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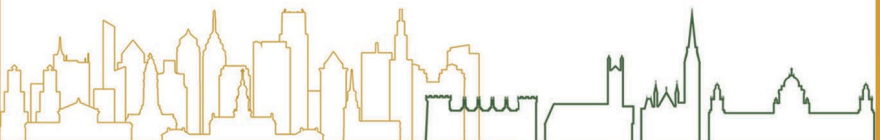
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F  ilte, welcome to the 2023 Ambassador's Awards Luncheon. We are delighted to have you as our guest as we honor and celebrate this year's distinguished award recipients. The Irish American Business Chamber & Network proudly presents Neumann University with the Ambassador Award; John Cummins and Adele Farrell with the Taoiseach Award, and Larry Kirwan with the Uachtar  n Award.

We are honored to welcome Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States for her first visit to the Irish Chamber to confer these awards. Ambassador Byrne Nason represents the Irish Government's continued support of our honorees and the Chamber's mission.

A special day such as this is not possible without the generosity of our sponsors. We are grateful to all of them and recognize their support in this program. Most importantly, each of these sponsors acknowledges our honorees in an exceptional way with their patronage.

The Irish Chamber excels at networking for American and Irish executives to exchange information to create, build and strengthen business relationships.

One of the main reasons for the success of the Chamber is the active participation of top executives and government officials with similar interests and goals from both sides of the pond.

In the US, we are thankful for the support of the Pennsylvania Department for Community and Economic Development and the Pennsylvania LCB, the Philadelphia Commerce Department, City Representative Sheila Hess, and the many Economic Development departments in the counties of Greater Philadelphia. We appreciate the support of our elected officials over the years.

We are proud to collaborate with and support Irish government agencies Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Bord Bia, Tourism Ireland,   dar  s na Gaeltachta, and Invest Northern Ireland, as well as the many County Councils, Chambers of Commerce, and Local Enterprise Offices around the country.

We are incredibly proud of and thankful for the ongoing support of Ambassador Byrne Nason and the staff of the Irish Embassy in Washington DC as well as the Consul General and Deputy Consul General at the Consulate in New York, the Honorary Consul General of Ireland Brian McGlinchy, the team at the Northern Ireland Bureau in DC, and Ambassador Cronin and the staff at the US Embassy in Ireland.

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Thank you for joining us today, and for your support of the Irish Chamber.

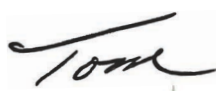
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Miss Shannon Daly, *Cardinal O'Hara High School*

Invocation

Sr. Marguerite O'Beirne, OSF, *Neumann University, 2013 Uachtarán Honoree*

Presentation of Awards

Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason, *Ambassador of Ireland to the United States*

Uachtarán Award

Introduction of Mr. Larry Kirwan

Ms. Lisa Maloney, Esq., *President*

Mr. Larry Kirwan

Acceptance

Taoiseach Award

Introduction of John Cummins & Adele Farrell

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~ Lunch ~

Introduction of the Ambassador of Ireland to the United States

Mr. Thomas Humphrey, *Ambassador's Award Chair/Board Member*

Ambassador's Address by Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason

Introduction of Neumann University

Mrs. Ann Claffey Baiada, *BAYADA Home Health Care, 2014 Uachtarán Honoree*

The Ambassador Award

Presented by Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason

Ambassador of Ireland to the United States

Dr. Chris Domes, *Neumann University President*

Acceptance

Closing Remarks

Dr. Paul McCracken, *Vice President*



*Immediately following our luncheon, please join us in the
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and a chance to congratulate our honorees.*





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THE UACHTARÁN AWARD HONOREE

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Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason

Ambassador of Ireland to the United States



Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason assumed her role as Ireland's 19th Ambassador to the United States in August 2022. Geraldine was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations in New York (2017- 22). Previously, she served as Ambassador to France (2014-17), Second Secretary General in the Department of the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) (2011-14), Ambassador and Ireland's Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU (2005-11), and Director of the National Forum on Europe (2004-05).

