

Pharmacy Graduations and Celebrations

September marked a memorable month for many within pharmacy, as many students celebrated qualifying whilst others noted an end to pharmacy internships.



Liew Chee Foong with Tomás Conefrey and team at Conefrey's CarePlus Pharmacy

"Next came the end of a challenging but incredibly fulfilling final year internship with McCabes Pharmacy alongside the most supportive colleagues I've ever had the good luck to work alongside.

"And finally, I packed up my booth in the Aviva Stadium Mass Vaccination Center for the last time since joining in early May, marking the beginning of the end for the emergency vaccination program. It has been a massive privilege to work alongside veteran healthcare professionals and future leaders alike as part of "the best team to ever play in the Aviva", and to contribute in the response to this pandemic to the best of my abilities."

Pharmacy Intern Miriam Boland also acknowledged her time spent at McCabes Pharmacy stating, "It was a privilege to complete my final eight month placement with McCabes Pharmacy in Dundrum Town Centre! I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with! I'm more excited than ever to qualify as a pharmacist."

Congratulations to all those who graduated and to those embarking on their final years!



Liew Chee Foong, second year Pre-Registration Pharmacy Intern reflected on his time spent with Tomás Conefrey and team at Conefrey's CarePlus Pharmacy. Currently in his final year with Trinity College Dublin he said, "

"Seventeen months ago, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic in Ireland, I stepped into the pharmacy for the first time to temporarily help out as a frontline healthcare student due to staff shortage. That was my very first hands-on community pharmacy experience where my actions would have a direct impact on patient safety.

"Tomás and the team were always genuinely willing to help and guide the new boy in the house. At that point, I discovered the great potential of the team in the

development of my career as a prospective pharmacist.

"Fast forward to having completed my 8-month APPEL (Pharmacy Experiential Learning) placement at Conefrey's CarePlus Pharmacy. Tomas, Jamie and Ling – thank you so much for all your teachings and guidance whilst training me towards becoming a competent pharmacist. Marian, Suzanne & Laura – I really appreciated you showing me the ropes of the retail and managerial aspects of front-of-shop pharmacy. Most importantly, all of you made me feel so much part of the family. The laughter and the craic made my days all the brighter amidst the depressive months of lockdown!

"Even many years down my career later, I will always appreciate and never forget where it all began for me in the first place."

August '21 marked the end of three incredible journeys for Pre-Reg Pharmacist James McLaughlin.

"It began with me finally getting to graduate in person and receive my B.Pharm, after 8 months of deferring so I could give my Mum the Trinity College Dublin experience and show her the fruits of our last 4 years of sacrifice and hard work," he said.

Pre-Reg Pharmacist James McLaughlin

Pharmacy Intern Miriam Boland with her pharmacy team at McCabe's Pharmacy



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