake

1st Place, CPA F2 Taxation

Barry has experience in finance, property and asset management. He recently transitioned to a role in internal audit for a bank in the Middle East.



2016, Claudia Verdecchia

TV Production of the Year, Smedias

Claudia went on to pursue a full-time career in video production as a producer, videographer and editor.



2016, Clodomiro Borea

3rd Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper F7

Clodomiro is a senior valuation controller at HSBC.



2016, Danielle Maldonado

RSA Award for Journalism Relating to Road Safety, Smedias

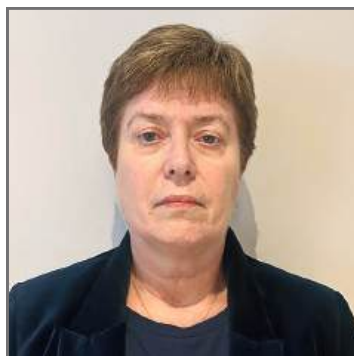
Danielle explored various career paths, including teaching English at Atlantic Language Dublin. She is now pursuing a career in Learning & Development in HR to further her passion for communication and education.



2016, Deirdre Fallon

Emerging Photographers Award, Alliance Française de Dublin

Deirdre has worked with WeShoot as a studio manager and with Dunnes Stores as a retoucher. She is now a senior production specialist at Life Style Sports where she manages photoshoots.



2016-20, Elizabeth Cooke

1st Place, CPA F2 Information Systems (2016)

1st Place, CPA Strategic Performance Management (2020)

After obtaining her qualification, Elizabeth was promoted to head of finance Ireland at Bostik Industries.



2016, Eoghan Ahern

Limerick Student of the Year

Eoghan is a data centre inside solution engineer at Dell Technologies.



2016, Gerard Buckley

1st Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper F7

Gerard initially trained as an electrician. He then completed his practical experience with FCOS and has since been working with O'Rourke & Co. Chartered Accountants in Killarney.



2016, Hannah Boccaccio

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Corporate Finance

Hannah worked for Peter Coyne & Co. in Galway during which time she earned her CPA qualification. She then took a year out in New Zealand before joining Lalor O'Shea McQuillan Chartered Accountants in Carlow.



2016, John Carroll

Coinaphoto Winner, Dublin My View

John works in family portraiture and commercial photography. His work has been exhibited by the RHA, 5 Lamps Arts Festival, Halfstone Print Fair, Dublin City libraries and Roscommon Library.



2016, Katie Digby

1st Place, CPA P1 Auditing

Katie began as an internal auditor at Fexco and was recently appointed as their group operational resilience coordinator.



2016, Patricia Daly

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategy & Leadership

Patricia joined the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority as a finance executive before progressing to corporate service manager.



2016, Róisín O'Grady

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

After many years of working in law firms as a legal executive and administrator, Róisín used her qualifications to support herself in her legal executive role. She now works in DLR Libraries.



2016, Stephen Murphy

1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Performance Management

Stephen progressed from a junior accounts receivable role to a senior accountant position during the decade he has been with Oxford.



2016, Trevor O'Connor

1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Corporate Reporting

Trevor is the NDC Askeaton financial controller for Wyeth Nutritionals Ireland. He is also a group finance manager for hotels in Galway and a team lead fund accountant.



2016, Tuula McMahon

1st Place, CPA F2 Management Accounting

1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Laws & Governance
Tuula started as a statutory accountant at PTC Therapeutics before transitioning to a finance business partner role and now works in commercial finance.



2017, Barry Murphy

Limerick Student of the Year

After managing community pharmacies, Barry enrolled at Griffith College. Following a year in private practice, he worked as a financial accountant at a private investment bank. He has recently started working as an operations manager for a UK-based hardware chain.



2017, Gillian Smith

1st Place, CPA Information Systems

1st Place, CPA Taxation

Gillian joined the European Commission as a seconded national expert from Revenue working in DG REFORM. She also has experience in Irish Revenue as a tax auditor and delegate to the EU and OECD on direct taxation matters.



2017, Jacqueline Walsh

1st Place, CPA Advanced Taxation

Jacqueline joined Nature's Oils & Sauces as a financial accountant before being promoted to financial controller.



2017, Julie McGrath

Ove Arup Award, IDI

Julie is an interior architect at Plus Architecture.



2017, Lisa Cosgrave

1st Place (1st in world), ACCA Paper P7

Lisa became a chartered tax adviser with the Irish Tax Institute and moved to a position with OmniPro as a tax adviser.



2017, Rian Gallagher

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Rian told us: "The education I received was of a very high standard. After several years in the workplace, I have just completed my Master's with the College as a mature student. I found the academic agenda and dedicated faculty team have given me the necessary skills to excel in my next career."



2017, Rupa Anand

1st Place, CPA Corporate Laws & Governance

Rupa has been working with the Revenue Commissioners, having previously worked with a private accounting firm.



2017, Russell Waldron

1st Place, CPA Strategy & Leadership

Russell began his career as an employer compliance officer at the Inland Revenue in London in 1997. He then moved to Ireland and secured a position in the Finance department of the Environmental Protection Agency.



2017-20, Samantha Taylor

1st Place, CPA Financial Accounting (2017)

1st Place, CPA Management Accounting (2017)

1st Place, CPA Corporate Reporting (2020)

Samantha began her career as a trainee accountant at Milne O'Dwyer. After five years of working in practice, she joined the Office of the Planning Regulator as a finance manager.



2017, Tatsiana Niznik

1st Place, CPA Strategic Performance Management
Tatsiana is from Belarus and has been living in Ireland for nearly 20 years. She works at Parexel as a finance manager and controller for the EMEA region.



2018, Aaron Dodd

Small College Publication of the Year, Smedias
Aaron joined Ocean Publishing before moving into communications and public relations for tech startups. He currently leads public relations and media at the DFINITY Foundation, a Swiss not-for-profit and major contributor to the Internet Computer Protocol.



2018, Cian Johnston

Film Script of the Year, Smedias
Cian is a broadcast engineer at Pi Comms, as well as a being a videographer and editor.



2018, Clémentine Moores

Student of the Year, Irish Law Awards
Clémentine moved from France to Ireland with a determination to pursue a career in law. She currently works in the Legal Policy department at X Corp and is seeking a training contract to fulfil her ambition to become a solicitor.



2018, Craig Meehan

Limerick Student of the Year
Craig is now the business lead for global transportation visibility in Kenvue, a consumer healthcare company.



2018, Dawn Bradfield

Ove Arup Award, IDI
Dawn became a freelance interior design consultant.



2018, Emmet Banahan

Small College Publication of the Year, Smedias
Emmet works in production and lighting and has collaborated with notable names like Cartier, Gucci, Adidas and British Vogue.



2018, Karina Diamond

1st Place, CPA Strategic Corporate Finance
Karina began her career in manufacturing accounting at Hollister Ballina before moving on to become a finance manager at Coláiste UISCE. She is now the commercial manager at UISCE.



2018, Laura Phelan

1st Place, CPA Corporate Laws & Governance
1st Place, CPA Information Systems
Laura currently works as an executive officer at the Compliance division of Revenue.



2018-19, Mark O'Sullivan

1st Place, CPA Auditing (2018)

1st Place, CPA Corporate Reporting (2019)

Mark began his career with AIB and is now an associate director in Advisory Business Risk Services at Grant Thornton in Cork.



2018, Shoufa Yuan

Cork Student of the Year

Shoufa worked as an analyst in the investment banking unit at China Minsheng Securities Co. Since 2022, he has been a fund manager at Beijing Chongshan Equity Investment Management LLC.



2018, Sunil Appat Sukumaran

1st Place, CPA Advanced Corporate Reporting

Sunil became a freelance auditor and consultant.



