Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., newly elected president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archbishop of Louisville, Ky., will be the keynote luncheon speaker at the 13th Annual U.S. Conference on Disability hosted by the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

The daylong conference will be held Oct. 29 on campus. Archbishop Kurtz will discuss disability from a faith-based perspective beginning at 1 p.m.

“Archbishop Kurtz embodies in an exemplary way the Conference of Catholic Bishops’ mission — ‘to promote the greater good which the Church offers humankind,’” said University President Kevin P. Quinn, S.J. “We are honored that he will be a keynote speaker at our annual conference on disability — a conference whose mission is to influence positively the quality of life and wellness of individuals and families living with disabilities.”

Archbishop Kurtz is known as an advocate for persons with disabilities and his lifelong devotion to his brother, Georgie, who had Down’s Syndrome. After their mother died, the then Fr. Kurtz brought Georgie to live with him in the parish rectory in Catasauqua, Pa., and then to the chancery when he was named Bishop of Knoxville, Tenn. Georgie was actively involved in the parish, diocese and community, and lived with his older brother until he died in 2002.

An eloquent writer and exceptionally gifted speaker, Archbishop Kurtz wrote of his relationship with his brother in a reflection posted on the website for the Archdiocese of Louisville. He wrote: “Recently, after celebrating a Mass for our dear mother, I must have looked a little down to him. He gave me a pat on the back and said: ‘Don’t worry. Mom is in heaven. You have me.’ Giving and receiving are intertwined. We never do one exclusively. In the case of my relating to my brother, it is not a cliché to say I have received much more than I have given.”

Archbishop Kurtz has ties to Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania and The University of Scranton. He is a longtime friend of Edward R. Leahy ’68 who, together with his wife, Patricia, is honorary chairperson of the Annual U.S. Conference on Disability.

Archbishop Kurtz was born in Mahanoy City, Pa., earned bachelor and master of divinity degrees from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and a master’s degree in social work from Marywood University. Before becoming Bishop of Knoxville, he served for 27 years in the Diocese of Allentown.

Several other prominent advocates of persons with disabilities will also be keynote presenters at the conference. Currently confirmed are:

• Janet L. LaBreck, commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education

• Kathleen West-Evans, director of business relations for the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR)

Continue to check the conference website scranton.edu/disabilityconference for updates and information. For information, contact Conference Co-chairs Lori Bruch, Ed.D., lori.bruch@scranton.edu and Rebecca Spirito Dalgin, Ph.D., rebecca.dalgin@scranton.edu
Challenges in Theory & Practice

The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Endowment was founded in 1995 by Edward and Patricia Leahy to honor the life and memory of their son, Edward R. Leahy, Jr., whose personal disabilities were attended to with compassion and skill by many health professionals over the course of his life. The Leahy Endowment provides financial resources to support theoretical and applied research, faculty development and support for programs that advance the cause of disabled persons who need long-term assistance. The endowment supports the work of persons practicing in physical and occupational therapy, nursing science and related health care areas, with particular interest in individuals and groups that approach their practice as scholars, teachers and practitioners. Primary recipients are University of Scranton faculty from the Panuska College of Professional Studies, consisting of the Departments of Counseling and Human Services, Education, Exercise Science and Sport, Health Administration and Human Resources, Nursing, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy.

The endowment was established and is supported, in part, by the Leahy family and is enriched annually by gifts from corporations and individuals who wish to support the work of the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Endowment.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

My work in Jesuit Catholic education has always influenced my desire to think critically and ask hard questions concerning those who struggle in education and those who teach. In October 2013, I traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., and Nogales, Mexico, where I met wonderful people volunteering at BorderLinks and the Kino Border Initiative. My time there raised my awareness on the plight of education for immigrants and border issues.

I was thankful for this experience and for the University that employed me to raise my awareness on social justice issues and understanding a deeper sense of the common good. But how was this applicable to my university in Scranton, Pennsylvania, 2,000 miles away? Could I take the ideas I learned in the borderlands and apply them to my teaching as a whole? I was called to action. We cannot walk away from any young person with a desire for an education that includes the love of literature and poetry plus the ability to think and ponder.

