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“TEACH ME HOW TO BE COMPASSIONATE TO THE SUFFERING...”

- Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., concelebrated Mass at St. Thomas of Aquin Church during a service trip to Haiti in January. Receiving Holy Communion from Fr. Pilarz is Sister Mary Agnes of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, who operate special health services at the St. Helene Clinic in Timoun Kontan in Southern Haiti.

By the time you read this letter, the great snows of Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day 2007 will surely have melted and spring will be upon us. In this season of renewed hope inspired by the Resurrection of the Lord, we celebrate God's many blessings upon the Scranton community. Among those blessings, of course, are the generous lives led by our alumni around the world. In this issue of *The Scranton Journal*, we celebrate those who serve others so selflessly in the health professions.

The University has had a wonderful tradition of graduating students in our outstanding pre-medical, nursing, health administration, occupational therapy, exercise science, psychology and physical therapy programs. The last is now our first and only doctoral program. Students who come to us with a desire to study and practice these healing arts connect with an even longer Jesuit tradition of such service. From the earliest days of Jesuit history, St. Ignatius wanted Jesuits to work in hospitals and among the sick as part of their formation. Even today, Jesuit novices are regularly assigned to serve as orderlies and chaplains. This experience, Ignatius believed, is especially valuable in terms of promoting sensitivity to and an awareness of God's special care for the ill.

We can take justifiable pride in the accomplishments of our alumni in the health professions. Of course, we celebrate their professional competence and achievements. But we can also extol their compassion. In January, for example, I had the privilege of accompanying two of our medical alumni, Drs. Greg Lynch '79 and Jean-Paul Bonnet '76, on a trip to Haiti. Our purpose was to locate new opportunities for service in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. For years now, Scranton doctors and pre-medical students have been traveling to Haiti for this reason, and their work is remarkable. This is merely one instance of the ways in which our alumni in the health professions fulfill the University's Catholic and Jesuit mission.

As we salute our alumni in these particular fields, we can also be grateful for the faculty who formed them. Day in and day out, Scranton professors labor to inform the next generation of caregivers and keep strong a truly distinctive Scranton tradition.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Pilarz, SJ

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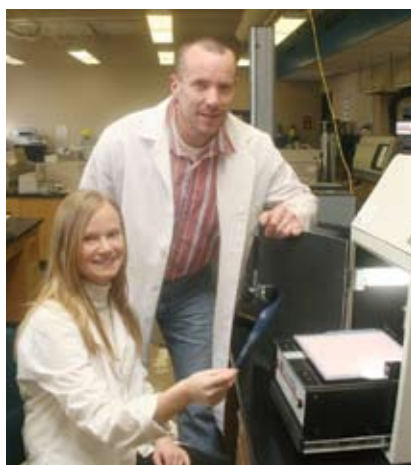
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University News

Applications Exceed 7,500

The University has set a record for undergraduate applications for the sixth consecutive year, receiving 7,575 applications to date for admission to the University's 60 full-time undergraduate programs for the fall of 2007.

This year's record marks the first time in the history of the University that applications broke the 7,000 mark. It was only three years ago that applications first surpassed 6,000 and five years ago when applications first broke 5,000.

This represents an increase of 20 percent over applications received by the same time last year and more than doubles the 2001 totals for applications received to date.

According to Joseph Roback, Associate Vice President for Admissions and Undergraduate Enrollment, the sustained increase stems from the collaborative effort of the entire University community.

"The University of Scranton has a solid academic reputation, a caring environment, a beautiful campus and a strong sense of community," said Mr. Roback. "We have a great story to tell and everyone tells it, including our students, admissions staff, faculty, deans, administrators and alumni. We have a lot to offer students. Our numbers prove it."

According to Mr. Roback, applications have increased across the school's primary geographic areas, including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and other east coast areas. Although he is still reviewing data regarding majors, Mr. Roback has noticed increases in students applying to the business programs offered through the Kania School of Management and to the nursing program.



Admissions staff members process a record number of applications for undergraduate admission. From left: Louise Kurechka, Joe Wetherell, Cheryl Phillips, Rose Marie Walsh and Crystal Newby. The University has received 7,575 applications thus far for the fall of 2007.

Purchase of South Side Sports Complex Completed

In November 2006 the University successfully concluded the purchase of the William T. Schmidt Sports Complex, also known as the South Side Sports Complex, from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Scranton.

The University will develop NCAA-regulation fields for soccer, baseball and women's softball, as well as a community basketball court and a children's play area.

"The University of Scranton has consistently sought to provide a superb education for our students and to serve the needs of our community," said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President. "In the end, the fields we develop at this athletic complex will help us to meet a critical need and will give the community an outstanding resource for recreation and league play."

The final legislation and a memorandum of understanding between the University and The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Scranton guarantee that

community organizations and the general public will have access to the renovated fields when not in use by the University. The University will also contribute \$100,000 to the construction by the City of Scranton of an additional lighted softball field elsewhere in Scranton.

The 11.39-acre athletic complex located along Broad Street in Scranton will help the University to address long-standing needs for additional space for athletics, intramurals and recreation.

Scranton Profiled in Campus Tours Guidebook

Scranton is one of just 372 colleges nationwide to be included in The Princeton Review's *Guide to College Visits: Planning Trips to Popular Campuses in the Northeast, Southeast, West, and Midwest*.

The guidebook, released in April, gives high school students and parents the information they need to plan successful trips to college campuses. The universities profiled are selected based on academic reputation and the level of interest from

students as indicated by visits to online profiles from The Princeton Review's Web site. These two criteria are balanced by a goal of including a wide representation of colleges, including public, private and military schools, and everything from small to large universities.

This edition marks a new and completely revamped approach to the topic of campus tours based on trends in college visits and enrollment observed by The Princeton Review. With many students choosing a school within a 100-mile radius of their hometown, quality-of-life issues are important in making final enrollment decisions.

For additional information about national recognition received by the University, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/recognition.

DPT Program Receives Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) has accredited Scranton's new Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, paving the way for DPT graduates to take the national exam given by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

The accreditation includes a "substantive change" from accreditation of the

Master of Physical Therapy Program to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. In addition to approving the change from a master's-level to doctoral-level program, CAPTE extended the University's accreditation until 2009.

"This is a considerable accomplishment for The University of Scranton, which is one of just 16 universities in Pennsylvania whose Physical Therapy Program is accredited by CAPTE," said John P. Sanko, P.T., Ed.D., Associate Professor and Chair of the Physical Therapy Program.

Robert E. Reiser, S.J., Named to Board of Trustees

Robert E. Reiser, S.J., has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees at Scranton. Fr. Reiser is President of Saint Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, N.J. Previously, he served as Assistant to the President at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Rochester, N.Y.; Director of Vocations for the Society of Jesus, New York, N.Y., and Baltimore, Md.; and Director of Campus Ministry at Canisius High School, Buffalo, N.Y. He served on the faculty at Saint Peter's Prep from 1990 – 1993.

For additional information, visit the Web at www.scranton.edu/trustees.



Frank Gilmartin, Assistant Director and Information Resources Specialist of Career Services (left), assisted seniors who attended a resume-writing workshop. A recently released survey reveals that 98 percent of Scranton's 2006 undergraduate class members and 97 percent of its 2006 graduate class are either employed or pursuing additional education within six months of graduation.

Employment, Salaries Remain Strong for Scranton Graduates

The results of a post-graduation survey reveal that 98 percent of Scranton's 2006 undergraduate class members and 97 percent of its 2006 graduate class are either employed or pursuing additional education within six months of graduation.

Of the 2006 graduates earning a bachelor's degree who responded to the survey, 55 percent are employed full-time, four percent are employed part-time, and 39 percent are pursuing additional education. Only two percent report being unemployed. The average salary reported is \$39,301, a 6.2 percent increase over last year's average.

Of the graduates employed full time, 85.6 percent reported working in fields related to their academic major. Another three percent indicated working for the military and seven percent indicate working in an unrelated field. In an ongoing trend among graduates, four percent are volunteering full time.

For the master's degree graduates of the class of 2006, 91 percent of respondents are employed full-time, four percent are employed part-time and two percent are pursuing additional education. Only three percent report being unemployed. The average (mean) salary for master's degree graduates is \$51,211, based on the 127 graduates that provided salary information, an increase of 1.7 percent above last year.

View the Report online at www.scranton.edu/careers.



Campus Center Seeks LEED Certification

The new Campus Center has been designed and is being constructed to achieve LEED certification as part of the University's Sustainability initiatives. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance "green" (environmentally friendly) buildings. Construction of the 118,000 square-foot facility is expected to be complete by this winter. For additional information about the new Campus Center, visit the Web at www.scranton.edu/campuscenter.

New Center Provides Resources for Hispanic Community

The University is playing a major role in strengthening area initiatives for improving Hispanic community resources through the development of the Hispanic Resources Network – Center for Community Initiatives (HRN-CCI). The HRN-CCI has been formed to enhance the effectiveness and cultural competence of non-profit organizations that serve the Hispanic/Latino regional communities.

“The ultimate goal of HRN-CCI is to advance employment and economic opportunities, promote health and educational achievement, and encourage civic participation among Hispanic/Latino individuals,” according to Rhonda Waskiewicz, Ed.D., interim Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

The University will host, or “incubate,” the HRN-CCI during its start-up period. At the same time, students will have unique opportunities to work with the organization as part of their education. HRN-CCI will collaborate with the University on various outreach activities to identify new teaching, service learning and research opportunities for faculty and students of the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

HRN-CCI is a non-profit outgrowth of a private initiative of Jorge L. Coronel, President of the Coronel Management Group, and Senior Fellow for Hispanic Affairs at the University.

Interdisciplinary Major Announced

Students interested in the newer disciplines of genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics can now explore those fields through a new undergraduate interdisciplinary major at the University beginning this fall.

Building on Scranton’s rich tradition of science education, the Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology program offers a combination of traditional courses in molecular life sciences, as well as proteomics, genomics and bioinformatics, taught by faculty from the Biology and Chemistry Departments. Students will also have the unique opportunity to become familiar with the specific workings of

proteomics research with hands-on experience in the proteomics laboratory at the University’s Institute of Molecular Biology and Medicine.

The program is the first major at the University that features combined courses in proteomics and genomics.

Graduates of the new program will be prepared to seek immediate employment as technicians in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries and in government laboratories. They will also be prepared to pursue advanced degrees in biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology and related areas of life sciences, or professional degrees in medicine and dentistry.

Student Achievements

Athlete Wins NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

Senior cross-country athlete John Mercuri, Moscow, was among the 29 male recipients in the nation awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship for a fall sport. The scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and demonstrated



John Mercuri has been awarded a \$7,500 postgraduate scholarship.

Mr. Mercuri was selected to *ESPN The Magazine’s* Academic All-American First Team in 2006 and to the magazine’s second team in 2005. He was named to the All-MAC and All-NCAA Mid-East Regional teams in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and as an NCAA qualifier in 2005.

athletic performance during an athlete’s final season of eligibility.

A participant in Scranton’s prestigious Honors Program, Mr. Mercuri was able to maintain a GPA of 3.97 while achieving national recognition for his performance on the varsity cross-country team.

Mr. Mercuri was selected to *ESPN The Mag-*

Sixth Goldwater Scholar for Scranton



Coral Stredny

Coral Stredny of Dallas, Pa., has become the sixth Scranton student in five consecutive years to be awarded a highly competitive Goldwater Scholarship and the first Scranton student to earn

this prestigious award as a sophomore.

A biochemistry major, Ms. Stredny is among just 317 sophomore and junior undergraduates in the nation to be awarded the scholarship for the 2007/2008 academic year. Ms. Stredny, a member of the University’s Undergraduate Honors Program, was awarded a two-year scholarship.

The 2007 Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,110 mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by the faculties of their colleges and universities.

Gilman Scholarships Awarded

Two Scranton students have been granted international scholarships by The Gilman International Scholarship Program.

Pedro Pedraza, East Stroudsburg, and Cynthia David, Bronx, N.Y., have received Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships. The Gilman Scholarship program received 1,189 applications for only 400 possible awards during the spring 2007 application cycle. Award recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process and must use the award to defray study abroad costs.

Mr. Pedraza, a junior majoring in International Business, with a minor in Japanese, plans to study Japanese at Sophia University, a Jesuit university in Tokyo, Japan. Ms. David, a sophomore Elementary Education major and French minor, plans to study at Suffolk University in Dakar, Senegal, through the

Council on International Educational Exchange.

Named for the former Republican U.S. Representative from New York, Gilman Scholarships provide grants for American undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad.

Students with Highest GPAs Honored

The University presented Frank O'Hara medals to first-, second- and third-year students with the highest grade point average in each of the four colleges of the University. The award is named in honor of the late Frank O'Hara, who served Scranton for 53 years in various administrative positions.

Recipients of Frank O'Hara medals from each of the schools are as follows:

Kania School of Management

Bronze Medal: Julia Mariski, Bethel, N.Y.
Silver Medal: Joseph O'Connell III, York;
Amy Haring, Staten Island, N.Y.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

Bronze Medal: Noel McFadden, Brick, N.J.; Megan Connelly, Mahopac, N.Y.
Silver Medal: Brian Patchcoski, Scranton;
Julianne Burok, Matawan, N.J.

College of Arts and Sciences

Bronze Medal: Coral Stredny, Dallas;
Carmella Calabrese, Exeter
Silver Medal: Gregory Toole, Washington, N.J.; Tricia Ross, Factoryville

College of Graduate and Continuing Education

Bronze Medal: Victoria Kocis, Scranton
Silver Medal: Pauline Palko, Waymart;
John Shannon, Pittston

Faculty and Staff

Joseph F. Cimini, Esq., Associate Professor, Sociology/Criminal Justice, has received the Honor Award for Public Service from the American Police Hall of Fame, a trust of the National Association of Chiefs of Police. The Honor Award for Public Service is given to law enforcement officers, elected officials or citizens whose leadership skills are outstanding in

reducing crime or assisting departments in volunteer activities. Attorney Cimini was nominated for the award by the Police Hall of Fame Selection Committee of the National Association of Chiefs of Police.

Charles E. Kratz, Dean of the Weinberg Memorial Library and Information Fluency, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the American Library Association (ALA) Executive Board beginning in June. Election to the ALA Executive Board recognizes significant



Charles Kratz

contributions to and experience within the profession. The ALA currently has more than 66,075 members. The 13-member ALA Executive Board manages the affairs of the association, founded in 1876.

Dean Kratz is serving his third term on the ALA Council and is chair of the ALA Nominating Committee for the 2007 election.

