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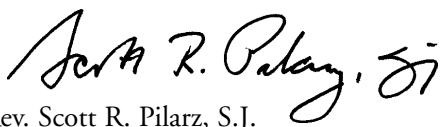
Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., right, reminiscences with alumni during Reunion 2007.

At the start of his best novel, *Howard's End*, E.M. Forster writes, “only connect.” It is a prescription to his readers regarding the achievement of the fullness of life in an increasingly busy age. Forster’s instruction, written almost a hundred years ago, rings even truer in our age of cell phones, iphones, e-mails and text messages. For all our technological ability to stay in touch, it seems more and more difficult to maintain the ties that bind.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Scranton alumni for bucking this trend of attenuation. In the past four years, I have observed that graduates of the University cultivate and sustain, very deliberately, the bonds forged during their years on our campus. I see this most poignantly at Reunions, of course. Those spring gatherings are great occasions for returning to this special place that shaped you so well. The energy and enthusiasm you bring to those days is a sure sign of your love for Scranton and your love for one another. I live vicariously through your shared stories of the past, and I thank God for your commitment to the University’s future.

Last June, during Reunion weekend, many mentioned to me the pace of physical change on our campus. That will be even more obvious when classes that graduated in years ending in 3’s and 8’s return next year. They will not be able to miss the already completed Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center, the soon-to-be completed Christopher “Kip” and Margaret Condron Hall, and our Mulberry Street Improvement Project. These are all signs of the University’s commitment to future generations. At the same time, I want to assure those who graduated in past years that the essential characteristics of the campus they knew have not changed and hopefully never will. We are as committed as ever to our mission and identity. Our students continue to pursue rigorous academic goals in the context of a caring community and in the company of a faculty and staff that is second to none when it comes to promoting student success. Scranton remains a place where people are closely connected to one another, and that is a sure sign of God’s grace at work here.

Sincerely,

  
Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.



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# On the Commons

## On the Commons

### University News

#### Scrantastic! Office Convention Puts Scranton in National Spotlight

In many ways, the Office Convention was much like the Emmy-award winning sitcom *The Office*. No one could have predicted the magnitude of its success.

The three-day Convention, chaired by a triumvirate of Scrantonians and organized by a handful of people who ultimately enlisted the support of hundreds of volunteers, drew throngs of *Office* fans, not only from Scranton, but as far away as Wyoming, California, Canada and Ireland.

Many of the events were held on the campus of The University of Scranton, which was an organizer of the Convention and host to thousands over the weekend. By all estimates, a total of 10,000 attended the Convention, which included guest appearances from 15 cast members, as well as the executive producers and a dozen writers of the show.

For The University of Scranton, it was an opportunity to showcase its campus to a national audience – a chance for this Jesuit jewel to shine even brighter.

Beginning in the wee hours of the morning of Oct. 26, students lined up in the cold to give a warm welcome to Al Roker of NBC's *Today* show in a live broadcast from campus that kicked off The Office Convention. In all, more than 3,000 people, including 2,500 University students, turned out in Scranton style to cheer on Roker and nine cast members of

*The Office* who made special appearances during the morning broadcast. They were greeted like rock stars, with cheers from the Royals cheerleading squad and roaring enthusiasm from the crowd.

The Convention was the brainchild



The Convention included Dunder Mifflin Infinity's Office Olympics, held in the Byron Complex.

of Scrantonians Michele Dempsey, DX Dempsey Architecture, Tim Holmes '88 of Times Shamrock Newspapers, and Sara Hailstone of the City of Scranton, who collectively chaired the event. The week-end-long festivities were organized by the City of Scranton, the Lackawanna County Convention & Visitors Bureau, WBRE-TV, Times Shamrock Newspapers, The University of Scranton, The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and Mohegan Sun.

To view the full text of this story, visit the Web at [www.scranton.edu/officeconvention](http://www.scranton.edu/officeconvention).

"Iggy" got in the fun (and the photo) with University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., and NBC's Al Roker.



The Royals Cheerleaders cheer on *Office* cast members Kate Flannery (Meredith), Creed Bratton (Creed) and Oscar Nuñez (Oscar), and NBC's Al Roker during a live broadcast of the *Today* show from campus.



## Visionary Thinking Brings *The Office* to Town

Tim Holmes comes from a family that thinks big. When he graduated from the University in 1988, his brother-in-law hired a plane to buzz the campus trailing a congratulatory banner. So when friend Sara Hailstone, a city administrator, asked him what he thought of luring NBC's Emmy-award-winning series *The Office* to town, he said, "Let's do it."

Tim became "the visionary" of the small group of Scrantonians determined to turn the national spotlight on Scranton. Tim says, "It was important that The Office Convention benefit everybody — we wanted to structure it so it was good for the city and also good for the show itself." When Tim opened the *Philadelphia Inquirer* the day after the convention and saw the headline, "From coal to cool," he knew he'd succeeded.

As the "visionary," it was Tim's job to make the pitch to NBC. Scranton architect, Michele Dempsey and some friends initially explored her convention ideas in a 30-page document. Tim was tasked with distilling the ideas into a single page that would win NBC buy-in. "What it boiled down to," Tim says, "was the idea



Tim Holmes '88, Director of Community Newspaper Group for Times Shamrock, was part of a triumvirate of Scrantonians who chaired The Office Convention.

the wide latitude and support given him by *The Scranton Times-Tribune* allowed him to reach out to partners (including his alma mater) whom he was sure would place Scranton in the best light possible.

"I knew Al Roker had to be at the University. I knew they would make it come alive with 2,500 screaming kids. I visualized that back in August," Tim says. On Oct. 26, that vision proved eerily accurate — but then again, that's what visionaries do.

that '*Star Trek*' had its conventions and '*The Office*' fans were every bit as rabid — it would be something for the fans." The committee was given a glimmer of hope when they heard that Executive Producer Greg Daniels' reaction was "it will play well with the sensibilities of the show."

Tim's degree in marketing served him well in crafting the pitch. Moreover,



Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty was assisted by *Office* cast member Angela Kinsey (Angela) during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Cast members of *The Office* received a Royal Welcome at Scranton. From left: Brian Baumgartner (Kevin), University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., Craig Robinson (Darryl), Student Government President Chris Molitoris '08 and Angela Kinsey (Angela).

More than 150 reporters, including representatives from the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today* and other national print and broadcast media attended a press conference with cast members held in the Byron Complex.



About 3,400 people filled the Long Center on campus for a Q&A session with the cast and executive producer of *The Office*.



## Scranton Shines for "Stanley"

The Office Convention provided an opportunity for The University of Scranton to showcase its campus to a national audience — a chance for this Jesuit jewel to shine even brighter. It clearly caught the attention of Leslie David Baker, who plays Stanley on the Emmy award-winning sitcom, *The Office*.

"The campus is breathtaking," he said, adding that the grounds are "impeccable" and the staff accommodating. Himself the product of a Jesuit education, Baker said of The University of Scranton, "I would come here to go to school if I had to do it all again."



Leslie David Baker (Stanley) poses with Scranton students during NBC's *Today* show, Oct. 26.



## Mulberry Street Improvement Project Announced

The City of Scranton, Scranton City Council and The University of Scranton have announced a Mulberry Street improvement project that will beautify and improve safety for a gateway corridor into the city. The University of Scranton will fund the project, which is estimated to cost more than \$1 million.

Set to begin in the spring of 2008, the project will provide a welcome sign to The University of Scranton and the historic Hill Section of the city, new sidewalks, period street lights and landscaping along Mulberry Street from Jefferson Avenue to North Webster Avenue. The project will also improve safety by widening the turn lane on the southwest corner of Jefferson Avenue and Mulberry Street.

"This is an example of what happens when you cooperate with each other and work with each other," said Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty at the news conference on Sept. 20 on the University's campus. "This (project) is an investment in infrastructure that benefits the city, the neighborhood and the University."

"It's not a monetary contribution, but so much more than a monetary contribution. This will last forever," said Judy Gatelli, president of Scranton's City Council. "This is needed in the Hill. The University has stepped up to the plate. This will certainly be the most wonderful artery through the city."

Officials from the City of Scranton and the University unveiled plans for a streetscaping project at a news conference on Sept. 20. From left: Mayor Chris Doherty, Councilman Robert McGoff, Councilwoman Sherry Nealon Fanucci, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Council President Judy Gatelli and Hon. Ken Smith, Pennsylvania House of Representatives.



## National Rankings Continue for Scranton

During the release of annual fall rankings of American universities, The University of Scranton received three national accolades in just one week.

Scranton was listed as one of the top ten master's level universities in the north by *U.S. News & World Report*. This is the 14th consecutive year that *U.S. News* has ranked Scranton among the top ten schools in the north. The list, published on Aug. 20 in the annual edition of "America's Best Colleges," also listed Scranton among the "Great Schools at a Great Price," which relates academic quality to the cost of attendance. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Scranton has been included among the 15 colleges listed as "Great Schools at a Great Price." Also, for the fourth consecutive year, Scranton has been named among the five schools in its category listed for having the "Highest Graduation Rates."

Scranton was the only college in Northeastern Pennsylvania to be among the elite colleges in the nation profiled in the Princeton Review's *The 366 Best Colleges*, marking the sixth consecutive year that the University made Princeton Review's exclusive list. The guide published on Aug. 21.

Scranton was also the only area college to be listed in Kaplan/*Newsweek's* 2008 publication *How to Get Into College*, which listed Scranton among the nation's "372 Most Interesting Schools" for the second consecutive year. The Kaplan/*Newsweek* guide published on Aug. 15.

## Alumnus Honored for Humanitarian Work

William A. Canny '77, the country representative for Haiti for Catholic Relief Services, received an honorary degree from the University and addressed the incoming freshman students during a New Student Assembly on Aug. 25. In the citation, read by classmate Linda D'Andrea Barrasse, M.D.'77, Canny was praised for his humanitarian work throughout the world. "Mr. Canny's work with American and international humanitarian organizations has taken

him from Africa and India to Europe, Eurasia and Haiti. In his travels and work across the globe, he has answered the Ignatian call of service to others, 'to give and not to count the cost,'" read Dr. Barrasse.

In addition to his work for Catholic Relief Services, Canny previously served as Secretary General of The International Catholic Migration Commission, an appointment that required approval by the Holy See.

William A. Canny '77 addressed a nearly full-house audience in the Byron Complex following his awarding of an Honorary Degree during a New Student Assembly, Aug. 25.



## Nine Named to Board of Trustees



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Nine new members have been elected to three-year terms on The University of Scranton's Board of Trustees, beginning their terms at the Oct. 4 board meeting.

New trustees are: Thomas J. Davis, CPA '69, proprietor of a financial advisory and consulting practice; Donna M. Doherty, owner of Heart to Art; Rev. James F. Duffy, S.J., M.D. '88, chaplain of

Georgetown University School of Medicine and internist at the Spanish Catholic Center, Washington, D.C.; Edward Glynn, S.J. H'90, president, Christ the King Preparatory School, Newark, N.J.; Eugene J. Kane Sr. '54, chairman of Kane is Able, Inc.; James Knipper '81, president and CEO of J. Knipper and Company; James F. Mullery Jr. '86, president of the Global

Sub-Advisory Group at AXA Equitable; Diane Edmunds Murray H'06, co-founder and president of Lavelle Murray, Inc.; and John A. Walsh '66, senior vice president and executive editor of ESPN and the ESPN Internet Group.

Biographical sketches of members of the Board of Trustees may be found on the Web site at [www.scranton.edu/trustees](http://www.scranton.edu/trustees).

## Conference on disAbility Draws Record Crowd

"Autism Across the Lifespan: Allies in Action" was discussed to a capacity crowd gathered for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility, held Oct. 18 on campus. The Conference included sessions on education, employment and independent living.

Keynote speakers were two leading advocates for autism in Pennsylvania and America. Dennis O'Brien, the 137th Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and founder and co-chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Autism Caucus, opened the conference with his keynote address, "Pennsylvania Legislation and Commitment to Autism Funding."

Lee Grossman, president and chief executive officer of the Autism Society of America and the Autism Society of America Foundation, discussed the "worldwide pandemic" of autism, the challenges it presents, and the hope for change. Grossman also received the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Award in Individual and Systems Advocacy for Autism. Jeanne Brolan '01, Community Organizer for United Neighborhood



The 6th Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility included the presentation of the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Award to two individuals. From left: Vanessa Silla-Zaleski, Ed.D., and Constance Wisdo, conference planning committee co-chairs; Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., president emeritus of the University; Patricia and Edward Leahy '68, honorary conference co-chairs; Jeanne Brolan '01 and Lee Grossman, Leahy Award recipients; and Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Centers of Lackawanna County, and mother of a son with autism, received the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Excellence Award in Community Advocacy for Autism.

The conference also featured a live videoconference with U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, who discussed the bill he is drafting that will allow parents to create disability educational IRAs, as well as the issue

of funding for children with disabilities through the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act.

The Conference was presented by The University of Scranton's J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies and the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Endowment. Honorary Chairpersons were Edward R. Leahy '68 and Patricia Leahy.



## Faculty and Staff

### Faculty Promotions, Tenure Decisions Announced

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., announced 16 faculty promotions, including tenure decisions, effective at the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year.

The following faculty members were promoted to professor effective the fall of 2007: Yaodong Bi, Ph.D., computer science; S. Kingsley Gnanendran, Ph.D., operations management; Sharon M. Hudacek, Ed.D., nursing; Robert W. Shaffern, Ph.D., history; Carol S. Slotterback, Ph.D., psychology; and Gary N. Wodder, Ph.D., exercise science and sport.

The following were promoted to associate professor and granted tenure beginning the fall of 2007: Robert F. Waldeck, Ph.D., biology; Antoinette G. Glover, Ph.D., English; Kelli O'Brien, Ph.D., theology/religious studies; Krzysztof Plotka, Ph.D., math; and Christie P. Karpiak, Ph.D., psychology.

The following were promoted to associate professor beginning the fall of 2007: Benjamin J. Bishop, Ph.D., computing science; and William B. Anderson, Ph.D., communication.

The following were granted tenure beginning the fall of 2007: Eric A. Plumer, Ph.D., theology/religious studies; Rev. Timothy J. Cadigan, S.J., biology; and Robert J. Spinelli, health administration/human resources.

The University currently employs 267 full-time faculty members, 82 percent of whom hold doctorate or terminal degrees.

### Four Named to Posts at Scranton

Rosette Burakari Adera has been named Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity.

Adera comes to the University from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where she served as an ESL program coordinator for the Center

for Student Development, as well as a member of the Senior Management Advisory Committee (Office of Human Rights and Equity), where she worked



**Rosette Burakari Adera**

with the university administration to promote diversity and equity at a governance and senior leadership level. She brings more than 15 years of combined experience in community development through advocacy and consultation on gender, race, language and ethnicity, immigration, citizenship, war and genocide. She earned an M.A. degree from McMaster University and an M. Ed. degree from the University of Western Ontario.

Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D., has been named dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies. Before joining the University, Dr. Pellegrino was chair of the Department of Education, director of the master of education programs, and an associate professor of education in the area of literacy and elementary education



**Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D**

at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Mo. Additionally, she served as literacy coordinator for the Central City Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Kansas City, Mo.-St. Joseph, and coordinator of the greater Kansas City area children's literature conferences and the annual Read the World Literacy Conference in the Midwest. She earned an Ed.D., from Saint Louis University and M.Ed. and B.S. degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

E. Springs Steele, Ph.D., has been named associate provost and vice president

for academic affairs. Dr. Steele served as interim associate provost from July 2005 to June 2007 and has been a member of



**E. Springs Steele, Ph.D.**

the University's faculty in the Technology and Religious Studies Department since 1979. Dr. Steele was named to the rank of full professor in 1996 and was chair of the Theology/Religious Studies Department

from 2000 until his appointment as interim associate provost. He earned his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame. He has served on the Board on Rank and Tenure, the Faculty Affairs Council and the Climate Study Response Committee.

W. Jeffrey Welsh, Ph.D., has been named dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Education. Before joining Scranton, Dr. Welsh was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. Previously, he was vice president for academic affairs, dean of faculty and professor of history at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C. He has also held academic and administrative positions at



**W. Jeffrey Welsh, Ph.D.**

Surry Community College, Firelands College, and Bowling Green State University, and was a visiting research fellow with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. An 18th Century American Historian, he has authored

a number of scholarly articles, edited a collection of essays on the War of 1812 and presented at numerous conferences. He earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Bowling Green State University, and an A.B. degree from Grove City College.

## Achievements and Awards

Jean Wahl Harris, Ph.D., chair of the political science department and associate professor, has been chosen as a Fellow by the American Council on Education (ACE) for the 2007-08 academic year. Dr. Harris is one of only 39 educators in the nation chosen for the prestigious fellowship. Fellows participate in the policies, decision-making processes and culture of other institutions of higher learning. They also form a network with other education leaders, attend weeklong fellowship seminars and attend conferences on a national level. In 1994, she received the CASE Professor of the Year award from the University, and she is past president of the Lackawanna County League of Women Voters.

Daniel P. Mahoney, Ph.D., professor of accounting, has been chosen as the 2007 Outstanding Educator by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA). He was recognized at PICPA's annual Leadership Conference held in Hershey on Sept. 24. Dr. Mahoney has been the recipient of several awards at the University, including the Teacher of the Year award, the Edward Gannon, S.J. Award for Teaching, the CASE Professor of the Year and the Teacher of the Year in the Kania School of Management.

Rose Sebastianelli, Ph.D., professor of operations management, received the Kania School of Management Professor of the Year award from the Business Club for the second time. The award was presented at the annual KSOM dinner on Oct. 11. Dr. Sebastianelli joined the University in 1988, was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1995, and was named a full professor in 2003. She served as interim dean of the Kania School of Management for one year (1996-97) and as interim dean of the Graduate School for two years (2000-02).

Stephen Casey, associate professor of theology, was presented the John L. Earl Distinguished Service Award during the University Convocation on Sept. 7. This award is presented annually to the member of The University of Scranton

faculty whose service to the University and the wider community best represents the tradition of generosity and dedication that Dr. Earl, a professor of history, exemplified during his tenure at the university from 1964 - 1996.



Pictured, from left: University President Rev. Scott, R. Pilarz, S.J., Prof. Casey, Pauline Earl, wife of the late Dr. Earl, Karen Earl Kolon, M.D., and Jacqueline Earl Hurst.

Three employees were honored with the annual Sursum Corda Award during University Convocation on Sept. 7. The award, which means "Lift Up Your Hearts," was established in 2002 to recognize members who have made outstanding contributions to the University's life and mission. One award is presented to an employee in each of three areas: professional/paraprofessional, clerical/technical and physical plant.

From left: University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., presented this year's awards to Paulette Burton, secretary in the University Ministries Office, Barbara Wagner, director of Clinical Education in the Physical Therapy Department, and Kevin Grebeck, electrician in the Physical Plant office.



## English Professor Writes Third Book on Emerson

A newly released book by Len Gougeon, Ph.D., professor of English, is breaking new ground by exploring the heart as well as the mind of one of America's most important cultural figures. *Emerson & Eros: The Making of a Cultural Hero*, published this summer by the State University of New York Press, is the product of five years of writing and 30 years of thinking by Dr. Gougeon, an Emerson scholar whose previous published works include two other books on Emerson and numerous articles in scholarly journals.

In this biography, Dr. Gougeon traces the spiritual, psychological and intellectual growth of Ralph Waldo Emerson and his transformation from a Unitarian minister into one of America's most important cultural figures.

Jay Parini, a well-known poet, biographer, and scholar, who received an honorary degree from The University of Scranton in 2005, gave Dr. Gougeon's book high praise. "I've read this book with immense pleasure; it is a compelling work of scholarship and spiritual exploration." Dr. Gougeon's book also has been favorably reviewed by *Midwest Book Review*, which reviews books for schools and colleges, and by *The New York Sun*.



Len Gougeon, Ph.D.'s new book, *Emerson & Eros: The Making of a Cultural Hero*, was published this summer by the State University of New York Press.



## Student News and Achievements

### Scranton Welcomes Largest-Ever Undergrad Class

During Fall Welcome Weekend, Aug. 25-26, Scranton welcomed 1,600 incoming students, including a record 1,035 full-time undergraduate students, the largest incoming class in the school's 119-year history. The University also welcomed approximately 60 undergraduate transfer students, 70 non-traditional undergraduate students and 435 new graduate students, which is also a record.

The entering undergraduate students were drawn from 7,608 applicants, marking the sixth consecutive year the University has set a record for undergraduate applications for admission. This represents an increase of 12.5 percent over applications received last year and more than doubles the 2001 totals for applications received. This year's record marks the first time that Scranton's applicant pool broke the 7,000 mark. It was only three years ago that applications



Freshman students received a Royal Welcome as they moved into campus during Fall Welcome Weekend, Aug. 25-26.

first surpassed 6,000 and five years ago when applications first broke 5,000.

Applications to graduate programs have increased by 29 percent this year, and new enrollment has increased by approximately 5 percent. The University has also seen its graduate enrollment nearly triple over the past five years through Web-based and off-campus course offerings and new degree offerings such as the doctorate in physical therapy.

### Kania School Hosts Recruitment Fair

The University's Kania School of Management held its annual recruiting fair and dinner on Oct. 11. The Recruiting EXPO is an opportunity for students to interact with recruiters and faculty in a formal setting. Representatives from more than 20 leading companies, including AXA Advisors, Diversified Information Technologies, Edward Jones Investments, Johnson & Johnson, Lockheed Martin, Merrill Lynch and Pricewaterhouse Coopers, discussed internships and employment with students.

The EXPO concluded with the KSOM Annual Dinner at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel. Keynote speaker was Tom O'Brien '86, managing director of the Fixed Income Division, of Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm and a market leader in securities, investment management and credit services. Mr. O'Brien spoke on his experiences at the University and the job search process, and advised students on career/professional development, with a special emphasis on careers in financial services.



Students from the Kania School of Management explored internships and employment opportunities with more than 20 leading companies during the school's annual recruiting Expo on Oct. 11.

### Presidential Scholars Awarded to 11

The University has awarded 11 freshmen full-tuition Presidential Scholarships for 2007-2008.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high records in both their schools and community involvement. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition for four years of study as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average. The following students were awarded Presidential Scholarships.

Edward K. Besse, Laurel, Md.  
Kristen C. Fenocchi, Jessup  
Maria A. Gubbiotti, Falls  
Daniel J. Herr, Lake Hopatcong, N.J.  
John R. Layton, Hazleton  
Victoria A. Lombardo, Wyoming  
Caitlin R. Mancuso, Piscataway, N.J.  
Caitlin McCarthy, Scranton  
Elizabeth J. Reedy, Camillus, N.Y.  
Anthony J. Stefanelli, Thornhurst  
Rose M. Trotiner, Baldwin, N.Y.

### Family Weekend Brings Hundreds to Campus



It was a weekend for families – about 500 of them, in fact. Hundreds of Scranton students were joined by their families Sept. 28-30 for Family Weekend on campus. The annual carnival (pictured above), sponsored by the University Student Programming Board, was one of an entire weekend of events that also included a book discussion, a lecture by an award-winning Jesuit author, a luncheon and a family Mass.

## Speakers and Lectures

### Nobel Laureate Discusses Genetic Code Research

The researcher whose pioneering work on the genetic code paved the way for decades of biomedical discoveries that have advanced the human condition presented this year's annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Memorial Lecture.

Nobel laureate Marshall W. Nirenberg, Ph.D., discussed "Forty Years after Deciphering the Genetic Code," on Oct. 17 in the Houlihan-McLean Center. Dr. Nirenberg shared the 1968 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for interpretation of the genetic code and its function in protein synthesis.

The Mullin Lecture series, which has brought to campus more than a dozen of Dr. Nirenberg's fellow Nobel laureates, honors the late Dr. Harry Mullin, who earned his bachelor's degree from the University, then St. Thomas College, in 1931. He dedicated a lifetime of service to his profession and the Scranton community. The series is sponsored by his wife, Ethel Mullin, his son, Brian Mullin, M.D., '66 and Robbin Mullin.

### Renowned Economist Discusses Financial Strategies

"Avoiding Fiscal Ruin: Failed Strategies and New Approaches to U.S. Budget Policies" was the topic discussed by David H. Romer, Ph.D., at the University's 22nd annual Henry George Lecture on Oct. 25. Dr. Romer, the Herman Royer Professor of Political Economy at The University of California, Berkeley, is a renowned economist who combines macroeconomic theory with extensive empirical analysis to provide deep insight into the working of the U.S. and global economy. The Economics and Finance Department at The University of Scranton and the campus chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon host the Henry George Lecture, which honors the 19th century American economist and social reformer. The lecture series is funded by a grant from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

### Lecture Series Features Jesuit Author

Christopher Award-winning author James Martin, S.J., discussed "Humor in the Catholic Church" at the University's J.J. Quinn Memorial Lecture on Sept. 28 in the Houlihan-McLean Center on campus. Fr. Martin's hallmark wit and spiritual insights were enthusiastically received by an audience that included many parents and families who were on campus for Family Weekend. Fr. Martin, associate editor of *America* magazine, is author of the bestselling book, *My Life with the Saints* (Loyola Press), as well as his newest book, *A Jesuit Off-Broadway* (Loyola Press). The J.J. Quinn lecture series honors the late J.J. Quinn, S.J., a professor of English at Scranton for more than four decades.



James Martin, S.J., shared a lighthearted moment with the audience during his presentation of "Humor in the Catholic Church" in the Houlihan-McLean Center, on Sept. 28.

### Genocide Survivor Speaks on Campus

As part of the commemoration of Interdependence Day on Sept. 12, the University hosted a panel discussion entitled "Why Don't We Know More About Rwanda?," featuring Jacqueline Murekatete, a young Rwandan who survived a 1994 genocide. Ms. Murekatete has made more than 300 presentations nationwide at venues ranging from schools and universities to the United Nations General Assembly, in an effort to raise awareness of vic-

tims and survivors of genocide. The panel discussion took place in Brennan Hall on campus and included Internet2 video conferencing participation from schools in Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

### Alpha Sigma Nu Club Hosts Annual Lecture

Northeastern Pennsylvania's Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club of the National Jesuit Honor Society sponsored its third annual lecture featuring Gerald P. Fogarty, S.J., the William Kenan Jr. Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. Fr. Fogarty, a former Trustee of the University, spoke on "The Pope and the U.S. on the Eve of World War II" on Oct. 6 in Brennan Hall. An expert on American Catholic history and Vatican-American relations, Fr. Fogarty is the author of several books and is past president of the American Catholic Historical Association. Alpha Sigma Nu is the National Jesuit Honor Society, inducting students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty, and service. The Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club includes members who have graduated from any Jesuit college or university, including The University of Scranton.

### PNC Breakfast Series Continues

Lauri Kavulich, Esq., '86, former chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, discussed "Public-Private Partnerships: A Win-Win for Everyone" at the PNC Breakfast on Sept. 21. The breakfast series continued on Oct. 25 with guest speaker David H. Romer, Ph.D., the Herman Royer Professor of Political Economy at The University of California, Berkeley, who, later that day, presented the Henry George Lecture on campus. The PNC Breakfast series brings together members of the civic and business community to hear guest speakers address topics of regional, national and international interest. PNC Bank is the corporate sponsor.



## Condon Hall Will Provide Improved Sophomore Housing

The University broke ground on Sept. 6 for a new 386-bed sophomore residence hall. On the same day, the University officially named the building Christopher “Kip” and Margaret Condon Hall in honor of Scranton benefactors Christopher M. “Kip” Condon ’70, president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial, Inc., and his wife, Margaret Condon, Ph.D., a trustee of the University.

“The University of Scranton is grateful for the vision, dedication, uncompromising motivation and passionate leadership provided by Kip and Peggy Condon through their work as trustees and through Kip’s stewardship of the President’s Business Council,” said University of Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. “The University of Scranton is proud to celebrate their continuous and generous support by naming this building Christopher ‘Kip’ and Margaret Condon Hall.”

A longtime friend and supporter of Scranton, Mr. Condon



received a bachelor’s degree in business from Scranton in 1970. He served as a trustee for two terms, holding the position of vice chair. He is also the founder and chair of the University’s President’s Business Council, a prominent group of alumni and friends whose purpose is to advance the mission of the University. In 2006, the University awarded its President’s Medal to Mr. Condon at the President’s Business Council’s annual award.

Dr. Condon is an adjunct faculty member at Marymount Manhattan College and serves as an associate director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. She earned a doctorate in environmental studies from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and has served as a member of the Science Advisory Board for the state of Massachusetts and the Allegheny County Air Pollution Advisory Board.



Plans for a 386-bed sophomore residence hall were unveiled at a groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 6. The seven-story building is located in the 300 block of North Webster Avenue.

Construction of Condon Hall began in September and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2008. Several University properties on North Webster Avenue were razed to establish a site for the new 108,000 sq. ft. seven-story facility.

“The project will improve the quality and consistency of sophomore housing, and will replace older, less desirable facilities,” said Fr. Pilarz. “It also anticipates external forces that are shaping the availability of rental housing in the Hill section, such as the city’s welcome enforcement of zoning restrictions, and creates housing opportunities for juniors and seniors by freeing up existing apartment-style options that upperclassmen find more attractive.”

For additional information about the project and a photo gallery of the groundbreaking, visit the Web at [www.scranton.edu/condon-hall](http://www.scranton.edu/condon-hall).

Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony of Condon Hall, from left: Martin Langan, associate vice president for administrative services; Carolyn King, student representative; Vince Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for student affairs; Margaret Condon, Ph.D.; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president; Christopher “Kip” Condon; Phil Condon Sr.; Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty; Nobel C. Quandel, president of The Quandel Group, Inc.; Don Flynn, vice president, Burkavage Design Associates; Bill Burkavage, president, Burkavage Design Associates.



# Advancement

## Institutional Advancement

### DeNaples Honored, New Record Reached at Annual Award Dinner

The University's President's Business Council achieved another record-breaking milestone at its *Sixth Annual Award Dinner* on October 4 at The Pierre in New York City. Louis A. DeNaples Sr. H'05, president of DeNaples Auto Parts, Keystone Sanitary Landfill, and Mount Airy Casino Resort, received the University's President's Medal before an over-capacity crowd of 760 alumni and friends.

