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THE DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES AWARD 2019-20

Outstanding Contribution to
Teaching in Professional Practice




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This award is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the truly extraordinary contributions made by some of our colleagues in the clinical and allied healthcare settings.

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The Dean of Health Sciences Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching in Professional Practice was developed to recognise the significant contribution of professionals who do not hold appointments with Trinity to the delivery of teaching to our undergraduate and postgraduate students. Each of the schools within the Faculty of Health Sciences has a long tradition of working with our clinical and allied health colleagues to educate students across all of our programmes, including Medicine, the Therapy programmes, Dental Science, Nursing, Midwifery and Pharmacy. Each of these programmes have unique clinical requirements, and involve complex and multi-faceted arrangements with our linked health service providers.

This award seeks to recognise the often unseen yet extremely valuable contribution of such colleagues and to highlight those exceptional individuals who excel in teaching and who continually encourage an ethos of excellence in clinical teaching.

Nominations were received from the schools, and I am pleased to grant four awards for 2019-20, across all schools in the Faculty.

Brian O'Connell

Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences
Professor of Restorative Dentistry



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A photograph of a dentist performing a procedure on a patient, overlaid with a blue tint. The dentist is wearing a mask and gloves, and the patient is lying back in a dental chair. The background shows a dental clinic setting with various pieces of equipment.

SCHOOL OF DENTAL SCIENCE

“Dr Byrne uses his treasure-trove of clinical photography to eloquently and succinctly explain challenging procedures, including procedures which most dentists will never have first-hand experiences of seeing or treating”.

“He shares this photography in his clinical lecture material freely with his students in an open and warm atmosphere aimed towards learning. His enthusiasm for his craft is palpable and infectious”.

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Dr. P.J. Byrne graduated in Dentistry in 1982 from University College Cork and was awarded the Undergraduate Prize in Periodontology. He held various hospital appointments 1982 – 1988 in Ireland and UK, with his first post as a House Surgeon at the Dublin Dental University Hospital (DDUH) in July 1982. In 1990 he completed his MSc at the Eastman Dental Institute in Periodontology which was awarded with distinction from the University of London. He was awarded the Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize by the British Society of Periodontology in 1990. In 1991, he was elected by examination F.D.S. Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh and F.F.D. Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Since then, has been in referral practice in Dublin in Periodontology, Oral Surgery & Implant Dentistry, and lecturer in Periodontology, (1991-1996) initially teaching and lecturing to the undergraduate programme and from 1996 to present, to the Postgraduate Programme in Periodontology at Dublin Dental University Hospital, and Assistant Professor in Periodontology (Part-Time), Trinity College Dublin. He lectures widely Nationally and Internationally. He lectures widely nationally and internationally. He has a particular interest in risk factors associated with periodontal disease and the periodontal systemic interface.

Dr. Patrick J. Byrne,

Byrne was nominated by students and staff of the Dublin Dental University Hospital

“Dr PJ Byrne has spent his life at the cutting edge of what is achievable in dental rehabilitation and he has maintained throughout this time part-time teaching posts, some paid, many voluntary. Dr Byrne is sensitive and responsive to the dynamic needs of his students and in the face of the ever-changing innovations in his discipline; he remains up-to-date and ahead of the curve”.




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A photograph of a surgical team in an operating room, wearing masks and scrubs, illuminated with a teal tint. The team is focused on a patient on the table. In the background, medical monitors are visible.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MEDICINE PROGRAMME

“Dr O’Connor is a fantastic teacher and his drive to teach is clear to anyone who has attended his lectures or been on rotation in the ICU department. He constantly involves students in his activities and promotes an environment of learning that I have not found in other clinical rotations. In addition, his recorded videos are a great introduction to basic concepts in intensive care”.

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A portrait of Enda O'Connor, a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a dark shirt. The image is overlaid with a teal color filter.

