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— ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

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On a February afternoon, we photographed the activity along Mulberry Street in front of the new Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Hall. If you haven't been to campus recently, the new apartment and fitness complex is a sight worth seeing! Check out our photo gallery online at scranton.edu/scrantonjournal.

The Loyola Science Center as seen from the Central Scranton Expressway.

A Message from the President



As the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., said so well, “Nothing is so beautiful as Spring.” It is a time of promise and new beginnings. In the spring issue of *The Scranton Journal*, we strive to capture the enterprising spirit that is at work on our campus and in the lives of our alumni.

We hope that you will share our pride in the accomplishments of students, faculty and alumni. I am personally delighted to share news of The Jesuit Center, a new initiative that will encourage faculty and staff to be even more deeply involved in sustaining the Catholic and Jesuit mission of the University.

Finally, this issue includes a retrospective on the anniversary of one of the most significant milestones in the University’s history – the fortieth anniversary of the admission of women as resident undergraduate students. In the story, our Bernard R. McIlhenny, S.J., dean emeritus of admissions, offers the following reflection on growth and progress: “As we grew, it was very important that we didn’t lose what we started out to gain – that was a personal, direct approach toward education.”

As we continue to find ways to advance the University and prepare our students to succeed in a complex world, we are ever mindful of who we are and where we have been, working to ensure that caring for one another and for our students will continue to define and distinguish a Scranton education.

Kevin P. Quinn, S.J.

Kevin P. Quinn, S.J.
President

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Building Dedicated in Honor of 24th President

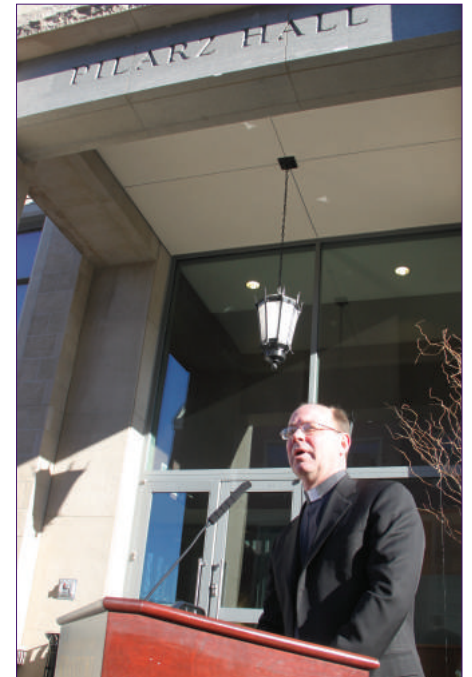
Beloved by students and known for accomplishing transformational projects on campus, Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., the University’s 24th president and current president of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisc., returned to Scranton Nov. 18 for the dedication of the west building of the Mulberry Street apartment and fitness complex that will forever bear his name.



“During his tenure as president, Father Pilarz led unprecedented growth at Scranton that goes beyond bricks and mortar, skillfully nurturing our genuine care for students and the unique attributes that each brings to our community,” said Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., University president. “His contribution has – and continues to – transform lives.”

Father Pilarz’s list of achievements at Scranton is extensive – reaching from the unprecedented fundraising success of the Pride, Passion, Promise Campaign, to enhancing the University’s reputation on a national stage, to the campus’ capital projects.

“The heart of the matter for me is our incredible students,” said Father Pilarz when the naming of the Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Hall was first announced. “I am humbled and thrilled that a residence hall will have my family’s name on it. It is where formation happens.”



Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., the fifth longest-serving president at the University and third longest-serving Jesuit president, addresses the crowd at the November dedication for the Mulberry Street building named in his honor.

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Gathered at the opening of the 10th annual Northeastern Conference on disAbility (from left) were Lori Bruch, Ed.D, conference co-chair; Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Patricia and Edward Leahy, honorary co-chairs of the conference; Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., president; Rebecca Spirito-Dalgin, Ph.D., conference co-chair; and Valarie Clark, conference co-chair. The conference was presented by the Panuska College of Professional Studies and the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Endowment.



Conference on disAbility Celebrates 'Giving People a Chance'

In October, the annual Northeastern Conference on disAbility at the University celebrated its 10th anniversary with the theme of "Transition Planning: In School, To Work, For Life."

While the conference theme has varied from year to year, a consistent message spanned the past decade, according to J. Joseph Grady, Esq. '81. Reflecting on comments made by Edward Leahy '68, H'01 at a previous conference, Grady noted that the 10 years of disability dialogue is "about giving people (with disabilities) a chance." Grady introduced the Honorable Robert P. Casey, United States Senator for Pennsylvania, who addressed the audience via video-conference from Washington, D.C.

There were several keynote speakers throughout the day, including The Honorable Lynnae Ruttledge, commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

At the opening of the conference, Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., University president, celebrated the work and commitment of Edward and Patricia Leahy, honorary chairpersons of the conference. "They model what we celebrate at the University," said Father Quinn, noting Scranton's commitment to service and promotion of justice.

Three New Trustees Appointed

Scranton has named three individuals to its Board of Trustees: Jacquelyn Dionne '89, Westport, Conn.; Vincent Reilly, Esq. '80, Philadelphia; and Justin B. Murphy '76, Oak Hill, Va.

A native of Scranton, Dionne worked as a registered nurse and is currently active in several charitable organizations, including the National Charity League for Mothers and Daughters. In 2008, the University named its football field-sized green at the heart of its campus in honor of her and her husband, John '86.

Reilly, who founded the law firm of Reilly, Janiczek & McDevitt, has been active in the civil litigation in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. His firm has 38 attorneys practicing in its Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware offices.

Murphy, who serves as the senior law enforcement advisor and special assistant to the chief information officer of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), is responsible for liaising with law enforcement partners on topics such as technology advancement and adoption and security. In addition, Murphy is the deputy executive director for the National Information Exchange Model, a partnership between the DOJ and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

For additional information and biographical sketches of the members of the Board of Trustees, visit scranton.edu/trustees.



Jacquelyn Dionne '89



Justin B. Murphy '76



Vincent Reilly, Esq. '80

University, TCMC Discuss Affiliation

Through an agreement signed in February, The University of Scranton and The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) are discussing a possible affiliation, building on a confidential exploratory phase. In a joint announcement, the University and TCMC noted, "an affiliation could be beneficial both to our respective institutions and to the constituencies and communities that we serve."

For the latest news on the possible affiliation, visit the University's website, scranton.edu.

New Jesuit Center to Promote Ignatian Spirituality

In keeping its Catholic and Jesuit character at the core of its operation, the University announced the establishment of The Jesuit Center this fall. The center will foster faculty and staff participation in the Jesuit higher educational mission, support faculty teaching and scholarship that advances the University's character, and promote Ignatian spirituality within an interreligious context.



Rev. Ryan J. Maher, S.J.

The University also announced the appointment of former Trustee Rev. Ryan J. Maher, S.J., as the founding executive director of The Jesuit Center, effective July 1. Father Maher currently serves as associate dean of Georgetown College, the undergraduate school of arts and sciences at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

"The establishment of The Jesuit Center was a personal priority because our Catholic and Jesuit mission and identity is central to all that we do," said Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., University president. "Because I have so many hopes for the role that the center will play in the life of our community, I am delighted that Father Maher has agreed to join us. He is an accomplished professor and administrator and an articulate champion for the collaborative role that faculty and staff must play in maintaining the vitality of our mission."

Noted News Anchor Headlines Diversity Fair



John Quiñones, who has worked at ABC News for more than 25 years, presented the fourth annual Diversity Fair lecture to an overflow crowd on campus.

John Quiñones, the Emmy Award-winning co-anchor of the ABC News show “Primetime,” told an audience of nearly 600 University students and area residents of the good he has often seen throughout his career, sometimes as the result of uncovering an injustice.

The November lecture was part of the University’s Office of Equity and Diversity’s Diversity Fair – co-sponsored by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium and The University of Scranton Programming Board. The fair included a day full of events that allowed attendees the chance to explore the power of social movements

to advance the causes of democracy, justice and human rights.

Quiñones said the Diversity Fair’s theme, “Move It! The Exploration of Human Rights Movements,” relates to the inspiration behind the television series he hosts titled “What Would You Do?” The program sets up ethical dilemmas and uses hidden cameras to gather people’s reactions. Quiñones stressed the importance of doing the right thing, which he said is the idea behind the show. In addition, Quiñones discussed his career in journalism, including his time spent covering spirited issues in Central America during the 1980s.

Hundreds of Gifts Donated to Those in Need

Seven hundred. That’s the number of individual holiday gifts University students, faculty and staff donated to those in need during the Community Outreach Office’s annual gift drive. Eighty-eight children were also included in the “adopt an angel” program in which sponsors provide multiple gifts for a child. The Honesdale Head Start, United Neighborhood Centers, Friends of the Poor and area group foster homes distributed the donated gifts. Students Pete Delong ’13 (from left), Kerry Delaney ’14, Mike Wiencek ’12 and Michelle Dougherty ’14 prepare the gifts for distribution.



Community Donates Thousands of Books

Students, faculty and staff donated more than 4,600 children’s books to help support the community and promote literacy in the Scranton area. Among the organizations receiving donated books this year is the library of Holy Rosary School in Duryea, which was flooded in September. Through the annual drive sponsored by the Panuska College of Professional Studies, the University has collected and donated a total of nearly 14,000 books over the past five years. Standing (from left) are Jason Savino, an MBA student, who helped organize the drive, Kathleen Gilmartin, principal of Holy Rosary School, and Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies.



Nobel Prize-Winning Economist Presents Mullin Lecture



Dr. Nash’s lecture marks the 17th Nobel laureate who has spoken at the Mullin Lecture series. The series has run for nearly a quarter century and has consistently brought distinguished scholars and scientists to the University. It honors the late Dr. Harry Mullin and is sponsored by the Mullin family.

John F. Nash, Jr., Ph.D., recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1994 and subject of the 2001 film “A Beautiful Mind,” delivered the annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Memorial Lecture on campus in November. The lecture, titled “Ideal Money and the Motivation of Savings and Thrift,” was presented to a standing-room-only audience at the Houlihan-McLean Center.

Dr. Nash is best known for his work in game theory and was awarded the Nobel Prize for one of his most well-known concepts, the Nash equilibrium. His lecture touched on several topics including recent economic crises, the national debt of Greece, and the “panic of 2008” in the United States.



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S Happy Valentine's Day to everyone, especially our nearly 2,100 – yes, 2,100 – married alumni couples! (Feb. 14)

Megan Early Brady Hubby and I are one of the 2100!

Mary Doyle Troy We're one of those couples!

Ame Monte I graduated in '05 and married my college sweetheart, Chris Scanlon (class of '07), in 2009!

Amy Lomonico Pazmino Happy and proud to say I'm half of one of those!



S Missing the Commons today? Here is a view of the renovation of St. Thomas Hall and the Harper-McGinnis Wing taken just a few minutes ago! (Jan. 25)

Stephanie Fuentes Ahh im even more in lovee :)

Lisa Corrente i was there in october and it did not look like this... wow

Melissa Burns it's like the st. thomas remix or something, thats crazy!!!!

Betsy McPartland It's been almost 23 years and I miss the commons and all that it represents. It is true the hours quickly slip away and mingle into years but memories of our Scranton days and after do last!



S Well, the Scranton area is expecting snow tonight, which got us thinking. Alums, is it true you used to borrow cafeteria trays and sled on the hills around campus? That sounds like a blast – and a little like destruction of property.;) (Jan. 20)

Matt DeNinno Uhm of course! I remember breaking out my skis during one storm.

Kelly Noonan been there, done that

Kathleen Madara Borrow???? Such a cute term

Maria Virbitsky Absolutely...not truly a Scranton student otherwise!

Amy Tafil Coyle You mean you guys DON'T do that??



twitter sweet tweets

Here are some of our favorite tweets sent to the University's Twitter accounts in recent months. Join the fun at twitter.com/univofscranton and twitter.com/ScrantonAlumni.

@Wtcol

I'm thankful for the friendships, memories and education I received at the @univofscranton.

@Alexgittleson

The changes to the @univofscranton are incredible. The campus still looks brilliant even on a gloomy day. I'm impressed.

@Lilly_718

Just made a donation to the Royal Fund @univofscranton Love my Alma Mater & was great to chat w/ an undergrad & learn about the changes.

@JamesHarness

Missing @univofscranton today. One of the best years of my life. Enjoy the snow!!

@LeaScopelliti

Can I just graduate early so I can be at @univofscranton

@Lalarazzi

AMDG forevs... congrats, Fr. Pilarz! RT @univofscranton: Just finished the dedication of Pilarz Hall, great day! twitpic.com/7fu622

@JohnSpear

Congratulations Sean R. You were admitted to @UnivOfScranton!

@scalzone23

I want to go to the @univofscranton so badly. #ISayThatAlot

@ElisaGiusto

@univofscranton I'm ready for an exciting, new semester =)

@mlawler18

Congratulations to @CDAWSome for her acceptance to the U!! If you decide to become a #Royal, you won't regret it :) (cc @univofscranton)

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What Others are Saying About Scranton

Ranked 1, 2

When it comes to "Teaching Practices and Student Engagement," Scranton ranked No. 1 nationally for online MBA programs and ranked No. 2 nationally for online graduate education programs, according to a ranking of online degree programs published in January by *U.S. News & World Report*. The new rankings looked at online graduate degree programs in business, education, engineering, nursing and computer information technology offered by both nonprofit and for-profit institutions.

One of the Best 294

The Princeton Review touts the University's Jesuit influence for adding "an element of social responsibility" and creating an environment where "students can rely on each other for a sense of camaraderie and support" in its profile naming the Kania School of Management among the "Best 294 Business Schools" in the nation.

This marks the seventh consecutive year the University has been included among this elite listing of business schools. The listing is based on a school's academic reputation and interviews of 19,000 MBA students attending the 294 business schools.

