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# UCD Agriculture, Food Science and Human Nutrition Careers Day

Wednesday, 22 February 2023

UCD Student Centre

## Programme

- 08.00 – 09.00** **Company Registration:** UCD Ad Astra Hall
- 09.00 – 09.50** **Official Opening:** UCD Fitzgerald Debating Chamber  
**Welcome:** Professor Frank Monahan, Dean of Agriculture  
**MC:** Ms Ciara Byers, Auditor AgSoc  
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**Keynote Addresses:**  
 Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food, and the Marine  
 Ms Niamh Bambrick, ASA Vice President  
 Ms Aoife Feeney, Agricultural Policy Officer for the Embassy of the Netherlands in Ireland/2022 Nuffield Scholar  
 Ms Eilish Gill, UCD AgSoc Careers Chairperson 22/23
- 09.50 – 10.00** **Stage 4 Photograph:** UCD Student Centre
- 10.00 – 13.00** **UCD Agriculture, Food Science & Human Nutrition Careers Fair**  
 UCD Ad Astra Hall  
**Discussion Session**  
 Companies/potential employers meet final year students in an informal setting, also a chance to submit CVs.
- 11.00 – 12.30** **Company Presentations:** Blue Room, UCD Student Centre  
 A selection of companies will provide short presentations on their graduate programmes, positions, training, etc.  
*Discussion session in Ad Astra Hall will be ongoing*
- 13.00** **Careers Fair Event Close**
- 13.00** **Lunch:** The Clubhouse Bar and/or Poolside Café  
 Complimentary lunch for exhibitors and members of the AgSoc Careers Committee

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## Foreword from the Dean of Agriculture



The class of 2023 is graduating at a time of great challenge and of opportunity. Feeding a growing world population with limiting agricultural land, while meeting the challenge of a carbon neutral planet by 2050, and halting global warming, present enormous challenges for our planet and its people. At the same time, large areas of the most populous parts of the world are ravaged by drought and can no longer provide a reliable source of nutritious food for their people. Undernutrition is a reality for many, while ill-health, associated with poor food choices in the developed world, poses different challenges. In the past year, the war in Ukraine brought the issue of food security into sharp focus.

As graduates of our undergraduate programmes in the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science you will be uniquely positioned to help solve these big problems and meet these challenges. Those graduating with degrees in the Animal and Crop Production, Animal Sciences, and Agricultural Systems Technology will find yourselves working to create more sustainable animal and crop production systems through efficient use of farm inputs, animal breeding and a range of measures capable of contributing to achieving national and global climate targets. The recognised need for a viable Forestry sector offers opportunities for our Forestry graduates and a sustainable Horticulture sector must play a bigger part in the agriculture of the future as the demand increases for high quality fruit and vegetables to meet recommendations for a healthy human diet. Graduates in Agri-Environmental Sciences will be essential to developing and implementing actions that support the evolution of agricultural systems into ones that protect, sustain and nurture our natural environment into the future. Our graduates in Food Science and Human Nutrition are uniquely placed to positively influence consumer food choice, to develop innovative foods to meet diverse needs, and to advocate for healthy sustainable diets for the growing world population. All of the above must be achieved in a way that makes economic sense and our graduates with food business acumen (Food and Agribusiness Management; Dairy Business, Food Business with Chinese) will be in demand across all sectors.

It is important also to recognise that, whatever your degree title or specialisation, in essence it is a passport to a future career you may not yet have imagined, and it will take you to unexpected places and exciting job opportunities.

I would like to thank the UCD Agricultural Science Society (“AgSoc”), particularly the Careers Committee chaired by Eilish Gill, for organizing the Annual Agriculture Food Science and Human Nutrition Careers Day. A particular thanks also to the many employers of our graduates who support our annual careers day and take the opportunity to meet our up-coming graduates.

To our class of 2023, may I say on my own behalf and that of my colleagues in the School how proud we are of you and how confident we are that you are equipped to meet the many challenges and grasp the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Go n-éirí libh

***Professor Frank Monahan***  
***Dean of Agriculture***  
***February 2023***

## Foreword from Chairperson



It's my pleasure to welcome you all here to the UCD Agriculture, Food Science and Human Nutrition Careers Fair 2023. The Careers Fair is a one of a kind event that is a staple in the Final Year calendar. It's an event that's organised and run by students which is something I believe demonstrates their determination, drive and ambition. Of course, we would be nowhere without the support of our fantastic School and its staff.

It's an honour to be the Chairperson of the AgSoc Careers Committee especially as AgSoc ventures into it's 100th year. The AgSoc in addition to the School of Agriculture and Food Science has helped to create a great sense of community spirit and pride into every student. There is no doubt that AgSoc is home to so many wonderful memories to hundreds if not thousands of alumni, many of whom are here today.

Many of the companies here today have been attending for many years, showing the strong links between the School, students and industry. We are also delighted to welcome new faces this year, showing our sector is growing, going from strength to strength.

Entering the real world in 2023, is both an exciting and a somewhat daunting time for students. While still reeling with the impacts of the pandemic, the sector took another hit when Russia invaded Ukraine. This saw input prices skyrocketing with higher fertiliser, feed and fuel prices. As we enter 2023 there is a shadow of uncertainty looming over the sector. Yet, despite this, once again the resilience and durability of our industry shone. We saw a record breaking increase in Irish Food and Drink exports of 22% in 2022 bringing the figure to €16.7 billion. Dairy exports grew by a whopping €1.7 billion taking it to an overall €6.8 billion. Beef and Sheep exports grew by 18% and 17% respectively with the Tillage sector also having a substantially high year. The community thrived despite the hardships. We must work together to continue to adapt and overcome the challenges the world asks of us.

UCD is renowned for it's high calibre of graduates and this year is no exception. There is an incredibly high standard of education that has been bestowed to us, which never faltered. The staff here carefully nurture curiosity, passion, drive and talent.

As Careers Chairperson and on behalf of the AgSoc, I want to thank all the people who have made this day possible. FRS Recruitment have been long supporters of the event, once again kindly sponsoring our Graduate Handbook. Minister Charlie McConalogue, Niamh Bambrick and Aoife Feeney, our brilliant speakers, thank you for your support. To Frank Monahan, our Dean of Agriculture and Head of School, has given a great amount of time and support to the event. A special thank you to Damien Dempsey and all in the School Marketing team and Programme office who have given endless time and effort to this event. Mark Cumisky of the UCD Careers Development Centre has given invaluable workshops to the students across the last few months. My own thanks to the AgSoc and Careers Committee whose hard work made this all possible.

As a last note, I'd like to wish all my peers the very best in their future careers. I have no doubt that every single one of you is going to put your own stamp on the world. In a time that was short but sweet, we've created an unbreakable connection. I hope I did you all justice as Careers Chair and I am truly excited to see you start your journeys in the real world.

**Le Meas,  
Eilish Gill  
Careers Committee Chairperson  
Agricultural Science Society 2022/2023**

## AgSoc Careers Committee



*From Left to Right: Eilish Gill (Chairperson; Animal and Crop Production), Patrick Roddy (Food and Agribusiness Management), Cori McKibbin (Animal and Crop Production), Oliver Canning (Food and Agribusiness Management), Kerri Williams Kissane (Animal and Crop Production) and Joseph Glynn (Animal Science).*

## Acknowledgements

The Agricultural Science Careers Committee would like to thank everybody who generously helped in the preparation for Careers Day 2023. The successful running of an event of this scale requires help and cooperation from many different people.

Many thanks to the Dean of Agriculture, Professor Frank Monahan for his time and support over recent weeks and again today. Thanks also to all the staff of the School, for their support for today's event and all the events ran by students during the year. We especially thank Damien Dempsey and Mark Cumiskey, who have been a fantastic help behind the scenes over the last few weeks and months have made this event possible. We'd like to thank Aoife Feeney for being a fantastic, inspirational speaker on the day. We also acknowledge the staff and management in the Student Centre in UCD and all the staff in the Clubhouse for their work and preparation in having the fantastic facilities available for today's event.

We wish to celebrate the Agricultural Science Society's chosen charities for this year. MS Ireland and Tiggy's Trust. These two fantastic causes have given the class of 2023 great drive and determination to raise as much funds as possible, and we thank them for the opportunity to do so. It's been 100 wonderful years of our beloved Society, here's to another 100 more years!

We would also like to firmly acknowledge the companies and organisations who have given sponsorship and donations to the society and this committee today and over the course of the year. A special mention to FRS Recruitment, who have once again sponsored this year's Graduate Handbook. We thank all the companies and organisations who have attended the event today, without whom, the Careers Fair would not be possible.

# 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.

## Kevin Baker

I am passionate about the Irish and International food industry, eager to apply and further develop my knowledge of agriculture and business. My passion for the industry began from a young age, having grown up with a background in suckler and sheep, in the North-West. During my time at UCD, and through my PWE with companies such as Teagasc, I have acquired invaluable skills, that have developed me as a person and gained relevant knowledge as a result. Energetic self-starter and team builder, with proven record of navigating high-stress situations. My willingness to learn and drive to succeed is something I look forward to applying in my future endeavours.



## Noel Banville

Growing up on a tillage and suckler farm in Co. Wexford inspired my passion to pursue Agricultural Science in UCD. After 4 years of studying, including a semester abroad at Cornell University and 7 months of PWE which spanned on farm placements, research projects at UCD Lyons Farm and a policy analysis placement in Brussels, I have developed a skill set which will help address the challenges the agriculture sector faces in the future.



## Thomas Beattie

Growing up on a beef farm ignited my passion for agriculture. Studying ACP allowed me to learn in an environment with like minded people. I am a hardworking and ambitious individual. The highlight of my studies was PWE which afforded me the opportunity to gain experience of each sector within agriculture and make contacts which will undoubtedly be invaluable in my future career.



