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Alumni

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School of Medicine

Spring 2023 e-Zine



Dear Colleagues,

I hope 2023 is proving to be a great year for you all. We have alumni achievements to celebrate, high-calibre research news to include, and significant School events to share.

We cannot wait to welcome the classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2013 at the [UCD Medicine Graduates Association 2023 Gala Reunion](#) on 12 May and celebrate this memorable event together.

In research news, Dr John Travers and colleagues' research has been published in the official journal of the British Geriatrics Society, *Age and Ageing*; the BOOSTAVAC vaccine trial has been expanded and Professor Wenxin Wang's team was among the first recipients announced under the €65M National Challenge Fund.

On a staffing note, congratulations to Professor Catherine Godson on her Associate Dean for Research, Innovation & Impact [appointment](#). A special mention also goes to Associate Professor Jonathan McNulty and Professor Louise Rainford, recognised for their commitment to teaching excellence in the recently announced [Learning and Teaching Awards 2021-22](#).

The [MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast Series](#) is well underway. I am thoroughly enjoying hearing the personal and professional engaging stories of our alumni, who kindly gave their time to participate.

We held our [2023 UCD Medicine Clinical Commencement 'White Coat' Ceremony](#) on Friday, 10 February in the UCD O'Reilly Hall. This is a key milestone in our medical students' journey and there was a terrific display of support from our students' families and friends both in-person and online.

As always we invite you to connect with the UCD Medical Graduates Association (MGA) and view/update the list of Class Reps [here](#). If you would like to suggest an item for coverage in a future edition of this e-Zine, please email comms.medicine@ucd.ie.

Very best wishes,



Michael Keane

Professor Michael Keane

Dean, Head of School
UCD School of Medicine

School Highlight



MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast Series

Host, Professor Patrick Murray has engaging, candid and insightful conversations with UCD School of Medicine alumni including Dr Tony Holohan and Dr Mark Rowe in the [**MGA Clinical Influencers Podcast Series**](#). We hear about their time at UCD, their career journeys and personal reflections, advice and lessons learned.

In upcoming episodes, we will hear from:

- Professor Orla Hardiman – Professor of Neurology, recent recipient of HRB Impact Award
- Professor Yvonne Gilleece, national and international leader on HIV in women, new Chair-Elect BHIVA
- Professor Geraldine McCarthy – Consultant Rheumatologist Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and Clinical Professor of Medicine UCD

[**Listen to the podcast series here**](#)

Upcoming and Recent Events



UCD Medical Graduates Association 2023 Gala Reunion

12 May | 12:15PM | Belfield Campus

The event is an opportunity to reunite with classmates, attend CPD lectures, renew old friendships and see how the Belfield campus has been transformed in recent years. It consists of a symposium during the day and an evening gala dinner.

[Register Here](#)



Saving lives in Ukraine

17 April | 7:00 - 8:30PM | O'Reilly Hall, Belfield Campus

The [UCD Centre for Emergency Medical Sciences](#) is providing lifesaving medicines and training for Ukrainian paramedics who are on the front line of the war. To support this great initiative the UCD Community Choir and guests are performing a concert to raise funds to send much needed medical support so that more lives can be saved.

[Register Here](#)



UCD International Women's Day 2023 - Networking Lunch

12 March | Charles Institute

The School of Medicine celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) 2023 with a [Networking Lunch](#) held in the Kevin Barry Gallery in the Charles Institute. The event, attended by staff and graduate research students, was opened by Associate Dean for EDI, Associate Professor Marguerite Clyne.