During her career, Ambassador Byrne Nason has served in Brussels, New York, Paris, Vienna and Helsinki. As Second Secretary-General in the Department of the Taoiseach from 2011-2014, she was the highest ranking female public servant in Ireland. During that period, she also was Secretary General of Ireland's Economic Management Council.

On her arrival in New York, Ambassador Byrne Nason led Ireland's successful campaign for a seat on the United Nations Security Council, and led the New York Security Council team for the 2021-2022 term. Geraldine was Chair of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for 2018 and 2019. She has also co-chaired high-level political negotiations on the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Nelson Mandela and on the 'Samoa pathway' for Small Island Developing States.

A native of County Louth, in 2020 Ambassador Byrne Nason was awarded the Freedom of Drogheda, the town's highest honour and was the third woman to receive the award of its 35 recipients. In 2014, Geraldine was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy, Ireland's highest academic honour. Ambassador Byrne Nason holds an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Maynooth University as well as Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Literature from Saint Patrick's College in Maynooth (NUIM). Ambassador Byrne Nason is married and has one son.





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Uachtarán Award

The Uachtaran Award is presented annually to an individual of Irish descent who has made exemplary contributions to Irish culture in this region or Ireland. The Uachtarán Award is named in honor of the President of Ireland, or Uachtarán na hEireann, in Irish. In the 1990s, Mary Robinson, the seventh President of Ireland, transformed the role of the President by developing a new sense of Ireland's economic, political, and cultural links with other countries and cultures, especially those of the Irish Diaspora. Michael D. Higgins, the ninth and current President of Ireland and the former Minister for Arts, Culture, and the Gaeltacht in the 1990s, has excelled in this cultural and economic "building bridges" role.

Previous Uachtarán Award recipients include: Joseph & Kathleen Heenan, Connelly Foundation, Travis Manion Foundation, H. Edward & Ellen Hanway, Sean Rooney, Monsignor Michael J. Doyle, CBS3 and the CW Philly, Ann Claffey Baiada, Sister Marguerite O'Beirne, OSF, Timothy Chambers, James and Sarah Hasson, and Norbert J. McGettigan, Sr.

Uachtarán Award Honoree

Larry Kirwan

Musician, Author, Host & Activist



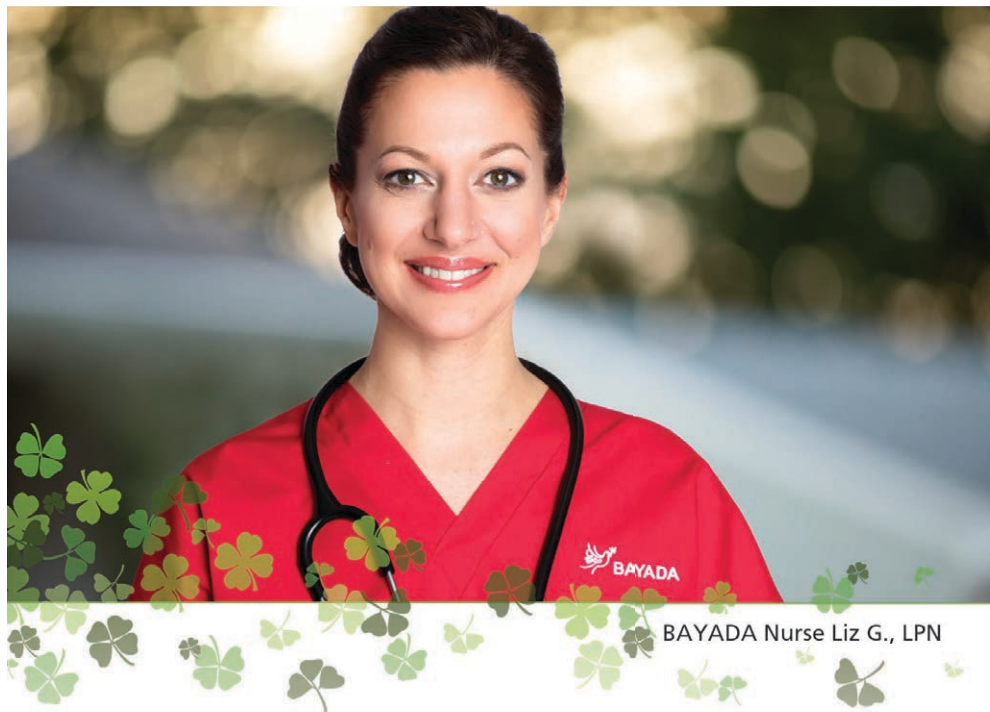
Larry Kirwan was born in Wexford, Ireland and lives in New York City. He was leader of Black 47 for 25 years during which the political rock band played 2500 gigs, released 16 albums and appeared on every major US TV show.

