

UCD Veterinary Sporting Greats

Laochra Spóirt Scoil Tréidliachta UCD



A Celebration of Veterinary Sporting Achievement

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UCD Astra Hall



UCD School of Veterinary Medicine - A Celebration of Veterinary Sporting Achievement

A chairde ón saol tréidliachta, ba mhaith liom a rá, thar ceann na Scoile, go dtugann sé an-sásamh dom mar Déan 'Laochra Spóirt Scoil Tréidliachta UCD' a cheiliúradh libh.

It gives me great pride as Dean of the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine to celebrate veterinary sporting achievement with you.

Combining academic endeavour with sporting achievement requires extraordinary dedication and commitment. The School is proud of colleagues, students and alumni who have achieved so highly, as well as all who participate in sport at any level, as players and as volunteers, making a huge contribution to the community in Ireland.

I would like to sincerely thank all of those who have made this very special evening possible. Our sponsors, Bimeda, Zoetis and MSD Animal Health; Dominic O'Keeffe and Jason Masterson of UCD Student Centre; the event Working Group (Helen Graham, Aidan Kelly, Eoin Ryan); Evanne Ní Chuilinn of RTE, our panel and special guests and everyone who contributed names and information to the project including colleagues in the School and Alumni – *Tá mé fíor buíoch daoibh go léir!*



Professor Michael Doherty
Dean & Head of School



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This event is in support of the Irish Veterinary Benevolent Fund, a charitable trust established and supported by the veterinary professions. The IVBF is dedicated to supporting veterinary professionals and their families, primarily through two programmes - a financial

support programme and the Veterinary Assistance Programme. This evening, there will be an opportunity to support the excellent work that the IVBF do - any assistance you can give will be much appreciated.

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Our Sporting Greats Panel



Brian Dooher

MVB | 1998 | Gaelic Football - Tyrone



Brian Dooher was a member of the Tyrone senior football team from 1995 to 2011, winning three All-Irelands, five Ulster Championships and two National League titles during this period. He also won three All-Star Awards and six Ulster All-Stars. He played GAA for UCD, winning the Sigerson Cup in 1996 and also represented Ireland in the International Rules Series.

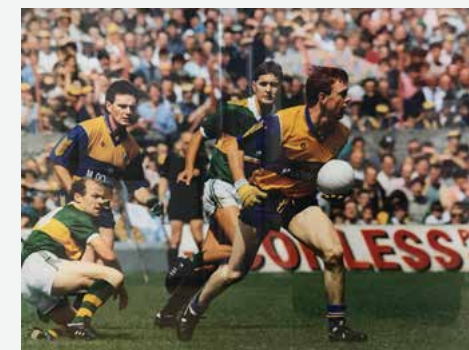
On TG4's Laochra Gael programme, Tyrone manager Mickey Harte described Dooher's point in the 2008 All-Ireland final as the '*score of all time... I don't think I've ever seen a better point scored in Croke Park.*'



Ger Kelly

MVB | 1992 |

Gaelic Football - Clare



Ger Kelly played Gaelic Football for Clare, and was a member of the team that won the Munster Championship in 1992. The match against Kerry was played at the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick, and was Clare's first appearance in a provincial final in 43 years. They beat Kerry 2-10 to 0-11 and claimed the Banner County's first Munster title since 1917. The team progressed to the All-Ireland semi-final, where they lost out to Dublin.

Susie Mitchell

MVB | 2005 | Cycling



Susie Mitchell was introduced to track cycling in the Summer of 2011, having previously enjoyed mountain biking, surfing and adventure racing. She won a National Medal on the track just weeks after the birth of her daughter in 2013, and went on to win a World Masters title less than 3 months after that. In 2015, Susie was a gold medal winner at the World Track Masters Championship.