John Norcross, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, was interviewed in a story in the March 5 issue of *Newsweek* about the book *The Secret*. Dr. Norcross has also been interviewed on CNN and



John Norcross, Ph.D.

other media outlets about the new self-help book, which claims people can change their lives by changing their thinking. In the article, Dr. Norcross, who is an expert on self-help books, says, "We find about 10 percent of self-help books are rated by mental-health professionals as damaging. This is probably one of them. The problem is the propensity for self-blame when it doesn't work."

Elizabeth Randol, Ph.D., has been named Director of Civic Engagement. Dr. Randol was previously the Director of the University's Jane Kopas Women's Center. Her responsibilities as Director of



Elizabeth Randol, Ph.D.

Civic Engagement include developing and coordinating academic collaborations between the University and its neighboring communities, as well as fostering sustainable and mutually beneficial relationships with those communities, and seeking ways to help faculty, staff and students become involved in local community activities.

Margarete Lieb Zalon, Ph.D., RN, APRN, BC, Professor of Nursing, has been elected to serve a four-year term as Director-at-Large of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the nation's leading professional nursing organization representing the major health policy, practice and workplace issues of registered nurses in the United States. Dr. Zalon was also elected to serve a two-year term as president of the American Nurses Foundation (ANF), a philanthropic organization that supports ANA's mission by promoting the health of the public and advancing the nursing profession through development and support of programs of excellence.

Speakers and Lectures

Conference Promotes Study of Women and History

The first biennial regional Conference on Women and History in Northeastern Pennsylvania was held on March 3 at the University and was featured on the Pennsylvania Cable Network. The conference promoted and encouraged the study of women and history in Northeastern Pennsylvania and included presentations by university faculty, independent scholars, local historians and students engaged in local history.

The conference was held in conjunction with The Hope Horn Gallery's Exhibit "Alive to the Call: Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania 1880-1935." Sessions included presentations and discussion on selected artifacts related to women by the executive directors of six historical societies in Northeastern

Pennsylvania. There were also discussions about a range of issues, including women's labor conditions and suffrage.

The exhibition research and the related conference were supported by a Marywood University/University of Scranton Collaborative Grant and a University of Scranton Faculty Development Grant. The exhibit "Alive to the Call" was supported by a local history grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Schemel Forum Offers Educational, Cultural Programs

The Schemel Forum presented a unique variety of educational and cultural programs during the spring semester, including an April lunchtime series and two multi-week courses.

The Oresteia by Aeschylus and plays by Sophocles and Euripides were presented over several weeks by Joseph Wilson, Ph.D., Professor of Foreign Languages. Roy Domenico, Ph.D., Professor of History, presented an eight-week program on "20th Century European History."

The Schemel Forum Spring Luncheon Seminar Series "Insights into Democratic Transformation" featured guest speakers from Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Sebestyen L.v. Gorka, Director of the Institute for Transitional Democracy and International Security in Budapest, presented *The Hungarian Story of Democratic Transformation*. Elzbieta Matynia, Director of the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School University, discussed *Solidarity and the Making of Democracy in Poland*.

The Czech Republic: An Overview of its Democratic Past, Present and Future was presented by Jiri Pehe, Director of New York University in Prague.

Less than two years ago, the Schemel Forum began when a group of community professionals gathered to have in-depth, participatory and informal learning experiences. The Schemel Forum was formally founded in July 2006 through generous gifts to The Reverend George J. Schemel, S.J., Fund by friends and admirers of the late Father Schemel, who was the founder and Director of the former Institute of Contemporary Spirituality at the University.

Alumni Speak at Breakfast Series



LEFT: David J. Lukiewski '75, President and Chief Executive Officer of Welch's, the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of Concord and Niagara grape-based products such as juices, jams and jellies, spoke on "Change Leadership in an Iconic Organization" at the inaugural PNC Breakfast (formerly the President's Breakfast) on March 27. Prior to being named President and CEO, he held several key positions with Welch's, including Senior Vice President of Sales, Vice President of Sales, and Senior Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing.



Armond T. Mascelli '70, Vice President for Domestic Disaster Response of the American Red Cross, returned to his alma mater to speak at the President's Breakfast (now the PNC Breakfast) in December. Executive Directors from regional American Red Cross chapters attended the breakfast. From left: Joyce Bradbury, Hazleton Chapter; Robert Cherundolo, Scranton Chapter; Mr. Mascelli; Patrick Leahy, Vice President for University Relations; Pete Danchak, President of PNC Bank Northeast Pennsylvania and corporate sponsor of the breakfast series; Marita Wenner, Wayne/Pike Chapter; Michael Zimmerman, Wyoming Valley Chapter; and Kathy Felker, Northeast Service Area Chapter Solutions Manager.



Roy Domenico, Ph.D., Professor of History (left), presented an eight-week program on "20th Century European History" as part of a spring series offered by the Schemel Forum. Dr. Domenico is the author of *The Regions of Italy: A Reference Guide to History and Culture*.

Conference will Explore Catholic and Georgist Economic Views of Social Justice

Distinguished presenters from across the United States and Canada will come to Scranton to compare Catholic views to those of the 19th century American economist and social reformer Henry George on a variety of social justice topics. Presenters will examine topics such as the causes of war, immigration, wealth and community development, during a four-day conference.

Sponsored by The University of Scranton, the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Council of Georgist Organizations, the conference, entitled "Two Views of Social Justice: A Catholic/Georgist Dialogue" will be held from July 24-26 at the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum and The University of Scranton.

Among the presenters are University of Pennsylvania Professor John DiIulio, Jr., Ph.D., and Joshua Vincent of Philadelphia's Center for the Study of Economics, who will discuss neighborhood revitalization. Catholic and Georgist perspectives on immigration will be presented by Rev. William O'Neill, S.J., Associate Professor of Social Ethics at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif., and John Beck, Ph.D., Professor of Economics at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. A comparison of the perspectives on human nature will be presented by the Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University, N.Y., and James Dawsey, Ph.D., Chair of the Religion Department at Emory and Henry College, Va. University of Scranton professors presenting at the conference include William Parente, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, and Brian Benestad, Ph.D., Professor of Theology.

The conference will include several presentations on local history, including "The Molly Maguires and Catholic Condemnation of Secret Societies" and "Henry George on Coal Mining in Pennsylvania." The conference follows the Council of Georgist Organizations' annual meeting, which will be held at the Hilton Conference Center and the University from July 21-23.

The Arts

Hope Horn Gallery

The Hope Horn Gallery's 2006-2007 season concludes with "Ash Cans and Art Spirits: Amy Londoner and the Henri School." In the years before the Armory Show of 1913, Amy Londoner and her classmates Edith Reynolds and Carl Sprinchorn studied with Robert Henri in New York City. This exhibition, which features paintings and pastels by Londoner, traces the impact of Henri's teaching on her life, art and friendships. A complete exhibition and program schedule are available online at www.scranton.edu/gallery.

Performance Music

It was a reunion of sorts when trumpeter Dominick Farinacci, a member of the inaugural class of The Institute for Jazz Studies at The Juilliard School, "returned home" to the site of his first tour performance with The Juilliard Jazz Orchestra, this time with his own acclaimed quartet featuring his fellow graduates of the program. At 24 years of age, Mr. Farinacci already has five solo CD's to his credit, and has won the "International New Star" Award from *Swing Journal Magazine*.

During the spring semester, Performance Music also hosted a variety of guest performers, including brother-sister performers trumpeter Jeffrey Curnow and soprano Lauren Curnow; husband-and-wife team cellist Mark Kosower and pianist Jee-Won Oh; and guest composer/conductor Matthew Herman, who led the University Concert Band and Concert Choir in the 24th Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert. Visit the Web at www.scranton.edu/music for information about upcoming events.

University Players

The University Players continued their 2006-07 theatre season with Yasmina Reza's dazzling array of language in *ART*. This Tony-award winning play was performed by the Players in February. The season also included William Inge's *Bus Stop* in April and concluded with the New Director's Workshop in May. Visit the Web at www.scranton.edu/players for more information about the University Players.



Amy Londoner. *Untitled (Woman in the Park)*. Oil on canvas, c. 1915. Courtesy of Mrs. Dorothy Remington.



Dominick Farinacci performed on Jan. 28 in the Houlihan-McLean Center, the site of his first tour performance with The Juilliard Jazz Orchestra.

(Photo courtesy of Jack Ayres)

Advancement

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President's Business Council Announces 2007 Honoree



(From left) Louis A. DeNaples Sr., H'05, former Chair of the University's Board of Trustees, was joined by Frank J. McDonnell, Esq., '60, former Chair of the Board, and John D. Dionne '86, current Board Chair, at the President's Business Council Award Dinner in Oct. 2006. Mr. DeNaples will receive the President's Medal at the Council's Sixth Annual Award Dinner on Oct. 4, 2007.

The President's Business Council will present Louis A. DeNaples Sr., H'05, President of DeNaples Auto Parts, Keystone Sanitary Landfill and Mount Airy Resort & Casino, with the President's Medal at the Council's Sixth Annual Award Dinner, to be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at The Pierre in New York City.

A past parent and longtime friend of the University, Mr. DeNaples was a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1987-1993 and 1995 to 2002, serving as Chair of the Board for the final two years of his tenure. He received an Honorary Degree from the University at the 2005 Commencement ceremonies.

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President, commented, "Mr. DeNaples' professional successes and personal compassion for others, including The University of Scranton, make him most deserving of this honor." Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70, President and Chief Executive Officer of AXA Financial, Inc., and Chair of the President's Business Council, added, "We are grateful that

Louis agreed to be honored in this way. While he is often asked for such an opportunity, he rarely, if ever, accepts."

A native and resident of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, Louis DeNaples is a self-made businessman and philanthropist. His career began with the founding of DeNaples Auto Parts and has grown into a Northeastern Pennsylvania empire with operations and interests in more than 200 companies, including towing, heavy equipment sales and rentals, landfills, waste hauling, transportation, banking and real estate. In December of 2006, Mr. DeNaples' business interests expanded when the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board selected his application for one of the slot machine licenses that the state was awarding. The Mount Airy Resort & Casino in the Poconos will open in the fall of this year on the site of the former Mount Airy Lodge. He is a highly visible and very active member of the local community. He is Chairman of the Board of both First National Community Bank and Allied Services. He has served on numerous boards and currently sits on the boards

of Community Medical Center and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The President's Business Council was formed in January 2001 by the University and a prominent group of alumni and friends whose purpose is to advance the mission of the University. Its existence fulfills the interests of the University and of these alumni and friends in the business community to form an organized, national affiliation that strengthens the Scranton network in the business sectors. The Council's objectives are to provide networking opportunities for alumni and friends; to provide mentoring, internship, educational and career opportunities for current students; and to provide a fundraising source for the Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund. In its first five dinners, the Council has raised over \$4.7 million in support of the Presidential Scholarships, which are full-tuition, merit-based scholarships awarded to the top students entering the University's freshman class each year.

The Council is also committed to regional receptions to promote local networking and to inform the attendees of the Council's objectives in an effort to strengthen and promote membership. This year, receptions will be held in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Scranton and Washington, D.C. The Council, in cooperation with the Kania School of Management, also launched its inaugural "President's Business Council Day" on campus in April.

For more information regarding the Council or the October 4 dinner, please contact Timothy J. Pryle '89 at (570) 941-5837 or prylet2@scranton.edu. Please refer to the last page of this magazine for ticket reservation information.

Msgr. Joseph Quinn '72 Named Honorary Reunion Giving Chair for 2007



Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn '72 is leading an initiative to encourage gifts from alumni celebrating their reunion year.

Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn '72 has been named Honorary Reunion Giving Chair for Reunion 2007, which will be held on campus June 8-10.

Msgr. Quinn is Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, and St. Pius X Church at the foot of Elk Mountain. He is a former University Trustee who has held many leadership roles at Scranton and in the broader community. At Scranton, he served on the Board of Trustees from 1972 – 1977 and 1994 – 2003, and was Chair of the Search Committee for the 24th President of the University. He was a keynote speaker of the Alumni Society's Leadership Conference in 2006 and has served on numerous committees with his alma mater.

As Honorary Reunion Giving Chair, Msgr. Quinn is leading an initiative to encourage gifts from alumni celebrating their reunion year.

"Giving to the University is an important way of creating an alumni connection while working to sustain our beloved alma mater in the ongoing fulfillment of its mission," said Msgr. Quinn, who is celebrating his 35th reunion this year.

The goal for Reunion 2007 giving is a 20 percent participation rate among alumni celebrating their reunion, for a total of \$260,000 in reunion gifts. Milestone classes for Reunion 2007 are classes ending in "7" and "2."

To encourage friendly competition among classes, three awards will be presented during Reunion Weekend. The Distinguished Reunion Class Attendance Award will be presented to the class with the highest percentage of members in attendance at reunion. The Distinguished Class Participation Award will be presented to the class with the highest participation rate or number of people in the class who made a gift to reunion giving. The Distinguished Reunion Class Leadership Giving Award will recognize the class with the largest reunion gift.

Reunion gifts support the University in many ways, including student scholarships and important resources that enhance the learning environment on campus, from lab equipment and classroom technology to faculty development initiatives and Catholic and Jesuit identity programs. Collectively, these initiatives advance the University's position as a national leader in Jesuit higher education.

"Whether attending University activities, participating in alumni events, or merely being on campus, I continue to be inspired by the way our alma mater has become an institution that is recognized throughout the world," said Msgr. Quinn. "I invite all alumni, particularly those celebrating their anniversary year, to consider a gift to the University."

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A Message from the Chair of The Royal Fund

PAUL BIEDLINGMAIER JR. '76

I am pleased to report that The Royal Fund is well on its way to surpassing its \$1.9 million goal for this year. This overwhelming success is due to the support of thousands of alumni, parents and friends who are committed to Scranton in so many ways.

The responsibility for shaping The University of Scranton's future rests with each of us. Unrestricted gifts of all sizes are essential if Scranton is to further its mission of academic excellence in the Jesuit tradition - educating women and men in service of others. We must continue to make giving to Scranton a priority. By meeting or surpassing its goal, The Royal Fund will signal to the entire University community that Scranton is a growing institution that is both innovative and vibrant.

As a leadership volunteer, I am honored to serve my alma mater and to give my time to help secure financial resources for a school that I believe in. The Development team and volunteers with whom I work are talented people who embrace a new culture of philanthropy. Together we are working together to support the University's mission of challenging and cherishing young minds.

As The Royal Fund nears its year-end, we ask all those who have not yet contributed to make their donation today. Send your gift in the envelope in this issue of *The Scranton Journal*, visit our secure giving site,

www.scranton.edu/TheRoyalFund
or call us at (570) 941-7725. If you have any questions that you wish to direct to me, then please send me an e-mail at biedlingmaier@aol.com. I appreciate your current and future support. I'm available to help steward your loyalty to Scranton.

Sincerely,

Paul Biedlingmaier, Jr.