## Peter Bennett

I come from a suckler beef sheep and tillage farm in Offaly. I believe I am an enthusiastic, hard working, eager and self motivated person. During my PWE I gained invaluable experience and was able to apply lessons learnt in UCD practically on site. I spent my PWE all on progressive farms in all sectors which helped me further my knowledge to date. I have a keen interest in all areas of agriculture, especially in genetics and grassland management. Coming from a sporting background I feel I am able to work in both leadership roles and as part of a team. I am looking forward to my future role in the agricultural industry wherever it may take me.



## Diarmuid Brannock

I have had huge interest in farming and agriculture from a young age. I am an enthusiastic, determined and work focused individual. My time studying at UCD has allowed me to work with other likeminded people in the industry. I completed my PWE abroad and in Teagasc, this helped me to gain a great insight into the Agricultural Industry by allowing me to interact with individuals at the top of their respected fields. Outside of agriculture I have great interest in sports. I look forward to contributing to the global agricultural industry.





### **Ciara Byers**

My passion for the Agricultural Sector stems from growing up on a dairy farm where my interest and love for the industry was encouraged. This has shaped me to be the person I am today. I am highly motivated with grit and optimism to challenge myself in every opportunity. In UCD, I have always pushed myself, this included being part of the winning UCD Great Agri-Food Debate Team, PWE and being Auditor of the UCD "AgSoc".



### **Eoghan Byrne**

Driven and focused student with knowledge and experience in the agriculture and food sector. Strong work ethic coming from an agricultural background which enabled me to be goal driven with strong follow through. Team Player with Leadership capability, building strong team and individual relationships, currently working effectively as part of a team and often taking leadership roles in both work and sports. Passionate about the challenges facing the Agricultural sector currently and into the future.



### **Stephen Carey**

I come from a background of a progressive tillage farm in which I have developed a passion for sustainable food production. I furthered my extensive technical knowledge of crop production on PWE with Crop Research Ltd, Country Crest, and KWS UK. I also got a fresh perspective of agriculture by working on large-scale livestock farms during PWE. My ambition will drive my career forward in the sustainable Agri-Food industry.



### **Ciara Carroll**

Coming from a tillage, beef and sheep farm allowed me to gain more extensive knowledge in the dairy, pig and tillage industry sectors throughout PWE. PWE highlighted the influencing role of sustainability in the agri sector and its increasing prominence in the progression of agriculture in Ireland. PWE and material taught through lectures during the last four years in UCD has equipped us to work in an industry where agriculture must proceed simultaneously with environmental targets and increasing demand for food produce. An award for excellence in PWE highlighted my diligence and dedication to work in the agri industry. I want to pursue a career which will expand my knowledge and offer me an opportunity to learn while contributing to make a difference in the agri sector in the coming years.



### **Brian Clifford**

I am a dry stock dairy calf to beef farmer in the south of Limerick. I would consider myself a hard working and adaptable person with good teamwork skills and work ethic. I have always had a keen interest in the agricultural sector and studying ACP in UCD has helped me pursue this sector in many ways. PWE placement in third year provided me with a much more vast theory and practical knowledge across all animal and crop production systems that will help further my future career in which I hope to have a positive influence on the advancement of the agricultural sector.

## Kieran Connors

Hailing from a beef and sheep background, Agriculture has always been a passion for me. I have gained valuable knowledge of the Irish Agricultural Industry from my time working with Liffey Mills and having earned a distinction in my Professional Work Experience, I have obtained a good understanding of the desires and needs of the different enterprises within the Irish Ag industry at grassroots level and beyond. The highlight of my PWE was my time spent on a progressive robotic dairy set-up where I developed a keen interest in both farm system technologies and also in animal behaviour and welfare. I see myself as a hard-working and enthusiastic person who is always willing to tackle new obstacles and to treat every day as a school day. I am looking forward to a new challenge and to further develop and enhance my skills and knowledge within the Irish Agricultural Industry.



## Dylan Cronin

The passion for agriculture was instilled in me from a young age having grown up on a beef farm in Co. Roscommon. The last four years at UCD have shaped me into a diligent, self motivated, hard working individual, with a keen eye for detail. I possess many skills in the Agricultural sector from both my on farm employment as well as through my time spent with Aurivo Co-operative society. Throughout my PWE I had the opportunity to enhance these skills working on large scale operations both in Ireland and the UK. I look forward to graduating into an industry where I can embrace the challenges that face me and where my passion for the Ag-food industry can be expressed.



## Conor Doyle

Pursuing a career in Agriculture has always been my personal ambition, with my interest in agriculture beginning from a very young age, hailing from a beef, sheep and tillage farm in County Kilkenny. It is here, where I developed my enthusiastic and hard-working qualities. During my time at UCD I have gained a valuable insight and in all sectors of Agriculture during my PWE. I look forward to a career in Agriculture and making a positive influence in the sector.



## Jack Fortune

It has been an ambition of mine from a young age to study Agricultural Science in UCD. I originate from a tillage and beef farm in County Wexford. Growing up on a farm has allowed me to develop as a hardworking and motivated individual. PWE has been a highlight gaining experience in Teagasc Oakpark and ABP, for which I gained a Distinction. I have gained invaluable knowledge through my time in UCD. I hope to continue to develop and learn throughout a positive career.



## Eilish Gill

The Great Grá of Agriculture hooked me in from a young age. Hailing from a small Pedigree Suckler farm in the West, my studies in UCD only further spurred on this passion. My Professional Work Placement took me on an incredible experience all over Scotland for 7 months. I took on the role of AgSoc's Careers Representative 22/23', which allowed me to assert my leadership and communication skills, from producing this very Handbook to organising the acclaimed Careers Day. I am a very driven and determined person who is simply excited to start my career in the Agricultural world.





### **Robyn Gillespie**

I consider myself a hard working, enthusiastic and ambitious individual with a keen interest in the agricultural industry. Coming from a sheep farming background, I have always had a passion for the agricultural sector from a very young age. This interest was furthered during my PWE from which I gained excellent experience in the 5 main agricultural sectors in Ireland. From this experience I now work part time on a 200 cow dairy farm in Kildare. Overall I have gained a valuable insight into the agricultural industry across all sectors and I look forward to building my career in the future.



### **Marie Gray**

My ambition, drive and enthusiasm for agriculture has been nurtured and developed on my home farm in Co. Kildare, where we are producers and processors of poultry along with having organic tillage, beef, and sheep enterprises. I am hard-working, self-motivated, and diligent individual who is always willing to learn. I am keen to use the skillset gathered from my time in UCD to develop a successful and rewarding career in an exciting and developing sector.



### **Niamh Grimes Dooley**

Having started with little experience in the industry I have developed an interest in genetics and nutrition in particular for sheep and the dairy sector. My time in UCD and in particular during my professional work experience has given me the opportunity to explore these sectors of the industry to a greater degree. My goal is to further my studies potentially in these sectors in an effort to have more knowledge for the constant challenges facing the industry in current times.



### **Siobhán Halpin**

Choosing an Agricultural Science degree while not growing up on farm or with any farming experience was extremely daunting, however my four years in UCD has been extremely rewarding and insightful. Choosing Animal and Crop production lead to me developing a broad understanding of both aspects of the agricultural sector, not just limiting my learning to one aspect. During my thirty weeks of PWE in third-year I was extremely fortunate to gain experience in the dairy, pig, beef and sheep industries, as well being fortunate enough to undertake my tillage section in Teagasc Oakpark. I am a very diligent, hardworking and reliable person, and look forward to exploring the Agriculture sector as a graduate of UCD.



### **Jack Hanley**

I come from a village in Roscommon called Creggs where myself and my father run a 150 acre mixed cattle and tillage enterprise. I also work with my uncle on his dairy farm which is adjacent to our farm and I milk for a neighbouring dairy farm.

## Evan Harris

Growing up on a tillage farm in Meath, I developed a passion for agriculture from a very young age. During my time at UCD, it has given me valuable insights through studying all agriculture sectors and has also given me valuable experience of all the sectors through the PWE programme. With a main interest in the tillage sector, studying ACP has given me the opportunity of acquiring valuable skills and knowledge that will equip me for a career in the agriculture industry.



## Kevin Harte

My love for agriculture began from a young age as I grew up on a sheep and beef farm. I am a dedicated, energetic and open minded learner and have gained essential knowledge and expertise about the farm business during my time at UCD. I have also acquired invaluable skills during my PWE on a range of forward thinking farms, both in Ireland and abroad. I look forward to a great and long career in this field.



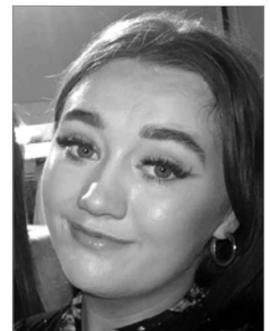
## John Hogan

Having grown up on a dairy and beef farm in county Clare, my interest in the agricultural industry has been clear from a young age. I carried out my PWE in Ireland and the UK which allowed me to express my hard work ethic, ability to take my own initiative and work as part of a team. During my time studying the Animal and Crop production programme, I have become increasingly aware of the challenges facing the agricultural industry due to climate change and EU policy. After I graduate, I look forward to working in this sector coming up with solutions for these problems facing the Irish farms of the future.



## Siobhán Kaye

I am a hardworking and highly motivated individual and growing up on a suckler farm in Co. Laois gave me an appreciation for the value of good work ethic. I found my time in UCD to be highly beneficial especially the PWE where I worked with Glanbia to be very rewarding. I also worked with Teagasc in previous years which gave a great insight into the agricultural industry. I aspire to continue to learn and broaden my education in agriculture and look forward to working in the industry.



