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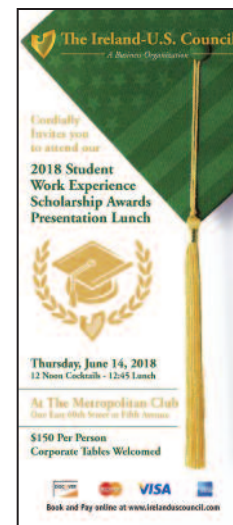
2018 Work Experience Scholarships Presentation Scheduled for Council Lunch Thursday, June 14 in New York

New York, NY; May 25, 2018: The Ireland-U.S. Council's annual program of *Student Work Experience Scholarships* for 2018 will be celebrated this year at an awards luncheon to be held at *The Metropolitan Club* in New York City on **Thursday, June 14, 2018**. Council President Brian W. Stack, in announcing details of this year's scholarship awards, said 'This is the 34th year in which the Council has operated this successful and much-admired Scholarship Awards program. We in the Council are proud of the role that this program has played over the years as part of the Council's broader mission to build closer business and economic links between the United States and Ireland – north and south. Today, I am delighted to announce details of the recipients of the Council's *Work Experience Scholarships* for this year.'

President Stack added "Our 2018 student scholars will travel to the United States and will work temporarily during the Summer months in American corporations. The scholarships provide work assignments linked to the fields of study and academic disciplines which the undergraduate scholars are pursuing in Ireland."

Mr. Stack added "Throughout the three decades-plus of operating this program there have been many changes in the rules governing the administration of the U.S. laws governing workplace visa requirements. These changes understandably intensified in the years after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in America. In recent years, the *Ireland-U.S. Council* has adjusted in a flexible and dynamic manner to these changed circumstances. This has involved considerable increased effort to recruit suitable candidates, including but not limited to seeking undergraduate candidates living and studying in Ireland who possess U.S. citizenship status."

"Through these *Work Experience Scholarships*", Mr. Stack added "we hope to highlight the excellent educational infrastructure that has been developed throughout the island of Ireland. This year, colleges in Ireland - north and south, are represented in the program, while students from all parts of the island of Ireland will participate."



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The Ireland-U.S. Council's *Work Experience Scholarship Program* is a selective program that introduces top-performing students to the New York business world. Each scholar represents his/her University College during the time spent here. The program provides a valuable opportunity for learning, acquiring business-related skillsets and networking while working in a fast-paced corporate environment.

The Ireland-U.S. Council is the premier transatlantic business organization that encourages and promotes business between Ireland and the United States. It was established in the Fall of 1962 by American and Irish business leaders in preparation for the visit of President John F. Kennedy to Ireland in the Spring of 1963.

Commenting on the Council's beginnings, Brian Stack said: "The Council's founding was designed as an initiative to build institutional form around a structure to improve business, economic and commercial relations between the two countries. The organization assists in the exchange of information, views and opinions between the two countries. Through its various membership activities, the Council provides a platform to meet and communicate for representatives from business, Government and other key policy makers from both sides of the Atlantic."

Students selected by their colleges as the Council's 2018 participating scholars are:

- **Richard Clogher** is a native of Athlone, County Westmeath and is a student at *University College Dublin* where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry. He has been nominated to work with **Pfizer** in New York City.
- **Lauryn Hollywood** is from Omagh, County Tyrone in Northern Ireland and is enrolled at *Queen's University Belfast* studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance having finished her third year of the four-year degree course. She will travel to New York City to take up her appointment to work at **Prudential Financial** in Jersey City.
- **Sean Grant**, who lives in Leixlip, County Kildare, is studying for a degree in Computer Science at *University College Dublin*. He will work at **Prudential Financial** in Jersey City.
- **Lucas Prodohl** lives in Dublin and is studying for a *Bachelor of Arts degree* in Economics and History at Trinity College Dublin. He will work in New York City at offices of **Wells Fargo**.
- **Sean Kilgarriff** who is from Foxrock in County Dublin is studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering at *University College Dublin*. He will work at **Mutual of America** in midtown Manhattan.
- **Jessica Morgan** is a native of Armagh and is an undergraduate at *Ulster University* studying for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. She has been nominated to participate in this year's program working in Morristown, NJ as a reservations agent intern in the offices of Council member-company **CIE Tours International**.

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