Purple Pride

Generations of Alumni Keep the Scranton Legacy Alive
Alumni whose class years end in “5” and “0”:
Make plans now to join your classmates back on campus this June.

Thanks to the alumni who have already volunteered to serve as a member of their class committees.

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For a tentative schedule of events, hotel information and more visit www.scranton.edu/reunion
Registration for Reunion events and on campus accommodations will be available in March 2010.

Visit www.scranton.edu/reunion and see who’s on the list from your class.
A Message from the President

Scranton’s 42,500 alumni proudly wear royal purple all over the states and countries where they live. For some alumni, their Scranton days were a mere five years ago; for others, it was 40 or even 50 years ago that they walked across the stage to receive that coveted diploma that forever changed their lives.

Despite the many paths they have traveled and the various places their lives have taken them, our alumni have stayed connected to their alma mater. Some are actively involved in their alumni club or Alumni Society. Others are mentors, benefactors, or ambassadors. Still others remain engaged through friendships that withstand the test of time.

I’ve often been heard saying that there is nothing quite like a Scranton education. As I read through the profiles of the alumni featured in this issue of The Scranton Journal, I was more convinced than ever that Scranton is, indeed, a unique and incomparable place.

With a Scranton education, all things seem possible. It is a place where God’s good grace has shaped and formed generations of alumni who have gone out to set the world on fire. But, as our Alma Mater reminds us, “Memories of our Scranton days will last whatever next appears.”

With Alumni Reunion on the horizon for June 11–13, 2010, I invite you to return to campus to that sacred ground where you became part of an extraordinary community that is fully and rightfully yours.

Sincerely,

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.
National Recognition Continues to Grow

The University continued to score strongly in the fall release of national publications that rank the quality and cost of universities in the United States. U.S. News & World Report recognized the University in four rankings in its 2010 edition of “America’s Best Colleges,” including a new ranking of just 80 schools in the nation hailed for a “Strong Commitment to Teaching.” U.S. News ranked Scranton seventh in the “Best Universities-Master’s in the North” category, marking the 16th consecutive year that U.S. News has ranked Scranton among the top 10 universities in the north. Scranton ranked ninth in last year’s edition. For the second year in a row, Scranton ranked among the “Top Up-and-Coming Schools,” a list of only 77 schools in the nation recognized for “innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities.” Scranton ranked fourth in the north.

For the second year, the University made the list of 600 universities published in Forbes.com’s “America’s Best Colleges 2009.” The ranking was determined by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity’s analysis of data posted on RateMyProfessor.com, and success of graduates based equally on the number of alumni listed among Who’s Who in America and the average salaries of alumni posted on Payscale.com. The average amount of student debt at graduation was also considered.

Scranton is among the elite schools profiled in The Princeton Review’s 2010 edition of the “The Best 371 Colleges” guidebook. This is the eighth consecutive year that The University of Scranton has made Princeton Review’s best colleges list. The Princeton Review also named Scranton’s Kania School of Management among the best business graduate schools in the country for the fifth consecutive year.

The University was listed among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the nation named a Military Friendly School. The list of just over 1,000 schools was published by G.I. Jobs based on research compiled through a poll of more than 7,000 schools in the United States.

“Most Clever Man in the World” Delivers Mullin Lecture

Nobel Prize-winning physicist Murray Gell-Mann, Ph.D., discussed why beauty and elegance are successful criteria for choosing fundamental physical theory at the annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Memorial Lecture at the University on Oct. 15.

Gell-Mann, who earned the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1969 for his work on the theory of elementary particles, is regarded by some as “the most clever man in the world.” He has made profound contributions to science. He is perhaps best known for his “Eightfold Way,” a theory of organizing dozens of subatomic particles in collisions that involve atomic nuclei. Key to this research was Gell-Mann’s discovery that these particles are made up of quarks. Later, he collaborated with colleagues to build the quantum field theory of quarks and gluons known as quantum chromodynamics.

The Mullin Lecture series, which has brought to Scranton some of the world’s most distinguished scholars and scientists, including more than a dozen 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.

Murray Gell-Mann, Ph.D., regarded by some as “the most clever man in the world,” delivered the annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Lecture in the Houlihan-McLean Center on Oct. 15. The lecture was later broadcast on WVIA-TV.

Freshman Class Breaks New Records

The University’s incoming class is one for the record books.

The undergraduate Class of 2013 at about 1,040 students is the largest class in the history of the University, surpassing the previous record of 1,030 set just two years ago by the Class of 2011. But, that is not all. The Class of 2013 was drawn from a record number of applicants and has a record number of legacy students – 101 children of University of Scranton alumni, including 20 legacy students from alumni couples. (See the inside back cover of this issue of The Scranton Journal for a listing of names.)

When combined with graduate students starting this fall, the incoming class also has the largest number of international students.
The entering undergraduate students were drawn from 8,028 applicants, which is the first time the applicant pool surpassed 8,000. This marks the eighth consecutive year that Scranton has set a record for undergraduate applications for admission.

The University of Scranton has also seen its graduate enrollment nearly triple over the past six years through Web-based and off-campus course offerings and new campus-based degree offerings such as the doctorate in physical therapy.

During a New Student Convocation held in the Byron Recreation Complex on Aug. 22, the freshmen witnessed the introduction of their Class of 2013 Banner, as presented by Joseph Quinn ’10, student body president, and took a student pledge, led by William Grogan ’11, student body vice president.

Award-winning author Chris Lowney received an honorary degree from Scranton. Lowney is the author of Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company that Changed the World, and Heroic Living: Discover Your Purpose and Change the World, which was the book read by incoming freshmen at Scranton.

Six Named to Board of Trustees

The University has named six individuals to its Board of Trustees: Marie A. George, Ph.D., G’78, Joseph J. Kadow, Esq., ’78, Lawrence Lynch, CPA, ’81, Rev. Ryan Maher, S.J., Joseph T. Sebastianelli, Esq., ’68, and Joseph Sorbera.

Dr. George currently serves as president of Cabrini College, Radnor. Previously she served as executive vice president at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, N.H., where she was chief operating officer.

Kadow is executive vice president and chief legal officer at OSI Restaurant Partners, LLC, Tampa, Fla. He previously served as senior vice president and general counsel at OSI.

Lynch is an audit partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, serving in the Financial Services sector. He recently served as an elected board member of the Alumni Society of the University.

Father Maher is an associate dean of Georgetown College, the undergraduate school of arts and sciences at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., where he also serves as the director of Catholic Studies.

