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Programme

Welcome and Master of Ceremony:

Mr Sean Tonra, Chairperson AgSoc Careers Committee
UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science

Keynote Addresses:

1. Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
2. Prof. Alex Evans, Dean of Agriculture and Head of School, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Sciences.
3. Dr. Anne-Marie Butler, President, Agricultural Science Association.

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**Virtual Tour of UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science
Graduate Handbook and Class of 2021**

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Foreword from the Dean of Agriculture



As the class of 2020/21 comes to the end of your time here with us in UCD it is important to reflect on your unique position as the Class of 2021. The last 15 months of your learning has been achieved during the coronavirus pandemic and you have had to cope with and endure an unprecedented level of disruption in your education, university experience and personal lives.

However, you have shown incredible resilience and an ability to adapt to the changing circumstances. The life-skills you have developed over this period, in conjunction with your strong science based education, will no doubt stand to you in your future careers in the Irish agriculture, food and associated industries.

These industries have themselves had to endure not only the disruption of the pandemic but also of Brexit which continues to present significant challenges. None-the-less 2020 was another outstanding year for Irish food and drink exports, with a total value of €14.3bn, accounting for 19% of all industrial turnover and 21% of all manufacturing industry turnover in Ireland.

While the pandemic and Brexit have been the most visible disruptors, a third major force, Climate Change, continues to drive global changes in food production and consumption. Climate change will have profound and far reaching impacts on how we all live our lives in the future, and the Irish agriculture and food industries are and continue to adapt in order to continue to flourish and develop. The graduates emerging from our education programmes not only have the scientific background and the applied knowledge required to navigate these changes, but they also have the resilience and flexibility to cope with unforeseen challenges and opportunities, and to help find the solutions that will be required to be successful.

The ability to adapt to changing circumstances is reflected in how the committee responsible for organising this year's Agriculture, Food Science and Human Nutrition Careers Day have moved their event on-line due to the current restrictions. Congratulations to Sean Tonra and his committee for developing this student handbook and organising the on-line launch event. I hope that employers of our graduates who have given so freely of their time and expertise at previous Careers Day will support this initiative and utilise it as an opportunity to recruit from what are an exceptional cohort of graduates.

Finally, I would like to wish the Class of 2020/21 the very best in your careers. Work hard, approach the problems you encounter with the same resilience and creativity that you have utilised in your studies this year, and above all continue to learn and enjoy what life has to offer no matter what the circumstances.

Professor Alexander Evans
Dean of Agricultural Science
 March 2021

Foreword from Chairperson



I take great pleasure as Chairperson of the UCD Agricultural Science Careers Committee to welcome you all, to this year's Graduate Handbook for the COVID-19 class of 2021. The coronavirus pandemic has resulted in a postponement of the annual careers fair which the UCD Ag Society is renowned for, forced physical activity to be halted, distanced learning became the norm and allowed us all to display a new form of initiative, drive and work ethic which UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science graduates are synonymous for.

In 2020 the world still had to eat. The fast pace and resilient nature of the Irish Agri-Food sector enabled it to adapt to this unforeseen shock. Despite being an export orientated country, Covid shifted behaviours and cultural norms with a new desire to support and eat local produce. This has driven the concept of a circular economy. At the core of this is people and produce. The 137,000 farms across Ireland produced 8bn in output, with supply chains for these goods originating in rural and coastal areas to markets in the EU and beyond. We as graduates and members of the industry must create, adapt and balance the challenges and opportunities that face us in terms of One Health, environmental and economic sustainability.

I believe UCD has fully equipped graduates to be the future leaders, policy makers, farmers, and serve as catalysts to respond and develop change throughout the multi-faceted Agri-Food industry. This is evident due to the success of career events throughout the academic year. UCD is continually ranked very highly in the world rankings of Agricultural Science and Food Science Schools. The most recent subject rankings positions UCD at 19th in the world and 5th in Europe for agricultural science. This provides testament to the lecturers and staff and other staff members who strive to provide lifelong learning in terms of education.

As Chair of the Careers Committee and on behalf of the committee I want to thank everyone who made this virtual event possible. Firstly, to FRS who sponsored this year's Graduate Booklet as they have for many years' past. Secondly, to our keynote speakers Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Charlie McConalogue. A UCD graduate who insists on a "transformative programme for agriculture". To Anne-Marie Butler, ASA president who believes in the role of science and competitiveness in agri-food while supporting our graduates throughout these difficult times. To the Dean of Agriculture and Food Science, Professor Alex Evans for his time and support in this event. To the AgSoc committee, for your help putting this booklet together and all your assistance throughout the year.

We must also acknowledge the immense background support we received throughout the year from our school marketing team Damien Dempsey and Valerie Abbott. They are the integral link for career events through the year. A special thanks also to Professional Work Experience students Klaudia Szarankiewicz and Sean Baker for their involvement in the brochure. I'd also like to thank Mark Cumisky of the Careers Development Centre at UCD for his invaluable workshop series throughout the academic year.

Finally, I wish all my peers success in your chosen career paths. It only seems like yesterday that we began our journey in UCD. A truly incredible 4 years that show how far we have come and yet, we have so far to go. I hope I did you all justice as Chair of the Careers Committee for 2020/2021 academic year and I'm sure we will all encounter each other in a physical setting in the not too distant future.

Le Meas,
Sean Tonra
Careers committee chairperson
Agricultural Science Society 2020/21

AgSoc Committee



AgSoc Committee Members (Top, L-R):

Simon Lanigan, Sean Tonra, Andrew French, Shania Keaveney, Edel Cashman,
 Rachel Donovan, Adam Walsh, Neil Maher, Helen Wilson, Arnold O'Dwyer,
 Lucy Reid, Laura Daly, Roisin McManus, Shauna Jager, Ciara Ryan,
 Dathal Kent, Padraig Broderick, Dubhan O'Grady, Padraigh Dillon, Kaitlynn Lewis,
 Diarmuid Lee - Auditor.

Absent from photo: Niamh Gunn, Ciara Byers, Michael Dever, Amy Kenny

Acknowledgements

The Agricultural Science careers committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support for career events throughout the academic year. No doubt once COVID-19 subsides the Careers Fair will return to its former glory.

Many thanks to the Dean of Agriculture Professor Alex Evans for his constant support. Thank you to Damien Dempsey and Valerie Abbott in particular, who have worked on this event. And thanks to all the other staff from the School of Agriculture and Food Science for their wisdom, support and fountain of knowledge throughout the 4 years we have spent in UCD.

We wish to firmly acknowledge the Agricultural Science Societies chosen charities' for this year. Embrace Farm, a support network for families who, like them have lost a loved one or suffered serious injury in a farming accident and Strange Boat Organ Donor Foundation raise awareness for the need of organ donation and connect families of organ donors to recipients. The class of 2021 have been bound together in efforts to raise much needed funds in adaptive and unique ways.

We wish to acknowledge the companies who have given sponsorship to the committee, with a special mention to FRS who sponsored this year's Graduate Brochure as they have for many year's past. We would also like to thank the Irish Farmers Journal for their support and contribution to the event. We hope to welcome many of the companies and businesses who attend and supported the careers fair, back to a physical setting in the not too distant future.

Animal and Crop Production

This programme gives an in-depth technical knowledge on how to produce and manage the major economic crops and animals (dairy, beef, sheep, pigs and poultry), as well as building business and communication skills.

Grainne Ahern

My driving passion for the agri-food sector is what pushes me to work hard and strive to make a positive contribution to this thoroughly exciting industry. During PWE, I gained a world of invaluable knowledge from high performing and technically efficient farms, for which I achieved a distinction grade in. My experience within the performing arts has shaped me into a hard-working and motivated young woman, with a grá for working with and meeting new people.



Noel Bardon

My time in Belfield has allowed me to develop my interests in agri-journalism, rural policy formation and team collaboration. Opportunities to engage with figures at differing levels of the agri-food sector have arisen through my time as editor of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Section of the University Observer. These interactions, combined with various other extracurricular pursuits, have put into perspective for me the ideas encountered in the lecture hall and library.



Lauren Barry

My non-farming background has made my four years in UCD a time to really discover my passion for agriculture. My experience in the industry has grown from strength to strength, through a summer job in Teagasc or the PWE programme. As an adaptable and hardworking individual, I am excited to put my knowledge to use while also delving into new challenges I may face throughout my career to further better my skills in the sector.



Deirbhíle Browne

Growing up on a Beef and Equine farm in west Clare, I have always had a strong passion for Agriculture. This passion has developed further during my time at UCD. I have demonstrated my ability and willingness to learn through my academic studies. During my PWE (awarded a Distinction), I was placed at Teagasc Moorepark and Roches Feeds where I acquired valuable knowledge and skills to equip me for a career in the exciting Irish Agricultural Sector. I am determined to succeed, enjoy challenging myself and have a positive work ethic. Outside of Agriculture I have a huge interest in sport.



Sarah Burke

I am self-motivated, enthusiastic and hard-working. Being involved in sport, I see myself as a team player. I have an innate interest in agriculture. Our home farm is a suckler and sheep enterprise. I frequently help out on my uncles dairy farm. I was fortunate to receive the inaugural Gaffney and Mulleady Scholarship from Aurivo upon entering UCD. As part of my PWE, I spent time on swine, dairy and beef enterprises. I gained experience in a milk processing plant and spent three months in Teagasc Oakpark. As part of my time with Lyons Research Dairy Herd, I gained insight into life as a PhD student. I achieved a distinction and a certificate of excellence for PWE.





Maria Byrne

The B.AgrSc degree presented opportunities for me in the agricultural industry, at home and abroad. Working with Teagasc, Glanbia, IFAC, several farms and involvement in Gluten Free Oats and Food Grade Oats projects have developed my skillset and determination. Completing a semester abroad in Iowa State University, and working on a dairy research farm, allowed me to experience agricultural production in the US. Received the Patrick Hogan Memorial Scholarship. Enthusiastic, ambitious and hard working.



Brian Cahill

Coming from a suckler to beef farm at home, I am a hard-working individual and I possess excellent problem solving skills. I am a fast and practical learner with a good understanding of modern technologies, and I am always keen to learn about advancements in the agri-food sector. I am a target and performance driven individual with a good attention to detail and I thrive in team-based environments. I have used my time in UCD and my PWE to broaden my knowledge on how Irish agriculture functions.



Edel Cashman

I am proud to be a UCD graduate and excited to begin my career in the Irish Agricultural Industry. I am passionate about developing a sustainable way in which farming can continue and for building a strong bridge between consumers and farmers. I am a resilient, resourceful, and competent person. I have an interest in all aspects of Agriculture and I apply myself enthusiastically and wholeheartedly to everything I do.



Michael Clancy

Growing up on a dairy and beef farm, I have always had a huge interest in farming and agriculture. This interest has only expanded since I began studying ACP in UCD. I thoroughly enjoyed my PWE placement which despite being threatened by Covid 19 allowed me to enhance many skills such as teamwork, leadership and communication skills while also learning in detail about industries I wouldn't have had experience in including sheep, tillage and pigs.



James Cleary

Growing up on a dairy farm, I have always had a strong passion for agriculture. I am an enthusiastic, hard working and motivated individual. My interest spans across all aspects of agriculture but my strongest skills and true passion revolve around the dairy industry. During my time on PWE, I have gained invaluable experience in the nutritional feed sector from working with Arrabawn and Dan O'Connor feeds. Outside of Agriculture I am very passionate about the GAA.



Aidan Coffey

I am a hardworking, self-motivated individual with a strong determination to be successful through immersing myself in my college course and my PWE. It has given me the inside knowledge to various sectors ranging from 1000 sow pig unit, training and sample preparation of the Covid-19 sample testing, advisory services with Phealan Advisory to diet formulation for Centenary co-op. I have excellent communication and leadership skills and work well in a team environment I gained invaluable experience and I look forward to further expanding my skills through a career in the agricultural sector.

JohnJoe Collins

I am an ambitious, hardworking and versatile student from a dairy background. Studying at UCD has progressed my knowledge. Travelling to Missouri for 6 months to work on large scale grass based dairy farms was the highlight of my PWE experience and where I really gained knowledge and insight into the dairy industry from a foreign perspective. Along with completing stints in large scale sheep flocks, fully integrated pig units, intensive beef finishing farms and crop, I have gained valuable first-hand information throughout all the agricultural sectors. I apply myself to my work with heart. I am a principled person who believes we have an industry built on people and respect. My interest's spans across all aspects of agriculture but my strongest skills and true passion revolve around the dairy industry.



Laura Daly

I am enthusiastic, hardworking, motivated, and willing to put in the effort to achieve goals set out by myself and prospective employers. My time in UCD has provided me with the knowledge, technical ability and interpersonal skillset required to pave a dynamic career in the agricultural sector. During my PWE I travelled to New Zealand to work on a 2,250-cow dairy farm where I gained invaluable experience in working as part of a team.