Dinner co-chair Andrew B. Dinnhaupt '89, portfolio manager in the Global Financial Services of RBC Capital Markets, announced that this year's dinner raised a record \$1.56 million. This year's total surpassed the \$1.54 million achieved at the 2006 Annual Award Dinner. Mr. Dinnhaupt also noted that in the six-year history of this event, more than \$6.25 million has been raised. Proceeds from the annual dinner go directly to Scranton's Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund, which supports full-tuition scholarships awarded annually by the University to its most academically qualified students.

Kaci E. Haines, a senior majoring in biology with a minor in philosophy from Spring Brook, spoke on behalf of the Presidential Scholars. She thanked the attendees for their generosity and, on behalf of her fellow scholarship recipients, for providing the encouragement needed to grow.



Rev. George Aschenbrenner, S.J., University trustee and rector of the Jesuit Community at Scranton (left), greeted Linda McGowan '80, partner of Pricewaterhouse/Coopers LLP, and Mark Biedlingmaier '80, U.S. Department of State (right).



Louis DeNaples Sr. H'05 (center) gratefully accepted the President's Medal from University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J. and Chair of the President's Business Council Christopher "Kip" Condron '70.

Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70, president & CEO of AXA Financial, Inc., and chair of the President's Business Council, returned to the role as Master of Ceremonies for the evening after being honored at last year's dinner. Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn '72, pastor of the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Carbondale, provided the Invocation.

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., provided an update on the recent activities of the University, as well as its continued successes as recognized by numerous national publications. Fr. Pilarz referred to a recent meeting with a current parent of two University students in describing the ethos of the campus, "At Scranton, when somebody trips, *everybody* stops to help them up." Fr. Pilarz noted that Louis DeNaples exemplifies this Scranton ethos. Fr. Pilarz went on to offer his gratitude to Louis' wife, Bettyann, and their family for "generously sharing your husband, father and grandfather with the University."

A native and resident of Dunmore, Mr. DeNaples is a self-made businessman. His career began with the founding of DeNaples Auto Parts and has grown

into a conglomeration of more than 200 companies in which he has business interests 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 Casino Resort in the Poconos opened its doors in October.

An active community volunteer and philanthropist, Mr. DeNaples also established the Mount Airy Foundation, which will manage charitable giving to programs that target youth, low-income families, and the at-risk and disadvantaged. He has served on the boards of numerous organizations throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

A longtime friend of the University, Mr. DeNaples served two terms as a trustee, including two years as chair of the board. He received an honorary degree from the University in 2005. In July, as recognition of his lifetime of commitment to the University, a new campus center was named in honor of his late parents, Patrick and Margaret DeNaples. The building will open in January 2008.

Enjoying the pre-dinner reception are Board of Trustees Chair Carl Kuehner '62, (right), his wife, JoAnne, and Frank McDonnell, Esq., '60.





In his acceptance remarks, Mr. DeNaples humbly offered his gratitude for this recognition and stated, "Aside from my marriage to my wife, Bettyann, and the birth of our seven children, this is the greatest night of my life." In explaining his family's commitment to support Catholic and Jesuit education, Mr. DeNaples encouraged those present to continue the tradition of generosity. "We are called to the cause of Catholic education in the Jesuit tradition because it offers us a meaningful way to leave a lasting tradition for future generations," he said.

Immediately prior to the President's Medal presentation, two close friends of Mr. DeNaples offered an introduction of this year's honoree. Rev. Joseph F. Sica '77, chaplain of Mercy Hospital in Scranton and a longtime friend of the honoree, described "the style, the vision and the person" of Mr. DeNaples. Fr. Sica described Mr. DeNaples as someone who "sees the finish line long before people know there's



In her remarks, Presidential Scholar Kaci Haines '08 told the audience, "I can only hope to be in your seat some day giving back to an ideal and an institution such as this."

even a race" and who combines "personal humility with a firm determination to move forward." John D. Dionne '86, dinner co-chair, immediate past chair of the University's Board of Trustees, and senior managing director of The Blackstone Group, provided a glimpse into the entrepreneurial success of Mr. DeNaples. "Nothing takes Louis DeNaples off his game," Mr. Dionne said.

The President's Business Council was formed in 2001 by the University and a prominent group of alumni and friends with the purpose of advancing the mission of the University. In addition to its annual dinner, the Council provides mentoring, internship, educational and career opportunities for current students and networking opportunities for alumni and friends.



Rev. Joseph F. Sica '77, chaplain of Mercy Hospital in Scranton, introduced his longtime friend, Louis DeNaples. "You possess a strong will and well-informed opinions that are often based on good old common sense. You place character and integrity well above success," he said of Mr. DeNaples.



Past and present recipients of the President's Medal share in the evening's celebrations. From left: Paul Montrone, Ph.D., '62 (2003 award recipient), University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., Louis DeNaples (2007 award recipient), Christopher "Kip" Condrón '70 (2006 award recipient), and John Dionne '86, immediate past chair of the Board of Trustees.

## In Their Words...

**"ASIDE FROM MY MARRIAGE TO MY WIFE, BETTYANN, AND THE BIRTH OF OUR SEVEN CHILDREN, THIS IS THE GREATEST NIGHT OF MY LIFE."**

*Louis A. DeNaples Sr. H'05,  
President's Medal Recipient*

"Unseen kindnesses on behalf of students and our mission have been a consistent quality of Louis' service to the University throughout the decades."

*Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J.,  
University president*

"On this wondrous night for our beloved University of Scranton ... we celebrate the Gospel virtues of real wisdom of heart, selfless generosity and genuine humility as seen so clearly and strongly in the life and works of Louis DeNaples..."

*Msr. Joseph Quinn '72, Pastor,  
Church of St. Rose of Lima*

"If there is one truly unique business attribute of Louis' no-nonsense approach, it's his ability to make something difficult into something simple,"

*John D. Dionne '86, dinner co-chair and  
past chair of the University's Board of Trustees*

The President's Business Council's seal illuminates the dance floor at the reception following the Award Dinner.





From left: Jaime Giblin, Linda Howell and Lindsey Mitchell '08 helped organize the inaugural Brendan J. Giblin '06 Memorial Golf Outing.

## Golf Outing Celebrates the Memory of Brendan Giblin '06

The Brendan J. Giblin '06 Memorial Golf Outing was held on July 27, to celebrate the memory of Brendan J. Giblin, who passed away during his senior year at Scranton. In its inaugural year, this special golf outing received an outpouring of support from friends, family, sponsors and former classmates of Brendan. There were more than 100 golfers and 200 dinner guests in attendance who gave generously of their time and resources to show their loyalty to the Giblin family and to support the charities that were close to Brendan's heart. Among these causes is The University of Scranton, where the Giblins are hoping to establish an endowed scholarship in their son's name - *The Brendan J. Giblin '06 Memorial Scholarship*. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go toward funding this scholarship, honoring Brendan's memory for years to come.

## Discover the Benefits of Giving ... and Create a Legacy

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Discover how charitable donations can provide payments for you and your loved ones. Calculate your benefits with our online gift calculator. Learn how new tax laws will change the way your IRA pays you and your beneficiaries.

You can create a legacy that endures. We are happy to provide you with additional information. For a confidential conversation, feel free to contact Marise Garofalo at (570) 941-4144 or [marise.garofalo@scranton.edu](mailto:marise.garofalo@scranton.edu) with any questions – specific or general – about gift options that best fit your philanthropic and financial goals.

## Paul Brown '02 Memorial Garden Dedicated

A memorial garden honoring the life and memory of University of Scranton student Paul T. Brown was dedicated on Sept. 22.

The dedication ceremony of "Paul's Place" was attended by members of Paul's family and closest friends from the class of 2002, as well as friends of his sister, Jenna Brown '06. Paul's memorial plaque was blessed by Rev. Terrence P. Devino, S.J., assistant vice president of University Ministries. The dedication concluded with the presentation of individual white roses, which each guest placed on the stone where the plaque is located.

Born on March 30, 1980, Paul passed away from cancer during his senior year at the University. The University of Scranton posthumously awarded his bachelor of the arts degree in 2002.

Following his death in 2001, Paul's mother, Lennea Brown, and sister, Jenna Brown '06, wanted to celebrate their son and brother by creating a place of meditation and beauty dedicated to Paul's memory. Paul's Place is now a physical study space for all members of the University community to enjoy.

Paul's Place is located in Mulberry Plaza within the atrium space between the Mulberry Plaza Apartments, outside of Paul's last place of residence as a student. This memorial garden is funded entirely by the Brown family, who intend to continue their generosity to the University through future gifts directed to Paul's memory at Scranton. Lennea and Jenna also plan to make future visits to the garden and to provide additional funding to maintain the garden while preserving Paul's legacy at Scranton.

Paul's Place, a memorial to former student Paul T. Brown '02, was dedicated on Sept. 22.



# The Royal Fund

OFFICE OF ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAMS

*A Message from the 2007-08 Chair of The Royal Fund*

**PAUL BIEDLINGMAIER JR. '76**

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as the Chair of The Royal Fund for a second term. Last year we had a tremendous response to our appeal exceeding all expectations of our ten benchmark goals. Our ambitious goal this year is \$2.4 million. To realize this important goal, this *Scranton Journal* provides an envelope and an easy opportunity for you to give.

For the past year, I have appealed to you for your participation in unrestricted giving. In an effort to engage everyone in our giving program, we have expanded giving to include designated

contributions to specific areas of interest. You now have the opportunity to support programming that you feel passionate about or were affiliated with during your time at Scranton. I hope these choices can meet your needs and inspire you to say "yes" to your donor priority or particular area of interest.

For some of you the call to giving is new, while others are renewing your commitment. Visiting campus, I witness firsthand the pride, the passion, and the promise that is distinctively ours. When speaking with accounting major, Jennifer Gentile '08 during the Kania School of Management Recruiting Expo on campus, I was impressed with her enthusiasm. Jen stated, "My Scranton education is more than a knowledge change: it's a heart change, and an experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Not only have I been inspired by my teachers, but I positively changed who I am because of my college friends and their impact on my life and my decisions."

I challenge you to join me in the effort to continue impacting students like Jen. With our participation and our resources, we enable our University. We allow synergies to shape, motivate, and inspire thousands of students who develop their own unique educational success. Let's continue to make things happen! Please use the enclosed envelope or visit [www.scranton.edu/makeagift](http://www.scranton.edu/makeagift) to participate in this year's Royal Fund.

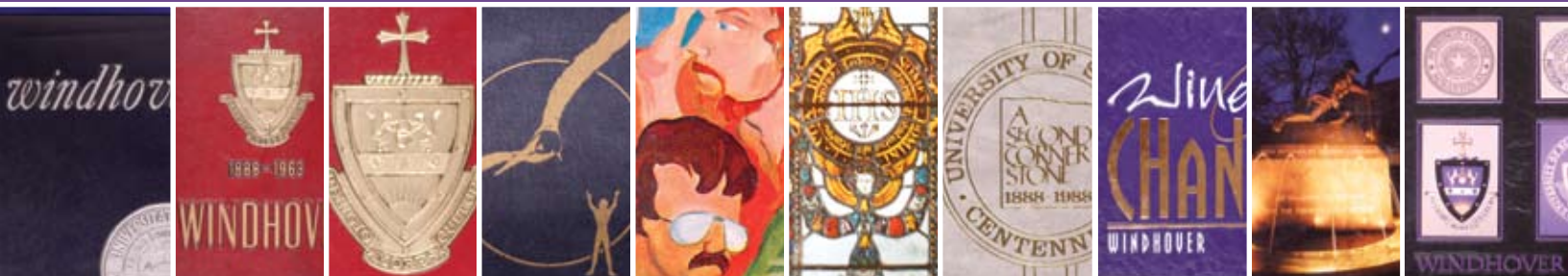


Paul Biedlingmaier Jr. '76, Chair of the Royal Fund, met with Jennifer Gentile '08 at the Kania School Recruiting Expo on campus, Oct. 11.



# THE TIES THAT BIND

ALUMNI REFLECT ON THEIR SCRANTON CONNECTIONS



*You can do something I can't do.  
I can do something you can't.  
Together, let us do something beautiful for God.*

— MOTHER TERESA

Long after students graduate from the University, they continue to share their unique talents in ways that cultivate and sustain a Scranton education. They serve on Alumni Clubs, Reunion Committees and the Medical Alumni Council, in Mission Trips and as Royal Recruiters, Alumni Ambassadors and more. In so doing, they stay connected not only to their Alma Mater, but also to the people who shaped their Scranton experience. In this issue of *The Scranton Journal*, we showcase alumni celebrating their Reunion in 2008 and their personal stories of “The Ties that Bind.”



John E. Swift, M.D., '58 has been honored for his charitable work through awards from the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

**JOHN E. SWIFT, M.D., '58**

## *A Vision of Service*

FOUNDER OF SIGHTING THE WORLD UPHOLDS THE JESUIT MISSION OF SERVICE TO OTHERS

For John E. Swift, M.D., '58, The University of Scranton has been more than a school. It's been a legacy.

Family members who have graduated from or attended the University include his father, John E. Swift, M.D., '22; three uncles; more than half a dozen cousins; his brother; his son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Melissa Leadbeter Swift (both class of '01); and daughter, Colleen.

That's one of the main reasons he stays in close contact with his alma mater nearly 50 years after graduation.

"It's been a very positive influence on our entire family," says Scranton native Dr. Swift, who now resides in Bonita Springs, Fla., with his wife, Kathleen. "Scranton was preeminent in the educational process. It was the most rewarding time for me."

In addition to speaking to high school students as a Royal Recruiter (alumni admissions volunteer to cover college nights and career fairs), Dr. Swift regularly attends annual alumni events in Florida, and even hosted one at his home.

It's Dr. Swift's volunteer activities, however, that broadly demonstrate Scranton's influence on his life. Together with his wife, a registered nurse, he founded Sighting the World, a foundation that coordinates medical trips for the education and

treatment of the visually impaired in African nations and other impoverished regions, including Vietnam, Brazil and Honduras. He also volunteers for service trips through Surgical Eye Expeditions (SEE) International, Inc., a non-profit humanitarian organization that helps restore sight to disadvantaged blind people throughout the world. He has also donated his time as a faculty member at the University of Miami for nearly 40 years.

"It has been very positive, and quite exciting," says Dr. Swift.

His volunteerism also enables him to practice not only the mission of the University, but also to stay in touch with the Jesuit community in the U.S., in South America and overseas.

"We feel quite entwined," he says.

He also has a "very good group" of friends from his college days that he still sees. In some ways, he recalls, the campus hasn't changed much.

"It was hard work, but a lot of fun."

He remembers several good teachers, including two favorites, Leonard N. Wolf, L.L.D., who was professor and chairman of the department of biology, and Umbay H. Burri, Ph.D., Sc.D., then assistant professor and chair of the department of chemistry.

