

Graduation

CLASS OF 2026



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HIGHER EDUCATION AND ACCESS AWARDS

Welcome



It's my pleasure to welcome you and your guests to the North West Regional College Higher Education and Access Graduation ceremony.

Today we celebrate the achievements of more than 600 graduates who have completed studies across our Higher Education and Access programmes, including Foundation Degree, Higher Level Apprenticeship, Higher National Diploma, and Professional Development. This includes the inaugural cohort of students who have successfully completed our Level 6 Top-Up Degree - BSc (Hons) Cyber Security and Emerging Technologies, validated by The Open University.

Graduation is a very special day to reflect on all your hard work and commitment and to celebrate your success with those who have supported you throughout your learning experience.

The College is extremely proud of all our graduates. We are delighted to celebrate this memorable occasion with you and mark the beginning of the next chapter in your life.

Thank you for choosing North West Regional College for your studies. We are proud to provide a Higher Education programme that creates opportunities for our graduates, be that employment or progression to university.

My warmest congratulations to each graduate on your achievements at North West Regional College. We encourage you to remain a part of the College community through our Alumni Association so that your future accomplishments may inspire those who follow in your footsteps.

I hope you have a wonderful day and I wish you every success for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo Murphy".

Leo Murphy

Principal and Chief Executive





ORDER OF *Ceremony*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Barra Best

Master of Ceremonies

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dr Catherine O'Mullan

Interim Principal and Chief Executive

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

HONORARY AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

CLOSING REMARKS

Prof Malachy Ó Néill

Chair of the Governing Body

GRADUATE VOTE OF THANKS

Aidan McLaughlin

HND in Performing Arts

PHOTOGRAPHY AND REFRESHMENTS



Honorary

AWARDS



GERI MARTIN

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Geri Martin is the Founder and Chief Chocolatier of The Chocolate Manor, an award-winning artisan chocolate business.

Her journey into chocolate making began while on maternity leave from her role as an Events Officer at NWRC, when she enrolled on a Chocolate Making course at the College.

In 2012, Geri launched The Chocolate Manor from her home kitchen. Through passion, innovation and entrepreneurial drive, the business has grown into one of Northern Ireland's most recognised artisan chocolate brands, attracting visitors from across the region and beyond. She has benefited from innovation support through NWRC's Foodovation Centre, working with food technology and product design specialists to develop and grow her products and business.

Geri is the Chair of Taste Causeway CIC and works closely with the NWRC Foodovation team to develop the business case for the proposed Foodovation and Skills Centre, a key project within the Causeway Coast and Glens Growth Deal.

Geri is the proud mum of two children, Abigail and Josh.

Contribution to Entrepreneurship



GARY RUTHERFORD

Gary Rutherford is the Founder and CEO of ARC Fitness, an innovative addiction recovery organisation that uses physical activity, professional support, community and hope to help individuals overcome addiction and the negative impact of substance use.

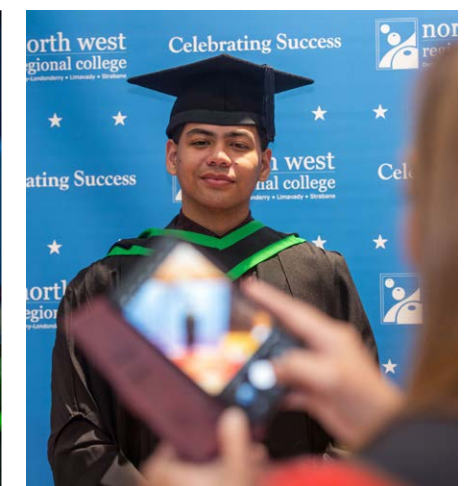
Gary began his educational journey at NWRC completing the Access course in Health & Welfare before progressing to train as a mental health nurse. He established ARC Fitness in 2019 with a clear mission to make recovery more accessible through community-based support and exercise.

Having achieved long-term recovery from substance misuse himself, Gary has dedicated his life to helping others rebuild their lives. He has supported countless individuals in improving their physical and mental wellbeing, creating a sense of belonging, purpose, and hope within communities across Northern Ireland.