Sebastianelli is currently president and chief executive officer at Jefferson Health System, Radnor. He previously was chairman president and chief executive officer of Onehealthbank.com and president of ScrippsCare.

Sorbera is president, chief executive officer, and chief operating officer of JLS Industries Inc. and JLS Cost Management Systems Inc., New York, N.Y. He previously served as chief administrative officer for JLS.

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

Scranton Participates in Veterans Education Program

The University is partnering with the federal government to help fund the cost of tuition for military veterans and eligible dependents by participating in the new federal Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program).

Through the recently approved Post-9/11 GI Bill, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays tuition expenses equal to the highest in-state undergraduate public college or university rate for eligible veterans. The Yellow Ribbon Program provides an opportunity for private universities to partner with the VA to help pay tuition costs that exceed the rate charged by the highest in-state undergraduate university.

Participating universities can contribute up to 50% of the difference, and their contribution is matched by the VA for those eligible. The University of Scranton has chosen to contribute the maximum 50% funding. When matched by the VA, this contribution, plus the Post 9-11/GI Bill, will fund the full cost of tuition at Scranton.

The advantage of The Yellow Ribbon Program is that veterans can select from a wide range of participating private universities, as well as public universities, to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies.

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The University welcomed the largest undergraduate class in its history the weekend of August 22. The Class of 2013 also set the record having the largest applicant pool and the largest number of children of alumni.
Three Students Receive Prestigious Fulbrights

Three members of the Class of 2009 were awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships to countries in Asia, Europe and Africa.

Amy Lee received a Fulbright to Macau; Megan E. LoBue received a Fulbright to Germany; and Cynthia G. David received a Fulbright to Cameroon.

“The Fulbright Program is widely regarded as the U.S. Government’s premier scholarship program for overseas graduate study, teaching, and research,” said Susan T. Russler, Ph.D., Fulbright program advisor and associate professor of economics/finance at Scranton, who credits the University’s success to its “remarkable students.”

A total of 124 Scranton students have received grants in the competitions administered by the Institute of International Education (Fulbright) and International Rotary since 1972.

For the past four years, The Chronicle of Higher Education has listed The University of Scranton among the “top producers” of Fulbright awards for American students. The Chronicle listed Scranton among only 22 universities in the nation and one of only two in Pennsylvania in the “Masters Institutions” category in 2008.

According to the Institute for International Education, this year nearly 7,500 U.S. students competed for the approximately 1,500 scholarships awarded.

Professor’s Research Presented at ACS National Meeting

Chemistry Professor Joe Vinson, Ph.D., presented research on the amount of healthful antioxidant substances, called polyphenols, found in snack foods and whole grain cereals at the 238th annual national meeting of the American Chemical Society, in Washington D.C.

“Epidemiological studies have shown that consumption of whole grain foods reduce the risk for certain cancers, coronary heart disease and obesity,” said Dr. Vinson. “Whole grains contain vitamins, minerals and fiber along with phenolic compounds, predominately the class known as phenolic acids. Phenolic acids are excellent antioxidants.”

Dr. Vinson’s study measured the total number of polyphenols in whole grain flours, ready-to-eat breakfast cereals, hot cereals and other grain foods and snacks, such as crackers, chips and popcorn. He found many popular breakfast cereals and snack foods like popcorn have a “surprisingly large” amount of antioxidants.

O’Hara Award Presented to 12 Alumni

The University presented 12 alumni with 2009 Frank O’Hara Awards during Alumni Reunion Weekend. The O’Hara Award is the highest award bestowed jointly by the University and the Alumni Society for outstanding achievements in a particular field or endeavor. This year’s honorees and the categories for which they were honored are, seated from left, Arthur E. Clark, Ph.D. ’54, Adelphi, Md., Science & Technology; Sharon Bartosh, M.D. ’79, Middleton, Wis., Medicine; Mary M. Cambridge ’79, Altamonte Springs, Fla., Community Service; Michele Mauer Carpenter, M.D. ’79, Aliso Viejo, Calif., Medicine; and Thomas J. Davis ’69, Binghamton, N.Y., Management. Standing from left are, Michael J. McDermott ’71, president of the Alumni Society of The University of Scranton; O’Hara award winners Andrew M. Wallace ’74, Chinchilla, Community Service; Rev. William L. George, S.J. ’69, North Bethesda, Md., Religion & Spirituality; John J. Cunningham, Esq. ’64, Blue Bell, Law; William C. O’Malley, C.P.A. ’59, Amelia Island, Fla., Management; Francis W. Connolly, Ph.D. ’64, Rockville, Md., Education; Brig. General Michael J. Terry ’79, U.S. Army, Fort Belvoir, Va., Government Service; and Kevin J. Lanahan ’84, Mendham, N.J., University Service.
Remembering the Jesuit Martyrs of El Salvador

Banners placed along campus walkways are among the ways Scranton is commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Jesuit Martyrs of El Salvador. On November 16, 1989, six Jesuit priests and educators, their housekeeper and her daughter, were murdered in El Salvador.

On October 28, Rev. Rodolfo Cardenal, S.J., former vice rector of the University of Central America, spoke about the martyrs to nearly 400 people who filled the Houlihan-McLean Center.

“The martyrs gave up their lives to free and save others from injustice and oppression,” Rev. Cardenal said. “From a theological perspective, they fought to free the world from sin.”

University of Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., articulated the significance of these events by saying, “What happened at the University of Central America in 1989, as well as the need for continued solidarity with the third world, is critically important to Jesuit higher education and to our mission here at Scranton.”

Additional information about events marking the 20th anniversary of the Jesuit Martyrs can be found at www.scranton.edu/elsalvador

Grant Supports Family Nurse Practitioner Program

The Nursing Department at the University has received a three-year Advanced Education Nursing Grant of $345,000 from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for its Family Nurse Practitioner Program. This is the third Advanced Education Nursing Grant awarded to the University this decade.

According to Mary Jane Hanson, Ph.D., CRNP, CNS, professor and director of the Department of Nursing’s Graduate Program, the grant money will be used “to enhance our Family Nurse Practitioner curriculum with a focus on palliative care and prepare Family Nurse Practitioner graduates to provide care for vulnerable patients in rural and medically underserved areas in our region.”

In addition, to facilitate greater program accessibility for qualified applicants from surrounding rural counties, the nursing department plans to increase the number of rural clinical sites in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania where its students gain their practical experience.

