

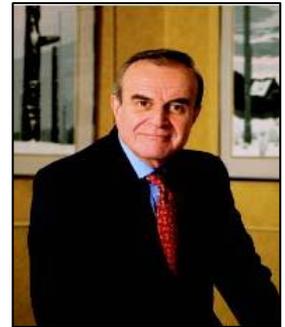
# *Tributes Accredited to Sir Allen McClay from Business Leaders*

## **Prof. Sir George Bain, Vice Chancellor of Queen's University**

Sir George Bain, a former vice chancellor of the university and a friend of Sir Allen, described him as:

***"a creative entrepreneur in the Ulster tradition of people like Dunlop with tyres and Ferguson with farm machinery."***

He said Sir Allen had originally wanted to study English but was encouraged by his mother to take pharmacy, as he was more likely to get a job as a result.



Sir George said Sir Allen sometimes described himself as ***"one of the world's worst pharmacists"*** and would tell how in his first job with Glaxo he was soon taken out of technical work and put into marketing.

He said Sir Allen was the most significant philanthropist Northern Ireland has ever known.

## **Declan Kelly, US special economic envoy to Northern Ireland**

***"In the brief times he was a member of our working group, he was able to greatly contribute to our initiatives due to his vast wealth of experience"***



## **Alastair Hamilton, Invest NI Chief Executive**

***"Sir Allen's personal drive, ambition and visionary leadership were always evident. There is no doubt that he will be greatly missed."***



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**Stephen Kingon, CBE, Chairman Invest NI**

*"The Almac Group has grown to become a Northern Ireland company of global stature. That would not have been possible without the huge personal contribution of Sir Allen."*



**Joanne Stuart, Institute of Directors**

*"He helped demonstrate to the world the quality of the talent that lies in Northern Ireland and so encouraged others to invest here. His contribution to our wider society as a philanthropist set him apart from many others but he was immensely modest about his role."*



**Ann McGregor from the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce**

*"We have lost a highly valued member. Sir Allen was an excellent role model of successful entrepreneurship focused on innovation and global business."*

