**Presentation of the Brian Conlon GAA Scholarship and the Cormac McAnallen Medal**

**Friday 19th May**

**Awards**

The Brian Conlon GAA Scholarship was established within the Queen’s GAA Academy in 2022 through a generous gift from The Brian Conlon Foundation. The award is made to an outstanding student, who has come though the “Gaelic Football Future Stars” programme and is based on their engagement, attitude, and performance during their first year at Queen’s.

 The Cormac McAnallen Medal was established in 2012 by the Queen’s University GAA Club and Queen’s University Past Member’s Union. This prestigious award is presented to an exceptional student for outstanding commitment to, and performance for, the Queen’s GAA club.

**The Brian Conlon GAA Scholarship 2023**

This year's recipient is Diarmid King, Queen’s Freshers Footballer whose home club is Newtownbutler First Fermanagh GAC. Diarmid was awarded a Gaelic Football Future Star when he was attending St. Michael’s College in Enniskillen, in 2020. He continued to develop as a player and was an outstanding player, for Queen’s Freshers. He is currently part of the Fermanagh senior county squad.

Niall Jackman, Queen’s Freshers Football Manager said:

“Diarmid is an exceptional talent and I have no doubt that he will continue to progress and become an important player on the inter county scene. We look forward to him playing Sigerson football with Queen’s and are excited about the impact he will have on our senior squad.”

**Cormac McAnallen Medal**

The medal is awarded intermittently to a player who has made an exceptional contribution to Queen’s GAA and Tiernan Bogue has been chosen as the worthy winner. Tiernan is the current Queen’s Sigerson Captain and his leadership on and off the field has been exemplary. His home club is Tempo Maguires GAC, and he plays senior county football with Fermanagh. Tiernan is one of three siblings studying at Queen’s, each of whom are involved in elite level sport. He has recently completed his medical studies and will take up a post as a doctor in the South West Acute Hospital.

Connor Deegan, Queen’s Sigerson Manager said:

“Tiernan has been an exceptional leader for Queen’s Gaelic Footballers and his commitment to the sport is exemplary. I know that this award is highly prized and is presented only to those who are held in the highest esteem by the club. I can think of no more fitting recipient than Tiernan and I know that he lives up to the high ideals that Cormac McAnallen held dear.”

John Devaney, Chair of the Queen’s GAA Past Members Union, Chair of Down County Board and former Chair of Queen’s GAA gave guests an overview of the awards and their place in the heritage of Queen’s GAA. He was joined by Donal McAnallen, brother of Cormac and Ciaran Conlon, brother of Brian, who presented the worthy winners with their medals. Ciaran was assisted by Brian’s two children in presenting the award.