Scranton’s Family Nurse Practitioner program prepares registered nurses to assess, diagnose and treat common disorders and to provide health-promotion and disease-prevention interventions and counseling to patients in primary care settings.

Presidential Scholarships Awarded to 16 Freshmen

Scranton has awarded 16 freshmen full-tuition Presidential Scholarships for 2009-2010. Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary records in both their high school and community involvement. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition for four years of study as long as the student maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average. In addition, Presidential scholars are invited to participate in a Presidential Colloquy, which includes academic discussions led by the president, discussions with the provost and faculty about topics raised by speakers making invited presentations on campus, and a seminar on leadership and civic responsibility.

Longtime Faculty Member Receives Earl Award

Linda Ledford-Miller, Ph.D., chair and professor of world languages and cultures, was awarded the John L. Earl III Award for service to the University, the faculty, and the wider community. This award is presented annually to a member of the University community who demonstrates the spirit of generosity and dedication that the late Dr. John Earl, a distinguished professor of history, exemplified during his years at Scranton from 1964 to 1996.

A distinguished faculty member, Dr. Ledford-Miller has served at Scranton since 1985 and has earned three Fulbright fellowships during her career. In 2001, she was awarded a Fulbright to lecture at Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique, Africa. In 1990, she received a senior Fulbright Fellowship to lecture on comparative literature at San Carlos University in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and in 1979, she received her first Fulbright Fellowship for graduate study and research to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. Ledford-Miller has also earned several awards at the University, including the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Advancing Global Learning in 2007, the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Integrating Diversity in Learning in 2005, and the International Center Award for Leadership in Global Education in 2003.

Book Explores Claims of The Da Vinci Code

Among the new book released this year by The University of Scranton is The Catholic Church and American Culture: Why the Claims of Dan Brown Strike a Chord, by Eric Plumer, Ph.D., associate professor of theology/religious studies at the University. Although more than 50 books have been published debunking the religious claims of The Da Vinci Code, this is the first devoted to the fundamentally more interesting question: if those claims are so erroneous, why have they resonated so powerfully with millions of intelligent readers and filmgoers?

Dr. Plumer looks at ten major reasons why the Catholic Church is viewed with such skepticism and suspicion by many Americans today, and why so many claim to be searching for a spirituality more in line with contemporary values. In addition to exploring the appeal of The Da Vinci Code and Angels and Demons, this book provides a context for understanding Dan Brown’s latest novel, The Lost Symbol.

Dr. Plumer has delivered numerous presentations to students, alumni and the greater community on this subject, including a presentation at Friends and Family Weekend on Sept. 26.

“Transition” Discussed at Annual disAbility Conference

“Transition: Today, Tomorrow, Together,” was the theme of the 8th Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility held on Oct. 7 in the DeNaples Center on campus. The conference was presented by the University’s J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies and the Edward R. Leahy, Jr., Endowment.

In addition to a range of respected speakers, the conference featured a Town Meeting with a panel of experts discussing this topic of transition as it relates to healthcare reform.

U.S. Senator Robert Casey participated in the discussion via teleconference from his Washington, D.C., office. Other panelists were William Gannon, executive director of Pennsylvania’s Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Wendy Patterson, statewide transition specialist for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Michael Stoehr, education consultant for the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network; Harold Blass, assistant executive director of the Luzerne County Intermediate Unit; and Fredric Schroeder, Ph.D., research professor at San Diego State University, who works in the area of vocational rehabilitation and is the former ninth commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

J. Joseph Grady, Esq. ’81 served as moderator.

Pictured at the presentation of the 11th annual John L. Earl III Award are, from left: University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Pauline Earl, wife of the late John Earl; Karen Earl Kolon, M.D., daughter of the late John Earl; Linda Ledford-Miller, Ph.D., Earl Award recipient, chair and professor of world languages and cultures; and Harold Baillie, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs.
Foreign Languages
Professor Receives Fulbright

Joseph Wilson, Ph.D., professor of world languages and cultures, has been awarded a one-year faculty Fulbright to Kazakhstan in Central Asia beginning in the fall. This is the second faculty Fulbright for Dr. Wilson, whose first Fulbright took him to Albania in 2003.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. Government’s flagship international exchange program. Each year, approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals are selected to participate in the Traditional Fulbright Scholar Program. The scholars lecture and conduct research on a wide range of academic areas.

During his faculty Fulbright to what is ranked as the ninth-largest country in the world, Dr. Wilson will conduct research into oral poetic traditions and will teach classes in English and American studies at Ablai Khan University for International Learning.

Renowned Economist Discusses Housing “Bubble”

J. Bradford DeLong, Ph.D., discussed “Macroeconomic Policy When Bubbles Matter” at the University’s 24th annual Henry George Lecture on Sept. 22.

A professor of economics at the University of California at Berkeley and former deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury for economic policy in the Clinton administration, Dr. DeLong is a renowned economist who constructs practical public policy by analyzing sound economic theory. His talk focused on the causes of the recent burst of the housing “bubble” and efforts to stabilize the overall economy - what we have done, what we can do and how well the economic stimulus package is working.

Funded by a grant from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, the Henry George Lecture Series is the preeminent public lecture series in economics in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Staff Members Honored for Outstanding Contributions

Three staff members received the Sursum Corda Award at the University Convocation on Sept. 4. The Sursum Corda Award, which means “Lift Up Your Hearts,” recognizes those members of the University’s staff who have made outstanding contributions to the life and mission of the University. University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., presented the awards to Patricia Vaccaro G’92 (Professional/Paraprofessional Staff), Mark Fischetti (Clerical/Technical Staff), and Bryant Benjamin (Physical Plant Staff).

Connect with the University

It’s easier than ever to stay connected with everything that’s happening at Scranton, thanks to an array of new social networking sites launched this year by the University.

Starting with MySpace last October, followed in early 2009 with Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr, we have created vibrant online communities where fans, friends and followers can keep up with all that’s new on campus and share their thoughts with us. Our Facebook page alone already has more than 3,500 fans!

Some of the most popular posts on Facebook and MySpace have been when the University has received national accolades, such as being included in the *Princeton Review*’s “Best 371 Colleges,” or when students, alumni or faculty members are recognized for their accomplishments.

Also popular are photographs on Facebook and Flickr from events, such as graduation or Move-In-Weekend, and videos on our YouTube channel ranging from student-produced features to lectures on campus.

In addition to the University’s main pages, many of our departments, clubs and organizations also have a presence in the social networking realm – Alumni, Admissions, the Weinberg Memorial Library, the Biology Department and Student Government, to name a few.