2018-19, Veronica Ward

1st Place, CPA Management Accounting (2018)

1st Place, CPA Managerial Finance (2019)

Veronica is working as a group management accountant in the aviation service industry, spearheading all aspects of profitability, pricing and financial planning.



2019, Agha Hassan Sarwar

Small College Publication of the Year, Smedias

Agha landed his first internship at the G Request Show, before returning to Pakistan where he worked as a magazine editor. He is now a freelance journalist in Canada and shared: "Griffith College played a major role in making me an observant and knowledge-thirsty journalist."



2019, Aleksandra Kowalczyk

1st Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper Advanced Taxation

Aleksandra has worked in various accounting roles in financial shared services in Poland and Ireland for over a decade. In 2022, she joined one of the Big Four companies to work in tax compliance and advisory.



2019, Dakshina Ranabhat

Limerick Student of the Year

Dakshina started her career with an internship at a medical company and has since worked as an accounts receivable administrator.



2019, Dermot Murphy

1st Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper Advanced Financial Management

Dermot left Ireland for Canada shortly after winning his award. He instantly landed a role as a staff accountant at a private debt fund. He is now the director of finance for Bonsai Growth Solutions.



2019, Eileen Hurley

1st Place, CPA Advanced Taxation

Eileen has been working as a senior accountant with O'Mahony Donnelly.



2019, Gerry Triyadi

Universal Design Grand Challenge Built Environment Award

Gerry is an associate and designer at IA Interior Architects.



2019, Lyndsey Kavanagh

1st Place, CPA Strategic Performance Management

Lyndsey is a financial accountant at Beacon Hospital.



2019, Pauline Hayden

1st Place, CPA Audit Practice

Pauline is the CFO of Capital Credit Union where she oversees the organisation's financial operations.



2019-21, Sarah Whitney

1st Place, CPA Corporate Laws & Governance (2019)
1st Place, CPA Audit Practice & Assurance Service (2020)
1st Place, CPA Strategy & Leadership (2020)
CPA Liam Donnelly Medal (2021)

Sarah became an accountant at Sheil Kinnear.



2019, Sebastian Farron-Mahon

Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Sebastian is an Irish photographer, co-founder of AGORA Collective and editor of AGORA Magazine. His work explores themes of depth, representation, memory, association and the rendering of time and space on a two-dimensional surface.



2020, Bethaney Woolley

Fashion Design Award, IDI

Bethaney spent several years as a designer in Primark's Homeware and Lifestyle division. Motivated by a passion for entrepreneurship, she then left the corporate world to establish her own business, Velvet & the Fox.



2020-21, Bryan Stokes

1st Place, CPA Financial Accounting (2020)
1st Place, CPA Foundation Taxation (2021)
 Bryan is currently working for FDC accountants in Tipperary.



2020, Ciara Lee

1st Place, CPA Taxation

Ciara was admitted as a member of CPA Ireland in 2023 and began her career as a qualified accountant.



2020, Dafe Oyiki

1st Place, CPA Auditing

Dafe has been working in industry and customs accounting.



2020, Darren Kennedy

Limerick Student of the Year

After graduating, Darren received an offer from Northern Trust to join its Derivatives team in Limerick where he is still working today.



2020, Edward Fogarty

1st Place, CPA Strategic Corporate Finance

Edward was an advertising accountant in Vancouver and a senior accountant in the US. Upon returning to Ireland, he founded a company that focused on financial statement preparation.



2020, Juliana Falanghe

Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Juliana graduated in photographic media and has worked in photographic creation in studio and marketing.



2020, Kate Swift

News Photographer of the Year, Smedias

Kate is a portrait photographer whose work addresses sociocultural issues in Ireland. Her photography has been featured in Photo Ireland, IOVA Exhibition and the RHA Shortlist.



2020, Lisa Stapleton

1st Place, CPA Advanced Corporate Reporting

Lisa has worked as an accountant for a not-for-profit organisation, preparing financial statements.



2020, Philomena Royal

Music Excellence Award

Philomena was a member of The Line-Up Choir, making several appearances on RTÉ and 2FM Breakfast with Irish duo Hudson Taylor, and has performed with Irish Eurovision winner Paul Harrington. She is now a member of the award-winning female vocal collective Belleharmonics, competing for the World Cup of Choirs.



2020, Thomas Owens

1st Place, CPA Management Accounting

Thomas has worked in the finance section at Lakeland Dairies in Cavan and has gained great experience from all stakeholders within the business.



2021, Abidemi Oyinloye

Limerick Student of the Year

Abidemi was a multi-site procurement manager at Baxter International Inc. He is now a procurement contract manager at Canada Life.



2021-22, Adriana Ribeiro

Best Documentary Short, Prague International Indie Film Festival (2021)

Best Film, LGBTQ+ Toronto Film Festival (2021)

Best LGBTQ Documentary, Venice Shorts (2021)

Film Documentary of the Year, Smedias (2022)

Adriana is a Brazilian freelance producer based in Dublin.



2021, Alicia Kalleli

1st Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper Performance Management

Alicia began her ACCA journey at 16 with performance management being her first session paper. She was only 17 when she received this award.



2021, Alisha Larkin

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Alisha was a legal secretary at DAC Beachcroft LLP and a legal executive at Tim Kennelly Solicitors, before returning to DAC Beachcroft as a paralegal.



2021-22, Arthur Lopes

Best Documentary Short, Prague International Indie Film Festival (2021)

Best Film, LGBTQ+ Toronto Film Festival (2021)
Best LGBTQ Documentary, Venice Shorts (2021)
Film Documentary of the Year, Smedias (2022)

Hailing from Brazil, Arthur is a filmmaker and Griffith College lecturer. He found success with his 2021 documentary 'Libre: A Celebration of the Queer Body'.



2021, Brendan Morris

Video Journalist of the Year, Smedias

Brendan is a freelance video editor who has just graduated from Griffith College.



2021, Codruta Buzea

1st Place, CPA Foundation Financial Accounting

Codruta is an accounting assistant at HLB Ireland working in the Non-Audit department.



2021-22, Conor Molloy

1st Place, CPA Professional Audit & Assurance (2021)
1st Place, CPA Professional Managerial Finance (2021)
1st Place, CPA Professional Performance Management (2021)

1st Place, CPA Professional Financial Reporting (2022)
1st Place, CPA Professional Corporate Law (2022)
1st Place, CPA Strategic Strategy & Leadership (2022)
Conor is a newly qualified accountant after completing his CPA qualification.



2021, Eamon Higgins

1st Place, CPA Foundation Management Accounting

Eamon became a financial administrator.



2021-22, Ingrid Machado

Best Documentary Short, Prague International Indie Film Festival (2021)

Best Film, LGBTQ+ Toronto Film Festival (2021)
Best LGBTQ Documentary, Venice Shorts (2021)
Film Documentary of the Year, Smedias (2022)

Ingrid writes film essays for Canal Claquete in Rio de Janeiro and founded the Solax Film Club in Dublin. In 2023, she also raised money for Medical Aid for Palestinians.



2021, Krittika Vinayak Rane

Cork Student of the Year

Krittika started working at Eli Lilly Kinsale as a production assistant and is now working at MSD Biotech Dublin as a QA specialist.



2021-22, Namya Scuffins

Best Documentary Short, Prague International Indie Film Festival (2021)

Best Film, LGBTQ+ Toronto Film Festival (2021)
Best LGBTQ Documentary, Venice Shorts (2021)
Film Documentary of the Year, Smedias (2022)

Being transgender, Namya began her transitioning process which came with pursuing a career within the music industry. She has released two songs from her debut EP.