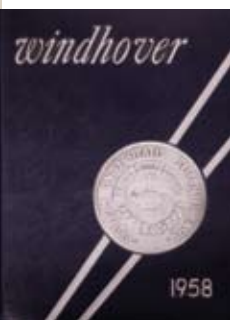
After his graduation from Scranton, Dr. Swift attended medical school at Seton Hall, completed his internship and residency at Temple University Hospital and the University of Michigan, respectively, and did a short stint in the U.S. Air Force. He founded a private ophthalmology practice in Miami nearly 40 years ago, later opening one on the west coast of Florida.

Dr. Swift has been honored for his charitable work by several professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, which gave him the Physician Recognition Award, and the LEO "Lifelong Educations for Ophthalmology" award presented by American Academy of Ophthalmology.

The Swift legacy also lives on in a scholarship established by the estate of James F. Swift, Dr. Swift's brother, in memory of their parents. The John E. Swift, M.D., '22 and Margaret Gurrell Swift Memorial Scholarship is awarded to deserving University students based upon financial need and/or academic achievement.

Dr. Swift hopes the family tradition continues.

"We have six grandchildren, so who knows? I went to five different schools, but Scranton is the one that had the most influence on me."







## GEORGE LESHANSKI '63 AND DONALD O'SULLIVAN '63

# *The Jesuit Mindset*

CLASSMATES, PARTNERS IN LAW FIRM, SHARE JESUIT WAY OF THINKING

It's fair to say that as classmates at Scranton in the early 1960s, George P. Leshanski and Donald O'Sullivan were not terribly fond of each other.

"I was one of the principal people in the Students for JFK," Leshanski recalls, "and Donald was one of the principal students for Richard Nixon."

Both cite the University's camaraderie as a defining mark of their time on campus – just not with each other. And so, after graduating in 1963, the two went their separate ways. O'Sullivan attended law school at Washington & Lee University, but with no intention of practicing. He launched a career in public relations and later opened his own restaurant. Leshanski earned his law degree at New York University, fulfilled his ROTC commitment with a tour in Vietnam, then returned home, passed the bar and went into practice in New York.

A chance meeting in court in the mid-1970s brought the two together briefly; O'Sullivan was there for a personal matter while Leshanski was representing a client who, coincidentally, worked at O'Sullivan's PR firm. It was nearly another decade before they would encounter each other again, once again randomly, this time while walking from opposite ends of a Manhattan street. A deeper conversation ensued, and O'Sullivan, who had been feeling unfulfilled in his professional life, threw himself into passing the bar. He went on to join Leshanski's practice, and, more than 20 years later, their partnership is a thriving one.

O'Sullivan practices family law, while Leshanski shifts his focus among corporate counsel, civil litigation and real estate and intellectual property law. Political differences aside, the two clearly respect and like each other. A conversation with them is

sprinkled liberally with interruptions so that each can finish the other's sentence and share an anecdote, often about their time together at Scranton and how it has influenced their approach to their careers and lives.

"Over the years people have commented on the degree of difficulty of the cases we take," Leshanski says. "The reason I think we're able to handle difficult cases is we have the Jesuit mindset. When people ask what my specialty is, I say I was trained four years by the Jesuits, did four years of counterintelligence in the United States Army, and then I went to law school. I have an investigative mind."

"The curriculum was difficult," adds O'Sullivan. "You had to take 24 hours of philosophy and four years of theology, no matter what your major was. That helped us to think logically, and as a lawyer I can't tell you the importance of expressing ideas in a way that's understandable. And there was a sense of ethics I believe we've carried throughout our lives."

Leshanski has assisted the University's ROTC program and its chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society, and he considers himself "an unofficial recruiter for the University," saying, "Anybody who's considering a Jesuit education or an education in the liberal arts, if I hear they're considering Scranton, I'm all over them." His partner has been back to campus often and has contributed financially over the years, most visibly by helping to fund the Rev. J.J. Quinn, S.J., Scholarship and Memorial Lecture, which honors the late, longtime professor of English, who O'Sullivan says "changed my life."

"I always talk up Scranton anytime I can," says Leshanski. "It was a wonderful experience, and I think about it virtually every day."

F. DENNIS DAWGERT, M.D., '68



## A Volunteer Extraordinaire

ALUMNUS KEEPS FRIENDSHIPS STRONG THROUGH A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO SCRANTON

Dennis Dawgert, M.D., '68 subscribes to the quote inscribed in the foyer of The University of Scranton's Brennan Hall.

"Of those to whom much is given, much is expected," states the verse from Luke 12:48, and it's one of the philosophies that has shaped Dr. Dawgert's life.

At Scranton, he received an excellent education, lasting relationships and guidance toward his faith as well as his career as a pediatrician.

And true to the quote, he's reciprocated by chairing the 25th and 35th reunions of his class and serving on the committee for Reunion 2008; volunteering for the Annual Fund for decades, serving as its chair in 1990; participating on the Medical Alumni Council and the national Alumni Society Board of Governors (to which he was elected in 1983); and participating in service projects.

"I think there's something ingrained in me by my exposure to Jesuits, to serve the community," says Dr. Dawgert, who maintains a thriving practice in Dickson City. "It's vital that you give back, because we've been given a lot. I really feel very strongly about that."

In the mid 1960s, Scranton was primarily a "commuter school." Most students were local residents and lived off campus. Unlike many of his classmates, Dr. Dawgert was not a Scranton native, but hails from Elysburg. He wanted to attend a Jesuit institution because of the reputation for scholastic excellence, and considered Scranton because his uncle, Rev. Paul Burak, was an alumnus.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Dawgert met his future wife, Grace, who was enrolled at Marywood University. After he completed medical school and a residency at St. Louis University Medical Center, Dr. Dawgert and his wife returned to Pennsylvania while he worked for the National Health Service Corps, an organization of physicians who provide primary health care for underserved children and adults.

Dr. Dawgert and his wife settled in Clarks Summit and had four daughters, Amy, Catherine, Maura and Sarah. He set up a pediatric practice with classmate Thomas E. Zukoski, M.D. '68, a partnership that he describes as a "wonderful experience."



F. Dennis Dawgert, M.D., '68 says it's "vital that you give back, because we've been given a lot."

"It was probably the best move I ever made," he says.

The two practiced together for 30 years, until Dr. Zukoski's recent retirement. Dr. Dawgert has two more partners who are Scranton graduates, Timothy D. Welby, M.D., '87, and Mark J. Sigman, M.D., '94.

He gives much credit to Scranton for shaping both his personal beliefs and his career path. During his senior year, he was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit honor society for juniors and seniors who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service. He's still active in the honor society, having served as the vice president in 2005-06 for the Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He credits Biology Professor and Department Chair Leonard N. Wolf, L.L.D., for helping him and others get into medical school.

"I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Dr. Wolf, as well as my biology professors, Dr. Joseph Evans, Fr. Paul Biening and Dr. John Callahan. I was well prepared for medical school in terms of a scientific background," he says. "The philosophy and ethics courses I had have served me very well throughout my lifetime."

Dr. Dawgert also cites the late Edward J. Gannon, S.J., as a major influence.

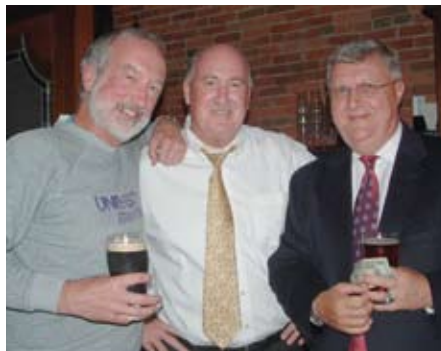
"We used to have annual retreats at Wernersville, the former Jesuit novitiate," he explains. "When I came back to Scranton in 1977, the first person I heard from was Fr. Gannon, who welcomed me. I became reacquainted with Wernersville and have gone back there just about every year. It's been helpful in forming my spiritual life, and helping me stay grounded and centered in a Christian lifestyle."

He then became involved with Rev. George J. Schemel, S.J., '52 meeting very early each Wednesday morning for an Annotation 19 Ignatian Retreat. Fr. Schemel also provided Dr. Dawgert and Dr. Zukoski with a workable business model that proved helpful in their practice. Consequently, when the Schemel Forum began offering cultural enrichment courses to the public in 2005-06, he and his wife became active participants.

He plans to keep his Scranton friendships strong for years to come.

"Thanks to the University, I've had the good fortune of meeting some really wonderful young men who became lifelong friends. The people, camaraderie and friendships I developed are among my fondest memories of my time there."





John Harris '73 (center), president of the Scranton Club of South Central Pennsylvania, is joined by Joseph Gary Malloy '68 (left) and Jim Walsh '69 (right) at a Club event in Harrisburg this fall.

## JOHN HARRIS '73

# *A Labor of Love*

SCRANTON CONNECTION IS A COMMON DENOMINATOR OF ALUMNI CLUB PRESIDENT'S VARIED CAREER

As a political science major at Scranton amidst the turbulence of the Vietnam War era, John Harris '73 had plenty of opportunities to debate some of the country's most defining social and political issues. And the self-professed "rabble-rouser" took full advantage.

"We were discussing all that stuff. The Jesuits wanted us to," he says. "You were motivated by professors and Jesuits to think, and it was cool. It was a great time."

Thus encouraged to form his own views and find his own voice, Harris left the University and embarked upon a fascinating and varied career marked by new challenges and new fields; through it all he has welcomed the personal tests of new directions and steadfastly refused to compromise his values. The independent thinker fostered by the Jesuits has done things his way.

The notion of striking out on his own path began early. Intending on a career in politics, Harris landed a post with the Pennsylvania Democratic Committee, but soon soured on what he calls "the dog-eat-dog daily." He had connected with a Governor Schapp administration press adviser who went on to take a leadership role in a public

relations and advertising firm, and so when public service turned out to be something other than what he was looking for, Harris sought out his former colleague and switched careers.

His next challenge would come a few years later, when a friend working at the Valley Forge Sheraton called to see if he'd be interested in hotel management. Harris jumped at the chance to learn something new – in this case, how to succeed in the hospitality industry – and his experience with the hotel's

restaurant and entertainment sides encouraged him to return to the state capital to open and book acts for a nightclub. That, in turn, led to a gig promoting shows in Harrisburg, welcoming the likes of Bob Dylan, the Grateful Dead, Metallica and Bon Jovi.

"It was work," he says, "but when you look back on it, geez, I met Jerry Garcia and Bono and the Edge. Not too many people get that opportunity and get paid while they're doing it."

Consolidating his myriad of experiences and wealth of contacts in the music industry, Harris went on to launch a consulting business specializing in the business side of entertainment, sports and hospitality. As if dealing with his numerous clients doesn't keep him busy enough, he runs two annual music conferences, manages several acts, and does public speaking. Harris, a four-year soccer player at Scranton, also continues to play in a league, helps to manage an amateur club, and is on the board of a professional team in Harrisburg.

"I've always been multitasking," he says. "I don't think I could be satisfied doing one thing."

Perhaps the single constant in Harris's varied multitasking efforts since 1973 has been his connection to the University. From his participation in student government during his days on campus to the presidency of the Scranton Club of South Central Pennsylvania to his attendance at leadership seminars on campus, he has managed to nurture his relationship with Scranton even while keeping a healthy amount of balls in the air.

"It's another labor of love," he says. "The University was a big part of my life, and it's got a great story up there. When I go back I'm continually amazed at how it's grown and changed."

You could say the same about John Harris.



HELEN STOUT GAVIN '78

## *A Journey that is Still Unfolding*

AFTER 25 YEARS, ALUMNA KEEPS COMING BACK AND GIVING BACK TO SCRANTON



Every day, Helen Stout Gavin '78 lives the Jesuit ideal of service to others.

The busy mother of three works as a full-time teaching assistant in special education at a Long Island high school, volunteers in her local parish, is a member of Molloy College's English Language Arts Education Advisory Board and attends Molloy College part-time in pursuit of a master's degree in education.

"It's a way to give back and to say 'thank you' for the gifts and foundation for life that I received while I was there," says Gavin. "Scranton is such an integral part of me that it is natural for me to stay part of it as years go by."

A Bucks County native who resides in Massapequa, N.Y., with her husband, Christopher '77, and their children, Caragh, Sean and Thomas, Gavin knows she "can't do everything" she'd like to do to help others. But, she says, "I do feel we should all try to do what we can." She knows many other Scranton alumni who volunteer in their parishes and communities.

"When I look at some of the incredible things my friends from Scranton have done, it is just amazing. Scranton graduates seem to do quite well. We all share the common thread of our four years together," she said.

It's that bond that keeps Gavin coming back to visit her alma mater and taking an active role in alumni club activities.

"Most of the alumni share a special regard for God, for friends and for family," she states. "This is why I want to give back to others in thanksgiving for all I have been given. I believe that the University is a wonderful learning community centered in Jesus that teaches us how to appreciate and accept others as we develop as individuals. It helped to open my heart and mind, and I am a better person because of my experience there."

After earning a bachelor's degree in human services from Scranton, Gavin married and moved to Long Island, pursuing a career in the cosmetics industry. She left to become a full-time homemaker after the birth of her first child, and began volunteering in her parish, teaching religious education and working as coordinator of the Junior Rosary Society. When her youngest child entered kindergarten, she began teaching at a local Catholic elementary school and found it so fulfilling that she decided to pursue teaching as a career.



From left: Ronald Collins, Esq., '77; Christopher Gavin '77, Helen Stout Gavin '78, Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenney, S.J., administrator of the Jesuit community at Scranton; Linda D'Andrea Barrasse, M.D., '77; and Peter Cirrinicione '77, share some memories at Reunion 2007.

She especially enjoys providing religious instruction to a young boy with cerebral palsy in her parish.

"This year, it is my privilege to prepare him to receive First Holy Communion. It's my hope to help him realize his dream of becoming an altar server. In the future, I hope to be able to help my parish to find new ways to accommodate and include parishioners with special needs."

For all her teaching experience, however, Gavin modestly admits she is always learning herself. "I think my own children and my students teach me more about God and about life than I could possibly teach them," she says. "At Scranton I learned not only to think, but to think for myself. I guess that is what education is all about. It was the beginning of a journey that is still unfolding."

"I'm still benefiting from things I learned at Scranton. Because of my well-rounded background from the Jesuits, I am able to offer extra help in many subject areas to students. The University offered a great atmosphere for personal growth. I am very proud to say that I graduated from The University of Scranton."





Liz Altemus Murphy '83 remains active in her alma mater as a way to invest in the Scranton education that she so values.

## ELIZABETH ALTEMUS MURPHY '83

# An Enriching Experience

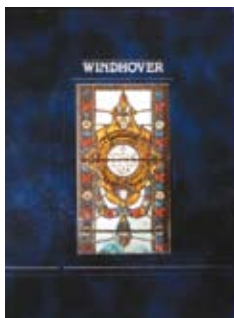
DATATEL V.P. COMPLEMENTS HER PROFESSIONAL PROGRESS WITH AN INCREASING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

It would be a mistake to see Elizabeth A. Murphy's steady climb up the corporate ladder as a snub of the mission-oriented values she picked up during her years at Scranton.

Sure, her business card reads *Vice President of Professional Services*. Yes, she has 250 people reporting to her, all in the service of 750 clients. And, okay, last year she was named to her company's board of directors.

