



**STUDENT
VOICE**



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

Friday 24th May, 7.15pm
Titanic Hotel | Belfast





Finola Quigg
Vice President Education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Le meas,
Finola Quigg



Professor Odette Hutchinson
PVC Academic Quality and Student Experience

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

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

and been truly valued by students.

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



Professor Paul Bartholomew

Vice-Chancellor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AWARDS CATEGORIES

**EXCELLENCE
IN SUPPORT
OF STUDENT
AMBITION**

**STAFF
TEAM OF
THE YEAR**

**PHD
RESEARCHER
SUPERVISOR
OF THE YEAR**

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

**INCLUSION &
BELONGING
CHAMPION**

**STUDENT
ACADEMIC
REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE YEAR**

**EDUCATOR OF
THE YEAR**

**FACULTY OF ARTS
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL
SCIENCES**

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

**FACULTY OF LIFE
& HEALTH SCIENCES**

**ULSTER UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS SCHOOL**

PHD DEMONSTRATOR

**INSPIRATIONAL
AWARD**

UUSU SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



STUDENT VOICE



EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT AMBITION

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



**DR IDONGESIT
EKERETE**

School of
Computing

What our students' have said...

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

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

MOTIVATING

SELFLESS

PROBLEM-SOLVER



**DR LISA
HARKNESS**

Department of Global Business
& Enterprise

What our students' have said...

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

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

ORGANISED

CARING

HELPFUL



**LOUISE
O'BOYLE**

Arts, Humanities &
Social Sciences

What our students' have said...

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

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

EMPOWERING

PASSIONATE

DEDICATED

STAFF TEAM OF THE YEAR

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



School of Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

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

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

EMPOWERING

KNOWLEDGEABLE

COLLABORATION



School of Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

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

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

KNOWLEDGEABLE

FORWARD-THINKING

SUPPORTIVE



School of Education

What our students' have said...

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

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

COLLABORATIVE

DEDICATED

INSPIRING



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PHD RESEARCHER SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

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



PROF. DEWAR FINLAY

School of Engineering

What our students' have said...

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

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

SUPPORTIVE

MOTIVATED

INSPIRATIONAL



DR KYLE MATCHETT

School of Medicine

What our students' have said...

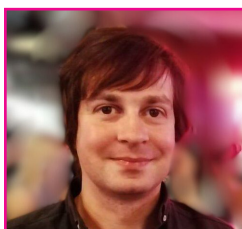
"Kyle established a lab focused around three core values: research excellence; research culture; and research impact. Kyle sets high standards for all of us within in the lab and is the perfect role model for all aspiring scientists. Without Kyle, I would not have been able to deal with the set-backs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

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

DEPENDABLE

AMBITIOUS

TRUSTWORTHY



DR IAN MILLER

School of Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

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

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

EXPERTISE

INTEGRITY

DEDICATION

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT LEARNING (NON-TEACHING)

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



**KEVIN
BURNS**

Belfast School
of Art

What our students' have said...

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

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

KNOWLEDGEABLE

SUPPORTIVE

ENCOURAGING



**AOIFE
MCFERRAN**

School of
Engineering

What our students' have said...

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

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

SUPPORTIVE

ENGAGING

KNOWLEDGEABLE



**SAM SCOTT &
SARA WILSON**

What our students' have said...

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

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

FUNNY

PATERNALISTIC

ASSURING



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INCLUSION & BELONGING CHAMPION

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



DR STEPHEN BUTLER

School of Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

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

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

PIONEERING

INCLUSIVE

FORWARD-THINKING



DR MARIANNE DOHERTY

School of Law

What our students' have said...

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

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

PASSIONATE

COMPASSIONATE

UNDERSTANDING



DR PAUL JOSEPH-RICHARD

Department of Management, Leadership & Marketing

What our students' have said...

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

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

EMPATHETIC

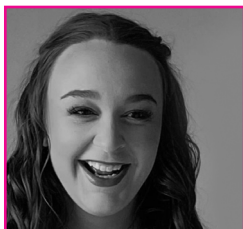
APPROACHABLE

EXPERIENCED



STUDENT ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR

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



LAUREN BOYLE

School of Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

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

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

GENEROUS

SUPPORTIVE

COMMITTED



DEVON-LOUISE GILLILAND

School of Nursing & Paramedic Science

What our students' have said...