## Sean Keane

Kepak PWE recipient with a strong interest in sustainable food production. Developed international experience at innovative farming enterprises in Brazil and the Netherlands. Gained insights into how these regions are measuring, verifying and reporting GHG emissions. Following this experience with primary producers I learnt how leading global agribusinesses, Grassland Agro and Alltech, were addressing the challenge. I took part in a biodiversity and sustainability programme gaining valuable commercial experience. I have a strong work ethic that allows me to contribute to the Ag industry's future development.





### **Fintan McCormack**

I am a highly motivated, hardworking student with a drive to succeed in my future career in the agricultural sector. Growing up on a suckler farm I have always possessed a keen interest in agriculture. I enjoy playing with my local GAA club which has enhanced my team work and leadership skills. I am also not phased by any work that is put in front of me and have an eagerness to gain additional knowledge of this industry moving forward.



### **Cori McKibbin**

Coming from a suckler beef background, I have always had a keen interest in agriculture. I am a driven individual with great attention to detail and extensive experience working with the public. During my PWE, which I received a distinction grade in, I gained experience with Teagasc, working in the beef research centre in Grange and within their advisory sector. I also spent last summer in the UK working for KWS, where I developed my knowledge of seed breeding.



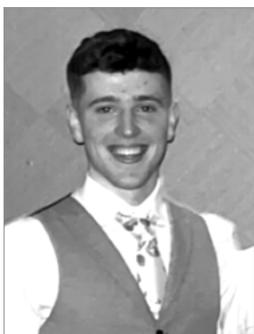
### **Ciarán McManus**

Winning five calves as part of the Certified Irish Angus Schools Competition clarified that a career in agriculture was for me. Raised on a dry stock farm in Co. Roscommon, I have always loved all aspects of the agri-sector. Receiving the SEED-tech/Irish Farmers Journal/ASA placement travel bursary allowed me to maximise my PWE across Ireland and the UK. I have also worked in the agri-food retail sector and am a diligent, hardworking, conscientious individual.



### **Arlene Moloney**

Coming from a farming background, my interest in agriculture was cemented from an early age. The highlight of my time during PWE was spent on UCD Lyons Research Farm, where I gained an extensive insight into animal nutrition trials relating to livestock emission reduction. I aim to put my practical and theoretical knowledge acquired the last 4 years to good use, and play my part in developing a more sustainable agri-food sector in future.



### **Fergal Monaghan**

An industrious, reliable and enthusiastic individual with a strong passion for agriculture, stemming from a dairy and sheep background. PWE allowed me the opportunity to receive a comprehensive understanding of a range of enterprises across Ireland and the UK. During this time, I developed many transferable skills and expanded my academic knowledge. I hope to apply the theoretical and practical knowledge from my time at UCD to tackle future challenges, in the ever-evolving agricultural sector.



### **Jack Moran**

Growing up on an organic beef and tillage farm I have a keen interest in sustainability through producing quality produce that isn't at the cost of the environment. My time on study abroad at Iowa state University and my professional work experience has broadened my horizon and knowledge of agriculture. I earned a bursary to carry out my PWE abroad working in Germany and KWS UK which sparked my passion for agronomy, an area I would love to pursue in the future. I look forward to tackling the challenge of producing more food with less resources in a changing environment.

## Matthew Murphy

Coming from a small beef farm in south Carlow played a pivotal role in shaping me as a person, through developing my interest in agriculture and work ethic. This accumulated in me doing Agricultural Science in UCD which has enhanced my understanding and knowledge of different sectors of the wider agricultural sector, this was a direct result of my coursework alongside my PWE, in which I received a distinction, 5 months of which I completed in the UK on large scale and efficient operations. Being involved in the Ag Soc committee this year has further developed my teamwork and communication skills that I believe are essential in dealing with the challenges and opportunities of the future of the agriculture sector.



## Paul Nangle

Growing up on Dairy and Beef farm my interest in agriculture started at a young age. I thoroughly enjoy working on the farm at home and incorporating new skills and modern techniques of farming to make it a more profitable and sustainable industry. I have learned a vast amount of information during my time completing the Agricultural Science degree in UCD. Throughout my time completing this course my interest for the sector has grown immensely. It has helped develop many personal traits of mine such as decision making and communication skills and I feel I am a determined and diligent person which allowed me to embrace any challenges throughout the years. I have a keen interest in GAA which has enhanced my teamwork skills which I can put to use every day. I am looking forward to see what the future of the agricultural sector has in store and how developing technologies will further impact the growing industry.



## Jamie O'Brien

I have spent my whole life working in agriculture. Due to growing up on a dairy farm which has a small suckler and equine enterprise, my passion for the industry developed at a young age. My UCD studies and PWE opportunities have provided me with the skill set to further develop this passion, allowing me to have great ambition to progress in my future career within the agricultural industry.



## Mark O'Grady

Pursuing a career in Agricultural Science has been an ambition of mine, and studying Animal and Crop Production at UCD has provided me with an invaluable wealth of knowledge in the sector. My appetite for success in agriculture is driven by my passion and ambition to progress in my chosen career path. My involvement as the Secretary and EDI Officer in the UCD Ag Soc has helped me develop my communication, leadership and organisation skills. My Professional Work Experience, coupled with working on our home suckler farm has provided me with the practical knowledge across all sectors and has also developed my resilience and work ethic. My unparalleled interest in current research has captivated my intrigue and is an area I would love to exploit in the future.



## Cathal O'Sullivan

A Hard working, self-motivated, dedicated and diligent individual with a huge passion for all things agriculture. Coming from a suckler farm in the Beara Peninsula, I've always had a keen interest in agriculture and the various production systems. Throughout my years in UCD, my interest and passion for the industry has grown immensely and to specialise in Animal and Crop Production allowed me to broaden my skills and knowledge for each specific enterprise in the Irish Ag-Sector during my time on PWE across Ireland and the UK. I enjoy playing football with my local GAA club which has enhanced my teamwork and leadership skills. I look forward to embracing the challenge of working in an ever-changing agricultural industry.





### **Patrick O'Toole**

Born and raised on a tillage farm in the South East of Ireland I grew up learning to love the soil, crops and all the work involved with it. Already a determined, problem solving and hungry individual, my time at UCD has broadened my knowledge on all aspects related to both agriculture and the unrelated world around it, leaving me ready to take on any career path which may lie ahead.



### **Jamie Padden**

My interest in agriculture started at a young age, having grown up on a sheep and suckler farm. I am extremely hard working, ambitious and self-motivated with excellent interpersonal skills. I've gained extensive knowledge during PWE, for which I received a distinction. During my placement, I gained experience in many agricultural sectors including sheep, pigs, dairy, beef and tillage. I have an ability to meet high standards as an individual as well as within a team environment. I established my own shearing enterprise which is in operation for three years. I look forward to a diverse and rewarding career in the rapidly growing global Agricultural environment.



### **Roisin Scully**

Growing up on a beef, dairy & tillage farm in Laois, my love for agriculture was embedded from a young age. I have completed internships with the likes of J. Grennan & Sons, and more recently Drumgoon Dairy in South Dakota, which was also part of my PWE. Along with spending my summer in the USA, I have worked with various other farming enterprises for PWE. This academic year I am Social Media Officer for the UCD Agriculture Society, where I work with my peers to advertise events. I am an ambitious and dedicated individual who is always seeking a new challenge.



### **Jim Sharry**

The agriculture and food sector is one which needs graduates to be quick thinking, flexible and efficient. With years experience working in various fast paced, efficient and high performance dairy systems I believe there is a broad horizon ahead for the sector. This coupled with an advanced and progressive education from UCD I find myself in an exciting position. My natural ability to thrive in progressive businesses along with the experience I have built working with industry leaders Eurogene/LIC and state bodies DAFM and Teagasc has ultimately driven my passion to be a leader in the sector going forward.



### **Rian Sheridan**

I am an ACP graduate. I come from Connemara in county Galway. I would consider myself a hard working and have always had a strong passion for agriculture. I have gained brilliant experience throughout my time in UCD, particularly during my PWE in 3rd year where I worked on progressive farms in Ireland England and Scotland. I look forward to beginning my career in an ever growing and advancing sector.

## Kaytlin Stronge

Having no background in agriculture, my passion began on a secondary school trip to UCD Lyons farm. The more I learned the more intrigued I was to expand my knowledge, and that still rings true today and has driven my desire to succeed. My main interest lies in sheep nutrition and welfare and I have established my own flock. I found during my PWE and subsequent time working in Tirlán I thoroughly enjoy meeting with farmers, hence I'm also interested in consultancy.



## Liam Toye

Growing up I've had a huge interest in Agriculture and GAA. Being from a pedigree Simmental farm in Donegal has given me a strong work ethic along with a lot of other skills. I have gained a lot of knowledge about the Agriculture sector over my 4 years at UCD. In my PWE I was involved in the Dairy unit at Lyons research farm, I also got the opportunity to work with DAFM in Backweston. I look forward to my Future in the Agri-food sector.



## Louise Wallace

Growing up on a suckler farm in county Tipperary my passion for agriculture began at a young age. During my four years in UCD my interest within the ag industry has grown further while also increasing my knowledge and experience. PWE gave me valuable insights into a variety of sectors including dairy, beef, sheep, pigs and tillage. I am a driven and enthusiastic person who is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead.



## Darragh White

I am a hardworking, reliable, goal driven and self motivated individual that's always up for a challenge with a keen interest spanning across the agricultural industry where my passion began from my family's agricultural contracting business. The wealth of knowledge I gained from my studies at UCD as well as completion of work experience on tillage, dairy, beef, sheep and pig farms and with an accounting firm specialising in agricultural finance and business management has expanded my knowledge and skills within the sector vastly. I strive for a rewarding career in the future.