Scholarship Provides a Way to Say “Thank You” to the University

In establishing a full-tuition scholarship at Scranton, Joan Lonsdorf has a very clear vision of what she wants to accomplish with her gift.

“I want to provide a bright young woman or man with a wonderful education under the Jesuits,” she says.

Mrs. Lonsdorf is establishing *The James J. and Joan Lonsdorf Scholarship in memory of Nancy Lonsdorf* to support educational diversity at Scranton, consistent with the University’s mission and admissions policy. The Scholarship will be used for the benefit of students of African-American heritage.

Mrs. Lonsdorf and her late husband, Jim, were educated in Catholic and Jesuit schools. She graduated from Chestnut Hill College in 1950, and he graduated from The University of Scranton that same year.

“Jim loved the school,” she recalls of her late husband. “If I could do this with the money he left me I’d be saying ‘thank you’ to the University.”

The couple met in Washington, D.C., while Joan was working as a translator for the CIA. One day, she was approached by Jim, who was an Officer of Special Investigation. He had mistaken Joan for her twin sister, but the two hit it off. The rest, as they say, is history.



Joan Lonsdorf is establishing a full-tuition scholarship at Scranton.

“He was a great date because he got invitations to special events like the Eisenhower inauguration,” she quips.

Other memories of their years together are vivid in a different way. “Throughout the careers we shared, we both witnessed lots of discrimination. It was disturbing to see this,” recalls Mrs. Lonsdorf.

After finishing his service with the Pentagon, Mr. Lonsdorf worked for Mutual Benefit Life. A native of Scranton, he would often return to the area to visit his parents. It was during these visits that Mrs. Lonsdorf was first introduced to the University.

After his retirement, Mr. Lonsdorf readopted the University, serving as a volunteer in various capacities, including hosting a gathering of Scranton

alumni at his home in Honesdale and serving as an active member of the Scranton Alumni Club and later, a member of the Alumni Society’s Board of Governors.

“Through Jim’s involvement with the University I got to meet some wonderful people like Fr. Panuska and, later, Fr. Pilarz,” says Mrs. Lonsdorf. “But what moved me most was a tour of campus. I loved the warmth of the students.”

As for the scholarship, Mrs. Lonsdorf says it makes her feel “marvelous.” “It gives me a feeling that I can die knowing I’ve done something good with our money,” she says.

Estate Society Provides Opportunity to Fulfill Philanthropic Goals

Have you ever wanted to make a real difference in the world but could not find the right time or the appropriate avenue to invest your resources? Time has always been a determining factor with charitable giving. Perhaps it is a deterrent from giving at the capacity that you would ideally like to be recognized. However, with planned giving at The University of Scranton, you can make a gift without having to interrupt your current lifestyle. You may defer your gift while still becoming a full member of our Estate Society, obtaining all of the benefits of this elite society.

With careful planning, your philanthropic goals can be fulfilled in your estate plan. Your generous contribution to The University of Scranton will assist in elevating our academic standards and preserving our Catholic and Jesuit heritage. Now more than ever, the University needs your support to provide the critical resources needed to address our many growing

needs, such as the improvement of our facilities and the augmentation of our faculty and student endowments. Through such generosity, you will have the satisfaction of helping students achieve their own noble aspirations by receiving a high-quality Scranton education.

The Estate Society honors alumni, parents and friends who have designated The University of Scranton as the beneficiary of a bequest, trust, retirement assets, life insurance policy or other planned gift. These visionaries have given unselfishly of their resources to further the mission of the University and support our students for years to come.

Members of the Estate Society enjoy the following benefits:

- Recognition in the Annual Donor Report of Gifts
- Invitation to our annual Estate Society event
- Name recognition on the Estate Society donor plaque

- Personal assistance with your charitable and estate planning questions
- Planned giving newsletters and planned gift updates
- Estate Society lapel pin
- Invitations to special University events
- Estate Society certificate

If you have already included the University in your estate plans, but have not yet notified us, please let us know. We would like to have the opportunity to thank you and to show our appreciation. Your willingness to be listed as a member of The Estate Society encourages others to follow your example. Members also have the option of remaining anonymous.

If you would like to receive personalized assistance with your gift planning, or would like more information about the Estate Society, please contact Marise Garofalo at (570) 941-4144 or e-mail plannedgiving@scranton.edu. We will be happy to assist you on a confidential basis.

“Teach me how to be compassionate
to the suffering...”

- Pedro Arrupe, S.J.



THE HEALING ARTS

Alumni in Health Professions

Scranton has a long tradition of graduating students in its outstanding health professions programs, including pre-med, nursing, health administration, occupational therapy, exercise science, psychology and physical therapy. The pages that follow contain profiles of alumni who serve others so selflessly and compassionately in the Jesuit tradition of “The Healing Arts.”

Peter J. Millett, M.D. '90

A Leading Surgeon, A Faithful Follower

Peter Millett, M.D. '90 is one of the nation's leading orthopedic surgeons. He's a Partner at the Steadman Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colo., a faculty member at Harvard Medical School, a team physician for the U.S. Ski Team and sports medicine consultant to the Country of Bermuda.

It's quite a résumé for someone who hasn't even celebrated his 40th birthday. And there's more.

Last summer, a team of researchers led by Dr. Millett announced a major breakthrough in orthopedic medicine. “We were able to establish a molecular ‘fingerprint’ for osteoarthritis, the most prevalent of all musculoskeletal diseases,” Dr. Millett is quoted as saying in a news release.

According to Dr. Millett, this groundbreaking research provides the opportunity to diagnose osteoarthritis at the molecular level, and should pave the way for improved diagnostic tests and drug therapies that can help those afflicted with this debilitating disease.

Simply stated, it's about quality of life, the tenet of Dr. Millett's career in medicine and, equally important, his very being. It doesn't take long for Dr. Millett to point to the pivotal role that his Scranton education played in laying the foundation for the work that has shaped his life.

“Orthopedic medicine is a field with tremendous breadth, in that you're treating people in all walks of life, from infants with club feet to people in their 80s or 90s with degenerative joint diseases,” says Dr. Millett. “But most importantly, it's a field of medicine that impacts people's quality of life. With the right treatment, patients can get back into activities they enjoy,

whether it's going to sporting events or doing things with their family.”

Dr. Millett says he always knew he wanted to be a physician and that a personal experience solidified his interest in medicine. He was a teenager when his three-year-old brother was diagnosed with pediatric cancer. Through this experience, he witnessed the positive impact that doctors can have on patients and their families.

“In many ways, the practice of medicine is the same today as it was 100 years ago,” says Dr. Millett. “It's about compassionate care. We don't always have answers for all of the questions, but it's reassuring for patients to know that someone is trying to figure out a solution and is willing to do whatever can be done.”

Dr. Millett's interest in research about osteoarthritis began while he was Director of the Musculoskeletal Proteomics Research Group at Harvard. Proteomics is the study of how

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Dr. Millett '90 led a team of researchers that discovered a major breakthrough in orthopedic medicine.



Peter Millett, M.D., (second from right) joined U.S. Ski Team coaches and athletes at a training camp in Portillo, Chile. Dr. Millett is a team physician for the U.S. Ski Team.

proteins – the essential structures of all tissues – interact with each other. At the time, osteoarthritis could only be diagnosed from its constellation of signs and symptoms. “I saw this research as a way to characterize the disease at the protein level,” he recalls.

The research led by Dr. Millett provides a tremendous breakthrough in the diagnosis and treatment of osteoarthritis and could set precedence for similar research about rheumatoid arthritis and other musculoskeletal diseases.

While his work at Harvard has been “the most defining in terms of his career,” Dr. Millett cites his work with the U.S. Ski Team as one of the most enjoyable parts of his job.

“Skiing has always been near and dear to my heart,” says Dr. Millett, reflecting on his roots in the small town of Dalton in Northeastern Pennsylvania and his years as Captain of the Ski Club at the University. “Being able to work with athletes at the highest levels of performance has been particularly rewarding,” he says.

A husband and father of three young daughters, Dr. Millett says that, like most people, he finds it challenging to balance his personal and professional lives. A recent e-mail from a friend provided him with some inspiring words on this subject: “Some things are important but not urgent, while other things are urgent but not important.”

Faith and family figure prominently in what’s important for Dr. Millett. “My parents raised me with a strong sense of faith, duty and obligation to others,” he says.

He says his education at Scranton also helped shape the person he is. “Dr. Joe Evans, Dr. Vito DelVecchio and Dr. Bernie Williams were role models and influential teachers for me,” he says. He also acknowledges the “great inspiration” of Monsignor Joseph Quinn ’72, whom he met while a student at Scranton and who later became his uncle through Dr. Millett’s marriage to Sarah Malloy.

Dr. Millett carries in his wallet a medal of Mother Teresa H’87– a vivid reminder of the now beatified woman whom he had the privilege of caring for while a resident at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. He also carries with him Mother Teresa’s words of wisdom: “God does not call us to be successful. He calls on us to be faithful.”

Science Education at Scranton: Excelling in the Ignatian Tradition

By Joseph Dreisbach, Ph.D.,
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

I imagine that one of the greatest pleasures an educator can experience involves reconnecting with former students years after they receive their degrees. In this sense, then, the spring semester has been remarkable for me.

At a dinner hosted by Dr. Anthony Yanni ’88 and his wife, Karen, I met Scranton alumni and former students, all of whom are successful physicians in Northeastern Pennsylvania. About the same time, two of my former students returned to the University to provide me the gift of learning about how their Scranton experience formed their interests and prepared them to embark on careers in science. Dr. William Jeffries ’80 holds the position of Associate Dean of Medical Education at Creighton University. Dr. Sheryl (Tomasetti) Smith ’93 is in her third postdoctoral year at the Wistar Institute.

So I ask, what is it about The University of Scranton experience, and especially the experiences in science education, that forms its graduates into these successful people? It is a complex question, and one that forces us to look at the history of how we educate students in the sciences.

The history of science education at Scranton through the 1960s was inextricably linked to preparation of students for careers in medicine. Therefore, when I visited the University in 1978, during my interview for a faculty position in the department of chemistry, I was fully prepared to learn about pre-medical education. But what I discovered was much more, and I learned about a Chemistry Department that was committed to serving the wide interests of students in a complex curriculum involving traditional classes and laboratory research.

At the time, the Chemistry Department was an early member of the prestigious Council for Undergraduate Research, which promoted federal support for undergraduate research.



In the late 1970s, the integration of faculty research with undergraduate education, though alive and well in the Chemistry Department, was not common across all programs at Scranton. That situation changed dramatically when Rev. Joseph A. Panuska, S.J., became President in 1982. Fr. Panuska, who is well-published in the area of cryobiology, developed an agenda to enhance the level of faculty scholarship. By the late 1980s University faculty became more involved in research and publication.

Today, our data show that over 50% of University students in the sciences, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM) participate in research; 45% of these students write a formal thesis; and 38% of these students authored or co-authored a publication and/or conference paper.

The outcomes from this way of educating students are impressive. In the most recent Franklin and Marshall report *Baccalaureate Origins of Doctoral Recipients, 8th edition*, The University of Scranton is listed as ranking 15th in its category (of 75 institutions formerly designated as Masters I) for having the most alumni going on to receive doctoral degrees in the sciences. In the life sciences, the record is even more impressive (5th out of 70 schools), and even more so in chemistry (2nd out of 61). The acceptance of Scranton students into medical programs is equally striking. Of the 252 senior applicants to medical schools over the last six years, an average of 84% were accepted.

During the past decade, some of the most progressive work in STEM education has been occurring at the interface of the traditional disciplines. Scranton is no exception. Programs in biochemistry, biophysics, biomathematics and environmental science are in place. This fall, a new Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology major will be added to the offering. This new major is designed to lead students to classroom and laboratory experiences in the molecular life sciences, including genomics and proteomics – some of the areas involved in the most dramatic scientific advances of our time.

Loyola Hall of Science, current home of the departments of biology and chemistry, was opened in



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1956. It underwent substantial renovation in 1987, but not all of Loyola was upgraded at that time. The classrooms are designed for traditional lectures rather than interactive learning. The floor plans promote solitary rather than group exploration, and disconnected facilities isolate departments rather than encourage interdisciplinary interactions. And yet, I believe the summary I have provided demonstrates the remarkable accomplishments of our science, technology, engineering and mathematics students and faculty.

Recently, I started to engage a number of faculty to consider the future of science education at Scranton. Their thoughts, which will shape the concept for a new science facility, incorporate the rich traditions of science education here, and with a special focus on enhancing interdisciplinary teaching and learning. They conceptualize a new science facility as a place that provides learning spaces throughout – in flexible classrooms, in experimental laboratories, and in lounge areas that allow for students and faculty to mingle informally for conversations about their work.

The future of science education at Scranton will include a journey into new programming, but with continued emphasis on the place of student research with our wonderfully committed faculty. It will include broad interdisciplinary work in the context of our uncompromising commitment to educating students in the Ignatian tradition.

Geno Merli, M.D. '71

Critical Thinking Gives Jefferson CMO a Healthy Perspective

Geno Merli's rich and varied career has combined medicine, teaching, management and advocacy. It's a career that has called on him to be a critical thinker, as well as a physician and leader. Through it all, he has been driven not by his own success, but rather by *Soli Deo Gloria*, "For the Glory of God alone."

In February, Dr. Merli was named Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, where he has practiced and taught since 1975.

"When I vied for this job, I think I wasn't their leading candidate," says Dr. Merli, a 1971 Scranton alumnus. "They were looking for an information technology person. But I said, 'That's not what you need to do this job. You need to have other skill sets to be able to stimulate physicians and nurses and pharmacists to achieve the goals you need to for the hospital and for the care of patients.'"

As CMO, Dr. Merli has begun developing and instituting programs that provide an overarching approach to improving patient care. All Jefferson patients, regardless of the reason they have come to the hospital, now receive a complete blood clot risk assessment and prevention plan for this complication. Dr. Merli has also spearheaded a redesign of the hospital's bed management plan to streamline the movement of patients through the hospital. And he's developing a center for preoperative assessment to operationalize the recommendations in the textbook he co-edited with Dr. Howard Weitz, *Medical Management of the Surgical Patient*, which sets standards so that patients are best prepared both to undergo surgery and to deal with post-operative complications.

"It's the most exciting part of the job," Dr. Merli says. "I like to bring people together to implement a program for the care of patients."

In the public realm, he is leading an effort to raise awareness of deep vein thrombosis – blood clotting in deep veins, usually in the legs, that can break loose and travel through the bloodstream to the lungs, where a potentially fatal pulmonary embolism may result. In addition to lobbying politicians directly for more funding, Dr. Merli has counseled patients' groups on how to present clinical information in a more understandable way when they approach public officials.

