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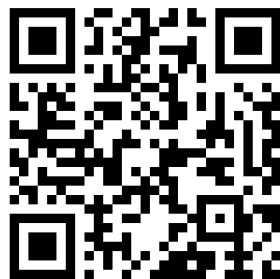
Celebration Event

CLASS OF 2023
FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023



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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome our students, staff, family and friends today to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. Our mission is to 'transform the lives of children, young people and communities through excellence in teaching, scholarship and research'. We do that by 'leading innovative professional practice'.

For one hundred years, our ambition has been to develop and nurture 'learning leaders' who can inspire, enthuse and unlock the potential of every young person – in and out of the classroom. We are confident that the next generation of learning leaders you see here today are equipped to meet tomorrow's challenges for education and society as a whole.

My congratulations to all our award winners and Degree Enhancement recipients. Today's ceremony is a recognition and celebration of their hard work and commitment to go the extra mile – in their studies, to the College and to the wider community.

Prof. Jonathan Heggarty MBE

Principal and CEO

Stranmillis University College



GRADUATION DAY PROGRAMME



10.00am **Graduation Ceremony*** - **BA, BSc, MA**
Whitla Hall, Queen's University Belfast



11.00am **Graduation Garden Party**** - **BA, BSc, MA**
Quadrangle, Queen's University Belfast



12.30pm **Awards Ceremony** - **BEd, MEd, MTeach, PGCE (EYE)**
Drama Theatre, Stranmillis University College



12.30pm-2.30pm **Graduation Celebration Lunch**
Refectory Building, Stranmillis University College

- 12.30pm-1.30pm: **BA, BSc, MA**
- 1.30pm-2.30pm: **BEd, MEd, MTeach, PGCE (EYE)**



2.15pm **Awards Ceremony** - **BA, BSc, MA**
Drama Theatre, Stranmillis University College



4.30pm **Graduation Ceremony*** - **BEd, MEd, MTeach**
Whitla Hall, Queen's University Belfast



5.30pm **Graduation Garden Party**** - **BEd, MEd, MTeach**
Quadrangle, Queen's University Belfast

*Please note that students should be seated 30 minutes before the start time

**Approximate time following Graduation Ceremony

CAMPUS MAP FOR GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS



REFECTORY BUILDING

- Celebration Lunch (Chatz & Craigantlet)
- Souvenirs & Merchandise (Chatz)
- Student Gift Packs (Scholars)



MEMORIAL GARDEN

- Opportunity for informal photos



CENTRAL BUILDING

- Registration for Celebration Events (Old Betty's)
- Celebration Events (Drama Theatre)

CELEBRATION EVENT

12.30pm-1.30pm
BEd, MEd, PGCE, MTeach

Music (Selection of Irish Melodies)

Dr Norman Richardson, Honorary Fellow (piano)

Nadia Whitten, Year 2 BEd Primary (clarinet)

12.30pm	Arrival	
12.45pm	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Prof. Jonathan Heggarty MBE
12.50pm	Short Address by Special Guest	Geoffrey Cherry MBE
1.00pm	Introduction	Prof. Jonathan Heggarty MBE
1.05pm	Presentation of PGCE Certificates	
1.15pm	Presentation of Special Prizes and Awards	
	Presentation of Certificates gained through Degree Enhancement	
	Vote of thanks and presentation to Special Guest	
	Closing Remarks	

Guest Speaker: Geoffrey Cherry MBE



Geoffrey Cherry MBE studied Education with Music at Stranmillis University College under the tutelage of John McDowell, Harry Grindle and Charlie Keenan. He is currently Principal of Pond Park Primary School in Lisburn where he has spent most of his teaching career. He is an Associate Assessor for ETI, Associate Placement Assessor for Stranmillis University College (contributing annually to some BEd modules) and the External Examiner for the PGCE Primary course at Ulster University, Coleraine. He was awarded an MBE for Services to Education in 2021, an honour he received on behalf of the outstanding, supportive colleagues he has journeyed with.

SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS 2022-23

EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

Maeve Ann Winters Award for Early Childhood Education
The Joan Baird Prize for Excellence in School-Based Work
(PGCE Early Years)

Rebekah Wilson
Caoimhe Charters

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

The Danske Bank Prize for Mathematics
The Ronnie Barron Science and Maths Cup

Krista Watt
Rachel Devenney

TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

The Dunn Cup
The Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) Award

Katie Montgomery
Andrew Dorman

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Susan Curry Award
Robert Simpson Award
Transferor Representatives' Council Award
The Andrews McCulla Prize (jointly awarded)

Megan Turner
John Crown
Jessica Thompson
Bethany Young
Naomi Lamont

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Gail Addison Memorial Prize
Stranmillis University College Association Prize
The J.C. Davidson (Memorial) Cup