## Kerriane Williams Kissane

I am an enthusiastic and resilient student with a strong passion for agriculture. Although not coming from a farming background, I have always had a love for animals and a keen interest in the agricultural industry. I am a hard-working individual and enjoy working as part of a team which I believe I obtained from my love and involvement in the GAA from a young age. Thanks to my time in UCD and the PWE placement programme, I have gained invaluable experience across the dairy, beef, pig, sheep and tillage industries. These placements have also shaped me to become more of a reliable and confident student. I am very excited to challenge myself and to continue my learning in this exciting agricultural sector.



# 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.



**Gavin Meagher**

Studying Ag Systems Technology, keen interest in the machinery sector of agriculture.



**Mark Tully**

My background in agriculture stems from a dairy, beef, tillage and contracting farm. Utilising the degree programme that has been educated to me and my past farming experience, I am individual that is upskilled in agriculture, technology and process automation. I hope to demonstrate to potential employers, that the work delegated to me is ensued with an ethos of hard work and consistency, similar to the academic achievements I have attained in UCD.

# 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.

## Aideen Bates

My keen interest and love for farming spurred from our family farm in Tipperary. Coming from a tillage background, I gained invaluable knowledge of the agricultural industry as a whole from my PWE, in which I received a distinction. Having worked in Coolmore Stud for the past few years, I have developed excellent communication and team work skills, along with being able to use initiative. I am hardworking, diligent and outgoing and I cannot wait to put what I've learned in UCD to use in my future career.



## Katie Brady

Showing cattle has given me great opportunities such as representing Ireland in the world Hereford Congress in New Zealand in 2020. Experience across the agricultural sector, my first job being in a retail room in Liffey Meats. Worked on pig, sheep, dairy and beef farms, and member relations in Lakeland Dairies all during PWE. Currently I hold the role as the registrar for the Speckle Park cattle society, this involves me ensuring all animals entering the herd book meet pedigree status.



## Aidan Brennan Kelly

Coming from County Wicklow. I am a hard working and driven individual. I have gained a wealth of experience in many different aspects of the agricultural industry. With growing concern in areas such as climate change and food security, I believe agriculture is an exciting sector for the future. With the knowledge I have gained from the programme I would like to play my part in securing our future.



## Pauric Coleman

My time in UCD has strengthened my passion for the Irish agricultural Industry which was instilled in me from a young age growing up on a beef farm. The degree has broadened my understanding of the industry both nationally and also from a global perspective. As part of my PWE I got to experience many different livestock enterprises both at home in Ireland but also abroad in Canada, giving me a greater understanding of agriculture on a global scale. I look forward to further expanding my knowledge of the Irish agricultural Industry while working alongside like minded people to combat the challenges faced by the industry.





### Rachel Corley

Coming from a dairy background, I am an enthusiastic and highly motivated student with a keen interest in animal nutrition and genetics. Working in Canada, England and throughout Ireland aided me in receiving the Dare to Dream Scholarship in 2022, which widened my desire to strive for success in everything I do. I am a committee member of Agsoc, secretary and coordinator of Breffni Oriel YMA, and club representative on the National YMA committee. From achieving a distinction in PWE, I have developed my communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills, always setting the goal to push myself and seek further opportunities and academia within the industry.



### David Corry

I am eager to utilise the knowledge and skills I have attained during my degree to pursue a career in the ever-changing agricultural industry. During my invaluable PWE which I received a distinction, I travelled to Australia and Scotland while also working with the NCBC. This allowed me to further my knowledge in the bovine reproduction industry and experience farming practices on large-scale dairy, sheep and beef farms abroad. I am excited to help increase the efficiency and sustainability of Irish Agriculture.



### Rachel Cosgrove

I consider myself a hard-working, confident, and ambitious student, who is eager to expand my knowledge on the agricultural sector. My interest in agriculture and farming grew after the experience that I gained following my PWE. My time in UCD and on PWE has equipped me with a vast amount of experience and knowledge that will benefit me in any future endeavours.



### Gary Daly

My passion for agriculture was sparked by my upbringing on a suckler and sheep farm. Hardworking, honest and enthusiastic individual with a wide range of practical and technical experience which strengthened my love for agriculture. Exposure to an invaluable PWE with FarmEye and DAFM gave me a great insight into the importance of sustainability within our industry. My desire to strive for success is reflected in my academic awards, including the Ian Gordan Medal which highlights my high standards of work. I not only look forward to the challenges but also the opportunities our sector faces in the exciting future.



### Julie Doyle

I am an enthusiastic, hardworking individual with good initiative. I did not grow up on a family farm but I was heavily involved in the equestrian world particularly polocrosse. I spent a semester in third year studying at Cornell University, New York which further developed my perspective and views of the US agriculture sector. I completed my PWE across a number of placements throughout Europe which led to a strong interest in the pig industry.

## Caoimhe Duggan

I am a hard working woman with a passion for agriculture and the outdoors. Growing up on a sheep and suckler farm on the Beara Peninsula instilled the love of animals in me. My PWE in 3rd year deepened this love and introduced me to the research world while I worked in Teagasc Moorepark. I believe we, as a generation, are the beginning of the future of agriculture and I look forward to gaining more knowledge as I work in the Agricultural Industry.



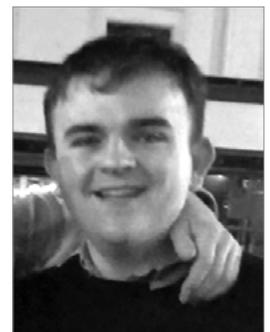
## Joseph Glynn

I am a motivated and hard working individual with a focus on attention to detail. I have been successful as a self-employed relief milker for nearly 3 years providing my only source of income throughout my term in UCD. Alongside my studies this has broadened my knowledge for animal health and production as well as sparking a keen interest in the agriculture industry. My PWE gave me the opportunity to work alongside other people in a professional and research environment, including a 6 week term in the Teagasc Sheep research farm in Athenry, Co Galway. This PWE alongside studying in UCD has allowed for the development of invaluable skills in communications and teamwork which I hope to bring forward to the professional field.



## Cathal Gormley

Growing up on a beef & sheep farm in Roscommon, now converting to dairy spring 2023, it has encouraged a great passion within me for the agricultural sector. I have particular interest in Animal breeding, Health & Reproduction coming from a pedigree Charolais herd & representing Ireland in 2019 at the Charolais International Youth Programme in Canada. I have a vast experience in the agricultural sector through my PWE both within Ireland & abroad & current employment with Beirne Farm Services who specialise in Reproduction Technology's. I look forward to broadening my knowledge & progressing my career within the agri-food sector.



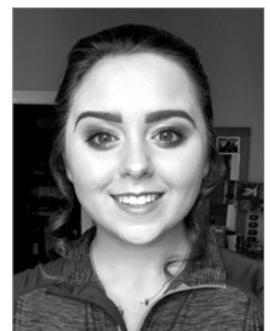
## Róisín Healy

Coming from a sheep farm in the west of Ireland, I am passionate for all things sheep and agriculture. I consider myself to be a hard-working and ambitious student and worker who is always willing to learn and give 100% effort in everything I do. I pride myself in having a strong work ethic and found PWE to be an invaluable experience, which allowed me to further develop my teamwork and interpersonal skills. I look forward to a challenging yet rewarding career in the agriculture industry.



## Katie Hegarty

I consider myself a hard working, enthusiastic, reliable and ambitious individual, with a passion for all things related to animals, agriculture and machinery. From a very young age, I have always had a keen interest in animals, particularly horses, and being outdoors. I always knew I would pursue a career in agriculture. During my time in UCD studying Animal Science, I have taken the opportunity to expand my knowledge by combining education with the PWE which has given me a clear understanding of the industry. I worked in Aurivo Nutrias Feed Mill where I was the main laboratory technician, I was self motivated and worked very well both independently and as part of a team. I look forward to embarking on a career within this dynamic and exciting industry, where I hope to travel to America, Australia and New Zealand.





### Andrea Horgan

My passion for agriculture was instilled in me from a young age whilst growing up on a dairy farm. I am capable, motivated and reliable and my hard working ethic was displayed during my 20 weeks PWE. This experience afforded me the opportunity to gain insights into various agricultural fields, including pigs, sheep, beef, dairy and nutrition. My studies at UCD have allowed me to apply the technical theory to everyday tasks in the agricultural sector. I look forward to my future career in this growing and ever-changing industry.



### Dermot Kelly

I am an ambitious and hard working animal science student. Hailing from an agricultural background I have always had an interest in the sector and my degree has only strengthened this interest. I've gained a lot over the last 4 years both academically and socially. I got the opportunity to travel to America for my PWE an experience that greatly benefited me in numerous ways.



### Rioghan Mac Ginneartai

I am a hardworking, dedicated and reliable person who has had an interest in livestock and farming all my life. The Animal Science degree has enhanced my knowledge of the Agricultural industry, strengthening my love and passion for Irish agriculture. I also achieved a distinction in my professional work experience, proving I am very willing and capable of learning in all different sectors e.g. dairy and pigs. While I have exhibited good leadership skills on my placement, I am also a good team player as demonstrated by my role in the Agricultural Society Committee. I am ambitious in terms of my future in the agricultural sector.



### Katrina Marsh

I am a hardworking and enthusiastic worker with work experience in dairy, beef, sheep, pigs, poultry and lab work. While I am interested in many different sectors of agriculture and always excited to learn new things, I have a particular passion for animal health and management as well as grassland health and sward mixes. I have been praised for my communication, patience and eagerness to learn and love being actively involved in the community around me.



### Manus McFadden

Agriculture has played a pivotal role throughout my life, which has been further enhanced by the animal science degree. Being a hardworking, motivated and adaptable person, my knowledge of the sector has improved year on year. My PWE provided a large part of this improved knowledge, having worked on sheep, pig, dairy and beef farms. In addition, I took part in a research trial on Lyons farm investigating the effect of seaweed supplementation on reducing methane production in dairy cows. From this, I have developed a keen interest in the efficiency and sustainability of the sector.

