



THE IRISH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP

IRISH INVITATIONAL 2017

Portmarnock | Baltray | Royal Dublin



Left to right: Partnership Board members Aidan Browne, Niall Power Smith, Liam Connellan, CEO of the RDS Michael Duffy, Board Chairman Michael Clune, CEO Mary Sugrue, and Board member Bruce Robinson. The Partnership presented a \$20,000 check to Mr. Duffy for the RDS Primary Science Fairs.

2017 Irish Invitational Supports Education Programs in Ireland, North & South

The second biennial Irish Invitational was a great success, bringing businesspeople from the U.S. and Ireland together for three days of golf at some of Ireland's top courses. Participants enjoyed rounds at Portmarnock, Baltray, and Royal Dublin golf clubs and had an opportunity to get to know one another during social gatherings around Dublin.

To wrap up the Invitational, tournament participants attended a gala dinner at the Royal Dublin Golf Club. There, they heard remarks from President of DCU Brian MacCraith, CEO of the RDS Michael Duffy, CEO of the Father McVerry Trust Pat Doyle, and Golf Championship Series Chairman Aidan Browne.

Congratulations to tournament winners Dave Greaney and Dessie Farrell for their great performance over the three days.

The Partnership would like to acknowledge Irish Invitational Co-Chairmen Aidan Browne, Ted Sheehan, Patrick Sarkis, and Barry Dillon for their incredible work in making this tournament a success.

Proceeds of the Irish Invitational benefited the Western Seaboard Science Program, a joint initiative between the Partnership and DCU's St. Patrick's Teaching College, aimed at improving science teaching at the primary school level through continuing professional development.



Irish Invitational Co-Chairmen Aidan Browne, Ted Sheehan, Patrick Sarkis, and Barry Dillon present the Irish Invitational Cup to Michael Clune, accepting on behalf of Team USA



Board members Dessie Farrell (left) and Aidan Browne (right) with Keynote Speaker & President of DCU Brian MacCraith



Partnership Board members Liam Connellan, Charlie Donahue, and Bill Reilly join CEO Mary Sugrue in presenting a check to Pat Doyle of the Fr. McVerry Trust













THE IRISH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP GIVES \$50,000 TO IRISH EDUCATION

President Brian MacCraith of Dublin City University focused on STEM education in Ireland during his keynote address at the Irish Invitational gala dinner. He subsequently accepted a \$20,000 Partnership check for the Western Seaboard Science Program, which builds primary teacher confidence in the science curriculum through professional development workshops. To-date, the program has reached 78 schools in Kerry, Donegal, Kilkenny, Mayo, and Clare.

Partnership Board members also presented a grant of \$20,000 to CEO of the RDS Michael Duffy for the RDS primary science fairs. The Partnership is a co-sponsor of the RDS Primary Science Fair in Limerick and Belfast, and has been a long-time supporter of the Dublin fair. This year, the RDS fairs attracted 13,500 students and teachers, making a tangible difference in science learning and teaching at the grassroots level.

In honor of Partnership Board member Liam Connellan's beloved wife Marie, who passed away this year, Partnership CEO Mary Sugrue presented a grant of \$5,000 to the Peter McVerry Trust. This grant will enable the Father McVerry Trust to establish a three year program to provide computer access and literacy for pupils who do not have technology at home. The Trust will work with Belvedere Youth Club, which serves 400 young people from the North Inner City of Dublin—one of the most deprived areas of the country.

The Partnership also announced their grant of \$5,000 to Holy Spirit Girls National School in Ballymun, Dublin. This grant was awarded with Delta Air Lines in commemoration of their new Boston-Dublin route. Holy Spirit Girls National School is a 325 pupil DEIS band 1 school, indicating substantial need in the student population. The school was very grateful for the gift, which will be used to purchase new books and science materials.



President of DCU Brian MacCraith accepts a Partnership grant of \$20,000 for the WSSP program from Aidan Browne, Mary Sugrue, and Michael Clune

Thank you for participating in the 2017 Irish Invitational!



Upcoming Tournaments

We hope you can join us in 2018 at:



June 4, 2018
Beverly Country Club
Chicago, IL



June 11, 2018 (to be confirmed)
Newport Country Club
Newport, RI



Date to be determined
Schuyler Meadows Club
Loudonville, NY