In 2012, President Obama signed an executive order that undocumented young adults are able to temporarily avoid deportation and even obtain work permits and attend college. Yes, President Obama is correct that college needs to be affordable, but we cannot stop using our imagination or dreaming for academic innovation that includes the love of literature with the love of a vocation as a calling, rather than a vocation in the technical sense. Why can’t a college education do both? As the academic dean of a professional college at a Jesuit and Catholic university, I do believe that a young person can embrace a “calling for action” and a profession. Our liberal arts core broadens and deepens our passion and enhances what our students bring to their “helping profession.”

My hope for all of us in higher education is that we may never stop striving to better the situation of all people. College offers our young people the opportunity to keep the game going concerning action, service and education. If we are innovative in our curriculum, a personal transformation will be possible.

Very truly yours,

Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D.,
Academic Dean of PCPS

Read the full Op-ed “Rekindling enthusiasm to instill love of learning” by Debra Pellegrino and published in the March 9, 2014 issue of The Scranton Times, at scranton.edu/loveoflearning

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Collins, T.L. (2014, February). DPT Student Self-Assessment of the Section on Geriatrics of the APTA Essential Competencies in the Care of Older Adults at the Completion of the Entry-level Physical Therapist Professional Program of Study. Poster Presentation at Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, Las Vegas, Nev.


Dr. Lori Bruch Receives Pacinelli Leadership Award

Lori A. Bruch, Ed.D., rehabilitation counseling program director, received the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association’s (PRA) 2013 Ralph N. Pacinelli Leadership Award on April 3 at the PRA Professional Development Institute luncheon.

This award is presented to a PRA member who has exercised extraordinary national and/or state leadership to rehabilitation professionals in order to strengthen, broaden and hone their professional development.

Dr. Bruch is well-known as a person committed to the development of new faculty and to her service to a wide variety of University committees and programs. She joined The University of Scranton in 1995 and is currently the graduate program director for the Rehabilitation Counseling Program and an associate professor of counseling and human services. From 2008-2009 she served as the interim chair of the Education Department at the University.

Among her certifications are Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor and CORE Site Visitor Trainer. She has served on numerous professional organizations, including: Chair of the Commissioner Standards and Accreditation - Council on Rehabilitation Education, Board member of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education and President of the National Association of Rehabilitation Leadership. She has been co-chair of the Northeastern U.S. Conference on Disability, hosted by the Panuska College of Professional Studies, for all of the Conference’s 12 years and is co-chairing the event during its 13th year.

Dr. Pacinelli is actively involved in The University of Scranton community, where he has served as a Leahy Faculty Fellow, a valued faculty member of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program and a regular contributor to the Northeastern U.S. Conference on Disability. Recently, Dr. Pacinelli donated his significant collection of books, journals, and documents to the Weinberg Memorial Library.

Dr. Julie Nastasi Named AOTA Fellow

Dr. Julie Ann Nastasi, OTD, OTR/L, SCLV, has been chosen to receive the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Roster of Fellows Award for 2014. This award recognizes members of AOTA, who, with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members of the Association. Dr. Nastasi was recognized for her contributions in advancement in low vision and the profession. The award ceremony was held on April 5 at the AOTA Annual Conference & Expo in Baltimore, Md.

Sandy Watson Receives Sursum Corda Award

During the 2014 Spring Convocation, Exercise Science and Sport’s faculty secretary, Sandy Watson, was awarded the Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts) Award for clerical/technical staff. The award recognizes members of the University’s staff who have made outstanding contributions to the life and mission of the University.

Sandy joined the Department of Exercise Science and Sport during the summer of 2008. Since that time, Sandy has been a key contributor to the recent and rapid student growth of the department. Sandy’s friendly personality helps make over 340 department majors feel welcome each day.

Sandy has served as a staff senate officer for two years. During the summer of 2011, she participated on an ISP trip to Mexico City. Sandy continues to assist the Exercise Science and Community Health Education clubs with their service projects. She also coordinates the Strength and Conditioning Program for the University’s athletic teams, which fall under the direction of the Exercise Science and Sport Department.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & HUMAN RESOURCES

Peter C. Olden, Ph.D., MHA, received the Faculty Leadership Award from The University of Scranton Student Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

A new global health management partnership has been established between The University of Scranton and Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), a premier Jesuit university in Brazil.