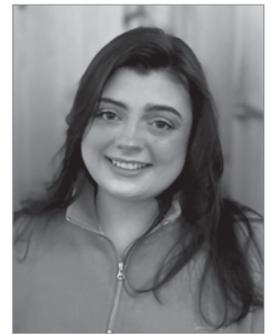
## Niamh Murphy

My interest in agriculture was sparked while growing up on a beef and sheep farm in County Carlow. Pursuing a career in the Irish Agricultural Industry has always been a goal of mine, and studying Animal Science at UCD has only fuelled my ambition to work in this field. Participating in Ag Soc and volunteering as a Peer Mentor has enhanced my teamwork, leadership, and communication skills. My PWE, in which I achieved a distinction, demonstrates that I thrive at practical work. During my placement, I worked in a range of fields, including dairy and beef completed in America, pigs, and advisory with Teagasc Enniscorthy.



## Sinead Nagle

From a young age I have always been passionate for livestock, I come from a farming background in North Clare, I grew up around cattle and sheep. I've a strong love for animals and a keen interest around the health and development of farm animals. I am dedicated, hard-working and reliable with an ambitious attitude to excel in a professional career within the Irish agricultural industry. Studying Animal Science in UCD has allowed me to learn skills and knowledge which I look forward to using after college. During my PWE I spent time assisting research in Teagasc Moorepark which drove my passion for agriculture even further where I gained valuable knowledge and practical skills.



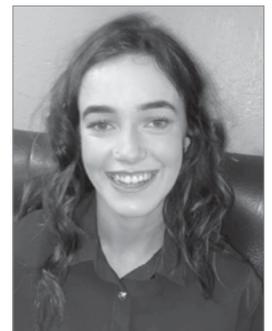
## Jenny O'Brien

I am a determined, focused, and hard-working person with a high level of independence and can easily adapt to change. My drive to succeed and desire to learn more about agriculture are both fuelled by my enthusiasm and interest in the sector. My experience playing basketball, swimming, and on PWE has taught me to work efficiently both independently and as part of a team. In my future career in agriculture, I hope to put my skills, knowledge, and experience to use while also expanding upon them.



## Laura O Connell

Hailing from a suckler beef farm in the kingdom of Kerry with a grá for animals and a passion for the agricultural sector. This passion was enhanced throughout my 4 years in UCD. I am an honest, ambitious, hardworking individual. Currently working part time in my local vets and having previously worked in my local agri business, I believe I have developed the necessary skills and personal attributes to succeed in any field.



## Ciara O'Sullivan

I would consider myself an honest, reliable, hard-working individual with excellent teamwork skills. Coming from a rural area in County Cork, my childhood revolved around animals. I have a true passion and undeniable love for animals, horses in particular. I really enjoyed getting hands on experience working with animals during my professional work placement. My keen interest in animal health was confirmed during my placement working for an equine veterinary practice BMC Mennessier in Chantilly France. Studying Animal Science in UCD has allowed me to learn a wide range of skills which I look forward to using in my future career within the Agricultural Sector.





### **Sinéad O'Sullivan**

Coming from a dairy farm in West Cork, I am a hardworking and motivated individual. Coming to UCD helped me to broaden my knowledge and deepen my interest especially through opportunities offered to me during my PWE. My PWE allowed me to travel to Scotland for the lambing season, and to the US where I spent three months on a high profile pedigree dairy show herd. This expanded my understanding of the agriculture industry and helped me gain a distinction in my PWE. I am very driven, always pushing myself to get involved in areas like the "AgSociety". Being the current treasurer has helped me develop my management and organisational skills along with being a team player.



### **Clodagh Plunkett**

Enrolling in an agricultural science degree with no previous background in farming has been my biggest challenge in life so far. I have had a huge interest in animals for as long as I can remember. This degree has given me a new found passion for the rapidly developing agricultural industry. Throughout PWE I gained invaluable communication and team work skills. I am a positive, hardworking and reliable individual. I aspire to use the skills and knowledge I have gained throughout my time in UCD in my future career.



### **Marlena Pohl**

I am a hardworking, highly motivated student who has thoroughly enjoyed studying the agricultural science degree. I was given the opportunity to work on commercial farms in the pig, dairy, sheep and beef industry during my PWE, while also working full time in an equine enterprise. These experiences allowed me to work to my best ability. I am looking forward to using and enhancing my skills in my future career within the ever-changing Agricultural sector.



### **Isla Sexton**

A family background steeped in Agriculture mapped my career path from a very young age, this led me to pursue a career in Agricultural Science at UCD. Studying in UCD has further progressed my knowledge and has broadened my skill set. Through my PWE I gained a vast amount of practical experience in all aspects of the farming sectors in both Ireland and America, for which I received a Certificate of Excellence award. I look forward to further developing my knowledge and having the chance to progress in the Agricultural Sector.



### **Emily Williams**

My passion for the Irish Agricultural Sector began when my family converted our pedigree Limousin herd into a dairy enterprise in 2017. This transition inspired my ambition to pursue a career within this dynamic industry. I am a hard-working, diligent and determined individual with a keen interest in animal welfare and sustainability. I had the opportunity within my Professional Work Experience module, to travel across Ireland, Scotland, and the United States, gaining invaluable experience across a multitude of agricultural sectors. Following my placement, I was awarded the Excellence in PWE Award. I look forward to applying my degree, skillset and enthusiasm to new opportunities and challenges in the future.

# 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.

## Matthew Browne

Having grown up on a stud farm, horses have been instilled in me from a young age. My four years at UCD and the time I spent at Kentucky engaging in professional work experience have provided me with invaluable knowledge which I project to utilise in the agricultural sector for years to come. I consider myself to be a self-driven, diligent and aspirational person who looks forward to bringing fresh and innovative ideas to the sector.



## Kerie Curtis

I have been involved in the equine industry from a very young age. I am a breeder and a competitive show jumper. Studying in UCD has allowed me to gain invaluable lab experience. During my placement I decided to further that experience by working in an equine lab on a stud farm. Here I learned various lab skills. I am hardworking, determined and a quick learner. Studying equine science in UCD has broadened my education, from business modules to equine reproduction and genetics.



## Larry Mulvany

Having grown up with a family involved in the Irish Thoroughbred racing industry, I've had a keen interest in pursuing a future career in the equine industry from a young age. I am a hardworking, reliable and driven person with good initiative. I completed my professional work experience with Hunter Valley Farm in Kentucky, where I received a distinction, and gained invaluable experience within the US breeding and sales industry. I am a positive and meticulous worker open to new opportunities.



# 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.



## Abbey Bracken

My desire to understand the effects nutrition has on the quality of our lives drove me to pursue a degree in Human Nutrition. I am a diligent worker who always strives to work to their full potential, which can be seen in my academic work and 10-month work experience at Reading University. Being chairperson of the UCD Nutrition Society allowed me to strike a balance between studying and coordinating enjoyable, informational nutrition events, giving me a diverse skill set that I am excited to put to use in the workplace.



## Edel Campbell

I was drawn towards the BSc Human Nutrition course as from a young age, food and health was an important part of my active household. My passion for nutrition grew as I participated in sports, becoming aware of the important role nutrition plays on performance. As a highly driven and conscientious individual, I am motivated with the will to succeed. I have gained a wealth of knowledge and experience during my time at UCD. For my 3rd Year PWE, I completed a research placement at the University of Reading (UK). Outside of my studies, I hold the role of Vice Auditor of the UCD Nutrition Society. My experiences and varied skill set will stand to me as I embark on my future career and continue to advocate for nutrition.



## Nessa Cooney

I am a passionate, enthusiastic and energetic individual with a growing passion for nutrition and it's translation in health and disease and helping others. I am a hard worker with great communication and organisational skills which I developed during my PWE in the UCD Perinatal Research Centre. During my time there I worked across various research studies which sparked an interest in learning and exploring new ideas, help others and to contribute the growing field of nutrition.

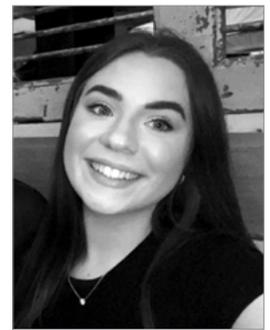


## Leah Craigie

Throughout my time at UCD, I have gained invaluable experience, which has allowed me to grow into a hard-working, motivated and confident person who exhibits in-depth knowledge of human nutrition. My work placement at Tallaght University Hospital allowed me to gain excellent communication and initiative skills and invaluable insights into clinical nutrition, particularly blended diets for paediatric enteral tube feeding. I have thoroughly enjoyed this course and look forward to applying my knowledge and skills to my future career.

## Emma Curran

I am highly motivated, reliable, and hard-working and my decision to study BSc. Human Nutrition was driven by my strong passion for nutrition and health. I am a competent team player with excellent initiative and interpersonal skills. I gained valuable knowledge and practical skills from my PWE in Danone Nutricia, for which I received a distinction. My PWE provided an opportunity to complete a research project, which I presented at the Nutrition Society Irish Section Conference June 2022 which further developed my communication, organisational skills, and leadership ability. I look forward to putting my knowledge and skills into practice, and to a challenging and rewarding career in nutrition.



## Carla Gibney

Growing up in an active, healthy household fuelled my passion for food, fitness and well-being. This motivated me to study Human Nutrition. Throughout my four years in UCD, I have gained an in-depth knowledge of Nutrition and its numerous applications. My professional work placement with the Human Nutrition Research Centre in Newcastle University further developed my knowledge and skills. I was actively involved in the ReTUNE Diabetes study and the MapMe Child Obesity study. I also completed a research project focusing on food insecurity. I am a hard-working, flexible and competent person with strong communication skills. I look forward to applying my studies and experience to my future career.