Larry has written many novels including Liverpool Fantasy, Rockin: The Bronx, and Rockaway Blue. He has also written a personal memoir called Green Suede Shoes as well as A History of Irish Music. 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 in 2022 was awarded the Eugene O'Neill Lifetime Achievement Award.





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Musician, author, & activist **Larry Kirwan**



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The Taoiseach Award is presented to an Irish Chamber member of Irish descent who has, by example, shown exceptional business leadership and compassion. The Taoiseach Award takes its name from the original Irish title meaning Chieftain or Leader. Today, An Taoiseach is the Prime Minister of Ireland, Leo Varadkar, T.D.

Previous Taoiseach Award recipients include: John Furey, Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, Daniel J. & Susan P. Keating, Jerry Maginnis, Eileen McDonnell, Bill and Natalie McLaughlin, Frank Reynolds, Denis P. O'Brien, James and Frances Maguire, Daniel J. Hilferty, Rev. Timothy R. Lannon S.J., Henry J. "Harry" McHugh, John and Joan Mullen, James and Jacqueline Delaney, and Father John McNamee.

Taoiseach Award Honorees

John Cummins & Adele Farrell, Co-Founders of NEXA | EAM



John Cummins is the founder of NEXA Enterprise Asset Management, which was formed in Ireland in 2015.

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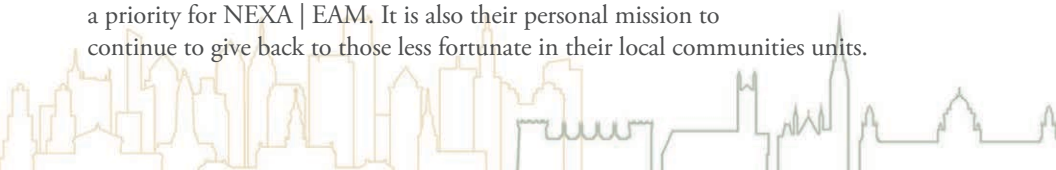
business presence in Pennsylvania and beyond, John has consistently encouraged corporate social responsibility within

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.



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The Ambassador Award, named in honor of the Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, is presented annually to a company that has furthered the goals of the Irish American Business Chamber by developing business between Ireland and the United States. Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason is the current Ambassador of Ireland to the United States.

Previous recipients of the Ambassador Award include: Independent Container Line, Port of Cork, and PSA Terminals, Aer Lingus, Teleflex, Adapt Pharma (*now Emergent BioSolutions*), Beneficial Bank (*now WSFS Bank*), Almac Group, QVC, SAP, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Shire Pharmaceuticals, Aramark, The Vanguard Group, ICON Plc, Amicus Therapeutics, Cross Atlantic Capital Partners, GMAC, ICT Group, Wyeth, and Siemens.

Ambassador Award Honoree

Neumann University

Accepting on behalf of Neumann University: Dr. Chris Domes, President

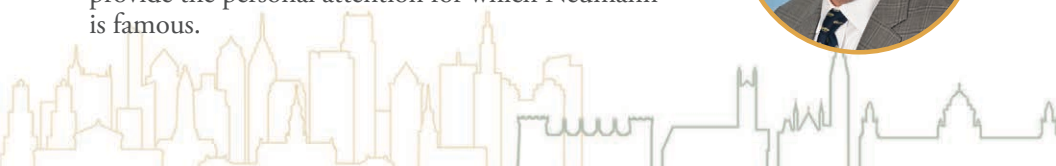


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Many of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, who founded the University, were born in Ireland or trace their heritage to the Emerald Isle. Because of this grassroots cultural connection, Neumann has partnered with the Irish American Business 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.