Alumni have a variety of options for connecting with fellow grads, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and, for photo sharing, Shutterfly. Find out about events in your area and take advantage of the great networking opportunities in an alumni community that is over 42,500 strong.

Visit our online communities and join the conversation!

www.scranton.edu/connect
Dinner-dance Supports “Chuck” Brierley Scholarship

A dinner-dance was held at The Astoria World Manor in Astoria, N.Y., on October 17, 2009, to benefit The Charles F. “Chuck” Brierley Scholarship at The University of Scranton. More than 200 people, many of them Scranton alumni, attended and enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing in memory of Chuck Brierley, father of Jennifer Brierley ’06. Jennifer was a student at Scranton when her father passed away in 2002. The Brierley family, including Chuck’s wife, Diane, and their daughters, Kristen and Jennifer, established the scholarship. It was awarded for the first time this fall as a tribute to Chuck, and his warm and generous nature. Many extended family members assist the Brierleys in this annual fundraising effort.

Magis Receptions Honor Donors

Four Presidential Receptions in recognition of the University’s most generous benefactors were held in September. University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S. J., was hosted, along with other local supporters, in the homes of: Kip ’70 and Peggy Condron in New York; John ’75 and Maggie Mariotti in Clarks Green; and Eileen ’82 and Vince ’80 Reilly in Philadelphia. These Scranton supporters graciously opened their homes so that Father Pilarz could personally thank donors from those locales for their generosity during the past year. A fourth gathering for members of the Magis Society from Washington, D.C., was held at The City Club in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 14.

The four Magis Receptions were attended by more than 150 of the University’s most generous supporters. Members of The Magis Society enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Fr. Pilarz and catch up on the latest developments on campus and in the University community. Fr. Pilarz expressed his gratitude for the support shown to the University and to him personally by the Magis Society members with an informal address at each reception. Magis is a Latin term that translates into a restless desire for excellence grounded in gratitude.

In support of the University’s sustainability initiatives, Scranton’s 2009 Donor Report has transitioned from a print publication to an online publication, available at www.scranton.edu/donorreport. The decision to recognize our donors in an online publication supports environmentally friendly business practices that are leading “green” initiatives at the University and throughout the world.
The William and Elizabeth Burkavage Fellowship in Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

William J. and Judith G. Burkavage and Burkavage Design Associates, Clarks Summit, have long been committed to social responsibility and sustainability. When contemplating their commitment at The University of Scranton, the Burkavages sought ways for the University to address the growing need for socially responsible leaders. Bill and Judy’s vision for shaping the future business leaders studying at the University culminated in the establishment of The William and Elizabeth Burkavage Fellowship in Business Ethics and Social Responsibility, in honor of Bill’s parents, William and Elizabeth Burkavage. The first Burkavage Fellow will be welcomed to our campus in the fall of 2010.

With years of business experience to draw upon, the Burkavages have a keen understanding of the ethical issues facing business people in today’s marketplace. In recognition of their belief that successful business and socially responsible business are not contradictory concepts, The William and Elizabeth Burkavage Fellowship in Business Ethics and Social Responsibility funds faculty in the exploration of business ethics. This fellowship is clearly aligned with the University’s liberal arts and business curriculum.

The William and Elizabeth Burkavage Fellowship in Business Ethics and Social Responsibility will promote academic excellence at the University and encourage intellectual curiosity across academic disciplines. The University of Scranton is proud to partner with William and Judith Burkavage and Burkavage Design Associates, whose generous support of our Jesuit mission enhances the educational experiences of our students and serves as an example of the Jesuit ideal of service to others.
The University’s President’s Business Council (PBC) held its Eighth Annual Award Dinner at The Pierre Hotel in New York City on Oct. 8. John A. Walsh ’66, executive vice president and executive editor at ESPN, Inc., received the President’s Medal before a crowd of alumni, friends and ESPN guests.

On behalf of fellow dinner co-chair Gerard R. Roche ’53, senior chairman of Heidrick & Struggles, Inc., George F. Evans ’82, managing director of Outsource Partners International Inc., announced that this year’s dinner was the third largest in the eight-year history of the event, with $1.1 million raised and more than 600 people in attendance. Evans noted that the PBC was extremely grateful for this remarkable achievement given the challenges presented by the economic conditions of the past year.

Proceeds from the annual dinner go directly to Scranton’s Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund, which supports full-tuition scholarships awarded by the University to its most academically qualified incoming students. In the eight-year history of this event, more than $8.3 million has been generated for the endowment.

A Scranton native known to all of his Scranton associates simply as “John A.,” Walsh has been the executive editor of ESPN since December 1990 and currently serves as chairman of ESPN’s editorial board. In October 2007, BusinessWeek ranked Walsh 66th among the 100 most powerful people in sports, citing he “made his mark reshaping the marquee show, SportsCenter.”

Walsh earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University and is currently a member of the University’s Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Ellen, have two children, Emily and James.

Anna M. DiColli, a senior majoring in neuroscience with minors in Spanish and management, from Broomall, Pa., offered remarks and thank you on behalf of all Presidential Scholars.

Mary Beth Farrell ’79, vice chair of AXA Advisors, LLC, and chair of the President’s Business Council, and Christopher M. “Kip” Condron ’70, president & CEO of AXA Financial, Inc., founding chair of the President’s Business Council and chair of the University’s Board of Trustees, shared the role of Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenny, S.J., dean of admissions emeritus at the University and a long-time friend of Walsh, offered the invocation.

In his remarks, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., thanked alumni and friends for their “fierce loyalty” in raising well over $1 million for scholarships. “Your willingness to stretch for Scranton, even in the toughest of times, creates opportunities for outstanding students like Anna DiColli,” he said.

The honoree portion of the evening took on the feel of a celebrity roast with Walsh’s friends...
and special guests Bob Ley of ESPN’s *Outside the Lines* and Robin Roberts of ABC News’ *Good Morning America* having some fun at Walsh’s expense. Among their comments, they introduced a short video clip from ESPN’s *Pardon the Interruption* co-hosts, Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon.

Roberts recalled her first meeting with Walsh at ESPN in 1990 and how he promised her that she would be in for the ride of her life. “I reached heights that I never thought I could reach because of John A.,” Roberts added. Ley, who has been with ESPN since the third day of operation, commented, “Professionally, there is nobody respected more in our industry. Literally, hundreds of people have their success and career focus as a result of John's advice and guidance.”