And, of course, he still practices medicine, spending about 30 percent of his time treating patients with vascular disease. "The doctors would never respect me if I stopped being a doctor," he says.

After treatment for a hand injury as a teen awakened a desire to pursue a career in medicine, Dr. Merli enrolled at Scranton and began to study biology. Participation in the ROTC program was then mandatory, and, entertaining thoughts of becoming a soldier, he transferred after his freshman year to the United States Military Academy. But a year at West Point convinced him that military science simply didn't interest him academically, so he returned to Scranton, finished his biology degree and went on to Jefferson Medical College for his M.D.

Dr. Merli continues to draw on his Scranton education – and on its distinct emphases on ethics and critical thinking – as a physician and a leader.

"I truly believe the Jesuit education was a great way to prepare you to be a thinker and also to strive for excellence as a perpetual student," he says. "Scranton taught me to be a sound thinker morally and ethically,

which I think was really an important piece of my training. It taught me how to be a lifelong student. In the profession of medicine, you must be a lifelong student to stay current and stay at the cutting edge of your field. If you don't learn, you'll suddenly become out of date in a short period of time, as medicine evolves so quickly."

"My life and work are *Soli Deo Gloria*."



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Kathleen Eid-Heberle '86

Disaster Nursing is Rewarding Work for Alumna

For Kathleen Eid-Heberle '86, nursing is not just a career choice, but a living example of her personal philosophy and the Jesuit ideal of service to others.

"Nursing is about caring for people in need," the Charlotte, N.C., resident says. "My education at the University reinforced my desire to help people, and reinforced the Jesuit philosophy of the importance of education, which is the foundation for success."

It's a long way from Geneva, Switzerland, to Scranton, but the hills surrounding the University reminded her of the city where she'd spent 12 years as the daughter of a DuPont executive posted overseas.

Scranton seemed a natural choice. Not only was it near mountains, it was a Jesuit institution, something that also figured into her family history.

"My grandfather had been educated by Jesuits in Cairo, Egypt," explains Ms. Eid-Heberle. "Both my parents are advocates for Jesuit education."

In addition to working part-time as an emergency room nurse at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, Ms. Eid-Heberle volunteers by teaching disaster nursing courses to professional nurses, student nurses, Red Cross nurses, paramedics and emergency medical technicians. Her 23-year history as a volunteer has its roots at The University of Scranton.

"Dr. Patricia Harrington [associate professor and chair of nursing] organized a blood drive with the Red Cross in about 1984," she explains. "I thought I'd like to get involved, and I am still volunteering with them."

In October 2002, the United Way of Central Carolinas nominated her for recognition by President George W. Bush as part of the USA Freedom Corps initiative for her 18 years of volunteer work with the American Red Cross. While visiting Charlotte in support of Elizabeth Dole's campaign for the Senate, the President met with Ms. Eid-Heberle to honor her for her work with the Red Cross.

"When I got the call from the White House, I thought it was my brother, playing a joke," she said, laughing. "I was shocked, flattered and overwhelmed, but mostly flattered."

"When I met the President, he was very kind. We spoke for a few minutes about volunteering, and it was nice to be able to share my experiences."

In 2004, Ms. Eid-Heberle was the first recipient of The University of Scranton Nursing Alumni Award for Professional Achievement and Community Service.



Photo courtesy of The Charlotte Observer/Todd Sumlin

In 2002, the United Way of Central Carolinas nominated Kathleen Eid-Heberle '86 for recognition by President George W. Bush as part of the USA Freedom Corps initiative for her years of volunteer work with the American Red Cross.

Today, she is a student again, this time in the virtual classroom. She is pursuing a master of science degree in community health nursing through an online program at UNC Charlotte, and plans to graduate in May. Following that, she hopes to continue teaching, which she loves.

The most rewarding aspect of her career is disaster nursing. In 2005, her skills were strongly tested by Hurricane Katrina. As a disaster response team volunteer with the American Red Cross and the State Medical Assistant Team, she was instrumental in setting up a "mega-shelter" in the Charlotte Coliseum that housed approximately 1,000 people and provided assistance to about 3,000 during the 23 days it was open.

"It was quite an amazing experience," she recalls. "We made sure people had medications and items like dentures and eyeglasses that they might have lost when Katrina hit. People could get food and a place to sleep, apply for housing, and have their medical needs attended to."

Disaster nursing also reflects her daily experiences in the ER. While some people might not like dealing with unknown medical situations, Ms. Eid-Heberle says they motivate her.

"You never know what's going to happen next," she said. "I'm comfortable with the speed at which we work, making a life-or-death situation hopefully turn out for the better. I love the challenge and adrenaline that go with that."

John J. "Jack" Lynch '83

Hospital Administrator Draws Upon Jesuit Values

For as long as he can remember, Jack Lynch '83 wanted to be a hospital administrator.

He vividly remembers an interview with an admissions counselor at Georgetown University, in which he was asked: "If God gave you one day to do whatever you wanted to do, what would it be?"



Jack Lynch '83

The high school senior didn't have to think long before he answered the question. "Be a hospital administrator."

Mr. Lynch didn't attend Georgetown (he chose Scranton instead), but he did fulfill his lifelong dream. He is now President and Chief Executive Officer of Main Line Health, whose four hospitals serve Philadelphia's western suburbs.

"Growing up in a family where my father was a physician and my mother was a nurse, I decided at an early age that I was not interested in a career in medicine," he recalls. "I was fascinated with healthcare, but my interests were in the delivery of care."

Mr. Lynch's career aspirations were reinforced when, at the age of 17, he became an EMT with the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad. He also had the opportunity to work at MedStar, The Washington Hospital Center's Trauma Unit, in high school and summer breaks during college at Scranton.

"It was an incredible confidence-building experience to drive an ambulance and be responsible for pre-hospital patient care," Mr. Lynch says of his nine years of service as an EMT.

The product of a Jesuit education at Gonzaga Preparatory High School, Washington, D.C., the decision to attend The University of Scranton was a logical one for Jack (and his parents). While a student at Scranton, he met four people who positively influenced his career and his life: Robert Spinelli, D.B.A., who taught (and still teaches) health administration; the late Rev. William Hill, S.J., Professor of English; and former Presidents Rev. William Byron, S.J., and Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J.

"When I look at people who have changed the University and who changed me, these are the ones who come to mind," he says.

Just three years after graduating from the University, he joined St. Luke's Episcopal Health System in Houston, Texas, as an Assistant Vice President and rose steadily to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Under Mr. Lynch's leadership, St. Luke's was the first

hospital in Texas to achieve Magnet designation for nursing excellence. The health system was also recognized by *Fortune* magazine as among the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2002, 2004 and 2005.

Mr. Lynch's management style clearly figured heavily into the equation for success. From the get go, he was focused on patient safety and creating a "superior patient experience in which a patient's outcome would be as good as it could have been anywhere else." At the same time, he viewed the 4,000 employees at St. Luke's as key to the healthcare system's success.

"If you take good care of your employees, they'll take good care of your patients," he says.

"As an administrator, we have countless opportunities to help our staff at the bedside provide the safest and highest quality care possible. We need to provide our employees with the best possible technology to assist them in the life-and-death decisions they are called to make every day," he says.

In August 2005, when he decided to leave St. Luke's for the President and CEO position at Main Line Health, he was greeted by a team of employees with the same vision. "Friends and neighbors caring for friends and neighbors," says Mr. Lynch.

The move back to the eastern U.S. has also provided the opportunity for Mr. Lynch to reconnect with Scranton alumni, including Joe Sebastianelli '68, President and Chief Executive Officer of Jefferson Health System, which includes Main Line Health.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lynch has found himself drawing upon the values he learned from his father ("my greatest mentor") and his Jesuit education.

He sums it up in one word: integrity. "You don't come away from growing up in my family and eight years of Jesuit education without knowing what integrity is."

Jack Lynch (front row, center) is joined by employees at Main Line Health. Mr. Lynch believes that "If you take good care of your employees, they'll take good care of your patients."





Tricia Kearney '01

Helping Patients Develop Skills for the “Job of Living”

Occupational therapist Tricia Kearney '01 wants you to know something about her line of work.

“We don’t help people get jobs,” she says.

In many ways, Ms. Kearney’s work is far more important. As a supervisor at Transitions of Long Island, part of North Shore-Long Island Jewish, one of New York’s largest health systems, she works with patients who have suffered strokes, brain injuries, or such neurological disorders as Parkinson’s disease and Huntington’s disease.

“The theory behind occupational therapy is ‘skills for the job of living,’” Ms. Kearney explains. “It’s very functionally based. We work on skills that are required on a day-to-day basis.”

Those skills vary from patient to patient. Some may need to relearn how to dress themselves; others, at the end of their rehab periods, need help regaining their independence in such areas as managing their households, balancing a checkbook, or preparing for a return to work. While the population can be difficult to work with, Ms. Kearney loves her work.

“It’s a wide scope,” she says, “but that’s why it’s never boring. Helping patients regain function is the good stuff – working with patients and families, and feeling like you’re making a difference in someone’s life, especially at such a difficult time.”

Ms. Kearney’s introduction to helping people with neurological difficulties came at age 13, when she began volunteering at Long Island’s Camp Anchor (Answering the Needs of Citizens with Handicaps through Organized Recreation). The camp is for Long Island residents of all ages with varied disabilities and serves approximately 600 children and adults with special needs each year. She spent eight summers there, the first three as a volunteer and the following five as a staff member in the sports and physical education departments.

“I got really interested in working with people with disabilities at a young age,” Ms. Kearney recalls. “When I was in high school deciding where to go to college, I tried to decide on a major. Knowing how much I loved what I did at Anchor, I found myself becoming interested in occupational therapy.”

Ms. Kearney came to Scranton to study the subject, and while at the University played varsity softball for a couple of years, and then club volleyball and softball. She was also

among the first at the University to study abroad in Australia. Like many who undergo the Jesuit experience, it wasn’t until years later, after some time and distance and reflection, that she understood exactly how powerful and fulfilling that experience can be.



Tricia Kearney '01 became interested in helping people with neurological difficulties when, at the age of 13, she volunteered at a summer camp for persons with disabilities.

“You don’t really realize the quality of education you’re getting when you’re 17 or 20 years old,” Ms. Kearney says. “You just do the coursework and fulfill the requirements. But now, looking back, having been in the field and supervised other students and seeing the other curricula out there, it’s such a well-rounded curriculum and such a good education. I was very prepared for work.”

After graduating, Ms. Kearney completed a six-month clinical rotation, then came on board at Transitions. Five years and a promotion later, Ms. Kearney has become a well-respected occupational therapist. In addition to lecturing at the University, within the health system of which Transitions is part, and at local conferences and seminars, she has coauthored a chapter in *Acquired Brain Injury: An Integrative Neuro-Rehabilitation Approach*, a textbook on neurological rehab.

Ms. Kearney anticipates a return to school in the fall to pursue a master’s in health administration. For now, as she observes, “I’ve kind of found my little niche with occupational therapy.”

Kevin Heffernan '01

Exercise Science Grad Hits the Ground Running with Ph.D. Dissertation

As happens often with academic works, the title of Kevin Heffernan's dissertation does not inspire the average reader to set aside a night in anticipation of a riveting page-turner.

But you know what they say about the dangers of judging a book by its cover.

Unwrap Mr. Heffernan's work, "Racial Differences in the Autonomic Nervous System and the Vascular System in Response to Weight Training," and what you find is solid, engaging research that just might end up saving a life or two.

Mr. Heffernan, the first recipient of Scranton's Outstanding Exercise Science Award, is pursuing his Ph.D. in kinesiology/exercise physiology at the University of Illinois. Reviewing the literature in his field led him to his intriguing dissertation topic.



Kevin Heffernan '01 (left) conducts weight training with students at the University of Illinois, where he is conducting research about African Americans and heart disease.

"There were a few papers I had read through the course of my study that showed that young African American men are predisposed to heart disease and stroke at a much younger age than white individuals," explains the 2001 alumnus. "They develop high blood pressure sooner and are put on medication sooner, and this contributes to increased morbidity and mortality in this group."

At the same time, Mr. Heffernan was also reading articles claiming that weight training was detrimental to the arteries. An avid lifter, he saw a chance to combine recreational interest with scientific curiosity, and began researching whether African Americans would be hurt or helped by lifting weights.

In a rare move, the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association are funding the work.

"In exercise physiology, usually they give these awards to medical institutions," Mr. Heffernan says. "For an exercise physiology student to get these awards is very hard to come by."

After graduating from Scranton with a bachelor's in Exercise Science and Sport, Mr. Heffernan obtained his master's at Columbia, then went on to Syracuse. When his adviser snared a faculty spot at Illinois, he took Mr. Heffernan with him.

In addition to his work in African Americans and vascular disease, Mr. Heffernan is also investigating whether weight training can increase functional ability in people with Down Syndrome. These people age prematurely and are institutionalized at a younger age, and so Mr. Heffernan's research is aimed at determining whether increasing strength can stave off institutionalization and help them maintain independence for as long as possible. The work is ongoing.

If there is a common theme in Mr. Heffernan's examinations, it is that we have a duty to assist those who are less fortunate.

"All of my personal statements I've ever provided, all of the letters I've had to write, even when I was best man at my friend's wedding – I always start with the same quote," he says. "Of those to whom much is given, much is expected." I try to live by that. I feel Scranton gave me so much in terms of education, trying to become men and women for others. I really do believe that it shaped me to be the person I am today. I feel it's my responsibility to give back. I hope the Ph.D. will help me to help others through education, research, teaching and guidance."

Mr. Heffernan takes his cue from mentor Ron Deitrick, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Program Director for Exercise Science and Sport at the University. Indeed, eventually he hopes to follow in Dr. Deitrick's footsteps, teaching at a college, "conducting research into cardiovascular systems and exercise, and, through research, helping people live longer, healthier lives."

As if that weren't enough, Mr. Heffernan also hopes "through teaching to inspire people to get excited about what we do and help them make decisions, like Dr. Deitrick did with me. Help other people find themselves, and get them excited about something."



Patricia Hennessy (Kordesh) '79

Follow Your Passion: A Healthcare Marketer's Journey

When Patricia Hennessy '79 was a high school student in Hillside, Ill., she never imagined that she would go on to earn a bachelor's degree.

"I didn't think I was capable of it," recalls Ms. Hennessy.

To her own surprise, she went on to earn not only a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Scranton, but also a Master's of Public Affairs in Health Planning from Indiana University. From there, she embarked on a healthcare marketing career that now spans 23 years of executive positions in universities, health systems and hospitals.

Today, she is Vice President of Customer Relations for The Beryl Companies, a leading provider of outsourced telephone and Web-based communications specifically for healthcare clients. The company provides customer service for more than three million consumers each year. She attributes much of her success to one place: The University of Scranton.

