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# **THE DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES AWARD** 2021-22

Outstanding Contribution to  
**Teaching in Professional Practice**




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This award is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the truly extraordinary contributions made by some of our colleagues in the clinical and allied healthcare settings.

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A portrait of Brian O'Connell, a man with short grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. The image is overlaid with a teal gradient.

The Dean of Health Sciences Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching in Professional Practice was developed to recognise the significant contribution of professionals who do not hold appointments with Trinity to the delivery of teaching to our undergraduate and postgraduate students. Each of the schools within the Faculty of Health Sciences has a long tradition of working with our clinical and allied health colleagues to educate students across all of our programmes, including Medicine, the Therapy programmes, Dental Science, Nursing, Midwifery and Pharmacy. Each of these programmes have unique clinical requirements, and involve complex and multi-faceted arrangements with our linked health service providers.

This award seeks to recognise the often unseen yet extremely valuable contribution of such colleagues and to highlight those exceptional individuals who excel in teaching and who continually encourage an ethos of excellence in clinical teaching.

Nominations were received from the schools, and I am pleased to grant, five awards for 2021-22, across all schools in the Faculty.

### **Brian O'Connell**

Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences  
Professor of Restorative Dentistry



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**SCHOOL OF  
DENTAL SCIENCE**

*“Dr McReynolds promotes the highest standard of clinical work from students and encourages all students to achieve those standards. He uses positive encouragement and always exposes the students to new techniques which are not often taught in undergraduate clinics”.*

*“His constant drive to share his cases with students in attempt to educate and to reflect his work, demonstrates his continued learning despite already being a prosthodontist”.*

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Dr David McReynolds is an Assistant Professor in Restorative Dentistry at Dublin Dental University Hospital. He is a vocal advocate for innovative practices in teaching and in enhancing learning and is an emerging leader in teaching and learning in clinical dentistry.

David has a particular interest in clinical photography, videography and in the effective use of digital imaging to support and enhance learning with visual rhetoric and digital story-telling. In 2021, David was awarded The Professional Special Purpose Certificate in Academic Practice from CAPSL (Centre for Academic Practice and Student Learning) at Trinity College Dublin with 1st Hons.

Since undertaking this qualification, David works closely with CAPSL as a clinical lead on their Digital by Design (DbD) project: Building Capacity for Digital Education at Trinity through Communities of Practice.

**Dr David McReynolds,**  
was nominated by students of the Dublin Dental  
University Hospital

*“Dr McReynolds exposes students to the vast possibilities of prosthodontics and often allows students to decide which option is best. The discussion he has with students is collaborative and is always open to further questions”.*




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**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,  
MEDICINE PROGRAMME**

*“Dr O’Callaghan encourages her students to take active roles within the team. She will frequently suggest her students follow a number of patients throughout their hospital course and stay up-to-date with new test, referrals, nursing notes, etc. and present these patients to the team during morning rounds. My time spent with Dr O’Callaghan and her team is the closest I’ve ever felt to actually being a doctor during my 5 years studying medicine at Trinity”.*

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A portrait of Dr. Susie O'Callaghan, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, smiling slightly. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color.

Dr Susie O'Callaghan graduated from Trinity Medical School in 2005. She completed her Basic Specialist Training in Dublin before commencing her Higher Specialist Training in Geriatric Medicine in Limerick. She came to work in St. James's Hospital in 2015 where she developed her subspecialty interest in Falls and Syncope and worked as an assistant professor in Medical Gerontology. She completed her training in Geriatric and General Medicine in 2016 and took up a post as a consultant in Acute Medicine in St. James's Hospital, where she works now. She has been a Clinical Lecturer in Trinity since 2017 and Clinical Teaching Lead in Acute Medicine since 2019, accommodating medical students on her team throughout the year, in addition to being active in didactic teaching, bedside tutorials and examinations. She was the recipient of the Provost Teaching Award in Trinity in 2017, nominated by medical students. This year she assumed the role of Trinity Tutor and acts as an advocate and support to a group of tutees across multiple faculties. She is also a board member for the Diploma in Medicine of the Older Person with the Royal College of Physicians, a speaker on the Syncope and Related Disorders Certified Training Course in Mercer's Institute of Successful Ageing in St. James's and remains committed to the pursuit of excellence in medical education at all stages of training.