A tribute video produced by ESPN and narrated by Ley highlighted Walsh’s career accomplishments, his personal friendships, his unique personality and his albino look. Among those included on the video were the legendary Ben Bradlee, former executive editor of *The Washington Post*, John A.’s brother, Jim; Steve Bornstein, president of NFL Network and former president of ESPN; Mike Tirico, ESPN commentator; David Stern, NBA commissioner; Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Universal Sports & Olympics; and George Bodenheimer, President & CEO of ESPN and ABC Sports, who was also in attendance.

After being presented with the President’s Medal, Walsh presented a career retrospective using dozens of baseball caps from those institutions with which he has been associated, coupled with classic novels he has read. He concluded by underscoring the need to support scholarships. “Institutions like The University of Scranton have to remain because they are the guideposts as the world changes and must pass on to students like Anna,” Walsh said, referring to the Presidential Scholar who spoke.

Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn ’72, Vice President for University Mission and Ministry at Fordham University, ended the program with closing remarks and Benediction.

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Scranton alumni have an affinity for their alma mater that withstands the test of time. Whether they’ve graduated five or 50 years ago, alumni stay engaged through friendships, connections and involvement with classmates and their alma mater. This issue of The Scranton Journal features profiles of alumni who will celebrate their reunion in 2010. Their purple pride shines through in all they do.

Career with Yankees is Bonner’s Field of Dreams

As a young boy growing up in Hillsdale, N.J., Michael Bonner dreamed the American dream of being a professional athlete. In the years that followed, he made his way to major league baseball, albeit on a slightly different path than he might have imagined.

Since 1999, Bonner has served as senior director, scoreboard and broadcasting, for the New York Yankees. In this position, he directs a staff of 30 who produce and direct everything from what’s shown on the big screen, to the music that’s played, the scoreboard ribbon board and all video displays. Bonner also oversees all broadcast operations of home games, from the network stations to the Yankee’s own TV station.

As Bonner tells it, the job of directing the scoreboard and broadcasting operations for the legendary Yankees is the “next best thing” to being a professional athlete. Particularly for someone who never made it past 5’8’’. Bonner got his first experience in the world of professional sports as a grade schooler when his dad got him access to the locker room of the New Jersey Nets. As he watched reporters interviewing athletes, he discovered a whole new career path on the road to professional sports.

“I remember asking myself, ‘That’s a job?’” he says of the firsthand experience watching sports broadcasters and reporters.

As his college years beckoned, Bonner set his sights on a degree in communication. He visited quite a number of universities, but Scranton quickly became his first choice. “There was something about Scranton I really liked – the people, the city … everyone.”
That “something” parlayed into something special during his years at Scranton. “The people at the University are so caring,” he says, recalling the concern of maintenance staff and professors, including one who became a mentor.

During his freshman year, Bonner met Sr. Joan Roccasalvo, C.S.J., associate campus minister and adjunct professor of music. “We hit it off,” he says, and before he knew it, he was enrolled in a “Bach to Rock” class with Sr. Joan. By the time he graduated, Bonner had earned a minor in music history, not to mention a lifetime friend who, from time to time, joins him as a guest at Yankees home games.

After graduating from Scranton, he landed a job working for WNBC in the sports department with Len Burman. It was during Bonner’s first big assignment on the road in 1996 – covering spring training in Tampa – that he met the public relations director for the Yankees. A couple of years later, while working for the NHL, he was contacted about the job with the Yankees. The rest, as they say, is history.

Despite his busy schedule – including 15-hour days for home games – Bonner continually finds time to stay connected to his alma mater. He’s hosted a game at Yankee Stadium for alumni of the Scranton Club of New York, attends the annual alumni “Socials in the Sunshine State” while accompanying the Yankees at spring training in Tampa, and is a regular at the President’s Business Council’s Annual Award Dinner in New York.

Best yet, he doesn’t miss an opportunity to return to that sacred ground at Scranton. He gets back to Scranton at least once a year to do a story on the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees.

“I’d like to think that in a small way I played a part in bringing the Yankees affiliate to Scranton,” says Bonner, explaining how he extolled the large Yankee fan base to the chief operating officer of the team when they were looking to change minor league affiliates.

While in the area, Bonner hosts alumni and friends at the games at PNC Field. During a visit in June, he brought his wife, Mandi, and 10 month-old daughter, Anna, to campus for a tour.

“I’ve always been proud of being a graduate of the University, and I’m pleased to give back,” he says.

In many ways, Scranton is his field of dreams.
When Jim Papada was a freshman at Scranton in 1966, there were “rules about everything.”

“We had room checks at 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily, and at midnight on weekends. You wore a coat and tie to class and dinner,” he recalls.

But then things changed. The Vietnam War propelled America into a time of unrest. Times were changing everywhere, and college campuses became a place where the voices of young Americans could be heard. By the time Papada was a sophomore, the multitude of rules at Scranton had been reduced to one: don’t bother anyone. On some college campuses, that might have been a recipe for disaster. But not at Scranton. “People loved it and pretty much lived it,” says Papada.


Papada’s father told him he could “go anywhere he wanted, as long as it was The University of Scranton, King’s or Wilkes,” he says. “I chose Scranton because I wanted to get as far away as possible from home (in Hazleton),” he quips. Of course, he was also looking for a “good education at a good school.”

He found all of that and then some at Scranton and in Rev. Edward Gannon, S.J., a longtime faculty member who became a mentor for Papada and others. “He taught us to believe in ourselves,” recalls Papada.

It was in Fr. Gannon’s Logic and Rhetoric class that Papada learned reasoning skills that proved valuable for years to come. “I still know how to construct syllogisms. There’s something about the way we were taught to think, and it stands you in good stead throughout life. It was particularly valuable in law school,” he says.

He went on to graduate with honors from Villanova University School of Law. By 1983, he was president and chief operating officer of Hordis Brothers, Inc., a privately held glass fabricator. He went on to become senior partner in the Philadelphia law firm Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, where he led the firm’s mergers and acquisitions group.

Like many acquisitions attorneys, Papada ultimately segued into the corporate sector. In 1996 he was named chairman of Technitrol, a worldwide producer of electronic components, electrical contacts and assemblies and other precision-engineered parts.

Since 1999, Papada has served at the helm of the company, which has 25,000 employees worldwide and significant manufacturing operations overseas. He has led about 25 major acquisitions that have been pivotal to the company’s growth.

It’s quite a resume for someone who came to Scranton as a first generation college student more than 40 years ago. Not surprisingly, Papada has never forgotten his roots. “There isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think about and actively use my Jesuit education,” he says.