"I believe that where I am today has a tremendous amount to do with the education that I received at Scranton," says Ms. Hennessy.

If a degree in psychology seems like an unlikely place to begin a career in healthcare marketing, then Ms. Hennessy will tell you otherwise. "Psychology gives you such a strong basis for understanding people and allows you to approach issues from a scientific perspective," she says.

She says that studies in psychology, combined with coursework in philosophy and religion, gave her an appreciation of how to "reach out to people."

It was an internship at the Community Hospital of Indianapolis that "pulled it all together," laying the foundation for a career in which she has led marketing, strategic planning and public relations efforts for everything from very ill children and women to heart hospitals. She has held senior planning and marketing positions for organizations such as the Oregon Health and Science University Healthcare in Portland, Ore.;



Patricia Hennessy '79, Vice President of Customer Relations for The Beryl Companies, believes that "where I am today has a tremendous amount to do with the education that I received at Scranton."

St. Joseph's – Baptist Healthcare in Tampa, Fla.; West Jersey Health System, Camden, N.J.; and St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, N.J.

When she joined The Beryl Companies in the fall of 2006, she saw the position as an opportunity to bring best practices in customer service to healthcare clients. The company specializes in providing services such as physician referral, class registration, appointment scheduling and pre-registration for hospitals and healthcare organizations.

"Outsourcing these services allows healthcare organizations to focus on the demands of high quality patient care," says Ms. Hennessy.

Of everything she's done, Ms. Hennessy has found the most satisfaction from an initiative she led while at St. Joseph's Children's Hos-

pital to help set up a specialty care office in a remote location for children with chronic illnesses. "There's something very fulfilling about knowing you're helping improve access to care for children," she says.

Ms. Hennessy says that one of the most challenging parts of her career has been helping people to deal with change, whether physicians, patients or communities. This is where her psychology degree is particularly helpful. "You need to be able to listen, to see where people are and then bring them along the road of change," she says.

She also draws upon the education and values she learned while a student at Scranton. The experience was one that she says, "allows me to be open and aware to differences in people and cultures."

Despite the demands of her career, Ms. Hennessy says she is energized by the enthusiasm she has for her work. Reflecting back on her own days in college, she encourages students to "know what's in their heart and build on their passion." It's what she has done.

Jill Kester, DPT, '99, G'00

Physical Therapist Finds Joy in “Making a Difference”



Jill Kester, DPT, '99, G'00, at right, explains various types of physical therapy involving the human spine to patient Mary Ann Vance.

Jill Kester, DPT, '99, G'00 describes herself in high school as a “typical student, albeit an honors student, who didn’t know what she wanted to be when she grew up.” She hadn’t even heard of physical therapy until a family member had knee replacement surgery and worked with a physical therapist afterward.

More than a decade later, she’s earned both a master’s degree and a doctorate in physical therapy, and has received a prestigious award for excellence in her field. She considers the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of not only her patients but also her colleagues to be the most satisfying facet of her career.

“When you’re busy, it’s easy to lose sight of those rewards,” says the Scranton native, who now resides in Madison Township. “However, when I stop and reflect, the opportunity to make a difference is a wonderful reward in itself.”

Once Dr. Kester decided on a major, she had to choose a college.

“My parents wanted me to go to school close to home,” she explains. “If I was going to stay close to home, I was going to attend the best. The University of Scranton was the obvious choice. Scranton had and continues to have a good reputation.”

Not only did the University provide her with a degree and a career, it changed her life.

“In far more ways than just education, The University of Scranton has shaped who I have become,” says Dr. Kester. “It has not only given me the solid education that I needed to be

successful, but it allowed me to form relationships with both fellow alumni and faculty that have been invaluable in my professional career.”

She cites Barbara R. Wagner, DPT, Director of Clinical Education in the Physical Therapy Department, as a positive influence on her career.

“Dr. Wagner gave me the opportunity to assume a more active role in the local district of the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association,” Dr. Kester states. “She has been and continues to be both a mentor and a friend. When I was a student, each faculty member was there for me just when I needed him or her most. I think it would be hard to find such a dedicated group elsewhere.”

After graduating from Scranton, she earned her clinical doctorate in physical therapy from Temple University in 2003, and is currently enrolled in the executive master of public health degree program in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Since 2005, she has been employed as the Site Manager of Good Shepherd Outpatient Rehabilitation in Stroudsburg, where she manages day-to-day clinical operations and staffing needs, establishes departmental strategic goals, and contributes toward financial objectives, in addition to regular physical therapy work. She’s also a clinical student instructor, and an active member of the American Public Health Association, as well as the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and its Pennsylvania state chapter (PPTA).

She has served as PPTA’s membership committee co-chair since 2005, as a member of the newsletter task force and as co-editor of the *PPTA Special Issue on Membership*, positions that led to her receiving APTA’s Emerging Leader award in 2006. Dr. Kester was one of only 23 physical therapists nationwide who were honored for extraordinary service early in their careers.

“The Emerging Leader award was a tremendous honor for me,” she says. “I have always been a hard worker, and I think the values of discipline, determination and integrity are a credit to my parents and my upbringing. I am passionate about and committed to those things in which I believe.”

One of the things she continues to believe in is The University of Scranton.

“I have come to realize that college is just a stepping stone, but if you don’t have that, you might ‘fall in,’” she says. “I know that The University of Scranton will always be a stepping stone on my path of lifelong learning.”



Panuska College Marks 20th Anniversary

Twenty years ago, The University of Scranton established the new College of Health Education and Human Resources to consolidate professional programs in healthcare, education and human resources.

When the College first opened its doors in the fall 1987 semester, it was home to nearly 15 percent of the University's undergraduate population. Today, what is now the Panuska College of Professional Studies (PCPS) comprises approximately 30 percent of the undergraduate population of the University. Additionally, about 85 percent of the University's graduate students are enrolled through PCPS.

"There are several factors contributing to the College's remarkable growth," says Rhonda Waskiewicz, Ed.D., Interim Dean. "We've offered programs that prepare students for professions in high-demand careers such as nursing and physical therapy. Our faculty are highly qualified. In fact, more than 90% of full-time faculty of the College hold licenses or certifications in their field. And our facilities and labs rival some of the finest in the nation."

Dr. Waskiewicz credits many of the advances to recently retired Dean James Pallante, Ed.D., who led the College for 15 years, and to Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., President Emeritus of the University, after whom the college is named.

According to Father Panuska, the formation of the College of Health, Education and Human Resources was a natural development of the University's curriculum. "It unified academic specialties in which there were already strong student and curricular interests, and the College fit coherently with the University's mission," says Fr. Panuska.

"With its curricular emphasis on areas closely related to public service, the College provided a strong relationship to the traditional Jesuit commitment to promote the 'Faith that does Justice,'" he adds.

Internships, apprenticeships and service learning are required components of the educational experience for PCPS students.

Through the service learning program, introduced in 1994, students volunteer in after-school programs, as well as school-based day programs for both children and adolescents, in adult and geriatric programs and in rehabilitation programs. From the fall of 2000 to the fall of 2006 alone, PCPS students performed more than 130,000 service learning hours through the College's service learning program.

International teaching, research and service opportunities have been developed in Mexico, South America, Haiti, Slovakia and the Republic of Georgia.

Through a collaboration between The University of Scranton and Universidad Iberoamericana, its sister Jesuit university in Mexico City, the University is educating future counselors in innovative approaches created to address much-needed mental health services for underserved populations.

Among the new programs introduced since the formation of the College are undergraduate and graduate programs in Occupational Therapy; and new undergraduate programs in Counseling and Human Services, Exercise Science, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Health Administration and Human Resources Studies. In 2004, the Doctor of Physical Therapy program was established, marking the first doctoral program in the University's history. The Scranton Education Online (SEOL) was established in 2004 to provide two master's in education online graduate programs in education for distance learners.



Family members of the late Mary Eileen Patricia McGurrin, R.N., M.S.N., joined then University President Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., (left) and President Emeritus Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., (right) at the 1999 dedication of McGurrin Hall, home of the Panuska College of Professional Studies. The building was named in memory of Ms. McGurrin through the generosity of her uncle, Bernard V. Hyland, M.D. '47 (standing, second from left).

"From the beginning, the leadership of the College stressed the highest professional quality in the context of a liberal arts education, and the success of its development of graduate programs built on this basis," says Fr. Panuska.

In 1995, the Edward R. Leahy Endowment was founded by Edward R. Leahy '68 and Patricia Leahy to honor the life and memory of their son, Edward R. Leahy, Jr. The Endowment supports the work of persons practicing in physical and occupational therapy, nursing science and related healthcare areas, with particular interest in individuals and groups that approach their practice as scholars, teachers and practitioners.

In 2003, the Leahy Community Health and Family Center was opened. The Center is dedicated to the dual purpose of identifying and meeting the health and wellness needs of underserved individuals in the greater Scranton community, while providing a place where faculty guide students in a practical educational experience.

Reflecting back on the College's history, Fr. Panuska notes, "Twenty years of development demonstrates what a seed can develop into with careful nourishment by excellent and devoted faculty, staff and College leadership."

Royals Athletics



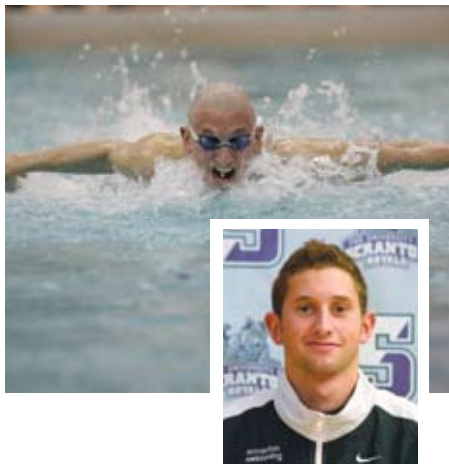
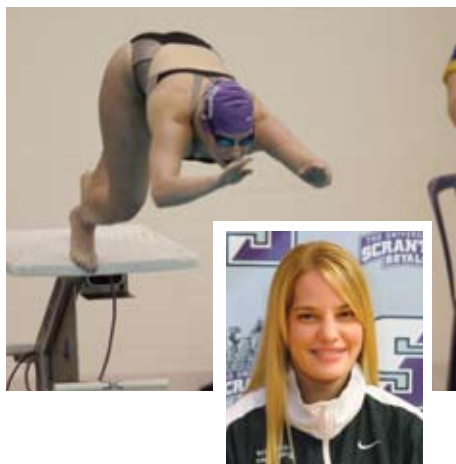
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Wall of Fame Class of 2006 Inducted in December

The Class of 2006 was formally inducted into the University's Wall of Fame in December at the Long Center. The Wall of Fame was founded in 1970 to honor former student-athletes, coaches, administrators and those in the community who have been instrumental in the overall development of the University's athletics program. First row, from left: **Dawn (Ennis) Rasmussen '96**, a four-time all-conference selection in women's soccer; **Domenick Colangelo '52**, an honorable mention all-American in football; **Erin Kenney '96**, a dominating swimmer on two conference championship teams. Second row, from left: **Hugh O'Neill '86**, an all-American in men's soccer; **Kathy (McCaughy) Leimkuhler '81**, a career .400 hitter on the softball team; and tennis standout **Clay Yeager '96**.

O'Connor, Veselovsky Win Individual Titles at MAC Swimming Championships

Sophomores **Erin O'Connor** (Scotch Plains, N.J./Union Catholic Regional) and **Joseph Veselovsky** (Kings Park, N.Y./Kings Park) won individual titles at the 2007 Middle Atlantic Conference swim championships in February. For the second straight year, O'Connor won the 500 freestyle (5:16.39) and 400 individual medley (4:46.02), while Veselovsky set a new University of Scranton and MAC record by capturing the 400 individual medley in 4:13.02.



Young Earns Spot in NCAA Division III Championships

Senior **Donell Young** (Scranton/West Scranton) accepts congratulations from Royals' head coach Al Russomano (left) and assistant Greg Banks (right) for his contributions to the wrestling program on Senior Day. After finishing runner-up in the 149-pound weight class at the Metropolitan Wrestling Championships, Young was selected as a wild card entry to the NCAA Division III championships, which were held at the Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa, in March. He became the 12th wrestler in Scranton history to compete at nationals.



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MAT, MELLODY, WILLIAMS LEAD LADY ROYALS TO FOURTH STRAIGHT FREEDOM CONFERENCE TITLE



Allison Matt



Taryn Mellody



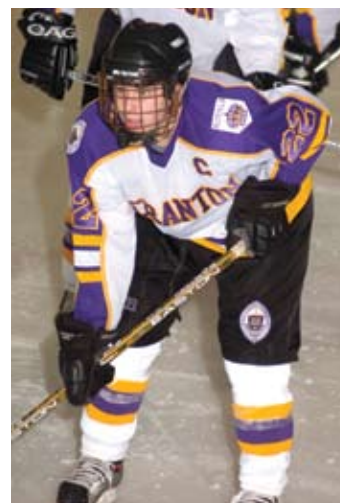
Tiffany Williams

Seniors **Allison Matt** (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic), **Taryn Mellody** (Dunmore/Bishop O'Hara) and **Tiffany Williams** (Scranton/Scranton) were selected all-Freedom Conference in a ballot conducted among the league's eight head coaches. This trio led the Lady Royals to their fourth straight conference title and 19th overall. Matt was named first-team for the second consecutive year and Mellody for the third successive season, while Williams was named second-team for the first time in her career. The Lady Royals ended their season with a 27-3 record, which was the 16th consecutive year that Scranton won at least 20 games and 25th time in the program's 32-year history. Veteran head coach Mike Strong was selected the league's coach of the year for the eighth time in his career.



Arnold, Bicknell Continue Royals' Tradition of Success

The Royals' men's basketball team posted its third straight winning season under head coach Carl Danzig and the 58th in the program's history, thanks, in part, to the play of first-team all-Freedom Conference selections **Randy Arnold** (Doylestown/Central Bucks West) and **Tom Bicknell** (Melbourne, Australia/St. Bede's College) this past season. Arnold (left) earned first-team honors for the second straight year after leading the Royals in scoring, assists and steals. A finalist for the 2007 Cousy Award, which is presented annually to the top point-guard in NCAA Division III, Arnold is now one of 35 players in Scranton history with more than 1000 career points. Bicknell, who was also named District II all-Academic, along with senior guard Darren Cannon (Paupack/Wallenpaupack Area), by ESPN *The Magazine*, led the Royals in rebounding and field goal percentage.



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Dan the Man

For the third straight year, senior **Dan Stallone** (S. Plainfield, N.J./St. Joseph Metuchen) was named to the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHA) all-star team. A two-time first-team selection (2006, 2007) and third-team pick (2005), he led the Ice Royals in total points this past season as a defenseman. He finishes his career as the sixth all-time leading scorer in Scranton history with 94 total points.

