



An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath
University College Dublin



Searmanas Bronnta
Conferring Ceremony

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University College Dublin (UCD) is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities where undergraduate education, graduate masters and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic continuum of activity.

The University was established in 1854 by St John Henry Newman, whose classic work 'The Idea of a University' is one of the most enduring texts on the value of higher education. His vision, 'True enlargement of mind', embodies the aspiration to provide a holistic experience and inspiring environment beyond the classroom. It is a rallying call for the University and its community to unleash the unique potential of the individual to meet global challenges and "to benefit the wider world".

Today UCD is Ireland's largest university with over 33,000 students. Irish school-leavers benefit from the highly innovative and flexible UCD Horizons undergraduate curriculum. As Ireland's leader in graduate education UCD has almost 10,000 graduate students.

In Ireland, UCD is home to over 8,500 international students and delivers programmes to almost 4,000 students on overseas campuses. In addition, the University places great emphasis on the internationalisation of the Irish student experience – preparing all UCD students for future employment and life that crosses borders, boundaries, and cultures.

Originally known as the Catholic University of Ireland, the University became UCD in 1908 and is a constituent college of the National University of Ireland (NUI). In 1997, UCD became an autonomous university within the loose federal structure of the NUI, and UCD students are awarded degrees from the National University of Ireland.

UCD has been a major contributor to the making of modern Ireland. Many UCD students and staff participated in the struggle for Irish independence and the University has produced four Irish Presidents and five Taoisigh. Among UCD's well-known alumni are authors (Maeve Binchy, Roddy Doyle, Emma Donoghue, Flann O'Brien), former European Commissioner (Peter Sutherland SC), directors (Neil Jordan, Jim Sheridan) and sports stars (Brian O'Driscoll, Kevin Moran, Rena Buckley and Paul O'Donovan). Perhaps the best known of all is the writer James Joyce, who completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University in 1902.

UCD Alumni Relations

As you start your journey as a UCD alumnus/alumna, we encourage you to stay connected. Our Alumni Relations team runs a full programme of events and reunions, in Ireland and overseas, offering networking and other opportunities for you to keep in touch – with each other and with the University. Additional services include a Reader's Card for UCD's libraries, some sports and adult education discounts, affinity products and a range of other services.

UCD alumni continue to make their mark in every aspect of life and today's graduates will be no different. Stay in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

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Order of Proceedings

Procession of graduands
Procession of academic staff followed by Deans, Vice-Presidents and President
The President declares open a Meeting of the University for the purpose of conferring degrees
The Dean requests the graduands for each degree to stand
The Principal presents the graduands to the President in Latin
The President admits the graduands to the degree in Latin
The Dean calls the names of the graduates who proceed to the platform
The President presents the degree scroll to each graduate
Formal graduation address
Academic procession followed by procession of graduates

Formula of Presentation of Graduands

Latin

Praehonorabilis Praeses, totaque
Universitas.

Praesento vobis hasce meas filias
filiosque meos, quos omnes scio
tam moribus quam doctrina habiles
et idoneos esse qui admittantur ad
Gradum _____; idque tibi fide
mea testor ac spondeo, totique
Academiae.

English Translation

Right honourable President and
Members of the University.

I present to you these students whom
I know to be as upright in character
as they are skilled in their field of
study and qualified for admission to
the Degree of _____; and in good
faith I vouch for this and hold myself
responsible to you and to the whole
academic assembly.

Formula of admission by the President

Latin

Auctoritate mihi concessa, admitto
vos ad Gradum _____.

English Translation

By the authority vested in me, I admit
you to the Degree of _____.

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science

(Agricultural Systems Technology)

Bagnall, Daragh
Birney, Cillian
Dunne, Peter Richard
Kavanagh, Ella
Mackay, Eoin
Roche, Lauryn
Scully, Darragh

(Agri-Environmental Sciences)

Barton, Robert
Cahill, Maria
Eivers, Isobella
Finlay, Alison Jennifer
Floyd, Aisling
Gahan, Katie
Hassett, Eoin Thomas
Jones, Ciara
Lavery, Sarah
Lawler, Alisha Sarah
Maguire, Siobhan Mary
McElligott Keegan, Fiona
McNally, Adam
Mitchell, Clodagh
Molloy, Aine
Moran, Emmet
Power, Andrew
Reilly, Ciara
Rooney, Hannah
Simpson, Kayley
Walsh, Matthew

(Animal & Crop Production)

Beirne, Cliona Maria
Beirne, Lauren
Burke, Ciaran
Byrne, Derek
Cadden, Grace
Cash, Laura
Cassells, Emily
Clarke, David
Clear, Ciaran
Codd, David