Gary was previously awarded the Royal College of Nursing Nurse of the Year Award, and in September 2026 he was named the Northern Ireland regional winner of the Pride of Britain Awards.

Gary is married to Sarah and is a proud father to their daughter, Zoey.

Contribution to Addiction Recovery and Community Wellbeing





PRESENTATION
OF CERTIFICATES





FACULTY OF

Business, Media and Technology

**CMI Level 7 Certificate
in Strategic Management
and Leadership Practice**

Kimberley Boyle
Niamh Costello
Stephen Ferguson
Tomazina Harkin
James Toal
Gareth Whitmore
Katie Wray

**Bsc (Hons) Top Up Degree in
Cyber Security and Emerging
Technologies (Open University)**

Conor Edwards
Conor Kelly
Oisin Kelly
Niamh McAuley
Cameron McCurdy
Kieran McDaid
Oisin McNulty
James Moore
Alesha Nawaz
Zac O'Neill

**Foundation Degree
In Cybersecurity
(Open University)**

Mark Beattie
Conor Cassidy
Luke Cossiga
Ethan Devine
Kelvin Diver
Jack Duffy
Theresa Dunlop
Lana Erasmus
Joshua Griffin
Mary McColgan
Harry McFarland
David McGill
Erin McGilligan
Niall McGonagle
Ronan McKeown

Chinmaya Panchapagesan
Joseph Serna

**Foundation Degree
In Computing
(Ulster University)**

Molly Campbell
Jason Cheung
John James Crossan
Kaitlyn Deschner
Courtney Divin
Eoin Harkin
Luca Loeillot
Jack McDermott
Caoimhin McLaughlin
Callum Moroney
Jermaine Santos
Reece Thompson

**Foundation Degree in Software
Development (Ulster University)**

Shane Bunting
James Kirk
Gemma McDaid
Jack Morrison
Alexander Reed

**OCN NI Level 4 Diploma
in Software Testing**

Kevin Browne
Alexandra Cooke
Thomas Costigan
Olena Drapova
Olivia Dunne
Conor Ferguson
Gareth Foy
Lee Humphrey
Ryan Logue
Oleksandra Poltoranina
Alan Selfridge
Sweksha Shukla
Deirdre Starrs

**Foundation Degree in
Business and Enterprise
(Ulster University)**

Mohid Bin Jawwad
Oliwia Czarnecka
Nicole Earley
Rhianna Gallagher
Lisa Hogg
Ryan McAulay
Aodhan O'Doherty
Aodhfin Taggart
Harry Wilson

**ATI Level 5 Diploma For
Accounting Technicians**

Mia Bell
Eve Doherty
Kate Donaghy
Lauren Ferguson
Aoife Molloy
Orla O'Donnell
Isabella Roddy
Claire Turner

**ATI Level 4 Certificate For
Accounting Technicians**

Leanne Clarke
Aimeelee Cooke
Grace Cullinane
Christopher McCafferty
Rhys McCandless
Aisling McCorkell
Curtis Montgomery
Charles Moore
Rhianna O'Neill
Marie Phelan
Ciaran Quigley
Emma Slavin
Gail Snodgrass

**City & Guilds Level 5
Certificate In Leadership
and Management**

Rebecca Armstrong
Leanne Colhoun
Angela Conway
Danielle Devine
Deirdre Doherty
Doireann Doherty
Tina Doolin
Paula Friel
Niall Gallagher
Nicola Graham
Nicole Hutchinson
Aisling Hutton
Grace Kane
Lindsey Kelly
Sebastianne Kenny
Andrew Martin
Fiona McCann
Jacqueline McCollam
Ciara McElhinney
Charlotte McKendry
Christopher McKenna
Richard McQuaid
Stephen Moore
Tania Morelli
Ashlee Mullan
Leanne Mullin
Alison O'Kane
Aoibhinn Quinn
Lee Ryan
Shauna Spence
Kai Umetsu
Julie White