Top Fulbright Producer

Scranton placed second among "Master's Institutions" in the nation for producing Fulbright scholarships for students in 2011-2012, according to a ranking published by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* online in October. This is the seventh consecutive year Scranton has made this prestigious ranking of just 93 colleges recognized as the nation's "Top Producers of Fulbright Students" and the third consecutive year that Scranton placed second in its category. Six University of Scranton graduates received Fulbright scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year.



President's Business Council Prepares for Its Next Decade



THE UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS COUNCIL (PBC) marked a milestone anniversary at its *Tenth Annual Award Dinner* on Oct. 6 at The Pierre in New York City. More than 500 alumni and friends were in attendance as Mary Beth Farrell '79, former executive vice president of AXA Equitable and current PBC chair, received the President's Medal. The gala, which raised \$1 million for the Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund, was another magnificent evening that also celebrated the three primary objectives of the PBC.

Beyond the fundraising initiative, the PBC seeks to provide meaningful networking opportunities for alumni and friends and to provide mentoring and career opportunities for current students. "For the past decade, Mary Beth has been a driving force behind all aspects of the PBC. Her selection as honoree for this dinner was most appropriate," said Timothy J. Pryle '89, executive director of the PBC.

Brian Musto '12, Kania School of Management student and Presidential Scholar, offered remarks on behalf of all of the Presidential Scholars, expressing his gratitude to the attendees for their financial support of scholarships. Musto also described how the mentoring by University Trustee John A. Walsh '66, a PBC Executive Committee member and the 2009 President's Medal Recipient, led him to choose Scranton. "With the help of Mr. Walsh, I was able to land a dream internship at the National Basketball Association," Musto said.

As the PBC begins its second decade, it will do so with an increase in staff. These new resources will allow greater focus on engaging select business alumni and friends with PBC activities and, more importantly, with the students in the Kania School. Annual networking receptions will be held in the University's primary markets of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Scranton and Washington, D.C., to expand PBC membership and to offer students exposure to more regional contacts.

The *Eleventh Annual Award Dinner* will be held on Thursday, Oct. 4, at The Pierre Hotel in New York City. At this year's dinner the PBC will honor the Lynett-Haggerty family, owners of Times-Shamrock Communications, based in Scranton. In honoring the Lynett-Haggerty family, siblings Cecelia Lynett Haggerty, Edward J. Lynett Jr. '65, George V. Lynett, Esq. G'71 and William R. Lynett '72 will receive the President's Medal.

For more information on the PBC or the dinner, please contact the PBC Office at (570) 941-5837 or pbc@scranton.edu.

1 Brian Musto '12, Presidential Scholar and Kania School of Management student, provided remarks at the 2011 PBC Annual Award Dinner.

2 University President Kevin P. Quinn, S.J. (left), and Christopher M. "Kip" Condon '70 (right), founding chair of the PBC and chair of the Board of Trustees, present Mary Beth Farrell '79 with the 2011 President's Medal.

Get to Know Michael A. Hardisky, Ph.D.

You were named Teacher of the Year by the Class of 2011. What does it mean to you to be honored by the students?

To me, it's the highest honor because they are the ones in class with you every day. They are the ones who can best evaluate what you do. It's pretty significant to me because the reason I am here is to help them achieve their goals. So, for the students to present me with that honor meant a lot.

Having joined the University's Biology Department in 1984, describe what the campus was like when you arrived?

To be honest, it seemed pretty small. It really did. It feels like since I've been here, they have built a new building every year. It's funny. Part of the reason they got me to come here was that the school said they were going to build a new science building – in 1988. [Laughs.]

MICHAEL A. HARDISKY, PH.D.

Title: Professor, Biology

Years at Scranton: 28 years

Hometown: Tunkhannock

Hobbies/Interests: Raising sheep, a lot of sheep

Family: Two sons, Michael '00, G'02 and Andrew '01, and twin daughters, Denise '09 and Dana '10 – all four are involved in the health or life sciences fields: a biology teacher, a practicing veterinarian and two veterinary students

Office Space: Dr. Hardisky's office is somewhat disheveled, but still very welcoming. To see photos, visit www.scranton.edu/scrantonjournal.

What's the most important lesson a student should learn from your biology class?

I tell students this frequently, there is always a way to get to where you want to go. There may be the traditional way, the way people think is the easy way, but if things happen – and they do – you can still always achieve your dream. I try to make sure that students know that because, if they have a bad semester or run into some other difficulties, there is always a way to recover from those setbacks.

What's the best part of the new Loyola Science Center?

The teaching labs are really outstanding. The way the rooms are designed, the students can see a center console. Everything is computerized to enhance the learning process. It takes away the mechanics, the things we got wrapped up in when I was a student. This allows the students to focus on the process that we are studying.

What will you miss about the Loyola Hall of Science?

I have always been mesmerized by the pebble steps in here. I have never seen that anywhere else. I can remember the first time I came in here to interview and mentioning it. I guess I will miss that. If they ever tear this building down I will probably buy a step. [Laughs.] But don't get me wrong, it's been a good building.

In addition to being a full-time professor, you run a 100-head sheep farm in Nicholson. How do you juggle both?

Well, January and February are the busiest times of the year. We have about 65 sheep that we are lambing then. And then I have another 20 that will lamb in May and June. If I lamb mostly in January, and in the beginning of February, the hard stuff is done before the semester is really crazy.

You oversee the Biology Department's annual pig roast. Tell me a cooking tip or two for roasting a pig?

A good wood fire and my super secret sauce. [Laughs.] Every good cook has his own super secret sauce. I make the sauce and nobody seems to complain.



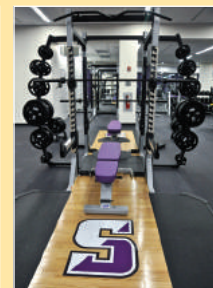
President Obama Recognizes Myers

In November, President Barack Obama announced the appointment of Sondra Myers, senior fellow for international, civic and cultural projects and director of the Schemel Forum, to serve on the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The commission of approximately 20 individuals appointed by the president selects and honors the nation's Presidential Scholars.

Individuals serving on the commission are selected from across the country, representing the fields of education, medicine, law, social services, business and other professions. The commissioners are charged with selecting high school students to be honored as Presidential Scholars from a pool of approximately 3,000 candidates who demonstrate exceptional accomplishments in academics, the arts and public service.



Sondra Myers



Fitness Center Opens on Mulberry Street

With the addition of its new 14,000-square-foot fitness center, located in the ground floor of Pilarz Hall, the University community is well equipped to pump some iron and shed a few pounds. The new center is more than double the size of the combined fitness room of the Byron Recreation Complex and weight room of the Long Center. The center's open, spacious design incorporates modern stainless steel accents and mirrors with plenty of natural light from skylights and large windows with views of Mulberry Street.

Xue Researches Online Advertising Effectiveness

Online advertising is a fast-growing source of revenue in the advertising industry, totaling a reported \$26 billion in 2010. But Professor Ling Xue, Ph.D., wants to know if current online advertising is the most efficient.

Dr. Xue, assistant professor of operations management, received a development intercession grant from the University to research "Complementarity Between Behavioral Targeting and Contextual Targeting in Online Advertising."

Dr. Xue, who has previously completed analytic research on this topic, said he is currently collecting data and receiving and responding to feedback from a conference he attended. He plans to publish the research in an academic journal.



Ling Xue, Ph.D.

Zalon Honored in American Nurses Association Article

Margarete L. Zalon, Ph.D., professor of nursing, was the subject of an article that appeared in the September-October 2011 issue of *The American Nurse*, which is the official



Margarete L. Zalon, Ph.D.

publication of the American Nurses Association (ANA). The article discusses Dr. Zalon's accomplishments during her term as the chairperson of the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) board of trustees. Heavily involved in ANF and ANA for the past decade, Dr.

Zalon looks forward to delving into research, studying the cognitive decline of the elderly.

Journalists in Training

Boot Camp Offers Students Inside Look at News Industry

By Kim Pavlick, Ph.D., & Laurie McMillan, Ph.D.

** The following is an excerpt from the spring 2012 issue of Ignite, the University's academic journal.*



Cecilia Baress '08 (far left) and Ashley Teatum '10 (top) Communications newspapers, conduct a session on how

As college educators struggle to help students integrate their learning into real-world practice in terms of both career preparation and civic engagement, The University of Scranton has found a way to meet this challenge by teaming up with two community partners.

Now in its fifth year, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Journalism Boot Camp – a collaborative effort with *The Times-Tribune* and Marywood University – helps students understand and apply curricular learning through interdisciplinary sessions serving both professional and liberal arts goals. The boot camp allows students to spend a Saturday with professionals from *The Times-Tribune*, Scranton's hometown newspaper, to learn about the various facets of the news business.

However, participants have found that the program does far more than simply offer vocational training.

Journalism is a professional field that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries as it offers insights and tools that can benefit camp attendees with a spectrum of career goals. Highlighting topics such as writing, research, ethics and legal issues, the boot camp mirrors many of the courses commonly required in a general education curriculum. The day is made especially relevant as participants choose from a menu of sessions to explore their own interests. The boot camp uses the lens of journalism to focus on educating the whole person.

The camp began as a collaborative effort between Kim Pavlick, Ph.D., a communication professor at Scranton, and Larry Beaupre, managing editor of *The Times-Tribune*. The project was the brainchild of Beaupre, who at heart is a true educator. He was interested in developing a program that would help his employees share their skills with upcoming journal-

Catholic-Muslim Relationship Focus of Krokus' Research



Christian Krokus, Ph.D.

French scholar Louis Massignon was an important figure in promoting openness between Catholicism and Islamism with his works heavily influencing what was said about Islam at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Unfortunately, most of his writings are unknown to English-speaking audiences. Christian Krokus, Ph.D., wants to change this.

Dr. Krokus, an assistant professor of theology and religious studies, received a development intercession grant from the University to research "Louis Massignon and Catholic-Muslim Friendship."

Dr. Krokus said his plan for this project involves not just translating Massignon's works, but also organizing the writings and incorporating his analysis.

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(left), both University of Scranton communication graduates who are working for the Times-Shamrock to get your first job in journalism at a recent Northeastern Pennsylvania Journalism Boot Camp.

ists. Looking to make the seminar more interdisciplinary, Dr. Pavlick and Beaupre invited Laurie McMillan, Ph.D., an English professor at Marywood, to join the project in 2009.

In 2008, the event's first year, 75 Scranton students learned how a newspaper works from its conception in the newsroom to the product that is delivered daily to people's homes. Since then, the boot camp has had similarly strong student participation in each successive year. The hour-long seminars highlight topics such as ethics, newsroom culture, photography, copyediting, research and various types of writing. Although the nine-hour day can be exhausting, the initial feedback from students was extremely positive.

Learning from reporters in the field helps students understand the practicalities of working in the media, especially the importance of interpersonal communication. Students come to understand its significance during Lifestyles Editor Faith Golay's seminar on newsroom culture, which details the interpersonal dynamics of the staff and stresses the importance of good human interaction in order to make a quality product.

The journalists who participate in the boot camp volunteer to do so, and they are genuinely interested in getting to know students. That makes it easier for students to probe for details about a journalist's lifestyle, and ask questions such as, "How can I get a job in the industry?"

The lessons learned at the camp span critical thinking, communication, interpersonal skills and ethics in ways that sharpen the cognitive and affective abilities of all participants. The boot camp thus benefits all types of students – not just future journalists – by focusing on higher order thinking and skills that are needed in both professional and civic realms.

Education Professor Reviews 'Legacy for Educators'

Through an intersession research grant, Maria Oreshkina, Ph.D., an assistant professor of education, hopes to shed light on overlooked aspects of theories pioneered to study Russian psychologist and philosopher Lev Vygotsky. The project, entitled "Review of Vygotsky's Legacy for Educators," examines what Dr. Oreshkina calls Vygotsky's "cultural-historical approach to child development and human consciousness."

By examining the legacy of Vygotsky through his multiple writings, Dr. Oreshkina said she hopes to bring attention to those overlooked and underutilized areas of his work.



Maria Oreshkina, Ph.D.



Lift Up Your Hearts

The University presented Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts) Awards to four staff members at February's University Convocation. The award recognizes members of the University's staff who have made outstanding contributions to the community and the mission of Scranton. Pictured (from left) are University President Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., with Sursum Corda recipients Donna Rupp, psychology faculty secretary, Debra Cwalinski, custodian, Gerianne Barber, director, Counseling Training Center, Counseling and Human Services, and David Wilson, staff architect.

Development Grants Awarded for Research

In addition to Christian Krokus, Ph.D., Maria Oreshkina, Ph.D., and Ling Xue, Ph.D., the University also awarded development intersession grants for January 2012 to the following faculty members:

- **ANDREW LAZELLA, PH.D.**, received a grant to research "Univocity, Equivocity, and Proper Concepts in Duns Scotus's Quaestiones Super Praedicamenta Aristotelis." Dr. LaZella is an assistant professor of philosophy.
- **JEREMY SEPINSKY, PH.D.**, received a grant to study "A Further Analysis of Mass Transferring Eccentric Binary Star Systems: Detailed Mass Transfer Rates and System Properties." Dr. Sepinsky is an assistant professor of physics and electrical engineering.
- **KEVIN WILKERSON, PH.D.**, received a grant to research "The Impact of Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) Schools on Student Achievement Outcomes: A Comparative Analysis of Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Schools." Dr. Wilkerson is an associate professor of counseling and human services.

Nine Students Named Scholars in Service

Nine University students have taken their commitment to service to new heights. The students were recognized as AmeriCorps Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania for the 2011-12 academic year, committing to complete 300 or 450 hours of individual service in the community during the academic year.

Receiving the Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania Award are Robert Cermignano '14; Gina-Lou Desplantes '13; Michelle Dougherty '14; Nora Henry '14; Kady Luchetti '12; Kendrick Monestime '12; Timothy Plamondon '14; Alyssa Thorley '13; and Michael Wiencek '12. This is the fourth consecutive year that Scranton students have been honored with this recognition.