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

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

APPROACHABLE

MOTIVATIONAL

INCLUSIVE



HANNAH MCALEAVEY & MARTIN MCCARTHY

Department of Management, Leadership & Marketing

What our students' have said...

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

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

RESPONSIBLE

PROFESSIONAL

EXEMPLARY



**EWAN MCCOMB
STUDENT SPEAKER**

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

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

OUR CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2024

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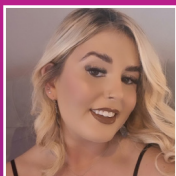


Sharing the Love throughout the year

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

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

Reps of the Month:



**JOSEPHINE
DOWELL**

*Three words to
describe Josephine...*

**Positive
Supportive
Professional**



**MUHAMMAD
FAROOQ SIDDIQUI**

*Three words to
describe Muhammad...*

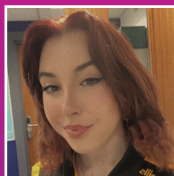
**Innovative
Impactful
Excellent**



**PADRAIC
ETHERNTON**

*Three words to
describe Padraic...*

**Effervescent
Irreplaceable
Courageous**



**CAITLIN
LOWRY**

*Three words to
describe Caitlin...*

**Dedicated
Determined
Caring**



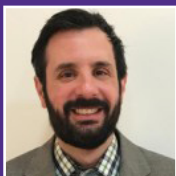
**BROOKE
STEWART**

*Three words to
describe Brooke...*

**Articulate
Passionate
Empathetic**



Staff of the Month:



**ANDY
LYNCH**

*Three words to
describe Andy...*

**Ambitious
Inspiring
Brilliant**



**MARINUS
THOMAN**

*Three words to
describe Marinus...*

**Intelligent
Informative
Golden**



**PROF. DEIRDRE
BRENNAN**

*Three words to
describe Deirdre...*

**Empathetic
Committed
Knowledgeable**



**DR FODHLA
MCGRANE**

*Three words to
describe Fodhla...*

**Dynamic
Supportive
Kind**



**DR RACHELLE
IRWIN**

*Three words to
describe Rachelle...*

**Attentive
Practical
Outgoing**

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES
& SOCIAL SCIENCES

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



**DR LAURA
AGUIAR**

School of
Arts & Humanities

What our students' have said...

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

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

PASSIONATE

INFORMATIVE

AMAZING



**DR JANET
COULTER**

Belfast School
of Art

What our students' have said...

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

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

CREATIVE

ENGAGING

FUN



**DEBORAH
WHITE**

Belfast School
of Art

What our students' have said...

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

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

ADAPTABLE

AMIALE

DILIGENT



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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

FACULTY OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



SIMON FRASER

School of Computing

What our students' have said...

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

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

UNDERSTANDING

ENTERTAINING

INFORMATIVE



DR ANGELA ROLFE

Belfast School of Architecture & the Built Environment

What our students' have said...

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

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

GENUINE

ENTHUSIASTIC

SUPPORTIVE



MARINUS TOMAN

School of Computing, Engineering & Intelligent Systems

What our students' have said...

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

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

INFLUENTIAL

EFFECTIVE

GOLDEN

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

FACULTY OF LIFE &
HEALTH SCIENCES



**DR FELICITY
HASSON**

School of Nursing
& Paramedic Science

What our students' have said...

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

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

DILIGENT

INNOVATIVE

NURTURING



**DR ALYSON
HILL**

School of
Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

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

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

COMPASSIONATE

RELIABLE

HUMBLE



**MARK
POULTER**

School of
Health Sciences

What our students' have said...

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

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

ENGAGING

PASSIONATE

FAIR



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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

ULSTER UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS SCHOOL



**DR MARC
DUFFY**

Business
Engagement Unit

What our students' have said...

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

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

DEVOTED

APPROACHABLE

EMPOWERING



**SEAN
OWENS**

Department of Hospitality &
Tourism Management

What our students' have said...

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

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

CREATIVE

PATIENT

RELENTLESS



**DR AISLING
REID**

Department of Global Business
& Enterprise

What our students' have said...

