

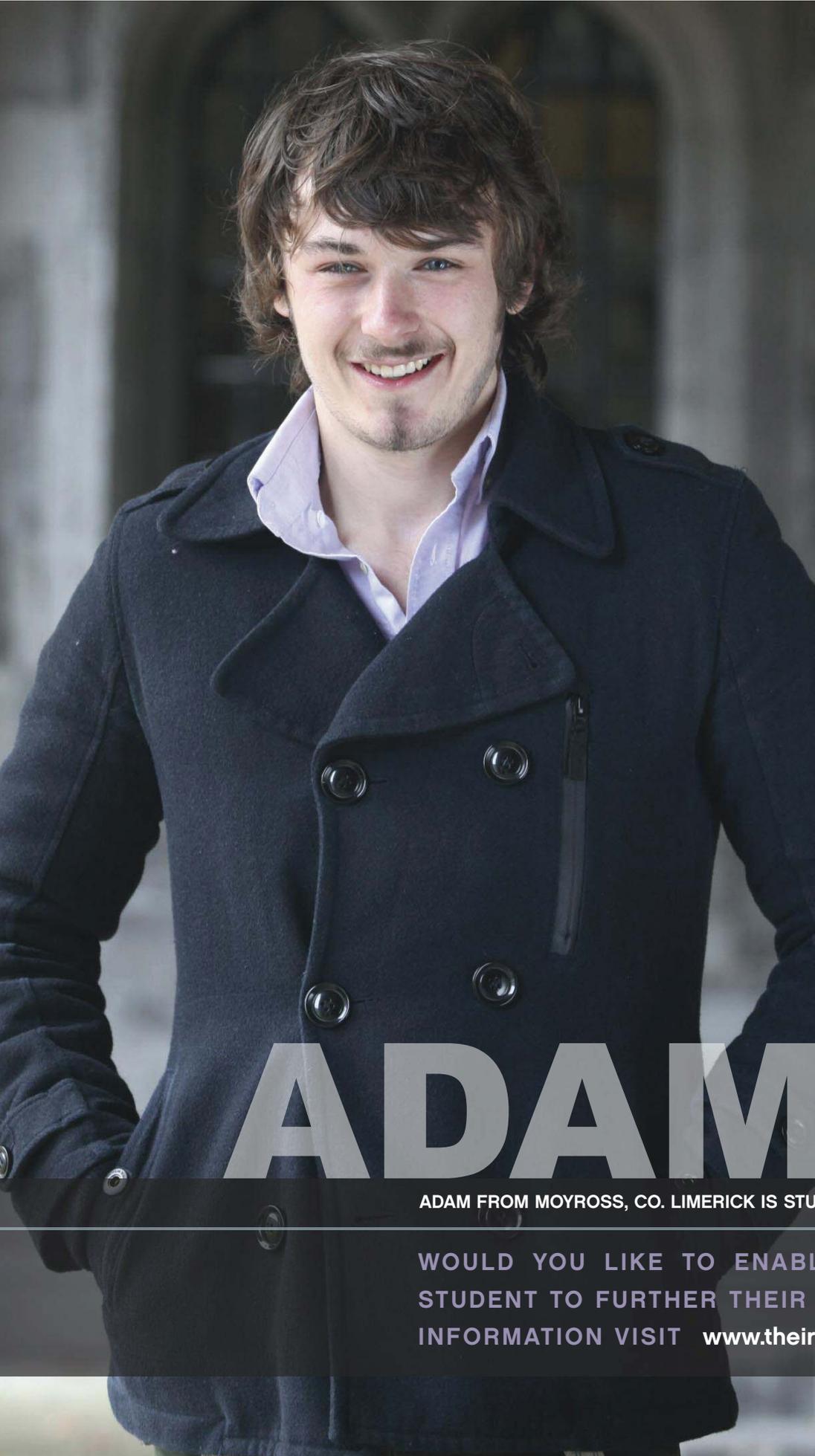
# NO MIND LEFT BEHIND

NO MIND LEFT BEHIND IS AN INITIATIVE DEVELOPED BY THE IRELAND FUNDS AND LONGTIME IRELAND FUNDS' DONORS JOHN AND PAULINE RYAN TO GIVE PROMISING YOUNG PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THIRD-LEVEL EDUCATION BY PROVIDING AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TO COVER THE COSTS OF BOOKS, ACCOMODATION AND OTHER KEY EXPENSES.

While the Irish government covers basic fees for third-level students who qualify by means testing, many young people are prevented from completing their education due to the additional costs of books, accommodation, transportation, and subsistence, which are estimated at \$4,000 per year or \$16,000 for a four-year university course. Many of our scholars already have part-time jobs, and the No Mind Left Behind scholarships allow them to focus more on their studies and participate more fully in university activities and societies.

Donors can select the city, county, secondary school or university in Ireland or Northern Ireland to which they would like the scholarship to be awarded. It is an opportunity for donors to not only invest in a deserving student, but to honor their area of ancestry. The Ireland Funds are proud that over 20 scholarships to date have been funded by our donors giving young people a chance to build strong foundations for their futures.





# ADAM

ADAM FROM MOYROSS, CO. LIMERICK IS STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY AT NUI GALWAY.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENABLE A DESERVING IRISH STUDENT TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION? FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [www.theirelandfunds.org/nmlb](http://www.theirelandfunds.org/nmlb)

“At home in Limerick we were really stuck. I finished school but took a year off to work and get a foothold in order to save for college. I was working almost 40 hours a week cleaning a nursing home in the day and a shopping centre at night. It was tough.

My local parish priest and my primary school principal heard about the No Mind Left Behind Scholarship from The Ireland Funds and nominated me. It was my priest who called me and told me I had been selected. My family was just delighted. Limerick is my home, but they knew my dream was to go to Galway to study psychology.

Now that I’m here? The competition is stiff and I will have to work hard. Even a holiday is a chance to be in the library to study. My hope is to go into clinical psychology so I can understand how the mind works.

Having this scholarship means I don’t have to take time away from studying to travel to Limerick on the weekends to work, or find a job here in Galway. Having this scholarship has enabled me to go on this journey and grab an opportunity to forge out my life. “