



## McManus scholarship for Jamie

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A SHANNON student is among a group of 125 from the island of Ireland to be presented with a prestigious All Ireland scholarship.

Jamie MacManus, past pupil of St Caimin's Community School in Shannon received his honour at a ceremony in the University of Limerick last week where Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan and Dr. Stephen Farry, Minister for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland presented the awards.

The All Ireland Scholarships Programme commenced in 2008. JP McManus has contributed a total of

€32 million in support of third level education initiatives in recognition of the 32 counties of Ireland and it is estimated that over 1,300 students will benefit from the scheme over its duration.

The programme is managed by a board of Trustees and is administered by the Department of Education and Skills, the Department for Employment and Learning with support from the Department of Education, Northern Ireland.

Each year an awards ceremony takes place at the University of Limerick for winning students, their parents, school principals and other guests. The event is a celebration of the recipient's achievements and

each student is presented with a certificate and gift from JP McManus and the special guest on the day.

Special Guest at this year's Awards Ceremony was 20-time champion jockey, Tony McCoy. Previous speakers include Former EU Commissioner, Charlie McCreevey, former Minister for Education, Batt O'Keeffe, former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese; renowned businessman, Dermot Desmond, the Taoiseach Enda Kenny; Michael Flatley, President Bill Clinton and Michael O'Leary of Ryanair.

The students, who are among the highest achievers in the country, are each given €6,750 or £5,500 a year to pay towards their college and oth-

er fees.

One hundred students from the Republic of Ireland and 25 from the North are selected each year.

The grants will continue for the duration of the under graduate programmes chosen by the scholarship winners.

The other scholarship winner from Clare was St Flannan's College student Liam Pierolivo from Ennis.

Below:

JP McManus, Claire Knight Principal of St Caimin's Community College, Jamie MacManus, Jan O'Sullivan, the Minister for Education and Skills.

