

Gold and silver for horticulture students

Two teams of horticultural students from Greenmount Campus were congratulated by Minister Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA on their success in the recent UK Skills Landscaping competitions held in England. The Advanced Team, comprising Foundation Degree students Michael Clarke and James Cuffey were joint winners at the UK Skills final at Malvern Show, Worcestershire. The Intermediate Team, who were awarded a silver medal, was made up of National Diploma students Stephen Robinson and Neil Bradley.



Feed your mind at Loughry

Over 800 Year 11 pupils visited Loughry Campus as part of an innovative programme to support Home Economics and Science students and develop their interest in food. The one day event entitled 'Feed Your Mind' took the pupils through several demonstrations, illustrating how various scientific techniques, technologies and consumer issues have a major impact on the food we eat. Using their loaf are students Stuart McCullagh from Oakgrove Integrated College and Demi McCauley, Brownlow Integrated College.



From Enniskillen to Kentucky

2009 has been a busy year for recent graduate Laura Jane Martin from Enniskillen Campus. As well as obtaining her Honours Degree in Equine Management, she was awarded the Vaughan Trust Award and Tullyrairie House Cup for the top final year student and the Irish Draught Horse Society Cup for the best final year dissertation. Laura Jane was also one of two successful candidates, selected internationally for the prestigious Kentucky Equine Research Internship, where she hopes to build upon her knowledge and develop her equine research skills.

Success for Moycraig Young Farmer

Earlier this year Greenmount student, Robert McConaghy, a member of Moycraig Young Farmers' Club, took part in the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, Young Dairy Student of the Year competition in London. Robert was one of the three runners up in the final and his success continued when he graduated from Greenmount Campus with a Higher National Diploma in Agriculture. Robert is pictured receiving his prize money from Jane Charlesworth, Farmer Communications Manager, Dairy Crest, sponsors of the competition and lecturer Stephanie Woods.



SPRING 2010 OPEN DAYS

Veterinary Nursing Courses Open Day (Greenmount Campus)

Saturday 13th March 2009, 2 - 4pm

Enniskillen Campus

Saturday 20th March 2010, 12 noon

Loughry Campus

Tuesday 27th April 2010, 3 - 8pm

Greenmount Campus

Wednesday 28th April 2010, 7pm

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Welcome

Welcome to the autumn 2009 edition of Cafre Chat, the publication that keeps you up-to-date with student news and events from the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE).



Friends in food

Best friends Aisling Vallely, Teresa Conroy, Ayleen Millen and Hayley Cobane ended their time at Loughry on a high, graduating with BSc Hons Degrees in Food Technology. The girls all agreed "Loughry graduates are highly sought after in the food industry and a number of us in final year were offered a choice of jobs before graduating. Studying at Loughry has really developed us, improving our technical, business and communication skills."



Grub's up at Greenmount Campus

A record number of first year Agriculture and Mechanisation students enrolled at Greenmount Campus this year. As part of their induction programme, students enjoyed a wonderful BBQ in the delightful setting of the Greenmount Nature Trail. National Diploma in Agriculture students Teresa Connon, Lucy Hurrell and Nicola Warwick, said "it was a great way to meet new people and the burgers were delicious."

Ready, steady, go...

Learning by doing is the norm for students on both the Further and Higher Education programmes at Enniskillen Campus. This approach helps to prepare them for industry and literally means that they can hit the ground running when they graduate or go out on work placement. The students, pictured here learning tacking up skills with instructor Nessa Toher, love this applied approach as it helps them put into practice what they learn in the classroom.



Winning ways for Loughry students

The start of a new academic year has seen a number of new events introduced into the students' social scene at Loughry Campus. The Students' Representative Council organises a programme of events to help new students get to know each other and enjoy their student experience. Go-karting was certainly a hit with the boys, who were keen to show off their skills on the race track, with James Nugent, John Shiels and Simon Agnew taking the laurels.



Veterinary Nurse of the Year Award

Emma Larmour, who completed her Level 2 and 3 Veterinary Nursing qualifications at Greenmount, recently won the prestigious Northern Ireland Veterinary Nurse of the Year Award. Emma, who works at Cedarmount Veterinary Clinic in Bangor and has recently qualified as a Veterinary Nurse, received 13 separate nominations from colleagues and clients including glowing comments such as "an ambassador for veterinary nurses" and "star vet nurse."

Fun for new students at Enniskillen Campus

Every year first year students at Enniskillen Campus get a chance to try out their teambuilding and orienteering skills at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea. This forms part of their induction into campus life, as well as assessing their equine skills so that they can be matched with the most appropriate modules to suit their career plans and skills levels. The busy but enjoyable week finishes with fun activities such as banana boating on Lough Erne.



Work never tasted so good!

Fridays at Loughry are extra special. Time is set aside for students to complete the Manufacturing Operations Certificate using Loughry's world class food processing facilities. Here, students gain the vital practical and supervisory skills necessary for future careers in Northern Ireland's largest manufacturing sector. National Diploma student Audrey Wilson assesses the quality of one of Loughry's famous ice-creams and the sense of satisfaction she has achieved from supervising a team of her peers while manufacturing this delicious dessert is clear to see.