Given his affinity for Scranton, Papada makes a point of taking time to “take some of what I’ve learned and give it back.” He’s returned to campus as a speaker for the PNC Breakfast series and is an active member of the President’s Business Council. He has also returned to campus as an Executive in Residence, offering the advice of a highly accomplished businessman to aspiring business students.

If he had to offer just one piece of advice to students, Papada says it would be, “Don’t view college as a job. It’s about the experience – the preparation for life. Study what interests you, no matter how ethereal, but study hard and learn to think and express yourself. Don’t be afraid.”

For Papada, his college experience became something beyond what he ever imagined as a freshman. And, he says, he has Scranton to thank for it. “The University is where I got my real start in the world,” he says.
Each room in Liz Ali’s apartment on 121st Street in New York City is decorated in themes of her favorite cities throughout the world: Paris, London … and Scranton.

A graduate assistant working toward her master’s degree in higher and postsecondary education at Columbia University, Ali prominently displays her Scranton pride in an apartment that, by New York standards, is sizeable.

The Scranton-themed room features a University of Scranton flag as well as a Trainspotting movie poster that adorned her Scranton dorm. A mosaic of so many photos of Scranton friends adorns one wall that it appears to be tiled.

“There’s just this crazy love for this little city and I feel like it’s just hard to explain to people that don’t know it, but you just fall in love with the place,” Ali says of Scranton.

Ali’s strong roots in Jesuit education are evident as she speaks about education of the whole person as though it has been engrained in her forever. Her educational beliefs, her long list of activities, and her motivation to stay busy and productive have propelled her forward in her education.

While at Scranton, Ali, who grew up in the Lehigh Valley, double majored in communication and history, and had many roles in school organizations including class representative of the Student Government, chairperson of the Programming Board, and a resident assistant. Now, almost five years after her graduation, she remains involved with her alma mater, serving as chair of her class committee and co-chair of the Young Alumni Committee that created Shamrockin’ Eve in 2009. The event for alumni of the past five years and current seniors is held on the eve of the Scranton St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

After graduating from Scranton, Ali decided to pursue studies in film at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. Upon completing the one-year Television-Radio-Film program, she began working at the Tribeca Film Festival, where she started as an intern. During her internship, Ali was tasked with buying chocolate chip cookies for Robert De Niro’s office. “DeNiro (one of the festival’s founders) has a really big sweet tooth,” she recalls. But her job was not Candyland; it became busy with more serious tasks of working with people who donated to the festival and even choosing films for various events.

Four months later, she became a production assistant, and then an account coordinator in the sponsorship office. During the off seasons between June and September of Ali’s two and a half years at Tribeca, she taught at Northampton Community College in Pennsylvania. This ignited her interest in higher education and inspired her to make a career change.

Ali was accepted to the Columbia Teachers College, and began school this past August.

Ali hopes to enroll in a Ph.D. program once she graduates from the Teachers College in May 2010. As for a future career, she would like to be in student affairs as a dean so that she can be an advocate for students.

“I’d like to be at a small private college, definitely one where Ignatian traditions are prevalent at the school,” she says. “As long as the school has something similar to what I had at Scranton, I’d be able to work there.”
Serving Others Serves Rose Well

Serving others well has been the key to success for Harold T. Rose ’65. After graduating from Scranton with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, Rose began a career as a management trainee at the Marriott Corp. Twenty years later he left Marriott as a senior executive and began his own restaurant management business.

“Hard work always pays off,” says Rose. “I was raised in Minersville, an area where people work hard. I had the motivation to want to succeed and the energy to do what it takes to do so.”

In 1985 with the acquisition of five Roy Rogers restaurants, he founded H.T. Rose Enterprises, Inc. Today, he is chairman and CEO of The Rose Group, which currently owns and operates 59 Applebee’s restaurants in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as four Corner Bakery Cafes and two Shannon Rose Irish Pubs.

In addition to the current holdings of his company, Rose has led the acquisition, development and sale of numerous other franchises, including a dozen Boston Market restaurants, more than 80 Roy Rogers, 20-plus Einstein Bros Bagels, and a handful of Johnny Carino’s Country Italian restaurants.


Throughout, Rose has placed service to customers above all else.

“Every night we review surveys completed by our customers. This enables us to determine what we are doing well, what we are improving, and what needs to be improved,” he says.

The company’s mission states to “passionately do the right thing for the guest, the team and the neighborhood.”

“From pancake breakfasts for fire departments to educational tours of the restaurant for neighborhood children, we are part of the community we operate in and want to help,” says Rose.

The Rose Group is proud of the support it provides to neighborhood groups and organizations like Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation, which supports research focused on finding a cure for cancers that afflict young people.

Rose has received numerous awards during his career, including Applebee’s Services, Inc.’s Franchisee of the Year in 1997 and 2004, and The Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1998. One of the most meaningful awards Rose received was the 2000 Frank J. O’Hara Award for Management bestowed jointly by The University of Scranton and its Alumni Society. In 2008, the University dedicated a room on the fifth floor of Brennan Hall in his name to recognize his generous leadership and philanthropy.

Rose, who resides in New Hope with his wife, Carol, and his two sons, Jason and Stephen, serves on the university’s Pride Passion and Promise Executive Committee. He has served as a Trustee of The University of Scranton for the past six years, an experience he has found to be very rewarding.

“I have seen the University expand in so many ways – in its student body, its facilities - but remain true to its core mission of serving its students,” says Rose.

In remembering his Scranton days, Rose does see a similarity with today’s students.

“When I was a student, I remember enjoying the new Gunster Student Center the way that today’s students are enjoying the new DeNaples Center,” says Rose.

“When I graduated from Scranton, I believed that there was not a problem I could not solve. If someone puts a big wall in front of you, that doesn’t mean you have to stop. You go over or around the wall. I learned that at Scranton,” says Rose, who believes that with the completion of the unified science center, Scranton will only get better.
Mary Leedy

Mary Leedy’s senior year was a special one indeed. Before walking across the stage to receive her diploma, she was a key part of a magical women’s basketball team that capped an amazing season by winning the program’s only NCAA Division III national championship.

“We were all very passionate about basketball,” says Leedy, a co-captain of the 1985 team. “We were helped by two transfers – Shelley Parks and Deanna Kyle – who added elements we had been missing. The combination of the team’s individual skills along with that passion made us successful.”