Just don't think Liz Murphy exalts the bottom line above all else. For one thing, Murphy's company, Datatel Inc., is in education, providing business services to colleges and universities across the country. For another, she emphasizes the importance of giving back regardless of one's profession or industry.

"Perhaps it's my Jesuit training, but I've always believed that whatever I do, I want to focus on tying it back to something that's making a difference," she says. "Even though I work in the private sector, our company is focused on helping to change the world through education."



After graduating with degrees in communication and philosophy in 1983, Murphy immediately went to work for the University as a fundraiser. From there, it was on to Washington, D.C., and positions with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, where she served as

executive director. One of the foundation's board members was then Datatel's CEO, who successfully wooed Murphy to corporate America in 1989.

Noting the importance of "leveraging your talents in your workplace and your community," Murphy has complemented her progress at Datatel with an increasing commitment to service. She is on the board of the Lupus Foundation of America's Greater

Washington Chapter, contributes to the Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern Pennsylvania, and has joined her husband, Justin '76, in growing their involvement with The University of Scranton "from the perspective of both the time we're giving and the financial commitment we're making."

"One of the things you learn as part of your Jesuit education is the responsibility that you have to balance your life so that you're making a contribution professionally, you're making a contribution to your community and you're growing personally in the talents you've been given," Murphy says. "I think the shaping of that is really drawn out of the underlying philosophy that to have a very rich life, you have to give to enrich your life. The Jesuits are really powerful in modeling that."

Murphy's immersion into the Scranton experience began early. Freshman orientation fostered an immediate sense of belonging by providing her a safe environment in which to explore her independence. And when she had to be hospitalized during her first week as a student, she found a surprisingly large number of people – students, faculty and staff – extending their hands in assistance.

"The whole community was so supportive," Murphy recalls. "I had known these people but four days, and you would think I was family. You had community, you got a great education, you had the whole power that is the Jesuits."

Murphy, who received the alumni award for service and loyalty as a senior, remains an active alumna, donating to the University's fundraising efforts and serving on her class committee for her 25th reunion in June 2008.

"What keeps me connected is how much I got from the experience," she says. "I believe that unless you invest in it, it's not going to be there for someone else. The University experience is obviously what you make it, but it can be a very rich experience personally and academically."

It's an experience that continues to enrich Liz Murphy, even as she climbs that ladder.

ANTHONY YANNI, M.D. '88

# A Healthy Connection

## MEDICAL ALUMNI COUNCIL PROVES REWARDING FOR PHYSICIAN – AND STUDENTS

For Anthony Yanni, the MAC is not a computer, an apple or even a supersized hamburger. It's a way of staying connected to his alma mater.

Dr. Yanni was in the throes of establishing an internal medicine practice with two other Scranton alumni when yet another alum contacted him about forming a Medical Alumni Council at The University of Scranton. The call from Gerald Tracy, M.D., '63 to create a network of doctors who could mentor pre-med students and graduates of Scranton was met with enthusiasm by Dr. Yanni.

"What we talked about was taking some successful alumni, getting them reconnected to the University and then, through that, providing a resource for pre-med students pursuing their career choices," Dr. Yanni recalls of his conversation with Dr. Tracy.

The connection to his alma mater had considerable appeal to Dr. Yanni, particularly as he reflected on his own years at Scranton.

"I like the satisfaction that comes from helping students," he says.

Students face many choices and challenges. Through the Medical Alumni Council, we can "connect them with someone who cares," adds Dr. Yanni. "It's a resource I would love to have had when I was a student."

Members of the Medical Alumni Council help students in their application to medical and dental schools, sponsor continuing education programs for their colleagues and engage in community service projects, including some medical missions to Haiti.

"Long-term, what we are doing is creating a connection for students," says Dr. Yanni. "It's a connection that lasts," he says, noting how things come "full circle" when Scranton students later return to their alma mater as members of the Medical Alumni Council.

While medicine is a career of the sciences, it is also a career of treating people, as Dr. Yanni knows from his 12 years of private practice specializing in internal medicine.

"In a city like Scranton, you don't just treat patients in a clinical environment, but also in the process of getting to know them in their community environment," he says.



University President Emeritus Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., (center) joins Anthony Yanni, M.D., '88 and his wife, Karen Fagin Yanni '88 at an annual Labor Day gathering of 1988 alumni, held at the Yanni's home in Scranton.

This fall, Dr. Yanni joined Sanofi Pasteur as director of clinical development, where he is working on a meningitis vaccine. While he will miss the direct patient interaction of a private practice, he says the job is well within the realm of his medical training.

"I'll be developing treatments that will affect larger groups of people instead of treating patients one person at a time," he says.

Whether working directly with patients or in a research environment, Dr. Yanni is pursuing a lifelong dream.

"Ever since I can remember, I've had a significant interest in the sciences," he says.

When it came time to study medicine, Scranton was the logical choice. "Right in our own back yard is one of the best places in the country to prepare you for a career in medicine."

True to its mission, it was at Scranton where Dr. Yanni learned the importance of the Jesuit maxim of *cura personalis* – care for the whole person. One of the people who influenced him most at Scranton was not even one of his own professors. Dr. Matthew Farrell, a professor in the Graduate School who knew some members of Dr. Yanni's family, "took me under his wing and showed me how to better prepare myself for the hard work of medical school."

Like about 1,760 alumni couples, it was during his years at the University that Dr. Yanni met the woman he married: Karen Fagin '88.

"The University creates an environment – it really does," says Dr. Yanni. "I've graduated from a lot of places, from high school to medical school. But the one place that I feel most connected with is The University of Scranton. The older students set an example for us."

It's an example he continues to set for others through his service to the Medical Alumni Council.

"You learn at Scranton that service is something that's not only good to do, but is expected of you, and it's something you take with you, wherever you go," he says.



DOMINIQUE PONZIO BERNARDO '93

## The Architect of Change

IN HER CAREER AND IN VOLUNTEER WORK, ALUMNA SEEKS TO EFFECT "SOME SORT OF CHANGE"



The parking sticker said it all. Dominique Ponzio Bernardo was walking down the street near her office in North Philadelphia when she noticed a car bearing a University of Scranton parking sticker. "I had to laugh," she says. As Dominique and a former roommate often joke, the parking sticker was a vivid reminder that "all roads lead to Scranton."

That adage has held true for Bernardo in the almost 15 years since she graduated from the University.

Upon arriving at Scranton, she was "looking to find community" in different ways than she had in high school – "a sense of *doing* things," as she describes. She found plenty to do in her service with Collegiate Volunteers and Student Government fundraising, and as an orientation aid, a Resident Assistant and a participant in retreat programs.

After earning her bachelor of science degree at Scranton, Bernardo was intent on returning to the Philadelphia area, where she grew up. Not long after landing a job with the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand, she began to wonder if this type of work was right for her. She began working with, and then requesting, nonprofit clients, and, through that, found her calling.

"I realized that I didn't need to change every nonprofit. I could change just one," she says.

She decided to return to college to pursue and ultimately earn master of social work and master of business administration degrees from Boston College. The decision to attend another Jesuit university for her graduate studies was anything but accidental. "It was intentional," says Bernardo. Her continued studies at a Jesuit university, coupled with a position as a Residence Assistant "allowed me to articulate better what I learned at Scranton."

During her years at BC, Bernardo found herself frequently



Dominique Ponzio Bernardo stands in front of a mural entitled, "The Doors of Destiny are in Your Hands," created by youth in a delinquency prevention program offered by Congreso de Latinos Unidos.

traveling the road from Boston to Scranton, where she stayed in close contact with Patricia Vaccaro, Director of the Community Outreach Office, and Fr. Brendan Lally, S.J., '70, then Rector of the Jesuit Community at Scranton. At the encouragement of Fr. Lally, Dominique participated in Scranton's international service program in the summer of 1996, and was co-director of the service trip to Mexico in the summer of 1997.

It was during the trip to Mexico that Dominique realized, "This is a population I really enjoy working with." After earning her master's degrees from BC, she completed an internship with the Latino population in Boston, then volunteered abroad for a year in Costa Rica, putting her social work skills to work by helping young girls.

Thousands of miles away from Scranton, she was vividly reconnected to her alma mater.

"I was living in a religious community of the Salesian congregation, which I knew was founded by St. John Bosco, the same religious order of priests who were involved with my international service trip to Mexico," she recalls. "So it really does come full circle."

After spending a full year in Costa Rica, she joined Congreso de Latinos Unidos, one of the top 15 Latino nonprofits in the nation, in 2001. She began working as a high school youth program coordinator before moving into agency administration. Today, she is vice president for quality assurance, a position that allows her to combine her degrees in social work and business administration. Most importantly, she says, the job allows her to stay connected to mission-driven programs.

"It's about effecting some sort of change," she says, referencing the Jesuit ideals she learned at Scranton.

Bernardo has been an architect of change in Scranton's Alumni Society, helping to develop the "Four Corners" model for Alumni Clubs. "It articulates a second purpose of why we come together," she says of the social, spiritual, networking and community "corners" of alumni events.

Involvement in alumni events is "not about asking people to make this crazy commitment of time," she notes. Rather, she says, it's about finding what interests you and staying connected through that. In doing that, you're likely to find yourself on a road that leads to Scranton.



## ALICIA GUARNUCCIO CRIGHTON '98

# *The Right Balance*

GOLDMAN SACHS EXEC MAINTAINS CLOSE TIES TO SCRANTON A HALF A WORLD AWAY

Yes, Alicia Guarnuccio Crighton '98 admits, there were times during her years as a finance major at Scranton when she found aspects of the rigorous business education she received “annoying.” Reading a 10-page article and summing it up in a 15-second presentation in front of her Business Leadership class, when, after all, would she need that skill?

Well, today, as it turned out. As a vice president with Goldman Sachs's Hong Kong office, Crighton must be able to think quickly on her feet, to summarize six months of performance, for example, during the short course of an elevator ride with one of the firm's partners.

“It was really good preparation,” she says of her Scranton training. “Things like that become invaluable over time.”

Goldman recruited Crighton right out of college, placing her in its controller's group and sending her to London for a year. Seeking a more client-facing role at the company, she returned to New York and changed groups, spending time in product development, client service and sales. Last year, Goldman tapped her to get its clearing business unit up and running in Hong Kong, to complement the presence it already had developed in that area in the United States and Europe. Crighton arrived in February and immediately put her education and experience to good use.



Just 10 years after graduating from the University, Alicia Guarnuccio Crighton has risen to the executive level at Goldman Sachs. But she says she would “go back to Scranton in a heartbeat.”

“We work with exchange members, market members and proprietary trading firms,” she explains. “They outsource their back office processing to us. My new role is a combination of many things – research, product development and sales.”

“The overall Jesuit experience – the work ethic, the discipline, the support structure,” was great preparation for future endeavors. “The teachers, faculty and staff are there for you, but you have to stand on your own two feet. It's the right balance.”

The chair of her class's five-year reunion, Crighton still keeps up with campus news half a world away, and every time there's an announcement about a new capital project or a new award for the University, her heart swells just a little bit larger.

“When you have such fond memories, you don't want to let it go,” she says. “When it was such a significant and good part of your life, you want to retain a part of that and make sure other

people know that and are aware of what the University can do. I'm proud to have graduated from there. It was such a positive part of my life in every way, from academics to social values.”

“I'd go back to Scranton in a heartbeat,” she says. “I'd give all this up and go right back. The friends you make, the lifestyle you have there, it's magical.”





STEPHANIE TESSING '03

## True to the Task

MEDICAL STUDENT SAYS HER SCRANTON EDUCATION KEEPS HER FOCUSED ON SERVICE

Stephanie Tessing '03 is fully aware of how trite she sounds when answering the question of what got her interested in medicine.

"I always knew that I wanted to help people," she says, laughing. "It's such a cliché."

At the same time, Tessing adds, "I was never one of those people who wanted to be a doctor ever since they were little. I had thought about medical school because of my interest in science. I like working with people, and I like the idea of doctors teaching things to people."

It wasn't until her sophomore year at Scranton, during a service trip to a Navajo reservation, when she "came full-face with health-care disparities for the first time," that her moderate interest in medicine turned into a passion. Four years after graduating from the University, she is in her final year at Temple University School of Medicine, with a master of public health degree under her white coat and several applications to pediatric residency programs in the pipeline.

"I just like working with kids," she says. "I love the atmosphere of a children's hospital. There's a lot of camaraderie among parents, physicians and nurses. It's a lot of fun."

North Philadelphia isn't terribly far from Northeastern Pennsylvania geographically, but culturally the differences are considerable. Tessing credits her Scranton education with helping her to bridge that divide, both as an MPH candidate teaching health and nutrition to large classes of undergraduates and, later, dealing with patients from a wide array of backgrounds.

"Being at Temple, I see a very diverse patient population, and I think Scranton teaches you how to relate to people," Tessing says. "It's incredibly important. If you can't find a common bond with a patient or their parents, you're not going to be able to communicate effectively with them and treat them."



A service trip to a Navajo reservation during her sophomore year at Scranton ignited Stephanie Tessing's moderate interest in medicine into a passion.

Tessing recalls her University experience as a comprehensive one, with such varied memories as stimulating classes, SEARCH retreats, service and volunteer opportunities, and the friendships she made all occupying a place in her heart.

"My whole time at Scranton was incredibly special," she notes. "It's a whole package deal. There are academic experiences that stand out, spiritual experiences, social experiences -- all of it."

For a week during both her junior and senior years, Tessing joined Medical Alumni Council members on a trip to Haiti, where they staffed a badly underresourced clinic in Port-au-Prince. She found the experience -- watching and assisting physicians practice medicine in such an impoverished setting -- to be profoundly moving and humbling, and, because of it, she developed an interest in international health. In her first two years at

Temple, she was involved with the School of Medicine's International Health Program, and she is planning a month-long trip to Ecuador in late 2007 to brush up on her Spanish and serve patients there.

"All of that was a direct result of my Haitian experience," Tessing says. "I want to continue that focus throughout my practice."

Tessing sees her time at the University as a touchstone, a grounding influence. It reminds her that, in the midst of paperwork, managed care and all of the other headaches that can come with practicing, ultimately, medicine is about people. It is about helping them stay healthy and returning them to good health should they fall ill, regardless of where they live or what their station is in life.

"My Scranton experience has helped keep me focused on service," she says. "It's easy to become jaded, but the Jesuit background has kept me true to what got me into medicine in the first place."

# YOUR REUNION

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**For a tentative schedule** of events, hotel information and more visit [www.scranton.edu/reunion](http://www.scranton.edu/reunion). Registration for Reunion events and on campus accommodations will be available this spring.

*For me, Reunion is an opportunity to return to Scranton if only for a short time, to catch up with friends and relive the memories we made together 20 years ago.*

KELLY McDONALD  
MULROY '88

*I am excited to see everyone in my class and to return to Scranton. The University provided so many wonderful experiences and opportunities for me. I am excited to do what I can to ensure that future students are as blessed as I was.*

ANTHONY VIGLIOTTA '03

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# Royals Athletics

## No Ordinary Joe

He was an extraordinary coach with an ordinary first name.

And yet what stood out most about Joe Bochicchio wasn't his incredible record or his numerous personal accomplishments, but, rather, his humility, compassion and dignity. His death on July 24 at the age of 61 after a brief illness saddened The University of Scranton community and beyond.

