

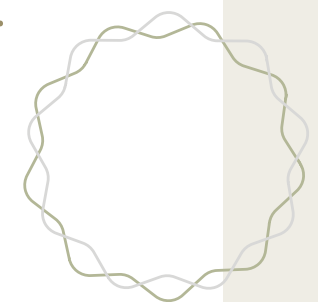
**2022-23**

**DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES AWARD**

FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO TEACHING  
IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE



This award celebrates the truly **extraordinary contributions made by some of our colleagues** in the clinical and allied healthcare settings to the ongoing success of our programmes.



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 2022-23, across all schools in the Faculty.

**Professor Brian O'Connell**  
Professor of Restorative Dentistry  
Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences



## 2022-23 Recipients

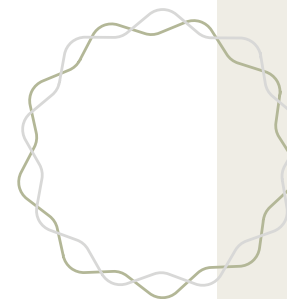
School of Dental Science  
**Dr Marielle Blake**

School of Medicine, Medicine Programme  
**Ms Claire Donohoe**

School of Medicine, Therapies Programmes (Occupational Therapy)  
**Ms Maureen Roberts**

School of Nursing and Midwifery  
**Ms Shauna Delaney**

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
**Mrs Karen Rossi**



**Dr Marielle Blake**  
School of Dental Science

*Marielle's students have benefitted from her dedication, knowledge, enthusiasm and positivity reflected in the successful completion of the 3-year Doctorate in Orthodontics programme.*

*Marielle has been proactive in promoting the adoption of new technology over many years. Specifically, she has been instrumental in exposing postgraduate students to an array of cutting-edge technologies ranging from specific orthodontic attachments to the use of aligners (including Invisalign) and intra-oral three-dimensional scanners. She has had the drive, foresight and enthusiasm to implement these approaches within a busy HSE orthodontic service.*

Dr. Blake graduated from the University of Dublin, Trinity College in 1985 and following graduation worked in the Dublin Dental Hospital from 1986-1990 as house surgeon, SHO and part-time supervisor. Following successful completion of her FDS she was accepted onto the Postgraduate Orthodontic training program at the University of Toronto and was awarded her Diploma in Orthodontics and the Membership of the Royal College of Dentists in Canada 1992. Following her time in Toronto Dr. Blake moved to the UK where she worked as an orthodontic registrar in Guildford. She did the Membership in Orthodontics in the Royal College of Surgeons London 1993.

She then completed her Senior Registrar training in Dublin Dental Hospital in 1996 and was appointed as a Consultant Orthodontist for the HSE based first in St James's Hospital and currently in Tallaght. Dr Blake has been involved in the teaching of both undergraduate and postgraduate dental students in the Dental School. She has been a clinical supervisor to the postgraduate orthodontic students in the HSE regional unit for the past 22 years. She also has a private orthodontic practice in Dublin.

Dr Blake was awarded an Honourary FFD from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Dr Blake was chair of the Education Committee of the Faculty of Dentistry RCSI for 3 years, chair of the Education Committee of the Dental Council in Ireland for 5 years and a board member of the Dublin Dental University Hospital for 6 years.

Dr Blake lectures extensively both nationally and internationally and her main interest is in clinical orthodontics.

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**Ms Claire Donohue**  
School of Medicine

*Claire has become known as one of the most committed clinical educators working with TCD and could not be more deserving of this award.*

*Claire is an invaluable asset to the department and stands out in terms of her dedication to promoting good teaching practice.*

Dr Claire Donohue graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 2006 and is a consultant surgeon specialising in upper GI surgery at St James' Hospital since 2019. She completed her general surgery training in Ireland and then travelled for two international fellowships in oesophagogastric surgery, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (UK) and in Minimally Invasive Surgery at Oregon Health & Sciences University (USA). She was awarded a PhD in 2013 for research in molecular oncology with the Dept of Surgery, TCD, funded by the Irish Cancer Society. She is currently conducting research into the immune environment in oesophageal adenocarcinoma and its role in responses to neoadjuvant treatment.

She also has a passion for medical education and holds a Masters in this area from the University of Dundee as well as a Diploma in Simulation from University of Galway. Specific areas of interest include utilising peer learning in medical education and the use of the humanities, specifically narrative based practice, in healthcare practice.