2021, Shu Zhang

1st Place, CPA Professional Financial Reporting

Shu chose to continue her further professional studies with Griffith College and gained experience at Ryan, Cannon and Kirk. She told us: *"I'm grateful for the support from Griffith College and my lecturer, Tom Colgan, in financial reporting."*



2021, Suelen Marli Rodrigues

Dublin Student of the Year

Shortly after graduating, Suelen received an offer to be a quality assurance engineer at an Irish company. She told us: *"Having completed two degrees at Griffith College, both in Computer Science, gave me the essential foundation to start a career in IT."*



2021, Úna Lyons

1st Place (5th in world), ACCA Paper Audit & Assurance

1st Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper Financial Management

Úna returned to HedgeServ where she had completed her work placement, as a fund accounting supervisor in the NAV department.



2022, Adrian Carroll

1st Place, CPA Foundation Financial Accounting

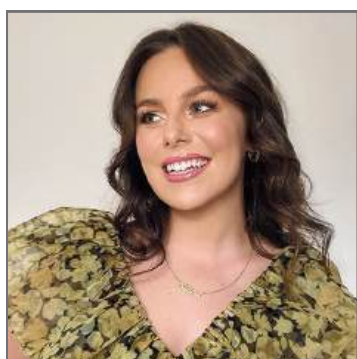
Adrian is a cluster assistant financial controller at Maldron Pearse Street and Kevin Street.



2022, Avril Cowman

1st Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper Advanced Taxation

Avril currently works for PSD Agri in Kilkenny.



2022, Clara Salinger

Design & Crafts Council Ireland Future Makers Fashion Materials Award

Since graduating in 2021, Clara has held several design roles and is currently working as a fashion designer in Primark's Womenswear division.



2022, Deborah Barrett

1st Place (17th in world), ACCA Paper Advanced Audit & Assurance

Deborah is a higher executive officer at the Revenue Commissioners in Galway.



2022, Deirdre McGuirk

IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award

Deirdre is currently employed by a legal statutory body. She is progressing to the LL.B.H. programme with Griffith College and plans to begin the FE-1 exams in the coming year.



2022, Gemma Brennan

1st Place, CPA Professional Advanced Taxation
Gemma is the finance executive at Ornella Underwriting.



2022, Lauren Byrne

1st Place, CPA Foundation Management Accounting
Lauren is the assistant accountant for Motor Distributors - Mercedes & BYD Ireland.



2022, Maebh Power

1st Place (2nd in world), ACCA Paper Advanced Performance Management
Maebh became a financial analyst at Glanbia.



2022, Marie Farrell

1st Place, CPA Foundation Management Fundamentals
Marie is an accounts assistant at Ginos Gelatos.



2022, Mark Tyler

1st Place, CPA Professional Audit & Assurance
Mark works as an accountant at Amatino Partners.



2022, Sean Mackle

1st Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper Audit & Assurance
Sean worked in Glasgow and Melbourne for several years. He then moved to Cork and has been working in the Finance department of Apple.



2022, Sinéad Handy

Speech & Drama Excellence Award
Sinéad is the co-founder of FunHouse Theatre Company. She teaches speech, drama and musical theatre to children, teenagers and young people all across Co. Offaly.



2022, Sophia Sauer

Beacon Hospital Nurses Uniform Fashion Design Award
Sophia's collection for Beacon Hospital's staff expressed the need to feel free to move, with a colour palette inspired by water. She then became a junior sportswear designer for OCEANSAPART in Berlin.



2023, Aoibhín Garrihy

LSMD Honorary Fellowship Award
A beloved figure in Ireland's cultural landscape, Aoibhín is known for her impressive career in acting and performing arts.



2023, Aoife O'Mara

SFI Best Journalism Relating to Science & Technology, Smedias

Aoife became an account executive at Carr Communications.



2023, Cristine Sobral de Moura

Cork Student of the Year

Cristine is a junior tax accountant at Roberts Nathan.



2023, Henry Fearon

1st Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper Audit & Assurance

Henry has been studying ACCA accountancy part-time while working as a financial accountant for an IT company.



2023, Kate Ivory

1st Place (17th in world), ACCA Paper Advanced Taxation

Kate became a finance associate at VMware.



2023, Liina Rae

1st Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper Financial Reporting

Liina studied genetics before swapping a lab bench for an office to work in research grant funding. In 2021, she began studying for ACCA qualification and pivoted towards finance in her existing role as a research programme officer.



2023, Rebecca Matthews

Dublin Student of the Year

Rebecca has worked in the Credit Union sector for ten years and is currently a management loans officer specialising in business lending.



2023, Spencer Glover

Early Career Artist Award, PhotoMuseum Ireland Judge's Pick, Prof. Steve McLeod, Open Doors Gallery, London

Image Award, Rotterdam Photo Festival Graduate Selection, Sebah Chaudry, Source Magazine

Spencer's prints are limited editions with only 12 copies of each photo made.



2024, Bartira Augelli

Journalist of the Year, Smedias EPA Award for Journalism Relating to the Environment

Bartira owns a boutique barista school where she uses her passion for coffee to offer training that facilitates job opportunities. She is also a freelance writer for the Dublin Inquirer.



2024, Colin Glynn Ormond

1st Place (14th in world), ACCA Strategic Business Reporting

Colin completed his undergraduate degree part-time while working at Moore Ireland. He credits the College with propelling his career: "It's a privilege to be a Griffith College alumnus and the reputation of the institution carries weight and value."



2024, Lorna Forde

1st Place (7th in world), ACCA Advanced Taxation
Lorna began her career at Dennehy O'Gorman in Limerick where she obtained her accounting technician qualification. After moving to Sligo, she joined Gilroy Gannon Chartered Accountants.



Aishah Akorede

(Honorable Mention)

Aishah, a Law graduate from Griffith College, is an Irish model and beauty pageant titleholder who was crowned Miss Universe Ireland 2023. She is also the founder of Recrowned Ireland, a not-for-profit social justice initiative aimed at helping women.



Aisling Cullen

(Honorable Mention)

Aisling is the CEO of Thanks Plants, an Irish company offering a clean-label vegan alternative to meat made from whole food ingredients.



Audrey Gaffney

(Honorable Mention)

With over 20 years of experience in the design industry, Audrey is the CEO and interior architect of Tailor&Wolf. She won a Female-Led Business All-Star Award in 2018.



David Byrne

(Honorable Mention)

David is the head of creative at Thinkhouse and has extensive experience building teams that deliver impactful campaigns globally.



Ellen Ryan

(Honorable Mention)

Ellen is the author of 'Girls Who Slay Monsters,' which unveils untold tales of ancient Irish goddesses. She won the KPMG Children's Book of the Year in 2023 and An Post Irish Book Awards Children's Book in 2022.



Emma Collopy

(Honorable Mention)

Emma was the designer of the new Ryanair cabin crew uniforms in 2015. She is now a senior production coordinator at Studio-104 where she managed the full production process.



Emmett McNamara

(Honorable Mention)

Emmett is an ACCA graduate and professional flat jockey with his most notable success coming in 2020 by winning the Epsom Derby. He aims to integrate his racing experience with his academic qualifications to contribute to the accounting sector within the sport.



Helen McEntee

(Honorable Mention)

Mrs. McEntee is the Minister for Justice in Ireland. She previously served as Minister for European Affairs, Vice Chair of the European People's Party, and Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People.



Jasmine Gerhardt

(Honorable Mention)

Jasmine aspires to work for the United Nations one day after being crowned Miss Ireland 2023. She completed a certificate in Legal Studies, before pursuing an LLB in Law.



Rachael Blackmore

(Honorable Mention)

Rachael made history in the horse racing world. She is the first female jockey to win both the Grand National in 2021 and the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 2022.



Shane Cassells

(Honorable Mention)

Shane served as a Fianna Fáil TD for the Meath West constituency and has been a senator in the Seanad since 2020. He also is a spokesperson on Media, Arts, Sport, Tourism and the Gaeltacht.