**CIPD Level 5 Associate Diploma
in People Management**

Charlene Cullen
Temitope Ibukun Emmanuel
Katie Forrest
Eamonn Gallagher
Sheryl Gault
Georgina Harkin
Emer Loughrey
Zara McLaughlin

Majella McHugh
Clare McSparron
Aisling Seery
Katie Shannon
Kimya Toussi
Maeliosa Whorriskey

**OCN NI Level 4 Award in
Social Media and Digital
Marketing**

Blessing Alawiye
Rachel Chambers
Michelle Forde
Brogan Haldane
Sarah Henderson
Bronagh Johnston
Barry McCluskey
Breda McConalogue
Roise O'Dochartaigh
Cayla O'Kane
Cathy Smallwoods
Catherine Spencer
Niamh Stewart

**NCTJ Level 5 Diploma
in Journalism**

Olivia McAteer
Paul McConnell
Kane McGlynn
Philomena McInaw
Blathnaid McQuaide
Garbhan Moriarty
Tristian Whitney

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma in
Creative Media Production
(Journalism)**

Jonathan Cullen
Joshua Kingh
Ronan O'Donnell

**Pearson BTEC Level 4
Higher National Certificate
in Journalism**

Lillie McClenaghan
Sam O'Donnell

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma in
Creative Media Production
(Film)**

Emma Bradley
Raymond Cassidy
Lucas Deighan
Adam Divin
Hannah Doyle
Emma Fox
Eve Jack
Max Johnston
Veli Kaya
Ben Lagan McCullough
Shay Malseed
Jake McDermott
Ryan McGill
Annie McKay
Alanna Rafferty
Chris Rowe
Josh Treanor

**Pearson BTEC Level 4
Higher National Certificate
in Film and Television**

Niall Derges Bonner

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma in
Art and Design (Digital Design)**

Christina Beckett
Niamh Clifford
Kalen Gallagher
Oisin O'Farrell

FACULTY OF

Creative, Performing Arts and Therapies

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma in
Art and Design (Art Practice)**

Joshua Gamble
Rionach McCarthy

**Pearson BTEC Level 4
Higher National Certificate in
Art and Design (Art Practice)**

Jill Curry
John Doherty
Deborah Mullan
Elena Stewart

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma in
Art and Design (Textiles)**

Liubov Konoplenko
Cathy Mullan
Yolande Shannon
Wiktorja Zemlik

**Pearson BTEC Level 4
Higher National Certificate
in Fashion and Textiles**

Ella Flood
Luka Greene

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma
in Fine Art**

Devin Lee Kane
Olivia Logue
Charlotte McKendry
Nicholas Moore
Hannah Neely
Saoirse Nicdaibheid
Steven Roberts

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma in
Music (Session Musician)**

Lewys Baylis
Caoilte Canning
Cody Crawford
Brandon Deery
Leia Doherty
Oisin Kerrigan
Odhran McCann
Terence McGuinness
Ralf McKeown
Fionnuala McMenamin
Caitlin Smith

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma
in Music (Production)**

Todd Anderson
Harry Goodman
Niamh Johnstone
Patrick McGrath
Niall McLaughlin
David Montgomery
Lewis Nevin
Cain Patton

**Pearson BTEC Level 5
Higher National Diploma
in Performing Arts**

Rebekah Blair
Shea Devine
Blake Dunlop
Conor McColgan
Caitlin McGee
Aidan McLaughlin
Erin McMahon
Sasha Porter
Roisin Quinn
Ava Radcliffe
Hannah Tinney
Mark Torrens

**Pearson BTEC Level 4
Higher National Certificate
in Performing Arts**

Cara Ryan
Laura Szymanska

**OCN NI Level 5 Extended
Diploma in Hair and Beauty
Management**

Niamh Breslin
Karen Brolly
Emma Brown
Claudia Daly
Rachel Gill
Natalie Hanley
Yvonne Harte
Kirsty Hillen
Lynda Jayne Hunter
Amy McCourt
Meghan McDaid
Samantha McFadden
Lauren McLaughlin
Ashleigh Moore
Sarah Jane Robinson