Parks still holds the single season record for blocks that year, while the assist total of Kyle – NCAA Division III Basketball Player of the Year – also still stands as the program’s standard. In addition, the team boasted standout guard Shelley Ritz-buntz. From the 1985 team, Leedy, Parks, Kyle (now Klingman) and Ritz-buntz all have been honored with induction to the university’s Athletic Wall of Fame.

That season, the wins came in bunches – 31 in all. So did the points for Leedy. On the march to the ultimate team accomplishment, Leedy notched her 1,000th point during the NCAA tournament. “I’m not going to say I’m not proud of having attained that, but it was not something I kept track of,” says Leedy, whose 1,020 points is 23rd on the Lady Royals’ all-time career scoring list. “I remember it [scoring my 1,000th point] came during a tough NCAA tournament game and the most important thing about that night is that we won.”

During the NCAA tournament, the Lady Royals beat their five opponents by an average of more than 15 points. The pièce de résistance, of course, was the title game when Scranton beat New Rochelle, 68-59, for the title. Leedy also found success her senior year as a member of Scranton’s women’s cross-country team, which went 11-0 and finished third at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships.

“Sports isn’t the only place to learn life lessons, but I feel it is one of the best and most complete models for facing life’s challenges,” she says. “On a daily basis you face a multitude of things you can’t control (i.e., officials, fans, coaches) as well as things you must control (i.e., fitness, skills, teamwork), if you are to be successful. The scenarios play out in the next segments of our lives.”

An accounting major at Scranton, Leedy was the director of financial management for Calvin Klein in Paris before becoming a commercial manager for the company in London. After returning to the United States, Leedy continued on as a commercial manager, but for Elizabeth Arden in New York City, before taking over as director of financial planning for Coach Leatherware.

Leedy then began to transition to consulting work. First, she became a project manager/senior business analyst at a small consulting firm, Integrated Concepts, and more recently on her own as an independent consultant.

Leedy appreciates her Jesuit education for broadening her perspectives and cementing her core values. She also learned about making the most of each opportunity that has come along.

“My life has been about taking advantage of opportunities that challenge me and as a result have provided me wonderful life experiences,” Leedy explains. “Each time an opportunity arose to take a position abroad or within an organization, I had to decide whether to remain comfortable or step up and be challenged. Scranton athletics was a great training ground for life’s challenges.”
Two things have kept Patricia (Parise) Bernabe ’80 connected to Scranton: faith and family.

The daughter of Paul and Margaret Parise of Harrisburg, Bernabe’s first family connection to Scranton was through her grandparents, Andrew and Anna Takach, who lived in the nearby borough of Jessup.

“We visited my grandmother almost every month,” says Bernabe, who remembers fondly the clam bakes at her Uncle Andy’s and Aunt Marguerite’s picnic grove, Takach’s Greenfield Acres, dancing polkas and being with her extended family.

As a business administration student at the University, she remembers the foundation formed in faith by professors and Jesuit priests. “Faith was always first at Scranton,” she says. She remembers late night Masses in the residence halls and the homilies of Fr. Thomas Masterson, Fr. John Fitzpatrick and Fr. Joseph Rock; discussions with then President of the University Fr. William Byron about the needs of female resident students; and advice from Deans John Gavigan and Larry Morton.

She especially remembers Fr. Edward Gannon, S.J., and the unwitting role he played as matchmaker for her and her husband, Gary “Brooks” Bernabe ’78.

“The first time I noticed Gary was in the cafeteria one night at dinner. Then the very next day, there he was at the rehearsal for the Fall Review. I knew I had to meet him,” says Bernabe.

Gary, a communication major and varsity wrestler at Scranton who was inducted to Scranton’s Wall of Fame in 2007, claims he had no talent for dancing or singing. “Fr. Gannon just had a way of engaging everyone. He asked my friends and me to be in the Fall Review and we signed up,” says Gary. He and Patricia met, dated and the rest is history. They married in 1981.

After graduating from Scranton, Bernabe worked as a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch, but found her heart wasn’t in it. She applied her background in mathematics into a position as a high school math teacher and found her calling.

“I became interested in working with children who were having difficulty in the classroom,” says Bernabe who went on to earn a master’s degree in education with a minor is special education from The College of New Jersey.

Bernabe decided to work part-time as a teacher while she raised her two children, Michael, now a music major at Duquesne University, and Catherine, a forensic chemistry major in Scranton’s Class of 2013.

She is working full-time again, now as a family advocate for Mercer County Family Support Organization.

Bernabe also exemplifies a prized Jesuit trait, a restlessness to do even more. She is inspired by Fr. John Foley, S.J., and the Cristo Rey schools. She looked into starting one in Trenton, as well as supporting one that may open in Philadelphia. She is also inspired by the work of Rev. Greg Boyle, S.J., who created the successful gang the intervention program, Homeboy/Homegirl Industries.

Although she and her husband have been back to campus for reunions, Scranton took on another meaning when they toured the University with their daughter as a prospective student.

Catherine had applied and was accepted to two other Jesuit schools, but the visit to Scranton was full of nostalgia. “When we toured, Gunster was still open. We showed our daughter the cafeteria and where our mailboxes used to be,” says Bernabe.

She hopes her daughter will find the same foundation at Scranton that she did.

“College students don’t understand it while they are here, but the foundation in faith is being established (at Scranton),” Bernabe says.
Growing up in Mayfield, Pa., Philip Dzwonczyk’s drive for academic achievement was supported by his culture and his community. Mayfield, a small town northeast of Scranton, was populated by descendents of ethnic Russian immigrants from the Galicia province of Austria-Hungary.

“It was a very close-knit community, and in traditional Russian culture, being a physician is highly regarded,” says Dr. Dzwonczyk, a biology major and chemistry minor at Scranton. “I was not unique. There were other men my age from Mayfield going off and becoming physicians. It wasn’t culturally predetermined, but it was culturally supported.”

Dr. Dzwonczyk’s biggest encouragers were his parents. As a young man, his father had aspirations of becoming a physician, but because of the death of his brothers, the impact of the Great Depression, and then the United States’ entry into World War II, he never completed his studies.

“It never happened for my father, but his circumstances were an inspiration for me,” Dr. Dzwonczyk says. “At the same time, if I had said I wanted to teach, my parents would have encouraged me as well. The overwhelming cultural message to us growing up was that education was valued and not something our grandparents could have gotten back in the Old Country. It wasn’t acceptable to not want an education; we had to make the most of our talents.”