Additional Prize Winners in Chronological Order

- 1974, John Ross, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1974, Tim Moore, 1st Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1975, Alan Walsh, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1975, George Coyle, 1st Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1975, Harold Finnegan, 2nd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1975-77, John Smith, 2nd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2 (1975); 2nd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2 (1977)
1975, Ronan Nolan, 1st Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2
1976, Brian Keane, 2nd Place, ACA Final Examination
1976, Derry Browne, 1st Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2
1976, Michael O'Halloran, 2nd Place, ACA Final Examination
1976, Michael O'Neill, 1st Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1977, Alan Dargan, 2nd Place, ACA Final Examination
1977, Collette Cullen, 2nd Place, ACA Final Examination
1977, Colm Ruane, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1977, Marvin Cassidy, 2nd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2
1977, Regina Breheny, 1st Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1978, Evelyn Carroll, 2nd Place, ACA Final Examination
1978, Gerard O'Neill, 2nd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1979, John O'Donnell, 2nd Place, ACA Final Examination
1979, Niall Barrett, 3rd Place, ACA Final Examination
1979, Peter Byers, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1980, James O'Shea, 1st Place, ACA Final Examination
1981, Anastasia Quealy, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1981, Francis O'Neill, 3rd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2
1981, Michael Carey, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1981, Patrick Bergin, 3rd Place, ACA Final Examination
1981, Paul Bermingham, 2nd Place, ACA Final Examination
1981, Pierce O'Shea, 2nd Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2
1981, Timothy McCarthy, 1st Place, ACA Foundation Examination 2
1982, Heather Murray, 1st Place, ACA Final Examination
1982-83, Shane Nolan, 1st Place, ACA Penultimate Examination (1982); 1st Place, ACA Final Examination (1983)
1983, Aidan Treacy, 3rd Place, ACA Final Examination
1983, Conor O'Donnell, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1983, Mary Callaghan, 1st Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1983, Pauline Forker, 1st Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1983, Richard Hamilton, 2nd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1983, Ruaidhri Gibbons, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1984, Carmel Kelly, 3rd Place, ACA Final Examination
1984, Michael O'Keefe, 3rd Place, ACA Penultimate Examination
1985, Brian Donaghy, 1st Place, ACA FAE Examination
1985, Brian Tonge, 1st Place, IATI Admission
1986, Anthony McKenna, 1st Place, CPA Formation 2
1988, Fergus Gilmore, 1st Place, CPA Professional 1
1988, Vincent Smith, 1st Place, ACCA Level 3
1989, Adrienne Bevins, 1st Place, ACCA Level 3
1991, Roberta Bagnall, 1st Place, ACCA Level 3
1993, Gerard O'Brien, 1st Place, ACCA Level 3
1999, Ann Ruane, Fuji Student Photographer of the Year Award
1999, Marian Maguire, NCEA Student of the Year
1999-2000, Segolene Brouet, Navan Carpet Student Designer of the Year (1999); O'Sullivan Graphics Best Project Award (2000)
2000, Britta Foley, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 12
2000, Caroline Moran, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 10
2000, Catherine O'Neill, O'Sullivan Graphics Excellence Award
2000, Ciaran Walsh, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
2000-01, Claire Carroll, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 9 (2000); 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 10 (2000); 1st Place (8th in world), ACCA Paper 12 (2001); 1st Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper 13 (2001); 3rd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper 14 (2001)
2000-01, Donagh Long, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 8 (2000); 3rd Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper 9 (2001); 3rd Place (14th in world), ACCA Paper 10 (2001)
2000, Hazel Somers, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 13
2000, Helena Schreiner, Kodak Student Black & White Printer of the Year
2000, Jennifer Wheatley, Primary Colour Student Photography Competition Winner
2000-03, Joseph Ainsworth, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 2 (2000); 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.2 (2003)
2000, Kerry Field, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 9
2000, Margaret Boland, Fuji Student Photographer of the Year Award
2000, Mary Helena Kelly, O'Sullivan Graphics Student Designer of the Year
2000, Michelle Fortune, Niamh O'Herlihy Memorial Prize
2000, Niamh Dalton, NCEA Student of the Year
2000, Nigel So, Interior Architecture Award, IDI
2000, Noel Delaney, Best Overall Student, CPA P1
2000, Orla O'Neill, 1st Place, CPA P2 Financial Management
2000, Paraic Boland, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 10
2000-01, Robert Halpin, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 3 (2000); 1st Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper 2.3 (2001)
2000, Sharon Lim Mun Yee, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 14
2000, Yvonne Scanlon, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 12
2001-02, Catherine O'Sullivan, 1st Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper 2.6 (2001); 3rd Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper 3.1 (2002)
2001, Deirdre Hoyne, 1st Place (9th in world), ACCA Paper 2.5; 3rd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2
2001, Donna-Marie Kennedy, 3rd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper 2.6
2001, Emma Dobrainsky, 1st Place (3rd in world), ACCA Paper 2.1
2001, Fiona Lewis, 2nd Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5
2001, Geraldine Kelly, 2nd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 2.5
2001-02, Guido Franken, Best Overall Student, CPA Professional 1 (2001); 1st Place, CPA Professional 2 Taxation (2002)
2001, Jennifer Long, 1st Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper 1.3
2001, Kate Rooney, 2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 2
2001, Laura Brady, 2nd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 3.6
2001, Louise Cosgrave, 1st Place, CPA Professional 2 Accounting
2001-02, Mairead Collins, 1st Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper 9 (2001); 1st Place (8th in world), ACCA Paper 3.6 (2002)
2001, Maria Ganovska, Best Documentary, Kerry Film Festival; Short Film of the Year, Smedias; TV Production of the Year, Smedias
2001, Paul John Reid, 3rd Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper 2; 2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 4
2001, Richard Smith, 2nd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper 12; 1st Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper 14
2001, Susan Jane Griffin, 3rd Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper 5
2002, Allen Buckley, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.4
2002-04, Catherine McGrath, 1st Place (5th in world), ACCA Paper 1.1 (2002); 2nd Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper 1.2 (2002); 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.2 (2002); 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.5 (2003); 3rd Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper 2.6 (2003); 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 3.2 (2004); 1st Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper 3.6 (2004)
2002, David Coughlan, 2nd Place (6th in world), ACCA Paper 3.1
2002, Hazel Flynn, Law of Contract Prize, LSI
2002, Helena Morgan, 2nd Place (19th in world), ACCA Paper 3.5
2002, Jennifer Tuite, Law of Tort Prize, LSI
2002, Jimmy Tracey, 2nd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 2.5
2002, Karen Watkins, City & Guilds Gold Medal for Excellence
2002, Katherine Tully, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.6
2002-03, Kevin O'Farrell, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 2.5 (2002); 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.3 (2003)
2002, Margaret Murphy, 2nd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 3.4
2002, Niamh O'Donoghue, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 3.7
2002, Paul King, City & Guilds Gold Special Achievement Award
2002, Rachel Power, Best Overall Student, CPA Professional 1
2002, Robert Hendy, 1st Place, IATI Admission
2002, Siobhán Laighleis, Constitutional Law Prize, LSI
2003-04, Aidan Cronin, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.1 (2003); 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 2.2 (2003); 3rd Place (12th in world), ACCA Paper 2.6 (2004)
2003, Alan Bailie, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 1.1
2003, Amanda O'Riordan, Law of Property Prize, LSI
2003, Amy-Jane Hayden, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.2
2003, Anne Prendergast, 1st Place, CPA Professional 2 Auditing
2003, Antoinette O'Leary, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 2.4
2003, Ciaran Carthy, HETAC Student of the Year
2003, Conor Hipwell, TV Production of the Year, Smedias
2003, Dara Ryan, Interior Architecture Award, IDI
2003, Dave Cullen, TV Production of the Year, Smedias
2003, Eadoin Rock, Law of Tort Prize, LSI
2003, Emma Carroll, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 1.3
2003, Geraldine Byrne, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2003, Gillian Maloney, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 2.5
2003, Grellan Dunne, 2nd Place (7th in world), ACCA Paper 2.5
2003, Ian Quigley, Company Law Prize, LSI
2003, Lorraine Gillespie, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper 1.3
2003-06, Michael Monahan, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 1 (2003); 3rd Place (8th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2 (2006)
2003, Niall Lyons, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.5; 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.2
2003, Robert Considine, 2nd Place (15th in world), ACCA Paper 1.2
2003, Sinéad Doherty, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 1.1
2004, Ann Marie Fox, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.1
2004, Brian O'Loughlin, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.3
2004, Catherine Moore, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2004, Christopher Heneghan, 3rd Place (5th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2
2004, Cliona Hurley, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
2004, Dave Stanford, News Radio of the Year, Smedias; Talk Radio of the Year, Smedias
2004, Dearbhla Ní Lionnáin, HETAC Student of the Year
2004, Declan Daly, 3rd Place (13th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2
2004, Deirdre Carpenter, 3rd Place (18th in world), ACCA Paper 2.2
2004, Emmet McCarthy, News Radio of the Year, Smedias; Talk Radio of the Year, Smedias
2004, Gareth Fennel, News Radio of the Year, Smedias
2004, Grace Walsh, News Radio of the Year, Smedias
2004, James Brady, Talk Radio of the Year, Smedias
2004, James Hughes, 3rd Place (11th in world), ACCA Paper 2.4
2004-05, Kieran Coughlan, 2nd Place (4th in world), ACCA Paper 2.5 (2004); 1st Place (8th in world), ACCA Paper 3.6 (2005); 3rd Place (16th in world), ACCA Paper 3.2 (2005)
2004, Mark Cockerill, Company Law Prize, LSI
2004, Niall Thornton, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 3.2