**OCN NI Level 5 Diploma in
Hair and Beauty Management**

Thaynara Souza

**OCN NI Level 5 Extended
Certificate Hair and Beauty
Management**

Rebekah Knox

**VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4
Certificate in Hair Reduction
and Skin Rejuvenation Using
Intense Pulsed Light Systems**

Katie Cassidy
Audrey Cassidy-Steele
Ann Hinds
Aisling Kelly

**VTCT Skills Level 4 Diploma
in Reflexology for the
Complementary Therapist**

Brid Bianconi
Catharine Condren
Michelle Crawford
Ciara Cunningham
Marie McGinty
Cheryl Ann McKeegan
Geraldine O'Donnell
Rachel Rankin
Sharon Webb

**Access Diploma in Combined
Studies (Ulster University)**

Mutwakil Bella
Terri-Ann Buttress
Lorna Cairns
Justin Callaghan
Chloe Coyle
Cian Cunningham
John Joe Doherty
Owen Doherty
Mutaz Elhag
Laoise Farren
Renee Harley
Emma Hesketh
Fintan Ihuarula
Calvin Kennedy
Caomhan McFadden
Leah McGarvey
Brandon McGuigan
Matthew McGurk
Rionach McIntyre
Damien McKenna
Liam McLaren
Darren McLucas
Karen Morrison
Aaliyah Mulhern

Charmaine Mullan
Timothy O'Donnell
Kelsey O'Neill
Agnieszka Plata
Carla Reilly
Adam Robinson
Reece Scott
Jason Shiels
Andrew Smyth
Leonhard Thomasius

**Certificate in Adult
Learning Combined Studies
(Ulster University)**

Daneka Bell
Noel Devlin
Seanan Donnelly
Elisha Doran
Jade Gallagher
Aidan McCartney
Ciara McCloskey
Barry McGrory
Sophie Moore



FACULTY OF
Engineering, Construction and Sustainability

Foundation Degree in
Mechanical Engineering
(Ulster University)

Ethan Ashe
Ryan Clarke
Thomas Doughty
Benjamin Galbraith
Jack Moran
Darragh O'Donnell
Filip Podsada
Ty Pollock
Caitlin Warke

Pearson BTEC
Level 5 Higher National
Diploma in Construction
Management

Conor Crumley
Phoebe Garside
Caitlin McLaughlin
Martin McLaughlin
Mark Smith

Pearson BTEC Level 4
Higher National Certificate in
Construction Management

Christopher Beattie
James Johnson
Shane McCarney
Shea Moran
Karen Simms

Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher
National Diploma Engineering
(Electrical and Electronic
Engineering)

Marius Bernotas
David McLaughlin
Nile Simpson
Laurence Stewart

Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher
National Certificate Engineering
(Electrical and Electronic
Engineering)

Kyle Allen
Mia Armstrong
Aoibheann Carlin

Aaron Deans
Andrew Donnell
Joshua Durnin
Jamie Gillespie
Michael Harp
Oliver Henderson
Jodie Jordan
Gareth Kilpatrick
Owen Mackenzie
Oisin McGlinchey
Stephen McGowan
Jamie McLaughlin
Orrin McLaughlin
Eoin McNulty
Darragh O'Brien
Dylan O'Hara
Jamie O'Kane
Shea Roddy
Wojciech Szatko

Pearson BTEC Level 4
Higher National Certificate
in Engineering (General)

Dylan Jackson
Arlen Magee
Caoimhe McCloskey
Conor McGuigan

DID YOU KNOW?