Liam Dawe

I credit my drive, determination to succeed and ability to work as part of a team to my upbringing on a suckler beef farm. I have a huge passion for both Irish agriculture and farming further afield. During my time in UCD, I was afforded the opportunity to gain invaluable experience across all farming enterprises, achieving a distinction in my PWE, demonstrating my capabilities in the workforce. I am excited about pursuing a challenging yet rewarding career in the readily growing agricultural sector.



Padraigh Dillon

Growing up on a suckler to beef farm, I have always been passionate about Irish agriculture. I am an ambitious, dependable, and focused individual with excellent communication and teamwork skills. My undergrad at UCD allowed me to develop my theoretical knowledge. I got the opportunity to put this knowledge into practice during 30 weeks of invaluable PWE spent on a 300 cow dairy farm, lambing over 300 ewes, working on crop trials and on an 880 sow pig unit, for which I received a distinction grade.



Deirdre Divilly

From a young age agricultural has always been my passion. Along with completing my degree I am actively involved in our home dairy enterprise where I have learned the importance of hard work, self-motivation, and initiative. During my PWE I travelled to New Zealand where I gained invaluable international experience on a dairy farm milking 1100 cows. My goal is to implement and expand the knowledge and skills I have gained in UCD throughout my future career.



Kevin Dolan

I have a passion for agriculture that has developed from a young age growing up on a Beef and Sheep farm in Co. Westmeath. This has instilled in me a strong work ethic and a love for all things related to agriculture. My time on PWE involved working on farms across Ireland has broadened my knowledge of agriculture and the ag industry. My time spent in UCD has given me the opportunity to gain knowledge and experiences within the farming industry both here in Ireland and abroad. My main ambition is to pursue a career within a challenging and changing industry.





Rachel Donovan

Growing up in a busy home environment assisting with a family run business, paired with suckler farming has taught me the importance of hard work. It has instilled in me a love for the Irish Agri-Food sector. I am proud to have immersed myself fully in university life in UCD. I developed my teamwork skills in tandem with my ability to lead in roles such as peer mentor, member of UCD GAA club and as a member of the Ag Soc committee, most recently fulfilling the role as Treasurer. During my PWE, I worked on an 800-cow dairy farm in New Zealand where I gained invaluable experience. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities the industry presents me with in the future.



Michael Doran

I credit my drive, determination to succeed, and positive work ethic to my upbringing on a dairy farm. My farming roots awoke a passion for Agriculture, which has been nurtured during my enjoyable time in UCD. I have a keen interest in all Agriculture areas of research, development and the ever evolving industry both nationally and internationally. I believe my proven ability to successfully balance: study; a part-time job with Glanbia Agribusiness since 2015 and Gaelic Football at both, club and county level, throughout my school and college years, demonstrate my ability and ambition to succeed in the exciting Agriculture sector.



Ellen Durkin

A reliable, ambitious, and adaptable individual with a drive to succeed within the agri-food industry. Hailing from a suckler and sheep farm in Co. Wicklow, I have had a keen interest in agriculture from a young age. My time at UCD has given me the opportunity to expand my knowledge of the agricultural industry as well as gain invaluable experience working with Glanbia and completing an internship with the Irish Farmers Journal.



Niamh Fitzgerald

Growing up on a dairy farm, my interest in agriculture began at an early age. I embarked on a semester abroad studying in Iowa State University, where I also worked on their dairy research farm. My knowledge and experience of the agricultural industry was further enhanced during my PWE where I had the opportunity to gain invaluable experience in which I received a distinction grade. As a result, I have gained an extensive knowledge of the sector both nationally and internationally.



Andrew French

Coming from a dairy farm, agriculture was always a passion and part of my life. This combined with a high work-ethic, ambition and self motivation is the reason I completed my degree in UCD, where I developed a great technical knowledge and began pushing myself beyond my comfort zone. I done this by studying for a semester at Iowa State university and by becoming a committee member of AG Soc. Through my degree, PWE on a range of farm enterprises and having worked with Glanbia in a number of roles since 2015 I have a great understanding and belief in the agricultural sector.

Seán Groarke

Hard working individual who is very excited about the opportunities the agri-food sector presents to young graduates. Experience working in a team environment covering a variety of agricultural sectors. I achieved a distinction grade for my professional work experience which I completed among various farm enterprises across Ireland. Previously employed by the awarding winning company Herdwatch, I possess over two years sales experience which has provided me with the skills to work in a fast paced environment. It has helped shape me into a great team player with a drive for higher standards. Seeking an opportunity to work within the agri-food and business sector to illustrate my knowledge of my degree. I look forward to a challenging and rewarding career in the agriculture industry.



Hanbidge Andrew

I grew up on a sheep, beef and dairy farm, from this I have attained a wide interest and knowledge in many sectors of agriculture with my main area of interest in ruminant nutrition. As part of my PWE in 3rd year I worked on a pig, dairy and tillage farm where I gained great experience and awareness of each sector of the agricultural industry. I am very hard working and motivated, which was exhibited in my success in winning the Paul Mulhere award and PWE award of excellence in UCD.



Denis Healy

Motivated to learn, grow and excel. Technical minded individual who is addicted to progress/improvement. My interest for agriculture stemmed from our suckler and sheep farm, and abattoir, butcher enterprises, and this has allowed me to see how the supply chain works. My PWE has further expanded my knowledge in different Agricultural sectors. I gained a distinction and accredited this to my invaluable experience I amassed. I look forward to future involvement in the industry.



Joseph Hogan

My passion for agriculture and the industry has developed strongly over my four years at UCD. The course has given me the chance to travel and work all over the world and it has broadened my horizons greatly. From our small Dairy farm on the banks of the river Shannon to the vast dairies in the plains of New Mexico and Missouri to the golden harvest evenings spent in central England, The things I have learned and contacts that I have made will grant me a great head start on my career in the industry. I look forward to building my career in such an exciting industry.



Thomas Howlett

Keen to learn and a desire to thrive as a team or with independence. My time studying at UCD has not only progressed my interest for the agri-food sector but has shown me the importance of having a diverse set of skills within a team. I have a background in dairy and through PWE, experience with pigs and beef. Gained leadership experience through UCD Mountaineering. I hope to pursue a career within the agricultural sector.





Niall Hughes

Hard working, driven person who has a great interest in farming since a young age. Come from a dairy farm background with plenty of experience. Gained great knowledge during my 30 weeks PWE where worked on number of efficiently run farm enterprises. Keen interest in the Dairy sector where I focused my PWE. Gained a lot of agricultural knowledge in my 4 years in UCD and still keen to learn to progress the agricultural sector further.



Padraig Joyner

I am an enthusiastic, hard working and ambitious individual with a strong interest in the agricultural industry. My interest in agriculture stems from growing up on a suckler farm in Co. Galway. During my PWE, I was able to further develop my knowledge and skills through working across pig, sheep, tillage and dairy farms in both Ireland and the UK while also spending time working in industry with Teagasc advisory offices and Roche's Feeds. I look forward to a challenging and rewarding career in the agricultural industry in which I can further develop my knowledge and skill set.



Dillon Keane

I grew up on a beef farm in North East Galway. I always liked to work hard and as soon as I was old enough I began relief milking and my passion for dairy began there. I've learned many things during my time in UCD but the work placement in third year capped it all off. I look forward to what the years ahead will bring me.



James Kelly

I am an ambitious, hardworking and versatile student and I can credit this to my rural upbringing on a beef and sheep farm in Co. Wexford. During my time in UCD I have gained a vast knowledge about the agricultural sector in Ireland, while also learning all about its strengths and challenges. My knowledge in agriculture was developed further when I completed a 4-month Erasmus in Texas A&M where I was able to see a different agricultural environment first-hand. During my PWE, I gained a wealth of experience in the advisory sector, while also gaining in-person experience in all of the 5 main sectors of Irish Agriculture. I look forward to working in this ever-changing agricultural industry.



Dayna Lancaster

Growing up on a beef and tillage farm instilled a passion for all things agriculture from a young age. My time at UCD has only increased these interests further, especially during my time on PWE, where I gained invaluable experience in areas such as the dairy and pig sectors, of which I gained a distinction in. I am a hardworking, enthusiastic and reliable individual and I look forward to my future career endeavors.



Padraig Leamy

My passion for agriculture started at my home beef farm in Cashel, Co.Tipperary. Working on the beef farm gave me a strong work ethic growing up in this environment. I gained valuable experience during my PWE at Sheep Milk Ireland, Glanbia and O'Keefe's Piggery. I balance my studies with sports well, playing rugby with Cashel RFC in Tipperary, through out the four years in UCD. This gave me great experience working in a team under pressure. I have an interest in the dairy industry and plan to pursue a career in this sector in the future.

Diarmuid Lee

My passion for agriculture was conceived and nurtured on the family dairy farm in county Galway. It was here that I learned the importance of hard work and precision and these are skills that I apply to the tasks I complete every day. I have travelled to the UK to gain experience in high input/high output dairy systems and completed a part of my PWE on a low cost grass based system herd in Co. Westmeath. I also gained invaluable industry experience during PWE placements on a 500 ewe sheep farm, 120 cow suckler farm and a 500 sow integrated pig unit. I am the auditor of UCD AgSoc for 2020/21 and this is a role that has enabled me to utilise and exhibit my leadership skills while enhancing my IT and communication skills.



Eoin Leonard

I come from a small beef farm in North Kildare. I've had an interest in agriculture since I was young. I study Animal Crop Production. I've learned a huge amount about the agricultural industry during my time in UCD and I also gained valuable experience on Dairy, Beef, Sheep and Tillage farms during my PWE in third year. I am dedicated, hardworking and reliable. I am eager to progress in the sector. I look forward to building my career in the agricultural industry in the future.



Laura Maloney

I am a very ambitious hard working individual and I have a passion for agriculture. Not from a farming background, I have always had a love for animals, the outdoors and an interest in farming. A highlight for me was travelling to Wales and having the opportunity to work on a 700 cow dairy farm. Before completing my PWE I had very little experience of farm work, I really challenged myself which was very rewarding, I gained invaluable experience across the sheep, pigs, beef, tillage and dairy industry. The agriculture industry is an exciting sector with plenty of opportunities which I look forward to facing. I am a motivated and determined individual. I look forward to enhancing the skills I have learned throughout my undergrad as I progress to work in the Agri-industry.



Cillian McEvoy

My career path in Agriculture was mapped out from an early age, mainly from growing up on a dairy and beef enterprise. I believe this is what provides the foundation for my strong work ethic and passion for the agricultural industry. Upon receiving a distinction in my PWE, I gained in depth knowledge in the various agricultural enterprises. I relish the opportunity to make my contribution to this industry, be it in Ireland or abroad.



Róisín McManus

I pride myself on the experience I have gained through studying at UCD, on farm and at an agri-business level, which are perfectly aligned with the requirements of a graduate today. I have a particular interest in dairy that flourished from my involvement on the home dairy farm and when I travelled to NZ for PWE to work on a large scale dairy farm. As a highly motivated individual, I would excel in a career within this growing and developing sector.



Cian Minogue

Having grown up on a beef and sheep farm realised my interest in agriculture, and having studied in UCD further exposed my passion for the sector. Receiving the Fertiliser Association of Ireland award and the Ian Gordon award during my studies illustrates my hard working and ambitious character. With the experience gained during PWE, my motivation for the importance of our soils and what it has to offer has increased.





Stephen O'Donnell

Growing up on a small sheep and suckler farm in northwest Donegal, I developed a passion for agriculture from a young age. Throughout my time in UCD, I have learnt about both the technical and practical aspects of agriculture. During my PWE I gained experience with pigs, dairy and tillage. I travelled to New Zealand and worked on an 800 cow dairy farm and also worked on a progressive tillage farm in north Dublin. I see myself as a hardworking, forward thinking, and technical person.



Patrick O'Donoghue

With a passion for agriculture developed while growing up on a beef farm, I saw agricultural science in UCD as the ideal option to progress towards my career path. My studies in ACP together with professional work experience at Moorepark, Roundhill Limousins, Sheep Milk Ireland, Crop Research Ltd., Ballyfaskin Enterprises have equipped me with the knowledge, skills and attributes to pursue a career in the field of agriculture. I am hardworking, enthusiastic, innovative and reliable.



Jamie O'Driscoll

Ambitious, diligent person with an excellent work ethic and passion for acquiring knowledge and the ag industry. This passion for the sector stems from my suckler and sheep farming background and was further developed in UCD. I gained invaluable experience during my PWE, I travelled to New Zealand to work on a 1300 cow dairy farm, learning about team work and running a farm as a business. I worked on a high input robotic system, piggery, and with an ag-consultancy firm where I gained experience in the professional and policy side of the sector, gaining great insights into advising and guiding farmers with the running of their businesses.



