



Harriers had some stand-out performances at this year's Track and Field Championships



Provost, Dr Patrick Prendergast gets a few tips from Trinity GAA camogie player and All Star Aisling Maher

# GOING THE DISTANCE

Recalling the many sporting successes of Trinity over the past year.

**T**he sporting year 2017-2018 in Trinity kicked off with an official unveiling of the newly reconfigured gym spaces in the **Sports Centre**, which allowed Trinity Sport to broaden out its remit. The revamp proved an instant hit with students, who clocked up over 46,000 visits in the first two months alone.

One of the annual flagship events, the announcement of sports scholars, took place in October which was followed by a celebration event in the Exam Hall the following month. The talented line-up of 63 student athletes included: **Aisling Maher** (camogie), who also went on to be awarded a coveted All Star the following month for

her playing with Dublin; Olympic hopeful in sailing **Aoife Hopkins**; and U20s Six Nations stars **Jack Dunne** and **Michael Silvester**.

Staying on the subject of rugby, former Irish international **Brian O'Driscoll** was on campus to receive an honorary degree in December. He graciously took time out for an informal Q&A with a gathering from **Trinity Rugby** (DUFC), who quizzed him on everything from his Colours appearances for UCD to the tricky task, post-retirement, of commentating on many of his former teammates.

**Harriers** have come a long way since the club's foundation in 1885 and there were some stellar athletics performances by the club's members this year. In his first outing in the U23 category, sports scholar **Conall Hayes** won the 800m in Athlone in January.

Conall's fellow Harriers bagged numerous medals at the Irish Universities Track and Field Championships in April, taking home a tally of nine, four of which were won by engineering student **Kate Doherty**, who also set a new Trinity record for hurdles.

Our **Gaelic** footballers didn't make a huge impact in this year's Sigerson Cup, however Trinity was chosen to host the finals weekend at Santry Sports Grounds, where UCD just pipped NUIG to claim the prize.

Trinity GAA's **hurlers** fared better. The freshers did the double – winning the division two league and championship for the second year in a row – while the senior team won division two and were promoted to division one.

Another batch of freshers, from **DUAFC** (association football),



**SPORT IN NUMBERS**

**€40,000**

The amount being invested by Cricket Leinster as part of their new partnership with Trinity

**21**

The number of years it's been since DUAFC (Trinity Soccer) last won the Harding Cup

**4**

The number of consecutive years in which the Sports Centre has won Gold at the industry standard White Flag awards





DULBC Senior 8 romp home at this year's Trinity Regatta



DUFC's U20s lift the Fraser McMullen Cup to celebrate their All Ireland win

had a stand-out year. They beat UCC at Tolka Park in February to claim the Harding Cup, a trophy which has eluded the club for the last 21 years. The winning goal was scored by sports scholar **James Woods**. The seniors, meanwhile, also performed well all year and were rewarded with promotion to division 1A of the Leinster Senior League.

**Fencing** continued their dominant run and had podium finishes for most of their competitions. A highlight was their intervarsities victory in March – their 11th in a row – in which they won all six weapons trophies over the weekend.

**DUFC** had a memorable April, beating UCD in Colours on College Park, hosting the first ever stand-alone women's Colours, and with the U20s comprehensively defeating Clontarf to win the All Ireland Fraser McMullen Cup.

**DULBC** (ladies boat club) Senior 8 team won at both Colours and the Trinity Regatta. The former had to be hastily rearranged to take place at Islandbridge this year due to weather conditions in the city centre.

**DUBC** (men's boat club) Senior 8, who welcomed new head coach Richard Ruggieri in mid-2017, have been on a winning streak this season, with victories at Erne, Colours, Neptune, Commercial, University Championships and Trinity Regatta.

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DUAFc's freshers after their Harding Cup victory

**50**

The number of student sports clubs



**18**

The number of Pinks awarded

**1,300**

Participants in this year's social sports programmes



**50**

The number of pitch acres at Trinity's disposal since purchasing Iveagh Sports Grounds in February

**11-10**

The final scoreline at this year's Men's Rugby Colours v UCD