From YouTubing to Beekeeping,
Photography to Science, there's
a Part-Time course for you
with NWRC



FACULTY OF

Life and Healthcare Sciences

Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies (QUB)

Natasha Boyle
Kiera Bradshaw
Kayleigh Clifford
Aaron Devlin
Kayla Doherty
Tara Doherty
Aine Ferry
Hannah Gallagher
Holly Hutton
Taneeshka Kelly
Grace Kelly-McGlynn
Anna Lynch
Katie McGlynn
Erin McLaughlin
Kelly McLaughlin
Leah McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin
Rhianna McLaughlin
Chloe Montgomery
Ciara O'Connor
Thomas Seaton
Dervla Starrs
Emma Stewart
Keely Whoriskey

Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

Charley Bell
Eve Blackman
Jamielee Bonner
Ellen Buick
Catherine Burke
Alice Burns
Christine Doherty
Megan Feeney
Rebecca Hutton
Teaghan Hutton
Terri Lamberton
Deynah Lynch
Meaghan McCabe
Mollie McCallion
Carla McClay
Paddi McDaid

Lucy McGonagle
Sophie McGowan
Mia McIntyre
Ann Marie McLean
Demi Moore
Elisha Moss
Catherine Mullan
Lorna Ni Cheallaigh
Freya Price
Orna Taylor
Eva Walsh

Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care

Peculiar Ogwor-Chidi

NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Childrens Care, Learning and Development (Management) (Northern Ireland)

Davina Doherty
Natasha Lester
Eirinn McColgan
Alisha McKenna
Leah Myers
Audrey Stewart

OCN NI Level 4 Certificate in Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences and Building Resilience

Amy Cooper
Kelly Dargan
Shauna Doherty
Lisa Donaghy
Hollie Edwards
Maxine Edwards
Lisa McCavery
Yolanda Otto Dantas
Lyn Patton
Lisa Scholes

OCN NI Level 4 Certificate Working with Parents

Jacob Ferris
Lynette Glen
Rosin Hamill
Donna O'Kane
Lyndsey Tavares

Foundation Degree in Science in Health and Social Care (Ulster University)

Fainche Deans
Joshua Downey
Denise Kennedy
Jordan McGarvey
Erin Roberts

Certificate in Higher Education Health and Social Care (Ulster University)

Natasha Clarke
Ella Glosby

Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare Practice (Open University)

Kenechukwu Alum
Karen Baxter
Megan Bradley
Ailbhe Callaghan
Amy Gallinagh
Alyssa Greer
Hannah McDermott
Adam Sattar
Dylan Sills
Cara Snodgrass

Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Healthcare Practice (Integrated Health and Social Care)

Bryan Campbell
Carey Coll
Holly Coyle
Eoin Hancock
Emma Harkin
Ellie Hudson
Cara Kelly
Stephen McClelland
Jessica McHale
Katie Jo McNamee
Mia Mitchell
Sorcha Passmore
Eimhear Scott
Emma Wilders
Sophie Wilson

OCN NI Level 5 Diploma in Leadership in Health and Social Care (Adult Management / Adult Residential Management) (Northern Ireland)

Michael Breslin
Nicola Reid

OCN NI Level 5 Diploma in Leadership in Health and Social Care (Adult Management) (Northern Ireland)

Colleen Toland

Foundation Degree in Integrative Counselling Practice (Ulster University)

Helen Anderson
Robert Bradley
Elaine Campbell
Wendy Conway

Tara Crumlish
Theresa Farrell
Anna Hallett
Ellen Hegarty
Louise Judge
Lauren Keenan
Sheila Keyes
Landedes Land
Sarah Mahon
Lana Maxwell
Caroline McGee
Margaret O'Reilly
Donna Sheppard

Certificate Higher Education in Counselling Studies (Ulster University)

Tracy Carragher
Andrew Clarke
Nakita Coul
Alice Foster
Terri Kelly

Ulster University Certificate of Higher Education Counselling Studies AND Open University Certificate of Higher Education Community Health and Recovery (Substance Use and Harm Reduction)

Joanne McGowan

Certificate of Higher Education Community Health and Recovery (Substance Use and Harm Reduction) (Open University)

Helen Cargill
Michael Dillon
Natasha Donnell
Steven Duddy
Alicia Hanly
Julie Ann Harrigan
Karen McDaid

Chantelle McGarvey
Gareth McGilloway
Sinead Mercer
Jody Murphy
Violet Toland

CPCAB Level 5 Diploma in Counselling Children and Young People

Michelle Boyle
Amanda Doherty
Mary Fitzpatrick
Nicole Gillespie
Blinne Hogan
Aine McCusker
Alice McDermott
Valerie McLucas
Louise McLushane
Patricia Murphy
Alan O'Connell