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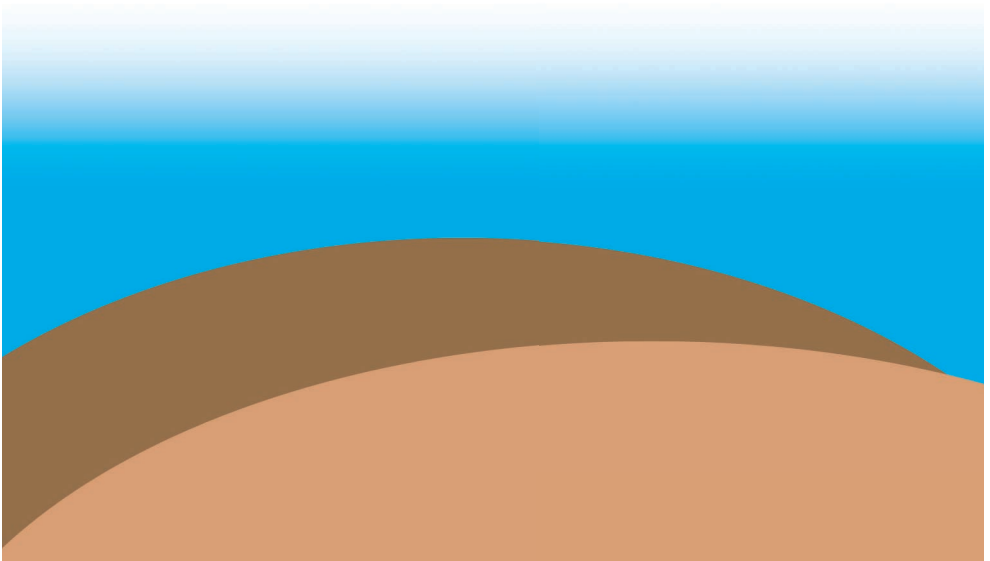
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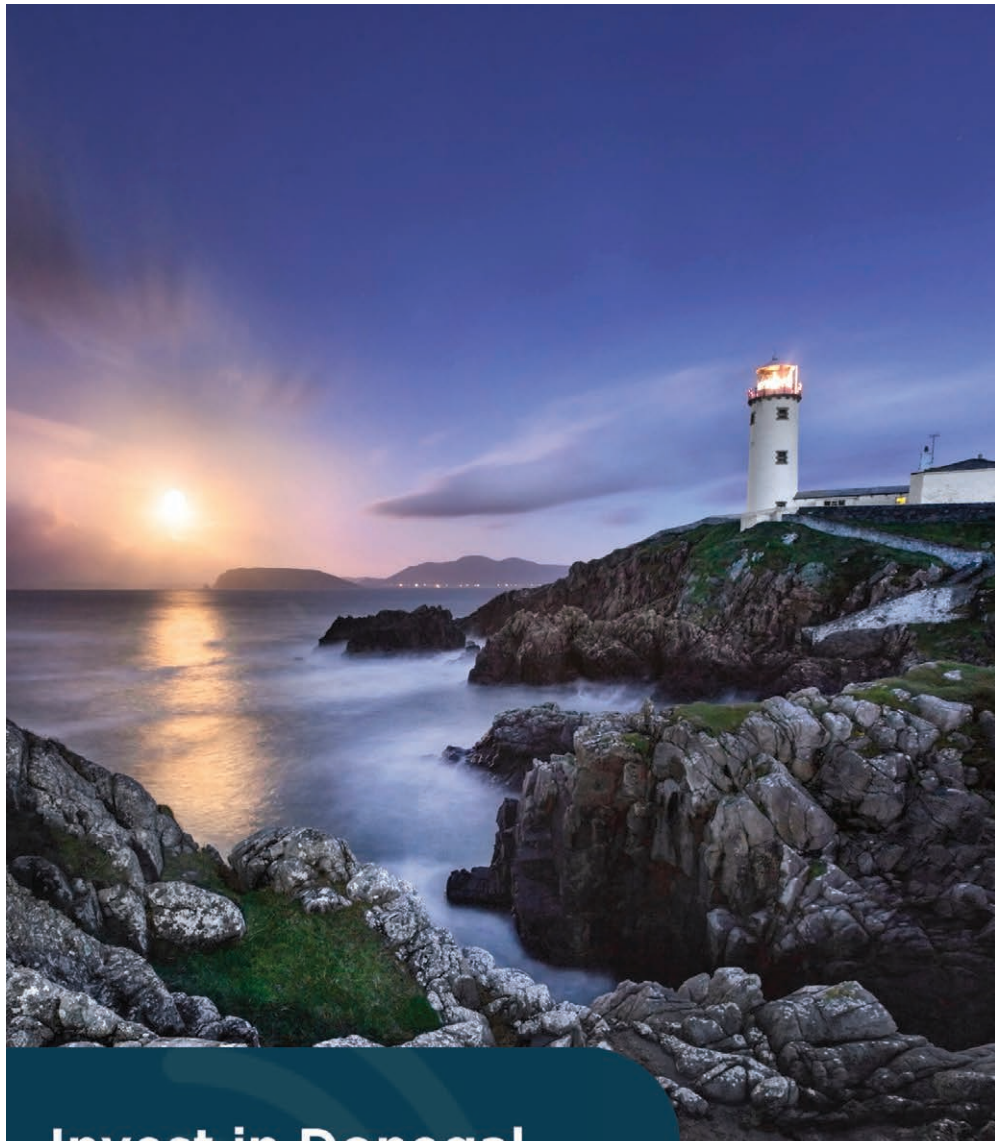


