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### **2019 Student *Work Experience Scholarships* Presentation Scheduled for Council Lunch Thursday, June 13 in New York**

**New York, NY; May 14, 2019** - *The Ireland-U.S. Council's* annual program of *Work Experience Scholarships* for 2019 will be celebrated this year at an awards luncheon to be held at *The Metropolitan Club* in New York City on **Thursday, June 13, 2019**. Council President Brian W. Stack, in announcing details of this year's scholarship awards, said "This is the 35th 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 *Student Work Experience Scholarships* for this year."



President Stack added "Our 2019 student scholars will travel to the United States and will work temporarily in American corporations. Throughout the 35 years of operating this program many changes have occurred both in the economic structures in Ireland and in the U.S. In addition, American laws governing workplace visa requirements have been altered considerably. In response to these various changed circumstances the *Ireland-U.S. Council* has pivoted in important ways in managing this worthwhile program. One big adjustment was to seek undergraduates in universities in Ireland, north and south, who possessed green cards (work permits) or U.S. citizenship. It was clear that the visa requirements had incrementally become too burdensome on participating companies. We also decided to open the program to longer-term internship placements in the workplace – rather than the purely Summer-long placements as had been the rule previously. The success of these realignment efforts is reflected in the roster of successful *Ireland-U.S. Council Student Scholar* candidates this year."

In 2019, students from throughout the island of Ireland will participate. This is a selective program that introduces talented students to the business world in the United States. 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.

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*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 1962 by American and Irish business leaders in preparation for the visit of President John F. Kennedy to Ireland the following year - in the Spring of 1963. It is a thriving organization that brings together top-level business professionals that conduct business in Ireland and in the United States. Commenting on the Council's beginnings, Mr. 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. In the 57 years of our existence, we believe we have been successful in this mission."

This year, the Council is delighted to again partner on this program with *Fordham University* for those Council Scholars based in New York City", Mr. Stack also noted. "These Council scholars are accommodated in the residence halls of the Lincoln Center campus of the college during their time staying in Manhattan. We thank Council member Dr. John Kezel, Dean of Students at *Fordham University*, for his enthusiastic and always-generous support of this Council program."

### Students selected by their colleges as the Council's 2019 participating scholars are:

- **Conor McKeon** is a native of Galway and is a student at *NUI Galway* where he is pursuing a *Bachelor of Science degree in 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 final year of the four-year degree course. This year Lauryn (who participated in the 2018 Student Scholarships Program for the Summer months) returns for a year-long appointment to work at **Prudential Financial** in Jersey City.
- **Dylan Willis**, who lives in Clonskeagh in Dublin, is studying for a *Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Mathematics* at *University College Dublin*. He will work at **Prudential Financial** in Jersey City.
- **Seán McMahon** is a native of Dundalk, County Louth and is studying for a *Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology with Statistics and Data Analytics*. He will work in New York City at offices of **First Data Corporation**.
- **Brian McPartland** who is from hails from Doon, County Limerick and is studying for a *Bachelor of Business Studies* degree at the *University of Limerick*. He will work in New York City at offices of **Mutual of America** in Midtown Manhattan.
- **Ross Archibald** is a native of Ballymoney, County Antrim. He is attending *Ulster University* pursuing his *Bachelor of Science with Honors in Business Studies with Computing*. He has traveled to Morristown, New Jersey where he is already working in the offices of **CIE Tours International**.

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