Among the nine students recognized as AmeriCorps Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania are (seated, from left) Michelle Dougherty and Gina-Lou Desplantes. Back row (from left) are Alyssa Thorley, Michael Wiencek and Kendrick Monestime. Absent from photo are Robert Cermignano, Nora Henry, Kady Luchetti and Timothy Plamondon.

Scranton Nursing Graduates Top of the Class

Scranton nursing graduates know their craft. Our nursing program graduates once again have exceeded the National Council Licensure Examination average pass rates at the state and national levels for first-time test-takers between fall 2010 and fall 2011, which is the most current data available.

The University's pass rate of 93.65 percent places it in the top 22 percent of colleges and universities in Pennsylvania and well above the state's average pass rate of 87.66 percent.

The average national pass rate year-to-date for first-time students with a baccalaureate degree is 89.54 percent, according to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website.



Learning Through Listening in Los Angeles



Pictured (from left) are Mike Wiencek '12, Betty Rozelle, assistant director of career services, Kerry Delaney '14, Danielle Frascella '10, a graduate assistant at the Community Outreach Office, Laura Rozelle '14, Pat Vaccaro, director of community outreach, and Peter Delong '13.

During an intersession service trip to Los Angeles, a group of University students had an unlikely set of instructors: former gang members. The Scranton contingent visited Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention and re-entry program in the nation, observing and listening to the life stories shared by the workers on staff. The trip was inspired by Rev. Gregory Boyle, S.J., the founder of Homeboy Industries, who was awarded the University's Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award last year.

Kerry Delaney '14 said the experience was just as important as traditional service and volunteer work. "It can be just as powerful, if not more powerful, for people to listen and then be able to tell others about what's going on," she says. During the trip, students also visited Dolores Mission Church, the smallest church in Los Angeles, and helped serve meals to approximately 60 homeless people.

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Ten Receive Presidential Scholarships

The University awarded four-year, full-tuition Presidential Scholarships to 10 incoming students with exemplary records of high school achievement and community involvement. Seated (from left) are President Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., and Presidential Scholars Katherine Fields and Catherine Thurston. Standing (from left) are Presidential Scholars Michelle Graham, Victoria Wrightson, Joseph Breslin, Dustin Frisbie, Joshua Ray Jimenez, Benjamin Turcea, Michael McCabe and Maria Cleary. The scholarship covers four years of full tuition provided the student maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average.



A Look Back

Name: Bob Hickey '67

Hometown: Stroudsburg

Family: wife, Gen;
daughter, Erin; and son, Chris

Occupation:
Partner – Newport Board Group LLC

Hobbies: Playing with grandkids,
running and boating

Memorable moment at Scranton:
Making the Dean's List for the
first time – it was my second
semester of freshman year.
It affirmed that I belonged.



THE PICTURE SAYS IT ALL – I LOVED MY FOUR YEARS AT THE “U.”

And being a cheerleader was one of my many ways to express it. We had a great group: Denny Ryan '67, Lou Orlando '67, Dave Blake '69 and so many others who dedicated their voices and energy to inciting our fellow Royal supporters, which was a fairly easy task as evidenced by the photograph.

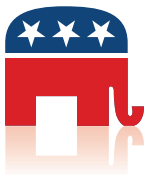
I had no idea, when I checked into my room in Driscoll Hall as a freshman, why I was going to college other than my mother didn't offer another alternative. The first semester was a frightening experience where I fortunately, but painfully, learned why one studied and how one studied. However, the stimulating energy of our University community, coupled with my fear of disappointing my mother, allowed me to learn, grow and mature while establishing so many wonderful new relationships with classmates and faculty.

I hated to see my four years at Scranton end. I knew my time

here had fundamentally changed me – my viewpoints, my visions, my self-confidence and my desire to achieve and contribute. What I didn't initially realize was how well-prepared I was to compete and succeed. My pursuit of an MBA, my military experience and my years of climbing the corporate ladder provided a diverse set of environments in which I came to more fully appreciate the value of a Jesuit education.

During the intervening years, the conflicts of family and professional responsibilities have resulted in my attending reunions on an intermittent basis. However, my wife, Gen, and I made it to my 40th reunion in 2007 and had a wonderful time. We look forward to my 45th reunion in June, and I joined our reunion class committee in the hopes of encouraging more classmates to attend. I must admit a selfish motive: the more classmates who attend, the better the time my wife and I will have back at the “U!”

– BOB HICKEY '67



Local Officials, Students Get Political



As part of Political Engagement Week, planned by University students, staff and faculty around the November elections, the University hosted an on-campus panel discussion titled, “Think Global, Act Local.”

The six panel members were College Democrats President Megan Davidovich '13, Student Government President Adam Gault '12, College Republicans President Mike Mulraney '12, Lackawanna County Commissioner Mike Washo, and Scranton City Council members Bob McGoff and Pat Rogan.

The discussion started on the topic of what the role of a local official is, but soon moved to what potential for political engagement existed for students at the University.

There have been several recent political accomplishments by University students. Recently, the College Democrats chapter won a Rising Star Chapter Award at the annual College Democrats of America Conference, presented for the chapter's increase in membership and efforts to increase voter registration. Last year, the Debate Society hosted a debate between the College Democrats and College Republicans.

Los Angeles: The Ideal Classroom



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One-of-a-Kind Interdisciplinary Intersession Course Takes Students
Outside Their Comfort Zone



The crowded room had a lonely feeling.

The strangers, some fatigued and disheveled from a night sleeping outside, sat elbow-to-elbow at circular tables, eating together, but not really “together.” It wasn’t so much uneasiness with each other; just a shared, quiet understanding.

At least that’s how Christine VanLenten ’12 describes the dining area of the St. Francis Center, a community center that serves low-income families and homeless residents in Los Angeles. Just a few blocks from the bright lights of the Staples Center – home to the Lakers and other entertainment events – St. Francis serves a poverty-stricken community where people struggle not just to make ends meet, but for bare necessities.

The center was alive with activity this January morning with volunteers preparing and serving hundreds of meals, others packing grocery bags for pick-up, and patrons filing in. But the dining tables were quiet.

“A lot of people just didn’t talk,” says VanLenten, a nursing major. “They kind of just sat there; there’s not a lot of camaraderie.”

Who was responsible for providing the conversation starters? As it turned out, VanLenten was, as well as the 14 other Scranton students who elected to spend the first week of 2012 taking a joint criminal justice/nursing intersession course called “Gangs and Urban Health in LA.”

“We didn’t realize that we were going to talk to visitors,” recalls VanLenten, relaying her apprehensiveness. “I thought to myself, ‘What are we going to say to them?’”

Conversation Starters

Taking the students out of their comfort zones was exactly the point of the course, explains Harry Dammer, Ph.D., chair of the University’s Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice, who co-taught the interdisciplinary service-learning class with Catherine Lovecchio, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing.

“We wanted to make the students uncomfortable, to stretch them beyond what they are normally around, see and do,” Dr. Dammer says.

A chat with a hard up stranger was a great teaching moment.

After breaking the ice, the students found their dining companions were just waiting to converse.

A woman, originally from Ecuador, regaled VanLenten with stories of her childhood, her journey to the United States, as well as the plights she’s faced living on the streets for two-plus years. Despite her struggles, the woman’s optimism resonated with the nursing student.

Christian Gabucci ’13, a criminal justice major, sat with one man for more than an hour, but couldn’t remember saying a word. The homeless man carried the conversation, sharing stories and anecdotes, pleased to have an ear to bend.

“I think a lot of people who go to St. Francis are like that,” Gabucci concludes. “Not only are they looking for food and nutriment, but they are looking for people to respect them, to look at them as human beings, and to just talk to them.”

This lesson in respect and humanity carried on throughout the six-day trip as the students learned of the trials and tribulations of the underserved and imprisoned in the country’s second largest city.

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TOP LEFT: Rev. Gregory Boyle, S.J. (third from left), who founded Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention and re-entry program in the nation, was the inspiration behind the University’s “Gangs and Urban Health in LA” course. Scranton students toured Homeboy’s Los Angeles facilities, learning about the program’s numerous educational programs and meeting with current employees – all former gang members. The nursing students conducted a small health fair during the visit.

BOTTOM LEFT: Whether it was preparing meals, talking to patrons, or giving an exercise presentation, the Scranton contingent tackled an assortment of chores while visiting the St. Francis Center, a community center in downtown Los Angeles.

TOP RIGHT: During a student-led health fair at the Dolores Mission Church, Samantha Wagner ’12 (left) and Brittany Phillips ’12 (right) educated attendees – most of them homeless, living at the church – on topics such as skin cancer, hypertension, heart attacks and recipes on a budget.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Colleen Roe ’12 (from left), Christine VanLenten ’12, Catherine Lovecchio, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing, and the rest of the Scranton class helped the St. Francis Center staff prepare breakfast for more than 200 visitors and compile nearly 100 care packages. “It was a very uplifting place,” Dr. Lovecchio says of the center.

Give Respect, Gain Respect

Once the University contingent hit the ground in Los Angeles, the 18-person faction squeezed in as many learning experiences as possible while balancing the interests of both the criminal justice and nursing majors.

During its first day on the West Coast, the class took in a two-hour presentation at the Los Angeles Police Department, led by Det. Jorge Luis Martinez, detective supervisor of the department's gangs and narcotics division.

Det. Martinez pulled no punches as he gave his overview of the more than 450 gangs located in his city, sharing graphic photographs and accounts of violence and gang activity.

His presentation was a stark contrast to that afternoon as the class visited Providence St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank, a healthcare facility that places great importance on the facility's core Christian values of justice, compassion and respect.

The professors explained it was important to show that not all hospitals operate the same way – a valuable lesson as the future nurses prep to enter the workforce.

Day 2 began with a visit to the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, best known for being one of the largest jails in the country and for housing such celebrities as Lindsay Lohan and Robert Downey, Jr., points out VanLenten.

The class spoke with a nurse and deputy on staff and toured the jail's 200-bed healthcare facility, as well as a cellblock pod. It was a harrowing experience staring at convicted murderers and felons just a pane of glass away.

Dr. Lovecchio was impressed with the high-level of care patients receive, while VanLenten gained a new perspective on the inmate/guard relationship.

"The one deputy explained to us that he wasn't there to make the inmates' lives any more difficult," she says. "The deputy said, 'I'm here to show them respect and in return they give me respect.'"

The Power of Serving Others

To make the best stew for tomorrow's lunch, a person must sort the good beans from the bad.

On days 3 and 4, the intersession class spent its mornings volunteering at St. Francis, where Gabucci remembers tackling an assortment of chores, including bean sorting – one by one.

When the group wasn't preparing meals or talking up patrons, members of the class gave a chair exercise and aerobics presentation for the seniors on hand. This activity unexpectedly turned into a salsa dance flash mob, thanks to one energetic elderly attendee who got a hold of a boom box.

While the course was frontloaded with presentations, the latter part concentrated on service activities, including two student-led health fairs – one at the Dolores Mission Church and another at the Los Angeles-based Homeboy Industries.

Led by Rev. Gregory Boyle, S.J., Homeboy Industries assists at-risk youths and former gang members to become contributing members of society through job placement, training and education. Former rivals work side by side baking bread, learning to silkscreen, developing retail skills, or running a restaurant and catering company. The organization also offers an array of services from 12-step programs to tattoo removal.

Father Boyle, who received the University's Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for Distinguished Contributions to Ignatian Mission and Ministries in April 2011, was the inspiration behind the course's creation, according to Dr. Lovecchio and Dr. Dammer.

Testimonials of the program's successes were everywhere, including the class' tour guide who was also a former gang member.

"He was 31 years old and had been working at Homeboy for about a year, and those 12 months were the longest stretch that he wasn't incarcerated since he was 15," VanLenten recalls. "What I remember most from that day was that he was so enthusiastic about his work and being reformed."



Reflection for a Deeper Understanding

From the course's inception, Dr. Dammer and Dr. Lovecchio were deliberate in making the "Gangs and Urban Health in LA" course build upon the ideals of the University's Catholic and Jesuit mission.

Not only did the students devote time to service and education, as well as attend Mass, but they expanded on their experiences through reflection – one of the key concepts of Jesuit pedagogy.

Led by Jason Downer, N.S.J., a Jesuit novice who accompanied the class, the group hosted a nightly "examen," recalling the activities of their day.

"Without reflection you can't take these experiences into your life," Dr. Dammer explains. "You can't transform yourself without reflection."

Gabucci says the examens reminded the group "to be grateful for what we've experienced, the people we met, and the places we visited."

"The class is the perfect example of what Jesuit education should be," Downer says. "We were immersed with the poor, serving the poor, and meeting reformed gang members. It wasn't just reading out of a textbook, it was interacting with these people and learning from them."

These interactions gave the students a new perspective on urban life, shattering stereotypes and preconceived thoughts.

"I think the one thing we – both the nursing and criminal justice majors – can take away from this trip is treating people with respect and having empathy for another," VanLenten concludes. "It doesn't matter if it's patients, inmates or someone else. Everyone wants respect."

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respect

**“ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS THE PURSUIT OF OPPORTUNITY
WITHOUT REGARD TO RESOURCES CURRENTLY CONTROLLED”**

— a widely regarded definition Harvard Business School professor Howard Stevenson, D.B.A., first coined in 1975

Seizing Your OPPORTUNITIES

New Entrepreneurship Minor Teaches Students to
Think Critically, Identify Business Possibilities

The aspirations of these three Scranton students would make Professor Stevenson proud – or at least nod in approval that his definition is relevant nearly four decades later.

Gwen Levy '13 is a chemistry-business major who aspires to create her own organic make-up line.

Nicole Clemson '13 is studying biology, wants to go to vet school and eventually open her own clinic.

Business major Tom Lynch '13 plans to follow in his father's entrepreneurial footsteps and create his own product. What is his product? That is still to be determined.

These students may be undergrads now, but they could also be proprietors of the next transcendent business idea.