Level 4 Certificate in Counselling Studies (Ulster University)

Paul Bonar
Brooke Canning
Ashleigh Coyle
May Duffy
Jennifer Finch
Jacquiline Gill
MaryRose Kern
Mark McCallion
Rory McGilligan
Pauline McNamee
Roberta Simpson

CPCAB Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling

Evelyn Aleye Boyle
Oonagh Coyle
Ioanna Ladopoulou
Lauren Lynch
Ciara McGilloway

**Foundation Degree in
Medical and Applied Science
(Ulster University)**

Alice Bradley
Eoghain Campbell
Mark Carleton
Cara Doherty
Marissa Hamilton
Sarah Harkin
Emily Hawkins
Elizabeth Holland
Ben McIvor
Darragh McNulty
Robbie Millar
Maria Moya Ortiz
Chukwuka Nwanonyeni
Finola Sheerin
Katie Vance
Sol Young

**Certificate of Higher Education
Applied and Medical Science
(Ulster University)**

Victoria Warnock

**Foundation Degree in
Sport Coaching and Fitness
(Ulster University)**

Leo Allen
Jack Crampsey
Paul Doherty
Sean Gorman
Aimee Green
Aoife Kelly

Christopher McCann
Caoimhin McCartney
Adam McLaughlin
Danny Whoriskey

**University Access Diploma
in Health and Welfare
(Queens University)**

Abdullahi Abdulrasaq
Vincent Auld
Emily Brolly
Niamh Brown
Adam Browne
Corralee Canning
Mary Clare Cassidy
Shannon Cole
Christy Cowler
Martina Curtis
Ciara Devine
Susie Doherty
Abbie Donnell
Kevin Drewery
Stacey Duddy
Lauren Finlay
Heather Gillespie
Thomas Green
Niamh Houston
Kathryn Langan
Dylan Lynes Fletcher
Dawn MaCrory
Andrea McCarney
Zara McCartney
Lisa McDonald
Alicia McGilloway
Siobhan McGowan
Tracey McGowan
Shanice McGrath

Gemma McNamee
Hayleigh Meenan
Kelly Meenan
Keiana Moore
Luc Moran
Karen Mullan
Rebecca Nicell
Jessica Nixon
Stella Odumukwu
Holly Ogilby
Aoibhe O'Kane
Clara Quigley
Shania Roulston
Sophie Roulston
Cara Starrs
Baeli Stothard

**Access Diploma in Science
(Ulster University)**

Felicity Beardwood
Emmett Boyle
Chris Campbell
Shay Doherty
Ashling Gallagher
Melanie Harkin
Rebecca McDaid
Conal McErlean
Kelly McGrath
Elvis Maina Mwangi
Lauren O'Reilly
Alex Porter
Danielle Savage
Sean Thompson



Graduates

STAY IN TOUCH

At NWRC we are immensely proud of our graduates, many of whom have taken what they learned here and gone on to have amazing careers.

Join our Student Ambassador programme and share your experiences to inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

Scan the QR code to sign-up or visit:
nwrc.ac.uk/ambassador





SPECIAL
AWARDS



Faculty of
Business, Media
and Technology

Outstanding Performance in
BSc (Hons) Cyber Security
and Emerging Technologies
sponsored by Alchemy

Niamh McAuley

Outstanding Performance
in Foundation Degree in
Cybersecurity

Chinmaya Panchapagesan

The Denis Pegg Award

*(Awarded for Excellence
in Software Engineering)*

Courtney Divin

Best Foundation Degree
in Business and Enterprise
Student

Lisa Hogg

Accounting Technicians
Ireland

*(Highest Grade For Accounting
Technicians Ireland Diploma
(HLA Student))*

Lauren Ferguson

Accounting Technicians Ireland

*(Highest Grade For Accounting
Technicians Ireland Certificate
(Part-Time Student))*