Arnold O'Dwyer

Hailing from a beef farm and an agri-merchant store in the heart of the Golden Vale, farming has dominated my interests from a young age. My PWE was invaluable to me going forward, especially the time I spent with an agri consultancy firm seeing just how much our agri industry varies between farms and farmers throughout Ireland. I've acquired a hard work ethic from my surroundings growing up and wish to continue adding to my knowledge and skill set, looking forward to a career in agriculture wherever the opportunity arrives.



Dubhán O'Grady

Situated in East Limerick I consider myself extremely lucky to have gained a wealth of exceptional work experience on my doorstep. Hailing from a small beef farm and working on a local dairy farm growing up instilled a strong work ethic and persistent mentality which I carried through to my PWE and studies. I gained invaluable insights into the dairy industry during my placement through an on-farm placement and working in the dairy processing sector at Tipperary Co-Op Creameries. I greatly anticipate my next step in the agricultural industry where I can utilize the attributes I have enhanced and gained over the last 4 years in UCD.



John O'Neill

I am a hard-working, trusty, and reliable individual with a passion for agriculture. My interest in agriculture stems from a young age having grown up on a beef and tillage farm alongside a contracting enterprise. My PWE afforded me the opportunity to broaden my knowledge working on an integrated pig unit, a winter milk producing dairy herd in addition to beef, sheep, and tillage farms. I look forward to utilising my experiences in the agricultural sector.

Thomas O Sullivan

A reliable, competent and diligent person with a strong work ethic and passion for progression within the Irish agricultural sector. Coming from a progressive beef and sheep farm on the Beara Peninsula I have grown my knowledge and interest in agriculture through study in UCD and PWE on a range of different enterprises. Have experience on an integrated pig unit, Large spring calving Dairy farm and large tillage farm in the UK. Also have commercial experience as a sales representative working for Durapak Agri Ltd. Looking forward to seeing what my career in Agriculture has in store for me.



Kate Purcell

A competent, self-motivated and reliable individual with a drive for progression in the agriculture industry. Having grown up on a sheep farm and now managing my own flock, a hard work-ethic has been instilled in me from an early age. My PWE across a variety of sectors has further embedded my passion for agriculture and I am excited to enter the industries workforce.



Sean Raftery

A highly ambitious, enthusiastic hard working individual who sees everyday as a school day and is driven to succeed. A passion for the beef industry and animal nutrition. Growing up on a beef and sheep enterprise I have always been surrounded by different farming communities which has made my grá for the industry grow even further. During my PWE placement for which I obtained a distinction, I gained an invaluable experience working on a dairy, pig and tillage operations. Without doubt, during my time in UCD I have gained valuable insight into the agricultural industry across all sectors. I believe that I have a lot to contribute to the agri sector and my main ambition is to pursue a challenging yet highly rewarding career within the industry.



Shauna Ryan

Growing up on an Organic drystock farm, my interest in agriculture began from an early age. As a highly motivated and passionate individual, I have gained practical exposure during my PWE in the agri-sector. I aim to put my valuable experience and theoretical knowledge acquired over these past 4 years to good use. I look forward to encountering the challenges as well as the exciting opportunities that the agricultural sector has to offer.



Conor Sheehan

Growing up on a mixed beef and sheep farm, I have always been passionate about agriculture and the opportunities it offers. This was furthered through my PWE where I gained invaluable experience and knowledge in different farming systems. I am hard working, self-motivated and diligent. The coming years will present both challenges and opportunities for the agriculture sector in Ireland and abroad, and I look forward to playing my part in a bright, progressive industry.



Róisín Stephenson

My involvement in our family farm and on sports teams has taught me the value of hard work and good communication. I am creative, enthusiastic and enjoy developing new skills. I have had experience working in high pressure, fast paced environments in the Cooney Furlong Grain Company and on a large dairy farm in New Zealand. I look forward to expanding my knowledge of the agricultural sector through my future career.





Kevin Tobin

Open-minded, a good listener and hardworking. Dairy farming background with broad industry experience, including 4-month placement on a New Zealand dairy farm. Passionate about rural life and the sustainability of the family farm. Looking forward to exciting career in the agricultural sector.



Sean Tonra

I have resilience, grit and optimism to challenge myself in everything I do, be it in academia, previous internship with the Farmeye or UK farming enterprises, Ag societies or GAA. Passionate about One Health, Circular Economy and precision nutrition of ruminants. UCD has fully developed my interest in the Agri-Food industry providing me with the foundations to be aggressive and willing to lead the sector through opportunities and challenges. While also promoting the Industry as leader on the national and global stage.



Thomas Whyte

A young, energetic person with ambition. Dairy farming at home taught me the importance of dynamic thinking and a diligent work ethic. In Progressive Genetics my communication skills and hard work provided a tailored service to the farmers regarding breeding advice. In Aurivo Feed-Mill I developed my skills in supply-chain management and quality control. The Agri-sector is facing challenges, but I believe this is an exciting and influential time to be initiating an agricultural career.



Eoin Wims

I am an enthusiastic, hard-working and self-motivated individual. I have a huge passion for agriculture with a keen interest in the dairy industry. During my PWE, I worked on a 550-cow dairy farm in the Waikato, New Zealand, an opportunity that allowed me to develop my character and knowledge. I completed an internship at Teagasc Moorepark assisting on grassland trials, an experience which developed my technical skills. Always willing to take on a new challenge and learn.

Agricultural Systems Technology

The agricultural systems technology course ensures its student are at the forefront in understanding the ever evolving Agricultural industry. Students undertake areas of study in product design, programming, precision agriculture and technology.

Richard Dehaene

Growing up on a tillage farm I've always had a huge passion for agriculture and the future for my farm. During my time in UCD I was able to focus my studies on the technology and the future of digital farming. During my PWE placement I was able to achieve a distinction and further my knowledge in the area. I am looking forward to using my knowledge for challenging the growing Agriculture industry and achieving my goals.



Edward Drea

Being from a family farm, agriculture has always been a passion of mine. From this interest it led me to look into the field of agricultural technology in the hopes of having an impact on the agricultural industry. AST has given me a great understanding of what the future holds for the agricultural industry. AST has given me the opportunity to learn more about topics I'm interested in like 3D design software and building design.



Vincent Fox

I would consider myself a very ambitious, down to earth, hardworking student who loves to learn. I have had a passion for agriculture and agriculture machinery as long as I can remember. Growing up on dairy farm has only fueled this passion. I wanted to make the time I spent at UCD as beneficial as possible learning not only about the best agriculture practices now, but also the new technologies that we are seeing more of in everyday farming. So when given the chance to study Agriculture Systems Technology it was the obvious choice for me, and I am looking forward to a career in this sector.



Claudia McCormick

I take pride in being the only girl in my stream of Agricultural Science. Throughout my time in UCD my love for the Irish Food and Agri sector has significantly grown, where I have a strong interest for sustainable farming and understanding how technology can maximise production and develop a brighter future. Spending a semester in Australia pushed me out of my comfort zone and was the highlight of my degree.



Animal Science

The Animal Science programme concentrates on the single most important sector of the agriculture industry. Students undertake areas of study covering nutrition and feed formulation, physiology, genetics, reproduction, as well as business, agricultural policy and communications.



Mike Breen

Growing up on a dairy and sheep farm just outside Killarney in co Kerry, I have always had a keen interest in agriculture. This persuaded me to study agricultural science in UCD along with being offered a GAA scholarship for football at UCD. I have developed great knowledge of the industry from studying at UCD and gained great experience from my PWE. I have gained experience in every sector and got an insight into what the working world will be like. I believe I am an ambitious, driven and hard working individual with good team working skills and I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities upon entering the agricultural sector



Rosemary Brennan

Growing up on a pedigree beef farm in county Kilkenny started my passion for agriculture at a young age, giving me a strong work ethic and desire to do well in my course work at UCD. PWE last year has shaped me into a positive thinking, independent and reliable person as well as gaining invaluable experience in all sectors, achieving a distinction overall.



Pádraig Broderick

I am hard-working, self-motivated and ambitious much of which is accredited to my upbringing on a dairy farm which has instilled in me a passion for the agricultural industry. I have a determination to succeed, having achieved the Marty Barrett Award for highest marks in Leaving Certificate Agricultural Science and aim to achieve an honours degree. During my time in UCD I have gained insights and skills from my PWE and my involvement in Agricultural Society as secretary which will be invaluable to me in my career.



Gavin Byrne

Growing up on a beef and sheep farm with a great interest in animals motivated me to pursue a career in the agricultural sector. My time in UCD further developed my agricultural knowledge and I gained excellent experience in all farming sectors during my PWE. As an ambitious, hardworking positive person and I relish the opportunity to put the wealth of knowledge i acquired in UCD to practical use in the agricultural industry.



Kevin Byrne

A hard-working, reliable person who is committed to the highest of standards in all that I do. I have always been a keen learner and am comfortable working under pressure. Growing up on a farm, my passion for animal production has been an integral part of my character since childhood. Working alongside farm advisors and education officers in a Teagasc advisory office as part of my PWE has instilled in me the importance of teamwork and has given me invaluable insights into the Irish agricultural sector.

Emily Crowley

A family background steeped in Agriculture mapped my career path from a very young age. I am an enthusiastic, ambitious, and extremely hard-working young woman with a keen interest in many sectors within the Agricultural Industry. Growing up on a suckler farm in West Cork with a strong family work ethic, we also diversified towards producing young horses thus gaining an invaluable insight into the Sport Horse Industry. Having acquired many accolades in this sector, I have attained many interpersonal and team skills. Thus providing a solid foundation that will enable me to progress within the rapidly growing Irish Agricultural Industry.



Maeve Cuffe

My love for agricultural originated from growing up on my family's equine farm, running a small scale poultry enterprise, working on local dairies, and raising lambs each year. This experience led me to pursue a career in Agricultural Science at UCD. During my PWE, I gained valuable experience within dairy, beef, pig and sheep industries, and my dedication and hard work led me to receive the Kepak PWE Excellence Award. I now aspire to pursue a career within animal genetics.



Emma Dooley

Having grown up on a farm, agriculture has always been an important aspect in my life. My time in UCD as well as my experience working in a busy agri-trading business, has further developed my interest in the ever changing ag industry. I am a highly ambitious, reliable and positive person with a keen interest in livestock. I look forward to further developing my knowledge and having the chance to progress in the agricultural sector.



Chloe Dowling Foye

While earning my BAgSc in Animal Science from UCD, I entered the Irish Agricultural industry to explore and enhance my passion for the industry from which I've grown up in. Combining my studies and my experience working in the sector through PWE and my relevant part time job, I believe I have acquired an in debt comprehension of the growing industry. I am a results driven and hard working individual with a love for the work I do. I thrive on reaching targets and overcoming challenges. My interest within the industry spans across all areas with my true passion being for ruminant health and nutrition.



Shane Dunne

I am a hardworking enthusiastic and driven individual. Growing up on a beef farm, I developed a passion for Agriculture which has continued to expand and grow. I broadened my knowledge and interest in all sectors of the industry through my PWE for which I received a distinction. Throughout my time in UCD I have developed a keen interest in animal health and reproduction. My sporting background has continued to help and improve my communication, leadership, and organizational skills through working with the Swim Ireland Participation team in the west of Ireland both on a voluntary and part time basis. I look forward to facing the future challenges in the industry and taking on every opportunity that comes my way.



Charles Dwan

A hard working and enthusiastic student with a keen interest in animal nutrition as well as agricultural research and development. Pursuing Animal Science at UCD has given me valuable knowledge and skills for working in the agricultural sector. I received a distinction in my PWE in which I had the opportunity to work on large scale farms and assisted in research with Teagasc in Moorepark. I also recently spent a semester abroad at Cornell University in the USA where I was a Senior Dairy Fellow giving me great insight into the American dairy sector and highlighting to me the unique opportunities for Ireland's Agricultural Industry.





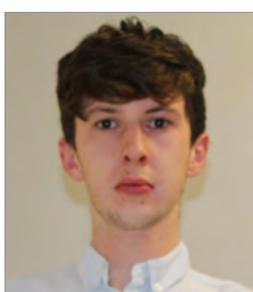
Brid Garry

Having grown up on a dairy farm, I have always had a keen interest in all aspects of the agricultural sector in Ireland. Studying in UCD has further progressed my knowledge and has broadened my skill set. Through my PWE I gained a vast amount of additional practical experience in all aspects of the farming sectors in Ireland for which I received the KEPAK PWE excellence award. I spent four months working and managing an organic dairy farm in Australia. All these experiences have consolidated my desire to work in the agricultural sector and to help progress this industry.