2004, Nicola Brady, Photographer of the Year, Smedias
2004, Nigel Casey, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Financial Accounting
2004, Orla Farrell, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.4
2004, Richard Malone, 2nd Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.7; 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 2.5
2004, Rosalind Goodbody, News Photographer of the Year, Smedias
2004, Shane Henry, News Radio of the Year, Smedias
2004, Susan Kennedy, EU Law Prize, LSI
2004, Vicky Cummins, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 1.1; 1st Place, ACCA Paper 2.2
2004, Victoria Smith, 1st Place, ACCA Paper 1.3
2005, Audrey Harkin Mullan, 3rd Place in Ireland (*19th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.2
2005, Caomhan Keane, Colour Writer of the Year, Smedias
2005, Colin O'Brien, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.1
2005, Darren Coffey, 3rd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.7
2005, David McAlinden, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper 3.1
2005, Emma Byrne, 3rd Place (*19th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.2
2005, Evonne Bruton, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
2005, Fiona Russell, 2nd Place (*20th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.6
2005, John Bent, TV Journalist of the Year, Smedias
2005, Leonie Finan, 1st Place, CPA P2 Financial Accounting
2005, Louise Hendrick, 1st Place (*3rd in world*), ACCA Paper 2.6
2005, Marguerite Curran, 2nd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.2
2005, Maria Meade, 3rd Place (*15th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.6
2005, Marianne Bogue, Constitutional Law Prize, LSI
2005, Mary Tiernan, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.2
2005, Michelle Burke, Colour Writer of the Year, Smedias
2005, Róisín O'Farrell, 1st Place (*17th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.6
2005-06, Sandra Quinn, Best Overall Student, CPA P1 (2005); 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Financial Accounting (2006)
2005, Siobhán Fitzpatrick, 1st Place (*9th in world*), ACCA Paper 1.3
2005, Sorsha Foran, 1st Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2006, Aisling O'Sullivan, Company Law Prize, LSI
2006, Alison Corbally, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.1
2006, Andrew Barber, 3rd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2006, Barry Meade, 3rd Place (*8th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.4
2006, Catherine Duffy, 1st Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2006, David Mahon, 3rd Place (*15th in world*), ACCA Paper 1.3
2006, David Weir, Constitutional Law Prize, LSI
2006, Diren Valayden, Small College Publication of the Year, Smedias
2006-07, Eilish Murphy, 1st Place, CPA P1 Auditing (2006); 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Financial Accounting (2007)
2006, Emma Hearty, 3rd Place (*4th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.2
2006, Gemma Hanratty, 3rd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2006, Gene Piggott, 1st Place, CPA P1 Strategic Management Accounting
2006-07, James Bradley, 2nd Place (*3rd in world*), ACCA Paper 3.2 (2006); 1st Place (*6th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5 (2007)
2006, Jerry Russell, 1st Place (*16th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.6
2006-07, Jonathan Mooney, 2nd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.2 (2006); 2nd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.1 (2007)
2006, Maeve Moran, Property Law Prize, LSI
2006, Mark Yeates, 3rd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2006, Melissa White, 3rd Place (*19th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.6
2006, Michael Cantwell, Criminal Law Prize, LSI
2006, Orla Gannon, Equity & Trusts Prize, LSI
2006, Rachael Carroll, News Photographer of the Year, Smedias
2006, Shauna Sarah-Louise Tilley, HETAC Student of the Year
2006, Shiow Hui Yee, Interior Architecture Award, IDI
2006, Stephen Gahan, 1st Place (*1st in world*), ACCA Paper 3.2; 3rd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2006, Susan Gilmore, 1st Place (*8th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.6
2006-07, Thomas Murphy, 1st Place (*5th in world*), ACCA Paper 1.3 (2006); 2nd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper 2.5 (2007)
2007, Ailish McHugh, 3rd Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2007, Amy Kerslake, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper F2
2007, Andrew Leyden, 3rd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.1
2007, Aoife Carty, 3rd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper P6
2007, Bree Collins, Criminal Law Prize, LSI
2007, Caroline O'Connell, Property Law Prize, LSI
2007, Caroline O'Riordan, 2nd Place (*2nd in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2007, Catherine Macklin, 3rd Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2007, Chao Chen, Interior Design Award, IDI
2007, Claire Molloy, Property Law Prize, LSI
2007, Connor McCarron, 2nd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.7
2007, David Bell, 3rd Place (*16th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.7
2007, Derek Lowry, 2nd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2007, Emma Thunder, Criminal Law Prize, LSI
2007-08, Eugene Moriarty, 3rd Place (*9th in world*), ACCA Paper F3 (2007); 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper F7 (2008)
2007, Grace Hoskins, 3rd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.1
2007, Jeremy Boyle, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.4
2007, Jonathan Donohoe, TV Journalist of the Year, Smedias
2007-09, Kristen Scheidl, 1st Place, CPA F2 Taxation (2007); 1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Performance Management (2009)
2007, Laura Briscoe, 1st Place (*3rd in world*), ACCA Paper 3.2
2007, Luke Noonan, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2007, Margaret Devaney, EU Law Prize, LSI; Overend Scholar of the Year, LSI
2007, Paul Schwer, TV Production of the Year, Smedias
2007, Rita Knightly, 3rd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper 3.5
2007, Rory O'Donnell, 1st Place (*8th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2007, Sarah Jane Reilly, 3rd Place, ACCA Paper F6
2007, Sinéad Foy, 1st Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper 1.3
2007, Steven Kenny, 3rd Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2007, Tara McDonnell, European Youth Press Competition Winner
2008, Brian Denn, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper P6
2008, Catriona Brown, 3rd Place (*19th in world*), ACCA Paper F8
2008, Claire Scannell, 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper F8
2008, Cora Jennings, 1st Place, CPA F2 Information Systems
2008, Debbie Greene, 2nd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper P7
2008, Deirdre Fleming, 2nd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper F4
2008, Diarmuid Collins, 1st Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper F6
2008, Doireann Ryan, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2008, Evelyn Boyce, Company Law Prize, LSI
2008, Jennifer Kingston, 3rd Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper F7
2008, Jeremy Canty, 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2008, John Crowley, 1st Place, CIMA Paper P09 Management Accounting Financial Strategy
2008, John Kelly, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
2008-09, Karen Walsh, 1st Place (*17th in world*), ACCA Paper F8 (2008); 2nd Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper P1 (2009)
2008, Kim Kelly, 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2008-09, Margaret Dempsey, 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper F5 (2008); 1st Place (*3rd in world*), ACCA Paper F7 (2009); 1st Place (*15th in world*), ACCA Paper F9 (2009)
2008, Mark O'Donoghue, 1st Place, CIMA Paper P06 Management Accounting Business Strategy
2008, Niamh O'Rourke, 1st Place (*8th in world*), ACCA Paper F8
2008, Nicola Hennessy, Criminal Law Prize, LSI
2008, Orla Murray, 2nd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper P2
2008, Sayed Bilal Haider Bukhari, HETAC Student of the Year
2008, Sean Cullinan, 1st Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper P3
2008-09, Tom Byrne, TV Journalist of the Year, Smedias (2008); TV Journalist of the Year, Smedias (2009)
2008, Yuanfei Ma, 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2009, Aaron Rogan, PPAL Magazine Student Writer of the Year
2009-10, Audrey Hudson, 1st Place, CPA F2 Management Accounting (2009); 1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Reporting (2010)
2009, Catriona Gorham, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Corporate Reporting
2009, Christina McGuinness, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
2009, Fiona Harrington, 1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Corporate Finance; 1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Leadership & Knowledge
2009, Jaroslaw Wcisly, 2nd Place (*18th in world*), ACCA Paper F4
2009, Mark Long, 1st Place, CPA P1 Managerial Finance
2009, Mary O'Sullivan, 1st Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper F4
2009, Mary Power, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper P3
2009, Mary Quirke, 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper F8
2009, Myra Ann Brosnan, Company Law Prize, LSI
2009-13, Peipei Cheng, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper F5 (2009); 3rd Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper P7 (2013)
2009, Rebecca Clare Keatinge, EU Law Prize, LSI
2009, Richard Ashcroft, Age Action Ireland National Positive Ageing Photography Competition Winner
2009, Richard O'Gorman, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2009-11, Stephen Ainsworth, 3rd Place (*17th in world*), ACCA Paper F9 (2009); 1st Place (*17th in world*), ACCA Paper P4 (2011)
2009, Suzanne O'Sullivan, 1st Place, CIMA Paper P09 Management Accounting Financial Strategy
2010, Alanna Duggan, 3rd Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper P7
2010, Amanda Collins, Contract Law Prize, LSI
2010, Cian O'Hanlon, 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2010, Deirdre Burke, 1st Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper P7
2010, Elizabeth Healy, Criminal Law Prize, LSI
2010, Emer Tuíte, 1st Place (*3rd in world*), ACCA Paper P2
2010, Grace Moloney, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2010, Hui Juan Tian, HETAC Student of the Year
2010, John O'Connor, 1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Law
2010, Margaret Hughes, 1st Place, CPA F2 Financial Accounting
2010, Michelle O'Reilly, 1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Corporate Finance
2010, Pauline O'Hara, Law of Torts Prize, LSI
2010, Risteard O'Domhnaill, Best Feature Documentary, Galway Film Fleadh
2010-11, Ronan Murphy, 1st Place, CPA P1 Auditing (2010); 1st Place, CPA P2 Auditing (2011)
2010, Sinéad Kenny, Law of Equity & Trusts Prize (Patrick O'Connor Memorial Prize), LSI
2011, Ann Marie Donovan, Company Law Prize, LSI
2011, Cathal Rooney, 1st Place (*4th in world*), ACCA Paper P7
2011, Catherine Maher, 3rd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper FTX
2011, Emma Spicer, 3rd Place (*9th in world*), ACCA Paper F6
2011, Katarzyna Kedzior, 3rd Place (*15th in world*), ACCA Paper F9

