

Ambassador Award Honoree

Neumann University, *Accepting on behalf of Neumann University will be Dr. Chris Everett Domes, President*



Founded in 1965, Neumann is a private, Catholic university in the Franciscan tradition, which emphasizes respect for individuals, concern for the environment, and social responsibility.

Many of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, who founded the University, were born in Ireland or trace their heritage to the Emerald Isle. Because of this grassroots cultural connection, Neumann has partnered with the Irish American Business Chamber & Network for decades and has invited several IABCN members to serve on its Board of Trustees. The University also has a long history of study abroad programs with higher education institutions in Ireland and is expanding those relationships in 2023.

Neumann offers undergraduate degrees in a broad variety of subjects, two doctoral programs, ten master's degree programs, and an accelerated bachelor's degree program for adults.

The University now fields 23 NCAA athletic teams, is home to eight arts groups, and has six residence halls that accommodate more than 700 students. The student-faculty ratio of 15:1 allows professors to provide the personal attention for which Neumann is famous.



Taoiseach Award Honorees

John Cummins and Adele Farrell, *Founders of NEXA Enterprise Asset Management*



John Cummins is the founder of NEXA Enterprise Asset Management, which was formed in Ireland in 2015. NEXA came to the US in 2016 and based themselves in the greater Philadelphia area - specifically Doylestown PA. Since then, the company has grown both in Ireland and the USA, and was acquired by NASDAQ-listed Transcat in late 2021. Outside of growing NEXA's business presence in Pennsylvania and beyond, John has consistently encouraged corporate social responsibility within the company. NEXA has raised money for charities such as Philadelphia based "Rock to the Future", as well as organizations such as the Wounded Warrior project, Ronald McDonald House, and many more. John resides in Doylestown with his family and continues to lead NEXA in their next stage of life as part of a publicly traded company.

Adele Farrell launched NEXA | EAM (formerly "Cal OpEx") with John Cummins in 2015, and established the company's Human Resources and Recruitment division. As NEXA | EAM's "Queen of People and Culture", she continues to oversee all aspects of acquiring, retaining and developing the best talent. Adele is passionate about providing new job opportunities in both Ireland and North America, and continuously supports the ongoing development of NEXA's talented employees. Together Adele and John have made Corporate Social Responsibility a priority for NEXA | EAM. It is also their personal mission to continue to give back to those less fortunate in their local communities units.



Uachtarán Award Honoree

Larry Kirwan, *Musician, Author, Host & Activist*

Larry Kirwan was born in Wexford, Ireland and lives in New York City. He was leader of Black 47 for 25 years during which the political rock band played 2500 gigs, released 16 albums and appeared on every major US TV show. He has written three novels, Liverpool Fantasy, and Rockin'; The Bronx, a memoir, Green Suede Shoes, and A History of Irish Music; his latest novel, Rockaway Blue, was published by Cornell U. Press. He has written or collaborated on 20 plays and musicals; and conceived Paradise Square, nominated for 10 Tony Awards on Broadway, including one for Kirwan as co-book writer. A political activist, he is an Irish Echo columnist and a celebrity host/producer of Celtic Crush on SiriusXM Satellite Radio. He was president of Irish American Writers & Artists for five years and will receive their 2022 Eugene O'Neill Lifetime Achievement Award in October.

