



# Céad Mile Láilte A hundred Thousand Welcomes

Fáilte, welcome to the 2024 Ambassador's Awards Luncheon. We are delighted to have you as our guest as we gather to honor and celebrate this year's distinguished award recipients. The Irish American Business Chamber & Network proudly presents KPMG with the Ambassador Award, Sister Mary Scullion and Ms. Joan Dawn McConnon with the Taoiseach Award, and the Philadelphia Gaelic Athletic Association with the Uachtarán Award.

We express heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, whose generosity makes this special day possible. Their exceptional support and recognition of our honorees are truly invaluable.

We are honored to welcome Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States for her second 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. We are very thankful for the ongoing support of Ambassador Geraldine 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.

Over 25 years, the Irish Chamber has fostered successful business connections for American and Irish executives by fostering information exchange and building strong relationships. This success is driven by active participation from key decision-makers on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Thank you for joining us today and for supporting the Irish Chamber.

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Mr. Sean Flatley Chairman, Irish American Business Chamber & Network Ms. Lisa Maloney, Esq. President, Irish American Business Chamber & Network

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Ms. Shannon Daly Cardinal O'Hara High School

### Invocation

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

### Presentation of the Uachtarán Award

## Introduction of Philadelphia Gaelic Athletic Association

Mr. Liam Kelly

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Teleflex and Board Member, Irish American Business Chamber & Network

Mr. Thomas Regan

Chairman, Philadelphia Gaelic Athletic Association

Acceptance

### Presentation of the Taoiseach Award

Introduction of Sister Mary Scullion and Ms. Joan Dawn McConnon

Ms. Edel Howlin

Founder, Untapped Communications and Women in Leadership Committee Member, Irish American Business Chamber & Network

Sister Mary Scullion and Ms. Joan Dawn McConnon,

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### Presentation of Awards Continued

### Introduction of the Ambassador of Ireland to the United States

Mr. Thomas Humphrey Ambassador's Award Chair and Board Member, Irish American Business Chamber & Network

## Ambassador's Address by Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason

# Presentation of the Ambassador Award

Introduction of KPMG, LLP

Mr. John McLoughlin
Principal Partner, East Coast Leader, Trade and Customs KPMG and
Vice President, Irish American Business Chamber & Network

Mr. David Greed

Managing Partner, Philadelphia Office

Acceptance

# **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Paul McCracken

Vice President, Global Head of Medical Imaging & Cardiac Safety Solutions at ICON plc and Board Member, Irish American Business Chamber & Network

Immediately following our luncheon, please join us in the Lincoln Memorial and Lincoln Lounge on the second floor for a networking reception and a whiskey tasting hosted by **Connacht Whiskey**, as well as the chance to congratulate our honorees.



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# Der 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. Ambassador Byrne Nason 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 honor and was the third woman to receive the award of its 35 recipients. In 2014, she was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy, Ireland's highest academic honor. 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 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 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: Larry Kirwan, 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.

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# Philadelphia Gaelic Atheltic Association

Mr. Thomas Regan, Chairman Accepting on behalf of the Philadelphia Gaelic Athletic Association



Nestled in the heart of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Gaelic Athletic Association (Philadelphia GAA) is a vibrant community dedicated to preserving and promoting Irish culture through the traditional sports of Gaelic football, hurling, and camogie. Founded in 1928, it's one of the oldest and most active GAA divisions in the United States, boasting a rich history and a passionate following.

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Previous Taoiseach Award recipients include: John Cummins & Adele Farrell, 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.

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# Ambassador Award

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

Previous recipients of the Ambassador Award include: Neumann University, 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.

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Accepting on behalf of KPMG, LLP - David Greed, Managing Partner, Philadelphia