The MHA program received maximum re-accreditation of seven (7) years from the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). Official notification and approval at the November 2013 CAHME board meeting was received.
Clinic Volunteers Surpass Goal in ‘1888 Challenge’

When Megan McCarthy, MS Occupational Therapy ’14, and her fellow student and adult volunteers at the University’s Leahy Community Health and Family Center were challenged to come up with an idea to celebrate the University’s 125th anniversary, they knew just what to do. As a way to honor Scranton’s Jesuit tradition, 138 student and community volunteers re-doubled their efforts to become men and women for others. They launched what they dubbed the “1888 Challenge.” In the fall semester, the volunteers set out to perform 1,888 hours of service in Leahy’s medical clinic and food pantry and during a Thanksgiving drive. Instead, they ended up giving 1,961 hours. “I’ve volunteered at the clinic for five years,” McCarthy said. “I’ve never given this many hours before. Being immersed in this caring atmosphere — serving others and reaching across cultural divides — has really enriched my education.” The volunteers are determined to repeat the feat in the spring semester. As of March 12, the total stood at 1,017 hours.

Leahy Center Implements Electronic Medical Records System

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Leahy Community Health and Family Center staff and students have been working together to plan and implement a digital version of our patients’ medical history, or an Electronic Medical Record (EMR), within the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured.

Bringing the EMR system to life is just one of the major initiatives that the EMR implementation team has been working on. The team is overseen by faculty mentor Joseph Fisne, currently employed by Geisinger Health Systems as the associate vice president of Information Technology at G-CMC, and whose expertise and experience with an EMR system is very helpful. The team also consists of four graduate students pursuing their Masters in Health Administration (MHA): Andrea Mantione; Charles Murray; Kendrick Monestime; and Robert “Rocky” Sawyer, as well as me, Hayden Strickland, an undergraduate majoring in health administration.

Implementing the EMR system will benefit the Clinic in three main ways: (1) improved quality, outcomes, and safety; (2) improved efficiency, productivity, cost reduction; and (3) improved service and satisfaction. These benefits will add to the all-around value of the Leahy Community Health and Family Center. Bringing this new initiative to the Center demonstrates the students’ devotion to the Jesuit ideals, specifically the ideal of “Magis,” which focuses on the idea of “doing more.”

In accordance with this Jesuit ideal, students go “above and beyond” to serve the Scranton community in as many ways as possible. This devotion is especially important because of the increasing number of patients the Leahy Clinic treats each year. The Health Administration students, along with University student and faculty volunteers, are in good hands, as they are guided by Clinic Director Andrea Mantione, MSN, CRNP and MHA and Operations Manager Maria Vital.

The future is very bright for the Leahy Community Health and Family Center and the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured!

Alumni Physician Gives Back

Dr. Lewis Druffner is just one of the dedicated physicians who has volunteered his time at the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured within the Panuska College of Professional Studies since it opened in 2007.

Dr. Druffner is no stranger to Scranton. He is an alumnus of Scranton Prep and The University of Scranton (class of ’55). Dr. Druffner served as a physician in the Navy before returning to the area to take over his father’s medical family practice in Avoca.

He has over 50 years of experience practicing medicine, and — since his retirement — he has volunteered at The Care and Concern Free Health Clinic in Pittston, in addition to the Leahy Clinic. When asked about his experiences at the Leahy Clinic, Dr. Druffner said: “It was very interesting to come back to the University; patients were so appreciative, and it was great to give back to the community.”

Dr. Druffner retired from the Leahy Clinic in the fall of 2013. He is loved and will be missed. He is a physician champion and made an enormous impact on the entire Scranton community.
Klingman to Receive Peter A. Carlesimo Award

In a successful and storied career in collegiate athletics as a player, coach and administrator, Steve Klingman has made many contributions to both The University of Scranton and the local soccer community.

Klingman will add another honor to his résumé when he receives the University’s Peter A. Carlesimo Award at the Carlesimo Golf Tournament and Award Dinner, to be held June 9 at Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone, N.J. Proceeds from the event will benefit student-athletes at the University.

In 22 seasons as the men’s soccer coach, Klingman led the Royals to an overall record of 324-116-23 that included back-to-back championship appearances in the NCAA Division III tournament in 1980 and 1981 and four straight Final Four berths from 1980-1983. Currently the associate director of athletics and an assistant professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Sport, Klingman took up the head coaching job for the men’s soccer team in 1973, just four years after the team’s inception. The Royals made nine other NCAA tournament appearances under his guidance, including three Elite Eight appearances.

Klingman is also one of the most successful coaches in NCAA Division III men’s soccer history. He coached the University’s golf team from 1974 to 1979 and its baseball team from 1980 to 1986.