Niamh Garvey

Hailing from a beef and sheep enterprise in East Galway, I am passionate about sustainable agriculture on a national and global scale. I achieved a distinction in PWE. I am an active and vocal member of Macra na Feirme and the Agricultural Science Association. I will graduate with an expected first class honours degree and have completed a structured elective in Chinese Language Experience. I am excited to graduate into a vibrant Agri-food sector.



Darragh Giblin

Hailing from a large-scale suckler and sheep farm, I was instilled with a passion for agriculture from an early age. I am a hard-working, dedicated individual with a drive to succeed. I have always had a keen interest in animal reproduction, along with animal health and welfare. I have gained invaluable knowledge of the agri-food sector during my time in UCD, particularly through professional work experience. Upon graduating, I hope to positively contribute and continue to broaden my knowledge of the industry.



Rachel Hannon

Growing up on a sheep farm I have always immersed myself in the world of agriculture. I am an extremely hardworking and determined individual. I always give my all in everything I do, from my degree to my part time job, the home farm and sport. I have added to my agricultural experience through PWE, achieving a distinction. I am eager to continue broadening my knowledge and experience in the agricultural sector.



Hannah Healy

I am a passionate, hard-working, determined individual with a love for agriculture. Growing up on a dairy farm in Kildare gave me the opportunity to learn the value of hard work from a young age. I have an interest in genetics and breeding and in 2015 set up a herd of pedigree dairy shorthorns. Through my studies, I have expanded my knowledge of the agri-food industry and look forward to a career within this sector.



David Judge

Agriculture has always been a major influence in my life, from growing up on a suckler and sheep farm to my part-time job as an Agri sales assistant. This, along with my PWE has given me great exposure to the agricultural sector. I am a hard-working, ambitious and motivated individual who thrives in a busy work environment. From my time spent studying in UCD I feel I have gained valuable knowledge, and combined with my previous work experience I am ready to begin my career in the agriculture sector.

Aaron Kealy

A highly ambitious, motivated and enthusiastic individual with a drive to achieve excellence. Passionate about the agri-food industry at both national and international level with a particular focus on sustainable sheep production and animal nutrition. A recipient of the 2020 Irish Farmers Journal and Agricultural Science Association PWE scholarship. Research assistant at UCD Lyons for four consecutive lambing seasons. Excited to graduate and engage with a vibrant industry.



Sinéad Kearns

Deciding to study Animal Science was a natural choice for me; growing up on a farm, I have always had a respect for animals and a curiosity about agriculture. My passion and enthusiasm for agriculture has gone from strength to strength since joining UCD. I have had the opportunity to develop my teamwork, communication and co-operation skills through various class projects, presentations and PWE. I Graduating during a pandemic offers particular challenges; however, as a hardworking and extremely self-motivated individual, I am looking forward to rising to the challenge.



Shania Keaveney

I am an ambitious, hard-working, and self-motivated individual with a particular interest in animal reproduction and nutrition. As a result of my original placements abroad falling through, I learnt the importance of being open minded and adaptable to change, seizing every alternative opportunity that was available to me. I received a distinction for my placement as a Covid-19 laboratory technician, as well as working on poultry and dairy farms. My teamwork and leadership skills have been developed through my time spent as a peer mentor and a member of UCD Ag Soc committee. I look forward to further developing my knowledge and experience within the Irish Agricultural industry.



Emma Kilmartin

Having grown up as an only child on a suckler beef and sheep enterprise, my early exposure to the agricultural industry planted a seed of interest which has grown and progressed overtime. My time spent in UCD studying Animal Science has further exploited and solidified my love for an ever changing and dynamic sector and has opened me up to an array career possibilities within it. I am a highly motivated and tenacious individual with a drive to learn and explore the endless opportunities that the agricultural sector has to offer.



Athena Koumarios

My enthusiasm for animals developed from a young age and guided me in my decision to pursue a degree in Animal Science. Throughout my studies I have gained invaluable experience and knowledge from some of the most renowned industry professionals and lecturers. In 3rd year I had the privilege of attending Purdue University in the USA and carrying out PWE on several farms. I received a distinction in PWE highlighting my interpersonal skills, work ethic and drive.



Aoibhin Lenehan

I am a motivated and enthusiastic student with an eagerness to learn and succeed in the agricultural sector. My time spent on PWE gave me invaluable insights into a variety of progressive farms. My experience out on farms complemented the knowledge I have learned so far in UCD. I am a diligent worker with excellent customer service skills, I have successfully balanced academics and part time work throughout university showing my ambition, drive and competence.





Sarah Loges

I am a driven, hardworking, and passionate student. I have always been passionate about animal health and welfare. Through my studies at UCD, I gained knowledge and experience in animal health and welfare. I have been awarded a distinction for my professional work experience that I carried out over the Spring and Summer of 2020. I will be continuing my education by starting a degree in Veterinary Science in the Autumn.



Aoife McDonagh

I am an ambitious and self-driven individual. My interest in the Irish food and drink industry was sparked from a young age, coming from a west of Ireland farm. Having worked in a wide variety of industries, I have developed a strong knowledge, with a wide variety of skill sets suitable to the ever-changing food and drink industry. I have extensive experience working on collaborative projects, working to strict deadlines, where personal initiative, leadership, communication, and teamwork are essential for productivity.



Orlagh McParland

I have gained a wealth of knowledge and experience in the agricultural sector during my time in UCD because of the variety of subjects offered. I gained invaluable experience from my PWE experience as part of third year where I got the chance to work in a range of enterprises from pigs, sheep, beef and dairy. I am an keen sports person and have developed my teamwork and interpersonal skills.



Aisling Myers

The academic structure of my B.AgrSc Degree (Animal Science) in UCD coupled with the practical aspect of PWE has given me the confidence to pursue and achieve opportunities within the agricultural industry. During my time in UCD I have been given the opportunity to gain extensive knowledge from Industry leaders about all aspects related to the expanding agricultural sector. A highlight of my time in UCD was my PWE spent on progressive farms and Teagasc Ballyhaise for which I received a Distinction.



Marie O'Rourke

Motivated, attentive and confident individual. Passionate about the agricultural industry stemming from my upbringing on a suckler farm in Co. Laois, and further accelerated from my studies in UCD. High achiever, my grades standing testament to this. ASA mock interview award winner. Team player with excellent communication skills. Awarded with a distinction for my PWE, having gained invaluable experience from the Irish Farmers Journal beef and sheep demonstration farm and sustainable dairy farmer/ Nuffield Scholar. I am enthusiastic about a career in a dynamic and rewarding industry.

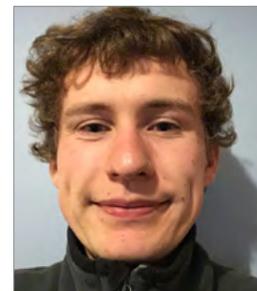


Tom O'Sullivan

Hailing from a sheep farm in West Kerry I have always had a keen interest in agriculture. During my time in UCD I have gained a valuable insight into all sectors of the agricultural sector. My learning was aided by the professional work experience I undertook during my studies which greatly increased both my practical skills and my theoretical knowledge. I am a hard worker with good communication skills and I look forward to the opportunities that await me in the agricultural industry.

Daniel Quinlan

Coming from a dairy and beef farm really helped shape my interest in animal science. I have keen interests in animal breeding, genomics, nutrition and health. Most of these interests were further intensified on my PWE which I completed on a sheep and pig farm along with an internship with Eurogene AI services. I feel that I am a hard working and diligent individual and that this is reflected through the grades that I have achieved in my university life.



Rebecca Redding

Having grown up on a dairy and beef farm, I have always had a keen interest in the agricultural industry. For my PWE, I spent time on a 600-ewe farm during lambing, in ICBF Tully Progeny Test Centre and on a 120-cow dairy farm for which I received a distinction. From my PWE and time in UCD, I have gained invaluable experience and knowledge of the agricultural sector. I am enthusiastic, reliable and strive to do my best in everything.



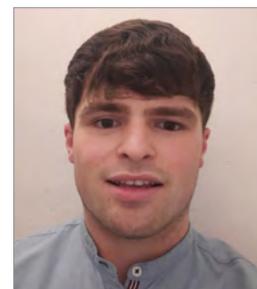
Ciara Ryan

I am a motivated, confident, team player with enthusiasm and a thirst to achieve successful outcomes and improve knowledge constantly. I have gained invaluable experience through my previous work with my employer Liffey Mills and PWE. I have also enjoyed immersing myself wholeheartedly into UCD life through active roles with Ag Soc and the schools EDI committee and having been a member of the UCD senior camogie team. I am excited to embark on my future career.



Stephen Shannon

Growing up on a dairy farm in Co. Cork, my interest in agriculture began from an early age. I am an enthusiastic, ambitious and extremely hard-working individual with a passion to succeed in the agricultural industry. Studying Animal Science in UCD gave me an appreciation for all sectors in the industry, and a practical experience that will help me throughout my career. I look forward to the new opportunities and challenges of the rapidly growing agricultural industry.



Ciaran Sheehan

I am hardworking and highly motivated by challenges that face me. I am open to all opportunities presented to me. I come from a progressive dairy and pig farm. I am knowledgeable in animal reproduction & animal nutrition. I also have keen interest in Animal Reproduction and breeding. My PWE was very valuable in enhancing skills that I can bring forward to any workplace. I also received a distinction for the completion of PWE.



Padraig Walsh

Growing up on a dairy farm provided me with a passion for agriculture and animals. I'm an ambitious, hard-working and sociable individual who thrives under pressure. I travelled to the United States to study in Purdue University, Indiana for a semester. This was a fantastic experience and gave me great knowledge on the global agricultural industry. I have worked on a number of progressive farms in Ireland during PWE earning a distinction for my efforts.





Jamie Warren

Coming from a dairy background, I have always had a passion for agriculture. I am a technically minded, motivated and success driven individual who is diligent in every aspect of my work. I gained extensive practical knowledge of sheep and beef farming during my PWE. In UCD, I have deepened my knowledge of the industry, I have a keen interest in animal breeding, and a passion for our dairy industry. I am in pursuit of a career that is challenging, diverse and rewarding.



Helen Wilson

Growing up on a dairy and beef farm and whilst working part time on a pig farm for a number of years, I have always had a strong interest in agriculture. This has instilled a strong work ethic and passion in me which has blossomed since studying at UCD. Whilst some of my professional work experience plans were hindered by the pandemic, I garnered much knowledge on sheep farms and large scale dairy farms. I'm reliable, ambitious and I am eager to further enhance my skillset in an exciting industry.

Animal Science – Equine

This programme is designed to equip you with knowledge and skills necessary to provide professional leadership and technical support for the dynamic equine industry. The programme offers modules that focus on applied sciences that underpin animal and veterinary biosciences, with a particular emphasis on the horse.



Julia Casados

As an international student, my time at UCD has provided me with both Irish collegiate experience and cultural appreciation. While undertaking my degree in Agricultural Science, I was able to work as a contractor in two research institutions. Because of the past work experiences, my passion for research has grown immensely. Ultimately, my goal is to pursue further academia in Ireland and contribute to novel scientific literature regarding animal nutrition, sustainability, and welfare.



Sinead Edwards

I am an enthusiastic, reliable and friendly individual. Hailing from a suckler farm in Cavan, a good work ethic has been essential. I have been on the Agricultural Society committee and I am currently the PRO for the Horse Racing Society in UCD. I have been around horses all my life, working with young stock and racehorses. On my PWE in Hunter Valley Farm in Kentucky, I gained invaluable experience which I hope to bring to the sector along with much more.

Kaitlynn Lewis

I am a driven hardworking individual. I am passionate about equine health and husbandry. I am interested many different aspects of the equine industry. As a part of my PWE, for which I received a distinction, with UCD degree I worked with an equine reproduction veterinarian. I grew up working with therapeutic riding horses.



Sinead Parmantier

Equine science has given me a strong foundation in agricultural and general science. I have always wanted to work with animals and scientific knowledge will be very helpful in those roles. I am detail oriented and enjoy working outdoors or in a dynamic environment. During my time at UCD I have worked on an endurance racing yard, an equine reproduction clinic, as well as in a lab environment. I have gained a broader understanding of equine industries, both racing and non-racing. I hope to find practical work experience in Ireland and then abroad.



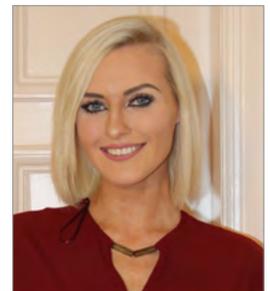
Kaela Redmond

The academic studies I completed during my degree have equipped me with a broad knowledge of the equine industry. I have a keen interest in Animal Science and innovation. I have worked with sport horses since a young age. For my PWE, I travelled to Kentucky and worked with thoroughbreds at Hunter Valley Farm. I am inspired to be hardworking, reliable, and inventive. I wish to pursue any opportunities to expand my skillset whilst embarking on my career.



