

Help Fill in the Gaps - Michael Corbett

In 2021, the Patrician Academy will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Student Council. We think that we are the oldest Student Council in Ireland, having been established in 1971. A celebration was planned for Mallow Library in January of 2021 to mark the significant milestone. In preparation for this, I, alongside fellow Transition Year students Páidí O' Riordan and Joe Power formed a subcommittee of the Council that has been dedicated to research the history of the Council for the event. We have been greatly assisted in our research by Mr. John Lucey.

Sifting through old articles and past school magazines, we compiled a list of chairmen of the Council and noted the most significant Council events through the years. But due to gaps in our timeline we have decided to write an article asking you, the reader, to help us fill in the blanks. We are in the process of creating an Honours Board of all the Council past chairmen and we would like to have as few omissions and inaccuracies as possible. If you have any information regarding past student councils, feel free to contact the school, admin@patricianacademy.com, or call into the school. The number of the school is 022-21884 and the address Patrician Academy, Bowling Green, Mallow, Co. Cork.

1. 1971 -
2. 1972 -
3. 1973 - Paul Hayes
4. 1974 -
5. 1975 - K. Dalton
6. 1976 - Liam O'Brien
7. 1977 - Denis Buckley
8. 1978 - Denis Buckley
9. 1979 - Pat Murray
10. 1980 - John Gayer
11. 1981 - John Gayer
12. 1982 - Seán Hickey
13. 1983 - John Forde
14. 1984 - Paul Hayes
15. 1985 - J Leahy
16. 1986 - J. Buckley and J. Sheehan
17. 1987 - Alan O'Callaghan and Dominic Heaney
18. 1988 - Barry Beechinor
19. 1989 - Neil Delaney
20. 1990 - Sean Sherlock
21. 1991 - Sean Sherlock
22. 1992 - David O' Sullivan
23. 1993 - Bartley Galvin
24. 1994 - John Linehan
25. 1995 - Harold McSweeney
26. 1996 - Juan Carlos Ascencio Lane
27. 1997 - Kevin McCarthy
28. 1998 -
29. 1999 -
30. 2000 - Gearoid France
31. 2001 - David Linehan
32. 2002 - Billy Mulcahy
33. 2003 - Eamonn Gardiner
34. 2004 - Paul Culloty
35. 2005 - Conor Leahy
36. 2006 - Sean Walsh
37. 2007 - James Fitzgerald

38. 2008 - Conor Manson and Seán Daly
39. 2009 - Tadgh Ó Caoimh
40. 2010 - Seán Ronayne
41. 2011 - Paul McCarthy
42. 2012 - Brian O Regan
43. 2013 - Niall O Keeffe
44. 2014 - Páidrag Curtin
45. 2015 - John Cashman
46. 2016 - Padraig O Driscoll
47. 2017 - Eoghan Kenny
48. 2018 - Luke Kennedy
49. 2019 - Glen Singleton
50. 2020 - Kenny Dunne

Apart from the timeline, longtime Student Council head Ms Glynn spearheaded the making of two beautifully painted murals; one by a second year group and one by Resource 1 and Caun, aided by Mr Stokes. Joe and Páidri spent hours collecting images of each Council for an anniversary slideshow also.

Unfortunately due to a spike in COVID cases in early January leading to the closure of schools, we were not able to go ahead with our presentation. We hope to publish a number of articles of interesting events that the Student Council have been involved in over the years. We look forward to travelling down the Academy's memory lane with you all and if you would like to share any of your stories of your time in the Academy please do so through the above contacts. We look forward to enjoying the postponed events with you all in a better, safer environment in the coming year.



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