*'Cancer Voices': this is an educational podcast series being developed to enhance the undergraduate surgical curriculum, with a plan for use across further specialties and disciplines in the future. As narrative medicine is a particular interest of Ms. Donohue's, this project was entirely her idea, and she is directing it. It will involve patients being interviewed on their experience of cancer, covering topics like receiving a diagnosis, undergoing treatment, and life after cancer. This is an extremely innovative initiative which hopes to take the focus away from textbook medicine and take a holistic approach to the care of the patient.*

*Ms. Donohue provides weekly early morning tutorials to final year students focused on practical knowledge and skills required for starting intern year. As a recent TCD graduate, I know from first-hand experience that these tutorials stand out in terms of how comprehensive, engaging, practical and memorable they are.*



**Ms Maureen Roberts**  
School of Medicine (Occupational Therapy)

*With the ever-increasing diverse population of students within the Occupational Therapy programme, Maureen has been sensitive in supporting many students who require reasonable accommodations on placement. She has been willing, and responsive to making adaptations in the clinical setting to support the student's learning experience ensuring that they are on an equal playing field and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.*

Maureen joined the Practice Education Team as a Practice Tutor in the Discipline of Occupational Therapy, School of Medicine in 2014. She works as a Senior Occupational Therapist in The Royal Hospital Donnybrook with a clinical background and expertise in Neuro Rehabilitation, Fatigue management, Dementia Care, seating, posture, assistive technology and splinting.

Maureen graduated from Ireland's first School of Occupational Therapy, St Joseph's College, which was then under the governance of the Eastern Health Board. Since then, she has experienced the growth of the Occupational Therapy profession and journeyed with the educational advances to its current status in the School of Medicine in Trinity.

In 2022, Maureen completed and was awarded the Special Purpose Certificate in Academic Practice, from Trinity College Dublin. As Practice Tutor Maureen has presented at the Practice Education Network Conference in 2021, on the application of the Trinity guided reflection tool in practice education.

In addition to Maureen's involvement in the development and delivery of the practice education preparation modules within the Discipline of Occupational Therapy, Maureen teaches on the assistive technology and seating academic module.

Maureen applies her innovative ideas, creativity and positive outlook to encourage, engage and inspire students to attain professional skills and competencies within the placement setting. At the heart of her teaching philosophy is a student centred approach with a strong value on reflection to enhance professional growth and professional identity.

*Maureen has dedicated herself to ensuring that she remains current when it comes to advances in education, technology, and clinical practice to support the student's teaching and learning experience. Maureen applies different types of mediums to ensure that students with diverse learning approaches are catered for both within the classroom and in the clinical setting.*





**Ms Shauna Delaney**  
School of Nursing & Midwifery

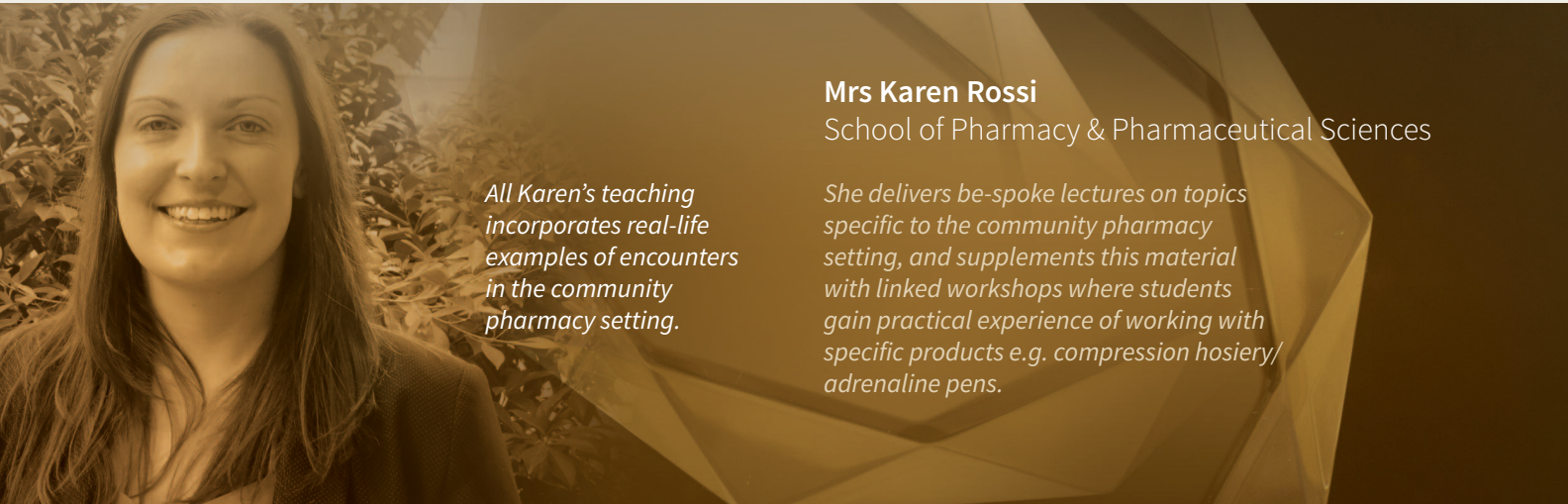
*Shauna emanates a grá for improving patient care through the delivery of exceptional multi method teaching to all levels of staff and students within critical care environment and beyond.*