Megan Sheedy

I am self-motivated, hard working and enjoy working with a team and alone, with the ability to work positively and creativity. Having grown up with a strong background in Eventing and breeding sport horses I had a keen interest in expanding my knowledge around horses with the course in UCD. I completed my PWE in Ballydoyle Racing with trainer Aiden O'Brien where I received a monetary award of excellence from the school of Agriculture.



Abigail Sheridan

I always wanted to work with animals and over the last four years I have gained valuable knowledge in the field of agricultural science. While studying at UCD I have gained experience working in both a racing yard and a Covid-19 lab, where I received a distinction for my work placement. I am a dedicated hard working individual, and I am hoping to pursue a career in the equine industry. Throughout my time in UCD I have learned a huge amount about the equine industry and I am now looking to build on this.



Charlotte Warner

Throughout my years at UCD I have gained an invaluable insight into the agricultural and equine industry. Unlike the vast majority of my peers I do not come from a farming background, however my love, passion and desire to work with animals drove me to study Animal Science - Equine at UCD. I am a diligent, ambitious and reliable individual with excellent interpersonal and communication skills. I spent summers furthering my equine knowledge on an endurance racing yard in Scunthorpe, in the UK and have also gained experience as a groom, in the Army Equitation School, in Dublin. During my PWE I had a unique opportunity to work as a laboratory assistant in a Covid19 Lab. As a new graduate, I am excited to see where my degree takes me and what the future holds.



Human Nutrition

The Human Nutrition programme is designed to give graduating students a holistic understanding of human nutrition, underpinned by a strong scientific background. Students undertake studies in all aspects of nutrition from nutritional biochemistry to food regulation. Through the coursework and professional work experience this course combines the scientific and practical aspects of nutrition to ensure graduating students are equipped and experienced to work effectively in this field.



Laoise Bennis

Growing up on a farm in Limerick, competing as an athlete and the BSc. in Human Nutrition has solidified my passion for nutrition in terms of food, fuel and health. Last year I combined nutrition and sport completing a 10-month placement in UL being awarded a distinction. I provided nutrition support for the Limerick U20 hurlers, project managed a European funded study and presented results of my own intervention study at AICUR and The Nutrition Society conferences. I am a very enthusiastic and ambitious person with excellent initiative, drive, focus and communication & interpersonal skills. I have good problem-solving skills and work exceptionally well both independently and as part of a team.



Doireann Breathnach

My interest in the interaction between food and health and my passion for food drew me into the area of Human Nutrition. The strong background in nutritional science that my degree has provided me with, and the practical skills I developed during my placement at the Hugh Sinclair Unit of Human Nutrition in the University of Reading, have left me well equipped and excited to begin my career in the food and nutrition industry.



Sophie Buggy

I am a hard-working and ambitious person. I have always had a passion for food and working in the food industry. I gained valuable team-work and practical skills whilst on my PWE in DCU. I collaborated alongside a team of PhD students' part of the Nutritional Genomics lab group and I was assigned as a researcher on a folate related project. I look forward to starting a career in the food industry.



Sophie Callanan

My decision to study Human Nutrition at UCD was driven by my strong passion for food and health. Over the past 4 years, I have thrived both personally and academically. Spending my PWE working alongside the incredible team in the Perinatal Research Centre and being the recipient of an Ad Astra Academic Scholarship remain two of the highlights of my journey so far. I am looking forward to further expanding my knowledge and skillset in an exciting career within the field of nutrition.

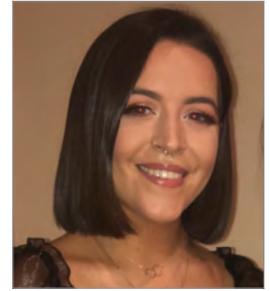


Hannah Cody

An ambitious, hard-working teamplayer with a strong background in nutrition and a passion for everything food related. On my 10-month PWE, I gained invaluable experience working alongside doctoral researchers on a human intervention study in the University of Reading. I have shown excellent leadership skills as demonstrated in the role as Chairperson of the UCD Nutrition Society. As runner up in the Make-It-Dairy product development competition 2020, it has fuelled my interest in working in the food industry. I am looking forward to applying my university, placement and part-time job experiences to new challenges.

Cliona Conaghan

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in UCD as Human Nutrition undergraduate. For my PWE in 3rd year, I worked alongside Dr Mary Kable and her research team at the USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Centre in Davis, California. My research project was based on the link between the gut microbiome and walnut consumption, and I was awarded a distinction for my efforts. I have a keen interest in nutrition and health research and I'm looking forward to pursuing this interest further.



Tianxu Feng

An enthusiastic and reliable student from China. My keen interest in the relationships between food and health and diseases lead me to study Human Nutrition at UCD. I completed my PWE at Western Human Nutrition Research Center in California, where I observed and learned different lab techniques. I enjoy challenges and willing to expand my knowledge in different areas of nutrition. As a new graduate, I'm excited to see where my degree takes me and what opportunities will arise.



Laura Geraghty

I am a hard working, ambitious individual with a keen interest in the food and nutrition industry. I have a particular interest in clinical interest and improving the quality of peoples lives through food. I completed a 10 month PWE in CHI at Crumlin, I undertook research and completed audits within the dietetic department. Here, I developed excellent IT, interpersonal and communication skills. After graduating I hope to complete a masters in Dietetics.



Alana Horgan

My keen interest in food and nutrition led me to study Human Nutrition. Throughout my time at UCD, I have gained valuable knowledge that I will carry on throughout my career. I have a strong work ethic and particularly enjoyed my time working in the nutrition industry when completed my Professional Work Experience at Nutricia Medical Ireland. I presently work part-time as Medical Affairs Assistant for Nutricia, whilst I complete my final year studies.



Beth Hughes

I am an ambitious, confident and driven student with a passion for the Irish and International, food and nutrition industries. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at UCD, gaining invaluable skills and making friends for life. I am the year head of my course this year and currently hold a First Class Honours. I have gained experience through professional work placement at CHI at Temple Street and through six years of experience in catering.



Ruth Jeffers

I have always had a great interest in the relationship between nutrition and health. I chose to pursue this passion in UCD and have developed my knowledge through a wide range of modules. I have received the UCD Entrance Scholar Award and the Human Nutrition Stage Three Scholarship. I travelled abroad for PWE which allowed me to develop personal and professional skills including responsibility, independence and safe practice, which I hope to apply to future endeavours.





Grace Kearns

I have always had a keen interest in food and nutrition, and doing the BSc Human Nutrition helped nurture this passion. I have learnt about all aspects of nutrition, learnt practical research skills and also made friends for life. I did my PWE at the USDA Western Human Nutrition Centre in California, and here I was involved in the coordination of a clinical trial which allowed me to put my skills learnt to use in a professional setting.



Aileen Kerrigan

Growing up in a family agri-food business I have always had a passion for food, cooking and health and studying Human Nutrition was a natural progression. Throughout my time in UCD I have been an involved member of the Nutrition Society and was awarded runner-up prize in the EIT Make-It-Dairy food innovation competition. I gained valuable experience in the area of personalised nutrition on my PWE in Metagenics in southern California where my research primarily focused on the role of cannabinoids in cardiovascular health, for which I was awarded a distinction. I am eager to broaden my expertise within nutrition and the global food industry.



Fionn Mac Aindriu

My interest in nutritional science has most certainly matured nicely over my 4 years at UCD. I have been exposed not only to exceptional lecturers and material, but amazing people also. Navigating course work throughout a pandemic was challenging, however the support and understanding we received from the institution was always reassuring and I knew there was always someone I could speak to.



Aleksandra Mezynska

High energy, intellectually curious student that thrives in a challenging environment. I have gained valuable work experience in various customer facing roles in Ireland, France and Poland as well as spending 12 months with the Danone Early Life Nutrition team as part of professional work experience. I am very interested professionally in the global food industry, nutrition and sustainable business practices and I look forward to expanding my knowledge and experience in these areas.



Sarah Miller

The UCD Human Nutrition degree has nurtured my passion for nutritional science and I aspire to continue to develop my knowledge in this field. My PWE at the University of Nottingham allowed me to develop the key research skills I attained throughout the course. Displayed by the award I received for presenting at the Physiological Society's Future Physiology conference for the best e-poster. I look forward to a fulfilling career in the area of nutrition.

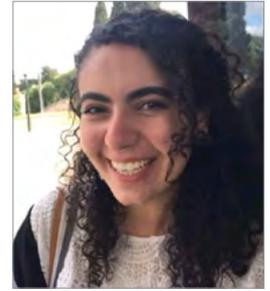


Mollie Mulligan

I am a hardworking, ambitious, driven individual. I have always had a passion for food and health, and this is what led me to study Human Nutrition in UCD where I have expanded my understanding of this area through both the theoretical and practical aspects of this course. My love for nutrition education and health promotion was further solidified to me through my content creation and web design work with DCU Healthy during my PWE year. I also have a keen interest in the food industry and food promotion, and I am eager to develop my knowledge in this area while also using my nutrition expertise in my future career.

Gracy Nasralla

I initially became passionate about the implication of nutrition choices on health and lifestyle when at 16 years old, I volunteered at a nutritional awareness camp designed for children coming from disadvantaged backgrounds in Egypt. Since then, I have been fortunate to gain practical nutritional experience both in the various clinics in the Mater Hospital during my 10-month work placement and through contributing to nutritional research projects throughout my degree. Since my promotion to fundraising supervisor in my work, I am accustomed to working in a challenging and fast-paced environment, particularly when faced with multiple projects at the same time. I am seeking a challenging role in the food and nutritional industry where my education and experience will add significant value.



Alice O'Brien

An honest, reliable and highly-motivated individual with a passion for nutrition and the Irish food industry. I work well as part of a team but also capable of working on my own initiative. During my time spent on PWE at the University of East Anglia in Norwich I gained invaluable skills. I was awarded a studentship from the RANK Prize Fund allowing me to further my studies. I am looking forward to developing my career in the fast paced and exciting food industry sector.



Evan Stephenson

I am a hard worker and an enthusiastic learner. I completed my PWE at Nutritics, a food analysis software company, where I completed a research project that I presented at the American Society of Nutrition Conference in 2020. This developed excellent communication and presentation skills. These skills will translate well into any career in the future. I look forward to applying my passion for nutrition to my future career.



Food Science

This specialist programme is designed to build skills and knowledge for a career in one of the most important and exciting sectors of the economy. It combines the theoretical and practical aspects of food science with special modules in agriculture, food biochemistry and the major food groups (dairy, meat, etc).



Ciara Bardon

I am a self-motivated, well driven and diligent individual with a healthy interest in food and nutrition. Throughout my degree I developed a greater understanding and passion for the food sector and I am eagerly anticipating what my future has to offer in this area. I have 3 years of experience in the food industry which has given me the motivation necessary to tackle the challenges I may encounter in my career.



Nicola Barton

My flair for science throughout my secondary education lead me to studying my degree in food science. I have since excelled in my degree whilst developing a true passion for my studies. As well as my acquired knowledge of food science, I am a driven and enthusiastic individual with excellent communication and leadership skills. I completed my Professional Work Experience with Enfer Group assisting with COVID-19 laboratory testing where I gained valuable laboratory experience and teamwork skills.



Sinead Belton

A highly motivated and driven individual with a passion for Food and Nutrition. My time at UCD has provided me with ample opportunity to gain insight into the various aspects of the food industry. Having completed a 4 month placement in Vita Actives, I had the opportunity to work alongside the Quality Assurance and Technical teams. I am keen to explore an exciting career within the food industry.



Liam Bickers

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time studying Food Science at UCD. Not only have I progressed academically, I have also learned valuable skills during the Coronavirus pandemic. These include adaptability, resilience and online communication skills. I was fortunate enough to do my placement at Enfer (primary Covid-19 testing lab) where I have continued to work full-time throughout my final year of college. My time at both UCD and Enfer have developed my teamwork skills immensely.



Ben Bradley

I am a hardworking and self-motivated individual and this reflects in my grades throughout college. I completed my work placement at Enfer testing labs and also at Keeling's farms, so I have gained some experience to lab work and also the food industry. These experiences have helped me develop a well-rounded, dependable and flexible skillset that I hope to further in the coming years.



Aisling Brennan

I am a driven, enthusiastic, reliable individual and I have a good work ethic. I obtained invaluable experience while working in Quality Control in Tipperary Co-Operative Creamery for my PWE placement. It is one of the main areas I would like to work in when I complete my degree. The experience gave me a greater understanding of the working world and furthered my interest in pursuing a career in the food manufacturing industry. I hold a full clean drivers license and I am willing to travel.

