



College Awards & Success stories 2021/22

Centre for
Marketing & Design



45 Learner Awards

Well done to our students and staff whose hard work and talent has been recognised during the last academic year.



1 Peter Roberts Collab Group Bursary

HND Business graduate, **Laura Black**, received this UK bursary for outstanding achievement in the further education sector. Having completed Levels 2-5 in Business with the Belfast Business School, Laura embodied the spirit of the award by demonstrating tremendous resilience in overcoming adversity and a strong commitment to learning and skills development.



2 World Skills UK

Four of our students successfully went through to the finals after completing the Northern Ireland heats. **Nathan Dane** achieved a Gold Medal for Electronics and **Leonie McDonagh** a Bronze Medal for Carpentry.



3 Academic and Continuing Education

Sentinus Project

A Level Biology students, **Marika Sych** and **Alisha Kumar** completed projects on cardiovascular disease risk factors and gained UCAS points. The four-week Nuffield Research Placement project in Biomedical Science was validated by Queen's University Belfast.

Aspiration Awards 2022 - Learner of the Year

The Learner of the Year category recognises individuals who are developing themselves through vocational qualifications from NCFE and making positive improvements to their lives. This year, 18-year-old, **Caitriona McIvor** was awarded the Highly Commended award in this category. Caitriona is studying NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development at the College.



15 Belfast Business School

Hairdressing

Competition 1: **Tia Algie** achieved 2nd place in Ladies Commercial Blow-Dry and Finish.

Competition 17: **Tia Algie** 4th place and **Katy Patterson** second place in the Ladies Fashion Finish.

Competition 18: **Jamie Williamson** with model **Cameron Buchanan** achieved 1st place in Gents Creative Cut and Finish. Other competitors were - **Amy Warnock, Evan McMillan, Jessica Irvine, Ryan Johnston, Raynor Watters** and **Emin Cirit**.

Hospitality and Catering

IFEX awards

[ChefSkills Live Theatre Competition](#)

Students were awarded four Gold, four Silver and three Bronze Medals collectively, and the College received Silver in the Street Food International Award.

There were three Gold Awards in the Cupcake Artistry Championship for **Blanca Albo**, Level 2 Diploma in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills, **Erin Brennan**, Level 3 Diploma in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills, **Kim McCallum**, Level 2 Diploma in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills, received one Silver Award for **Christina Robinson**, Level 2 Diploma in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills, and **Natalie Bell**, Level 3 Diploma in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills received a Bronze Award.

Two students picked up Silver Awards in the Northern Ireland Bakery Professional of the Year category. **Aimee Kirkpatrick**, Level 3 Certificate in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills, and **Jake Grant**, Level 2 Certificate in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills.

Georgia Abernethy was named Student Culinarian of the Year 2022 and received a Gold Award, the Modern Junior Duck Bronze Award went to **Nikola Sobiecka** in the Wedding Cake category and **Anne Molloy** took Bronze.



3 Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion

Ulster University Annual Associate Dean's Award

Foundation Degree student in Integrative Counselling, **Muriel Taffs**, won Ulster University's first Annual Associate Dean's Award for the Highest Achieving Associate Student in Counselling.

US Scholarship

Dylan Leeman, Level 3 Sport student, received a US College Scholarship for tennis to the University of North Dakota where he will major in Business.

Bombardier Bursary

A Bombardier Aerostructures and Engineering Services Bursary was awarded to **Antonia O'Neill**, BSc (Hons) in Social Work at Belfast Metropolitan College in association with Ulster University.

15 Creative and Digital

Shane Dalzell and **Nathan Dane**, both second year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Electrical/Electronic Engineering were World Skills finalists. Shane is currently studying in Bath for a degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering. Nathan Dane who received a Gold Medal works for a digital signing company and plans to return to Belfast Met to complete an HND.