Shauna Delaney graduated with a BSc degree in Children's and General Nursing (CGIDP) from Trinity College Dublin (TCD) in 2014. Shauna was elected a Scholar of Trinity College Dublin as a result of her academic excellence during her undergraduate studies. Shauna commenced her critical care career in Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London in the Cardiothoracic ICU before returning to ICU in Tallaght University Hospital in 2016 where she now works as a Clinical Nurse Educator. Shauna completed her Post-Graduate Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing in TCD in 2016 and subsequently completed her M.Sc in Clinical Health Science Education (CHSE) and is now a Registered Nurse Tutor (RNT). Shauna was recently awarded a PhD Scholarship from the School of Nursing and Midwifery in TCD where is now exploring the recovery experiences and unmet needs of critical illness survivors' in Ireland. In recent years Shauna has led out on a number of key initiatives within the critical care arena in Ireland including the first NMBI accredited New-Graduate Nurse in Critical Care Programme.

The central philosophy of Shauna's teaching and learning approach in clinical practice is ensuring patients receive excellence in nursing care, placing the patient and their loved ones at the core of everything she does.

*Shauna sees every moment of patient care as a learning opportunity for our undergraduate, new- graduate and post graduate students. She encourages engagement between students, patients, nurses and the wider multidisciplinary teams.*

*Shauna has enlisted a host of multidisciplinary team members to deliver lectures to the new- graduate nurses enrolled in the New-graduate Nurse in Critical Care Programme. This ensures they get a well-rounded programme delivered by subject matter experts.*



**Mrs Karen Rossi**  
School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

*All Karen's teaching incorporates real-life examples of encounters in the community pharmacy setting.*

*She delivers be-spoke lectures on topics specific to the community pharmacy setting, and supplements this material with linked workshops where students gain practical experience of working with specific products e.g. compression hosiery/ adrenaline pens.*

Karen Rossi, completed a BSc. (Pharm) in 2003 and MSc. (Community Pharmacy) in 2010, both from School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Trinity College Dublin. Karen is a practising community pharmacist in Boots Pharmacy Ireland. She also has experience of working in community and hospital pharmacy in Australia. In 2010 she took up the position of Teacher Practitioner in Practice of Pharmacy, Trinity College Dublin and also in Boots Ireland. She graduated with a Diploma in Higher Education (Teaching and Learning) from the School of Education, Trinity College Dublin in 2014.

Over the past 13 years she has contributed to the development and delivery of teaching to both undergraduates and postgraduates within the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. With a particular focus in developing communication skills in pharmacy students to provide excellent levels of patient care. In her role within Boots Ireland as a community pharmacist she has been tutor and mentor to numerous pharmacy students and also pharmacist tutors/preceptors.

As a Teacher Practitioner, she designs and delivers bespoke Boots Ireland programmes for pharmacy students completing the APPEL 2nd, 4th and 5th year placements. She also creates and supports the Boots Summer Placement Programmes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year pharmacy student, of which, many current and past TCD students have undertaken.

*Karen makes a significant contribution to the MPharm programme. She teaches across the spectrum of pharmacy practice and related modules in all years of the programme.*

*Karen is a superb advocate for students and has secured sponsorship and resources for them to help them throughout their MPharm journey.*