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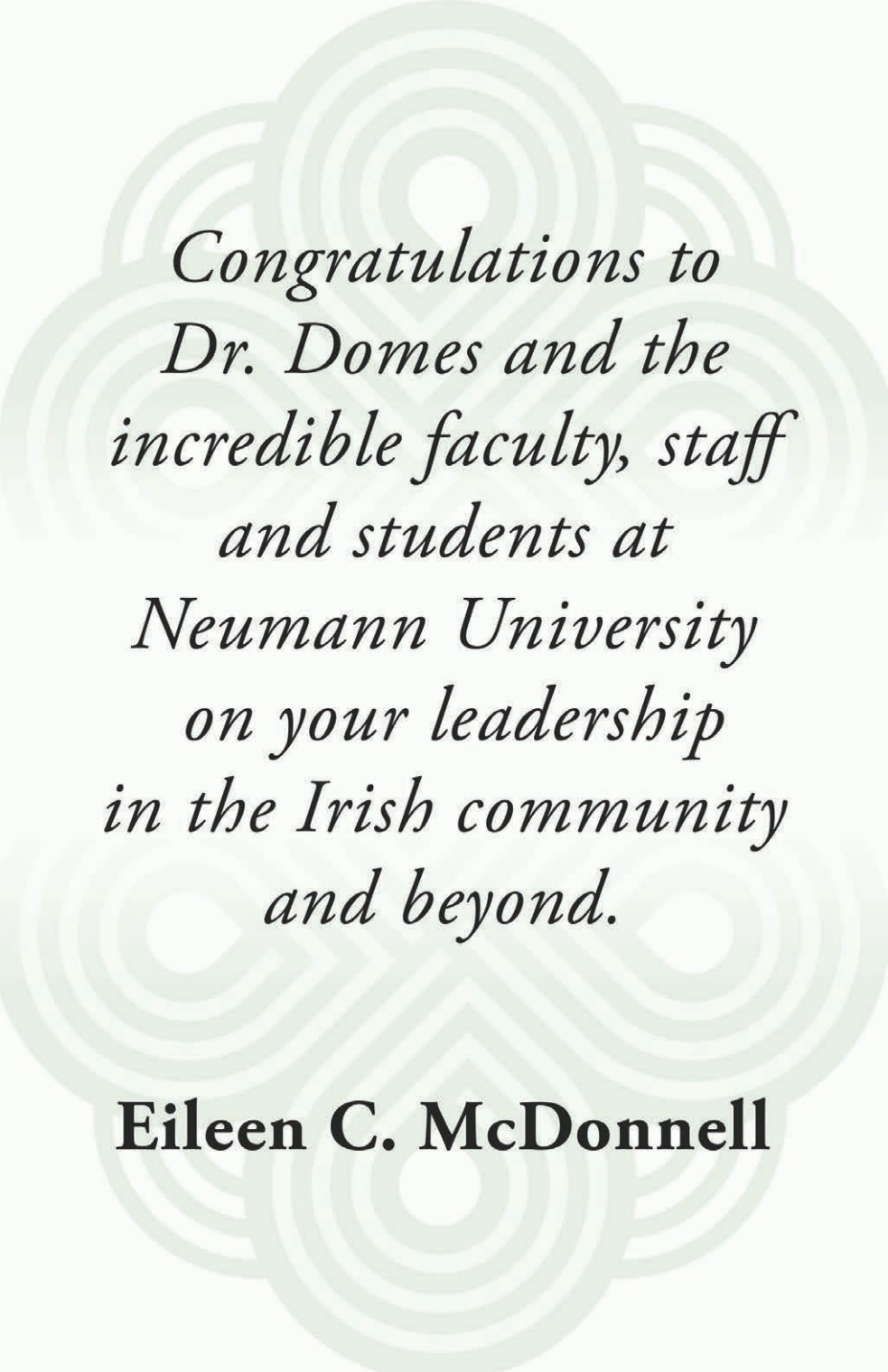
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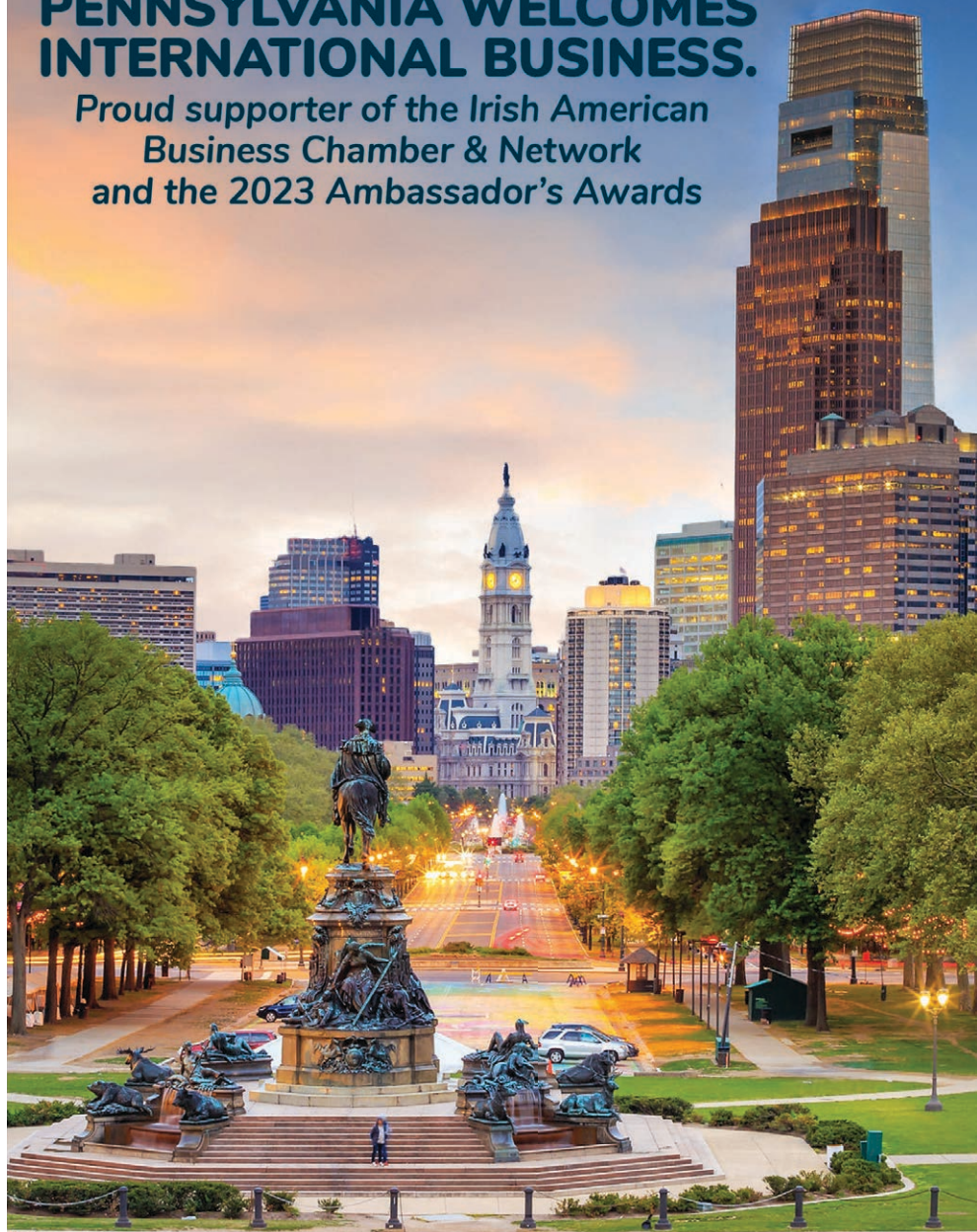
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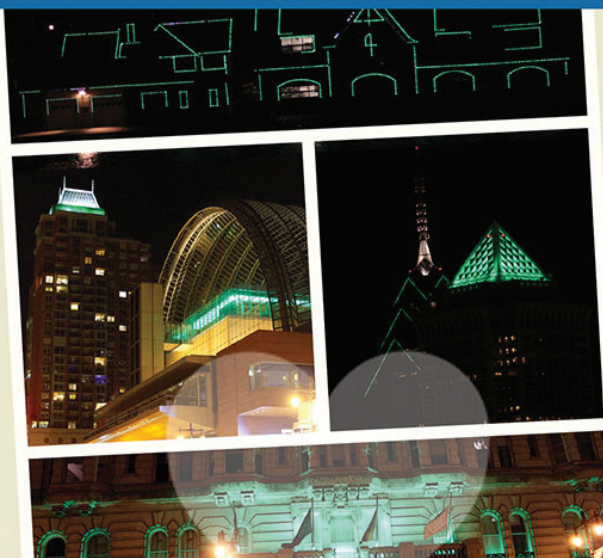
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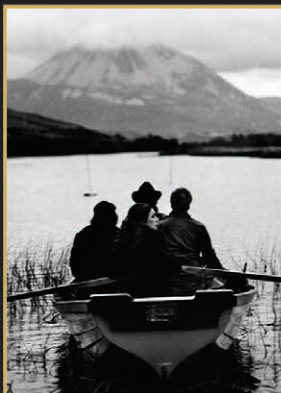
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March 4th: Citizenship Day at the Irish Diaspora Center

March 5th: Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade Association Fundraiser

March 11th: Friendly Sons & Daughters St. Patrick's Day Gala

March 12th: Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade

& Family-Friendly Parties at The Philo and Commodore John Barry Arts & Cultural Center (The Irish Center)

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day Céilí at The Irish Center

March 26th: Michael Londra LIVE at The Irish Center

April: Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade Association Awards Dinner

May: Delaware County Gaels Spring Blitz

June: Glenside Gaels Father's Day Blitz

Friendly Sons & Daughters Quarterly Meeting

July: Liberty Bell Championships (Gaelic football & hurling)

Commodore John Barry Arts & Cultural Center Summer Fundraiser

September: Irish Diaspora Center's Walk for Wellness

Philadelphia Céilí Group Festival

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