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2017 Student Work Experience Scholarships Presentation Scheduled for Council Lunch Thursday, June 8 in New York

New York, NY; May 17, 2017: The Council's annual program of *Student Work Experience Scholarships* for 2017 will be celebrated this year at an awards luncheon to be held at *The Metropolitan Club* in New York City on **Thursday, June 8, 2017**. Council President Brian W. Stack, in announcing details of this year's scholarship awards, said "This is the 33rd 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 2017 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. Typically, the Council's scholarship candidates are undergraduate university students in their next-to-final or junior year – usually, the third year of their four-year bachelors' study programs."

"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."

Mr. Stack added "Through these *Student Work Experience Scholarships* we hope to highlight the excellent educational infrastructure that has been developed throughout the island of Ireland. This year colleges in Belfast, Dublin and Galway will be represented in the program, while students living in Derry, Dublin, Galway, Kerry, Mayo and Wicklow will participate."

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Students selected by their colleges as the Council's 2016 participating scholars are:

- **Patrick Hession** is a native of County Mayo and is a student at *University College Dublin* where he is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He will travel to New Jersey to take up his work assignment at Council member-firm **Prudential Financial** in Jersey City.
- **Reuben McCollum** is from Coleraine in Northern Ireland and is enrolled at *Queen's University Belfast* studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance having finished his third year of the four-year degree course. He will travel to New York City to take up his appointment to work at **Mutual of America**.
- **Claire Riordan**, who lives in Killorglin, County Kerry, is studying for a degree in Chemical Engineering at *University College Dublin*. She has been nominated to work with **Pfizer** in New York City.
- **Kieran Scally** lives in Galway and is studying for a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Economics at the *National University of Ireland - Galway*. He will work in New York City at the World Headquarters of **21st Century Fox**.
- **Peter Hanly** 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 **Prudential Financial** in Jersey City.
- **Sean Hickey**, who hails from Delgany, County Wicklow, is studying Medicinal Chemistry with Chemical Sciences at *the Dublin Institute of Technology*. He will travel to Morristown, New Jersey where he will work in the offices of **CIE Tours International**.

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."

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