

## ***Recipients of €500 bursaries***

### **Naomi Carroll**

Naomi is from Cratloe in Co. Clare and she is in the final year of the BA degree. Her area of excellence is sport, particularly hockey.

Naomi is an international hockey player with 46 International Caps. Sport is incorporated into her everyday life, between training every weekend in the UCD complex with the Irish Senior Women's Hockey squad and going to the gym. She is the only Clare representative on the squad, and has been selected for the World League 2 Olympic Qualifying tournament currently being held in Dublin, where she scored four goals in Ireland's win over Turkey on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Success for Ireland in this tournament will lead to a place in the final pre-qualifying tournament for the Rio Olympics.

Additionally, she was a member of the Irish squad which won silver at the Champions Challenge tournament held in Scotland beating higher ranking Olympic teams. She has been selected as club hockey player of the year, Munster hockey player of the year and the Irish women's club player of the year in 2013. She aims to compete in the European competitions this summer. Naomi was a member of the MIC camogie team that won the Purcell Cup last month and also plays ladies' football for the College.

### **Edmond Gubbins**

Edmond is from Bruff in Co. Limerick and is a third year B.Ed student. Edmond's area of excellence is music.

His main instrument is the piano accordion, but he also plays the piano and the tin whistle. He is a member of the Castleconnell/Ahane/Herbertstown branch of *Comhaltas* and has been playing for over 15 years. He has received Distinctions in several *Scrúdú Ceol Tíre* examinations and is part of groups which have gigged in the *Tailteann Nua* Festival in UL and the closing ceremony of the Special Olympics in MIC last summer.

As well as being highly involved with traditional music, he is also a member of MIDAS in the College and an amateur dramatic society in his home town. He has a passion for theatre and drama and credits MIDAS for helping to promote his confidence as a singer and stage performer in a highly supportive and committed community of fellow enthusiasts.

He is currently studying Music Education as part of his course electives which has increased his expertise in the area of music teaching and learning.

### **Katie Campbell**

Katie is from Limerick and is in her final year of the BA degree. Her area of excellence is hockey.

She has played hockey at division 1 level throughout her time at Mary Immaculate College, as well as playing with Munster and being part of the Under 21 National Training Squad. When she went on Erasmus study as part of her degree, she was a member of the Union Dames first ladies hockey team. She has been part of many squads and has been awarded Catholic Institute Young player of the year award in 2009 and the Senior Player of the Year Award in 2013. As well as playing hockey, she also plays camogie for both MIC and her county.

Katie recently underwent cruciate ligament reconstruction and cartilage repair. She has worked incredibly hard to be back walking and training in the gym and aims to return to her involvement in hockey as soon as possible.

### **James Murphy**

James is from Clonmel in Co. Tipperary and is a second year BA student. His areas of excellence are soccer and athletics.

For many years, he has been involved in all areas of sport. He was part of his local soccer team, Clonmel town, which won the Danone Nations Cup and as a result represented Ireland at the Danone Nations World Cup in France. He has also represented the Tipperary soccer team many times both domestically and internationally.

He is also a dedicated cross-country and track runner. He has won numerous All Ireland medals in both cross country and on the running track. He has represented Tipperary in Athletics on numerous occasions in All-Ireland cross country and he was part of the Cross Country team that won an All-Ireland Gold medal.

Since starting his studies in Mary Immaculate College, he has been on the College soccer team that reached the Harding Plate final last year and was part of the Collingwood team that won the Spillane Cup but could not play due to injury.

In the coming months, he hopes to get fit again after his injury and one of his aims is to win a national indoor track title.

### **Eoin Harte**

Eoin is from Inishannon in Co. Cork and he is in the final year of the B.Ed and Psychology course. His area of excellence is soccer refereeing.

Currently in his sixth year as a referee with the Football Association of Ireland (FAI), Eoin's passion and commitment for his role has brought him far. He has refereed over 350 games across Cork with teams from around the country involved. He believes that providing this service for those involved in soccer is special, as in a given weekend, he could encounter over 100 players and team officials.

He achieved grade 1 referee status in 2012, the highest refereeing grade outside of national league level. He is one of the youngest grade 1 referees in Cork and the youngest referee on the Cork AUL panel this year. He has been appointed to officiate at many national and provincial competitions. This current season, he has had the opportunity to officiate at U19 Airtricity League and Women's National League level.

Eoin has been accepted to the FAI Referee School of Excellence for 2015/2016. The School of Excellence is a 2 year development programme which leads to many more opportunities to referee on a more regular basis at an national and international level. The programme will also provide opportunities for further education, professional development and progression.

Eoin is an extremely committed and dedicated student. For his undergraduate research project in psychology, Eoin conducted an on-line experimental study with 90 referees.

## ***Highly Commended***

### **Kate Mitchell**

Kate is from 3<sup>rd</sup> Year B.Ed student from Waterford. Her areas of excellence are community involvement and personal development.

Kate was awarded the Gold Gaisce Award, which required great commitment and community involvement. She has volunteered through teaching Water Safety skills and Basic Life Support to children of all ages. She is a beach lifeguard and has helped 4 groups of young people to successfully pass their own Rescue 3 water safety courses.

### **Anmarie O'Riordan**

Anmarie is a second year B.Ed student from Cork. Her areas of excellence are music and entertainment.

Annmarie is a singer/songwriter with a great love for folk and traditional music. She has recorded five albums to date and is cantor in her local church choir. She has toured throughout the United Kingdom and Europe with the dance troupe "Celtic Feet" and toured the east coast of America with her own band. She took part in the Irish traditional concert in MIC last year in aid of Aware. She is also a Comhaltas Ceoiltoirí Éireann adjudicator.

### **Darragh Curtain**

Darragh is a second year B.A student from Kerry. His area of excellence is traditional Irish music.

Darragh is consistently involved in playing and promoting traditional Irish music in Mary Immaculate College. He has played at many different college functions, including Seachtain na Gaeilge and Graduation ceremonies. He has won a Senior title at Oireachtas na hÉireann in 2014 and the prestigious Seán Ó Riada Gold medal this year, as well as many titles at Fleadhanna Ceoil at every level.