Ellen Condren Kuipers

I've always been someone interested in what I eat but never anticipated coming out of my degree with so much knowledge of food processing. Completing my PWE in Glanbia Ingredients Ireland over 6 months during COVID-19 has shown me the true importance of the food industry and my ability to work tirelessly to deliver accurate results. Also, organising graduate talks as current class rep has highlighted my communication skills, giving me an insight to the bright future ahead.



Seóna Cosgrove

My keen interest in science and nutrition led me to my degree in Food Science. I am personable and enthusiastic with a keen work ethic. I completed work experience in Blake's Always Organic, in Co. Leitrim and with the Enfer Group in their Covid-19 laboratory in Co. Kildare. My time in these establishments allowed me to progress my laboratory skills and ability to work as part of a team. I am excited to gain more experience in the food industry in the future.



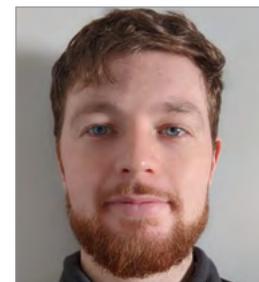
Kate Deegan

I am an ambitious, outgoing individual. I have carried out work experience in a variety of fields including HR with McCann FitzGerald, Quality Assurance with Glanbia Plc., and I have also worked in hospitality in Times Square, NYC. I have been particularly interested in the chemistry and math modules throughout my time studying Food Science.



Cillian Donohoe

I am a hardworking, determined, and ambitious person. My semester abroad in Texas A&M University was extremely beneficial in forcing me to step outside my comfort zones. I also undertook a PWE in Dawn Farms quality assurance department, which allowed me to gain essential skills on how to practically apply food science knowledge in a real-world scenario. I will leave UCD motivated and confident that I can develop and further my career in the food science industry.



Jack Doran

My keen interest in food and the food industry inspired me into pursuing a degree in Food Science. Throughout my four years in UCD and my time in Texas A&M university my knowledge of food and the industry has grown immensely. I have a great work ethic and am always willing to take on new tasks. During the second semester of third year I completed my 16 week PWE with a local food company, The Butler's Pantry, which I gained great insights in Food Safety, Supply chain management and Product Marketing.



Clodagh Lee

An ambitious, driven, and confident individual with a great interest in the food and beverage industry. I completed PWE within C&D Foods working within the quality departments, while also helping my colleagues meet strict deadlines on projects. My role within C&D allowed me to further develop my communication skills, while also allowing me to thrive in pressurised situations. I'm Keen to find a challenging position with a progressive company that will enable me to deliver results in an ever-changing dynamic environment.



Claudia McCabe

I developed a keen interest in the food industry from a young age and my four years at UCD has matured this interest to a passion. I completed 6 months of work placement at Glanbia Ingredients Ireland, where I was introduced to the various operations of a large scale production facility. I am currently working on a thesis researching the proteolytic activity of Cucurbitaceae plant and their potential use for milk clotting and to reduce milk protein allergies. I will be graduating from UCD as a hard-working, energetic and ambitious worker excited to start a career within the industry.





Mairead McCabe

Having grown up with an agricultural background and playing multiple sports from a young age I've always had a strong interest in both food and health which contributed to my choice of study. I consider myself to be an ambitious, hard working, motivated individual, and work well in both a team environment and on my own initiative. During my time in UCD I was offered the chance to study abroad and completed a semester in Michigan State University in the US in 2019, which was a definite highlight of my 4 years. I gained an insight into the US food industry and its food market. During my placement with McCambridge Ltd I worked in their quality department, carrying out traceability audits, daily CCP checks and also took responsibility for writing their covid-19 Response Plan.



Lorcan McGrath

Very hardworking, motivated and outgoing individual. My time studying food science at UCD has increased my passion for nutrition and provided me with a great understanding of the field. I was fortunate enough to experience some very challenging but incredibly rewarding events during my time here in UCD. From working as a laboratory technician in a Covid-19 testing lab with Enfer group, to my study abroad in the University of Illinois. These opportunities provided me with great communication and teamwork skills and allowed me to develop and apply my knowledge in a practical sense.



Ciara McQuillan

I endeavored to further develop and broaden my knowledge of the food industry throughout my time in UCD. I received several opportunities to gain proficiencies at undergrad level - I obtained a distinction and a further prize of a Certificate of Excellence award for my PWE with Glanbia Ingredients, where I worked in a Quality Control position. I also conducted a research project on the bioinformatic characterization of certain Salmonella strains where I developed my analytical and critical thinking skills, moulding me into a driven and ambitious graduate for the Irish food industry.



Jessica Meates

An ambitious and highly motivated student, who has always had a natural interest in Nutrition. Throughout my degree, I completed a 6-month placement, working as a Microbiologist Analyst as part of the Quality Assurance Team in Glanbia Ireland. I further developed these skills, by carrying out a laboratory-based research project entitled, 'Exploring the Potential of Biopreservatives against Poultry Pathogens'. These opportunities have allowed me the prospect of a fulfilling career in Food and Nutrition.



Jin Kuan Moo

Food has always interested me. It can be a piece of art, or a bunch of chemical formulas depends on from which perspectives you are looking at. I am dying to find out more about what food can be, and what can be food. I am a Malaysian knowing both Chinese and English well with decent knowledge about Food Science and operations. I am eager for a chance so please contact me.



Susan Mooney

An ambitious, enthusiastic and diligent individual with a passion for all things food and nutrition related. My time in UCD has provided me with an extensive amount of knowledge on all aspects of the food chain, as well as enhancing my teamwork and communication skills. I gained a wealth of practical experience during my professional work experience, working both in a covid-19 laboratory and a food production company. This provided me with an insight into working both in the food industry and in a laboratory environment. I look forward to pursuing my career in the food industry and further expanding my knowledge.

Eithne Murray

As a food scientist with a particular interest in R&D, I am excited for what the future holds in the global effort towards sustainable food production. My hard work and passion for my studies awarded me a GPA scholarship, FBD Health and Safety in Agriculture ambassador role and a certificate of excellence for my work placement. I was also fortunate to receive a study abroad scholarship and experience the University of Queensland for a semester.



Laoise O'Flannagain

I am a self-motivated, reliable and enthusiastic individual with a strong work ethic and a passion for progressing. My four years in UCD has helped broaden my knowledge, interests and drive to excel in the constantly innovating and evolving Food Industry. I have always sought a place in the Food Industry. From as far as I can remember I have been curious and eccentric for everything surrounding health, nutrition, and the science of food. I was inspired to be a food scientist due to the combination of small local producers to the leading global food companies in Ireland that play a huge significant role around the world. I have great ambition and drive with a willingness to learn. My goal is to implement and expand the knowledge and skills I have gained from UCD in my future career.



Therese Sweeney

I am an ambitious, enthusiastic and reliable individual. Throughout my time at UCD I have gained valuable knowledge of the food industry which I will carry with me in the working world. After completing my work placement at ENFER group, I decided to continue my work while also completing my final year of college. This experience has given me the tools and experience to further my education and career in the science industry. I look forward expanding my knowledge further and I am excited to begin my future in the global food industry.



Aaron Tulie

Ambitious student looking forward to a promising career in the food industry, with 10 years previous experience in various sectors of this industry I believe I can add various insights to a progressive food company.



David Wilson

My passion for food and nutrition brought me to a degree in Food science. During my time in UCD, I have learned so much both academically and personally. I pride myself on being dedicated to whatever task I am involved in as well as being a team player. Despite the global pandemic, I remained determined to succeed in my studies, maintaining a First-Class Honours since starting the Food Science programme. It was both fortunate and unfortunate that the Covid-19 pandemic hit Ireland right when we were about to start our original work placements. However, I got a fantastic opportunity to work alongside my peers in a Covid-19 Virus testing laboratory for 3 months, which was an invaluable experience that I will never forget.



Food & Agri-Business Management

This degree programme develops technical understanding of farming and the food production chain as well as economic analysis, business management and communication skills.



James Beirne

I am a responsible and highly motivated person with strong communications skills. I have always held a strong interest in business and the food industry so choosing to study Food and Agribusiness Management in UCD was an easy one for me. During my professional work experience I had the opportunity to work with Aurivo which allowed me to take on various different projects as part of a team, but also helped me to enhance my leadership skills. I have the ability to adapt to new and challenging environments and I look forward to a career in the agri-food and business industry.



Peter Boylan

I'm an ambitious, passionate and highly motivated individual. Growing up on a dairy farm I developed a passion for agriculture and business which I carried into UCD. Here, I undertook my PWE with AgriLand which really opened my eyes to how business is conducted online. I gained invaluable experience in digital marketing and sales while improving my communication and organisation skills. I now seek to build on my experiences and skills in the Agri-Food sector.



Michael Brady

I am a hard-working, reliable and motivated individual with a keen interest in the Agri-Food industry. I was given the opportunity to display these skills while on Professional Work Experience with Lakeland Dairies and received a distinction. UCD has provided me with new skills and invaluable knowledge about the industry which I hope to utilise in a positive way in the Agri-Food sector. I am excited to see what the future holds and all the challenges it will bring.



Hannah Burke

I have always had a passion for the food and business sectors both nationally and internationally. I also have a keen interest in sustainability and food production. This has been further enhanced by spending a semester on the study abroad programme, where I attended the University of Vermont. I completed my Professional work experience in IFAC, on the Food and Agribusiness team, providing strategic consultancy to Food and Agribusiness SME's across Ireland, receiving a distinction grade. I balanced a part time job throughout much of my time at UCD which has enabled me to develop excellent time-management and customer service skills. Upon completing my degree I look forward to applying what I have learned and leaving my mark on this diverse and changing industry.



Emily Canny

My career path in the Food and Agri-Business Industry was mapped from an early age, mainly from growing up surrounded by family businesses in both farming and the restaurant industry. I am naturally commercial minded with keen interests in innovation and Irish produce. During my time in UCD, I completed a Study Abroad in the University of Illinois, achieved a Certificate of Excellence in my PWE at McCambridge Bread, and developed the skills and knowledge to excel in the Agri-Business industry.

Rebecca Coonan

I am an ambitious, hardworking and determined person. I have developed my knowledge and skills throughout my time at UCD and during my semester abroad at the University of Illinois. I carried out an internship with Horse Racing Ireland, and I did my PWE with Grant Thornton gaining valuable work experience while studying. I was the Auditor of the Horse Racing Society in my final year of college. I have gained great insight into both the Irish and International agri-food sector so far, and I look forward to pursuing a career in the agri-food industry.



Robert Dix

Unlike most in the school of Ag Science before starting at UCD I had no previous ties to agriculture however throughout my time in Food and Agri-Business Management I feel that I have gained a valuable understanding of the Irish agricultural sector particularly agri-business. My PWE in the audit department of KPMG allowed me to work with several Irish agricultural firms which helped to develop a deep insight into the operations of Irish agri-companies. Throughout my time in UCD I represented the college in sailing as well as being on the sailing clubs committee which allowed me to develop my organisation and communication skills.



Niamh Dunphy

I show enthusiasm and drive in everything I do. Growing up on a dairy farm, my love for Agriculture started from a young age and has only grown since. From Summer work in Glanbia and PWE in Dairygold I have gathered a broad range of skills. A distinction in my PWE and feedback from previous employers identifies me as hard-working and dedicated in everything I do, whether that is within academia or on the pitch.



Neil Fitzsimons

My interest in the agri food sector came from a love of cooking with quality produce. I gained real life experience on my work placement with The Culinary Food Group where I played a key role in organizing transport for the supply chain team. I returned to aid with a stock reconciliation during my final year of college.



Jessica Fryday

I am a highly motivated and reliable individual with a strong work ethic. Throughout my 4 years studying at UCD, I have gained relevant knowledge and a variety of skills through lectures, tutorials, and labs. I have gained plenty of experience through my 7 months placement with Inform Nutrition where I achieved a distinction grade. These experiences have helped me develop a well rounded, dependable and flexible skill set that I hope to use in the coming years.



Helen Hoynes

I am hardworking, motivated and organised. I have a keen interest in business and the Irish food and drinks industry which motivated me to study food and agribusiness at UCD. My 7 month placement at ABP food group allowed me to gain valuable experience of food production, particularly in the area of quality assurance. I look forward to beginning my career in the agri-food sector and expanding my knowledge and experience.





Isobel Jones

My desire to be part of the transformation of both the domestic and international food industry, from current traditional practices to more sustainable solutions, has strengthened over the last four years at UCD. My semester abroad at Cornell University, NY afforded me an insight into the USA's food industry. I am motivated and driven, which lead to the successful establishment of my own food business, NeighbourFood Blackrock. I look forward to furthering my knowledge and experience in this growing industry.