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

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

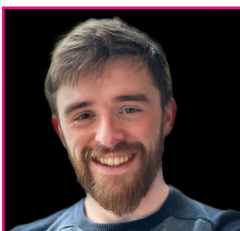
INSPIRATIONAL

HARD-WORKING

CARING

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

PHD
DEMONSTRATOR



**KEELAN
HALL**

School of
Psychology

What our students' have said...

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

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

INFORMATIVE

RESPONSIVE

PRODUCTIVE



**ABIGAIL
KENNEDY**

School of
Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

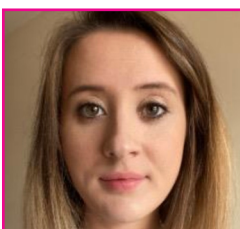
"Abigail 's strongest points are her enthusiasm; her ability to communicate complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner and consistently providing valuable and timely feedback helping students to make significant improvements in their academic journey. This passion has a profound impact on our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

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

PATIENT

ENTHUSIASTIC

ENGAGING



**PATRICIA PUYOL
MCKENNA**

School of
Biomedical Sciences

What our students' have said...

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

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

PATIENT

ENTHUSIASTIC

ACCOMMODATING



STUDENT VOICE



INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

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



DR FELICITY HASSON

School of Nursing & Paramedic Science

What our students' have said...

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

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

COMPASSIONATE

APPROACHABLE

NON-JUDGEMENTAL



CLAIRE SCOTT-MCATEER

Department of Global Business & Enterprise

What our students' have said...

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

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

CHEERLEADER

EXPERTISE

PERSPICUOUS



DR DONNA TOWE

Department of Management, Leadership & Marketing

What our students' have said...

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

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

UPLIFTING

AWESOME

ENERGETIC



UUSU SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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

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

UUSU is honoured to recognise two recipients this evening.



LAST YEAR'S WINNERS





NOMINATED STAFF & STUDENTS

Aaron McGrotty
Aaron Niblock
Abigail Kennedy
Abigail Pierce
Adrian Boyd
Adrian Moore
Adrian O'Connell
Aideen Hunter
Aine Doran
Aisling McBride
Aisling McLaughlin
Aisling Reid
AJ Ramos
Alec Parkin
Alex Shortt
Alison Hampton
Alison Yeates
Alyson Hill
Amanda Finch
Amy Boyle
Andrea Reid
Andrew Chambers
Andrew Coyle
Andrew Keanie
Andrew Nesbit
Andy Lynch
Andy Turnbull
Angela Carlin
Angela Rolfe
Anne Maire Ward
Antonio Leccisotti
Aodhan McNicholl
Aoife McFerran
Arshad Raza Syed
Athena Acosta
Barry Quinn
Beverly McCormick
Brian McEntegert
Brian Mulligan
Brian Solan
Bronagh Masoliver
Brooke Stewart
Callum Crummey
Caoimhin Boyle
Carmel Traynor
Caroline McNutt
Caroline Morrison
Caterina Brandoni
Catherine Hegan
Catherine Hepburn
Catherine Hughes
Cathy Corbett
Cathy Gilligan
Cathy Kennedy
Chiara Salaris
Chris Nugent
Christina Woods

Christopher Anderson
Christopher McLaughlin
Cillian McGrattan
Claire McDowell
Claire Scott-McAteer
Claire Wright
Clare Rainey
Clodagh Hegarty
Connor Brain
Conor Heffernan
Damian Hutton
Dan Reinstein
David Anderson
David McCartney
Dawn Surgenor
Dawood Kahn
Debbie Greaves
Deborah Grant
Deborah Lowry
Deborah White
Declan McKenna
Deirdre Brennan
Deirdre Heenan
Denise MacDermott
Dermot Barnes-Holmes
Devon-Louise Gilliland
Dewar Finlay
Donna Caldwell
Donna Taggart
Donna Towe
Edel Griffin
Elizabeth Crooke
Emeir McSorley
Erin Bryd
Erin Early
Erin Kelly
Felicity Hasson
Fidelma Ashe
Finbarr O'Harte
Fodhla McGrane
Frances Devine
Frances Donnelly
Francesca McLean
Frank Ferguson
Frank Sewell
Franz Hoeritzauer
Fred Johnson
Gary Adamson
Gearóid Ó Domagáin
Geraint Williams
Giluano Campo
Grainne Kelly
Gregory McGrath
Hannah McAleavey
Hannah McSorley
Hayden Bennet
Hazel Bruce

