

PRESS RELEASE

CIT'S SPORTING HEROES GET REWARDED

Irish athlete, sports manager, broadcaster and chat show host, **Jacqui Hurley**, is Guest Speaker at the **Cork Institute of Technology Sports Awards** which will honour CIT's exceptional sporting students and clubs. Eleven individual awards will be presented as well as "Fresher of the Year," "Club of the Year" and Special Achievement awards for international athletes. The CIT Sports Awards 2014/15 take place in CIT's Student Centre, on **Thursday, April 23rd**, at 1pm.

The CIT Awards run annually and provides the ideal opportunity to recognise students who have excelled in their chosen sport throughout the past academic year. The awards are based on outstanding achievements in their sport and/or the administration of clubs within CIT. This year there will be eleven individual presentations as well as an outstanding "Fresher of the Year" award and as is the tradition with these awards, winners will be revealed on the day.

Also awarded this year will be 'Club of the Year', 'Most Improved Club' and two 'Risam Uile' awards: all much sought after awards, presented to clubs who have shown high achievement and are organised both on and off the field.

The final awards will be 'Achievement Awards' being presented to students who this year have excelled at senior international level.

Each recipient is a shining example to their peers and their outstanding achievements will be recognised on the day.

The 2014/2015 academic season has been a successful one for CIT. The Institute featured prominently in a broad range of sports from indoor to outdoor, water to field sports. Outstanding achievements include: winning 3 gold medals at the Track & Field intervarsities; All-Ireland men's basketball Freshers Plate winners; Senior ladies basketballers, intervarsity finalists; Won 3 silver medals at the Boxing Intersvarsities and Ladies footballers won the All-Ireland League.

CIT also successfully hosted a number of prestigious events including the National Equestrian Intersvarsities, O'Connor Cup Ladies Football, the IDFPA National Powerlifting Championships and the Rockclimbing Intersvarsities. 3 hockey members have been selected for the All-Ireland Colleges team: James Phillips, Philip Sweetnam and Andrew Daunt.

"This Awards Function promises to be another special occasion and a chance to applaud the wonderful commitment and achievements of our students," said Miriam Deasy, Sports Officer. "Being nominated for one of these awards is an achievement considering the thousands of students that attend CIT, I, on behalf of the Sports Office, congratulate and thank all nominees for their commitment. I am delighted and extremely thankful that proud Cork woman, Jacqui Hurley, can take time out of her hectic schedule to share her words of wisdom and experience with us."

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