Derek McGrath

MVB | 1984 | Rugby & Horse Racing



Derek McGrath played rugby for Ireland from 1984-87, and was a member of the 1987 World Cup squad. He made his debut against Scotland in May 1984, and one of the highlights of his playing career was an outstanding display from the flank in the 1987 World Cup quarter final against Australia. He was Chief Executive of the European Rugby Cup, which oversaw the Heineken

Cup and the Amlin Challenge Cup, from 2000 to 2014. He was appointed CEO of the Curragh in 2016, and is overseeing the redevelopment of the Curragh Racecourse.

Shane McGuckin

MVB | 1991 | Hurling - Offaly



Shane McGuckin played at right corner-back for the Offaly senior hurling team, making his first appearance during the 1990-91 National League and playing at that level until he retired in 1997. During his playing career, he won one All-Ireland medal, two Leinster medals and one National Hurling League medal. He also had success at club level with St Rynagh's, winning four county titles and one Leinster title.

Fiona O'Brien

MVB | 2011 | Rugby



Fiona O'Brien was a member of the Irish Women's Rugby team that won the Six Nations in 2015. She received her first cap for Ireland in their opening match of the Championship against Italy. Fiona began playing rugby in 2009 and has played for Leinster and Ulster, and is currently the captain of Old Belvedere Women's team.



Nicky Rackard

(represented by his niece, Sue Rackard)

MVB | 1949 | Hurling - Wexford



Nicky Rackard played hurling for Wexford from 1940 to 1957 and is regarded as one of the greatest hurlers in the history of the sport. He's the top championship goal-scorer of all time (59 goals) and he won four Leinster titles, two All Irelands and one National Hurling League. He also won a Leinster medal playing Gaelic Football for Wexford. He was named on the Hurling Team of the Century in 1984. The Nicky Rackard Cup was launched by the GAA in 2004, with the first games played in this competition in 2005.



Dermot Weld

MVB | 1970 | Horse Racing

Dermot Weld is one of Ireland's most successful racehorse trainers. In August 2000, he saddled a record-breaking 2,578th winner in Ireland and he has won all five Irish classics. Dermot celebrated the 4,000th winner of his career in 2016. He is renowned for sending his charges all over the world to compete in the best races, being the first European trainer to have saddled the winner of the prestigious Melbourne Cup in Australia, a feat he achieved with Vintage Crop in 1993 and again with Media Puzzle in 2002.



Our Sporting Greats... a Snapshot



Emma Golding



Emma and Barnlough Lilly at the 2018 World Para Driving Championships.



Marijke Beltman



Marijke Beltman from our Herd Health Team competes in a Triathlon.



1917 Collegians



Won the 1917 GAA Hurling All-Ireland title with Vet students Seán Hyde (middle row, 5th from left) and Seán O'Donovan (back row, 4th from left).



Vet College Ireland Gaelic Football Team 1941 - 42



Included Nicky Rackard (back row, 5th from left).



Alix Cunneen



Alix Cunneen, UCD Women's Rugby Club, winner of the 2018 David O'Connor Memorial Medal.



Des Rice



Played Gaelic Football for Down. Awarded the UCD Agriculture & Veterinary Science Alumni Award in 2017.



Joe Hanly



Back row, 3rd from right, with the 1948 Irish Olympic eights squad.



Kevin Foley



Played senior football for Meath (1986 - 1991), won two All Irelands, 5 Leinster Championships and 2 National League titles.



Elise O'Byrne White



Played for the Irish Women's Rugby Team in the Six Nations, and also plays for Old Belvedere and Leinster.