Leanne Clarke

Student Excellence Award
for ILM Level 5 Leadership
and Management Award

Rebecca Armstrong

Belfast Telegraph Award for
Excellence

Olivia McAteer

Irish News Award
for Excellence

Paul McConnell

Broadcast and Electronic
Solutions Ltd Award

*(Awarded for Best HND in
Creative Media Production
Film Student)*

Eve Jack

Joseph Harron Award

*(Awarded for Digital Design
Creativity in HND Digital Design)*

Oisin O'Farrell



Faculty of Creative,
Performing Arts
and Therapies

The Wright Perpetual Award
for Achievement

Deborah Mullan

McNutt Award

*(Awarded for Best
Constructed Textiles)*

Yolande Shannon

Context CCA
Derry-Londonderry
Award

*(Awarded to HND in
Fine Art Student)*

Devin Lee Kane

Freddie Clifford Award

*(Awarded for HND
in Fine Art)*

Saoirse Nicdaibheid

Blast Furnace Award

*(Awarded for the Highest
achieving student in HND
Music Production)*

Todd Anderson

Amelia Records Award

*(Awarded for the Outstanding
Student in HND Music)*

Lewis Nevin

The Nova Artist's Award

*(Awarded for Outstanding Student
in Performing Arts)*

Aidan McLaughlin

Outstanding Academic
Excellence in Level 5
Extended Diploma in
Hair and Beauty
Management

Niamh Breslin

Personal Achievement
and Commitment in Level 5
Extended Diploma in Hair
and Beauty Management

Yvonne Harte

The Kerry McClay Award

*(For Commendable Academic
Achievement in Level 5 Extended
Diploma in Hair and Beauty
Management)*

Lauren McLaughlin

Award for Outstanding
Professional Excellence
in Level 4 Reflexology

Marie McGinty

Outstanding Commitment and
Achievement in Access Diploma
Combined Studies (Full-Time)

John Joe Doherty

Outstanding Commitment and
Achievement in Access Diploma
Combined Studies (Part-Time)

Emma Hesketh

Award for Highest Marks in
Access Diploma in Combined
Studies (Part-Time)

Chloe Coyle

Award for Highest Marks in
Access Diploma Combined
Studies (Full-Time)

Laoise Farren

The Seamus Mc Caul
Memorial Award

*(Awarded for the Access
Diploma in Combined Studies
Adult Learner of the Year)*

Karen Morrison



Faculty of
Engineering,
Construction and
Sustainability

Du Pont Perpetual Award

*(Awarded for Best Foundation
Degree Mechanical Engineering)*

Ryan Clarke

Best HND in Construction
and the Built Environment
Student

Phoebe Garside

BIC Systems Award

*(Awarded for Best HNC
in Electronics / Engineering
Final Year Project)*

David McLaughlin



Faculty of Life and Healthcare Sciences

Outstanding Commitment and Achievement in Early Years

Chloe Montgomery

Academic Excellence in Early Years

Thomas Seaton

Student Excellence Award for commitment and Achievement in Early Years Care and Education

Alice Burns

Award for Outstanding Commitment and Achievement to Professional Development in the Early Years Sector

Lucy McGonagle

Award for the HND in Early Childhood Studies Student Showing Outstanding Contribution to Early Years Care and Education

Lorna Ni Cheallaigh

The Sean Mellon Memorial Award

(For Excellence in Early Years)

Natasha Lester

Award for Academic Excellence in Foundation Degree Health and Social Care

Denise Kennedy

Academic Excellence in Higher Education Certificate in Healthcare Practice

Alyssa Greer

The Aisling Barnett Memorial Award

Stephen McClelland

Healthtec Award

(For Academic Excellence in HNC Healthcare Practice)

Mia Mitchell

Award for Academic Excellence in Foundation Degree in Integrative Counselling

Louise Judge

Award for Academic Excellence in Certificate in Community Health and Recovery (Substance Use and Harm Reduction)

Julie Ann Harrigan

Award for Outstanding Commitment and Achievement in Counselling Children and Young People