Heather Burgess
Helen Dolk
Helen McGuffin
Helene McNulty
Henry Melki
Hoang Anh Bui
Hope Paul
Huiru Zheng
Ian Cleland
Ian Miller
Ian Thatcher
Idongesit Ekerete
Jack Gormley
Jack Quigley
James Bradbury
James Dooley
James Houston
James MacPherson
James Ward
Jamie Scott
Jan Jedrzejewski
Janet Coulter
Janette Connolly
Jason Broom
Jason Wilson
Jency Rajan
Jennifer Goddard
Jenny Davison
Jenny Reid
Jerome Marley
Joan Ballantine
Joanna Ward
Joanne Wright
John Thompson
John Wade
Johnathon Wallace
Jonathan Acheson
Judith Wylie
Justin Sherwin
Karen Lacey
Karen Walsh
Karim Tourkmani
Kate Byrne
Katherine Byrne
Kathryn Saunders
Kathryn White
Katie Lagan
Katie Liston
Katrina Bradley
Keelan Hall
Kelly Clarke
Ken Boston
Kerry Clarke
Kevin Baxter
Kevin Burns
Kevin De Ornellas
Kim Martin

NOMINATED STAFF & STUDENTS

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

Muhammad Farooq Siddiqui
Muhammad Usman Hadi
Neera Thamilmaran
Neil Duncan
Neil Saunders
Niall Cartey
Niall McAteer
Nick Maycock
Nigel Farrell
Nigel Irwin
Nigel Ternan
Noel Brick
Noella O'Neil
Noelle McManus
Noha Seoudi
Nomathamsanqa Tholo
Noreen Giffney
Olawale Olaiya
Orla McBride
Owen Barr
Padraic Everton
Patricia Puyol McKenna
Patrick Keenan
Patrick McGill
Patrick Naughton
Patrick Taylor
Paul Darby
Paul Dickson
Paul Joseph-Richard
Paul Kitchen
Paul McCarron
Paul McKenzie
Paul Tomlins
Paula McFadden
Peter McNie
Peter McPherson
Peter Nicholl
Philip Allsopp
Philip Dickey
Philip McDermott
Rachel Devenney
Rachel Devir
Raymond Robinson
Rebecca Donaghy
Richard Stockwell
Rita-Marie Murtagh
Rob Casey
Robert McKenna
Robert McMurray
Robert McNamara
Robyn Macartney
Rodger Anderson
Rodrigo De Almeida
Rory Quinn
Rosaleen Hegarty
Rosemary Craig
Rosina Doherty-Allan

Ruth Mercer
Ruth Price
Ryan Harkin
Saikat Jana
Sam Doherty
Sam Moore
Sam Scott
Sara McDowell
Sara Wilson
Sarah Bonner
Sarah Craig
Sarah Dargie
Sasha Gillespie
Sayali Chavan
Sean Owens
Shane Porter
Shannon Devlin
Sharatchandra Varma Bogaraju
Sharon Ponsonby-McCabe
Shaun Ryan
Shauna McGill
Shauna Page
Shirley Davey
Siena McConaghie
Simon Fraser
Simon Russell
Siobhán Buckley
Sonyia McFadden
Sophie Scott
Stephanie Funnel
Stephen Brown
Stephen Butler
Stephen McNamee
Stephen Shannon
Susan Hawthorne
Suzanne Beech
Syamarlah Rasaratnam
Tara Moore
Taranjit Singh-rai
Tim Archer
Tim Hancock
Timothy Gates
Tom Maguire
Tonya Cullen
Trevor Hyde
Uju Aninwobodo
Una O'Connor
Ursula Quinn
Valerie Hinch
Victoria Simms
Vivian Xiao Yan
Vivienne Mackay
Wendy Cousins
Wendy Mallon
Willa Murphy
William Wilson



Thank you to each student who took the time to tell us about those who have inspired and supported their Ulster University journey through the UUSU Learning & Teaching Awards '24.

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THANK YOU

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