UCD Veterinary Community

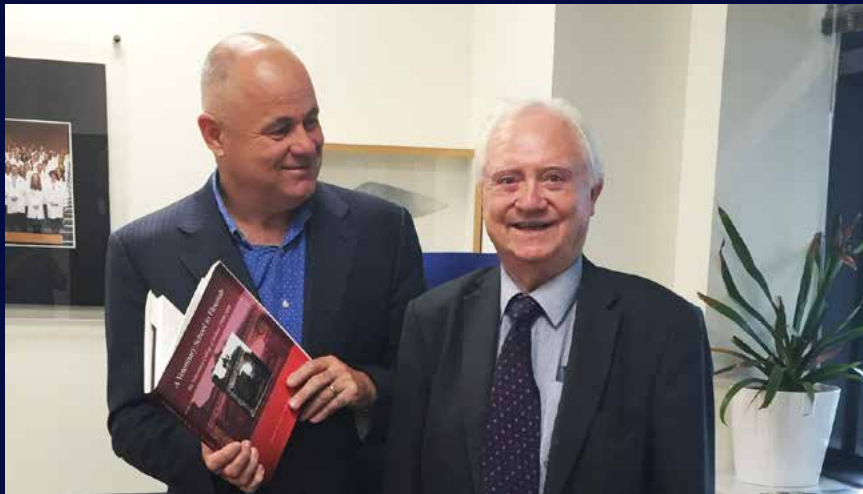
Marijke Beltman	PhD	2010	Triathlon - Ireland
Edel Biggins	MVB	2001	Gaelic Football - Mayo
Jack Boothman	MVB	1959	GAA President
James Brady	MVB	1960	Gaelic Football - Cavan
Anne Marie Brennan	MVB	1990	Camogie - Kilkenny & UCD
Edwin Carolan	MVB	1953	Gaelic Football - Cavan
Patrick Clerkin	MVB	2009	Handball
Fachtna Collins	MVB	1996	Gaelic Football - Cork
Nicholas Connors	MVB	Student	Showjumping - Ireland
Milo Cox	MVB	1950	Rugby - Mullingar
Paul Crummey	MVB	Student	Hurling - Dublin
Alix Cunneen	MVB	Student	Rugby - UCD
Shay Deering	MVB	1971	Rugby - Irish Captain
Kieran Denvir	MVB	1957	Gaelic Football - Down
Ben Dobson	MVB	2014	Hockey - UCD & Munster
Brian Dooher	MVB	1998	Gaelic Football - Tyrone
Ciara Downes	MVB	1996	Rugby - Ireland & UCD
Mick Doyle	MVB	1964	Rugby - Ireland & UCD
Pat Drennan	MVB	1968	Hurling - Kilkenny
Mary Duane	Staff		Gaelic Football - Dublin
Murt Duggan	MVB	1966	Hurling - Tipperary
Pat Dunne	Staff		Soccer - Shamrock Rovers, Manchester United, Ireland
PJ Dwyer	MVB	1965	Rugby - Ireland & UCD
Seamus (Buster) Fagan	MVB	1983	Gaelic Football - Down
PJ Finlay	MVB	1979	Gaelic Football - Monaghan
RayFinn	MVB	1977	Rugby - Ireland
Dan Flynn	MVB	1996	Hurling - Kilkenny & UCD
Kevin Foley	MVB	1985	Gaelic Football - Meath
Beatrice Gates-Hardiman	MVB	2016	Showjumping
Sarah Glynn	BSc VN	Student	Rugby - UCD
Emma Golding	Staff		Horse Driving Trials - Ireland
Michael (Mick) Gould	MVB	1950s	Gaelic Football - Cork
Michael Gunn	MVB	1970	Rugby - Ireland
Joseph Hanly	MVB	1951	Rowing - Ireland & UCD
John Hanly	MVB	2005	Gaelic Football - Roscommon
Don Hannigan	MVB	1981	Equine Eventing
Andy Healy	MVB	1987	Gaelic Football - Tipperary & Antrim
Ivan Heffernan	MVB	1977	Gaelic Football - Mayo
Richard Hurley	MVB	1983	Rowing & Rugby
Seán Hyde	MVB	1922	Hurling - Dublin
Pat Kavanagh	MVB	1969	Hurling - Kilkenny
Ger Kelly	MVB	1992	Gaelic Football - Clare