Klingman has been inducted into numerous “halls of fame,” including The University of Scranton’s “Wall of Fame,” two chapters of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Ithaca College Sports Hall of Fame, the Chic Feldman Foundation Hall of Fame and the Haverford High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Since 2011, the Peter A. Carlesimo Award, named for the late University of Scranton head coach and director of athletics, has been presented to someone who has made special contributions to athletics and Catholic education. The Quandel Construction Group is the title sponsor for this event.
Community Celebration Shows “Various Viewpoints” of PCPS and its Students

In her opening remarks at the Annual PCPS Community Celebration, held April 8, Dean Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., quoted Pope Francis. Our first Jesuit Pope, Dean Pellegrino told the audience, reminded us that, “It is not a good strategy to be at the center of a sphere. To understand, we ought to move around, to see reality from various viewpoints. We ought to get used to thinking.”

During the evening celebration, hosted by the PCPS Board of Visitors, community members, faculty, staff and students had an opportunity to see firsthand the “various viewpoints” of learning and service-learning of students. Posters throughout the McIlhenny Ballroom showcased the work of students in majors across disciplines in the college. A video presentation highlighted the transformative work being undertaken in the college and construction of the new Center for Rehabilitation Education.

The Community Celebration included presentation of four awards honoring service and service learning.

The Outstanding Service and Inspirational Leadership Award was presented to seven students for their exceptional service to the Leahy Community Health and Family Center: Stephanie Boccuzzi (International Business and Hispanic Studies), Michael Briskey (Biology), Emily Carpenter (Nursing), Leah ElGhazal (Nursing), David Linhares (MHA), Megan McCarthy (Occupational Therapy) and Amanda Stahl (Biology and Philosophy).

The Panuska Service Learning Award was presented to Lauren DeMarco, a senior majoring in early and primary education.

The Ignatian Service Learning Book Award was presented to Corrine Wolff, a senior majoring in Counseling and Human Services.

The Outstanding Community Member Award was presented to Michele Steinmetz.
Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies, presents the Outstanding Service and Inspirational Leadership Award to students for their exceptional service to the Leahy Community Health and Family Center. From left: Dr. Pellegrino, Lauralei Carden, clinical nurse manager, Megan McCarthy, Amanda Stahl, David Linhares, Andrea Mantione, clinic director, and Maria Vital, clinic operations manager. Absent from photo were Stephanie Boccuzzi, Emily Carpenter, Leah ElGhazal and Michael Briskey.

PCPS Board of Visitors member Maureen Pesavento and Dr. Michael Hardisky, professor of Biology, were among the crowd of 140 gathered for the celebration.

Corrine Wolff was joined by her mother as she received the Ignatian Service Learning Book Award. From left: Debra Pellegrino, Ed. D., Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies, Valerie Clark, manager of creative services, Ms. Wolff and Paul Datti, Ph.D., assistant professor, counseling and human services.

The Panuska Service Learning Award was presented to Lauren DeMarco. From left: Professor Sandra Pesavento, education faculty specialist; Ms. DeMarco; and Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Members of the Exercise Science Club donated a portion of the proceeds from their fundraising efforts to the United Neighborhood Center. From left: Michael McLane, UNC childcare director; Katalyn Moyer, president of the Exercise Science Club; Dr. Debra Pellegrino, PCPS dean; Tracy Roy, Exercise Science Club secretary; Dr. Paul Cutrufello, assistant professor in Exercise Science and faculty moderator for the club; and Jared Burch, Exercise Science Club treasurer.

PCPS Board of Visitors and community members gather at the Community Celebration. From left: Gerald Savitsky, PCPS board of visitors member; Andrea Mantione, director of the Leahy Community Health and Family Center; Dr. Hassan Namdari, director of Clin-Micro Immunology Center; Patricia Leahy; Edward R. Leahy, PCPS board of visitors member; Dr. Debra A. Pellegrino, dean of PCPS; and Timothy Mooney, PCPS board of visitors member.
Center for Rehabilitation Education
1. The cornerstone of the former YWCA building, marking the 1907 construction of the building designed by Scranton architect Edward Langley, is removed from Leahy Hall prior to its demolition.

2. Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies, holds a time capsule found during demolition. Contents of the time capsule included coins, almanacs, newspapers, a book, and photos from the late 1890s and early 1900s.