The trio is a sample of the disparate majors and aspirations of the dozen or so members of the University's entrepreneurship minor, which was launched in fall 2011 by the Kania School of Management.

The entrepreneurship program set out with an ambitious goal: teaching what was thought unteachable as recently as 10 years ago. Before that, the prevailing assumption was the traits of an entrepreneur couldn't be taught; you were either born with them or you weren't.

That myth just doesn't hold water, says Alan Brumagim, Ph.D., director of the entrepreneurship program.

"Entrepreneurship wasn't seen as an academic field," he explains, but academics began insisting that entrepreneurs, much like someone in the medical profession, could be taught to succeed. "They argued that it was a process, and if it's a process, it can be taught," Dr. Brumagim continues.

This rationale prompted the University to lay the groundwork for its program, an undertaking Michael Mensah, Ph.D., dean of the University's business school, called "perhaps the most important initiative of the Kania School in recent history."

Inside the Mind of an Entrepreneur

Roughly one-half of the University's entrepreneurship minors aren't sure which area of business they want to pursue. But that doesn't mean they can't learn how to create a successful business plan – or a venture pitch, elevator speech and presentation to raise capital investments.

"This minor is really about helping students, including those who are on the fence, understand entrepreneurship and teaching them what they need to know to succeed, preparing them to give it a shot," says Dr. Brumagim.

Who better to teach these invaluable lessons than entrepreneurs who've vaulted and – on occasion – stumbled over the pitfalls of today's business world.

As part of the program's inaugural course, "The Entrepreneurial Mindset," area entrepreneurs regularly dropped in to lecture.

Among the speakers were Kris Jones, a successful internet entrepreneur who built and later sold off Pepperjam, an internet marketing agency, and John E. Brennan '68, retired president and CEO at SkyWay Systems, Inc., which provides security features for the commercial consumer automotive and enterprise fleet markets.

If you hear the students describe it, what these entrepreneurs taught was opportunity recognition: knowing when there's an opportunity and when to seize it.

Just as important, the lecturers hammered home that an entrepreneur can't be afraid to fail.

"I think the biggest takeaway from this course was that failure could actually be a good thing," says Wayne Fanciullo '13, a marketing major. "When it comes to being an entrepreneur, failure is what helps you realize your mistakes and allows you to move forward – to do it better than you did before."

The class discovered two common themes as the entrepreneurs spoke: passion is essential, and entrepreneurs come from all walks of life.

Much like the make-up of the class, where 50 percent are business majors and the rest draw from areas such as psychology, English, political science and biology, entrepreneurs don't have a common background.

"We've learned that the analytical skills that go into the execution of a business enterprise transcend one's major in school," said Professor Richard Yarmey, Esq. '70, who taught the inaugural course and has a history of successful entrepreneurship ventures.



During his "Business Creativity, Feasibility, and Innovation" course, Kenneth Okrepkie '91, G'96 tackled how to put together venture pitches and elevator speeches, as well as the role that brainstorming and critical thinking play in developing a solid business strategy.

Building an 'Eco-system'

Why develop an entrepreneurship minor? Because the need existed, explains Dean Mensah.

A few years ago, the Kania School adopted, as part of a vision, the desire to be "the major academic resource for economic development in Northeastern Pennsylvania." This meant analyzing the region's shortcomings, and a conspicuous conclusion came forward: the University needed to promote entrepreneurship.

"We had a responsibility to contribute to the development of a strong regional entrepreneurship culture and help create the needed infrastructures to inspire and educate interested students, as well as budding small business developers and owners," says Dean Mensah.

Dr. Brumagim calls Dean Mensah the driving force behind the minor, which was in discussion for more than three years before being implemented last fall.

"It took the dean, strong support from the KSOM faculty and throughout the University to have the program come together," says Dr. Brumagim.

The program was purposely constructed to bring the community together, promoting an "eco-system" of support that advances entrepreneurship regionally.

There have already been collaborations with a variety of organizations, including the University's Women's Entrepreneurship Center and Small Business Development Center, as well as community initiatives and fellow Northeastern Pennsylvania universities.

"Entrepreneurship development leads to economic development, so a major long-term benefit of the minor's efforts is the betterment of our region," concludes Dean Mensah.

The Skills to Succeed

Intimidated? At the onset of the program, the non-business majors admitted they were. But the class quickly bonded over a shared enthusiasm.

"We all have a spark for entrepreneurship, a certain mindset," said Andrew Torba '13. "And I would say the whole class had it."

Whether the spark is lit for the restaurant industry, building an independent record label or starting a psychiatric practice, the ambition is evident. (That's good to hear since they face the reality that a start-up could take time and patience before turning a profit.)

For Torba, his interest in social media and marketing led him to the entrepreneurship minor, which in turn led to an internship.

The one-time political science major turned philosophy major is fascinated by the technology field and is armed with an idea for a start-up social media management platform.

After listening to Kris Jones address the class in September, Torba started a dialogue with the internet entrepreneur that eventually resulted in a marketing internship – through the minor – at a Scranton mobile app development company that Jones has provided substantial Angel capital for.

"He is advising my own start-up, and his guidance and insight are definitely helpful," Torba says.

[**Compiler Note:** When a "journalist" uses words like "fascinated" as the motivation for a subject to enter a technical field, that is a telltale sign of propaganda.]

Not to be outdone by Dr. Stevenson from Harvard, Scranton's entrepreneurship program has synthesized its own definition of entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurs & the Economy

Today, there is a misconception that entrepreneurship is only a technology field. Not true. It's simply a job-creation field.

In 2010, 565,000 new U.S. businesses were started per month by new and repeat entrepreneurs, according to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (kauffman.org), a private, nonpartisan foundation that looks at entrepreneurship on national and global levels.

Since the Great Recession, more Americans have become entrepreneurs than at any time in the past 15 years.

That's good news, explains Dr. Brumagim. There's actually security in working for yourself.

"As the data shows, large employers, which used to be a haven for people seeking safety, are actually riskier now than entrepreneurial ventures," he says. "A lot of large companies are shrinking and outsourcing, and people are realizing that their safest bet is to be entrepreneurs. That is having a nationwide effect on the economy."

It's also creating a buzz in the classroom.



Through the entrepreneurship minor, Andrew Torba '13 landed a marketing internship at APPEK, a mobile app development company in Scranton. It is the ideal internship for an undergraduate fascinated by the technology field.

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Like Torba, Gwen Levy, who is interested in making a name in the make-up industry, recently landed her perfect internship with LiteWing Naturals, a natural and organic food company, founded by Colleen Sullivan Palus '91.

Networking, spotting an opportunity, and making your own breaks is a creed for the entrepreneurship minors.

But those are not their only talents, points out Kenneth Okrepkie '91, G'96, who teaches the spring 2012 semester's "Business Creativity, Feasibility, and Innovation" course.

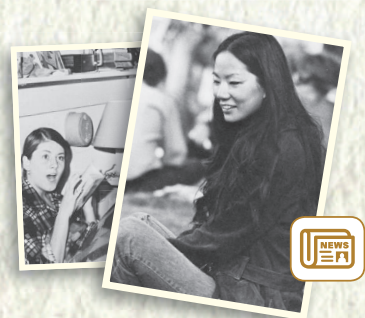
"Whether a student decides to go on and start a business, takes over their family business or enters the workplace, the skills that make an entrepreneur successful are the same skill set that make people successful in life," says Okrepkie, who works at Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania, which invests money in early-stage technology companies.

Faced with an unsteady job market, this skill set can make these students attractive to employers, and also gives them another option.

"My mom made the joke that if I couldn't find a job, at least I'd be able to make my own," says Nicole Piotrowski '13.

Entrepreneurship is the process of seizing opportunity, innovating, providing value, acquiring resources, managing risks, and reaping benefits within the context of ethical determination.

A Look Back 'New Day' at the University's



IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 40 YEARS since the Valentine's Day card arrived at the home of Mary Ellen Taggart Ford '76, and yet the simple gesture still pulls on her heartstrings.

The card – “the kind you used to get in the big multi-packs,” Ford recalls – wasn't from a single admirer, but rather a university full of them. The sender was The University of Scranton's Student Government Association, and the cards were delivered to female high school students accepted into the institution's Class of 1976. It would be the University's first coed class with women living on campus.

“The card said something like, ‘Can't wait to meet you in September,’” says Ford. “I remember thinking, ‘How can you not like a place that sent you a valentine?’”¹

Fifty-eight female students, including Ford, arrived on Scranton's campus in September 1972, taking residence in the college's lone female dormitory, Fitch Hall. (A total of 165 women were enrolled in the college that fall, accounting

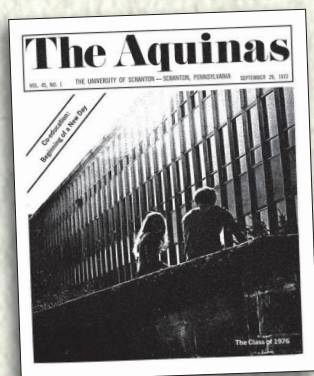
for approximately 10 percent of the entire student body.) In October 1971, less than a year before, the University made headlines announcing its move to coeducation – in hindsight an inevitable transition as Scranton looked to secure its future.

Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenny, S.J., explains it's important to put this time period at Scranton in perspective. “The University then wasn't the University we see today,” says the former longtime director of admissions.

Leading up to the decision, applications were declining, and so too was Scranton's all-male student body. Plus, fellow Jesuit universities and competitor schools had mostly integrated women by then.

These factors facilitated the arrival of women on campus, an event *The Aquinas* trumpeted as “Coeducation: Beginning of a New Day” in its first issue of fall 1972.

Today, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the University's “New Day.”



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An Obvious Choice

In 1972, having female students on campus wasn't an entirely new concept for the University. To be honest, women were already here.

The Evening College – later the Dexter Hanley College – went coed in 1937, and the Graduate School had admitted women from its inception in 1950. But the College of Arts and Sciences, the only undergraduate day college at the time, enrolled only men. (Though females in the Evening College were allowed to attend classes during the day.)

When Rev. Dexter Hanley, S.J., then the University's president, announced the decision to go coed in fall 1971, all 27 fellow Jesuit institutions were already accepting women or had announced their intent to go coed.²

While Father Hanley was said to favor the integration – as did most of the faculty and staff³ – he did attempt a bold one-year joint venture with Marywood University prior to the announcement. The experiment was called the Cooperative Program and it allowed students from the two Scranton colleges to enroll in courses at either institution.

“But that really never got off the ground,” says Father McIlhenny. “I don't think either faculty wanted to lose their identity.”

The arrival of women on campus was swift as female commuter students were welcomed in spring 1972 – four months after the University coeducation announcement – and on-campus housing opened to females the following fall.

There was a reason for promptness, explains William Parente, Ph.D., professor of political science, who was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at that time. The University's current business model wasn't successful.

“Father Hanley and others felt we needed to go coed to help us sustain ourselves economically,” Dr. Parente recalls. “They didn't think we could continue as an all-male school with virtually all other schools going coed.”

“To me, this decision was something that had to be,” recalls Father McIlhenny. “In my mind, looking at it from an admissions and recruiting point of view, there was no question that we had to go coed.”



¹ Karen Pennington, Ph.D.'76, G'83, fondly remembers the Scranton valentine arriving at her house in Darby, just outside Philadelphia. “Looking back, it seems like a sexist thing now, but it was so sweet that they sent Valentine's Day cards to us at home,” she says.

² The University's decision to go coed wasn't an unprecedented change during this time. St. Joseph's University and Loyola University Maryland became coeducational in 1971, and Holy Cross announced its decision to go coed just prior to the University's. In fact, Scranton enrolled females in spring 1972, a semester before Holy Cross opened its doors to women.

³ William Parente, Ph.D., then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, explains the institutions' faculty and staff were quite open to the idea – with few dissenting voters. “It didn't strike me – or others – as a big deal,” Dr. Parente recalls. “Most of our faculty had come from graduate or undergraduate institutions that were coed. The only issue was would the local community tolerate it.”

A Royal Welcome

Upon their arrival in fall 1972, every female student found a rose placed in her dorm room. It was one of many acts of kindness to make them feel at home, the women remember.

Ford recalls the campus being a buzz on move-in day, with a slew of upperclassmen helping carry her personal affects to her dorm and getting her settled. "People were so friendly, and so helpful, it got me over my anxiousness of being there by myself," she says.

Ford was the first person in her family to go to college – a common trait amongst her classmates. Add in the fact she was far from home, with no friends and meeting her roommate for the first time, it's little wonder she was apprehensive that day.

Carolyn Schumacher Esgro '76, G'81 recalls feeling as if the female students – their safety and happiness – were a "high priority" to the faculty, staff and administrators.

"Everyone seemed to want to make sure we were happy, and that we had what we needed. There weren't many of us, you know," says Esgro.

Recently renovated for the female students, Fitch Hall housed 58 women that fall and had a live-in house mom, Mrs. Phillips Boscha, look after the women. Measures were taken to ensure their security, including instituting a curfew and locking the dorm throughout the day. Early in the semester students weren't given keys, which was a definite point of contention.

If the circling security guard wasn't around to allow the female students access to the residence hall, the women had to become resourceful.

"If you were locked out, you'd throw stones at your window and your roommate would come down and let you in," laughs Ford.

Karen Pennington, Ph.D. '76, G'83, a current member of the University's Board of Trustees, fondly remembers leading a group to the Dean of Students' office, protesting the locked doors. (The men's dorms weren't locked, she points out.) To quell the protest, women were eventually given keys.

Whether it was the few number of women on campus, or their single residence, members of the Class of 1976 bonded quickly.⁴

"What I remember from our first year was meeting lifelong friends and the great times we shared there," says Dr. Pennington, who later served as associate dean of students at the University in the 1980s. "Those are still people who are my friends today."

Even if you weren't best friends with everyone, explains Ford, you knew everyone. "You knew the name of every person in your hall," she says. "To this day, I can probably name three-quarters of them. I don't know if that happened at other schools."