2011, Laura McDonnell, 2nd Place (*8th in world*), ACCA Paper FFM
2011, Lesley-Anne Hayes, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
2011, Lisa Donnelly, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2011, Oliver Clune, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Corporate Reporting; 1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Performance Management
2011, Rachel Ahern, Overend Scholar of the Year, LSI
2011, Sarah Lowry, 1st Place, CPA F2 Information Systems
2011, Shaun Owens, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2011, Stephen Doyle, Inspirational Arts Award
2012-14, Annika Larsson, 1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Laws & Governance (2012); 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation (2014)
2012, Antonina Zharko, Photographer of the Year, Smedias
2012, Aoife McAonghusa, 3rd Place (*16th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2012, David Yip, EU Communication Challenge, European Parliament Office in Ireland
2012-13, Denise Caffrey, 3rd Place (*17th in world*), ACCA Paper F7 (2012); 1st Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper P1 (2013)
2012, Donal Murphy, 1st Place, CPA F2 Financial Accounting
2012, Dorata Nemitz, 2nd Place (*5th in world*), ACCA Paper P5
2012, Edwina Byrne, 3rd Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper F8
2012, Giovanna Borza, Triumph Inspiration Award Online Voting
2012, Jamie Kelly, 2nd Place (*19th in world*), ACCA Paper F9
2012, Jenny Ward, 3rd Place (*17th in world*), ACCA Paper F4
2012-15, Jody Foley, 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper F7 (2012); 2nd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper F8 (2015)
2012, Judd O'Toole, 1st Place (*4th in world*), ACCA Paper P3
2012-14, Kevin Ryan, 2nd Place, ACCA Paper P6 (2012); 2nd Place, ACCA Paper P6 (2014)
2012, Leah Buckley, Music Excellence Award
2012, Maria Roche, UCD Irish Designer Award
2012, Olumuyiwa Farayibi, 1st Place, CIMA Paper E1 Enterprise Operations
2012, Sarah Harrington, TV Production of the Year, Smedias
2012-16, Stacey O'Sullivan, 3rd Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper F5 (2012); 1st Place (*11th in world*), ACCA Paper P2 (2014); 3rd Place (*19th in world*), ACCA Paper P5 (2014); 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper 7 (2016)
2013, Agnieszka Rojek, 1st Place (*2nd in world*), ACCA Paper F8
2013-14, Anthony O'Donoghue, 1st Place, CPA F2 Financial Accounting (2013); 1st Place, CPA F2 Management Accounting (2013); 1st Place, CPA F2 Taxation (2013); 1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Reporting (2014)
2013, Artur Siedlec, 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper P5
2013, Audrey Murphy, 1st Place (*6th in world*), ACCA Paper P3
2013, Denis Mannix, 2nd Place (*9th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2013-14, Emer O'Donovan, 1st Place, CPA F2 Information Systems (2013); 1st Place, CPA F2 Financial Accounting (2014)
2013-14, Jannett Houghton, 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper F6 (2013); 1st Place (*12th in world*), ACCA Paper F8 (2014)
2013, John Griffin, 1st Place, CPA P2 Strategy & Leadership
2013, Kieran Chambers, 1st Place, CPA P1 Managerial Finance
2013, Myra Byrne, 3rd Place (*20th in world*), ACCA Paper F4
2013, Robert Lynch, 2nd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper F7
2013, Ruth Buckley, 1st Place, CPA P2 Strategic Corporate Finance
2013, Shane Connaughton, Colour Photographer of the Year, Irish Times Amateur Photographer Competition
2013, Tomás Murphy, 1st Place, CPA P2 Advanced Taxation
2014, Asad Ullah, Limerick Student of the Year
2014, Caoimhe Rooney, Radio Production of the Year, Smedias
2014, David Byrne, 2nd Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2014, Eleanor McGovern, Music Excellence Award
2014, Elisa Gismondi Quinn, 1st Place (*6th in world*), ACCA Paper F5
2014, Emma Gannon, Golden Egg Fashion, Innovation Awards
2014, Gary O'Rourke, 1st Place, CPA P2 Audit Practice
2014, James Kenny, 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper P3
2014, Josefina Bentz, Radio Production of the Year, Smedias
2014, Laura Emily Downes, TV Production of the Year, Smedias
2014, Maria Walsh, International Rose of Tralee Festival
2014-16, Olga Bulat, 1st Place (*2nd in world*), ACCA Paper P2 (2014); 1st Place (10th in world), ACCA Paper P6 (2015); 3rd Place (*13th in world*), ACCA Paper P3 (2015); 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper P2 (2016); 2nd Place (*10th in world*), ACCA Paper P7 (2016)
2014, Róisín Lawrence, Cork Mercedes-Benz Designer of the Year
2014-17, Ronan O'Mahony, 1st Place, CPA F2 Management Accounting (2014); 1st Place, CPA Corporate Reporting (2017)
2014, Ruaidhri Corcoran, 2nd Place (*18th in world*), ACCA Paper P5