Cooper, Aileen
Cooper, Maeve
Cosgrove, Emily
Donoghue, Ava
Donohue, Liam
Doris, John
Doyle, Peter
Duffy, Sinead
Earley, Fintan
English, Eoin
Evans, Sam
Farrell, Aaron
Farrell, Dylan
Farrell, John
Fitzpatrick, Eabha
Fitzpatrick, Paddy
Furlong, Sophie
Gill, Sean
Gilsenan, Joseph
Gormley, Ally
Grenham, Sinead
Hamrock, Liam Og
Hartford, Nicole
Hoare, Grace
Hodgins, Siobhan
Irwin, Patrick Michael
Keaveney, Cailin
Kennedy, Joseph
Kilcoyne, Emma
Larkin, Joseph
Larkin, Tom
Lynch, Jack
Maher, David
Mangan, Emily
McDonald, David
McElearney, Daragh
McGovern, Saoirse
McKissock, Aine
McMahon, Lorcan
Mitchell, Conor
Mulchrone, Emer
Mulhall, Cathal
Murphy, Aoibhe
Murphy, Ciaran
Murphy, Donal
Murphy, Niamh
Myles, Sean
Nolan, Iarla
O'Brien, Lucy

O'Brien, Shane
O'Connor, Cian Thomas
O'Connor, Jack
O'Mahony, Keith Christopher
O'Sullivan, Colman
Quinn, Matthew Joseph
Redmond, Patrick
Ruane, James Patrick
Ryan, John
Shefflin, Finnian
Smith, Cathal
Strong, Ryan
Tangney, Ciaran
Tector, Charlie Neville
Tyrrell, Catherine Margaret Patricia
Usher, Aine
Whelan, John
Young, Katelyn

(Animal Science)

Brady, Sinead
Breathnach, Lizzie
Carden, Emily
Curran, Ruth Theresa
Daly Larkin, Kaitlin
Emerson, Emily
Fox-Gilna, Tara
Gaffney Mahony, Emma Audrey
Gerulskyte, Otilija
Gibbons, Aoife
Halley, Maria Catherine
Hamill, Orla
Harrington, Peter
Hetheron, Conor
Horan, Brianne
Hourigan, Kelsey
Keane, Leanne
Lawlor, Niamh Therese
Losty, Emma
Maguire, Shauna Brigid
McGovern, Amy
McGuire, Emma
Murphy, Aoife
Nugent, Juliette
O'Connor, Abbie
O'Neill, Paddy
O'Reilly, Daragh
O'Toole, Hugh
Prior, Isabel
Purcell, Anna
Ramsbottom, David
Smith Diakidi, Dionie
Sutton, Rachel
Szulc, Marcel

Taitz, Kayla
Walsh, Michael

(Animal Science - Equine)

Caldwell, Charmane
Dunne, Eva Carol
Eviston, Jeremy
Finegan, Mia Ann
Lawless, Niamh
MacDermott, Isabel
McAteer, Ciara
McKittrick, Nahia
Moran, Aisling
O'Brien, Gavin
O'Shaughnessy, Killian
Stafford, Emma
Tanner-Wall, Sophie

(Crop Science)

Lawlor, Cillian
Loughran, Tom
Strong, Andrew
Sun, Hairong

(Dairy Business)

Baudains, Jack
Bohane, Sean
Catterson, Lucy
Cotter, Brid
Coyne, Louise
Fennell, Stephen Robert
Graham, Christian
Higgins, James
Kent, David
Mooney, Jane Gwen
Mooney, Luke
O'Brien, Barry
O'Byrne Casey, Caitriona
O'Neill, Ross
O'Shea, Cathal
O'Shea Murphy, John
Sheedy, Alannah
Tobin O Dwyer, Hazel Bernadette

(Food & Agribusiness Management)

Axelsson, Anna
Banim, Sophie
Brady, Patrick
Browne, Eoin
Burns, Laoise
Butler, Shauna

Clarke, Molly
Codd, Holly
Connellan, Macy
Cope, Timothy
Donohoe, James
Downey, Tom
Doyle, Sinead
Duggan, James
Dunne, James
Fitzpatrick, Ava
Galvin, Zoe
Gilheany, Catherine
Godsil, Ella
Gordon, Kevin
Gormley, John
Greiner, Jordan
Grogan, Ella
Gulubane, Unathi
Hanly, Helen
Haugh, Darragh
Haynes, Roy
Howard, David John
Kent, Aodhan
Lane, Ruairi
Matthews, Andrew
Matthews, Conor
McAnaspie, Lucy Ella
McCabe, Ross
McCarthy, Zach Nicholas
Nevin Kenny, Saoirse
O'Dwyer, Martin Paul
Oman, Cameron
Ormsby, Kate
O'Sullivan, Billy Frank
Pierce, Ava
Quirke, Jennifer
Reilly, Charles
Rice, Ciaran
Roche, Conor
Sigurvinsson, Benjamin Agnar
Stanbridge, Kara
Von Teichman, Wolfgang
Wheeler, Aoife