Darragh Kennedy

I am a highly motivated individual. With excellent communication skills I work effectively both as an individual and as part of a team. Through my PWE with the ifac Food and Agribusiness team I participated on a wide range of projects assuming a variety of roles. Outside of college I have a keen interest in GAA (represented Cavan at all ages from u14 to Senior) with a keen passion for horses also. I look forward to entering the food and agribusiness sector and strive for a rewarding yet challenging career.



Ciara Langton

I am a hard working and reliable person with excellent communication skills. Having studied Food and Agri-Business Management in UCD for the past 4 years, I have gained knowledge and a great insight in the food and agribusiness industry. I received a distinction in my PWE with Agri Aware which gave me the opportunity to organise and plan events all over Ireland as well as gaining experience in areas such as media, promotion and education. Through this placement I was also given the opportunity to network with key members in the agri-food industry. As a recent graduate, I am confident that the experience I have gathered will benefit my future career and I look forward to pursuing any opportunities that await me in the agri-food sector.



Kevin Maher

Coming from a beef farm myself, I have a strong passion for all aspects of Irish agriculture. Through my experience working in the dairy sector, I have developed knowledge of animal nutrition and dairy management. Conducting my PWE in the Cooney Furlong Grain Company allowed me to broaden my sales and customer service skills by interacting with farmers daily. I hope to develop my knowledge and skills further to contribute to a sustainable future in agriculture.



Ruadhán McDonnell

I excel in a fast-paced environment as demonstrated during my PWE with Total Produce, in which I received a distinction. I have since secured part time work with Total Produce for the remainder of my final year. This role has developed my inter-personal skills, enhancing my resilience and ability to work effectively under pressure. Managing my studies whilst playing rugby at a high level and maintaining an active involvement in university life has provided me with the discipline required to thrive and add value in the working world.

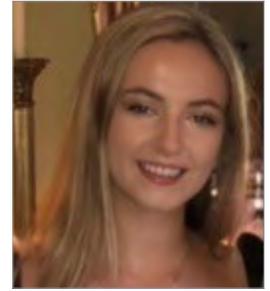


Sarah McIntosh

My enthusiasm towards the Agri-Food industry has grown in the last four years, as I have gained invaluable knowledge and insights. I perform best in a fast paced environment which was proven during my Industry placement with Agri-Aware, in which I received a distinction. My PWE gave me the opportunity to organise events, run digital marketing campaigns and connect with Industry leaders. I have a full drivers licence. I am looking forward to gaining more experience in this evolving Industry.

Molly Mooney

The thoroughbred industry has always interested me. My course provided a great overview of the agri-business industries both at home and abroad. It awarded me the opportunity to travel to Coolmore, Kentucky for my J1 and third year placement. It was an incredible experience which I received a distinction for. I learned so much about myself, working as part of a team in a fast paced environment, problem solving and interacting with a variety of personnel. I am a quick learner, adaptable, focused and ready for my next challenge.



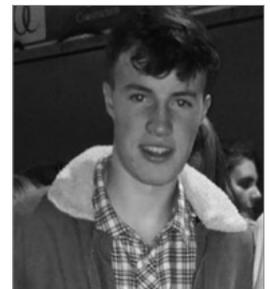
Jack Moore

I am an enthusiastic, self-motivated and ambitious individual who is driven by the constant desire to push myself to the boundaries of my capabilities. I have a strong passion for food and business both at a national and international level. My semester abroad in Texas A&M provided me with insights into international perspectives in the Agri-Food sector. I gained valuable experience with KPMG on my work placement, where I was afforded the opportunity to improve on my existing skillset. I am excited to see where my true interest in Agri-Business takes me both domestically and elsewhere.



Simon Mordaunt

I am an ambitious and motivated student from the south-east with a vast interest in the Agriculture and business sector. My previous work experience includes working at Grant Thornton in the tax department. I've spent the past two summers in the UK doing harvests. The previous work experiences have allowed me to effectively manage my time skills and communicate with customers and clients in a friendly manner. As for the future, I aim to develop a career in the Agriculture sector and utilising the opportunities that lay ahead.



Niamh Mulhern

From growing up on a Dairy farm, I have acquired a passionate interest in the Agri-food sector. During my time in UCD, I took the initiative of studying French as a minor alongside my degree. I am a diligent worker and have developed exceptional interpersonal communication skills through my many work experiences. During PWE, I gained an invaluable insight into the sector, while working with Aurivo's Agribusiness team. Here, my roles involved Marketing, Ecommerce and Retail. I am driven and excited to pursue a career in the Agricultural Industry.



Ciaran Murphy

Growing up on the family farm has given me a lifelong interest in agriculture. I gained valuable experience during my 7 month placement with Farmhand Ltd where I found a new found interest in the machinery side of things. My fourth year has opened my eyes to many things, but none more important than sustainability and in particular, sustainable production systems. I pride myself on being a team player and communicate well with others.



Tadhg Murtagh

I am an experienced, hardworking, passionate, and dedicated worker. I am motivated towards success and seize every opportunity afforded to me. I completed my PWE with DLL Leasing DAC where I gained invaluable experience as a member of the Credit & Risk team. Throughout my PWE I was able to further my communication and IT skills. I have excelled in my studies, becoming one of the recipients of the Grant Thornton award in Financial Planning and Control.





Caleb Powell

I am a very driven individual who is eager to learn and develop both personally and professionally. Having worked for The Powerscourt Distillery both part-time and during my PWE I have gained excellent insights into how a food business operates through working in areas such as production, marketing and supply chain management. This enriching experience which I received a Distinction for prompted me to complete a Diploma in Project Management from UCD. I am also a proven team player having represented my school and UCD at a high level in rugby.



James Rea

I am a highly motivated, enthusiastic, and reliable Individual. Growing up on a suckler farm as well as a family refrigeration business. I have always had a passion for food and Agri business and a strong work ethic. My passion for food and Agri business was further enhanced during my semester abroad in Purdue University. I have gained valuable work experience working with Farmeye as part of my PWE. I look forward to pursuing a challenging and rewarding career in the food and Agri business sector.



Lucy Reid

I am passionate about innovative food production and sustainable business development. I understand the agribusiness sector backed by academic, professional and practical experience. Awarded a distinction for my professional work experience, I have undertaken two internships developing marketing, digital communications, and management skills. I sit on the UCD Student Union and other committees. I am a creative team member, confident in decision making and leading a group while collaborating. I studied at Cornell University, New York, where I developed an interest in global agri-food systems and resilient agriculture.



Edmond Ryan

I am an ambitious hard-working and a versatile student from an equine background which instilled my passion in the agri-business sector. My time in UCD has left me with a great insight and broad knowledge of the sector. I am a self starter who has real flexibility when it comes to different roles and location. I am confident in my own ability and have proven that i am hardworking and reliable through my PWE which i did with Ballydoyle racing and was exposed to all departments of an office place. I also spent part of my PWE as a Covid-19 lab analyst in Enfer. This exposure has left me determined to succeed in the agri-food industry.



Susan Shekleton

Coming from an agricultural background with a keen interest in business and the food industry, I decided to combine my interests in college. I gained invaluable work experience during my PWE in the tax department in Grant Thornton. I am competent in working as part of a team or on my own initiative. I look forward to graduating, and I am confident that my previous experience will help me succeed in the agri-food industry.



Hebe Shiel

During my time in UCD I have gained incredible insight into the national and international food systems. I am a hard working and ambitious food lover with five years of work experience in the food service industry, and recently finished a seven month internship in Kpmg as part of my PWE. I am interested in sustainability and marketing, and look forward to the future.

Ruari Smith

I aspire to work in a leadership role for a leading player in the global food industry and it is something I will achieve. I am a highly motivated, social and a dynamic person with a particular attention to detail. I have proven professional communication and interpersonal skills, demonstrated through my employment with Glanbia Ireland. Through hard work on the Corporate Affairs team I attained a UCD PWE excellence award. I have enhanced my international food business knowledge by studying in Purdue University Indiana. I excel in a busy schedule and I love problem solving. I make the right decisions and I thrive under pressure.



Kevin Stone

I have become proficient in a variety of disciplines that drive the agri-food sector during my time in UCD. A strong work ethic coupled with a willingness to learn has opened many doors for me, and I am now experienced in both agribusiness consulting and laboratory work. I received a distinction for my professional work experience, carried out in Grant Thornton's tax department where I gained invaluable experience working with capital taxes. I then joined Enfer Group to work on the frontline as a laboratory technician where I am involved in the preparation and processing of COVID-19 tests. I have developed a well-rounded skillset including strong interpersonal and communication skills from these experiences. I will use these to progress further in the agribusiness industry throughout my career.



David Thorpe

Growing up and being raised on a vegetable, tillage and beef farm, has made me develop a strong interest in agriculture from a young age. I am a hard working, enthusiastic and motivated person and my time studying in UCD with similar students has strengthened my team working skills along with playing rugby with UCD and my local club New Ross. I completed a seven month PWE placement in Donnellys fruit and veg. I gained valuable experience working and communicating with colleagues, and negotiating business with several groups and individuals from other fresh produce companies. This enhanced my communication, trading and team skills to a new level. My interests span across all aspects of the food and agribusiness industry.



Daniel Traas

I am passionate about the agribusiness industry and have worked in all aspects of food business, from farm labour, to consultancy on PWE, to retail and marketing when I set up a successful mini-company at the age of 13. My experiences have not only allowed me to become accustomed to hard-work and independence, but also to improve my organizational and problem-solving skills, all while paying close attention to detail.



Adam Walsh

Stemming from a robotic dairy farm I have always been involved and interested in the Irish agri-food industry. During my PWE, I completed an 8 month work placement at Interchem & Pharvet, where I built on my commercial awareness through working in sales, marketing and operations. Employers would identify me as a hard-working, enthusiastic and resilient individual who is both a team player and a leader.





Billy Wickham

I am an enthusiastic and trustworthy student, who enjoys working as part of a team and individually, having gained experience in both. Coming from a farming background, I have a great interest in the agri-food sector. During my work placement with AgriLand Media I gained an insight into the fast-moving world of agri-journalism, while also monitoring the developments in the agriculture sector - both in Ireland and the UK. I have also completed a summer internship with Danone Nutricia, working in the Quality Assurance department. I have a keen interest in sport, winning multiple honours in Rugby and GAA respectively.

Emma Young



I am a hard working and ambitious individual with a strong interest in business. After studying FAM and completing my PWE at KPMG, for which I was awarded distinction, I have obtained a broad level of knowledge. I was awarded 1st place in my class for Financial Planning and Control, a module undertaken in 3rd year. I am a team player and have excellent organisational skills as I have to allocate my time between study and playing for the UCD Ladies Hockey 1st team. I am excited for the next step in my career and the opportunities it will bring.

Dairy Business

Dairy Business

The Dairy Business programme was designed to provide students entering the dairy industry (dairy farming or supporting industries) with a high level of scientific, technical and business skills in conjunction with strong communication skills.



Padraig Blake

Coming from a family farm and involved from a young age, I chose dairy business for its blend of practical and business, learnings and experience. Learning about the micro and macroeconomics of the agricultural sector gave an excellent foundation which was built upon by time spent in New Zealand and Teagasc Moorepark learning from industry researchers and leaders about not just how the sector currently operates but also how it can be shaped and will look in the future. I am an honest, hardworking and enthusiastic individual, comfortable taking a leadership or team player role. I value having goals to drive towards having delivered constantly in terms of academics and achievements.



Dáire Brady

Diligent, consistent, twice academic excellence scholar and recipient of multiple PWE awards. Student ambassador, founder and editor of the agriculture and rural affairs section of the college monthly, The University Observer. Passionate about global agriculture, sustainable intensification and adopting a natural capital approach. Completed a five-month internship with an investment manager in South America, gaining exposure to the intricacies of corporate farming. Looking forward to leading the sector through the complex challenges that global agriculture now faces.

Marykate Condren

Coming from a dairy farming background I have always had a keen interest in the Agri-Food Industry. From studying at both UCD and Teagasc Moorepark, as well as traveling to New Zealand for my PWE, I have gained invaluable experiences. I have excellent communication, analytical and teamwork skills, and adapt well to a fast paced, challenging environment - all of which have allowed me to succeed to the highest standard throughout work and education. I am looking forward to a challenging yet rewarding career in the Agri-Food Industry.



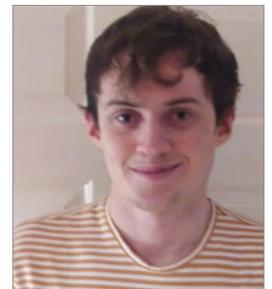
Eoin Daly

I consider myself a very hardworking, ambitious and innovative person. I very much enjoy working in team environments and have good interpersonal and communications skills. I grew up on a dairy farm where I developed a love and passion for agriculture. I have experience in large scale dairy farming and in agribusiness, having split my PWE between Cumrue Farm a 730 cow farm in Scotland and Glanbia. I look forward to making positive contributions to Irish agriculture in the future.