## Emma Hokey

I have always had a passion for food, nutrition and health which led me to study a BSc Human Nutrition. This interest developed from my years playing camogie and doing cross country running as I became interested in understanding the importance of nutrition not just in everyday life but in performance also. I was fortunate to complete my PWE at the National Maternity Hospital, Holles St where I was involved in many research studies which allowed me to develop my nutrition, research, and communication skills. Throughout my degree I have developed a broad knowledge of nutrition which has deepened my interest in the area and has shown me many different career opportunities. I am excited to combine all of what I have learnt throughout my degree and PWE and use it in the career path that I endeavour on.



## Heather Kenny

I am a goal directed, results driven Human Nutrition student with a passion for food, the environment and global citizenship. Throughout my studies in UCD I've gained strong nutrition expertise as well as research and communication skills. My PWE took place in Peamount Hospital where I worked with dietitians and rehabilitation patients. For my final year project, I will research food science technology and sustainability in the lab. I am interested in pursuing a career in food sustainability.



## Zena Shine

My passion for nutrition is long-standing and stems from my love of food and its impact on health. Throughout my time as a student in UCD, I have developed a desire to pursue a career in which I can empower others to improve their overall health and wellbeing through dietary change. Because I am an avid GAA football player, I was thrilled to learn more about the benefits of nutrition on sports performance during my professional work placement in the University of Limerick.



# 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).



## Mallaidh Boardman

I am an enthusiastic, hard working and determined individual who always puts my heart and soul into my work. I have always been a driven person who aims high and I always make my best effort at achieving my goals. I work well as a team and individually. I have a good sense of emotional intelligence. I have background experience in management and customer service.



## Anna Bobiet

I am a hard working and determined individual willing to achieve at a high level and embrace a good challenge. I am passionate about food science and hope to combine this love with my love for sport in my future career path. I am open to various opportunities and look forward to learning more about them.



## Dylan Browne

I am a final year student in UCD Food Science. Over the past 4 years I have grown to love the idea of making my mark on the Irish food market. I was lucky enough to get a broad range of experience while completing work experience at a small startup company. This experience along with the rest of my studies has been an amazing inspiration that I hope to take with me wherever I go.



## Sarah Kearney

I have a keen interest in working in the Food Industry. After working in Dawn Farm Foods as part of my PWE, I gained essential practical experience in working in a microbiology lab. I have also completed my 4th year research project in Teagasc Ashtown where I have broadened my knowledge further and gained a keen interest in the Food Science field.

### **Gemma Mc Bride**

Highly motivated mature student in my 4th and final year honours Bachelor's degree in food science at University College Dublin. Returned to education to change career path and follow my passion to work in the food industry. Over 10 years' experience in the beauty industry. Progressed to a business development role for a leading skincare company for Ireland and the UK. Experience working on my own initiative and as part of a team to ensure effective company growth.



### **Jodie McCarthy**

I am a driven and highly motivated individual who has great passion for the agri-food sector. In third year of my Food Science degree, I embarked on an exchange programme in Purdue University in the US where I built my confidence, independence and knowledge which will be greatly beneficial in my future career. I also completed a five month internship in Glanbia Ingredients Ireland (now known as Tirlán) where I worked in the Quality department. These experiences have shaped me for my future career in the food industry.



### **Jekaterina Petrova**

I am a motivated, disciplined, and creative student with a strong desire in food. I have gained extensive knowledge throughout my studies at UCD and developed my passion for nutrition and product development. I completed PWE in "ARYZTA Bakeries," where I cooperated with the team to produce high-quality products. I am currently working on my thesis project, which examines the chemical composition and potential health benefits of indigenous fruits. I have a distinct interest in working in an environment that encourages me to succeed and grow professionally.



### **Caoilinn Quinn**

I am a final year Food Science student currently studying in UCD. I am a highly motivated and career driven individual. I have gained extensive experience in the food industry through my third year Professional Work placement at The Butler's Pantry. I was fortunate to have been given a permanent role with this company, where I am currently part of the Quality Control team. I have the opportunity to work in a sector that I am passionate about while also allowing me to complete my studies. I am continuously improving on many skills such as teamwork and decision making whilst carrying out this role. I also completed a semester abroad in Purdue University in the United States. This allowed me to build on my character as an individual and explore new opportunities. I am excited to explore the new challenges I will face when I graduate from University College Dublin.



### **Aoife Ryan**

I am a driven, diligent and hard-working person with a passion for food. I have a keen interest in the world of food science and enjoy furthering my knowledge of food by any means possible. Although my experience working in the industry is short, I have enjoyed it thoroughly, and look forward to building upon this in future. I am excited to seize whatever new opportunities may come to me post graduation, and I am eager to utilise my love for food science moving forward in such an innovative industry.





### **Kate Sullivan**

I am an ambitious and hardworking individual with a great interest in the Irish food and beverage industry. I completed my professional work experience in The Butler's Pantry within the Quality Assurance department, where I developed my communication, problem solving and teamwork skills. I look forward to pursuing my career in the food industry and expanding on the knowledge and skills I have gained from UCD.



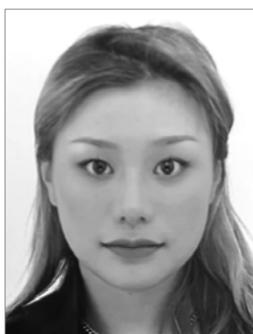
### **Matthew Wallace**

As a final year Food Science student, I had the opportunity through my work placement with "This Is Seaweed", to explore seaweed derived nutraceuticals and the development of new products. I am currently completing my thesis on the impact of physical innovative pre-treatment techniques on the digestibility of plant proteins. Upon completion of my degree, I am eager to utilize my ambition, resourcefulness and strong interpersonal skills in a food related career, with a particular interest in the intersection between business and research & development.



### **Tamzin Williams Gaine**

My passion for Biology and Home Economics throughout secondary education led to my decision to peruse a degree in Food Science. This degree has provided me with an expansive insight into the various aspects of the food industry which enabled me to completed a 6 month internship in a food production company, for which I was awarded a distinction grade. These experiences have aided the development of a desirable skillset which I hope to expand through continuing to work in the food industry.



### **Panhong Xu**

I am a Chinese student with four years of study experience in Dublin. During my college years, I completed five internships. They were in the fields of food, human resources, and marketing. I am very outgoing and passionate about what I do. Communication is one of my strong suits, and I love teamwork. In addition, I have a strong focus on detail and am a fast learner. I am also competent in basic computer skills.

# 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.

## Laura Bailey

I am a highly motivated and driven individual capable of working effectively by myself and in teams. While studying at UCD, I was offered a plethora of opportunities which allowed me to flourish. The opportunity arose to attend Purdue University. Here, I studied agricultural economics and gained invaluable life and academic skills, adapting to new learning styles and expanding my knowledge. This served as a perfect platform to launch my career, increasing my appetite for future challenges. I have completed a 28 weeks marketing and sales internship with Interchem and a leading breeze up consignors, allowing me to develop both my personal and professional skills in the workplace. I have a keen interest in all business matters related to agribusiness and the equine sector, particularly sales and marketing and hope to excel in this area in the future.



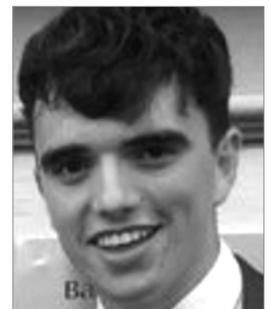
## Zoe Byrne

I'm grateful for the people I met and the friendships I've created. This course has provided me with ample career opportunities, I am excited to see what the future has in store. I was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in my Professional Work Experience. Whilst on placement, I undertook an evening course at UCD Professional Academy in HR management achieving a distinction, further equipping me with valuable skills for the future ahead. I enjoyed every minute of my time at UCD and delighted I chose this course.



## Patrick Carroll

Growing up on a mixed farm enterprise, has instilled in me the drive and determination to contribute positively to the Agri-Food sector. Studying at UCD has allowed me to gain an insight into the vital role the Irish-Agri Food sector plays in our economy. I have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, along with a strong work ethic, positive attitude and self-motivation. My PWE at KPMG has provided me with the tools to work competently in a fast-paced and professional, teamwork orientated environment.



## Sean Donohoe

Sean Donohoe from Cavan. Come from a beef and sheep farm. Have aspiration to pursue a career in the agriculture sector.



## Billy Farrell

I am a hardworking and enthusiastic individual with a keen interest in the future of agriculture and the role agriculture plays in our lives. Coming from a beef and tillage background in Kildare, I've always had a strong interest in farming and the food production process. Specializing in Food & Business Management in UCD has allowed me to gain a better understanding into the sector, while obtaining some hands on professional experience during my PWE with Interchem and internship at Deloitte.





### **Orla Flanagan**

Final year Food and AgriBusiness student.



### **Emma Geoghegan**

I am a confident and enthusiastic final-year student who has developed a mature and responsible approach to any task that I undertake or situation I am presented with. I am extremely keen to get into sales and marketing in the food or beverage sector. I am a member of the Ag Soc Committee where I have learnt team management skills. The past four years while studying in UCD I have had the opportunity to study abroad in University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and also completed a 28-week internship with McCambridge. I believe this has prepared me to begin my professional career.



### **Eoghan Geraghty**

Being surrounded by many different agricultural enterprises growing was the foundation for my interest in the Irish food and agribusiness industry. I would describe myself as an ambitious, hardworking, and enthusiastic person. During my time in UCD, I further increased my knowledge of the agribusiness industry while continuing to work part time in my native Galway. For my PWE, I spent nine months with Kerry PLC where I gained vast amounts of experience across many different roles. Outside of food and agribusiness, I have a great passion for GAA, being lucky enough to captain the UCD Fitzgibbon team for the last year. In the future I am looking forward to being a part of Ireland's involvement in feeding the growing world population while also reducing our impact on the environment.