Amanda Doherty

Award for Academic Excellence in Level 4 Certificate Counselling Studies (Ulster University)

(Joint Award)

Paul Bonar
Roberta Simpson

Randox Award for Outstanding Performance in Medical and Applied Science

Finola Sheerin

The Derry City Council Award

(Awarded for Sporting and Academic Achievement)

Jack Crampsey

Highest Academic Achievement Award on Full-Time Access Health and Welfare

Kevin Drewery

Highest Academic Achievement Award on Part-time Access Health & Welfare

Stacey Duddy

The Lucia O'Kane Award

For Excellent Commitment and Participation on Full-Time Access Health and Welfare

Thomas Green

The Lucia O'Kane Award

(For Excellent Commitment and Participation on Part-Time Access Health and Welfare)

Lisa McDonald

Award for Academic Excellence for Access Diploma in Science (Full-Time)

Elvis Maina Mwangi

Award for Academic Excellence for Access Diploma in Science (Part-Time)

Danielle Savage

DID YOU KNOW?

Students Margaret Rose and Megan clocked an impressive 80k views on our TikTok, showcasing their time at the College



HIGHLIGHTS
OF 2025/26



COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS
2025/26

Royal Seal of Approval

The College's Business Support Team were presented with **The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Education**, the highest national honour awarded to UK Colleges and Universities.

Ai-n't He Clever?

Computing student **Louie Proctor** was the only student from Northern Ireland to win a place at the **Patch x OpenAI Young Builders Week** in Dublin – bringing together some of Ireland's brightest young tech minds.

Standing Together Against Violence

NWRC hosted its first ever Ending Violence Against Women and Girls conference at our Strand Road campus.

Karen's Blanket of Hope (1)

Art student **Karen McLaughlin** took to the airwaves to share the story behind a blanket she created for her end of year exhibition. Drawing on her childhood experience of homelessness in London, her blanket reflects the deep value she places on the comfort and security of having a home.

It's all 'Second Nature' to Aoife (6)

Art & Design lecturer **Aoife Harvey** took part in **Ireland Fashion Week** showcasing her latest collection 'Second Nature' continuing her quest bring sustainable fashion to a wider audience.

Growth Deal to Unlock Major Investment (3)

We were delighted to host the signing of the **£129 million Growth Deal Financial Agreement** for Causeway Coast and Glens at our Limavady campus. This represents one of the most significant milestones to date, confirming the full funding package and enabling investment to begin flowing into transformational projects across the borough.

Student of the Year

Beauty student, **Paula McKinney** from Limavady campus was named **Dermalogica Student of the Year**.

Students Bring Tile and Style to UK Finals

Three NWRC students from Tiling and Hairdressing are set to compete against some of the top competitors in the UK in a series of **skills competitions** this November.

A Perfect Ten

Ten NWRC students are making history today as the first inaugural cohort to successfully complete the Level 6 BSc (Hons) Cyber Security and Emerging Technologies **Top-Up Degree**, validated by The Open University.

Bon Appétit, Alana

Level 2 Professional Cookery student **Alana Pearson** travelled to Italy with Curriculum Manager Leyonia Davey for the **CombiGuru Challenge** final. The competition offers chefs the opportunity to enhance their culinary skills in a unique and exciting learning environment.

Bowled Over With Success (5)

Woodworking apprentice **Sam Haslett** from the College's Greystone campus played for the Ireland Under-19 squad at the **Cricket World Cup** in Namibia.

An Award-Winning Smile (2)

Cody Brown, an Early Years student at Strabane campus had plenty to smile about after being named the winner of the **2026 Eileen Cairns Award**.

Scholarships for STEAM students

Twenty-seven Higher Education students have received prestigious **SSE Scholarships** to support their studies across Art & Design, Business & Enterprise, Media and Journalism, Computing, Engineering, Science, Performing Arts and Music Production.

Kicking Off As Tournament Sponsor (4)

NWRC was proud to once again sponsor the **Foyle Cup**, with students and staff attending matches to provide expert performance analysis & data to support teams and coaches.







Memories



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