3. A view of the demolition of Leahy Hall, as seen from O’Hara Hall in mid-October.

4. Foundation work is well under way by late October, as seen from this view from the 4th floor of McGurrin Hall.

5. Faculty, staff, and students from the Occupational Therapy Department participate in the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Center for Rehabilitation Education held Nov. 14, 2013.

6. A crane moves the first steel beams in the construction of the new building in mid-January.

7. Construction workers pour concrete into the foundation in early March.
From Oct. 10 to 20, 2013 several faculty members and students from the Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program participated in a study abroad trip to Central and Eastern Europe. Standing – from left – Dr. Daniel West, program chair; Christopher Nebzydoski; Helen Kwofie. Seated on wall – from left – Joseph Spinelli; James Olechna; Robert Sawyer and Patrick Casterline.

The Exercise Science Department’s senior honor society, Phi Epsilon Kappa (PEK), held a food drive in December to benefit the Al Beech Food Pantry. Some of the members who supported this effort are pictured (from left to right) Dr. Joan Grossman (PEK faculty advisor); Tracy Roy (PEK treasurer); Cory Pasquarelli; Jared Burch; Dana Principe; Gianna Scarpelli (PEK secretary).

Professor Patricia Wisniewski (bottom left) with sophomores in the Department of Occupational Therapy who knitted baby blankets that they then donated to CareNet as part of their service learning.

Sophomores and juniors in the Department of Occupational Therapy designed games and activities for the annual Waverly Community House Halloween Party as part of their service learning.
Interprofessional Education Pilot Established

An interprofessional education (IPE) pilot was conducted by faculty and professional staff from The University of Scranton’s Nursing Department, The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) and Marywood University. The goal was to develop an educational program, and to conduct a pilot study to explore simulation as a method of interprofessional education for collaborative practice among students in different disciplines.

Two senior nursing students from The University of Scranton participated, in addition to two medical students from TCMC, two physician assistants, two social work students and two nursing students, all from Marywood University. Core principles from TeamSTEPPS were a focus of the teaching strategies employed. Both qualitative and quantitative data was collected. The project received grant funding through The University of Scranton/Marywood University Cooperative Grant Program.

The group published an article describing the challenges of planning and implementing a simulation-based interprofessional educational program. Research findings were presented at a poster presentation at the 14th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) in San Francisco, Calif., in January 2014. It is the hope that the pilot will be implemented with a much larger population in the future.

Physical Therapy Faculty Receive Marywood University/University of Scranton Cooperative Grant

Drs. Renee Hakim (PI) and Mike Ross from the Department of Physical Therapy (PT), in collaboration with Dr. B. Lynn Hutchings from the Social Work Department at Marywood University and Dr. Wendy Runco and Mike Kane from the PT Department at St. Joseph’s Center, are conducting a research project titled, “A Community-Based Aquatic Exercise Program to Improve Endurance, Mobility, Self-Esteem and Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQOL) in Community-Dwelling Adults with Mild to Moderate Intellectual Disability (ID).” This project was funded by the Marywood University/University of Scranton Cooperative Grant Program award for $8,930.

During the fall of 2013, Phase I was completed with an eight week aquatic exercise program with the assistance of over 40 PT graduate student research assistants. The students conducted physical performance testing and served as “Water Buddies” to provide one on one training in the pool. Phase II began in February 2014 with a new cohort of adults with ID.
Anything but Common

For the fourth year in a row, senior nursing students gave up some of their winter break to travel to Newark, N.J., to perform health screenings on the students of the North Star Academy Charter Schools. The focus of the Uncommon Schools is to close the education gap and encourage graduates to pursue undergraduate degrees. The hard work of both the teachers and the students pays off — with 100 percent of North Star graduates going on to attend college and for many, they are the first in their families to do so.

The University of Scranton has formed a strong partnership with North Star over the years and, once again, the Royal RNs were welcomed back to the campuses with cheers and applause from the students. This year the trip included some Scranton Nursing Alumni who worked alongside the current seniors. Over 1,000 North Star students received health screenings from our nursing students, and plans are already in place for our return in 2015.

Blessing of the Books’ Spirit Reaches Kenyan Children

During the month of January 2014, Dr. Tata Mbugua traveled to Kenya on a scholarly agenda which involved the Global Guidelines for Early Childhood Education in the 21st Century. These guidelines, developed by the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), provide recommendations for ensuring appropriate, quality early care and education environments for young children around the world.