Bochicchio arrived on campus as a part-time coach in 1984, just one year after the program was founded, and quietly went about his business building the program into a national powerhouse. He won 298 matches, including 15 Middle Atlantic/Freedom Conference titles and 11 NCAA Division III tournament berths, where three of the teams – 1987, 2001, 2003 – advanced to the quarterfinals.

Bochicchio is currently fifth in victories in NCAA Division III women's soccer history.

Records, however, meant little to him. He was more concerned that his players develop a love and understanding of the game and that they graduate and move on to become even better people.

First and foremost, he was a loving husband to his wife, Sandy, and a loving

father to his sons, Matt, a senior at The Pennsylvania State University, and Jeff, currently a sophomore forward on the men's soccer team at Scranton.

Next, he was an educator, which he developed during his 30-year tenure as a certified health and physical education teacher in the Scranton School District. There, he continued his love of athletics by coaching baseball, football and wrestling on the junior high and high school level. Even after his retirement from teaching in 1998, he remained a staunch supporter of education by serving on the North Pocono School Board.

Deep down inside, Joe was a humanitarian. He made everyone feel important, was able to laugh at himself, and impacted the people around him in his quiet, unassuming ways.

This Joe was anything but ordinary. This Joe was something special.



Joe Bochicchio

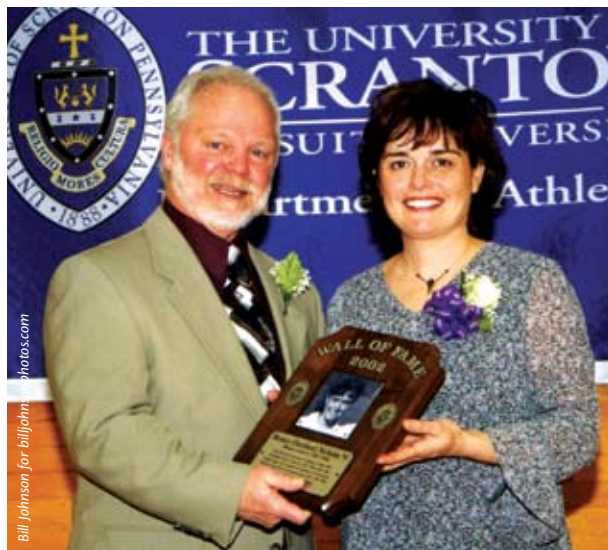
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In his first season as head coach of the men's lacrosse program, Kevin Dugan led the Royals to its first Middle Atlantic Conference tournament appearance since 2003. His hard work and dedication have resulted in the one of the largest recruiting class to enter the program this fall.

Brooke Hinkley has returned to the volleyball team this fall after recuperating from a broken back suffered in an automobile accident last October. The senior from Hallstead has been an inspirational leader, both on and off the court, for the Royals of Head Coach Jud Holdredge.



Joe Bochicchio and former women's soccer all-American Monica (Davidson) Nicholas '91 were inducted into the University's Wall of Fame in February 2003. He was the first one to credit his players for the enormous success he enjoyed as a head coach. He coached seven all-Americans, and eight of his former players are now members of the Wall of Fame.

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Jim O'Connor of njsporpics.com

Jackie Messantonio '07 was named all-regional for the fourth straight year by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) in May. She was one of 211 student-athletes selected from seven regions nationwide. Messantonio finished her career second all-time in Scranton history with 217 goals.



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Tim Logan, a senior forward on the men's soccer team, scored the match-winning goal in the Royals' 2-1 victory in overtime against the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, on Saturday, September 15, in the first-ever intercollegiate contest between two league opponents in Landmark Conference history.



J.D. Cavnich of the Altoona Mirror



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John Mercuri '07 (left) and Taryn Mellody '07 (right) were awarded prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarships during the recently completed academic year. Mercuri, a three-time Academic All-American selection during his standout career as a member of the men's cross-country team, is currently attending the New York University School of Medicine. Mellody, a three-time All-American in women's basketball and member of two NCAA Final Four teams, is pursuing her master's degree in physical therapy at The University of Scranton.

Toby Lovecchio '85, director of athletics, served as interim women's soccer coach for the 2007 season. He played soccer for the Royals of then Head Coach and current Associate Director of Athletics Steve Klingman from 1982 through 1984. A two-time all-Middle Atlantic Conference selection, he was a key defender on Scranton's NCAA semi-final teams in 1982 and 1983. Prior to his appointment as director of athletics, he served as head women's soccer coach at Bucknell University for seven seasons. This past fall, he led the Royals to a Landmark Conference championship.



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## Michael McDermott '71 to Lead Alumni Society

Michael J. McDermott '71 will be installed for a two-year term as the 25<sup>th</sup> president of The University of Scranton Alumni Society on Saturday, January 26, 2008, prior to the quarterly meeting of the Alumni Board of Governors on campus. He succeeds Timothy P. O'Brien '74, Clarks Summit. McDermott is a member of the Scranton Club of Washington, D.C., and has served two terms as Treasurer of the Alumni Society and a term as President-elect. He has been instrumental in revising the Society's constitution and by-laws, chairing the Nominating Committee and working with members of the Alumni Board to forge a strategic plan for the Society. A native of Jermyn, McDermott is chief financial officer of UNITECH Corporation. He and his wife, Patty, reside in Oak Hill, Va., and have two children, Leslie and Michael Jr., currently a sophomore at the University.



Michael J.  
McDermott '71

## Dr. Casey to Chair Medical Alumni Council

Paul R. Casey Jr., M.D., '71 has been named chair-elect of the Medical Alumni Council, an affiliate of The University of Scranton Alumni Society. He will succeed Gregory J. Lynch, D.O., '79, Philadelphia, on January 1, 2008. Dr. Casey, the son of the late Carbondale native, Paul R. Casey, M.D., '42, received his medical degree from Temple University and is a cardiology and critical care physician with Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia. He and his wife, Kathleen, daughter of Paul F. Toolan '42, reside in Gwynedd Valley and are the parents of five children. Dr. Casey has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Medical Alumni Council for the past six years. For further information on the Medical Alumni Council, visit [www.scranton.edu/mac](http://www.scranton.edu/mac).

## In Memory: James C. Doyle '66

James Carpenter Doyle '66, Alexandria, Va., longtime member of the Scranton Club of Washington, D.C., past president of The University of Scranton Alumni Society, former member of the University's Board of Trustees and recipient of the Frank O'Hara Award in University Service, died on Sept. 15 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and four sons, including Brian Doyle, M.D. '91. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alumni Society's *Filiae Filiique Scholarship*.



James Carpenter  
Doyle '66

## Alumni Society Announces Added Benefits

The Alumni Society has introduced three new membership benefits.

Coldwell Banker's *Preferred Moves*<sup>sm</sup> program has assembled nationally-recognized partners to help manage your move or relocation by offering bundled services of real estate, mortgage lending, professional and self-moving services, and home services.

The longtime affinity credit card program offered through Bank of America has now introduced personal checking with the University's wordmark, as well a check card with a customized "Scranton" image.

Finally, the Alumni Society has introduced a safety net of financial protection needs with first-class benefits extended at economical rates. Programs are offered for long-term care, 10-year level term life insurance, group catastrophe major medical coverage and short-term medical coverage.

For information about any of these programs and services, visit the Benefits and Services Link under General Information on the Alumni homepage at [www.scranton.edu/alumni](http://www.scranton.edu/alumni). You may also call the Alumni Office at 1-800-SCRANTON.

## Football Comes Back



The Tomcats returned to campus for their third lifetime reunion since Scranton football ended in 1960. Chairs of the Football Reunion Committee gathered prior to the dinner reception for a photograph with an autographed football from their first reunion. From left: John G. D'Arcangelo '56, Las Vegas, Nev.; Joe Zack '56, Norristown; Robert J. Sylvester '58, Clarks Summit, vice-president emeritus who served as master of ceremonies for the reunion; Ed Adrian '59, Endwell, N.Y.; John Sabia '56, Bensalem; and Dr. Joseph Bellucci '59, Conyngham, football reunion chairman.

## Class Notes

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**Stephen J. Budash, Ph.D.**, Dunmore, celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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**Aloysius Walsh**, Greensboro, N.C., completed his second term as a public member of the North Carolina Medical Board, which licenses and disciplines North Carolina physicians.

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**Walter Malhoski, M.D.**, Carmichael, Calif., accepted a position at VA Northern California Health Care System in Maher as a urologist.

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**William Kiehl**, Mountville, was awarded the doctor of education degree in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania.

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**John Donaghy, Ph.D.**, Ames, Va., will be starting a new ministry in southwestern Honduras with the Catholic Diocese of Santa Rosa de Copan.

71

**James R. Blake**, Ocean View, N.J., has been named president-elect of the New Jersey Society of CPAs.

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**Thomas Clarke**, Titusville, Fla., is now the chief financial officer at the John F. Kennedy Space Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

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**Mark Chopko, Esq.**, Alexandria, Va., has joined Stradley Ronon Stevens and Young, LLP as a partner and chair in the firm's nonprofit and religious organizations practice group.

**R. Mark Erhard**, Newtown, has joined St. Mary Medical Center Foundation as director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving.

**H. John Keimig**, North Kingstown, R.I., was named chief executive officer of Quality Partners of Rhode Island, a nationally recognized healthcare quality improvement foundation.

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**Garth Connor**, Philadelphia, an environmental scientist and inspection team leader in the Office of Environmental Compliance and Environmental Justice, has received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mid-Atlantic region's Instructor of the Year Award.

**Kathleen M. O'Brien-O'Donnell, M.Ed.**, Middletown, Del., has attained National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Early and Middle Childhood/Literacy: Reading-Language Arts. She is a reading specialist with the Christina School District.

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**Col. (Ret.) Daniel Battafarano, D.O.**, San Antonio, Tex., received the Outstanding Faculty Award at the 2007 graduation ceremony from the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium sponsoring all residency programs for Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center.

**David Dougher**, Middletown, Md., was promoted to vice president of Accounting at Constellation Energy Resources.

**Mary Ellen O'Neill**, Westville, N.J., appeared on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

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**Daniel Gibson**, Hillsborough, N.J., has been promoted to officer of the firm Amper, Politziner & Mattia, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

**P. Timothy Kelly**, Clarks Summit, has been elected as an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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**Robert Schatz**, New York, N.Y., exhibited his work, "The Lyric Grace of Gesture," at the University's Hope Horn Gallery, September 7<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Serving our Country

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Richardson, '89, First Lieutenant Matthew Gordon '03 and First Lieutenant Larry Rubal '05 quite literally take a piece of Scranton wherever they go. Thousands of miles from home, they proudly display a Scranton banner at the Forward Operating Base Speicher in Iraq, where they are serving our country.

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**Marie Armenio**, Wayne, N.J., has joined Realogy Corporation as senior vice president of Human Resources.

**Paula Barrett**, Reading, was named as one of the winners of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual *Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business* awards.

**Mark Haley**, Henderson, Nev., was promoted to vice president of Facilities for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

**John McGrath, Esq.**, Haddonfield, N.J., has joined the firm McKissock & Hoffman, P.C.

**Jay Tucker**, Milford, was elected chairperson of the Middle States Regional Council of The College Board.

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**Alice Grippi Kispert**, Sicklerville, N.J., has been promoted to the position of field office chief for the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Security Service.

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**Colette Mazzucelli, Ph.D.**, Brooklyn, N.Y., a Swiss Universities grant recipient, University of Fribourg, is assistant professor, Department of History and Political Science, Mollloy College, Rockville Centre, N.Y. Colette visited the Salzburg Seminar in June, and attended the closing session of the International Study Program, "Global Citizenship: America and the World." Later that month, she participated in the 2007 Fulbright Kommission German Studies Seminar, "Germany in a Changing Europe Transatlantic Ties, Transatlantic Challenges." In July, Colette was one of 80 participants from across Europe attending the Wilton Park conference "The European Union's Institutional Future: Prospects for the Inter-Governmental Conference and Beyond," at the College of Europe in Natolin, Poland.

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**Robert McGovern**, Glenside, accepted a position at *Philly.com* as producer.

**Vincent Ryan**, Long Island City, N.Y., recently joined The Economist Group as senior editor of *CFO magazine*.





## Yankees or Orioles?

This group of Scranton alumni was divided between Yankee and Orioles fans at the annual summertime pre-game reception at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Christy Myers '93 is Club president.

## 88

**Robert Griffin**, Greenbrook, N.J., was promoted to head of the corporate sales team at The Royal Bank of Canada in New York City.

**Richard Ritts**, Dallas, is a financial advisor in the Wilkes-Barre office of Merrill Lynch.

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**Melinda Braithwaite**, Watertown, Mass., is co-founder and director of Operations at Truman Company.

**Eugene Callaghan**, Ridgewood, N.J., and his wife, Tara, are the proud new owners of Irish Eyes Imports.

**Marla Eckstein**, Pleasantville, N.Y., is a probation officer with the NYC Department of Probation and was recently promoted into the Adult Supervision High Risk Unit.

**Joseph Lisella**, Mill Valley, Calif., is director of external relations at Net Impact.

**Christopher McErlean**, West Orange, N.J., joined the Penn National Gaming, Inc., as Vice President of Racing. He will be responsible for overseeing six racetracks in the United States plus their off-track and Internet watering operations.

**LTC. Michael Richardson**, Fort Bragg, N.C., is serving in Baghdad in command of a parachute infantry battalion of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

**Jolinda Steinbacher Babcock, Esq.**, Kernersville, N.C., a partner in the firm Robinson & Lawling, LLC, has been appointed chair of the Workers' Compensation Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

## 90

**Jeffrey Catalano, Esq.**, West Roxbury, Mass., has been appointed by The Massachusetts Bar Association President as the chair of the association's Civil Litigation Section. He is a partner in the law firm of Todd & Weld LLP.

**Kathleen Duffy Bruder**, Camp Hill, was named a partner at the law firm of Rhoads & Sinon LLP.

**Christopher Flynn**, Centerville, Va., accepted a position with Bendure Communications, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-area public relations firm specializing in a wide range of communications, media relations, brand building, advertising placement and marketing initiatives.

**William J. Hackett**, Laguna Hills, Calif., has joined the firm of Matthews International Capital Management, LLC, as president.

**Suzanne Lapore**, Edison, N.J., was promoted to QA and Regulatory Manager at SPEK CertiPrep.

**Patricia Ryan Fox**, Madison, N.J., was promoted to vice president, Corporate Services at Hartford Life Private Placement.

**Joseph Tone**, Randolph, N.J., was promoted to managing director at Bergen Capital, a division of Scott & Stringfellow located in Hasbrouck Heights.

**John Ursin**, Andover, N.J., has been selected as one of the top 40 Lawyers under 40 by the *New Jersey Law Journal*. He is a partner at Daggett, Kraemer, Eliades, Kovach and Ursin.

## 91

**Michael Brophy**, West Chester, received a JD from Widener University School of Law.

**Lisa Burdziejko Rapko**, Wilmington, Del., recently authored a book titled *Still Breathing*.

**Timothy Skarbek**, Scotch Plains, N.J., is currently senior production planner at the Philips Lighting manufacturing facility in Bath, N.Y.