Shane Galligan

The four years studying in UCD has being the most fulfilling experience. The course has provided me with vast knowledge and skills in what is a hugely exciting sector. 3rd year was the highlight for me where I first spent 20 weeks working on a large scale dairy farm in New Zealand. Subsequently, learning from renowned researchers in Teagasc Moorepark in areas such as Grassland Management & Breeding was a brilliant experience. I hope to pursue an exciting career in the agricultural sector and I believe this course has equipped me with the necessary skills to be a diligent employee in the agricultural sector.



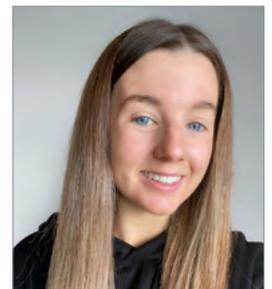
Kevin Kehoe

I am a reliable, ambitious and hard-working individual with a passion for agriculture. Having grown up on a mixed enterprise farm I have developed knowledge in different areas of agriculture and understand what it takes to build a successful dairy business. I look forward to furthering my career contributing to our exciting Irish dairy industry.



Katie Larkin

Coming from a beef farm my interest in agriculture began at a young age. My experience in UCD has given me an exceptional insight into the Irish agricultural industry. Part of PWE I worked on a 1,500 cow dairy farm in New Zealand and I learned a substantial amount in Teagasc Moorepark. My academic experiences have served me well in developing my teamwork, creativity, and innovation skills. With my continuous work ethic I look forward to a career in the agricultural industry.



John Mahon

Although Growing up part of a beef farming family, my interest in the dairy sector has been immense from a young age. I am an enthusiastic and conscientious individual who has applied myself wholeheartedly throughout my time in UCD. During my PWE I attained invaluable experience working on a large grass based dairy farm in New Zealand, combined with wider industry experience as part of a team connecting with farmers at AgFirst NZ Agri Consultants.





Aoife Murray

I am an ambitious and resilient young woman who grew up with an agricultural background, instilling a desire in me to explore the industry further. Dairy Business gave me the opportunity to do this. Having received a distinction in my International Work Experience and spending a semester in Teagasc, Moorepark - shadowing and learning from some of the top Dairy Farmers in the country, I developed the necessary scientific, technical and business skills needed to thrive in the agricultural industry.



Clifford Neale

Growing up on a mixed enterprise farm of dairy, beef and sheep in county Kilkenny started my keen interest in agriculture. I am an ambitious, hard working and reliable individual that's always willing to learn. For my Professional work experience i traveled to New Zealand where I worked on a 700 cow dairy farm. I benefited immensely from this and gained invaluable experience working with the large herd. I am looking forward to a challenging and rewarding career in agriculture.



Liam Quirke

Growing up on a progressive grass-based dairy farm a grá for agriculture was instilled in me from a young age. I am an ambitious, hardworking organized individual with a passion for animal breeding, grassland management and sustainable farming. My time in UCD has further enhanced my knowledge of the Irish agricultural industry and I have been able to apply what I have learnt academically into managing my family dairy farm.



Diarmuid Ryan

I am an ambitious, driven, and hardworking individual. Growing up on a dairy farm is where I developed my passion for the dairy industry. Being involved in the local GAA club I have learned important skills such as leadership, communication, and teamwork. I was fortunate to complete my PWE on a 900-cow farm in mid Canterbury New Zealand. The highlight of my time at UCD was the semester spent in Teagasc Moorepark. Here I learned from leading dairy researchers and it further enhanced the knowledge I gained in UCD and New Zealand. I look forward to furthering my career within the dairy industry.



Michael Swan

I am an honest, hard working ambitious individual. I grew up on a progressive and expanding dairy farm in county Meath which I have always been heavily involved with. I have a massive interest in dairy and am always looking to improve my knowledge and gain experience. I am also chairperson of the local Macra. During my time in UCD I spent 6 months on placement on a local dairy farm and also spent a semester in Teagasc Moorepark where we attended field trips and seminars with some of the industries leading researchers and experts. I look forward to the next step in my career where I can hopefully learn more and progress.

Agri-Environmental Science

The main focus of this programme is the complex interactions between how land is used and natural environment. Skills are developed in integrated agricultural management, landscape, flora and fauna conservation, and environmental planning and assessment.

Alison Bourke

I am hardworking and motivated with a strong passion for the environment and Irish agriculture. My degree in Agri-Environmental science provides me with a valuable insight into the challenges that Irish agriculture currently faces. Climate change has and will continue to force the agricultural sector in Ireland to change, adapt and evolve to meet this new environmental landscape. I am confident that my knowledge and skills relating to both farming and environmental protection will be invaluable assets in my future career in the agri-environmental sector.



Robert Byrne

Ever since I was a child, I was fascinated by the work of David Attenborough and the natural world, and how it operates. My passion for the environment led me to Agri-Environmental Sciences in UCD. Coming from Dublin I did not have much farming background, meaning I was thrown in the deep end, but I was instantly captivated by the idea of global sustainability and how agriculture and the natural world go hand in hand. I am an extremely hard working and reliable individual, this was evident while working a full time job during the COVID 19 pandemic while completing my PWE.



Hugh Cronin

I am a hardworking, adaptable and highly reliable individual. My keen interest in sustainability and the ever-changing environment is what led me to pursue a degree in Agri-Environmental Science. I believe the future of agriculture is dependent on our ability to adapt and understand the critical challenges faced in achieving the balance between farm productivity and environmental sustainability. I gained valuable experience on my PWE working on a progressive dairy farm as well as carrying out sample preparation in a laboratory testing for Covid-19. I look forward to being a part of and contributing to the agricultural sector.



Dylan Floyd

I am a hard working, diligent and enthusiastic individual with a passionate interest in the environmental sciences and over my four years in UCD my interest in the area has only grown. My appreciation and interest particularly grew when I went on PWE on a pig farm and also shadowed an environmental officer in a local manufacturing company. I am extremely excited to work in the agri-environmental sector where I can continue to learn about the field I am passionate about.



Ciarán Hoey

Hailing from a beef and tillage farm, agriculture has always been my predominant interest in life. My interest in agriculture was then furthered through summer and weekend work on local farms along and with a local agronomy company throughout the harvest intervals. I was awarded a certificate of excellence as recognition of my high standard of work upon completion of my PWE. I developed invaluable skills that I hope will stand to me in the time times ahead, and I also learned what is key to good leadership and the importance of looking from different perspectives. I look forward to a rewarding and challenging career within the agricultural industry as we strive for greater productivity whilst minimising environmental impacts as we enter the next generation of farming.





Xinran Li

I would likely to contribute to agricultural sector in my homeland, really looking forward to its development in the future, in a more efficient and sustainable manner. It's a great experience for my two years spent in UCD, during which I am able to approach knowledge from many area associated with agri-environment and to integrate these into my more comprehensive understanding. Hoping to deliver these enthusiasm and inspirations from lecturers into my future career and to realize myself.



Claire Martin

I am a hardworking, self-motivated individual with a passion to learn and innovate in the Agri sector in more sustainable ways. From getting up at 5am for my team Rowing training to spending 6 months living and breathing the life of a sheep farmer on my PWE placement, I relish a challenge that is both demanding and rewarding. My passion for the outdoors continues to motivate me to learn and experience more in the Agri-Environmental sector to meet the challenges of this ever-changing world.



Liam Murray

A highly-driven, dependable, hard-working individual. I did not come from an agricultural background but having a keen interest in agriculture and the environment lead me to studying my degree in Agri-Environmental Sciences. This allowed me to fully understand our volatile everchanging environment and how to pursue a sustainable approach to agricultural production as well as tackling key issues facing the agricultural sector. My PWE working in a Covid-19 laboratory has allowed me to gain valuable laboratory experience working at a professional level and providing the skills required for work following my third level education.



Sarah Quinn

My interest in the environment and its relationship with agriculture has driven me to pursue a career in this sector. My farming background has given me a better perspective and understanding of the key challenges faced in achieving the balance between productivity and environmental sustainability. I am highly ambitious, hard-working and reliable. My studies have given me transferable skills through team projects and with various computer programmes. During my PWE I spent time working in Lyons estate on the Smart Sward project with UCD professors and PhD students, where I gained invaluable experience of different aspects of the Agri-environment sector. I have an open-minded progressive approach towards the sector, and I look forward to a challenging and rewarding career in the agricultural sector.



Padraig Whelan

I am a hardworking, driven and passionate person. My main passion is farming which started at a young age on our dairy farm. I am very interested in the environment and the environment interactions with agriculture. I gained invaluable experience working with Glanbia as part of my PWE. My job was inspecting gluten free oats. I always wanted to worked in the agricultural sector and I hope to deploy my skills learned from my degree in my job in the future.



Haoyu Zhu

I'm a hardworking and self-motivated student, with higher interest in agricultural environmental science. Even though my study abroad experience had to be shortened and converted to distance learning due to the Covid-19 epidemic, I still think that studying in Dublin University is the right choice for me.

Forestry

Graduates from this programme will have the knowledge and skills to manage and advise on timber production, sustainable forest management and forest related businesses. The programme consists of a mix of biological, production and business modules.

Kevin Keogh

I have always been passionate about the outdoors and the environment which led me down my career path in forestry. I am interested in all aspects of the forest sector but have a particular keen interest in the implementation of emerging technologies in the industry, as well as alternative silvicultural systems such as CCF. I plan on undertaking a HDip in statistics next year to increase my skill in that area.



Kenneth Moore

I am a highly ambitious, reliable and enthusiastic individual with a drive to succeed. I come from a strong farming background and have always had a keen interest in a wide range of agricultural sectors. The combined knowledge from my studies in UCD and the many summers spent working with experienced agricultural practitioners has enabled me to interpret the diverse range of opportunities the agricultural and forestry sector presents. I am very keen and excited to gain more experience in this sector.



Brendan Mulry

I am an eager, hard-working and driven individual with a keen interest in the rapidly growing agricultural sector. I was privileged to have grown up in a farming community where I developed my passion for agriculture. I believe that I have a lot to contribute to the agri sector and my main ambition is to pursue a challenging yet highly rewarding career within the forestry industry. GAA plays a huge role in my life and having captained club teams in the past, working as part of a team is something that comes natural to me which is important when working in such sector.



Emma Reilly

I am a hard working, ambitious, and motivated individual. Hailing from a beef and tillage farm in the east, I have immersed myself in a wide range of agricultural sectors from a young age. I have gained profuse interest in all things forestry related during my studies in UCD, while also gaining invaluable knowledge during my PWE with Green Belt Ltd. I am keen and excited to move forward with my career and I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to expand my skill-set and knowledge in the Forestry Industry.



Orlaith Tobin

Studying forestry in UCD has enabled my love for the outdoors to branch out in new directions. While I come from an agricultural background, forestry was an area that I lacked experience in. However, the immense range of modules, field trips, and professional work experience has provided me with the basis of essential knowledge and skills needed for the ever-evolving industry. In particular, I had the opportunity to undergo training under LANTRA's pesticide application course, and City & Guilds NTCP ground-based chainsaw operation course. Moreover, I was fortunate to complete a 14-week period of work experience with Coillte in the timber harvesting area, while also independently gaining additional management experience from the private sector. I look forward to building a career with this knowledge and set of skills.



Horticulture, Landscape & SportsTurf Management

This programme develops expertise and skills for a wide range of careers in fresh food production, quality assurance, nursery and ornamental plant production, garden centre management, sports turf (golf courses, playing fields, etc) and landscape management.



Stuart Gordon

My love for the great outdoors inspired me to pursue my degree in horticulture. I am particularly passionate about biophilic design. Growing up in the city - I believe everyone should be able to enjoy the benefits of the natural world. Pandemic restrictions enabled me to rearrange my planned PWE in Summerhill Landscapes, New York, to Enfer Labs and Grange Growers – for which I received the PWE Excellence Award. I am a hardworking, enthusiastic and adaptable team player.



Donal McGrath

Having grown up on my family tillage farm I learned the importance of hard work from a young age and kept it with me through my 4 years at UCD. I believe myself to be a reliable, honest and driven individual. Throughout my time in UCD, I gained invaluable experience on Paul Brophy vegetable farm for my third year PWE, growing over 700 acres of broccoli and also over two years experience working for Quinn's of Baltinglass. I look forward to continuing to work and gain knowledge in both the agricultural and horticultural industries in Ireland.



Jamie Swanton

I am an ambitious and hard-working student. I studied Horticulture because of my keen interest in sciences such as Biology. I undertook my professional work placement with Grange Growers in Kiltarnan which has added to my degree with valuable experience and knowledge in the areas of garden retail, landscaping and a workplace environment. I hope to use what I have learned to further advance my career and potential.



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