Megan Turner
Anna Steenson
Richard Keenan

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

The NEU Award for Research Excellence - Primary
The NEU Award for Research Excellence - Post-Primary

Bethany Young
Andrew Dorman

EDUCATION STUDIES

INTO Vere Foster Medal
Mahon Prizes

The NEU Prize for Education Studies
The Wylie Prize
David Ryan Memorial Cup

Rachel Devenney
Paul Wharry
Amber McCullough
Rachael Hall
Amber McCullough
Megan Turner

WORSHIP FUND

The Worship Prize

Chloe Herron (1st Year)

INTERNATIONAL

The Effenberg-Wilkinson Cup

Jayne Bell

BUSINESS STUDIES

Society of Teachers in Business Education Cup

Holly Wilgar

DEGREE ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

CCMS Education in the Community Award

Chloe Gillis

CELEBRATION EVENT

2.15pm-3.15pm
BA ECS, MA ECS, BSc HPAS

Music (Selection of Irish Melodies)

Dr Norman Richardson, Honorary Fellow (piano)

Nadia Whitten, Year 2 BEd Primary (clarinet)

2.15pm	Arrival	
2.30pm	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Prof Jonathan Heggarty MBE
2.35pm	Short Address by Special Guest	Mrs Maria McDonagh
2.45pm	Introduction	Prof Jonathan Heggarty MBE
2.50pm	Presentation of Special Prizes and Awards	
	Presentation of Certificates gained through Degree Enhancement	
	Vote of thanks and presentation to Special Guest	
	Closing Remarks	

Guest Speaker: Maria McDonagh



Maria McDonagh is the owner and manager of the multi award winning Adventures Private Day Nursery Ltd in West Belfast. In addition to running a busy daycare, Maria also undertakes a number of voluntary roles within the childcare sector including Chair of the Board of Early Years – the organisation for young children and Chair of the Early Years, Care, Education and Play Employers' Forum. These roles enable Maria to advocate for the delivery of high quality, sustainable and affordable childcare provision for children and families in Northern Ireland. Maria is passionate about delivering a knowledge-led practice and has successfully undertaken numerous childcare qualifications, most recently gaining a First in her Early Childhood Studies Degree at Stranmillis University College in 2022.

SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS 2022-23

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Kathleen McSherry Prize
Rachel White Memorial Prize
Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies Prize for Excellence

Sandra McMullen
Sasha White
Eva Lowry

HEALTH, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORT

Hastings Elysium Cup
Train Direct Cup
The O'Neill Prize for Year 1
The O'Neill Prize for Year 2
ECO Award
Judith McLaughlin Health Promotion Award (jointly awarded)

The Professor Scott Kelso Distinguished Scholar Award

Jodie Black
Amy Rooney
Jake Bingham
Daniel Strong
Carolyn Doran
Jodie Black
Curtis McIlhagga
Jodie Black

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Sport NI Award for Dissertation Excellence
The Early Years Award for Research Excellence

Jodie Black
Holly Dickson

GUIDE TO AWARDS & SPECIAL PRIZES

The **Joan Baird Award for Exceptional Practice (PGCE Early Years)**, established in memory of a former student, is awarded to the graduating PGCE (Early Years) student who has received the overall highest profile on school-based work, displaying excellent promise as an Early Years classroom practitioner.

The **Worship Prize** is awarded annually to the student who is considered first in order of merit on entry to the Bachelor of Education degree course at Stranmillis University College, and is 'adjudged best qualified to commence a course of teacher training'.

The **Effenberg-Wilkinson Cup** is presented annually to a Stranmillis University College student who has participated in the Erasmus or International Programmes and who has exceeded all other students according to set criteria.

The **Robert Simpson Award**, established by the late Mrs Hilary Simpson, formerly a member of the academic staff of the College, in memory of her husband, also formerly a member of our staff, is awarded to the final year student who is adjudged to have made the greatest contribution to the Music Department of the University College.

CCMS Education in the Community Award is awarded annually to the Teacher Education student (Primary and Post-primary) who has demonstrated a high level of sustained and active community education engagement by seeking to improve the educational opportunities and achievements of others, such as those from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

The **NEU (formerly Association of Teachers' and Lecturers') Prize for Education Studies** is awarded to the third year student who has gained the highest marks in Education Studies in years 1-3.

The **J.C. Davidson (Memorial) Cup** is presented to recognise the most significant contribution to the subject of Physical Education by a graduate.

The **Andrews McCulla Prize** is awarded to the Primary student who has demonstrated excellence in the Geography/History element of their World Around Us studies.

