

NEWS

NUI Galway MBA scholarships for women

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NUI Galway's J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics is accepting applications for the 30% Club Scholarship to the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) programme for September 2021.

The scholarship aims to advance female leadership in businesses across Ireland and has brought increased female participation to NUI Galway's MBA programme.

"We are delighted by the continued partnership between the 30% Club and the NUI Galway MBA programme in promoting female leadership in all fields of business," said MBA Programme Director Martin Hughes.

"Each year, we welcome a high calibre of female candidates to the MBA programme, with the aim of supporting and contributing to greater representation in management education for women."

The 30% Club Ireland launched in 2015 with the aim of achieving gender balance in business and reaching 30% female representation on

boards and senior executive positions.

One of the 2020 recipients of the Scholarship, Sharon Fahy, Director of Regulatory Affairs at Medtronic, said undertaking the MBA has helped advance her career.

"Completing an Executive MBA with the J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics at NUI Galway has introduced me to a diverse network with a wealth of experience from a wide range of professional backgrounds.

"I am humbled and honoured to be a recipient of the 30% Club Scholarship.

"The need for a diverse workforce, where inclusive practices and flexible work arrangements allow females to lean in, continues to be of critical importance," she added.

Applications to the 30% Club and other MBA Scholarships can be submitted to the MBA Programme Administrator at mba@nuigalway.ie.

An MBA Open Evening is also set to take place virtually on April 21 and those interested can register to attend via the NUI Galway website.

OBITUARY

Milltown man made good in the USA

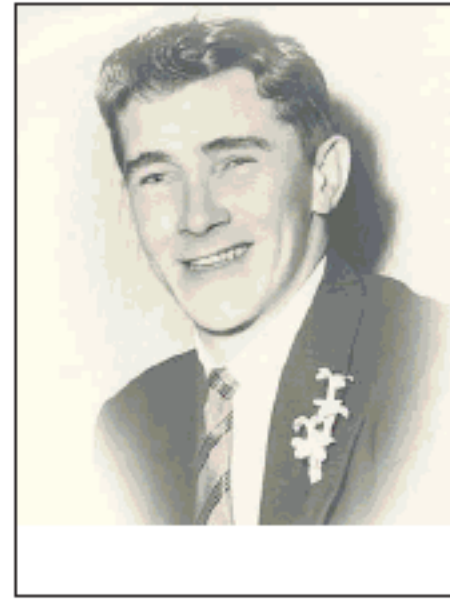
Jarlath Thomas O'Connor, Milltown and California

A MILLTOWN man who embodied the American dream of success through your own efforts has died in his adopted homeland.

Born on November 21, 1935, Jarlath "J.T." O'Connor died peacefully at home in Tiburon, California on March 29, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Described as "a towering pillar of the Irish community of San Francisco for many decades", Jarlath was born into a large family in Milltown, and after primary school there attended St. Jarlath's College in Tuam.

He worked with, and for his brother Tony at the latter's grocery business in Tuam, but like so many other young people of Ireland in the 20th century, including his brothers Michael and James, both priests, he was drawn to emi-



THE late Jarlath O'Connor as a young man.

grate to America.

Jarlath arrived in California in 1958 where he was welcomed by his brother Fr. Michael O'Connor and found a new home in San Francisco, where he met his wife Iris (Edgeworth) of Ballyconnell, Co Cavan.

He was drafted into the US Army, stationed briefly in Germany, and served in the San Francisco Police Department for eight years.

Along with Iris, he purchased Harrington Brothers Moving and Storage in Tiburon in 1968 and later expanded the business to buy and sell used furniture and antiques.

They soon moved Harrington Brothers to the building at Valencia and 17th Streets that houses the family business today, known as Harrington Galleries. He was a fixture on Valencia Street for over 50 years and helped countless young immigrants from Ireland and elsewhere to find their footing in San Francisco without ever losing their connection to the homes they had left behind.

He returned to Ireland innumerable times and instilled a great love of the country in his children and grandchildren.

He worked tirelessly in support of the Irish community in San Francisco, with particular focus on the United Irish Cultural Centre, the Irish Immigration Pastoral Centre, the Irish priests and nuns of the

Archdiocese of San Francisco, and the San Francisco GAA.

A family member wrote: "Jarlath was the living embodiment of the Irish-American dream. He was a singer, a storyteller, and the hardest working man you ever met. He shared his good fortune with people all over Ireland and the Bay Area. There won't be another one like him."

Jarlath was predeceased by his wife Iris, his son Stephen, his father and mother Anthony and Mary, sisters Eileen, Kathleen, and Julia, brothers Patrick, Michael, James, Tony, and Sean. He is survived by his daughter Fiona, his sons Michael and Shane, grandchildren Micaela, Aoife, Pilar, Claire, Iris, Declan, and Evelyn, and his sister Theresa.

His funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday April 8 at St Philip's Church, Diamond and Elizabeth Streets in San Francisco.

Interment is to take place in Ireland at a later date.

Transition Year Diary

Green lungs for St Jarlath's College - TY Students take environmental action

TRANSITION Year students at St Jarlath's College, as part of their Eco-UNESCO projects, engaged in an ambitious plan to ensure a Green Future for future students of the College by determining to plant trees on Campus to offset their carbon footprints.

Eco-UNESCO is Ireland's Environmental Education and Youth Organisation that works to conserve the environment and empower young people by developing their knowledge, skills and confidence that channels their passion into positive and creative actions that help create a sustainable planet.

The TY students developed three projects, 'Tree Huggers', 'Forces of Nature' and 'Don't be Trashy'.

The 'Tree Huggers' project aims were to create natural habitats for native Irish creatures which had been affected by recent construction works in and around the school and to set about replacing trees that were lost during construction and indeed to add more trees to the grounds to offset their Carbon Footprint.

They also had the objective of raising awareness of Biodiversity among the student body. This ambitious project culminated in TY students planting some 350 native Irish tree saplings throughout the



TY students Derec Reynolds, Luke Davin, Conor Heneghan, Sean Brandon alongside Rang Iarla students Michael Mullin, Eoin Judge and Matthew Reilly with teachers Ms Sarah Keane and Mr John Duggan.

College grounds.

Species included Oak, Birch, Walnut, Mountain Alder and Rowan. The trees were generously sponsored by Greenbelt.ie This project was completed in conjunction with Rang Iarla, the school's ASD unit. Rang Iarla students were only too delighted to help out with the planting and each student was given their own individual sapling to plant.

Greenbelt.ie is an Irish forestry company, headquartered in Cavan, but with the Western Region Facility overseen by forester Michael Moroney who covers counties Galway, Clare and Roscommon.

Michael advised the group on the species

that were selected and the best ways to plant them to ensure maturity to adult stage. Greenbelt offers to farmers a service to allow them plant new forests on their farmlands. Huge thanks are due to this company for without them this would not have been possible.

The 'Forces of Nature' group wanted to complement the work of the 'Tree Huggers' group by creating areas for biodiversity around the school grounds. They did this by seeking to create insect hotels and by erecting bird boxes among the existing wooded areas in school.

Finally, the 'Don't be Trashy' group's aim



A NEW nesting box at St Jarlath's College.

was to highlight the amount of illegal and unnecessary waste that we see in our locality. This group performed clean ups around the school and raised awareness on the issue advocating the abolition of single use plastics and encouraging us to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.

A big thank you from the TY students to Ms. Connie Burke and Ms. Sarah Keane (Environmental Studies Teachers), Mr John Duggan (TY Coordinator) and Mr Damien Dunleavy (School Caretaker) for all their help and support.



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