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**Joanna Cunningham**, Wellington, Fla., was appointed by Florida Governor Charlie Crist to join the Florida Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**Marc Gonzalez-Cellier**, Clarks Summit, has been appointed vice president, Availability Solutions, at Diversified Information Technologies.

**J. Michael Herring**, Summit, N.J., accepted a position at BayHarbour Management as CFO/CRO.

**Cara Kelly**, Warrenville, Ill., started her own marketing and research consulting business named Scope MRC.

**Donna Lee Chiapperino**, Blauvelt, N.Y., was appointed to the National PIA Insurance Foundation and is chair of the National Young Insurance Professionals.

**Robert Swanson**, Falls Church, Va., has accepted the position as assistant weather editor at *USA Today*.

## 93

**Giles Davis**, Monmouth Junction, N.J., received a JD from Cardoza School of Law.

**E. Eric Nelson**, Philadelphia, has successfully completed firearms and ballistics training in the Philadelphia Police Department's Firearms Identification Unit.

**Tracey Wieners Rush**, Drexel Hill, accepted a position at Swarthmore College as a learning resources advisor. She is also pursuing a doctorate in Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

## 94

**Corinne Hover LeCompte**, Gretna, La., was promoted to rehab director at Marrero Healthcare Center.

## 95

**Fred J. Bonacci, D.M.D.**, Moscow, has achieved board certification in the field of Periodontics and Dental Implants.

**Elizabeth Cincola**, Newtown, Conn., received her MBA with a dual concentration in Marketing and Information Systems/Operations Management from Fairfield University.

**Brian Philips**, Staten Island, N.Y., is the assistant director of Recuperative Pain Management at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

**Molly Sullivan**, Summit, N.J., was promoted to Nursing Director Adult Hematology/Oncology/BMTU at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

## 96

**Amy Cirminello**, Bayonne, N.J., was promoted to director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment for the Elizabeth Board of Education.

**Kevin Gildea**, Clarks Summit, received an MBA in Finance from The University of Scranton.

**Jennette Quinones Gildea**, Clarks Summit, received a Masters of Science in Special Education from The University of Scranton.

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**Christine Ward-Diaz**, Hackensack, N.J., has received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the federal government's highest such honor.

## 97

**Lori Angerson-Bednash, D.O.**, Scranton, received her degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is currently doing her residency at Martin Army Community Medical Center in Georgia.

**Chris Arnone**, Scottsdale, Ga., a Business Assurance manager for Moore Colson, CPA, recently was presented the firm's Peak Award for his significant contributions to the firm.

**Jennifer Compton Breuer**, Pineville, N.C., was promoted to director of Community Relations at McLeod Addictive Disease Center.

**Kariann Ferguson**, Dunmore, received a doctor of medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. She will complete a residency in internal medicine at Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

**Don Krey**, Plymouth Meeting, received an M.S. in Quality Assurance/Regulatory Affairs from Temple University School of Pharmacy.

**Kelly Loftus**, Augusta, Ga., is completing her fellowship training at the Medical College of Georgia in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism.

**Sheryl Lynn Oleski, D.O.**, Scranton, has joined Northeastern Rehabilitation Associates, where she will specialize in Interventional Spine and Sports Medicine.

## 98

**Ryan Caboot**, New Cumberland, has joined the national law firm of Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellot, LLC., as an associate in the Insurance Coverage and Business Compliance Practice Group.

**Thomas Every** is MBA program manager at the University of San Diego.

**Samuel Smith**, Natick, Mass., accepted a position at PaperThin, Inc. as an Applications Support Engineer.

**Eric Walsh**, Venice, Fla., accepted a position at Great Basin College as a reference librarian.

## 99

**Shar Pourreza, CFA**, West Orange, N.J., was promoted to Equity Research associate at Calyon Securities in New York covering the energy sector.

## 00

**Leslie Ditta**, Cranford, N.J., will be starting her 8<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in the New Providence School District as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher.

**Timothy Donahue**, Bridgewater, N.J., is the assistant principal and director of Guidance at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

**April Karas Fletcher**, Little Neck, N.Y., was promoted to sales marketing manager at ESPN Audio.

**Marnie Lawler**, Hoboken, N.J., has joined Insidedge/GolinHarris as Account Group Supervisor.

**Sharon Mullarkey Dersam**, Burnsville, Minn., was promoted to primary occupational therapist in the Neonatal Level III Intensive Care Unit at University of Minnesota Children's Hospital.

**Teresa Pirri-McGrath**, Wildwood, N.J., is a pediatric resident at Cooper Hospital in Camden.

**Matthew Stadler**, was hired as the managing director of the Pittsburgh Technology Council's life sciences network.

## 01

**Lauren Barton**, Clifton, N.J., received an MA in Administration and Supervision from Montclair State University.

**Caroline Coffey**, Clarks Green, received her Ph.D. in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (Virology) from Cornell University. She is currently a visiting assistant professor of Biology at Saint Joseph's University.

**Keith Fitzgerald**, Philadelphia, is a technical architect at Avenue A/Razorfish, one of the largest interactive marketing and technology services agencies in the world.

**Celeste Gregory**, Denton, Md., returned to the United States after spending 18 months as a Catholic Relief Services volunteer in Madagascar.

**Michael Marshall**, Orange, Calif., was promoted to teacher/religious coordinator at St. Cecilia's School.

**Kate Monaghan**, Staten Island, N.Y., received an MBA in Executive Management from St. John's University.

**Kevin Moran**, Westhampton, N.J., became the director of the Romero Center, a retreat and social justice education center, in which high school and college students have the opportunity to build bridges of understanding and awareness by living in solidarity with those most in need.

**Joseph Murphy**, Santa Monica, Calif., has received his Masters in Education with a concentration in Child and Adolescent Development from Loyola Marymount University. Joseph is currently working with at risk youth in South Central Los Angeles as a junior high English teacher.

**Lauren Orsetti Koch**, Ewing, N.J., received her MA in Media Studies from William Paterson University. She is currently director of Creative and Editorial Services at Precept Medical Communications.

## 02

**Mark Brennan**, Merrick, N.Y., is a development associate at Blumenfeld Development Group.

**Bradley Breslin**, Stewartsville, N.J., received a J.D. from Duquesne University School of law. He will be joining the United States Department of Justice as a member of the Attorney General's Honors Program.

**Frank DiPaolo**, Scranton, is the general manager of Scranton-based EarthBox.

**Kara Finan Reheis**, Bethlehem, received an MBA from Villanova University.

**Laura M. Lauer**, Pittston, was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is currently doing her residency at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, N.H.

**Pamela Quinn Taffera, D.O.**, Old Forge, was awarded a degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is doing her residency at St. Joseph's Medical Center.

**Anthony J. Recupero, D.O.**, Scranton, was awarded a degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is doing his residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii.

**Michael Shipley**, Fort Mitchell, Ky., received a MA in School Counseling from Xavier University.

**Kristen Semanision, D.O.**, Olyphant, was awarded her degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is in residency at Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

**Leah Smith Rosenkrans**, Olyphant, has completed the Certified Public Accountant Examination. She is currently an audit specialist with the PA Department of Public Welfare.

## 03

**John Baber, D.O.**, received his degree from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and will be doing a residency at Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia.

**Peter Costagna**, Media, is director of Communications at Salesianum School in Wilmington, Del.

**Rev. Brian Clarke** has been ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Scranton and has been named assistant pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Archbald.

**Philip M. DeMola, D.O.**, Downingtown, received his degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is currently doing his residency at Mercy Suburban Hospital.

**Stephanie Kelleher Franko, D.O.**, Falls, received her degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is currently doing her residency at Mercy Suburban Hospital.

## Scranton Socials in the Sunshine State

Hosted by the  
Scranton Clubs of Florida



Thursday,  
February 21, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

Presidential Reception  
Don Cesare Beach Resort  
St. Pete Beach

Friday,  
February 22, 2008  
12:00 p.m.

Lunch with Scranton Alumni  
Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa  
Fort Myers

Friday,  
February 22, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

Presidential Reception  
Naples Beach Hotel  
& Golf Club  
Naples

Sunday,  
February 24, 2008  
Presidential Brunch  
Turtle Creek Country Club  
Tequesta







Scranton was well-represented at the summer 2007 wedding of Christy Myers '93 and Allen Bric. Among the "Loyal Royals" who attended the wedding, were, back row, from left: John Meyer '98, Laura Maliszewski Mossa '93, Adam Minakowski '00, Maureen Fitzgerald Mulholland '93, Maura Devlin Slatowski '93, Skip Minakowski '67 and Kevin Moran '96.

**Deidre K. Lynn**, Westfield, N.J., was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Catherine Mirra**, Nanuet, N.Y., has accepted a position with The History Channel as Manager of Publicity.

**Christopher Panna**, Cherry Hill, N.J., is moving to Paraguay to teach at the American School of Asuncion.

**Adam Paul, D.O.**, Easton, was awarded his degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is doing his residency in Pediatrics at University of Maryland Medical Center.

**Erik Polan, D.O.**, Perkiomenville, was awarded his degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Mary Ross Sammon**, W. Pittston, was awarded a Doctorate in Medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College. She has begun her three year residency in pediatrics at The Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the du Pont Children's Hospital.

**Marie Nicole Villafuerte**, Royal Oak, Mich., received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She will begin her internship at Henry Ford Bi County Hospital.

## 04

**Meridith Amole**, Havertown, received a Master's in Gerontological Services from St. Joseph's University. She currently works as a director of sales and marketing for Sunrise Assisted Living of Chestnut Hill.

**Susan Chrusciel**, Caldwell, N.J., accepted a position at Covance as clinical data associate.

**Matt Kelly**, Lynbrook, N.Y., will be studying for his Masters Degree in English Education with the Peace Corps Fellows at Teachers College at Columbia University.

**Stephen Luchko**, Swarthmore, is a finalist in CNBC's "Million Dollar Challenge."

**Emma Mills**, Chester, N.Y., accepted a position at Randolph Township High School as an English teacher after completing her Master's Degree in Secondary Ed., English, from the University in May.

## 05

**Jeffrey Gillette**, Peckville, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Richard E. Colarusso, D.O. Memorial Scholarship from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

# Marriages

## 93

**Arthur Durant** to Bridget Duffy  
**Christy Myers** to Allen Bric  
**Dominique Ponzio** to Jose Bernardo  
**Tracey Wieners** to Jack Rush

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**Margaret Morey** to Andrew Sutton  
**Erin O'Malley** to Desmond Stewart  
**Giselle Sum** to **Thomas Bush '96**  
**Jodi Weber** to Daniel Kaderabek

## 95

**Elizabeth Cincola** to David Van Sickle  
**Simeon McAleer** to Aileen Passariello  
**Christine McKeaney** to Erich Reich

## 96

**Michael Bossio** to Tracy Suro  
**Thomas Bush** to **Giselle Sum '94**  
**Geoff Keenan** to **Colleen Murphy '97**

## 97

**John Chrampanis** to Chika Yam-auchi  
**Andrej Brchnel** to **Siobhan Cleary '02**

**Deidre Day, D.O.** to Francis Sieck  
**Colleen Murphy** to **Geoff Keenan '96**

**Randolph Rebanal** to Zandra Pasigna  
**Scott Ryan** to Allison Smith

## 98

**Julie Cohoon** to Michael Marra  
**Susan Haney** to Kevin Pevorus  
**Meredit Radimer** to Benjamin Simpson, Jr.

## 99

**CPT Cristin A. Kiley, M.D.** to CPT George R. Mount, IV M.D.  
**Michael Reheis** to **Kara Finan '02**  
**Michelle Sessa** to Jason Dotti  
**Raymond Terwilliger** to **Danielle Radano '01**

## 00

**Joy Albright** to Luke Henry  
**Julia Kelleher** to **John Creighton**  
**Michael Turlip** to April Sweeney



Nearly 30 alumni gathered to celebrate the marriage of Ann Scarp '03 and John Thielke '03 on April 14 at the Valley Country Club in Hazleton. The University has approximately 1,760 alumni couples, and the count is growing every year, as Ann and John's marriage attests.

## 01

**Maureen Cassidy** to **Jeff Winner**  
**Katy Coffey** to David Fraser  
**Patricia Corieri** to Michael Ellis  
**Christina Harchar** to Brian Lafferty  
**Rachel Laskowski** to Todd Zaladonis  
**Kelly Parent** to Matthew Huestis  
**Danielle Radano** to **Raymond Terwilliger '99**  
**Amanda Stanco** to Timothy Garland

## 02

**Siobhan Cleary** to **Andrej Brchnel '97**  
**Kara Finan** to **Michael Reheis '99**  
**Philip Schaub** to **Laura Bassolino '03**  
**Laurie Scheetz** to Brent Snyder  
**Suzanne Spinelli** to Dave Walsh

## 03

**Laura Bassolino** to **Philip Schaub '02**  
**John Croom III** to **Lindsay Mayeski '07**  
**Tara Loscombe** to **William James '04**  
**Carolyn Otis** to **Matthew Honeyman**  
**Ann Scarp** to **John Thielke**

## 04

**Diana Galvin** to **Stephen Luchko**  
**William James** to **Tara Loscombe**

## 05

**Nadia Gougeon** to **Patrick Dunn '06**  
**Sara Pfeifferberger** to Ryan Hudson

## 06

**Patrick Dunn** to **Nadia Gougeon '05**

## 07

**Lindsay Mayeski** to **John Croom '03**

# Births

## 81

A daughter, Grace Marie, to **Kimberly Palko '87** and **Andrew Gregorowicz**, Jessup





## E-mail Invites

Invitations to many Scranton Club events are now sent by e-mail to nearly half of our total alumni population whose e-mail addresses are on file with the Alumni Office. If you haven't already provided the Alumni Office with your e-mail address, please do so by registering with the Scranton Online Alumni Community ([www.scranton.edu/alumnicommunity](http://www.scranton.edu/alumnicommunity)). E-mail addresses and other information contained in our database fall under the confidentiality policy of the Office of Alumni Relations.

### 83

Twin sons, Eric Anthony and Brian Thomas, to Carmela and **Thomas Smith**, Moscow

### 87

A daughter, Grace Marie, to **Andrew '81** and **Kimberly Palko Gregorowicz**, Jessup

### 88

A son, John Paul, to Steve and **Christine Clinton Benko**, Broomall

A daughter, Ales Kathryn, to Aprile and **Richard Ritts**, Dallas

### 89

A daughter, Vanessa Kara, to Kathy and **Theodore Haas**, Edison, N.J.

A son, Emmet Patrick, adopted by **Patrick** and **Maura Kenehan Quinn**, Clarks Summit

A son, Declan Robert, to Robert and **Erin McNamara Miller**, Valley Forge

### 90

A daughter, Katherine Anne, to Paul and **Kathleen Duffy Bruder**, Camp Hill

A daughter, Grace Catherine Ann, to Tom and **Maura McCormack Dolan**, Denville, N.J.

A son, James Edward, adopted by James and **Patricia Ryan Fox**, Madison, N.J.

A daughter, Annika Ashley, to Steve and **Patricia Sawyer Boex**, Aurora, Colo.