The **NEU (formerly ATL) Award for Research Excellence** is presented to the BEd Primary student who, in the opinion of a Panel of Experts, has achieved the highest mark for a Curriculum Studies dissertation. The judging criteria included: academic quality; originality of thought or topic; and a perspective or solution which adds significantly to the body of knowledge in its field.

The **Mahon Prizes** were founded in 1934 by J S Mahon on his retirement as Chief Inspector of Schools. The Mahon Prizes are awarded to the male and female student who, having followed a course of preparation for teaching in primary schools, have obtained the highest percentage of marks in the final examination.

The **Wylie Prize** was established by a former principal lecturer Mr Ken Wylie. The prize is awarded for excellence in the final year Education Studies dissertation.

A prize presented by **Stranmillis University College Association** is awarded annually to the graduating BEd (Primary) student who has, in the recorded judgements of tutors and supervising teachers, shown particular notable promise as a classroom practitioner.

The **Transferor Representatives' Council Award** is awarded to the Primary student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to creativity and innovation in Religious Education.

The **Maeve Ann Winters Award for Early Childhood Education**, specially commissioned by a former Principal, Dr Rodgers, in memory of a much loved infant granddaughter, is awarded to the graduating student nominated by the Principal of the College on the recommendation of the lecturer in charge of Early Years Education.

The **Ronnie Barron Science and Maths Cup** was established by a former principal lecturer. The cup is awarded to the Maths and Science student on the post-primary pathway who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom and laboratory, whilst showing high academic standards throughout the four years of the BEd.

The **INTO Vere Foster Medal** is awarded to the student who, having followed a course of preparation for teaching in post-primary schools, is adjudged, on the basis of the final examination, to be the most distinguished.

The **Institute of Engineering & Technology (IET) award for Technology and Design** is awarded to the final year Technology and Design student who attains the highest classification score; this would include all elements that contribute towards the final degree classification as a result of their work in Years 2, 3 and 4.

GUIDE TO AWARDS & SPECIAL PRIZES

The **NEU (formerly ATL) Award for Research Excellence** is presented to the BEd Post-primary student who, in the opinion of a Panel of Experts, has achieved the highest mark for a Curriculum Studies dissertation. The judging criteria included: academic quality; originality of thought or topic; and a perspective or solution which adds significantly to the body of knowledge in its field.

The **Dunn Cup** is presented to the final year Technology and Design student in Stranmillis University College who is adjudged to have made the greatest contribution to the Technology and Design Department.

The **Susan Curry Award**, established anonymously in memory of a former student is awarded to the final year Religious Studies student in Stranmillis University College who attains the highest standard in that subject in the final BEd honours examination.

The **Gail Addison Memorial Prize** established in memory of a former student by her family and the staff and students of the College, is awarded to the graduating BEd (Post-primary) student/students who have, in the recorded judgements of tutors and supervising teachers, shown particular notable promise as a classroom practitioner.

David Ryan Memorial Cup is awarded to the final year student with best School-Based Work marks for a special education placement.

The Danske Bank Prize for Mathematics takes the form of an engraved trophy and is awarded to the student who, having taken Mathematics as the main subject of the degree, achieves the highest standard in that subject in the final BEd honours examination.

The Cup presented by the **Society of Teachers in Business Education** is awarded to the final year student who is adjudged to have made the greatest contribution to the Business Studies Department of the University College.

The Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies Prize for Excellence is awarded to the student with the highest level of academic achievement in their cohort.

The Early Years Award for Research Excellence is presented to the BA Early Childhood Studies student who has, in the opinion of a Panel of Experts, achieved the highest mark for a dissertation. The judging criteria included: academic quality; originality of thought or topic; and a perspective or solution which adds significantly to the body of knowledge in its field.

The Kathleen McSherry Prize is awarded to the highest achieving ECS student in an academic year as determined by the Degree Classification mark at the June Board of Examiners.

The Rachel White Memorial Prize is awarded to the highest achieving student in Level 1 in the Professional Experience module.

The O'Neill Prize is presented to a Year One and a Year Two student who have each obtained the highest average mark across all modules in their year.

Judith McLaughlin Health Promotion Award is awarded to the student who achieved the highest mark in SHL3006 Health Promotion and Practice.

The Hastings Elysium Cup is awarded to the Health, Physical Activity and Sport Studies (HPAS) student who achieves the highest overall classification.

The Professor Scott Kelso Distinguished Scholar Award is awarded annually to support a BSc student pursuing postgraduate study at Master's or doctoral level.

The Sport NI Award for Dissertation Excellence is presented to the BSc Health, Physical Activity and Sport (HPAS) student who achieved the highest mark for their dissertation.

ECO Award is awarded to the student who is adjudged to have made the greatest contribution to environmental awareness.

Train Direct Cup is awarded to the student who is adjudged to have made the greatest contribution to the Health, Physical Activity and Sport in the University College.



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