Scranton Alumni

Medical Alumni Council Initiatives

The Executive Committee of the University's Medical Alumni Council, chaired by Gregory J. Lynch, D.O. '79, has undertaken a variety of recent initiatives. The Council hosted a series of informal meetings with alumni in the health professions to seek input on alumni mentoring/shadowing and other activities; reinstated and distributed a Medical Alumni Newsletter; initiated a medical alumni survey; participated in a service-oriented trip to Haiti in cooperation with the Hope for Haiti Foundation; and conducted a Medical Alumni Symposium for May 5 on campus. The Symposium, chaired by Gerald P. Tracy M.D. '63 consisted of six continuing medical education sessions for physicians, dentists, veterinarians, and Scranton alumni in medical school and residencies.



Current members of the Executive Committee of the Medical Alumni Council, seated left to right: Fr. Timothy J. Cadigan, S.J., Assistant Professor of Biology and a member of the University's Health Professions Advisory Committee, James J. Kuchera, M.D. '62, Kara Suche, M.D. '99 and Joanne Calabrese D.O. '91. Standing, from left: Anthony Yanni, M.D. '88, Lt. Col. James F. Cummings, M.D. '88, W. David Fitzpatrick M.D. '88, Michael P. Platt, M.D. '98, Gregory J. Lynch, D.O. '79, Council Chair, James Costanzo '06, Student Liaison, John Lepore, M.D. '88, Lawrence F. Gallagher, D.D.S. '82, immediate Past Chairman, Gerald P. Tracy, M.D. '63, Paul R. Casey Jr., M.D. '71, James T. McGlynn, M.D. '77 and Jean-Paul Bonnet, D.O. '76. Other members of the Council include: John Mariotti, D.D.S. '75, Karen Langan, O.D. '98, Amy Yavorek, M.D. '84 and Richard Bevilacqua, D.M.D., M.D. '83.

Alumni Board Nominations Open

The terms of seven members of the Alumni Board of Governors expire on Dec. 31. Nominees are being sought to fill anticipated vacancies. The Board meets quarterly and is responsible for setting goals for alumni activities and ensuring that the membership is directed toward these ends. Alumni who believe they can make a strong commitment to service as an active board member or who would like to nominate an alumnus/na can

submit the name(s), together with a brief biographical sketch, to Michael J. McDermott '71, Alumni Society President-elect and Chairman of the Nominating Committee at alumni@scranton.edu

A preliminary slate of candidates will be presented to the Board at its July 13 meeting, general elections will take place Nov. 1-14, and Board members will take office on Jan. 1, 2008.

Scranton Career Network

The University of Scranton Alumni Society, its Board of Governors and, in particular, its Advocacy Committee are committed to assisting in the career development of Scranton graduates and fellow alumni.

In addition to taking advantage of networking opportunities through a series of clubs and affiliates, alumni can register and use the College Central Network system provided by the Office of Career Services as a helpful tool to interact with employers via the Internet. Alumni can search for jobs targeted for University graduates and upload resumes so that they can be searched by employers, if authorized. They will also have the capacity to review their job search history in the system and receive e-mails about future Career Services programs and other job-related topics. This site can be accessed at

<http://collegecentral.com/alum.cfm>

The Office of Career Services also provides alumni with career advising, resume and cover letter development and review, job search support, and interview skill preparation. These combined services constitute the Scranton Career Network.

Job postings and other career-related services are also available through the Scranton Online Alumni Community, www.scranton.edu/alumnicommunity.

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Back Together Again



Friends from the Class of 1986 gathered for this picture at their 20th Reunion in June of 2006.

Alumni whose class years end in a "3" or "8": Mark your calendars! Your Reunion is scheduled for June 6-8, 2008.

Reconnecting with friends is what Reunion is all about. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@scranton.edu to volunteer for your Class Committee today! Class Committees work together to contact classmates and encourage participation in Reunion. It is the important work of these committees that will make your Reunion a success.

Class Notes

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Allan Lazar, M.D., Teaneck, N.J., has co-authored the book *The 101 Most Influential People Who Never Lived*. The book, published by Harper Paperbacks in October 2005, features fictional characters who have had an impact on a large number of people.

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Marcia Moskowitz Cohen, Ed.D., Los Angeles, Calif., has written a book, *Inner City Angels*, which is one story of the Los Angeles riot of 1992.

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Carl Plonsky, M.D., Tacoma, Wash., is the Principal of a pediatric practice in Tacoma and was Doctor of the Year in 2005.

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William Kiehl, Mountville, had his latest publication, *America's Dialogue with the World*, appear on November 10. The 211-page trade paperback, which he edited and contributed to, features essays by 11 other contributors and focuses on what should be the subject and the nature of the USA's conversation with the rest of the world.

Anthony E. "Skip" Minakowski, Cockeysville, Md., was tapped by Loyola College's Sellinger School of Business and Management to

teach Catholic seminarians from dioceses across the country who met in Baltimore, Md., last summer for a series of three-day workshops on financial and human resource management in parishes today.

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William I. Dorfman, Ph.D., Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., has co-authored a text entitled *First Responder's Guide to Abnormal Psychology*, dealing with abnormal behavior and crisis theory intervention.

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Bill Lawler, West Wyoming, is currently serving as the president of the Anthracite Golf Association. Bill has penned and published *Rank Amateur, a Selection of Musings and Vague Recollections of a Passionate Golfer*, a semi-autobiographical account of his golf tournament play up and down the eastern United States over the past 40 years. In 2006, Bill qualified for the U.S. senior Amateur at Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Ind. He was also named 2006 Senior Player of the Year by the Anthracite Golf Association as well as the Golf Association of Philadelphia.

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Geno Merli, M.D., Haddon Heights, N.J., has been named Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. (See story on page 16.)

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Daniel Marconi, Voorhees, N.J., retired after more than 27 years as an auditor with the U.S. General Services Administration's Office of Inspector General in Philadelphia. Daniel has also worked as an accountant with the Military District of Washington and the U.S. Supreme Court. He was recently honored with an Exemplary Service Award presented by the Inspector General.

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Fr. Richard J. Polmunder was assigned as the Pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Tunkhannock and Saint Mary of the Lake Church in Lake Winola.

John J. Walker, Wyckoff, N.J., has been named Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Bowne & Co., Inc.

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Martin J. Hudacs, Ed.D., Quarryville, has been appointed Superintendent of the Solanco School District.

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Hubert X. Gilroy, Esq., Carlisle, one of Cumberland County's most prominent attorneys, has joined Martson Dearthoff Williams and Otto as a Partner. The firm has officially changed its name to Martson Dearthoff Williams Otto Gilroy & Faller. In 2006, Hubert received the Molly Pitcher Award and was recognized as Citizen of the Year for the Carlisle area by the Carlisle Exchange Club.

Michael Leonard, Alamo, Calif., has been named Chief Executive Officer of Access HR, a Pleasanton-based human resources-focused payroll and insurance services firm.

Alan Peslak, Ph.D., Peckville, Assistant Professor of Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State University, was recently elected to a two-year-term on the Board of Directors of the Educational Special Interest Group of the Association of Information Technology Professionals at their annual meeting held in Dallas, Texas.

Susan Swain, Alexandria, Va., has been promoted from Executive Vice-President to Co-President of C-SPAN Cable TV, Washington, D.C. She also retains her responsibilities as co-Chief Operating Officer of C-SPAN.

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Paul Lavelle Esq., Metairie, La., has been elected to the Board of Directors of DRI, The Voice of The Defense

Bar, an international association of more than 23,000 defense attorneys in the United States and Canada.

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Patricia Hennessy joined The Beryl Companies as Vice President of Customer Relations. (See story on page 21.)

Thomas G. Hogan, Hamilton Square, N.J., has been promoted to Senior Vice President at MetLife.

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Rebecca Class Wick, Lake Forest, Ill., was elected as 2006 Educator of the Year at Loyola Academy, a Jesuit High School in Wilmette. Becki has worked at Loyola Academy for the past 10 years teaching Latin and Ancient Greek.

Emily Grum, M.D., Wexford, is currently Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine. Emily is also the Chief of the Pulmonary Service and Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the VA in Pittsburgh.

Patrick Kerrigan, D.O., Hanover Township, was awarded "The Key to the City of Wilkes-Barre" during the "Bicentennial Blast-Off." He also received "The Certificate of Merit Award" from the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), its highest Alumni award, for 20 years of service to PCOM. Dr. Kerrigan was named President-Elect of the Medical Staff of The Wyoming Valley Health Care System, as well as Chairman of its Medical Executive Committee for a two-year term beginning January 2007.

John J. McHale, Englewood Cliff, N.J., was recently elected President of PMK by its Board of Directors and also elected to the Board of Directors. In addition, he will continue to serve as the CFO of the firm.

Frank Miceli, Voorhees, N.J., has been named Chief Operating Officer of the Philadelphia Wings of the National Indoor Lacrosse League by Comcast-Spectacor and the Philadelphia Wings. Frank also remains Chief Operating Officer of the Philadelphia Phantoms of the American Hockey League.

Bob Schatz, New York, N.Y., lectured at The Metropolitan Museum of Art on November 18 to a visiting group of students from the University's Art Program. Using examples from the Museum's collection, he discussed the painting of Giotto and Cezanne and their importance in the history of Western art. Bob's exhibit, *Paesaggio*, an installation of works on paper and

Alumni Attend Catholic Campus Ministry Association Conference



Several Scranton alumni who have chosen careers in ministry attended the Catholic Campus Ministry Association national conference in San Diego in January. From left: Kevin Moran '01, Romero Center, Philadelphia; John "Scooter" Oles '03, Villanova University, Villanova; Cathy Gavigan Seymour '90, The University of Scranton; and Matt Fulmer '00, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia.

board, opened at The Phatory LLC in New York in March.

Casmir Sondey has been appointed Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Wallington, Bergen County, N.J.

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Rev. William N. Seifert, Allentown, has been appointed as Diocesan Director for Prison Ministry and Pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary Parish.

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Eileen Cleary, Westfield, N.J., and her sister **Jacqueline '87**, own a company called Atlas Data Systems. Last year, their company was voted as one of New Jersey's Top Fifty Fastest Growing Companies by NJBIZ.

Michael Thomas, Doylestown, has been appointed to the position of Senior Vice President, Global Commercial Operations at the Merck Vaccine Division. Mike has recently been appointed to the supervisory board of the Merck-Sanofi Pasteur European Joint Venture based in Lyon, France.

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Colette Mazzucelli, Ph.D., Brooklyn, N.Y., has received a Fulbright Award to participate in a 2007 German Studies Seminar, "Germany in a Changing Europe: Transatlantic Ties, Transatlantic Challenges" starting in Brussels on June 10.

Noradeen Farlekas, Fairfield, Conn., is Senior Portfolio Manager and Manager, In-house Equities for IBM Retirement Funds.

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Thomas Grech, Malverne, N.Y., just finished his first semester teaching undergraduates at SUNY Farmingdale.

Phil Innes, Houston, Texas, accepted the promotion to Senior Managing Director of FTI Consulting.

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Susan L. Adams G'85, Pottsville, will have her biographical profile included in the 2007-2008 edition of Marquis' *Who's Who of American Women* and 2006-2007 Edition of the Cambridge *Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals in Education*.

Joseph A. Gershey, D.P.M., Clarks Summit, has been elected as an Executive Board Member for the Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association.

Ned Panfile, Mendham, N.J., is the Assistant Athletic Director at West Morris Mendham High School. Ned has been teaching Social Studies and coaching football for the past 22 years.

Andrew Sirotnak, M.D., Denver, Colo., is Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School Of Medicine. Andrew was also invited to present Pediatric Rounds at AI DuPont Children's Hospital in May. AI DuPont is the teaching hospital

for the Jefferson Medical College Department of Pediatrics. Andrew continues as Department Head of Child Abuse at The Children's Hospital in Denver.

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Bob Rabecs, Bethesda, Md., is a partner with the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P. in Washington, D.C., and an Adjunct Professor of Law and Medicine at The George Washington University Law School.

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Jacqueline Cleary, Cherry Hill, N.J., and her sister **Eileen '82**, own a company called Atlas Data Systems. Last year, their company was voted as one of New Jersey's Top Fifty Fastest Growing Companies by NJBIZ.

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Paul Bisio, M.D., Nazareth, recently completed his second tour of duty in support of the War in Iraq with the PA Air Guard. Paul is currently serving as Chief Operational Flight Surgeon for the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Air Force Special Operations Command. The unit practices psychological warfare in and around the combat zone. This is Colonel Bisio's fourth Middle Eastern tour in support of combat operations.

Albert Guari, Jessup, has accepted the position of Vice President of Brokerage with Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services. (See story on page 33.)

Patrick Rogan, Esq., Archbald, has been named Chair-elect of the criminal law society of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

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John Curry, Wake Forest, N.C., is New Business Coordinator at The Potter Financial Group in Durham, N.C.

Melissa Haertsch, Dimock, is a freelance writer and current Artist-in-Residence at Salt Springs State Park in Franklin Forks, where she is writing a poetry cycle titled "Old Growth."

Michelle Lindsey Karedes, Endicott, N.Y., has recently accepted the position of Special Projects Director at United Health Services Hospitals located in Johnson City, N.Y. Michelle has been with UHS for seven years in the Finance Division.

Joe Lisella, Mid Valley, Calif., recently accepted a position at the University of San Francisco as Director of External Affairs for the School of Law.

90

James Lewis, Weston, Fla., Special Agent with the Miami Division of the FBI, was recently selected as Federal Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in the State of Florida, for his work on developing an Internet Safety Program for middle-school aged students. James continues to investigate child exploitation cases.

Philip Mooney, Rockville Centre, N.Y., was promoted to Managing Director at Lehman Brothers, Inc.

Rev. Laserian Nwoga, Ch. Capt. USAF, is currently deployed in Afghanistan. Laserian has been in the USAF since 2003 and is currently stationed in Japan.

Patrick Sweeney, Esq., Philadelphia, has been elected to the Board of Directors of DRI, The Voice of the Defense Bar, an international association of more than 23,000 defense attorneys in the United States and Canada.

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Margaret Bartnicki Tatich, Binghamton, N.Y., was recently promoted to Director of Marketing, Sales and Publicity at The Haworth Press, Inc.

Marilyn Bogusch Pryle, Clarks Green, had her first book, *Teaching Students to Write Effective Essays*, released in March by Scholastic, Inc. She is currently working on a second book for Scholastic which will also be about teaching writing at the secondary level.

Kate Callahan Salko, New York, N.Y., and her husband, Tom, began a business making custom wooden radiator cabinets called TomKat Fine Woodworking, LLC.