(Food Business with Chinese Studies)

Kelly, Zara
Liew, Casey
Nestor, Sarah
Ooi, Wei Quan
Wang, Lily Jingyi

(Forestry)

Butler, John

Flynn, Stephen
O'Shea, Thomas
Sinclair, Cian
West, Carolyn

(Horticulture)

Feeney, Christopher Damian
Kenny, William Lewis
Zaru, Jenin

(Horticulture, Landscape & Sportsturf
Management)

Byrne, Peter
Johnson, Sam
Kelly, Daniel
Matthews, Alex

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science

(Biological Sciences)

Wang, Huiyi

(Food Science)

Andreieff, Mila
Barrett, Molly
Beattie, Heather
Bria, Sara
Burton, Eve
Casey, Laoise
Coffey, Niall
Conaty, Shauna
Conlon, Shane
Denvir, Neil
Dillon, Ciara
Doheny, Anna
Dooley, Eimear
Doran, Adam
Doyle, Katherine
Doyle, Sarah
Fennelly, Sean
Finucane, Mark
Fox, Juliette
Friel, Laura
Garvey, Alayna
Hopkins, Zara
Horan, Emily
Kelly, Abbie
Kiernan, Edel
Kiernan, Alexandra
Lehane, Conor
Linnane, Oisin

Liu, Melody
Ma, Mac
McCambridge, Tressan
McCarthy, Medb
McDonald, Ellen
McEnery, Laura
McNulty, Robyn
Meyer, Luka
O'Connor, Patrick
Reynolds, Matthew
Screene, Aoibhinn
Smirnov, Michael
Somers, Aisling
Woods, Molly
Xinye, Chen
Yang, Vessel

(Human Nutrition)

Barrett, Clodagh
Battersby, Ellen Sinead
Breen Sherlock, Katie
Byrne, Megan
Caffrey, Katie
Corbett, Roisin
Dekkar, Sara
Dunne, Katie
Fagan, Stephen
Foley, Hannah
Grehan, Mia
Heaton, Sophie
Hill, Juliet
Hogan, Molly
Innih, Catriona Ndifrekeabasi
Martin, Anna Louise
Maughan, Alison
McCabe, Dairine
McGauley, Rachel

Pettit, Erin
Reid, Jennifer
Reynolds, Lisa
Skikun, Catherine
Stephens, Una
Stone, Mia Faye
Thomas, Caitlin
Turley, Sarah
Voss, Aimee
Zhou, Yuzhu

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa*

Berkery, Michael P

Michael Berkery's long relationship with UCD began in the 1960s, and he is a major supporter of the University and its agricultural programmes. As Chairman of the FBD Trust, he has been instrumental in securing significant financial contributions for key initiatives at the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science and UCD Lyons Farm, including for the 'UCD FBD Agricultural Science Centre'.

A native of Tipperary, Mr. Berkery is a highly influential figure in Irish farming. He served as General Secretary of the Irish Farmers Association (IFA) for 25 years and as Chairman of the FBD Group for 20 years. He is widely recognised for his strategic vision and negotiating skills, and his philanthropic efforts through the FBD Trust, support that benefited numerous other agricultural organisations. This honorary degree acknowledges his exceptional contributions to the advancement of Irish agriculture and his philanthropic activities.

Ceol leis an Ceathairéad Teaghrán Astral MUSIC BY THE ASTRAL STRING QUARTET

Handel
Charpentier
Handel

Water Music – Hornpipe
Te Deum (Prelude)
Firework Music 'La Rejouissance'

This list is for information only and is not an official record.
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Laoi na hÁilleachta

I gcoill Fómhair faoi chiúnas clabhstrach na gcrann
Tháinig duille feoite ag foluain anuas go mall
Trí cholúin na beithe, trí áirsí na dara,
Trí stuanna míne na beithe, trí stuanna cama cumhdachta na dara,
Ó uaine go haraile,
Duille fáin faoi chiúnas clabhstrach na gcrann
Is spreagadh an fear chun filíochta leis an áilleacht a chonaic sé ann.

In an Autumn wood under the cloistered quiet of the trees
A withered leaf floated slowly down
Through the columns of birch, through the arches of oak,
Through the smooth arcs of birch, through the bent covering arcs of oak,
From one green to another,
A stray leaf under the cloistered quiet of the trees
And the man was moved to poetry by the beauty he saw there.

By Eoghan Ó Tuairisc.

These are the opening lines from *Laoi na hÁilleachta*, a poem on the beauty of the world, published in Ó Tuairisc's first collection of poetry, *Lux Aeterna* (1964). Poet, Novelist and Dramatist, Eoghan Ó Tuairisc wrote in both Irish and English. He received a BA and MA from UCD in the 1940s.