Enda is a consultant in intensive care medicine in St James's Hospital since 2010 and was the first adult physician intensivist in Ireland, having completed medical training with RCPI and intensive care training in Queensland, Australia. He is the departmental Lead for Undergraduate and Postgraduate ICU Education and has just completed a 3-year term as the ICU Director in St James's. His main area of professional interest outside clinical medicine is medical education and he completed an MSc in Clinical Education in NUIG in 2015. He has an active research interest in medical education, in particular in undergraduate intensive care teaching and clinical workplace learning. He is currently an MSc supervisor in NUI Galway.

Outside of medicine, his main interests are hiking and music. He is one half of the originals band Serial Sevens (see @serialsevens on instagram, Spotify, Apple music, Youtube) and plays guitar, bass, piano, drums and occasionally sings.

Enda O'Connor,
was nominated by the Medicine students

“Dr O'Connor gives very engaging lectures that simplify complex topics.”

“Dr O'Connor constantly involves students in happenings around the ICU, from airway placements to family meetings.”



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A photograph of three people embracing, overlaid with a blue tint. The text 'SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY' is centered over the image.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

“Martha is an honest, caring professional and has great compassion for her patients and is a fantastic role model for student nurses. She demonstrates the same empathy and compassion for her students which is evidence of promoting excellence in teaching in the practical setting”.

“Martha is a keen teacher who consistently shows great interest and desire for her student to succeed. She can often be found recapping learning opportunities with her student even during very busy periods whether it is on days or nights”.

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Martha Hamilton received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Trinity College Dublin in 2011. She spent one year working in the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital in England. Since returning home she has been working on Webb ward in Tallaght University Hospital for over eight years. Martha enjoys meeting up with friends and being outdoors on the farm on her days off.

Webb Ward, Tallaght University Hospital

The Webb Ward is named after Dr. Ella Webb who was lady district superintendent in the Alexandra College St John's Ambulance Brigade from 1914, and was on duty during the Easter Rising. During the conflict she set up an emergency hospital in Merrion Square to deal with the wounded. For her bravery during this time she was made a Lady of Grace of the Order of St John of Jerusalem (1916), and later awarded an MBE.

Today the Webb Ward is a 31 bed medical ward specialising in haematology, oncology medicine and palliative end of life care. We support patients and their families through difficult and challenging journeys, aimed at maximising recovery and quality of life.

The Nursing service philosophy on Webb Ward is to provide excellence in nursing practice through patient centred care and supportive teamwork. We aim to work with our patients, families and each other within a sensitive, caring and safe environment

Martha Hamilton,

was nominated for this award by the staff of Tallaght University Hospital

Martha always takes on board her own learning from situations which she can apply in future scenarios and has great self-awareness.



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SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES



“Evelyn’s contribution to the undergraduate pharmacy degree has been invaluable to the development of a curriculum that speaks to Hospital Practice and to the translation of pharmacological knowledge into optimising medication use. She has continuously updated and revised the content, delivery and assessment of her sessions and they have helped to establish a model for this type of knowledge translation within the curriculum”.

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Evelyn is the Pharmacy Education and Research Manager at Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) and an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Trinity School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Evelyn graduated with a B.Sc. (Pharm) in 1991 and M.Sc. (Hospital Pharmacy) in 1998, both from Trinity College Dublin. In 2021 she completed an IMI Professional Diploma in Organisational Development and Transformation and commenced an employment-based PhD addressing Advanced Pharmacy Practice in collaboration with UCC and TCD academic supervisors.

Evelyn was instrumental in the development of a TUH training model for pharmacists in advanced clinical pharmacy delivery including collaborative prescribing. She is a lead tutor on the TCD MSc in Hospital Pharmacy programme and co-ordinator of the TUH APPEL fourth year and fifth year under-graduate programme. Her membership of hospital-university research groups has facilitated six PhDs to date. Evelyn contributes to the development of advanced practice networks nationally, as founding and continuing Chairperson of the HPAI Cardiology Special Interest Group since 2011.

Evelyn Deasy

was nominated by the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

"Within TUH Evelyn has led many teaching and learning sessions for the pharmacy staff, has contributed to the teaching of other hospital staff and was key to establishing a research day for the Department at which their research was showcased. These networking opportunities provided interprofessional links between TUH and the School".