Thomas Conniff, Haddonfield, N.J., recently accepted a position at C.R. Bard, Inc. as Assistant General Counsel, where he will be handling mergers and acquisitions and various commercial matters.

Brian J. Grega, Albuquerque, N.M., has been admitted into the partnership of the U.S audit, tax and advisory firm of KPMG LLP and will provide audit services to federal government clients.

92

Paul Casey, Mahwah, N.J., was recently promoted to Managing Director at The Bank of New York. He is currently running the Auction Rate Trading Desk for The Bank of New York's Capital Markets Group.

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Chris Attig, Esq., Dallas, Texas, recently opened his own law firm providing services in civil and criminal cases, labor employment and legal support to small emerging businesses in Texas and Maryland.

Andrew Capone, Bear, Del., was named Head Volleyball Coach for Caravel Academy for the 2006 season. Andrew was also selected as Teacher of the Year for Commodore MacDonough School for 2007.

Amy Currie Hughes, Libby, Mont., is the Rehab Coordinator and Physical Therapist at St. John's Home Health.

C. Tyler Havey, Esq., Philadelphia, an attorney with Cozen O'Connor, was named one of the 2006 Pennsylvania "Rising Stars" by *Law & Politics*.

Erik Kukowski Esq., St. Louis, Mo., was appointed by the Missouri Bar Workers' Compensation Committee as one of two vice chairs for their Continuing Legal Education Institute. Eric will cover the Columbia and St. Louis regions for the 2006-2007 Bar Year.

Josh Langenberger, Howell, N.J., recently changed positions from Technology Teacher at Howell Middle School South to 7th grade Science Teacher at Howell Memorial Middle School.

Christopher Preate, Esq., Philadelphia, an attorney with Cozen O'Connor, was named one of the 2006 Pennsylvania "Rising Stars" by *Law & Politics*.

95

Michaele Alcaro Totino, Esq., Enola, was recently selected to the *Central Penn Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 awards program that recognizes forty men and women under the age of 40 for their notable successes and demonstrations of strong leadership both within and outside of their chosen field. She is the Continuing Education and Professional Development Coordinator and a Charter Faculty member of Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

Fred J. Bonacci, D.M.D., Blakely, has joined the dental office of Charles J. Musto, D.M.D. '86.

Ray Culp, Shavertown, has been promoted to National Director of Foster Care and Family Services for KidsPeace National Centers.

Charles Green, Curriculum Director of Related Arts and Community Relations at Stroudsburg Area School District and the Diversity and Induction Coordinator, received the Martin Luther King Jr. Award

from East Stroudsburg University during the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in January.

Danielle Nappi Gwiazda, Los Angeles, Calif., received a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law in May 2005.

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Carolyn Amato, Chicago, Ill., received an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in December 2006.

Jennifer Rygiel-Boyd, Esq., Whippany, N.J., has been recognized as a 2006 New Jersey Rising Star Super Lawyer in the area of employment litigation.

Gerald Wayton G'96, Leicester, Mass., an anti-reflectant coatings Materials Manager with the Microelectronic Technologies division of Rohm and Haas Electronic Materials in Marlborough, was recently honored as a recipient of the company's annual Otto Haas Award for Technical Excellence. Gerald created a new polymer platform that is the cornerstone of Rohm and Haas Electronic Materials' anti-reflectants. Award recipients receive a \$5,000 grant that is donated to a university of their choice. Gerald directed his grant to The University of Scranton.

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Colleen Collins Marshall, Colchester, Vt., earned her master's degree in Education, Reading Specialist, from St. Michael's College in Vermont. Colleen is currently a second-grade teacher in Colchester.

Sara Daly, Hoboken, N.J., has been promoted to Vice President at Goldman Sachs. Sara recently joined Goldman Sachs University, where she will focus on leadership and management and client relationship skills development for the Investment Banking Division.

Angela Jaramillo entered her third year as a post-doctoral fellow in a genetic lab at Princeton University.

Shawn Moran, San Diego, Calif., was recently re-elected to a third term as Vice President to the National Border Patrol Council Local 1613. Shawn's duties include handling arbitration hearings, coordinating the legal representation of federal agents, media relations, and the response to critical incidents along 66 miles of international border.

Sheryl Lynn Oleski Kim, D.O., Breinigsville, was named Team Physician for the Aaron's Professional Cycling Team.

Nicole Mortellito, Vienna, Va., is a contractor for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and was

Alumni Gather for Wilson-Balducci Wedding



At least 19 Scranton alumni attended the wedding of Delight Wilson '00 and Joseph Balducci '00. Front row, from left: Andres Rojas '00, Adam Minakowski '00, Sarah McDermott '00, Anne Marie Mulcahy '00. Back row, from left: Christopher Beaudoin '00, Sally-Ann Quiterio '01, Augusta Cysz ('00), Melissa Manganaro '00, Marisa Rasile '00, G'01, Delight Wilson '00, Joe Balducci '00, Elizabeth Murphy '00, Alexandra Abboud '00, Jennifer (Donovan) Lund '00, Andrew Lund '00, Matthew DeNinno '00, Kelly Taylor '00, Mark McDonald '00, Suzanne Coppelli '00.

asked to serve as an election observer in the Jan. 8, 2006, legislative and parliamentary elections in Haiti.

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Jessica Lindstadt Vassallo, Ph.D., recently completed her fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the VA hospital in Tampa, Fla. Jessica recently opened a private practice, Center for Brain Health, Inc., in Safe Harbor, Fla.

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Paul M. Collins Jr., Houston, Texas, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Houston, was presented with the nation's most prestigious honor for dissertations in the social sciences, the Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award, in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 8, 2006.

Melanie Follette, Highland Park, N.J., received a Ph.D. in Atmospheric and Oceanic Science from the University of Maryland in December 2006. Melanie has accepted a National Research Council Research Associateship award to do her post-doctoral work at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C.

Philip Grieco, Secaucus, N.J., recently accepted a position at Masterfoods U.S. (Mars Inc.) as Associate Marketing Manager-Sponsorships, managing Snickers' NFL sponsorship and team deals in the league.

Jennifer Hunara, Bethlehem, was recently promoted to Executive Director at the Surgery Center of Allentown. Jennifer will be opening

and then running a new ambulatory surgery center.

01

Patrick Donohue, Dunmore, has been appointed The University of Scranton's Budget Manager.

Nick Lazor, Scranton, is a Spanish teacher at Jim Thorpe Area High School. Nick also serves as the coach/faculty advisor for the school's newly formed Olympic Hip-Hop Dance Team.

Danilo Ramirez, Guttenberg, N.J., is teaching Spanish at Montville High School in New Jersey and pursuing a master's degree in education. Danilo is also an assistant coach for the freshman football squad, class advisor for the Class of 2010 and the advisor for the World Languages Club.

Gregory Shahum, Scranton, has been hired as the Community Development Director at the Northeastern PA Unit of the Arthritis Foundation. Gregory's responsibilities include the coordination of outreach initiatives, training of program leaders and volunteers, recruitment management, Board Development, fundraising and health promotion.

Cindy Sousa, Hillsborough, N.J., received an MBA in marketing and business strategy from Rutgers Business School in October 2006.

02

Paul Drexler, Bloomfield, N.J., was promoted to Manager, Financial Analyst at Prudential Financial in Newark.

Loni Lukatch, Clarks Summit, is a Spanish teacher at Crestwood High School in Mountaintop. Loni received her master's of education in curriculum and instruction from Bloomsburg University in 2003 and his pursuing a second master's degree in classroom technology from Wilkes University.

Joseph Quattrocchi, Auburn Hills, Mich., was appointed Chapter Vice President of the National Treasury Employees Union of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Detroit. The Chapter serves members of U.S. Customs in the Department of Homeland Security for the port of Detroit, McNamara Federal Building, and the Detroit Metro/Wayne County International Airport.

Danielle Preston, Newtown, was promoted to Manager at McGladrey & Pullen LLP, located in Blue Bell.

William Slovinsky has defended his thesis for a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Temple University. Bill is continuing his education at Temple to pursue a Ph.D. at Temple, studying carbon nanotubes for hybrid joints.

Victoria Swift, Morristown, N.J., recently accepted a position at *The Star Ledger* newspaper in Newark as a New Business Development Advertising Executive.

Janan Tallo, Esq., Old Forge, has joined the Lycoming County Public Defender's Office as an Assistant Public Defender.

03

Lucie Iuzzolino, Valley Cottage, N.Y., is teaching Italian and Spanish at the Albertus Magnus High School in Rockland County, N.Y.

Rachel Marascalco, Atlanta, Ga., is in graduate school at Georgia State University pursuing a master's in nonprofit management.

Sarah Martin, Athens, Ga., completed her master of arts in Romance Languages (Portuguese and Spanish) at the University of Georgia in May 2006. Rachel is currently working on her Ph.D. in Romance Languages at UGA.

Patrick Rocchio, Bronx, N.Y., earned a master's in education degree from Seton Hall University in 2005 and is at work on a second master's degree in English literature from Iona College. For the past two years Patrick has taught English at Paramus Catholic High School.

04

Susan Chruschiel, Caldwell, N.J., was listed among the authors on two separate scientific abstracts in the first annual Pharmaceutical Sciences Symposium at Schering-Plough Research Institute in November 2006.

Laura Daniels, Noxen, is working at Enterprise-Rent-A-Car in the management trainee program. Laura is also volunteering at a local community organization called *La comunidad hispana*, teaching ESL classes to recent Mexican immigrants.

Ali Hill, Elmwood Park, N.J., is Assistant to the Associate Dean for Policy at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Melissa Keklak, Stroudsburg, is Public Relations Manager at Casio in Dover, N.J. Melissa is the youngest manager at Casio and has been voted one of the 10 rising stars by *PRWeek Magazine*.

Peter Secola is working toward his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Azusa Pacific University in Southern California. Peter also volunteers as a teacher of ESL to immigrants.

Clare Strockbine spent the past two years working as a volunteer with the Rostro de Cristo program in Duran, Ecuador. Clare returned to the U.S. in June and is now working full-time at the Romero Center in Camden, N.J.

05

David Deckinger G '05, Lords Valley, a Financial Advisor with Smith Barney in Milford, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the United Way of Pike County.

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Tomasina Cicco, Scranton, is teaching Spanish full-time at Tunkhannock Area High School.

Maureen Ciliberto, Pittston, has been named to the Board of Directors for the 2007 term for NEPA Society for Human Resources Management. In this capacity, she will serve as chairperson of the Diversity Committee.

Nick Costanzo, Clarks Summit, has accepted a position with Deloitte in Manhattan in the securitization department at the World Financial Center.

Sarah Dillmuth has been accepted to the Peace Corps and will be posted to Mozambique, Africa.

Kim Friend, Cherry Hill, N.J., has taken a position as Physical Securities Processing Administrator at Swiss American Securities in New York City.

Lauren Gobbo, Pawling, N.Y., is a full-time Spanish teacher at West Chester High School in New York.

James Katuna, Malverne, N.Y., has joined the management training program at The Sherwin Williams Company.

Leah Laspina, Norristown, is assistant editor of the *Review of Optometry*, headquartered in Newtown Square.

Angela Naro, Endwell, N.Y., accepted a job as a Spanish teacher at Union-Endicott High School in New York State.

Katie Stroh, Landenberg, has decided to join a religious order in New York and dedicate her life and work to Christ by becoming a nun.

April Zluchowski Feist, Mountaintop, has been elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. April is currently employed as a mobile therapist at Children's Service Center.

Marriages

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Valerie Ferry to Nicholas Kelly

87

Diana Belisario to **Michael Suhosky**
Linda-Marie Tihkan to James Martin Paugh

91

Colleen Leahy to John Roberts
Alison Moran to Eric Deutsch

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Kathleen Garvey to Vincent Sullivan

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Robert Champagne to Joan Blue
Colleen Gownley to Brian Oakes

95

Erin Ferguson to Neal McGee '96
Lori Metrishyn to Steven Masteller
Danielle Nappi to Christopher Gwiazda

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Robert Catanzaro to Danielle Baker
Kimberly Craven to Michael Brennan
Casey Egan to Brent Dolan
Siobhan Keenan to Sean Fitzgerald
Neal McGee to **Erin Ferguson**
Jennifer Ordeckis to Timothy Lucas
Melissa Scanapicco to **Martin DeMicoli**
Tara Scoppa to Bill Muller
Ryan Smith to Donna Taft
Sherry Winn to Scott Smith

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Lisa Ferro to **Brendan Dwyer '02**

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Virginia Berardi to James V. Breinza Jr.

Jennifer Bigioni to Keith Feldman

Robin Brooks to Christopher Johnson

Megan Getz to Andrew Bohensky

Lisamarie Macaluso to Joseph Rubino

99

Christina Brubaker to Michael Schwab

Tara Gomes to Matthew Jacobs

Tod Lewis to Tricia Sanchez

Laura Shea to Eric Delin

Lori Sledgeski to Joseph Frischman

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Krysten Brooks to **Dominic Bova**
Salvatore Gigante to **Lauren Matera '01**

Colleen Hall to Michael McGinley

April Karas to Douglas Fletcher

Collette Kelly to Joe Freer

Ellen Rybnik to Matthew Szoke

Alison Sweeney to Vaughn Perkins III

Elizabeth Walpole to Daniel Coffey

Sarah Walsh to Dan Neafsey

Delight Wilson to **Joseph Balducci**

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Danielle Depasquale to Matthew J. Doyle

Nicole Lala to **Matthew Burruano**

Rosamaria Luvera to Angelo Bagnara

Lauren Matera to **Salvatore Gigante '00**

Melissa McCaffrey to Stephen Rioseco

Sarah Rooney to **Michael Kukla**

Kurt Schollin to **Kelly Tate '03**

Cindy Sousa to Matt Benedict

Jaclyn Vaccaro to Charlie Litwin Jr.

02

Laura Biagiotti to Jason Kane

Brendan Dwyer to **Lisa Ferro '97**

Melissa Hamson to Scott Mullen

Laura Harmanos to **Jonathan Cote**

Marin Mehling to Ryan Donnelly

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Michele Gilchrist to Phillip Ippolito

Kelly Tate to **Kurt Schollin '01**

Births

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A son, Thomas Joseph, to Janet and **Tom Grech**, Malverne, N.Y.

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Twins, Ned Robert III and Elizabeth Ann, to Lisa and **Ned Panfile Jr.**, Mendham, N.J.

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A son, Thomas Kevin, to Melinda and **Kevin Gremse**, Bridgeport, Conn.

Twin sons, Joseph and Sean, to Dave and **Maureen Hyde Baker**, East Northport, N.Y.

A son, Daniel Robert, to Michelle and **Thomas Pierce**, Westfield, N.J.