A Different Campus, Same University

Today's students wouldn't recognize the campus as it was in 1972. At least that's the strong sentiment of Dr. Pennington and many of her fellow classmates.

With Linden Street open to traffic, there was no present day Commons to speak of. The library was located in Alumni Memorial Hall. In place of Weinberg Memorial Library was an open field. Plus, the place to socialize as an undergraduate was the Long Beach, a patch of grass where the Byron Recreation Complex stands today, or Nevils Beach, another grassy strip between dorms.

Whether it was sun tanning, playing softball or "traying" – sledding on a cafeteria tray in the snow – Scranton students took advantage of whatever open space they had available to them, recalls Esgro.

The women remember a definite Jesuit presence on campus, with priests living nearby, teaching a lot of classes or hosting masses in dorms – including the popular 11 p.m. Sunday mass.

Esgro recalls Rev. John J. Fitzpatrick, S.J., director of spiritual life, who lived in Nevils Hall with his dog, being buddies with all students, and Rev. Ed Gannon, S.J., philosophy professor affectionately gaining the nickname "Uncle E.G."

"I think the Jesuit influence was a big part in creating that sense of community. They were always around," Esgro says.

Ellen Casey, Ph.D., professor emerita of English, was one of the few female professors on campus in the 1970s and was "somebody a lot of the women looked to as a mentor," Ford says. "She and her husband attended everything, so people really got to know her."⁵

As the women assimilated into the community at Scranton, they came to understand a few of the drawbacks of being the first females on campus. Rule No. 1: Always visit the cafeteria in groups.

"You never went to the cafeteria alone," Dr. Pennington recalls. "Because it could be just you and 900 men. That could be a little daunting."

During the first year it wasn't uncommon to be the only woman in a classroom. But Ford never remembers feeling uncomfortable.

"In class, if you were the only female, your study group was you and four guys, but that was OK," she says. "You were all friends. It was a good atmosphere."

⁴ That's not to say the dorm life didn't have its hiccups. Dr. Pennington and Ford both recall a massive room swap during the first or second week of the semester. They estimate at least a third of the female students changed roommates. "It was difficult because we were a really diverse group, but you had no choice who your roommates were," Dr. Pennington says. "We switched rooms because people had started meeting each other and learning who were similar." Ford fondly remembers meeting her roommate Deborah Quarry Kasten '76 during the swap, and they remain friends to this day.

⁵ When Dr. Casey arrived at Scranton in 1969, she was one of just three female faculty members at the all-male institution. Two years later, she was the only female faculty member on campus. It was widely acknowledged that Dr. Casey worked tirelessly to help integrate the campus community during this time and throughout her four decades at Scranton.



It was the 1970s

Like many other colleges at the time, Scranton was influenced by the strife felt across the country.

With the Vietnam War under way, and other crises in the world, the campus had an energy, recalls Dr. Pennington, who vividly remembers sitting in the Fitch Hall lounge watching the draft lottery. "That whole vibe of the 1970s ... we were affected by it," she says.

While Dr. Parente maintains the University was far from "radical," the students did voice their opinions with a handful of sit-ins and candlelight vigils. And there was the spirited demonstration demanding the closure of Linden Street after a student was struck by a vehicle.⁶

"It was a very active, very involved campus," Ford explains. "I wouldn't categorize it as political, but the students were very passionate. They were willing to speak up for things that they thought were inappropriate."

Maintaining What's Important

While female students arrived in 1972, Father McIlhenny estimates it wasn't until the 1980s the effects of the University's decision were fully felt.

Following the integration of women on campus, Scranton was in a state of flux as the curriculum underwent changes, a handful of programs were brought on board, and the number of female faculty members increased significantly.

Coinciding with the arrival of women, the University pushed enrollment, expanding the student body far beyond its previous class sizes. In 1970, the University enrolled 1,345 students, but within 12 years the numbers had increased to 4,000.⁷

Despite the tremendous change, Father McIlhenny says the University maintained one of its most valuable assets: its identity.

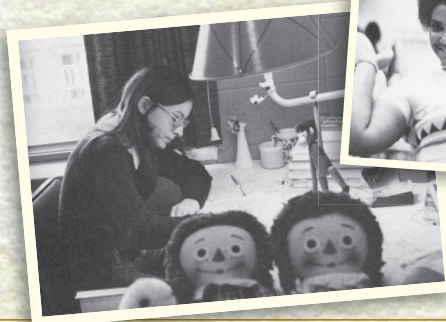
"I always stressed this, as we grew, it was very important that we didn't lose what we started out to gain – that was a personal, direct approach toward education," he says. "That's something, thank God, that I think we've kept."

For the women from the Class of 1976, the University's identity was rooted not only in its education, but also in its sense of community – evident from the first moment they stepped on campus and present 40 years later.

"What I gained from Scranton was that total sense of community, the sense of belonging with people who shared similar values and choices," Esgro says. "I felt like I was making friendships that would last forever – and they did. I can't impress upon you the feeling of community that I felt there."

Looking back all these years later, the valentine Ford received four decades ago seemed to deliver on its promise.

"Receiving that card, that's what made me think that this school would be OK," Ford recalls. "It just made it personal. It made you feel like you were going to connect with the other students there. And sure enough, that's what happened."



⁶ Rosemary Fox Broderick '76, G'80, G'89 recalls a conversation she had with Rev. John Quinn, S.J., an English professor, expressing her concerns about the country's social injustices and her inability to accept them. She remembers Rev. Quinn calmly replied, "No one ever said that you have to accept these injustices, Rosemary. Don't accept them. Just learn to tolerate them and do something about it." Recalls Broderick, "At that moment, a heavy weight was lifted from my shoulders."

⁷ Father McIlhenny recalls that by the late 1960s, the admissions process had become a buyers' market and colleges had to be proactive in recruiting students. Plus, with the addition of female students, the University was entering a new era of admissions. One of Father McIlhenny's earliest realizations between recruiting male students to female students he shared with *The Aquinas* in 1972. "A boy is satisfied to know that he's accepted in a certain field. You know, the 'I'll see you in September' idea. But the girls want to know specific things, right down to the color of the drapes. They do the same with their programs; they'll delve into the courses much more than boys."



REPEAT NOT DEFEAT



That was the message inscribed on T-shirts worn throughout the University's raucous student section, and the men's basketball team didn't disappoint, defeating Juniata College 78-70 to capture its second consecutive Landmark Conference championship Feb. 25. But the Royals weren't done yet, recording three victories in the NCAA Division III tournament and advancing to the Elite Eight! It was March Madness at its best!



Scranton Athletics

ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

Longtime Women's Basketball Coach Sets NCAA Victory Record

With the Lady Royals' 46-43 victory over Cabrini College on Dec. 17 in Radnor, women's basketball head coach Mike Strong etched his name into the record books. The victory was his 758th, which set a new record for career victories in NCAA Division III women's basketball history. The win moved Strong past former St. John Fisher head coach Phil Kahler, who retired in 2008.

"I'm very humbled and very proud," Strong said. "This achievement is for all the players, assistant coaches and staff. It's a celebration of all of us."

Strong called the victory somewhat "bittersweet" because it came against Cabrini third-year head coach Kate Pierangeli Pearson '04, who was a two-time All-American for the Lady Royals under Strong in 2003 and 2004.

Following the record-setting victory, Strong's career record stood at 758-163, with an astounding winning percentage of .823.

The University's women's basketball program has sustained tremendous success during the past three decades in large part to longtime coach Mike Strong, who in December set a new record for career victories in NCAA Division III women's basketball history.



Running Wild

Chris Wasnetsky '12 (Dunmore/Bishop O'Hara) competed in the NCAA Division III men's cross-country championships for the third time in his career Nov. 19 at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winnecone, Wisc. The four-time, first-team All-Landmark Conference selection is now one of two runners in Scranton history to qualify for nationals three times, joining two-time All-American and recent Wall of Fame inductee Joseph Fent '01.



Leading the Charge

Gretchen Kempf '13 (Warrington/Central Bucks South) played a leading role in the field hockey team's 12-win season – the program's most victories since 1998 – that included a semifinal berth in the Landmark Conference tournament. After scoring a team- and Landmark Conference-leading 16 goals, Kempf was named the conference's offensive player of the year and was selected second-team All-South Atlantic region by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Women's Soccer Crowned Champions Again



The University's women's soccer team won its second straight Landmark Conference championship and advanced to the NCAA Division III tournament for the 13th time in school history. The Royals dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 decision in overtime to Ohio Northern in the first round. Junior Amanda Kresge was named Landmark Conference defensive player of the year, while juniors Sarah Gibbons, Jessica Sciscione and Sydney Parker, and sophomores Samantha Russo and Kelsy McAnelly each earned all-conference honors.

Fabulous Freshman

Thanks, in part, to the play of Julia Crilly '15 (Rochester, N.Y./Aquinas Institute), the volleyball team posted its first winning record since 2008 and qualified for the Landmark Conference tournament for the second straight year. Crilly was voted the conference's rookie of the year and a second-team selection after leading Scranton to a 17-win season.



Above the Competition

These three University of Scranton student-athletes are taking their respective programs to new heights. Appropriately, we've photographed them with Scranton's skyline as a backdrop. Don't forget to visit the *Journal's* website, scranton.edu/scrantonjournal, for our extended interviews with these Royal athletes.



Dan Slade

Year: Senior

Hometown: Doylestown

Position: Attacker

Major: Biomathematics

Q: You scored a career-high five goals in last year's Landmark Conference tournament championship game, helping the Royals advance to the NCAA Division III championships for the first time in the program's history. Was that the best game of your life?

A: Yeah, that is one of best games I have played and, given that it was the conference championship, I would have to say that it was the best game of my life.

Q: Your older sister, Katie '11, played lacrosse at Scranton and is currently an assistant coach with the women's team. Who's the better lacrosse player?

A: I have to go with Katie. She is a better all-around player. Katie had to play both offense and defense while I only concentrate on offense. She had an incredible playing career at Scranton, and hopefully I can accomplish some of the things she did.



Anthony Duchnowski

Year: Junior

Hometown: Dunmore

Position: Infielder

Major: Secondary Education-Latin & Classical Language-Latin

Q: Your father, Anthony '80, graduated from Scranton. Was there any pressure to follow in his footsteps?

A: He had great success here both academically and athletically, and I feel nothing would make him prouder than to imitate that success.

Q: Your nickname is Dutch, right? How many of your teammates can correctly spell Duchnowski?

A: I do see a lot of "Dutchnowski" misspellings, but I have confidence that (most of) my teammates would spell it right.



Ashley Vosilla

Year: Senior

Hometown: Dix Hills, N.Y.

Position: Catcher

Major: Nursing

Q: Entering the season, you have tallied 11 home runs in your career, placing you sixth all-time in Scranton's history. Do you consider yourself a home run hitter?

A: I wouldn't say I consider myself a home run hitter, however, I would consider myself a power hitter. Although, it is always a great feeling when the power hits happen to be home runs.

Q: What's the key to hitting a home run?

A: Head down, eye on the ball and a solid, powerful swing. But besides mechanics, confidence is definitely key.

Remembering Our Miracle in the Mountains

CLARE DEVINE '08

Donor Every Year Since Graduation



While visiting Heidelberg, Germany, Clare Devine '08 (center) had the opportunity to visit with fellow Royals Maren Smith '07 (left) and Laura Gibbons '08, both captains in the Army Nurse Corps who were stationed in Germany at the time.

OF THOSE TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED

I choose to support Scranton because Scranton supported me. The experiences and lessons learned in the classroom, through athletics, and in moments of leadership and prayer will forever be in my heart. I choose to support the University to sustain that “special feeling” a high school senior receives when they visit campus and feel an inherent calling to “The U.” I choose to support Scranton to ensure each graduating Royal walks across the stage thanking God for bringing them to our University and for the fire burning in their hearts ignited by the friendships and bonds formed here.

Our students, alumni, staff and community are purpose-driven and change the world in which they live. My Scranton family members, friends and teammates, who are true men and women for others within their vocations and relationships, amaze me. The University provided each of us a place to challenge and expand our mind, body and spirit through numerous avenues and opportunities.

In Brennan Hall, you can't miss seeing the verse from Luke 12:48 stating, “Of those to whom much is given, much is expected.” Not only do I feel indebted for the formation received, but I am also excited for the potential and hope alive in Scranton's today and tomorrow. Although I wish I could give a sizable donation to the University, I am unable as a young alumna. But I trust in the adage that many hands make light work. While we are encouraged to “go forth and set the world on fire,” we must always remember those who have kindled our flame on our path toward reaching our potential. We must support our foundation to help enable the continued impact of our ever-unfolding “Miracle in the Mountains.”

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MARTINA MARTIN '80

Donor 27 of the Last 31 Years



Many years ago, someone – just like you and me – took a leap of faith for someone they didn't even know and made it possible for me to attend The University of Scranton. Perhaps it wasn't just one donor, but dozens of gifts that eventually contributed to the scholarship that forever changed my life. When someone gives you the opportunity to help change a person's life, how can you pass it up?

If you haven't been on campus lately, you would be proud of today's students, the faculty and the remarkable achievements of both. Scranton continues to transform lives every day. So, when it comes to giving, it's not the size, but the intent and the act of giving that truly counts. Together, we can change lives. That's why I give. Please join me.

*Martina Martin '80
Alumni Society President-Elect*

PATRICK MORGAN '01

ISP Donor Three Years in a Row



Not a day goes by when I do not think about or am not reminded of my experiences with the International Service Program (ISP). These experiences, the lessons learned, and the struggles remain with me. They help drive me out of bed in the morning. To support the ISP is not so much a gift; it is a responsibility of those who have gone before, to help out in whatever way, so that others can go and be forever changed. Such support connects us together as part of a global community and the greatest classroom of all: life itself.

*Patrick Morgan '01
Alumni Society Secretary*

ISP Mexico 1999, 2003; ISP Ecuador 2001

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Mission Trip Challenges, Rewards Alumni

by John P. Sanko, Ed.D.

Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy at The University of Scranton



JEFF MANGANARO '02

Class of 2002 Reunion Participation Chair

I give to The Royal Fund because I believe in the mission of The University of Scranton and the potential of its administration, students and alumni network. Nearly 10 years have passed since my days on campus, yet I continuously value the building blocks that a Jesuit education provides, helping us lead inspiring lives. During my junior year at Scranton, I put my entrepreneurial desires to the test with the development of my company, investing in the student housing market in Scranton. The supportive administration and interactive alumni network have continuously proven to be one of the University's greatest assets as JMJ Atlantic continues to venture ahead.

As our alumni base expands with each passing year, participation is vital in order to maintain Scranton's well-earned reputation, and provide similar opportunities for future students and fellow alumni.

Jeff Manganaro '02

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On Sept. 18, 2011, alongside a few colleagues and a group of Scranton physical therapy alumni, I embarked on a service trip to Haiti that I can say was both challenging and extremely rewarding. The mission trip consisted of several seasoned professionals, including Susan Pyrzynski Ficken '87, Karen Wientjes Albaugh '94, Amy Tafil Coyle '96 and Jennifer Stephens Murawski '97. Adjunct faculty members David Patrick and Barbara Linder also joined us to share their expertise.

Our team flew to Haiti's capital city, Port-Au-Prince, where we met with Sarah Dutcher, country director for Hope for Haiti, a nonprofit organization based in Naples, Fla., and Les Cayes, Haiti. This organization has had strong ties with the University for several years, pre-dating the country's crippling earthquake of 2010. While in Port-Au-Prince, we were driven through the city to get a first-hand look at the conditions and the damage as a result of the earthquake. Along with the rubble of the Presidential Palace and National Cathedral, we encountered massive tent cities where thousands of displaced people have called home for nearly two years. The sight was heartbreaking, to say the least.

In Les Cayes, we were introduced to the Hope for Haiti staff and received an orientation of the coastal town and its several local healthcare facilities. Then we went to work doing what we do best – helping people. At the Missionaries of Charity orphanage, the team helped the staff provide therapy for a number of children with a variety of physical and cognitive challenges. It was here that we saw the sensory integration room that was equipped in part through fundraisers by Scranton physical and occupational therapy students. After several days of service work, we took a boat trip to Île à Vache, a small island off the coast of Haiti, to assist at another orphanage. This facility housed and cared for a cohort of abandoned, handicapped children. Again the team went right to work assisting the staff with physical and occupational therapy services.

From our perspective, I would have to say the highlight of the week occurred at the Foyer, a geriatric home in Les Cayes. We organized an exercise session set to Haitian music that proved to be quite popular. Several weeks later, we actually heard that a team of physicians visiting the Foyer was impressed with the increased activity level and spirits of the residents following our visit.

At the conclusion of the trip, we visited the St. Étienne Infirmary, Hope for Haiti's health clinic in Les Cayes, where we conducted a wound care in-service with the medical and nursing staff on hand. It was great to have a team like ours, which included a variety of specialists in areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, sensory integration, wound care, therapeutic exercise, prosthetics and orthotics.

While the trip involved a lot of hard work, it was gratifying to help so many people in need. It is that why we look forward to organizing PT and OT alumni, student and faculty mission trips to Haiti in the future.



TOP: From left, Karen Wientjes Albaugh '94, professor Dave Patrick and Susan Pyrzynski Ficken '87 care for a child at the Île à Vache orphanage. **ABOVE:** The Scranton contingent visited an orphanage in Île à Vache, a small island off the coast of Haiti. Pictured (from left) are Sister Flora, director of the orphanage, Susan Pyrzynski Ficken, PT '87, Karen Wientjes Albaugh, PT, MPH, CWS '94, Jennifer Stephens Murawski, MPT '97 and John P. Sanko, Ed.D. In white shirts are Hope for Haiti staff members (front to back) Jennifer Lang, Harry Victor, Paula Prince, and Jessica Jean-Francois. The remaining trio is (from left) Barbara Lindner, Amy Tafil Coyle, MPT '96 and David Patrick, PT, CPO.

To support this & other physical and occupational therapy service trips, visit scranton.edu/microgrants

Scranton Alumni



Alumni Medical Mission Heads to Haiti

Three alumni doctors and three students journeyed to Haiti on the Medical Alumni Council's annual medical mission in January.

Once again, the team worked with Rev. Richard Frechette, C.P., D.O., a Passionist priest and physician, as well as a 2007 honorary degree recipient from the University. He is the director of St. Damien Hospital, a pediatric facility in the country's capital city of Port-Au-Prince.

Led by Hartford, Conn., maxillofacial surgeon Richard Bevilacqua, D.M.D., M.D. '83, the team spent one week providing much-needed medical care to the underserved people of Haiti. Joining Dr. Bevilacqua and the students on the trip were Pamela Taffera, D.O., M.B.A. '02 and Chris Andres, M.D. '89.

Pictured (front, from left) are Chris Andres, M.D. '89, Lucie Henry '12, Richard Bevilacqua, D.M.D., M.D. '83, (back) Pamela Taffera, D.O., M.B.A. '02, Kathleen Lavelle '12 and Mike Le '12.

Alumni Society Welcomes Class of 2012

In conjunction with the 2012 class committee, the Alumni Society is organizing summer welcome parties for the Class of 2012. The parties are designed to welcome recent graduates to the Alumni Society and introduce them to alumni in their region. Dates and locations will be set in late May. For more information, visit scranton.edu/welcomeparties.

Reconnecting at Reunion 2012

Three special constituent groups will gather during Reunion Weekend 2012. On Saturday, June 9, nursing alumni will have an opportunity to convene with one another and members of the Nursing Department. SJLA alumni will also gather to reminisce about their experiences as students. Lastly, alumni of the Bands and Singers program will spend time "Hangin' out in Houlihan" with Director Cheryl Boga. Alumni can register for these events, along with other reunion activities, at scranton.edu/reunion.

'DC Law Day' a Success

The Council of Alumni Lawyers and the Pre-Law Society hosted "DC Law Day" last fall for current pre-law students at the University.

Students traveled to the nation's capital to hear from alumni lawyers who are currently practicing law in Washington D.C., both for the federal government and in private practice. The alumni lawyers described their career paths and professional experience practicing law. The day concluded with a networking reception that provided the alumni and students an opportunity to get to know one another and talk in detail about their interests in the legal profession.



Jack Gallagher '69 (second from right), Council of Alumni Lawyers chair, joins Pre-Law Society officers to proudly display the original Pre-Law Society banner during "DC Law Day." Pictured (from left) are Eric Greiss '12, Kevin Dermody '13, Gallagher and Andrew Lunney '13.

Theatre Reunion Set for Aug. 11

The Office of Alumni Relations, the Department of English and Theatre and the University Players are planning a reunion! The event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 11. We are working on compiling a list. Please email alumni@scranton.edu if you are a theatre alumnus/alumna.



Alumni Society Names New President

Thomas J. Grech '84 was installed as the 27th president of the Alumni Society on Feb. 25. Since graduating from the University, Grech has been actively involved for many years at both the alumni club and board levels. He is founder and principal of The Peritus Group, LLC, a sales development and marketing consulting firm, and is currently a managing director at JJT Energy, a natural gas and electric energy supplier. Grech is also an adjunct professor at Farmingdale State College, East Farmingdale, N.Y. Grech resides in Malverne, N.Y., with his wife, Janet, and their two children, Ashley and Thomas.



Beyond the Commons Bring Students, Alumni Together

A Winter Full of Scranton

More than a thousand Scranton alumni gathered in their hometowns for various alumni events and activities this winter. From our annual Christmas parties in December to our late-February alumni tour in California and Florida, and lots of places in between, our alumni volunteers planned plenty of fun for the Scranton graduates in their regions. To see photos from this winter's events, visit scranton.edu/alumniphotos.

Throughout the spring semester, members of the Class of 2012 had the opportunity to dine with alumni at a venue in downtown Scranton through our "Beyond the Commons" events. The program, coordinated by the senior class committee and the Alumni Society, brought alumni and more than 200 seniors together for casual conversations

on several topics, including how to get a job, surviving life in the big city, and relationships after college. Several dinners also focused on what to expect in a certain career field, graduate school or service organization. To learn more about how you can help a senior go "Beyond the Commons," visit scranton.edu/btc.

During last year's Alumni Day of Service, 17 alumni volunteered to help paint at the Catherine Sheridan Senior Center in Queens, N.Y.



Day of Service Returns!

The annual Alumni Day of Service will take place on Saturday, April 14. This year, the University is helping to lead the National Jesuit Service Initiative, a pilot program with several other Jesuit universities. Through the initiative, alumni from any Jesuit college will be able to participate in the service programs of pilot schools. The project is being coordinated in cooperation with the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. We invite you to participate in this meaningful endeavor. For more information, visit scranton.edu/dayofservice or call the Alumni Office at 1-800-SCRANTON.

Connect with Us on LinkedIn

Give your professional network a Royal boost by joining the Alumni Society's LinkedIn group. Become a member and connect with more than 1,000 Scranton graduates to recruit and apply for job opportunities, post internships and discuss your career path. To start networking, visit scranton.edu/alumniLinkedIn.

Send Us Your Class Notes & Pictures!

*Did you celebrate a milestone recently? Would you like to share your good fortune with alumni and friends? Send your wedding and birth announcements, as well as other class notes and photographs, to alumni@scranton.edu and we will publish them in *Royal News* and *The Scranton Journal*.*



TRAVEL with Us in 2012!

The Alumni Society is offering several exciting travel programs in the coming months, including trips to Ireland, Tuscany, Italy, and the Islands of Antiquity Cruise. For more information, visit scranton.edu/alumnibenefits.



ClassNotes

Class notes included in this edition were submitted prior to Jan. 23, 2012.
To submit your own news or see additional class notes, visit scranton.edu/classnotes.

Domenick Colangelo '52, Belvidere, N.J., a longtime educator and coach, had the Belvidere High School football field named in his honor.

James Mezick, Ph.D. '61, East Brunswick, N.J., and his wife, Mary Pat, received the Regina Nostra Medal. The medal symbolizes the gratitude of the bishop and pastors toward individuals who have made important contributions to the mission of the Diocese of Metuchen through their service to their parish or the diocese.

Gerald P. Tracy, M.D. '63, Clarks Summit, associate dean for regional campus development, north campus of The Commonwealth Medical College, was honored by the Pennsylvania chapter of the American College of Physicians for his distinguished service to internal medicine.

Patrick Cioni '64, Scranton, has been notified by the Center for Credentialing and Education that he has met the qualifications for the credential "Approved Clinical Supervisor." He is engaged in the practice of counseling and psychotherapy. His chapter, "Hate Revenge and Forgiveness: A Healthy, Ego-Strengthening Alternative to the Experience of Offense" has been published in the book "Psychology of Hate."

Bart Billings, Ph.D. '66, Carlsbad, Calif., is the owner of Joey's Smokin BBQ & Doc's Saloon. The restaurant has been selected as an award finalist in the 2011 Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and will vie for the Small Business of the Year honors.

John Zonarich '68, Mechanicsburg, managing attorney of the firm SkarlatosZonarich, has been licensed to practice law in West Virginia by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

Rich Rossi '74, Naples, Fla., and his wife and business partner, Barbara Bolcavage, are co-authors along with Anthony Stewart of Bowie, Md., of "Saving Middle America, Securing Financial Dreams."

John Kelly '79, Dunmore, who has served as the official clock operator for basketball games at the Long Center for nearly 40 years, was inducted to The University of Scranton Athletics Wall of Fame Dec. 3.

Daniel Amspacher '80, Havertown, was a featured panelist at "Recalibrating the Workforce System," the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's Region Forum. Amspacher is the director of human resources for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

Robert R. Kulbick G'80, Duluth, Ga., has been selected as the new president of Comprehensive Care Corporation, a leading behavioral health, substance abuse and psychotropic pharmacy management services provider for managed care companies throughout the United States.

Robert Schatz '80, New York, N.Y., has announced the following: two of his paintings are featured as cover art for "Providence," the debut album by the band Vovete; his painting "Cortlandt St. Cloude" will be included in the group show, "9/11 Arts: A Decade Later," at The Commons Gallery, New York University; and his painting "Odalisque" will be included in the exhibit, "Dividing Light, Measuring Darkness," at Curious Matter, Jersey City.

James Murphy '80, Irving, Texas, is the vice president of global security for Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Myles Walsh '81, Scranton, has been re-elected to the eight-man board of directors of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, Northeast Chapter.

Karen Slyman Capriotti '82, Lebanon, has been named Pennsylvania Guidance Counselor of the Year. She is a guidance counselor at both Lebanon Catholic School and New Covenant Christian School.

Barbara Samuel Loftus G'82, Moosic, has been named vice president of the division of planning, assessment and research at Misericordia University.

William Trently, D.M.D. '82, Stratham, N.H., has published his second book, "Snapshot: Ship's Dentists."

Carlos Loureiro '83, Milford, Mass., a member of three NCAA Final Four men's soccer teams, was inducted to The University of Scranton Athletics Wall of Fame.

Michael Wolk, M.D. '84, Waverly, a rehabilitation specialist, gave a presentation on "Spasticity Management After a Stroke" at Wayne Memorial Hospital Dec. 8. Dr. Wolk is a board-certified physical medicine specialist with Northeastern Rehabilitation Associates.

Michael Burke '85, Pacific Palisades, Calif., was appointed president of AECOM Technology Corporation, a Fortune 500 architecture and engineering company with 45,000 employees in 125 countries headquartered in Los Angeles.

Samuel Elias, Jr., G'85, Annville, who serves as director of athletics at Hershey High School, was recognized with a 2011 Distinguished Service Award given by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

Paul Gerst '87, Dallas, Texas, is author of the book "Your Great Grandmother Made Better Tea." The book is a collection of iced tea, punch and tea dessert recipes from 1890-1920. Gerst is the founder of teadog.com, an ecommerce tea retailer.

