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Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 16 January

A Parent Information Evening will take place on Tuesday 16 January from 6-8pm in the Aula Maxima of the University. Talks will cover general admissions, finance and grants and careers information. Visitors will also have the opportunity to visit Information Stands where they will meet with representatives from all Colleges. Further information at www.ucc.ie/en/study/undergrad/opendays

Live Online Q&A - Thursday 25 January

UCC will host a live online Q&A on Thursday 25 January from 3-5pm for prospective undergraduate students applying to CAO at www.ucc.ie/caolive. The session will be aimed at Leaving Certificate students who are making applications through the CAO and have questions about their applications, undergraduate programmes at UCC or anything to do with starting out as a first year student in UCC. To participate, visit www.ucc.ie/caolive at 3pm on Thursday 25 January, type your question and get an immediate response from one of the expert panel which will include some of our current Quercus Scholarship recipients.

Bookings for Campus Accommodation 2018/19

The UCC Campus Accommodation online booking system will open on 7 February for the academic year 2018/19. Students register online at the Accommodation Portal which can be accessed online at www.ucc.ie/en/campusaccom. We appreciate that this can be a stressful time for students with CAO applications to consider and exams to prepare for, therefore our goal is to ensure a stress free application process for UCC. Applications will close on 7 March.

Please note, before booking, students must live over 45km from UCC to apply for accommodation at UCC Campus Accommodation. It is essential to keep in mind that accommodation for all eligible students is determined by a Lottery and chances of receiving a room are the same regardless of whether application is made between 7 February and 7 March, 2018.

Bookings for BComm Convention and Law Open Day

Bookings for the BComm Convention taking place on Tuesday 24 April and the Law Open Day taking place on Thursday 26 April will open on Monday 15 January. Please send the names, email addresses and mobile numbers of the students wishing to attend to Anne Wallace (email:



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<u>a.wallace@ucc.ie</u>). There are 20 places per school. Priority should be given to Leaving Certs and 5th years but interested TY's are also very welcome.

The February Law Academy is completely full and bookings can no longer be accepted. A waiting list is in operation on a first come, first served basis.

Application for Quercus Scholarships 2018

At UCC, in collaboration with our partners Henry Ford & Son Ltd., we nurture talent from acorns to mighty oaks through support, encouragement and by challenging and mentoring them both academically and personally.

The Quercus Scholarship offers both prospective undergraduate students and students already registered in UCC the opportunity to apply for scholarships in the following areas: Academic, Active Citizenship, Creative and Performing Arts, Innovation/Entrepreneurship, Sport.

Student can now make an online application on the UCC Quercus website at www.ucc.ie/en/quercus The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Sunday 11 February. Further information can be requested by emailing quercus@ucc.ie or by contacting Michele Power or Elaine O'Mahony at Tel: 021 4904688/4904686.

Quercus Entrance Scholarships Awards 2017

88 students were awarded a UCC Quercus Entrance Scholarship. Of these, 61 students achieved at least 600 Leaving Certificate points and 29 achieved the maximum score of 625 points. Among the recipients were 4 students who also received the Mary Ryan Language Scholarship and 5 winners of the BT Young Scientist award.

Professor Patrick O'Shea, President of UCC and Professor John O'Halloran, Vice President for Teaching and Learning addressed the students, their families, guidance counsellors, principals and teachers at the awards ceremony on the 28 November 2017. Professor O'Shea thanked all guidance counsellors and principals for their leadership and their commitment and dedication to the education of all students. He added that 'UCC values its relationship with second level schools in Munster and beyond'. Scholarship recipients represented Germany, Donegal, Laois, Wexford, Kildare, Kilkenny, Clare, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Kerry and Cork.

All principals were presented with a UCC Quercus plaque. Quercus Entrance Scholarships are valued up to €2,000.

Spring Open Day for Schools

The Spring Open Day will be held on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May 2018. Schools can register to attend on one of the above days. The day is aimed at registered school groups of TY and/or fifth year students. Information about the day and how to register a group will be sent to schools after the mid-term break. All registrations will be online.

The closing date for registrations is Tuesday 24 April.

Please note that students attending the Spring Open Day must be part of a registered supervised school group.

Email: <u>s.oherlihy@ucc.ie</u> for more information.