### **Aoife Grennan**

I thoroughly enjoyed studying the subjects agriculture science and Business studies for the leaving cert. This resulted in me choosing to study Food and Agri-business management in UCD. I did not grow up on a farm but I am a very enthusiastic person when it comes to the agri-business industry. The twenty eight week placement in third year gave me a greater insight into the industry along with a greater passion for it and an invaluable skill set for the future. I am very excited to pursue my career in this industry.



### **Niamh Gunn**

I am an ambitious, enthusiastic student with a passion for the Agri-Food sector. Through my farming background I have developed a hardworking personality, as well a keen interest in progression and innovation in the agricultural industry. I am also actively involved in UCD by being a member of the AgSoc committee and class representative. I was privileged to be given the opportunity to study aboard in Purdue University where I was able to see a valuable insight into the global Agricultural and Food industry. For my PWE I worked with the Irish Farmers Journal in the area of editorial, marketing, customer service and sales. I look forward to facing new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and I am keen to travel to develop my knowledge and skills within the industry.

## Angela Guo



## Cillian Keane

I am a passionate, hardworking person with excellent interpersonal skills. Coming from a mixed farming background I am particularly interested in sustainability and ensuring the sector and agriculture as whole grows in a sustainable way safeguarding the sector for future generations. During my 4 years in UCD and my PWE in Farmeye and Galway Racecourse I have developed many skills both in working with and dealing with people and working on my own initiative.



## Aaron Kennedy

Good craic, sporty, ambitious. Determined to be successful in my career and enjoy this game.



## Nickolas Kennedy

I have enjoyed my four years in UCD, I have made many friends and have on too many great moments. I look forward to what lies ahead in terms of carrier as I look to utilise my degree to get a job in the food business or even business sector.



## Conan McCann

I am a hard working committed and driven individual with a desire to succeed in business. Having grown up around horses I have a passion for the equine industry, throughout my academic career I have had the opportunity to study a wide range of business related subjects, I have also gained hands on experience working in both the thoroughbred and sport horse industry this experience has allowed me to develop a strong understanding of the unique challenges and demands of this industry. Having completed a placement in Easyfix livestock comfort I got hands on experience in all aspects of the business in turn, I have developed a keen interest to pursue a career in innovation business and entrepreneurship.





### **Brendan McCarthy**

Growing up on a beef enterprise along with having a strong business acumen led me to pursue a degree in Food and Agri-Business Management at UCD. My past four years of studying here have given me incredible experience and knowledge within the agribusiness sector and it is safe to say my study abroad year in the US and my PWE with Tirlán in Corporate Affairs, have directed me in a path for the future. I look forward to pursuing further education in the US surrounding agricultural economics and using the knowledge from my studies to improve the efficiency of agricultural output in Ireland.



### **Philip McGrath**

Having spent the past four years completing my undergraduate degree in food and agribusiness management, I'm more convinced than ever that we are at a very interesting time in Irish Agriculture. I look forward to working in this industry and helping it develop to meet future challenges. With experience working in agribusiness and food businesses I hope to draw on skills I've developed such as leadership, a strong work ethic and interpersonal skills.



### **Aoife McGuire**

I am an enthusiastic, hardworking student that has a keen interest in working within the Irish food industry. I completed my professional work experience in Glanbia Plc on their HR Information Systems team where I gained experience working on a global HR system transformation project. During this PWE, I gained practical knowledge on building IT systems and had the opportunity to develop my professional skills in the workplace. I completed a Certificate in Insurance Product Advice through the Insurance Institute of Ireland while working part time and going to college. I have experience in sales, retail, hospitality, and HR Information Systems.



### **Victoria Phillips**

During my time at UCD, I have acquired many skills relating to food and agri-business strategy. My other past educational and work experiences of note include working as an Investment Analysis Intern at Tetrarch Capital, training as a Chef at Ballymaloe Cookery School and studying Agri-Economics for a semester at Purdue University. These invaluable experiences have provided me with many skills and industry insights which I hope to carry with me into my future career. I am a hardworking and capable person and look forward to pursuing a career in finance or business management within the exciting Food and Agri-Business industry.



### **Patrick Roddy**

I'm from a small beef farm in Co. Roscommon which ignited my love for Agriculture. I knew from an early age I was interested in the FAM course. I was fortunate enough to spend a semester in 3rd year in Kanas, where I emersed myself into a different world. Currently I have taken up learning to play the guitar, always looking to try new things and get involved!

## William Seale

A beef farmer located in Urlingford Co.Kilkenny, studying FAM with the desire to work in the agricultural industry.



## Emily Tuffy

A highly ambitious Agricultural Science student specialising in Food and Agribusiness Management. My motivation and dedication to work has enabled me to achieve strong academic grades, which helped me to obtain a place on Erasmus at The University of Illinois and a 7 month placement with KPMG. My time spent at KPMG provided me with a valuable learning experience. I am eager to develop my skills within the workplace in order to pursue a successful career in the food and agribusiness industry.



## Aifric Wall

My name is Aifric Wall. I am a final year student studying Food and Agribusiness Management.



## Kate Wann

I am a highly motivated and committed Food and Agri-Business Studies undergraduate, seeking to develop my business acumen and technical know-how with a leading global agri-food company. I have a strong passion in the areas of food product development, sales, and marketing. I completed my PWE with Ernst and Young, specializing in agri-food business consulting. I was privileged to be selected for the exchange program at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. I was also honoured to receive the UCD 2022 Patrick Hogan Memorial Scholarship for academic accomplishment. I am really looking forward to gaining insight and launching my career within the agri-food industry.



## Brian West

Hailing from a dairy and beef farm, I have been immersed in the agricultural industry from a young age. My interest in the sector has only grown, and this has helped foster my hard-working nature and resolute perseverance in overcoming any obstacles that may arise in life. My time studying in UCD, as well as my partaking in the PWE and study abroad programmes, has broadened my knowledge and interest in the 'Agri-Business' sector, while also providing me with a multitude of skills necessary for a successful career in the industry. I am a very ambitious and goal-driven person who is open to new opportunities and challenges, with a keen desire to keep learning and developing, both personally and professionally.



# Food Business with Chinese



## Luke Greene

A hardworking and ambitious individual with a great passion for the Irish food and drink sector, particularly in the Chinese market. My interest in Chinese began in secondary school, where I have since continued to study the language and culture in the UCD Confucius Institute. I have completed a year-long exchange in Nanyang Technological University, Singapore while also spending time in Taiwan. This opportunity greatly improved my language ability and my understanding of Asian cultures. During my studies I also carried out an internship with Bord Bia. I worked alongside industry specialists, gaining powerful insights into how the Agri-Food business works at a practical level.

# 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.

## Aiden Brady

I have a suckler beef background from my family farm in Cavan. I have a keen interest in dairying as it is an industry which is ever evolving. I have gained valuable work experience at farm level with many of these skills transmissible to any industry. I have also gained excellent experience working in a milk processing company which allowed me to further develop my skills and learning from modules that I have undertaken during my degree in UCD.



## Sean Cooper

My passion for dairy farming was established from a young age, primarily from growing up on our dairy farm at home. This is where I grew more individual skills, such as a strong work ethic and the ability to accept and overcome challenges. Throughout my years at UCD, my interest in and passion for the industry have grown significantly. My PWE ranged from practical on-farm experiences on an efficient and progressive dairy farm to seeing and understanding the production of cheese and the day-to-day running of the Kerry Co-op's Newmarket cheese plant. The knowledge I gained on PWE and at Teagasc Moorepark was neatly tied into the material we learned in our lectures, providing me with an invaluable understanding of the sector and the tools to thrive within the industry.



## Ciara Fox

Having grown up on a dairy farm, my interest in agriculture has always been strong. My time in UCD has provided me with the technical knowledge around dairying, while placement provided me with the practical element. My work in Arrabawn Co-op gave me an insight into the industry, which developed my interest in milk quality and milk processing. As captain of the UCD team for the Great Agri Food Debate, my leadership and communication skills were developed, while also achieving best speaker twice.



## Jack Kearney

A highly motivated, ambitious and diligent individual with a passion for the Agricultural Industry. Coming from a dairy farming background in County Westmeath and being employed by Tírlán, I have always had a keen interest in agriculture. My time spent studying in UCD and Teagasc Moorepark has enabled me to work closely with industry leaders, which has equipped me with knowledge, skills and values that can be applied in various aspects of my future career.



## Jim Kehoe

I come from a progressive dairy farm in County Wexford. Since beginning in UCD I have developed a massive interest in the dairy industry. During my time in Moorepark I had the privilege of being able to listen to industry leaders and visit some of the best dairy farmers in the country. This taught me invaluable lessons which I will take with me in furthering my career.





### **Eimear Kelly**

Growing up on a dairy farm gave me a passion for agriculture and working with animals, from a very young age. Studying Dairy Business in UCD expanded my knowledge through education, PWE and visiting high performing farms during our semester in Moorepark. I look forward using my expertise and working within the agricultural industry in the future.



### **Daniel Mcardle**

I am a determined, hardworking and reliable individual. My interest in the agricultural sector has grown from a young age with our dairy farm at home and then through my PWE in college. These placements helped me to advance my knowledge of the sector which I will hope to bring into my future career.



### **Aaron McBrien**

I have had a keen interest in the agricultural sector from a young age, growing up on a beef farm run alongside a family butcher shop. I would describe myself as a hardworking, motivated individual who enjoys interacting with people. I have gained a lot of agricultural knowledge over the last four years that I have spent studying in UCD and found the PWE and the semester spent studying down in Moorepark the most beneficial. As part of my PWE I spent 20 weeks on a large scale dairy farm run alongside an agricultural consultancy practice which I worked in. I also spent 4 weeks in Lakeland completing soil sampling. Aside from agriculture I also have a keen interest in GAA, travel and spending time with friends and family.



