A commitment to our students' academic and personal development is at the centre of Trinity’s core mission. This is not simply confined to activities in the lecture theatre, laboratory or library; on the contrary, co-curricular interests play an essential part in developing the skills and insights that augment academic learning and inspire voluntary activity and engagement with local, national and international communities.

The main purpose of the Dean of Students’ Roll of Honour is to encourage our students to look outward, engage with those around them and reflect on what they have gained through involvement in co-curricular voluntary activities. The scheme also acknowledges the contribution that everyone included on the Roll makes to his/her organisation or peers, to the College or to the wider community. Both aspects help us to deliver on Trinity’s formal commitment, set out in the Strategic Plan 2009-2014, to promote, encourage and incentivise volunteering in the local, national and international community by members of Trinity staff and students, and to develop appropriate mechanisms for recognising student participation in volunteering activity within the College community and outside of the College environment. The Roll of Honour is also recognised by our students as a worthy and important recognition by Trinity of their efforts. This year the Roll of Honour received in excess of 750 applications, reflecting an ever increasing spirit of engagement within the student body.

I would like to recognise the contribution of Simone Cameron-Coen, Civic Engagement Officer, who administers the Roll of Honour, and, of course, the efforts of the Review Panel. I am especially glad Mr. Myles Dungan was able to find time in his busy schedule to speak to us on this particular occasion.

While the Roll of Honour is a formal recognition by Trinity of your efforts, it does not define their value nor their impact. That is better measured by the individuals and communities that have benefited from your involvement. I urge you to continue looking outward and to encourage and inspire your peers to do likewise.

Thank you so much,
Yours,

Prof Kevin O’Kelly
Dean of Students
11th April 2014

The Dean of Students’ Roll of Honour recognises learning gained through various types of co-curricular volunteering:

Community
Volunteering in the community takes many forms from membership of the Garda Reserve to lifesaving to serving on parents’ associations. Students also volunteer within the College community with groups such as the Voluntary Tuition Programme, and Trinity Access Programme who celebrate their 20th anniversary this year, and more.

International Volunteering
Trinity students have travelled all over the globe to learn about other cultures and contribute to various local causes from development education to building projects. Students also volunteer to run international associations on home soil.

Publications
Trinity boasts a vibrant array of award-winning student magazines and newspapers which are written, drawn, designed, laid-out and edited by students in a voluntary capacity. In addition to journalistic publications, many students are involved in the publication of student reviews in disciplines such as medicine, law, and English.

Sports Clubs
Fifty clubs are recognised by and affiliated to the Dublin University Central Athletic Club. Training, intervarsities, fundraisers and outreach are all realised by student voluntary effort.

Student Societies
There are over 120 student-run societies on campus which are recognised, funded and supported through the Central Societies Committee. Societies include Trinity FM, Trinity College Singers, and QSoc (LGBT).

Students’ Union & Graduate Students’ Union
The part time officers, class representatives and convenors, election and awareness campaigns teams and “Ents” crew are all dedicated volunteers who work to serve students’ interests.