Sporting Hall of Fame

Jimmy Kelly	MVB	1964	Rugby - Ireland
Noel (Ham) Lambert	MVB	1930	Cricket & Rugby - Ireland
Charlie Lydon	MVB	1958	Rugby - Ireland
John Magee	MVB	1973	Athletics - Ireland
Louis Magee	MRCVS	1890s	Rugby - Ireland
Finbar Manning	MVB	2013	Rowing
Gerry Mannion	MVB	1969	Gaelic Football - Roscommon
Moira McElligott	MVB	2009	Boxing, Tai chuan do, Jockey
Sean McGovern	MVB	1987	Gaelic Football - Kildare
Derek McGrath	MVB	1984	Rugby - Ireland
Shane McGuckin	MVB	1991	Hurling - Offaly
Tony McManus	MVB	1980	Gaelic Football - Roscommon
Seamus McManus	MVB		Gaelic Football - Inter-county
Susie Mitchell	MVB	2005	Track Cycling - Ireland
Fifi (Sarah) Monahan	MVB	2009	Rowing
Patrick (Weesie) Murphy	MVB	1945	Gaelic Football - Cork
Tommy Murphy	MVB	1980	Gaelic Football - Wicklow
Donal Murphy	MVB	1983	Gaelic Football - Kerry
Grainne Neary	MVB	2013	Athletics
Fiona O'Brien	MVB	2011	Rugby - Ireland & Leinster
Katie O'Brien	MVB	Student	Rowing - Ireland
Sarah O'Brien	MVB	2018	Amateur Jockey
Elise O'Byrne-White	MVB	2019	Rugby - Ireland & Leinster
Marie O'Connell	MVB	2005	Gaelic Football - Galway
Eddie O'Grady	Former Student		Race Horse Trainer
Paddy O'Halloran	MVB	1977	Gaelic Football - Inter-county
Frank O'Leary	MVB	1962	Gaelic Football - Westmeath, Mayo, Kerry & UCD, Badminton
Mike O'Leary	MVB	1988	Gaelic Football - Kerry & UCD, Rugby
Barry O'Sullivan	MVB	Student	Gaelic Football - Kerry
Frank O'Sullivan	MVB	1983	Gaelic Football - Meath
Paul Ormond	MVB	2009	GAA Hurling - Tipperary
John Oxx	MVB	1973	Race Horse Trainer
John Purdy	MVB	1974	Gaelic Football - Down & UCD
Nicholas (Nicky) Rackard	MVB	1949	Hurling - Wexford
Des Rice	MVB	1972	Gaelic Football - Down
Eamon Ryan	MVB	2006	Hurling - Tipperary & UCD
Jess Stallard	MVB	Student	Modern Pentathlon
Mike Steele-Bodger	MVB	1950	Rugby - England
Patrick Wall	MVB	1979	Rugby & Show Jumping
Henry Wall	MVB	1960	Rugby - Ireland
Dermot Weld	MVB	1970	Race Horse Trainer

Professor Tommy McGeady

Former Dean and Sports Enthusiast



Tommy McGeady joined the College staff in 1960, and for more than fifty years was a large and colourful part of the academic, social and sporting fabric of the Veterinary College. In Tommy's early days in the College, sport was part of the veterinary culture but this went into decline somewhat with the increasing academic workload. In the old days, Wednesday afternoon was devoted to sport and this was taken so seriously by inter-year leagues that Tommy even gave scrum practice tutorials in the anatomy room! Outside of the Vet College, Tommy was a long standing member of Merrion Cricket Club and former President of the Leinster Cricket Union. He held virtually every office within Merrion, from Honorary Secretary, to Team Secretary, to Youth Co-ordinator and was President from 1979 to 1983 and 1995 to 1997. He served on the Leinster Cricket Union in many capacities and was President in 1984/85. Tommy had a keen interest in many sports and also served as President of the UCD Rugby Club. In the Vet School, Tommy is fondly remembered by staff and students alike, and in 2018 our students introduced the 'Tommy McGeady Staff-Student Trophy' for the annual staff-student football match. We remember Tommy this evening, and particularly all that he did to promote sports within the UCD Veterinary Community.



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