ACA UK & Ireland Award

2nd year HND Graphic Design student, **Emma Rodgers**, has been announced as the winner of this prestigious ACA UK & Ireland Award. Winner Emma made it through to be one of the top 20 finalists from thousands of entrants from across the UK & IE in Adobe Photoshop, InDesign & Illustrator.

Inter-College Media Awards 2022

Belfast Met Film and Television students won three awards, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at Inter-Colleges Media Competition.

1st place in the factual strand were second year Level 5 HND Film students **Cara McKernon** (Director and Editor), **Adam Muldoon** (Camera), **Cameron Crawford** (Sound) and **Laura Graham** (Producer). **Jamie Edgar** first-year student in HND in Documentary assisted as Second Camera.

First year HND Film students came runners up, as did one of the HND Videography/Photography students. First year students took 3rd place in 'Fiction' which involved students in acting and crew roles. The film was directed and filmed by **Luke Galbraith**, starred **Dean Wilson** and **Niall McNelis**, and other crew included **Joel Rafferty** as Assistant Director and **Aaron Connolly** who was the Sound Technician.

Best Blender Artists of 2021

Level 3 Visual Effects student **Conor Conway** was shortlisted at this highly acclaimed international animation festival for the Best Student Short Film in the Young Animator of the Year category.

RTS NI Awards 2022

Belfast Met Film and Television School received the most nominations in the Factual Category at this year's awards with four nominations.

First year student in HND in Commercial Photography and Videography **Lois O'Kane** came 2nd for Photography. The three awards will provide students with a small fund that they can put towards future projects.

Royal Opera House Competition

Caitlin Mclwrath, is a current Belfast Met Graphics student and the winner of this year's Royal Opera House Design Challenge for Marketing Strategy and Design.

"I'm so thankful to have had the opportunity to enter the Royal Opera House competition, and it means so much to me to win this award. Special thanks go to my tutors, Conor McClure and Megan Campbell, I'm so grateful for their encouragement, inspiration, and guidance. I've loved every moment learning about the Graphic Design HND so far, it's been amazing to work on projects like this that push me creatively and I can't wait to see what the future brings."

As her Lecturer Conor McClure exclaimed, her design for the opera Peter Grimes was, 'a testament to her creative flair and ability to produce professional standard work'. With her work being judged against that of students from colleges and universities across the UK, we couldn't be prouder of her achievements. We look forward to hearing about her future projects and the official opening of the Peter Grimes exhibition in the Royal Opera House, London, on 8 June 2022.

2 Science, Engineering and Construction

World Skills Finalists

Leonie McDonagh and **Matthew Connor** are Carpentry and Joinery Level 3 students. Matthew Connor was in first year when he made it to the finals which is an outstanding achievement. Leonie received a Bronze Medal and completed her Level 3 qualification with a distinction, has started studying a Foundation degree in Architectural Technology at the College.

4 Centre for Economic Development and Social Inclusion (CEDSI)

- **Funding for Turing Scheme announced** - The College's International Office received funding from the newly launched UK Turing Scheme. The Turing Scheme replaces Erasmus+ and has enabled fifty Level 3 Business students to study for two weeks in the USA with Felician University, New Jersey.
- **Futures Project** - The Futures project, delivered by Belfast Met, in partnership with Start360 and NI Housing Executive, has had an enormous positive impact on young people aged 14-24 since it was launched in 2018. Nearly 1,000 young people have been positively impacted by the EU funded project. 89% of Futures participants have progressed into employment, education, or training within three months of completing the programme.
- **NI Chef Bootcamp** - Eight future chefs completed Belfast Met's first NI Chef Bootcamp. All participants are progressing into employment in our local hospitality industry. NI Chef Bootcamp is a collaboration between the six further education colleges of Northern Ireland and is funded by the Department for Economy under the Economic Recovery Action Plan (ERAP).
- **Minister Poots visits Millfield campus to discuss green energy** - The Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs met with representatives from hydrogen-based technology project, GenComm, led by Belfast Met. The aim was to seek out the views and opinions of young people to help shape the success of the multi-decade Green Growth Strategy.