88

A daughter, Lauren Theresa, to Greg and **Michele Haele Beck**, Throop

Twin sons, Joseph Anthony and John Paul, to **Joseph and Mary Jane Kalafut DiMattio, Ph.D.** '89, Lake Ariel

A daughter, Catherine Nerys, to Amy and **Carl Green**, Gotha, Fla.

A son, Aaron Christopher, to Shelly and **Christopher Loughney**, Exeter

A son, Rockne James, to **James and April Corona O'Connor** '93, Archbald

A daughter, Margot Rose, to Keith and **Rose O'Neill Serafin**, Clifton, N.J.

89

Twin sons, Joseph Anthony and John Paul, to **Joseph '88 and Mary Jane Kalafut DiMattio, Ph.D.**, Lake Ariel

A son, Christopher Robert Jr., to Janet and **Christopher Threston**, Mount Laurel, N.J.

A son, Reese Michael, to C.J. and **Jennifer Weaver Wunderler**, Macungie

Twin sons, Ryan Edward and Owen Robert, to **Mark and Kimberly Wright Melchione** '90, Branchburg, N.J.

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Twin sons, Ryan Edward and Owen Robert, to **Mark '89 and Kimberly Wright Melchione**, Branchburg, N.J.

A son, Luke Andrew, to Paul and **Karen Zangardi Troni**, Littleton, Colo.

91

A son, Bredan Stephen, to Lauren and **Stephen Kelly**, Westfield, N.J.

A son, Xander Paul, to Tim and **Molly McGowan Klinger**, Dauphin

A daughter, Clara Noel, to Melissa and **Timothy Skarbek**, Scotch Plains, N.J.

92

A daughter, Emily Francis, to Kevin and **Kristin Busch Dukes**, Silver Springs, Md.

A son, Brandon Edward, to Edward and **Pamela Haley Bruns**, Boonton, N.J.

A son, Connor Michael, to Michael and **Margaret Hurchick Straub**, Mount Pocono

A daughter, Sydney Frances, to Alan and **Melissa Lucas Niemiec**, Stratford, Conn.

A son, Daniel Scott, to Scott and **Andrea Miele Killian**, Mechanicsville, N.Y.

A son, John Blaise, to John and **Deborah Sackman DeAcutis**, Norwalk, Conn.

A daughter, Francesca Rose, to Frank and **Rebecca Severcool Luzi**, Havertown

93

A daughter, Kathryn Louise, to Jane and **William Brosseau**, Fairfax, Va.

A son, Rockne James, to **James '88 and April Corona O'Connor**, Archbald

A son, Haakon James, to **Douglas and Jane Doyle Christensen**, Little Silver, N.J.

A daughter, Margaret Erin, to **TJ and Meghan Harrington Gill**, Macungie

A daughter, Maguire Kathleen, to Patricia and **Brian Healy**, North Attleboro, Mass.

A son, Liam Francis, to Erin and **Paul Malanowski**, Glenside

A daughter, Allison Elizabeth, to Eileen and **Peter McQuaid**, Huntington, N.Y.

A daughter, Caroline Marie, to William and **Jennifer Edwards Mellon**, Yardley

A son, Brendan Brady, to **Pete '95 and Moira Keenan Mullen**, Belle Harbor, N.Y.

A son, Brendan Patrick, to Christie and **Brian Sullivan**, Lancaster

94

A son, Christopher James, to **Fred '95 and Susan Baker Bonacci**, Blakely

A son, Brendan John, to Thomas and **Colleen Currid Leahy**, Allendale, N.J.

A daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to **Frank and Eleanor Harkin Buhler**, Garnerville, N.Y.

Twin boys, Connor Patrick and Caden John, to **Mark '95 and Jennifer Isola Matulonis**, Scotch Plains, N.Y.

A daughter, Bridget Kathleen, to **Michael and Lorraine Kaiser Kelly**, Phoenixville

A daughter, Katharine Luisa, to Tim and **Jennifer Kaulback Sheahan**, East Northport, N.Y.

A daughter, Claire Elizabeth, to Mark and **Beth Ladish Andres**, Harker Heights, Texas

A daughter, Josephine Michelle, to Darby and **Wendy McDermott Reed**, Phoenixville

A son, Eamon Joseph, to **Sean and Kathleen O'Doherty Cullinan**, Oakland Gardens, N.Y.

A son, Christopher Alfonso, to Jennifer and **Brian Persico**, Alexandria, Va.

Twin girls, Madeline Jane and Mia Deborah, to Lisa and **Brian Romain**, Martinsville, N.J.

95

A daughter, Bailey Clare, to Matt and **Michaele Alcaro Totino, Esq.**, Enola

A son, Christopher James to **Fred and Susan Baker Bonacci '94**, Blakely

A daughter, Dahlia Norell, to Andrea and **Sean Crofton**, Arlington, Va.

A son, William Arthur, to Adam and **Jean Marie Eisenhuth Greaves**, N. Bellmore, N.Y.

A daughter, Anna Catherine, to Mike and **Monica Farkas Bremner**, Downers Grove, Ill.

A son, Quinn Charles, to **Joseph and Megan Fleming Holden**, Glenside

A son, Brendan Brady, to **Pete and Moira Keenan Mullen '93**, Belle Harbor, N.Y.

Twin sons, Connor Patrick and Caden John, to **Mark and Jennifer Isola Matulonis '95**, Scotch Plains, N.Y.

A son, Gavin Cecil, to **Justin and Candice Orzel Taylor**, Nutley, N.J.

A son, Ruari Moylan, to Ronan and **Beth Shanley Cahill**, New York, N.Y.

A daughter, Margaret Caroline, to Michelle and **Ryan White**, Ocean, N.J.

96

A son, Connor Joseph, to Kevin and **MaryJo Boyle Miller**, Springfield

A daughter, Caroline Mary, to Michael and **Kathleen Buxton O'Leary**, Harrison, N.Y.

A son, Peter Angelo, to Jennifer and **John Carr**, Wayne, N.J.

Twins, Ryan Murphy and Riley Suzanne, to Michael and **Jacqueline Dubil Craig**, Pearl River, N.J.

2007 Christmas Events Announced

November 29, The Scranton Club of Philadelphia
Presidential Reception, Location to be announced

November 30, The Scranton Club of Washington, D.C.,
Presidential Reception, The Press Club, Washington, D.C.

December 1, The Scranton Club of New Jersey
Brunch with Santa, Basking Ridge, N.J.

December 1, The Scranton Alumni Club of NEPA, Noel
Night Reception, Location TBA

December 2, The Scranton Alumni Club of Northeast Pennsylvania
Brunch with Santa,

The Radisson Lackawanna Station

December 6, The Scranton Club of New England
Presidential Reception
Location to be announced

December 7, The Scranton Club of New York
Presidential Reception, The Cornell Club, New York City

December 8, The Scranton Club of New York
Brunch with Santa, Colonial Springs Country Club, East Farmingdale, N.Y.

A daughter, Julie Anne, to **Tim and Hope Gaffney St. Clair** '97, Red Bank, N.J.

A son, John William, to John and **Ellen Jorda Kearns**, West Orange, N.J.

A daughter, Amanda Caroline, to Michael and **Denise Krause Blain**, Westhampton, N.J.

A son, Robert Francis III, to Robert and **Nora Lavin Ryan**, Shark River Hills, N.J.

A daughter, Angela Ann, to **Michael and Carol Montuori McDonough** '97, Oradell, N.J.

A daughter, Erin Madelon, to Jessica and **Kevin Moran**, Baltimore, Md.

A son, Casey Martin, to **James and Nancy Lau Murphy** '99, Center Valley

A son, Benjamin, to Lori and **Brian Pacanowski**, Clarks Summit

A daughter, Alyssa Taylor, to Peter and **Elise Peyreigne Kraft**, Bethlehem

A son, Damiano Michael, to April and **John Scuteri**, Wantaugh, N.Y.

A son, Christian Ethan, to Peter and **Vanessa Silla Zaleski**, Pittston

A daughter, Isabella Caroline, to Geoff and **Andrea Stetson Ruffer**, Zionsville, Ind.

A son, Timothy James, to **Peter** and **Amy Wisniewski O'Keefe**, Smithtown, N.Y.

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A daughter, Mia Reilly, to Robert and **Susan Besterly Plutzer**, Hoboken, N.J.

A daughter, Sara Elizabeth, to **Matthew** and **Colleen Collins Marshall**, Colchester, Vt.

A daughter, Grace Judith, to **Michael** and **Shannon Farrell Beckish '03**, Scranton

A daughter, Mairyn Crofton, to **Brendan '02** and **Lisa Ferro Dwyer**, Summit, N.J.

A daughter, Julie Anne, to **Tim '96** and **Hope Gaffney St. Clair**, Red Bank, N.J.

A daughter, Riley Noel, to Alan and **Tricia Gallagher Brown**, Freehold, N.J.

A daughter, Gabrielle Jaramillo, to **Angela Jaramillo** and Chris Stawski, Princeton, N.J.

A son, Dylan Byrne, to Michael and **Jessica Kirby Smith**, Piscataway, N.J.

A daughter, Angela Ann, to **Michael '96** and **Carol Montuori McDonough**, Oradell, N.J.

Twins, Alexandra Elise and John Tyler, to John and **Christine Pascone Hudacek**, Baltimore, Md.

A daughter, Avery Irene, to Justin and **Britt Passanante MacKenzie**, Trumbull, Ct.

A daughter, Mia Elizabeth, to Michael and **Lorie Rowe DeVuono**, Philadelphia

A son, Jacob Daniel, to David and **Stacy Swarts Carver**, West Milford, N.J.

A son, Lucien Alexander, to **Stephen** and **Anelyn Tolentino Tortorello**, Bloomingdale, N.J.

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A son, Matthew Britton, to **Hank** and **Jennifer Batorsky Sharkey**, Horsham

A son, Garrett Michael, to **J.J. '99** and **Megan Early Brady**, Fayetteville, N.C.

A son, Robert William, to **Rob** and **Jill Greenberg Grasso '99**, Chalfont

A son, William Kenneth, to **Bill** and **Erin Sheedy Dougherty**, Ambler

A daughter, Emily Paige, to Scott and **Julie Wilson Caton**, Mahwah, N.J.

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A son, Garrett Michael, to **J.J.** and **Megan Early Brady '98**, Fayetteville, N.C.

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A daughter, Alessandra Elaine, to Letitia and **Michael DeSciscio**, Kenilworth, N.J.

A daughter, Elizabeth Grace, to **Gregory** and **Heather Theis Maigur '02**, Quakertown

A son, Anthony Michael, to Michael and **Maria DiGiorgio-Marrero**, Miami, Fla.

A son, Robert William, to **Rob '98** and **Jill Greenberg Grasso**, Chalfont

A son, Casey Martin, to **James '96** and **Nancy Lau Murphy**, Center Valley

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A daughter, Katharine Burns, to Bill and **Maryellen Reilly Lamb**, Philadelphia

A son, Christian Joseph, to Frank and **Melissa Turano Svoboda**, Manalapan, N.J.

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A son, Gabriel Gian, to **Devin** and **Karen Burd DeMarco**, Edison, N.J.

Triplets, Jack, Thomas and Lawrence Paul III, to Larry and **Jessica Billon Burns**, Aberdeen, N.J.

A daughter, Gracie Kendra to Luther and **Kristina Serowski Griffiths**, Scranton

A son, Aaron Eugene, to Shain and **Carrie Toon Naugle**, Brockport, N.Y.

01

A son, Owen Henry, to **Sean** and **Kara Brezinski Clark**, Hicksville, N.Y.

02

A daughter, Mairyn Crofton, to **Brendan** and **Lisa Ferro Dwyer '97**, Summit, N.J.

A son, Connor James, to Brian and **Kellie McArdle Yeandle**, Bogota, N.J.

A son, Ethan Robert, to **Christopher** and **Julie Robbins Becker**, Harrisburg

A daughter, Elizabeth Grace, to **Gregory '99** and **Heather Theis Maigur**, Quakertown

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A daughter, Grace Ann, to **Michael '97** and **Shannon Farrell Beckish**, Scranton

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Joseph E. Moylan, M.D., Scranton

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One Great Decision Led to Another

New Yorker Al Guari attended The University of Scranton for the same reason that led him back to Scranton three years after graduation.

"I like a closely knit community with ample opportunity to achieve and make your mark," says Mr. Guari, Vice President and Brokerage Division Manager at Mericle Commercial Real Estate Group, Scranton.

Mr. Guari, who earned a B.S. in Finance in 1988 and an M.B.A. in Finance in 2002, was attracted by the University's Jesuit identity, as well as its students who bring similar life experiences. He says, "I feel the most important things the University provides are a well-rounded education and the opportunity for students to question and explore ways to better themselves. When you put yourself wholeheartedly into an endeavor, you are better able to give something back.

"People make 'the U' what it is, and those connections aren't severed at graduation. I

remain in close contact with the staff of the Small Business Development Center, where I still volunteer. My best friends today were buddies in college, and I met my wife, Joan, at Scranton," he says.

Mr. Guari speaks from experience about giving something back. He has been a part-time instructor at the University's Center for Professional Training and Development since 1999 and was Manager of Training and Development for the Small Business Development Center from 1998 to 2002.

"I am a cheerleader not only for The University of Scranton, but also the City of Scranton," says Mr. Guari, who has served in various capacities with The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce since 1996.

He is invested in Scranton in other ways. In 1993, he and his wife purchased, renovated and lived in a building on North Washington Avenue. They now live in Jessup with their two children, Danielle (11) and Nicole (8), but continue to rent spaces in the building.

Mr. Guari is one of dozens of people who have returned to Scranton to build their

future. He believes that these people realized that as they had grown and expanded their horizons, so had Scranton — offering a variety of attractive, affordable places to live, eat, shop, play, work and invest. "Their energy and fresh ideas have, in turn, fed even more growth in Scranton," he says.

"I have witnessed and participated in Scranton's revitalization," says Mr. Guari. "The opportunity is here to tap the area's many available resources, including a very good workforce. Scranton is a place where everyone should be looking. You can afford to own a home and run a business, especially with the support of the Chamber of Commerce. And if you like the outdoors as much as I do, you can't beat Northeastern Pennsylvania."

"With people like Al Guari talking about Scranton and contributing to its growth, it's no wonder that community leaders, business owners, The University of Scranton and other local colleges and universities, and the media have connected with The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce," says Scott R. Pilarz,



Al Guari '88, G'02 found plenty of opportunities in Scranton.

S.J., University President and Board Member of the Scranton Chamber.

"Together, we have launched Rediscover Scranton — a marketing campaign created to tell people what their hometown has accomplished and has to offer, a program to connect those with Scranton relationships."

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