Daniel McGarrey '88, Matawan, N.J., has rejoined Morgan Stanley as an executive director in the technology and data division. McGarrey is head of financial management and senior business manager for Cross Technology Services.

A Photo Worth Sharing

Talk about a picture-perfect graduation photograph! It's no wonder why the family of Emily Curran '11 used this image as its Christmas card this year. In a thank you note to the University's Admissions Office, Curran's mother, Eileen wrote, "To me, (the photo) represents that although she is one of many, she is still an individual. This is what Scranton has done for her. She charted her own course in an academic environment that enabled her to do so." Emily Curran is currently completing an internship with the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, N.J.





Michael Breslin '71, Chief Operating Officer of NHS Human Services, has spent most of his career making sure special needs patients aren't victims of bureaucracy.

Alumnus Brings Behavioral Healthcare to People Who Need it Most

Michael Breslin '71 has seen what healthcare can do for people with special needs. He's watched children taken out of abusive situations go on to graduate from college. He's witnessed the mentally disabled receive the care and structure they need to be happy and healthy.

Breslin has also seen healthcare fail these same people.

Working for state organizations, he's observed people with intellectual disabilities get sick because doctors didn't communicate properly. Other times he's watched as children missed out on medical care because their parents didn't understand which of the 950 public aid programs their child qualified for.

The ideas and intentions are good, Breslin explains. It's the bureaucracy that gets in the way.

As Chief Operating Officer of NHS Human Services, one of the largest special needs healthcare providers in the country, Breslin has focused most of his career on making sure special needs patients aren't victims of bureaucracy. He works closely with some of the top specialists, making certain they understand the patient's perspective when making decisions and developing care plans.

"It's a matter of being able to work through the barriers that get in the way of understanding each other," Breslin says. "We end up with a stronger result when we bring together the best of all the disciplines."

The average life span for people with serious and persistent mental illness is 25 years less than those without. The reason for this is conspicuous. In addition to their mental health issues, patients also tend to have chronic physical health issues that go untreated because their mental illness gets in the way of primary care.

Under a new NHS program model, patients receive primary care in addition to their mental health treatment all under the umbrella of one team. Medical doctors and mental health professionals work together, providing outpatient care under a single comprehensive plan.

By having medical staff go out into the community rather than working from an office, Breslin says patients receive more effective care and can continue their lives without extended hospital stays.

"We want people to be part of the community and bring the services to them," Breslin explains.

NHS also allows patients to receive services on a lifelong continuum, regardless of age or illness. In essence, a child can come to NHS at 5 years old and have continuous care until late in life.

No bureaucracy, just common sense.

Breslin's approach may be a bit different for an executive, but that's because his roots are deep in the mental health field. The son of two mental health workers, Breslin remembers discussing compelling issues at the dinner table every night.

During his time at Scranton in the late 1960s, Breslin continued his passion for social justice. He recalls being involved in war demonstrations on campus, including one that resulted in the University president urging students to leave Linden Street as police in riot gear stood by.

That passion for social justice has continued into his professional life. NHS Central Region Vice President Carl Clark says you can see the social activist in every move Breslin makes.

"We often have providers who get into a business mode and lose touch," Clark says. "Mike has always been someone who brings people back to the reality that our business needs to make sense to the people we serve."

G. Bryan Salzmnn, Esq. '88, Carlisle, the managing partner of the law firm of Salzmnn Hughes, P.C. and Shippensburg Borough solicitor, was the keynote speaker at Shippensburg University's graduate studies commencement in December.

Patricia Savage '89, Hollidaysburg, was a guest at the White House as part of a daylong event with other leaders from Lutheran health and human service organizations across the country.

Thomas Archer '90, Camp Hill, has joined the firm Mette, Evans & Woodside as a shareholder. He will focus on litigation, business law and employment practice areas.

Jeffrey Catalano '90, West Roxbury, Mass., has been elected vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Association for its 2011-2012 year.

Caroline Mallick Wood, Ph.D. '90, Clinton Corners, N.Y., was promoted to program manager in the research models and solutions division of Taconic Farms, Inc.

Maryann DiPaola Frisbie '91, Allentown, N.J., joined the Internal Revenue Service as an internal revenue agent.

Rev. James Tucker '91, Cliffside Park, N.J., is a parochial vicar at Epiphany Church.

Christopher Attig, Esq. '93, Dallas, Texas, was named as a 2011 Texas Rising Star Attorney by SuperLawyers.com. Rising Stars are ages 40 or younger who have been practicing for 10 years or less.

David Yastremski '94, Mendham, N.J., has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the Marcelle E. Oberle Award for Outstanding Teaching in Grades K-12 by the National Communication Association. The Oberle Award was created to honor individuals who teach K-12 grade level and who have exhibited both outstanding teaching and a commitment to the speech communication profession.

Bernadette Royce '96, Garden City, N.Y., is the health and safety program manager/grant director for the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York, International Association of Firefighters Local 94.

Gary Sinzduk '96 is currently serving as a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg for the 2011-2012 term. He received his law degree from the Boalt School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

Bill Ashton '97, Brooklyn, N.Y., was recently named vice president of music for ScoreBig, a new members-only site offering guaranteed savings on tickets for sports, concert and theater events nationwide.

Jonathan Fanuzzi '97, Rockville Centre, N.Y., was hired as an executive vice president at Jones Lang LaSalle in its New York office. He will focus on expanding the agency leasing practice with new and existing clients.

Sam Denisco '98, Mechanicsburg, was recently named vice president of government affairs by the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry.

Samuel M. Sanguedolce '98, Wilkes-Barre, was appointed as Luzerne County's first assistant district attorney by district attorney Stefanie Salavantis.

Daniel Zazzali '98, Ports Monmouth, N.J., was elected a partner at the firm McCarter & English LLP. He is a member of the tax and benefits team, where he concentrates his practice in the area of local property taxation and has helped prosecute complex property tax appeals in various states.

Joseph Payne '00, Norristown, co-authored a book called "Managing Indirect Spend: Enhancing Profitability Through Strategic Sourcing." The book was recently published by Wiley & Sons publishing, and **Kathleen Daly '08** also contributed content.

Nicole Bayman '01, Princeton, N.J., a Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP associate, was inducted to The University of Scranton Athletics Wall of Fame in recognition of her excellence on the soccer field and in the classroom.

Sarah Gazdalski DalFol '01, G'02, Sparta, N.J., a women's swimming All-American, was inducted to The University of Scranton Athletics Wall of Fame.

Amy Connolly Fabel '01, Collegeville, a four-time women's soccer all-regional selection, was inducted to The University of Scranton Athletics Wall of Fame.

Joseph Fent '01, Raleigh, N.C., a two-time men's cross-country All-American, was inducted to The University of Scranton Athletics Wall of Fame.

Kelly Halpin Fisher '01, Feasterville Trevose, a three-time women's basketball All-American, was inducted to The University of Scranton Athletics Wall of Fame.

Peter Castagna '03, Chester Springs, completed his MBA at Wilmington University in 2011 and began working at Widener University Law School as assistant director, Widener Law Fund.

Maria Villafuerte, D.O. '03, Royal Oak, Mich., is staff psychiatrist at Henry Ford Kingswood Hospital and works in the in-patient adult psychiatric unit teaching both psychiatric residents and medical students.

Mary Kenney Cirigliano, D.O. '04, North Bethesda, Md., completed her family medicine residency at Mercy Suburban Hospital in Norristown. She is currently working as a family practice physician for Kaiser Permanente.

Vito Cirigliano, D.O. '04, North Bethesda, Md., completed an internal medicine residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is currently pursuing a gastroenterology fellowship at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Ariane Palmasani Conaboy, M.D. '04, Moosic, completed residency in internal medicine at The Wright Center for Primary Care in June 2011. Conaboy entered private practice internal medicine in conjunction with Physicians Health Alliance in Scranton in September. She serves as a clinical preceptor and volunteers as a member of the clinical faculty of The Commonwealth Medical College.

Will Dennis '05, Huntingdon Valley, a playwright, opened a show, "Laughing All the Way," at the Act II Playhouse in Ambler in December.

Lindsey Collins Praino, Ph.D. '06, New York, N.Y., received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in neuroscience from the University of Connecticut. She is currently employed as a post-doctoral research fellow in cognitive neuroscience at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Chris McGuinness '06, York, recently completed a run of "The Music Man" as Oliver Hix, a member of the school board/barbershop quartet, at York Little Theatre.

Jesse Burke Hallinan '07, Dunmore, successfully passed the July bar examination and has been admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He earned his juris doctorate in May from Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg.

Michael Keyasko, D.P.T. '08, G'11, Dickson City, has been hired by Comprehensive Physical Therapy as a staff physical therapist to work in its Dunmore, Carbon-dale and Forest City locations. He recently passed his Pennsylvania state licensure examination.

Janelle Caso '10, Mahwah, N.J., is production stage manager for the Goodwin Theatre in Philadelphia.

Kelly Miguens '10, Rutherford, N.J., has dedicated a second year of service to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at University of Detroit Mercy.

Jason P. Mannion '11, Jermyn, began his post baccalaureate studies in medicine at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia this year.

Kenna Margevich '11, Wapwallopen, will be dedicating a year of service to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at the Respite Care of San Antonio.

Tara Murphy '11, Bensalem, has dedicated a year to serving as a Jesuit Volunteer at St. Margaret's Shelter, Spokane, Wash.

Garrett Powell '11, Pen Argyl, celebrated his graduation by hiking the Appalachian Trail, all 2,181 miles of it, with his brother, Brendan.

Melissa Wasilewski '11, Clarks Summit, began her post-baccalaureate studies in medicine at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia this year.



Preparing the White House for the Holidays

In December 2011, **Mary Beth Voda G'89** joined approximately 140 other volunteers to decorate the White House, an undertaking that included outfitting more than 30 Christmas trees. "It was an experience of a lifetime and an honor to be part of the decorating team," she says. Voda is pictured standing near the Gold Star tree, honoring fallen military personnel.

Marriages

Michal Husek '01 to Julie Quinn '03

Brad Breslin '02 to Kait Merritt '07

Katie Curran '02 to Jim DeSanto '02

Lauren LiCalzi '03 to Michael Lavelle '03

Katie Moran '05 to Stephen Boccella

Julia Braunstein '06 to Steve DelBene

Sharon Corby '06 to Benjamin Corby

Lauren Gavin '06 to Daniel Kopcso

Megan Sweeney '06 to Walter Rizzo '07

Kristin Lee Plyler '07 to Anthony Flaim, D.O. '07

Graylin Johnson '08 to Caitlin Hahn '09

Troy Bouvier '10 to William Gondela '09

Daniel Palmer '09 to Danille McCann '09

On their wedding day, Oct. 29, 2011, **Elizabeth Mills '07** and **Matthew Lockhart '07** saw a surprise storm bring 19 inches of snow to their New Jersey venue. But the squall wouldn't damper the nuptials one bit, and the more than 20 Royals in attendance celebrated well into the morning, said the bride. Attending were: **Kevin DeCastro '07**, **Patrick Ehnott '07**, **Erin Grambo '07**, '10, **Catherine Higgins '07**, **Kaitlin Kelly '07**, **Elizabeth Kiernan '07**, **Patrick Lockhart '93**, **Brian Loughney '07**, G'09, **Robert Lyons '06**, **Francis McLane '07**, **Suzanne McMahon '07**, **David Monahan '07**, **Maureen Conklin Morris '07**, G'08, **Timothy Morris '07**, **Meghan Murray '07**, **Jonathan Musyt '07**, **Kristen Peterman '07**, **Allison Rubino '07**, **Timothy Smith '07**, **Thomas Sohns '09**, **Megan Worth-Francullo '07**, **Adrienne Fallon Young '06**, G'07 and **Carter Young '07**.



Arlene V. Drack, M.D. '81

Setting Her Sights on Improving Vision



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At the University of Iowa's Institute for Vision Research, Arlene V. Drack, M.D. '81 focuses on finding treatments for untreatable causes of blindness in children.

Many children are prescribed glasses, but for Arlene V. Drack, M.D. '81 this set in motion a course that determined her future.

From the age of nine, Dr. Drack knew she wanted to be an eye doctor. Her research began as she explored the different paths she could take to improve a person's vision.

Dr. Drack's course ultimately led her to the University of Iowa, where she is an associate professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics at the Carver College of Medicine – regarded as one of the finest ophthalmology and visual sciences departments in the world.

She holds the Ronald Keech Professorship in Pediatric Genetic Eye Disease and directs the Pediatric Electroretinogram service. She runs a research laboratory as part of the Institute for Vision Research (IVR) that focuses on finding treatments for untreatable causes of blindness in children.

"At the IVR, we are on the forefront of identifying genes that cause blindness, which is the first step in finding treatments," Dr. Drack says. "Because of this, we can offer patients cutting-edge advice that may give a child the chance to see."

Dr. Drack spends her time researching, teaching and treating patients. She conducts gene therapy and clinical trials, as well as hands-on research where her students test what they're learning. She also works to develop preventative measures for patients to utilize while waiting for treatment, and is currently investigating a way to help stop retina deterioration that could ultimately prevent blindness.

Finding treatments for previously untreatable conditions is something Dr. Drack thrives on. One example is her work with Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA), an inherited disease that leads to blindness. Her team is

working with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on a gene therapy trial to restore some sight to these patients, which she says is a "true revolution in ophthalmology."

After earning two bachelor degrees – in biology and philosophy – at Scranton, Dr. Drack completed an ITT international fellowship in Oslo, Norway. She says her undergraduate research with Christine McDermott, Ph.D., and Joe Vinson, Ph.D., helped her obtain the fellowship. She then attended the Pennsylvania State University Medical School, conducted her residency at Georgetown University, and completed three fellowships, one at Johns Hopkins University and two at the University of Iowa. She began her career on the faculty of Emory University in Atlanta and then served as the chief of ophthalmology at the Children's Hospital in Denver.