**Dr Susan O'Callaghan,**  
was nominated by the students and staff of the School of Medicine

*“Susie O’Callaghan treats all her patients with utmost dignity and respect. She goes above and beyond to ensure her patients get the best care as an inpatient and also as an outpatient. She is a role model in her compassion, empathy and attention to detail. Setting such a high standard of care is important for the medical students as they start their journey as a professional”.*





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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, THERAPIES PROGRAMMES

*“Anne-Maria clearly places the student at the centre of her teaching approach. Following her recent attendance at a Transgender Awareness webinar she advocated strongly to the Practice Education Team for the inclusion of preferred pronouns on the Student Placement CV”.*

*“Anne-Maria, our colleague, is an integral and much respected member of the Physiotherapy practice education team in Trinity and we believe she would be a worthy and deserving recipient of this award”.*



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Anne-Maria is a Practice Tutor in Physiotherapy in Tallaght University Hospital (TUH). She is a graduate of Physiotherapy from the University of Ulster at Jordanstown and has also completed an MSc in Neurology & Gerontology (RCSI). Her clinical background is in rehabilitation in an acute setting, with respiratory, neurological and older patient populations. Anne-Maria is undertaking the Special Purpose Certificate in Academic Practice at Trinity College Dublin. The central tenet of Anne-Maria's teaching philosophy is to foster a deep approach to learning and collaborative problem solving among physiotherapy students.

Anne-Maria has a special interest in teaching and learning pedagogies that support a positive learning environment, and promote independence in both identifying clinical learning needs and actively working to improve knowledge and skills for a confident and holistic approach to patient care. Most recently, Anne-Maria presented the results of a survey on patient's perceptions of physiotherapy students' ability to demonstrate empathy on clinical placement at INHED 2022.

**Anne-Maria Scanlon,**  
was nominated by the staff of the School of Medicine  
(Physiotherapy)

*“Anne-Maria was one of a small group of tutors that designed the Five-Minute Feedback Form (5MFF). As with all good innovations, this is a simple pragmatic tool that has reshaped the way the feedback process is structured throughout the placement process”.*



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A blue-tinted photograph of three people embracing each other. The person in the center is a man with a beard, and the two people on either side are younger individuals. The image is overlaid with a large, stylized graphic of three overlapping blue arrows pointing to the right.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

*“Kevin is a dedicated lecturer, who goes above and beyond to support students on the programme. His commitment to innovation and excellence in teaching and learning is evident from the performance of his students, their feedback and that of External Examiners of the programme over the last number of years”.*

*“His dedication to improving the service people who require palliative care receive is inspirational”.*

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Kevin Connaire is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery where he co-ordinates the MSc Palliative Care programme and is module leader for the specialist modules in Palliative Care. He was Director of Education in St. Francis Hospice from 2003 to 2021. He completed his PhD (Nursing) in Trinity College and a Fellowship in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He also completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Education Management and Leadership (e-Learning) in 2015 in DCU. He works as a Staff Nurse in the Inpatient Unit, St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown, caring for individuals with life limiting conditions and their families. He was Director of Education in St. Francis Hospice from 2003 to 2021. He is the recipient of a Health Research Board Fellowship in 2000; and was awarded an Education Fellowship from the All-Ireland Institute on Hospice and Palliative Care in 2015 which afforded him the opportunity to engage in e-Learning innovation and developments in Education.

Kevin has been active in his role in Practice Development, and he supports students both clinically and academically while on clinical placement in St. Francis Hospice.

**Kevin Connaire,**  
was nominated by staff from the School of Nursing & Midwifery

*“Kevin established a network of interdisciplinary colleagues who supported students as they progressed through their programme. This in turn ensured that the holistic needs of the person receiving palliative care, and their families, were addressed and supported by learners and graduates of the programme. This is truly translational education in practice”.*



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## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES



*“Tomás has provided experiential learning placements to pharmacy students for a number of years. He has provided valuable experience and insight into pharmacy to multiple students at all stages of the integrated pharmacy programme. He has stepped into support a students with a reasonable accommodation when a previous placement was unable to support and has assisted APPEL repeatedly when seeking experiential placements for students during challenging times. His mentorship, coaching and leadership skills are evident and students thrive under his guidance”.*

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Tomás Conefrey completed a BSc in General Science in UCD in 1994, after which he went on to graduate with a BSc (Hons) Pharmacy from the University of Sunderland in 1997. In 2018 he completed the altMBA, Pharmacy having completed 13 projects in association with 4 different learning groups over the period of 30 days.

He has been Superintendent Pharmacist in the Conefrey's CarePlus Pharmacy for 23 years, a position he very much enjoys. The duties involved with the position include ensuring all statutory regulations are met as detailed by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

**Mr Tomás Conefrey,**  
was nominated by the School of Pharmacy &  
Pharmaceutical Sciences

*“Tomás involves all of his staff and colleagues in supporting students on their experiential learning journey. They regularly completed CPD activities and learn about new products and services and share this with students while they are on placement”.*

*“Tomás is an excellent advocate for students and their continued education. He regularly highlights their achievements to APPEL, the School of Pharmacy, and the wider pharmacy community on social media and champions their contribution to the pharmacy profession”.*