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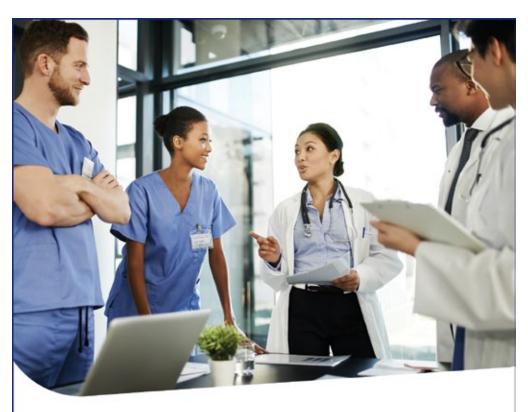
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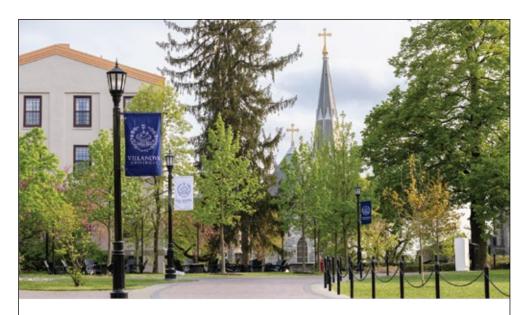
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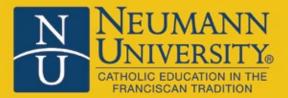
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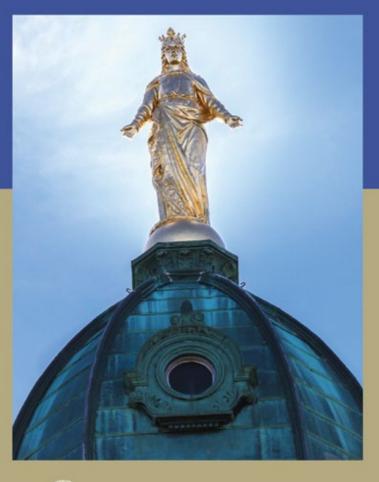
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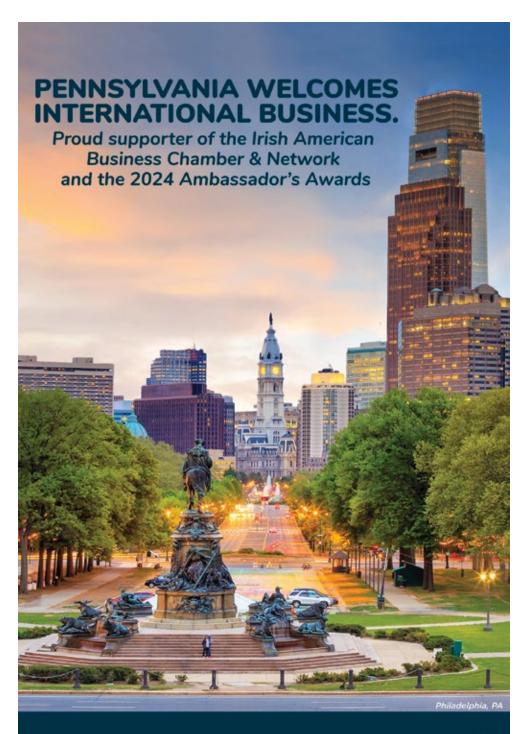
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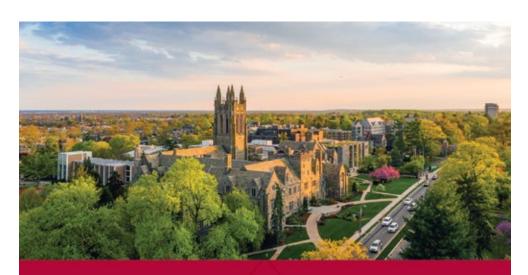
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Any Chamber members interested in volunteering with the Friendly Sons to help guide their inflatable St. Patrick balloon through the parade. <u>Volunteers are asked to report to the parade route (JFK Blvd) at 9.00 am.</u>

After the parade, we will join our friends from The Philo, Friendly Sons & Daughters of St. Patrick, Irish Diaspora Center and Brehon Law Society for a family-friendly parade party.

Scan for details and registration information.







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- William Butler Yeats

Kudos to **Sister Mary Scullion** and **Joan Dawson McConnon** for being honored with the Taoiseach Award. Your invaluable contributions through Project HOME have left an indelible mark on the future of the city and hope for its most vulnerable residents. Your unwavering commitment to service and charity serves as a moral compass for Philadelphia.

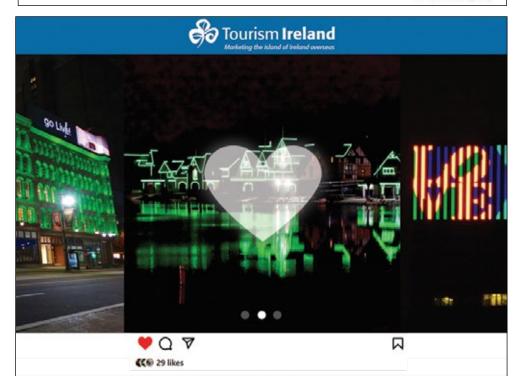
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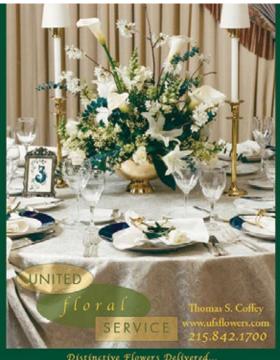
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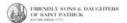




































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