A daughter, Hannah Grace, to Thomas and **Stacie Sirak Metelski**, Asbury, N.J.

A son, Kevin Joseph, to Amy and **Joseph Tone**, Randolph, N.J.

A son, Ryan James, to Thomas and **Concetta Venus Pryor**, S. Setauket, N.Y.

Twin daughters, Lydia Wallace and Ella Margaret, to Anne and **Tom Shields, Ph.D.**, Richmond, Va.

A daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Lisa and **Charles Yanchulis**, Holly, Mich.

### 91

A daughter, Frances Scott, to Brooke Hailey and **Scott Egan**, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

A daughter, Jamie Reese, to Mollie and **Edward Madden**, Walnut Creek, Calif.

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

### 92

A daughter, Emma Sailor, to Kathleen and **J. Michael Herring**, Summit, N.J.

A son, Oliver Michael, to Claudia and **Jim Jossen**, Pinebrook, N.J.

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

A son, Brendan Francis-Xavier, to **Eric** and **Elaine Minnick Brophy**, Wall, N.J.

A son, Shane Brody, to James and **Tara Quirk Langan**, Little Silver, N.J.

A son, Daniel Joseph, to Meredith and **Bob Swanson**, Falls Church, Va.

### 93

A daughter, Callie Elizabeth, to Steve and **Theresa Cassillo Roberts**, Glen Rock, N.J.

A daughter, Julia Rose, to John and **Dena Cirlincione Dodge**, Sparta, N.J.

A daughter, Sidney Mikaela, to Jennifer and **Giles Davis**, Monmouth Junction, N.J.

A daughter, Olivia Grace, to William and **Joanne Kuefner O'Brien**, New York, N.Y.

A daughter, Realina Delphine Lapinski, to Dr. Edgar and **Brett Ayn Lapinski Catingub**, Vacaville, Calif.

A daughter, Anna Karina, to Karin and **Michael Novrocki**, Swoyersville

Twin sons, Braden and Carter, to Peter and **Jennifer Regan Olenik**, Garden City, N.Y.

A son, Jason James, to Jack and **Tracey Wieners Rush**, Drexel Hill

A daughter, Anne Therese, to Thomas and **Susan Sprows Cummings**, South Bend, Ind.

### 94

A son, Christian Rayburn, to Keith and **Cheryl Bender Kaulback**, Montclair, N.J.

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A daughter, Lauren Marie, to Chris and **Lorian Merkins Ruggeri**, Downton

A daughter, Anna Mary Frances, to **Beth Olszewski '97** and **Thomas Shimkus**, Dunmore

A son, Sean Michael, to Don and **Patricia Pooler Egan**, Pipersville

A daughter, Meaghan Victoria, to Brian and **Vickilyn Quinnan Fealy**, West Pittston

### 95

A daughter, Sophia, to Dr. Abdulla and **Bridget Browne Al-Hashimi**, Dubai

A daughter, Margaret Caroline, to Robert and **Mary Ferry Flowers**, Ashburn, Va.

A son, Patrick Hugh, to Phil and **Monica Fischl Degnan**, Audobon, N.J.

A daughter, Claire Elizabeth, to Maj. Mark and **Beth Ladish Andres**, Harker Heights, Tex.

A son, James Thomas, to Joe and **Kerry Mahoney Johnson**, Westbury, N.Y.

A son, Charlie Thomas, to John and **Marilyn McGovern Weidner**, Kings Park, N.Y.

A son, Jason Armando, to Tricia and **James Nardone**, London, England

A daughter, Kayla Isabelle, to Doug and **Tina Raus Ward**, North Branford, Conn.

A son, Seosaph Thomas, to Bronwen and **Joseph Whyte**, Rutherford, N.J.

### 96

A daughter, Gia Rose, to Andrew and **Dana Benvenuto Vierno**, Saddle Brook, N.J.

A daughter, Lauren Reese, to **Ray** and **Mary Beth Coyne Mulry**, Riverdale, N.J.

A daughter, Emily Georgette, to Brent and **Casey Egan Dolan**, Bernardsville, N.J.

A daughter, Addyson Blythe, to **Mark '97** and **Carrie Holderman Gilmore**, Durham, N.C.

A daughter, Elisabeth Kate, to Steve and **Maggie Lentz Johnsson**, Perkasi

Twin daughters, Riley Kathryn and Morgan Grace, to Billy and **Ann Marie Matuszak Salmon**, Oxford, N.J.

A daughter, Molly Eileen to **Kevin** and **Jennette Quinones Gildea**, Clarks Summit

A son, Liam Timothy, to Tim and **Maura Rooney Wheeler**, Hartsdale, N.Y.

A son, Andrew Michael, to Andrew and **Danielle Rossi Cusimano**, Pompton Plains, N.J.

A daughter, Elizabeth Hope, to **Anthony** and **Katie Schmidtke Marino**, Ho Ho Kus, N.J.

A daughter, Quinlan Amelia, to Joseph and **Mary Elizabeth Seagrave Doherty**, Westfield, N.J.

A daughter, Sophie Jean, to Taylor Huttner and **Jean Sinzdak**, Highland Park, N.J.

A son, Ryan Christopher, to Karen and **Christopher Sivillo**, Seaford, N.Y.

A son, Colin Paul, to **Paul** and **Gemma Waananen Kenney**, Malverne, N.Y.

### 97

A son, Noah Michael, to **Michael** and **Shannon Farrell Beckish '03**, Scranton

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A daughter, Joyce McKenna, to Sam and **Patricia Flannigan Higgins**, New York, N.Y.

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A son, Robert Ernest, to Robert and **Wendy Holczer Downey**, Manassas, Va.

A son, Ryan Joseph, to Lauren and **Christopher Keating**, Broomall

A son, Matthew Timothy, to **Kevin** and **Denise Lalor McNichol**, Conshohocken

A son, Connor Matthew, to Danielle and **Peter Lill**, Havertown

A daughter, Anna Mary Frances, to **Thomas '94** and **Beth Olszewski Shimkus**, Dunmore

## 98

A son, John Paul, to John and **Monica Burke Shelley**, Kingston

A daughter, Ava Madeline, to **John** and **Danielle D'Antoni Fizzano**, Broomall

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A daughter, Grace Madelin, to Jessica and **Bill Herman**, Reading

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A son, Brian Thomas, to Brian and **Kristen LaForte McNicholas**, Staten Island, N.Y.

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A daughter, Stephanie Kaitlyn, to Douglas and **Danielle Travis Peckham**, Londonderry, N.H.

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A daughter, Ava Naomi, to Anthony and **Kristen Corcoran Santopietro**, Monroe, N.Y.

A son, Thomas Anthony, to Thomas and **Melissa Del Giorno Biscotti**, Laffin

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A daughter, Lillian Kay, to Jonathan and **Holly Koch Berdinka**, Bridgeport, Conn.

A daughter, Maggie Ann, to Cameron and **Crystal Levis Swindell**, Scranton, N.C.

A son, Grant Michael, to Michael and **Rebecca Miller Lefchak**, Mercerville, N.J.

A son, Brendan Joseph, to Joseph and **Teresa Perri McGrath**, Wildwood, N.J.

A son, Gregory Alan, to **Jennifer Raulli '99 and Michael Wells**, Richmond, Va.

## 01

A daughter, Tessa Grace, to **Brenna Farrell '00 and Edward Pearce**, Cape May Courthouse, N.J.

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A son, Atulya Barakoti, to **Navnit Baral** and **Sushma Barakoti '03**, Scranton

A son, Michael Daniel to **Daniel '00** and **Dana Garcia Andriano**, Midland Park, N.J.

A son, Brodie Nicholas, to Damon and **Patricia Linck Calandro**, Brooklawn, N.J.

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

A daughter, Elizabeth Grace, to **Daniel and Kelly Tracy Schneider**, Clarks Summit

## 03

A son, Atulya Barakoti, to **Sushma Barakoti** and **Navnit Baral '02**, Scranton

A son, Noah Michael, to **Michael '97 and Shannon Farrell Beckish**, Scranton

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Carl J. Taffera, Shafter, Calif.  
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Thomas A. McGoff, Moscow

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James Milder, M.D., Beach Haven, N.J.  
Thomas J. Regan, Wayne, N.J.

**69**

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Patrick D. Castellani, Wilkes Barre

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**76**

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**77**

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**78**

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**79**

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**90**

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**95**

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**H '00**

Mae Gelb, Scranton

**07**

Steven Ranton, West Milford, N.J.

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Jane Barrett, sister of Richard '67

Joya Berry, mother of John '87 and Eugene '98, grandmother of Christian Cipriani '04

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Peter Borick, brother of Dr. Paul '47

Olga Bosak, mother of Sylvia '71

John E. Brier, father of Atty. John '63, Gerard '70 and Atty. Michael '74

Anna S. Brink, grandmother of Anne Duffy, '98

Paul Butash, father of John '77 and Joseph '79

Mary Butler, mother of Craig '72

Dorothy Calpin, mother of James '66 and Richard '62

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Vincent '97 and Angela Caputo

Giello '86

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Christine Danylak, mother of Leo '72

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Ruth Neary Foote, wife of Raymond '47, mother of Fred '84, Paul '78 and Eileen Foote Short '82

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Barbara Hagy, wife of Henry '48

Margaret Hamburg, mother of Robert '92

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Mary Hyland, sister of Bernard, M.D. '47

Ann Mary Kazmierski, mother of William '06 and Michael '09

William Kelly, father of Suzanne '93

Richard Koch, father of Garry '80

Joseph M. Konecny, father of Dr. Thomas '84

George Maxim Lindsay, former Professor of Military Science from 1962-1965

Marion B. Loiacono, mother of Dr. Peter '78

Alice Loughman, mother of Joseph '78 and grandmother of Moira '03

Josephine Mennito, mother of LTC. (Ret.) Vincent Mennito '71, G '73

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Clair Munley, brother of Edward '65

Kathryn L. Munley, sister of Joseph '76

Alice Murphy, mother of Eileen '78 and Martin '78

Mary Druffner Murphy, mother of Atty. Joseph '65, John '67 and Ann Murphy Sharkey '81

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Walter Perih Jr., son of Walter '58 and brother of Dr. Joyce G'81

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## The Scranton Legacy Lives On

*Among many of our alumni, a Scranton education is a family tradition. This fall, 63 daughters and sons of Scranton alumni entered the University as undergraduate students. Their parents and, in some cases, grandparents are among the 40,000 alumni who have chosen Scranton for their education. At right are the members of the Class of 2011 who are following in the footsteps of their parents who are Scranton alumni.*



Many alumni parents and their students who are members of the Class of 2011 gathered for this legacy photo during Family Weekend, Sept. 28-30.

Class Year	Alumnus/Alumna	Current Student
1978	Jemeille Ackourey	Alexander Borselli
1973	George Adamitis	Erik Adamitis
1982	Thomas Arduino	Kaitlyn Arduino
1989	Cheryl Buchshon Collarini	Mia Collarini
1982	Lisa Calabro Cornell	Lauren Cornell
1984	Cynthia Salzmann Costello	Kelly Costello
1984	Thomas Costello	Kelly Costello
1981	Deborah DiMarzio Cumberland	Lucia Cumberland
1981	Patrick Cumberland	Lucia Cumberland
1991	Kyra Burdyn Czachor	Nastasha Burdyn
1978	Michael Denike	Rebecca Walsh
2002	Rita DiLeo	Rita DiLeo
1883	Deborah Cicilioni Dunstone	Brian Dunstone
1983	William Dunstone	Brian Dunstone
1976	John Fallon	Ellen Fallon
1981	Marie Lettieri Felkowski	Jeffrey Felkowski
1976	Donald Fenocchi	Kristen Fenocchi
1982	Joseph Fisne	Sean Fisne
1980	Mark Fracas	Jennifer Fracas
1981	Robert Gagliardi	Robert Gagliardi
1986	William Gavigan	Emily Gavigan
1981	Robert Gehm	Jameson Gehm
1988	Michael Gilboy	Allison Gilboy
1985	Nanine Swieneki Gramigna	Tara Gramigna
G 1977	Linda Sherin Gubbiotti	Maria Gubbiotti
1980	James Haggerty, D.P.M.	James Haggerty
2001	Andrew Hanusich	Nicole Hanusich
1982	JoAnn Petrauskas Hanusich	Nicole Hanusich
1988, G 2005	Judy Strenkoski Hurley	Travis Hurley
1986	Eugene Kelley	Michael Kelley
1985	Janet Conaboy Kelley	Michael Kelley
1987	Kurt Kincel	Kaitlyn Kincel
1982	John Kotula	Jeffrey Kotula
1995	Kathleen Kanavy Kotula	Jeffrey Kotula
1983	Andrew Kusnirik	Andrew Kusnirik
1983	Thomas Langan, D.D.S.	Brendan Langan
1968	Patrick Lavelle	Annie Lavelle
1987	Gregg Loboda	Julia Loboda
1987	Mary Jo Guiton Loboda	Julia Loboda
1977	Donald Loughney	Donald Loughney
1982	Alan Lukowicz	Elizabeth Lukowicz
1976	Malachy Mannion	Jason Mannion
1992	Marguerite Druckenbrod Mannion	Jason Mannion
1989	Cheryl Gilligan Martonik	Matthew Martonik
1976	Timothy McGurrin, D.M.D.	John McGurrin
1980	Kathleen Walsh McKenna	Siobhan McKenna
1974	Thomas McLane	Colleen McLane
1985	Bernadine Toth Neri	Megan Neri
G 1979	Catherine Nicholls	Lauren Nicholls
1978	Michael Ondich	Kirsten Ondich
1982	Kenneth Ostrowsky	Tiffany Ostrowsky
1987	John Rafferty	Kelly Rafferty
1982	Eileen O'Neil Reilly	Brendan Reilly
1980	Vincent Reilly	Brendan Reilly
1989	Francis Riviello	Bryan Riviello
1981	Teresa Swartman Rodier	Thomas Rodier
2004	Julienne Rushin	Adam Rushin
1982, G 1988	Jeanne Slater Samuels	Sara Samuels
1977	Ronald Spiegelhoff	Bryan Spiegelhoff
G 1983	Susan Laske Stebbins	Nathan Stebbins
1982	Mary Ellen Reynolds Sullivan	Christopher Sullivan
1973	Barry Tallo	Jerica Tallo
1982	Peter Thomas	Peter Thomas
1981	Joseph Vaughan	Kimberly Vaughan
1982	Judith Andres Walsh	Alesia Walsh
1979	Kurt Walsh	Brandon Walsh
1983	Paula Cusick Walsh	Rebecca Walsh
G 1999	Thomas Wasilewski	Melissa Wasilewski
1971	Richard Zack	Megan Zack

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My college years at Scranton have become the foundation of my personal and professional success. I was well-prepared to enter medical school after graduation. My most cherished memories are of the good friendships I made and the personal time spent with the faculty. Father Gannon was always an inspiration to me. Father Rock, Father Hill and others imparted a Christian wisdom that I treasure to this day. Scranton helped me financially to attend college, and I am glad to give back. I've been blessed with a wonderful family and career, and I feel a sense of responsibility to recognize the important contribution that The University of Scranton has had in my life. It is a joy to financially support Scranton and to know that its traditions and values continue to thrive.



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