3 College Awards

- **Cyber Essentials Plus Certification** - The College became the first Higher & Further Educational Institute in Northern Ireland to achieve its Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus certification.
- **Northern Ireland Apprenticeships Week Awards 2022** - Fusion Heating, in partnership with Belfast Met was shortlisted as one of three finalists in this year's Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Awards for the Small to Medium Enterprises (SME) Employer Award. Four Fusion Plumbing apprentices and one Business Administration apprentice are training through Belfast Met.
- **Northern Ireland Environmental Benchmarking Survey** - Belfast Met successfully achieved a Platinum award in the Northern Ireland Environmental Benchmarking awards. The Benchmarking Survey enables the College to identify areas where it can improve environmental impacts.

7 College News

- **New Engineering Apprenticeship with Artemis Technologies** - The Belfast Maritime Consortium, led by Artemis Technologies, is creating transformative marine technologies and a new range of zero-emission ferries in Belfast. The three-year Advanced Manufacturing Level 3 Apprenticeship, which began in September 2021, combines classroom tuition with hands-on experience at Artemis Technologies, working alongside its team of world-leading experts.
- **Crusaders Football Academy announced** - Crusaders Football Academy announced, in partnership with Belfast Met, that they will receive Level 3 qualifications with course options in Sport, Business, Event Management and Media. The Academy students train as full-time footballers and receive weekly coaching, as well as having employment opportunities with Crusaders Football Club.

- **Rugby Academy announces new partnership with KC9** - Belfast Met's Level 3 Rugby Academy staff will receive mentoring from former Irish rugby professional Kieran Campbell.
- **Belfast Region City Deal** - Belfast Met works collaboratively with partners for Northern Ireland's first City Deal, to develop the skills required for the employment opportunities available.
- **Northern Ireland Civil Service Apprenticeship partnership** - Belfast Met partners with the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) to deliver a new and innovative apprenticeship delivery model.
- **Health Minister Swann launches vaccination clinics** - The Minister for Health launched vaccination clinics across four campuses to provide easy access for students and the local community to get their Covid vaccine.
- **College is Signatory with Diversity Mark** - The College signed as a Signatory with Diversity Mark and is working to achieve the Bronze accreditation within this. We aim to further build a workplace environment in which all individuals feel valued, are treated fairly, and respectfully and have equal access to opportunities.



16 Staff Awards

Staff C.A.R.E. Awards

Collaboration Award

Winner: **Glen McMahon**
(International Manager)

Runner-up: **Margaret McCabe**
(Business Development Executive)

Ambition Award

Winner: **Jamie Maze**
(Project Manager)

Runner-up: **Samantha Porter**
(Part-Time Lecturer in Media)

Respect Award

Winner: **Sharon Rolt**
(Associate Lecturer in Business
Tourism & Events Management)

Runner-up: **Damien Quinn**
(Lecturer in Leadership
Management)

Excellence Award

Winner: **Michael Neeson**
(Finance Business Partner)

Runner-up: **Michael Smyth**
(Lecturer in Computing and
Software Engineering)

Support Covid Champion Award

Winner: **Joe McNeill**
(Health & Safety Manager)

Runner-up: **Angela Moore**
(Senior School Administrator for
Belfast Business School)

Curriculum Covid Champion Award

Winner: **Ros Boyce**
(Curriculum Area Manager for
Science)

Technology Enhanced Learning Top Teaching Team – T4 Award

Winner:
The Visual Effects Team

Team Care Award

Winner:
The Futures Project Team

Runner-up:
**The Business
Development Team**

Spirit of the Met Award

Winner: **Nigel Humphries**
(Multimedia and Instructional
Design Manager)

Runner-up: **Aidan Browne**
(Lecturer in Electronics Media
& Music)