2014, Sarah Harmon, 1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Law & Governance
2014, Tara Keane, FE1 Tort Prize Winner
2014, Thomas McGrath, 1st Place, CPA P1 Managerial Finance
2015, Aoife Kelly, 2nd Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper P3
2015, Cormac Kennedy, 1st Place (*5th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2015, Ellie O'Byrne, Radio Documentary of the Year, Smedias
2015, Gregory Shiels, Dublin Student of the Year
2015, Jennifer Roche, 2nd Place (*6th in world*), ACCA Paper P5
2015, Kamila Grabara, 2nd Place (*6th in world*), ACCA Paper P1
2015, Katie Donohoe, Young Designer of The Year, Dublin Fashion Festival
2015, Lucy O'Byrne, Runner Up in The Voice UK BBC Competition
2015, Marielle Zeller, 1st Place, CPA F2 Management Accounting; 1st Place, CPA F2 Taxation
2015, Roman Bodelon, 1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Reporting
2016, Agnieszka Nowek, 1st Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper P7
2016, Daniel O'Leary, 1st Place, CPA F2 Financial Accounting
2016, David Fogarty, Sports Photographer of the Year, Smedias
2016, Hannah Tiernan, Inspirational Arts Award
2016, Kevin Mellett, 1st Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper P7
2016, Lorraine O'Brien, 1st Place, CPA P1 Corporate Reporting; 1st Place, CPA P1 Managerial Finance
2016, Sarah Murphy, DIT Vodafone Young Designer of the Year; Kerry Fashion Week Young Fashion Designer of the Year; Rose of Tralee Young Fashion Designer of the Year
2017, Barbara Goryczka, 1st Place, CPA Strategic Corporate Finance
2017-18, Geraldine Leahy, 1st Place, CPA Advanced Corporate Reporting (2017); 1st Place, CPA Strategy & Leadership (2018)
2017, Jenny Kiely, 1st Place, CPA Managerial Finance
2017, Laura Griffin, 1st Place (*6th in world*), ACCA Paper Taxation
2017, Luke Fitzsimons, 1st Place (*16th in world*), ACCA Paper Financial Management
2018, Ava McKeivitt, Speech & Drama Excellence Award
2018, Catherine Geoghegan, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2018, Chris Corner, Photographer of the Year, Smedias
2018-21, Darren Conaty, 1st Place, CPA Taxation (2018); 1st Place, CPA Financial Accounting (2019); 1st Place, CPA Strategic Advanced Financial Reporting (2021); 1st Place, CPA Strategic Corporate Finance (2021); 1st Place, CPA Strategy & Leadership (2021)
2018, Lorraine Morrissey, 1st Place, CPA Financial Accounting
2018-19, Maria Carruthers, 1st Place, CPA Managerial Finance (2018); 1st Place, CPA Auditing (2019); 1st Place, CPA Strategy & Leadership (2019)
2019-20, Ana-Maria Dranga, 1st Place, CPA Management Accounting (2019); 1st Place, CPA Managerial Finance (2020)
2019, Angelina Niederpruem, Small College Publication of the Year, Smedias
2019, Anna Rowland, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2019, Cassandra Stack, 1st Place (*14th in world*), ACCA Paper Advanced Audit & Assurance
2019, Eilish Tracey, 1st Place, CPA Strategic Corporate Finance
2019, Karin Raksanugraha, Best Director, The WOW! Awards
2019, Kym Wall, 1st Place, CPA Information Systems
2019-21, Maree Glancy, 1st Place, CPA Taxation (2019); 1st Place, CPA Strategic Advanced Audit & Assurance (2021)
2019, Meabh Carey, 1st Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper Performance Management
2019-21, Reylene O'Brien, 1st Place (*1st in world*), ACCA Paper Audit & Assurance (2019); 1st Place (*2nd in world*), ACCA Paper Financial Reporting (2019); 1st Place (*1st in world*), ACCA Paper Advanced Taxation (2020); 1st Place (*1st in world*), ACCA Paper Strategic Business Reporting (2021)
2019, Ross O'Riordan, Best Director, The WOW! Awards
2020, Fernanda Menezes Rodrigues, Cork Student of the Year
2020, Leanne Monks, 1st Place, CPA Advanced Taxation
2020, Lijie Yan Deign, Visual Communications Use of Illustration Award, IDI
2020, Linda Leahy, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2020, Maria Byrne, 1st Place (*9th in world*), ACCA Paper PM F5
2020, Sam Burke, Best First Time Director, Los Angeles Film Awards
2021-22, Chloe O'Sullivan, 1st Place, CPA Strategic Advanced Tax Strategy (2021); CPA Liam Donnelly Medal (2022)
2021, Siobhán Jordan, 1st Place, CPA Foundation Management Fundamentals
2021-22, Ying Qi Loh, Best Documentary Short, Prague International Indie Film Festival (2021); Best Film, LGBTQ+ Toronto Film Festival (2021); Best LGBTQ Documentary, Venice Shorts (2021); Film Documentary of the Year, Smedias (2022)
2022, Conor Lucey, 1st Place, CPA Foundation Taxation
2022, Omar Aldawamneh, Cork Student of the Year
2022, Sharon Sheehan, 1st Place, CPA Strategic Corporate Finance
2023, Clement Sam Okafor, Limerick Student of the Year
2023, Ekaterina Iarajuli, 1st Place in Georgia, ACCA ATX Examination
2023, Laura Smith, IILEX Frank Crummey Perpetual Award
2023, Timothy Connolly, 1st Place (*7th in world*), ACCA Paper Strategic Business Reporting