Dr. Mbugua brought a number of books from the PCPS Blessing of the Books event to primary schools in Kenya in the spirit of sharing and caring during the festive season, as well as promoting literacy for young children. Beneficiaries of these books were children from Ndurarua Primary School in the outskirts of Nairobi and a Madrassa Islamic Integrated school in Kwale coastal region of Kenya.

Nursing students and faculty who performed health screenings at North Star Academy Charter Schools during Intersession.

Counseling & Human Services Department Sponsors Letter-writing Campaign

On January 23, 2014 the Counseling and Human Services Department sponsored a letter-writing advocacy event. School Counseling Program alumni, current students and current practicing school counselors from Northeast Intermediate Unit 18 and 19 were invited.

The purpose of this advocacy event was to share information on upcoming Pennsylvania legislation (House Bill 1844) which would mandate a ratio of how many students would be feasible to be supported by one school counselor. The House Bill proposed that the number of students under the care of school counselors should not exceed 375 for kindergarten through eighth grade and 325 for ninth through twelfth grade.

We are excited about this proposed legislation, as it would increase the number of school counselors in area schools, facilitating school counselors’ ability to implement an accountable, data-driven, needs-based, comprehensive school counseling program to meet the needs of all students in their school.

School counselors and members of local school districts who attended wrote letters to their legislative representative in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and to members of the House Education Committee. During the event, the department provided the highlights of House Bill 1844, shared talking points regarding the need for this legislation, made letter-writing suggestions, discussed how to write to legislators, and served refreshments. On behalf of the Counseling and Human Services Department we would like to thank those who have attended to support the school counselor profession and would like to continue to encourage all to advocate for the school counseling profession.
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**Education Majors Serve as Student Teachers**

Area residents are among the 31 University of Scranton education majors who will serve as student teachers during the spring semester at 24 schools in 13 school districts, which are: Old Forge; Pittston Area; Abington Heights; Diocese of Scranton; Valley View; Mid Valley; Riverside; Scranton; Forest City; Dunmore; Wayne Highlands; North Pocono and Lackawanna.

Following is a list of undergraduate and graduate students who are serving as student teachers during the spring semester, and their hometowns:

- Samuel Alba of Wilkes-Barre Township, Pa.
- Richard Berry of Forty Fort, Pa.
- Danielle Calabrese of Flemington, N.J.
- Erin Callahan of Tarrytown, N.Y.
- Kelly Carman of Rockaway Park, N.Y.
- Brittany Colavito of Garden City, N.Y.
- Thomas Connmy of Scranton, Pa.
- Katie Cunningham of Stewart Manor, N.Y.
- Robert Eisenhart of Scranton, Pa.
- Meghan Fennessy of Harrisburg, Pa.
- Kallyn French of Milford, Pa.
- Kelly Judge of Scranton, Pa.
- Page Kenny of Glenwood, N.J.
- Christine Lynch of Glen Rock, N.J.
- James Maguire of Bayside, N.Y.
- Michael Marchman of Blauvelt, N.Y.
- Aileen McGonigle of New Hyde Park, N.Y.
- Laura Megargel of Morristown, N.J.
- Grace Morgan of Grafton, Mass.
- Sebastien Moulin of Dickson City, Pa.
- Melissa Nasseran of Rockaway, N.J.
- Robert Patch of Islip, N.Y.
- Dana Perry of Scranton, Pa.
- Alyssa Potter of Scranton, Pa.
- Ciro Saverino of Manalapan, N.J.
- Jacob Skees of Glen Rock, N.J.
- Lindsay Spinner of Chatham, N.J.
- Nicole Thomas of Swyersville, Pa.
- Lauren Thorley of Bethlehem, Pa.
- Melanie Trafflet of Ridgewood, N.J.

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**Free Community Healthy Heart Fair Held at The Mall at Steamtown**

The University of Scranton’s exercise science club held its seventh annual Healthy Heart Fair for area residents at The Mall at Steamtown on Feb. 15. The fair included free blood pressure readings, body fat analysis, massages and information promoting awareness of heart health and heart disease.

A number of student organizations joined the exercise science club at the fair, including the nursing club, Urban Beats Dance Crew, physical therapy club and students in the community health education program, among others. Representatives from the American Heart Association and American Red Cross also participated.

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Thirty-one University of Scranton education majors will serve as student teachers this spring.
The new Center for Rehabilitation Education, scheduled for completion in 2015, will provide a state-of-the-art facility for undergraduate and graduate programs in the Departments of Exercise Science, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy.

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