### **Ewan McCracken**

As an avid dairy business undergraduate, I am keen to get involved in the dairy sector and what it has to offer. Having worked for Dale Farm previously I have had a chance to see what dairy industry jobs are like and want to progress further!



### **Niamh Meehan**

I come from a family run Dairy Farm in south Mayo. I enjoy playing football and getting involved in community events. I work at home on our own farm as well as relief work for neighbouring farms. I am a very positive person. I am helpful and friendly I love traveling and experiencing new things.

## Patrick O Dwyer

Pursuing a career in the Agricultural sector has always been a desired ambition and studying Dairy Business has given me a wealth of knowledge in both the practical and business side of the industry. I have gained invaluable experience from my PWE which I spent on trial work in Moorepark for which I received a distinction and the Grant and Thornton Award. I regard myself as a hardworking, driven, enthusiastic team player which has been highlighted in both my work and my sporting interests. I look forward to having an positive impact on the Agricultural sector for many years to come.



## Simon O'Dwyer

I am a UCD Dairy Business graduate. I am from a progressive dairy farm in Kilkenny. I would consider myself to be a very reliable, honest and hard working person. I would credit myself for my attention to detail, drive for perfection and desire to be the best at what I do. I have a lot of experience working on local farms and businesses and have gained a very good reputation for myself. I carried out my PWE on a dairy farm in Cumbria in the UK. I spent a semester at Teagasc Moorepark with some very influential people for Irish agriculture. I also have a heavy involvement on my home farm.



## Eoin O Keeffe

My passion for agriculture began at a young age on my family's dairy farm in south Tipperary, where I developed the enthusiasm and initiative essential to a career in agriculture. As I progressed into the dairy business course at UCD I expanded my skill set through my placement and time in Moorepark. The experience I gained in Solohead research farm inspired and avid interest in a low nitrogen approach to dairy farming which hope to pursue a career in.



## Sean Phelan

I come from a dairy farm that I have worked on my whole life, I also have spent lots of time working on farms with very large numbers of animals and businesses in my area. These jobs have helped me experience a lot and gave me certain attributes I can bring to any business. I attended lectures in Moorepark Teagasc food research centre for a semester where i was taught by some of the most influential people in Teagasc, here I learned a great deal of knowledge I will use in the future. I have learned to be hardworking, reliable, a team player, able to think for myself, like to ask questions, love to learn new skills and have ambition to be great at what I do.



## Feidhlim Roche

My experience at UCD has given me exceptional insight into the Irish Agricultural Industry. As part of my PWE, I worked on a 520-cow dairy farm in South Wexford while also spending a semester in Teagasc Moorepark, where I learned a substantial amount from top Teagasc researchers. 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 rewarding career and positively influencing the agriculture sector.



# 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.



## Hannah Bolger

I'm a charismatic, hard working individual that has a passion for sustainability and biodiversity. I have learned a lot from my bachelors degree including a great deal in agricultural sustainability in the USA while on Erasmus. I'm looking to evolve my knowledge and passion and work towards the future of sustainable agriculture within Ireland and Europe.



## Emily Cazzini

I am a positive, hardworking and reliable individual with a keen interest in agriculture and the environment. My time spent in UCD has been invaluable, and I thoroughly enjoyed my PWE, for which I gained a distinction. During my PWE I was fortunate to get the opportunity to work in an Environmental Consultancy and on a Thoroughbred Stud. I look forward to applying my skills and knowledge developed during my degree in the agri-environmental sector in my future career.



## Eva Cunningham

Coming from a small Dublin town, interested in Biodiversity and sustainability, to now further developping & enhancing my interests, in the ever-changing Agricultural industry. Through my PWE in Teagasc Johnstown and on a large scale Dairy Farm in Co.Cork, I gained invaluable experience and insights to the sector, which has sparked my passion in sustainable farming for the future.



## Ellen Giffney

I am a driven individual with a keen interest in environmentally-friendly alternatives to chemicals within the agricultural industry. My time at UCD has opened up a world of opportunities to me which aided me in identifying my field of interest. I have a passion for entomology and the promotion of insect-friendly controls within the agricultural industry. I chose to complete my placement in the entomology and horticultural department in Teagasc, Ashtown where I furthered my knowledge and interest in entomology. I was awarded a certificate of excellence in recognition of outstanding performance in PWE as a result of the work I conducted while on placement in Teagasc. I look forward to pursuing a career in agriculture and applying the skills and knowledge I have gained from my studies.



## David Mckeone

Hard working person that always puts the maximum effort into my work. Interested in plant research, environmental issues and breeding/genetics. Trying to have a positive impact in the agricultural space in Ireland and perhaps abroad and I am very excited as to where my career will lead me to.

## Conor McMahon

I have a passion for all aspects of my course. I have had a love for the outdoors from a young age and through working as a gardener in the O.P.W. and my farm work experience on an organic farm I was able to pursue this interest further. My other work experience in labs such as Teagasc has made me passionate about the scientific and research-based side of my course. I look forward to using the skills I have acquired while studying in UCD to improve agricultural sustainability.



## Enda McPhillips

Come from a suckler/beef farm in Co.Monaghan, have also worked on a poultry farm and piggery. Always had an interest in the environment and so I decided to study Agri-Environmental Sciences. During my PWE I worked with an agricultural consultant as well as this I got the opportunity to work in the AES Division in DAFM, Johnstown Castle. Both these were great learning experiences and give me great insight into the agricultural sector.



## Róisín O'Neill

A hard-working and enthusiastic student with an extensive interest in promotion of sustainable practices. Growing up on a sheep and beef farm instilled my hardworking nature with years of experience in the Agri-machinery sector contributing to my professional skillset. As part of my PWE, I performed agrochemical and biological trials with Eurofins which will potentially see a transformative shift in disease control. I then worked as a sustainability consultant with Deloitte, developing my corporate skills. This variety of professional, academic and practical experience will be utilised and implemented in my future roles in an ever evolving sector.



## Stephanie Russell

Coupled with work experience within Biotech and Agricultural industries, my curiosity and enthusiasm for the Agriculture and Environmental sciences has been deepened and peaked with the completion of my Degree at UCD. These experiences have helped develop and hone my knowledge as well as my understanding of core work skills around team work, deadlines, commitments, reliability, and collaboration. I leave UCD, charged to enter the work place and industry that I feel so passionately about.



## Vineth Sumanapala

I have gained invaluable research and teamwork skills during my PWE in Teagasc Advisory Offices in the summer of 2022. This internship helped me develop my technical skills in software such as ArcGis and Microsoft Excel. I have experience in consulting with Teagasc's clients regarding environmental issues and how to mitigate them effectively and sustainably. I also did my final year Research project on Management of Biodiversity on Irish Peatland Ecosystems.



# 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.



**Alison Cox**

I am a 4th year forestry student who is always willing to learn and able to do a variety of tasks around the workplace. My strongest attribute is my artistic skills and I am quick to learn regarding computer work. Additionally, I am very interested in the GIS aspect of forestry. I always do my best to work through my limitations, such as being hard of hearing.



**Paddy Coyne**

Meath man with a keen interest in both forestry and farming. Looking forward exploring the many opportunities in Ireland's fast growing and evolving forestry industry.



**Mark Kehoe**

Coming from an agricultural background, as well as having a great interest for the environment and the outdoors, UCD's forestry programme has allowed me to further pursue my passion in these areas. I was fortunate enough to study at Michigan State University as part of UCD's study abroad programme in 3rd year, gaining an understanding of forestry through a different approach. Through PWE, working with Teagasc, my strong work ethic and ambition enabled me to work on various projects as well as opening different potential career paths.



**Jack McGillicuddy**

I am a hard working and conscientious individual who has a deep passion for the environment. I have enjoyed every aspect of the forestry program at UCD as it has provided a diverse range of subjects with various field trips, practical's, and also chainsaw, pesticide, and remote sensing courses. For my professional work experience, I had the privilege to work with Forestry Services Ltd which provided me with valuable insight into the establishment side of forestry. I am excited to expand my knowledge and skillset in the forestry industry.

### Gavin McGowan

I would describe myself as a keen, energetic, committed person. I have a great interest in horticulture. Forestry in University College Dublin was always going to be my first choice. I have enjoyed studying many different subjects throughout my course including economics, pathology, and ecology. I completed my work experience with Coillte on their Log Optimisation Unit. I was involved with conducting audits on active harvest sites and scoping out opportunity for timber optimisation.



### Seán O'Neill

My interest in pursuing a career in Agriculture stemmed from my roots, growing up on a suckler farm. The dynamic mixture of subjects, future job opportunities and a small interactive class size diverted my attention towards Forestry at UCD. The first 3 years equipped me with a wide range of transferable skills for PWE, where I completed 16 weeks with the Forest Service. I advanced my knowledge of forest ecosystems, forest policy and how the forest industry works in Ireland, during my work with DAFM. I am an ambitious, reliable and self-motivated individual looking forward to a future in the Forestry industry.



### Ian Wortley

It was a big decision to change career and go to UCD. It's a decision I'm delighted to have made. Not only have I gained an education in forestry which I find tremendously exciting, I am now a beekeeper and Chinese speaking bagpiper as a result of the ancillary opportunities that presented themselves up on my journey.



### Cian Yourell

I am a highly motivated ambitious person. My interest in forestry first came when my father decided to plant rather than continue with beef. During my PWE I was involved in developing a seed orchard with Teagasc while also planting seed and carrying out drought trials while maintaining a safe and clean working environment. I then spent 6 weeks working with Veon in the North-East Region where I carried out inventory of several forests within that region.



A tractor is shown in silhouette, ploughing a field. The scene is set at sunrise or sunset, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The tractor is positioned in the lower center of the frame, moving towards the right. The overall mood is peaceful and industrious.

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