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The then Minister for FHERIS and shortly after An Taoiseach, Simon Harris T.D., speaking at the launch of GC50 on February 1st, 2024.



Graduands lining up to receive their parchments during graduation in the Griffith College Convention Centre



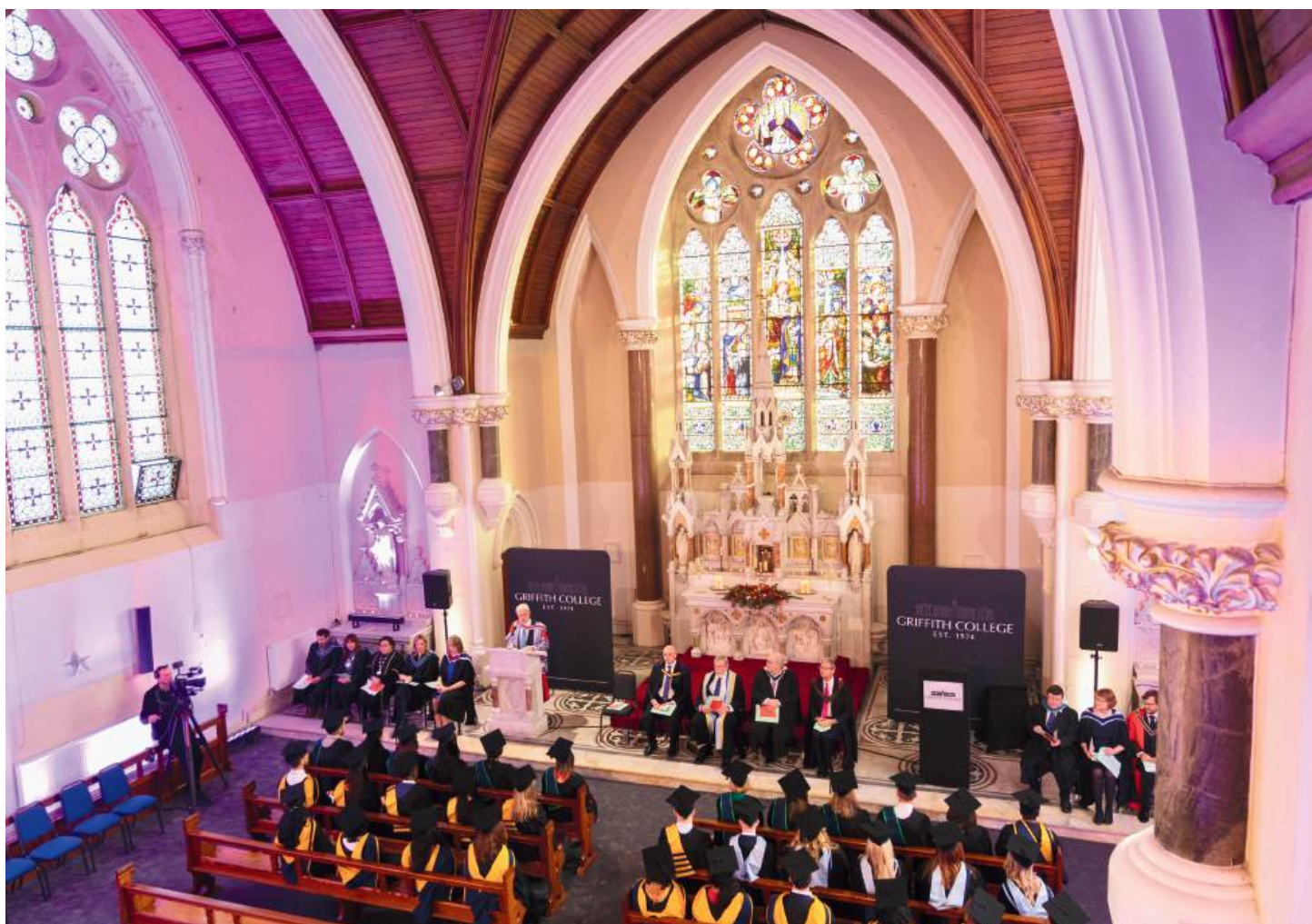
Network Ireland Cork in collaboration with Griffith College hosted 'The Power of You,' featuring Norah Casey, renowned entrepreneur, investor and former Dragon's Den investor.



Becks Butler speaking at our Teaching & Learning Symposium: 'Innovating Learning: Empowering Learners for the Future'.



Labour Party leader Ivana Bacik and Independent Senator and former Attorney General Michael McDowell debated the constitutional referendum on the definition of family.



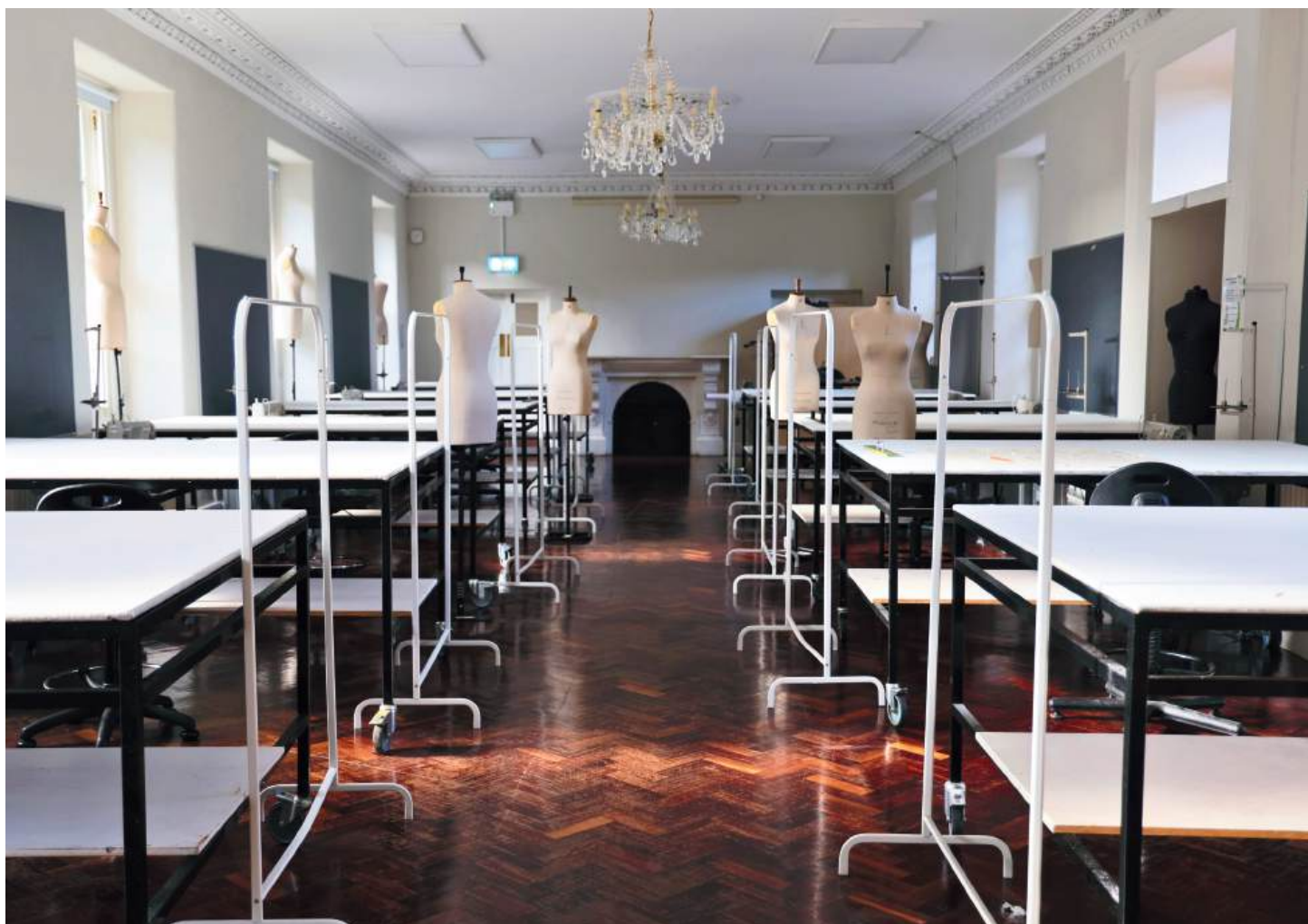
A graduation ceremony takes place in our Cork campus in the Isabella Honan Chapel.



A graduation ceremony takes place in our South Circular Road campus in November 2024.



The Griffith College campus on Wellington Road in Cork.



A design room where students take classes, conduct their work and host part of our annual Creative Show.



The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Kieran McCarthy, held a reception in Cork City Hall on April 2nd, 2024 to mark GC50 and 25 years of Griffith College in Cork.



Griffith College Limerick hosted a distinguished event at the Strand Hotel on May 16th, 2024 to commemorate this significant milestone.



The Isabella Honan Chapel in Cork hosts many events, including the world-renowned Candlelight Concerts.



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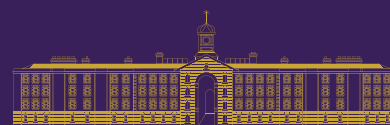
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