



OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN  
National University of Ireland

# Shannon College of Hotel Management

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THE MICHAEL DAVERN CLASS  
2004 - 2009

*Annual Conferring Awards*

## Director's Message



Commerce (*honoris causa*) by NUI Galway, in recognition of his contribution to the development of the College. I would also like to welcome Mr. Michael Davern, Class Patron and thank him for his valued mentoring of his class during the past four years.

I hope you all enjoy this very special day.

Philip J. Smyth

Director

## Class Patron: Michael Davern



Michael Davern is the CEO and General Manager of Ireland's top internationally acclaimed hotel and resort: The K Club. A native of Cashel, Co Tipperary, Michael graduated from Shannon College of Hotel Management in 1988. He commenced his career with Trust House Forte in the UK with assistant management positions at Sheffield and later in the new Forte Hotel in Hull whilst also working as a project manager with a software development company engaged in the catering business.

In 1991, Michael joined the opening team of the K Club which became the first property in Ireland to achieve the coveted AA Five Stars where he was later appointed Deputy General Manager for Food and Beverage. To gain further experience

in the international hotel industry, Michael moved to the Fancourt Hotel and Country Club on the Garden Route in South Africa and became General Manager at the age of just 29.

Four years later, Michael became General Manager of the exclusive Sandy Lane Properties in Barbados, where he was involved in the development of many projects including two new golf courses, club house and a real estate project. In 2005, Michael returned to the K Club as CEO and General Manager, no doubt his greatest achievement was steering the K Club along with his team, through the 2006 Ryder Cup.

Michael is married to Aideen and has two children; Ava and Emer. Two of Michael's brothers are also graduates of Shannon College; Donagh is General Manager of the Heritage Hotel, Killenard and Bryan is General Manager of the former Berkley Court Hotel in Ballsbridge, currently D4 Hotels.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our graduands and their families back to Shannon College. They deserve our congratulations as they have completed a rigorous programme, having to prove themselves both academically, to honours degree level, and in the real world of hotels. They join a small but highly influential Alumni body, many of whom hold senior positions around the world.

It gives me particular pleasure to welcome Mr Thomas G. Keaveney, Managing Director of Morgan's Wine Merchants, Dublin, former Chairman of the College Board and the Shannon College of Hotel Management Trust. Today Tom will be awarded a Masters Degree in

## Master of Commerce, *honoris causa*

Thomas G. Keaveney

## Bachelor of Business Studies in International Hotel Management

### *Bachelor of Business Studies with Distinction*

James McAnaney  
Qin Wang

### *Bachelor of Business Studies with "Merit" Grade 1*

Jing Gao  
Baogang Qin  
Shuyan Wang  
Xiao Li Wu  
Luwen Zhou

### *Bachelor of Business Studies with "Merit" Grade 2*

Dilixiati Aierken  
Nan Bao  
Wei Cai  
Kevin Concannon  
Richard Gavin  
Darren Gee  
Sakshi Goel  
Navdeep Gupta  
Lei Han  
Alan Hayden  
Qian Li  
Yue Liu  
Remo Lobo  
Wei Lu  
Sharat Chandra Maddi  
Joslin Martin  
Catherine McPadden  
Hye-Young Na  
Fergal O'Halloran  
Song Seokkun  
Amit Kumar Singh  
Wei Sun  
Wei Tang  
Fiona Tevlin  
Pan Wang  
Ying Wang  
Ni Zhao

### *Bachelor of Business Studies*

Mohit Goel  
Fidelma Griffin  
Kostas Magoufis

## NUI Diploma in International Hotel Management

*NUI Diploma with Distinction*  
Anne Marie Collins  
Sven Wiegand

### *NUI Diploma with "Merit" Grade 1*

Galina Efremova  
Leah Horan  
Amy Johnston  
Luighsighe Kenny  
Leah Lenihan  
Aisling MacDonnell  
Rónán O'Halloran  
Susan Ryan

### *NUI Diploma with "Merit" Grade 2*

Cahal Altman

## NUI Diploma in Business Studies in International Hotel Management

*NUI Diploma with "Merit" Grade 2*  
Anant Veer Singh Tyagi

## Bachelor of Commerce, NUI Galway (22 October 2008)

*BComm 1st Class Honours*  
Xuan Meng

### *BComm 2nd Class Honours Grade 1*

Anne Marie Collins  
Galina Efremova  
Walter Hennesly  
Amy Johnston  
Luighsighe Kenny  
Leah Lenihan  
Aisling MacDonnell  
Rónán O'Halloran  
Randilu Perera  
Susan Ryan  
Sven Wiegand

### *BComm 2nd Class Honours Grade 2*

Jinson Anthony  
Leah Horan

## *Scholarships and Prizes*

Guinness Storehouse Scholarship (Value €5,000)

Irish Hotels Federation Prize

French Prize

English Prize

German Prize

Membership of the Irish Hospitality Institute (G.I.H.I)

The Grand Hotel Malahide Scholarship (Value €1,270)

The Louis Latour Prize

Shannon College of Hotel Management Prize

Bernard O'Mahony Prize (Value €600)

Shannon College of Hotel Management Trust Prize

The Marriott Hotel's Prize

Doyle Collection Group Scholarship (Value €3,800)

Banfi Foundation Scholarship (Value \$10,000)

## *Welcome to the Shannon College Alumni*

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on getting this far! You have now joined a family of over 1,600 Shannon Alumni worldwide, with established chapters in Dublin, London, Galway, New York and California. This family can be invaluable to you both personally and professionally. If you are thinking of changing jobs or moving overseas and would like to make contact with any of these chapters, please e-mail me and I will be delighted to give you all the information you need.

An Alumni Ball takes place each year and is a great opportunity for a class reunion. Keep an eye on the Alumni Section of the website for the date and venue next spring. May I urge you to register on the Alumni Section of the website ([www.shannoncollege.com/content/alumni](http://www.shannoncollege.com/content/alumni)) if you have not done so already. It is the first port of call for graduates wanting to connect with classmates and friends. Don't forget to update your contact details as you move around the world.

Best of luck in your careers and remember to "Keep the Contact."

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