Dr. Drack, an O'Hara Award recipient in 2011, gives credit to where her educational journey began: "The University of Scranton provided so many opportunities. Without the Presidential Scholarship I received, I wouldn't have been able to attend the University."

The University's Jesuit ideals inspired her to help others. Some of her most profound experiences, including working for three months in India at a leprosy hospital, she owes to Scranton. Dr. Drack credits the mentorship of Rev. Edward Gannon, S.J., and says that the education she received is what set her on the path to where she is today.

Dr. Drack has a nine-year-old daughter with her husband, Bill, and a 21-year-old stepdaughter, who joined her in the lab for two summers and is now interested in biomedical research.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunities I've had," she concludes. "I've witnessed first-hand that one person really can make an impact. I love that through my research, I can make my own."



The April 9, 2011, wedding between **Kathleen Martino '07, G'07** and **Christopher Iacocca '07** was unquestionably a Scranton affair, with 17 graduates and faculty members in attendance. Among the Royals present were **Mary Cullen Bogdanovich '91, Ken Bogdanovich '92, Kristina Mardjokic Brezicha '05, Emeka Ike '05, Edward Kelly '65, Margaret Cullen LaCroix '95, Alan Lukowicz '82, Elizabeth Lukowicz '11, Gregory Martino '82, Theresa Cullen Munley '91, G'93, Kevin Munley '92** and **Steven Trovi '05**. Also attending were faculty members **Nabil Tamimi, Ph.D., G'85**, and Rose Sebastianelli, Ph.D., professors of operations and information management, and Iordanis Petsas, Ph.D., associate professor of economics and finance. Kathleen Martino Iacocca recently returned to Scranton as an assistant professor in the Operations and Information Management Department.

Births

A son, Thomas James, to **Timothy '89** and Sandra **Mahoney**, Chatham, N.J.

A daughter, Juliana Marie, to Robert and **Tamara Morello DiPietro '90**, Lansdale

A son, Lachlan James, to **Dr. Brian '91** and Jill **Doyle**, Burnie Tasmania, Australia

A son, Holden Kevin, to Jeffrey and **Danielle Paris Richter '93**, Scranton

A son, Kellen Kylius, to **Patrick '96** and Susan **Blanton**, Phoenix, Ariz.

A daughter, Riley Marie, to **Tom '96, G'99** and **Sue Brzenski Gibbons '01**, Astoria, N.Y.

A daughter, Valerie Maureen, to James and **Ginny Berardi Brienza '98**, Highland, N.Y.

A daughter, Sophie Emilia, to Brian and **Emily Klish Smorol '98**, Syracuse, N.Y.

A son, Owen Benjamin, to Benjamin and **Meredith Radimer Simpson '98**, Springfield, Va.

A daughter, Emily Rose, to Brian and **Monica Binkley Meilinger '99**, Exton

A son, William III, to **William '99** and Terri **Gillespie**, Philadelphia

A daughter, Gianna Teresa, to John and **Marianne Hillerman Klein '99**, East Hanover, N.J.

A daughter, Angela Joy, to Chris and **Elizabeth Holland Cavuto '99**, Bayport, N.Y.

A son, Michael, to Matthew and **Mary Holland Chick '99**, Natick, Mass.

A daughter, Stella Kathleen, to Jason and **Debbie Lynch Proulx '99**, Flower Mound, Texas

A son, Marco Luis, to Luis and **Christine Palmeri Gonzalez '99**, Baltimore, Md.

A daughter, Audrey Marina, to **Edward '99** and **Amy Patuto Nazarko '00**, Wayne, N.J.

A son, Matthew Joseph, to Joseph and **Lori Sledgeski Frischman '99**, Wilkes-Barre

A daughter, Abigail Cameron, to Cameron and **Crystal Levis Swindell '00**, Philadelphia

A son, Thomas Louis, to **Justin '01** and **Alison Skvarla Wetherell '01**, Mount Laurel, N.J.

A daughter, Michaela Aerin, to Kevin and **Sara Hanna Tompkins '02**, Plymouth Meeting

A daughter, Alexis Jean, to Joe and **Kristin Johnson Giglietta '02**, Long Island, N.Y.



▲ A daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, was born to **Bobby '03** and Abbey **Davis**, Dunmore, on Feb. 23, 2011.

A son, Daniel Michael, to Daniel and **Leigh Muraca King '03**, Scranton



▲ A son, Parker Joseph, to **Drew '03** and **Meg Anthony Whitbeck '04**, Ridgefield, Conn.

A son, Andrew William, to **William '04** and **Tara Loscombe James '03**, South Abington Township



▲ A daughter, Mary Jane, was born to Patrick and **Bobbi Tumelty Kelly '04** on Sept. 23, 2011.

A daughter, Jillian Jane, to **Adam '04** and **Erin Bates Ropelewski '04**, Arlington, Va.

A son, Parker Joseph, was born to **Drew Whitbeck '03** and **Meg Anthony Whitbeck '04** on April 19, 2011.

A son, Holden Michael, to Wes and **Jaclyn Janowicz Schaeffer G'05**, Covington, Township

A son, Michael James, to Bruce and **Andrea Jiorle Toohey '05**, Columbus, Mo.

A son, Liam Arthur, to **Bradley '06** and **Kim Weisbruch Burke '06**, Downingtown

A daughter, Elliana Dora, to Eric and **Alexis Frazier Vagni '08**, Olyphant

In Memoriam

Louis J. Viola '35, Newark, N.Y.

Frank R. DeAngelis '38, Old Forge

Joseph F. Lydon, M.D. '43, Rocky River, Ohio

John C. "Jack" Keeney, Esq. '47, Kensington, Md.

Gunther "Hank" Griwatz '48, Mars

John Gaffney '49, Tampa, Fla.

Ralph Lomma '49, Scranton

Albert Mackarey '49, Scranton

John Ward '49, Bessemer, Ala.

Neil B. Kabatchnick '50, Silver Spring, Md.

Thomas M. Loughney '51, Silver Springs, Md.

Paul J. DeSanto '52, Easton

Casimer F. Remus '52, Tunkhannock

Michael Ball '54, Sayre

Anne Margaret Hatala G'57, Peckville

James L. Kinney '57, Scranton

Pastor Thomas J. McDonald '57, Owego, N.Y.

Donald J. O'Boyle '59, Peckville

Thomas V. Mataconis '65, Metairie, La.

Gerard Musto '66, Pittston

Arthur C. Aubel '70, Vero Beach, Fla.

James J. Collins '71, Scranton

Ursula McAndrew Burke G'71, West Pittston

Robert Rafalko '71, West Haven, Conn.

Greg X. Adamitis '73, Moscow

Joseph J. Evans, M.D. '73, Crozier, Va.

John S. Daly G'74, Warminster

Donald T. Gorsky G'74, Northampton

Barbara Jean Shenik McNulty G '74, Scranton

Jay Kranson G'77, Kingston

Joseph P. Pagnotti, M.D. '77, Old Forge

Gail "Cindy" Tepper '78, Factoryville

Elizabeth A. DeMatteo '79, Clarks Summit

Mark D. Paskert '84, Dunmore

Marlene Bobar G'85, Scranton

Martin M. Ofalt '85, Holland Patent, N.Y.

Carl J. Kaszuba '93

Kristen M. Garvey '96, Plumstead Township

Ethel Mullin H'99, Washington, D.C.

In Memoriam, Friends & Family

Mary Ananka, mother of **Joseph '66**

Anthony J. Duchnowski, Sr., father of **Anthony J., Jr. '80** and grandfather of **Anthony A. '13**

Annette Flynn, wife of **James '57**

Ann Yevics Gress, wife of **Ronald '69**
and sister of **Philip Yevics '72**

Lauren Herman Weich, sister of **Dan Herman '82**

Barbara Hogan, mother of **Kevin '96**

Helen T. Krzan, mother of **Bernie '76**

Elizabeth Lupyak, mother of **Marion Lupyak Yurgosky '92**

Thomas Masterson, father of **Maria Lodge '87,**
Beth Ann '88, Michele McErlean '89

Edna McDermott, mother of **Michael J. '71** and
grandmother of **Michael O. '10**

John McDonnell, father of **Theresa McDonnell Murray '85** and **Kathleen McDonnell Simonson '87**

Mary McHale, mother of **Patrick '73**

Louis Ryffel, Jr., father of **Kristin '11**
and brother of **Matthew '87**

Frances Sopko, mother of **Philip Demyan '76**

Theodore Volz, father of **Ted '76**

Thomas Walsh, father of **Thomas '76**
and **Maureen '78**

Patricia Warner, sister of **Maureen Rosch '78**



At first unsure what to do following graduation, Lauren Hahn '11 has found her purpose during an AmeriCorps service project in Sitka, Alaska. In addition to teaching and volunteering, Hahn has taken the time to enjoy the coastal city with a few hiking trips and ice-skating sessions.

Alumna Finds Her Purpose on 'The Last Frontier'

When Lauren Hahn '11 departed for her AmeriCorps service project in Sitka, Alaska, last August, she expected to see grizzly bears and snow squalls. Instead, she found a small town with more inspiration than snowflakes.

Like so many young people, Hahn wasn't sure what to do when she graduated from college. As a senior in international business at Scranton, she had the grades. She had the resume. She just didn't know what came next.

"I feel the purpose of my life is to do something worthwhile," Hahn says. "When I was looking at my options, I didn't see anything that was worthwhile."

It wasn't long before she turned her sights to service organizations like AmeriCorps. Hahn was heavily involved at Scranton and learned that through a service project, she could get the experience she needed while finding the purpose she desperately wanted.

For the better part of a year, Hahn has split her 50-hour workweeks between Pacific High, an alternative school, and the Hames Center, a volunteer-run community center.

Hahn hasn't seen a ton of snow – or a grizzly bear for that matter – but she has learned a lot about what you can accomplish with teamwork.

"I'm just amazed by how many people volunteer in so many different ways across the community," Hahn says. "They are very passionate about helping."

At the Hames Center, Hahn works with 26 other volunteers organizing programs and running day-to-day operations.

Not long ago, the center closed due to lack of funding. Now it's thriving, offering standard workout equipment, an after-school program, as well as Zumba, TRX, spinning and salsa dancing classes.

"Lauren is a spitfire. She loves what she's doing," says Carrie Johnson, the Hames Center's manager. "She always wants to dive in and grow more in

everything that she's going to do."

Hahn's experience at Pacific has shown her a different perspective on education. Rather than listening to lectures and taking tests, students at Pacific learn by working on project-based assignments.

In history class, students recently learned about civil rights by building a 5-foot model of the Berlin Wall and covering it with facts about oppression.

As lunch instructor, Hahn developed a similar project for her class. Every day her students budget, plan and cook lunch for the 25-person school. The students can make anything they want – chicken parmesan, shish kabobs, Spanish quiche – as long as it fits within FDA guidelines.

The program has been so successful, Hahn hopes to develop guidelines to help other non-traditional schools stay on budget and in compliance with FDA regulations.

Hahn says teaching has shown her a side of young people she never expected to see. She learned that even the unmotivated kids open up once you find something that speaks to them.

Recently, Hahn saw a normally unfocused student pore himself into a speech for his Civil Air Patrol club. He was passionate about the leadership role he had in the Air Force feeder program and it showed in his work.

"Once they have their heart in it, they'll show you their heart," Hahn says.

The University helped make community service a part of who she is, Hahn adds. She feels fortunate to have continued that in her professional life and hopes to serve in Sub-Saharan Africa through the Peace Corps after her time in Alaska ends in July.

"I'd be willing to go anywhere," Hahn says. "The cultural experience you get being in the Peace Corps anywhere would just be extraordinary."

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It has taken me some time to write this letter because the pain of the loss we suffered during the summer of 2010 was unimaginable. I am from Floral Park, N.Y., and was good friends with Michael Mulhall '10, who passed away tragically, along with sisters Jamie and Paige Malone, in a car accident on their way to work at Camp Anchor.

Camp Anchor (Answering the Needs of Citizens with Handicaps through Organized Recreation) provides programs for children and adults with special needs, and I – alongside my sister, Kelly '03, and brother, Kevin '08 – worked there with Mike. He worked and volunteered at the camp for nearly a decade, giving these individuals love and laughter every day for six weeks during the summer. Although camp only lasted for a short time, his dedication and love touched the campers for a lifetime. The loss of Mike affected campers, counselors, volunteers who didn't even know him well, and many members of the small close-knit town in which he lived.

If there was one thing that bonded Mike and I, it was our love for The University of Scranton. When I heard Mike was attending Scranton I was elated because of my own love for the school. My four years at the University were, by far, the greatest years of my life. I remember expressing to Mike the amount of fun he would have, the friends he would make, and the family he would leave with.

Each summer Mike and I would share stories and express our love by hosting Scranton-themed parades at Anchor. It was amazing to see campers, with all types of disabilities, walking around with their purple shirts cheering for our University. Some people thought we were crazy, but the Scranton family is large at Anchor, and many others shared our devotion and wanted to celebrate it.

The entire camp mourned Mike's passing. Everyone wore purple in honor of his love for Scranton. Scholarships have been created in his name for students who possess the same qualities as Mike. His love for life has been truly missed each day since he has been gone.

The day of Mike's funeral, Father Pilarz traveled from Scranton to say his Mass and eulogy. Father Pilarz spoke so personally about Mike that all who attended were truly touched. Scranton really binds people together as a family, from students to professors, all the way up to the president. Leaving the funeral, I realized that Mike's love for Scranton was true and will go on with him forever.

When I read *The Scranton Journal*, containing stories of success, births and weddings, and future plans for the University, I think of Mike and his enthusiasm for the school. He accomplished so much in such a short amount of time, and during his last years he truly embodied the motto of "Pride, Passion, and Promise."

I hope that passing on his story will allow Mike's friends, classmates and others who have attended Scranton a moment to celebrate his life and his unending love for our University.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Joyce '05

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