At Scranton, the world opened up to Dzwonczyk. He found strong support among the faculty and administrators, who he says took a genuine interest in their students. Moreover, as Dr. Dzwonczyk describes, he was able to achieve his goal of being accepted into an American medical school, but not at the expense of a liberal arts education.

“The University of Scranton provided me with a completely rounded and full education,” he says. “The school was very strong in the area in which I majored, but, particularly at this point in my life, I value tremendously the courses I took in philosophy, theology, literature and more. I left there having some sense of where I fit in the world and in society. I think that is becoming increasingly rare.”

After Scranton, he graduated cum laude from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. Currently, the Norwich, N.Y. resident is chief of medical services at the New York State Veterans Home at Oxford, a position which he has held since 1993. He is also clinical associate professor of medicine at the Clinical Campus of the Upstate Medical University in Syracuse where he is a member of the faculty of the Geriatric Medicine Clerkship. Previously, Dzwonczyk was medical director of Herkimer County Hospice and a member of the Department of Medicine at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown.

While others have a dim view of geriatrics as a specialty in which practitioners cannot make much of an impact on their patients, Dr. Dzwonczyk finds his work absolutely illuminating.

“Geriatric and palliative medicine are areas in which you make a difference every day,” he explains. “I can’t cure most of my patients, but I can improve their function, alleviate their suffering, treat their depression and help them to enjoy their lives to a greater degree than they would have been able to without treatment. I find my work to be extremely rewarding.”

In addition to his work as a practitioner, Dr. Dzwonczyk is an Executive Committee Member of Scranton’s Medical Alumni Council. The group assists undergraduate pre-health professional students through education in health-related programs, networking assistance and guidance on admission to health professional schools, and access to role models in various medical careers.

“It’s a great opportunity to network and work with people of all ages who have shared the University of Scranton experience,” Dzwonczyk says. “In some small way, being on the MAC Executive Committee allows me to support the career goals of so many young men and women, and to support a university that allowed me to achieve my goals in life.”
Anna DiPaola Gemolas

Connection to Scranton Remains Strong

Anna DiPaola Gemolas had already enrolled at the University of Maryland and had selected her first-semester courses when something set her on a course that would change her college choice and, indeed, her life.

She was home sick for a day from school when a brochure from The University of Scranton arrived in the mail and caught her eye. “Something about it made me want to explore [the University] further. I applied very late in the decision process,” says DiPaola.

After being accepted to Scranton, DiPaola visited the campus with her parents. It was a stormy day during finals, but “still, we got a great vibe from the school and the people we met,” she says.

DiPaola made the most of her time at Scranton. She was active in student government (she served as a class officer her junior and senior years), was an orientation aide, a resident assistant and helped with retreats. As a member of the Public Relations Students Society, she worked on public education campaigns for local non-profit agencies. A separate campaign DiPaola submitted to PR Week magazine led to the publication honoring her as one of the top five public relations students in the country her senior year.

“Rather than just preparing us for a profession, Scranton focused on developing the whole person,” she says. “In addition to my coursework, I learned invaluable lessons in leadership from my extracurricular activities. And the Jesuit values I learned in Scranton often guide me in both the business environment and my personal life.”

After completing a double major in communication and English at Scranton, DiPaola received her master’s degree in public relations from the Syracuse University S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

While at Syracuse, she met a representative of Lockheed Martin and was subsequently accepted into the company’s Communications Leadership Development Program (CLDP), a two-year rotational program with assignments in different business units across the country—taking her home to Washington, D.C., and then to Philadelphia, Dallas, and Atlanta.

Upon completion of the CLDP program, DiPaola was named Lockheed Martin’s director of communications and public affairs for the transportation and security solutions division in Rockville, Md. Currently, DiPaola leads communications campaigns supporting the Corporation’s efforts to address the nation’s energy, climate change, and healthcare challenges.

In addition to her education, the best gifts she received during her time at Scranton were lifelong friendships. Though separated by distance, she and her friends have maintained traditions for the last decade, such as their annual holiday visit to New York for a Broadway show or a summer get together at someone’s house. “The people are what make Scranton so special. I am blessed to have friendships that have continued beyond that time and place,” she says.

DiPaola attended her Scranton class’s fifth-year reunion and is looking forward to the 10th next summer. “In addition to seeing everyone, I am excited to see the recent changes on campus,” says DiPaola.

In 1999, she was on a team of students who visited student centers at other colleges and proposed what should be included in the DeNaples Center. “I can’t wait to see which of our ideas became reality for the next generation of students.”

As she’s found out, the connection to The University of Scranton is not only strong, but it can reveal itself in unexpected places.

“The day I was named to the leadership team of my division, I was relatively unknown to my new colleagues,” DiPaola recalls. “To my surprise, sitting with me at the table was a fellow Scranton alumnus who had graduated about 40 years before me. During my introduction, he chimed in, ‘She’s a good one… she’s from The University of Scranton.’”
Duty and Commitment Shape a Life of Service

John P. Herrling ’60 didn’t figure on a 35-year career in the Army. The ROTC student and psychology major thought he’d do three years as a commissioned officer in Europe and then return to the States to a job in New York. When he told one of his Jesuit professors of his plans, the response was, perhaps, a bit encouraging. “That’s good,” the priest said. “We need good Army officers.”

Herrling ended up extending his original three-year hitch into a 35-year active-duty career of uncommon distinction. His service included two tours in Vietnam, repeated tours to Europe during the Cold War, and a final rank of major general. Over the years he was recognized with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), and a Purple Heart, among other decorations and awards. Herrling cites the dedication and commitment of the service people he met during his first tour in Europe as inspiring him to remain in the Army, though you have to wonder whether the quiet encouragement he received on campus just before graduating also had something to do with it.

“I’ve always appreciated the education I received at the University,” he says. “It’s just a first-class education. And not only the education part: The Jesuits teach you a way to live your life, to make your life more meaningful, and how to experience a fuller life. The Jesuits teach you not only the academic part of your education, but how to be good citizens; how to act responsibly in the interest of others; and ethics and moral conduct to guide your life.”

General Herrling’s contributions didn’t end with his retirement from active duty in 1995. That year President Clinton named him Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, which commemorates the service, achievements, and sacrifice of American armed forces both overseas and stateside. While in that position one of General Herrling’s primary responsibilities was to build The National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. His current position is with the National Army Museum Campaign, which is raising funds to support the construction of the National Museum of the United States Army, to be located at Fort Belvoir, VA, just outside of Washington, D.C. General Herrling is serving as the campaign executive director.

Duty and commitment are obvious benchmarks, and not only to his country. A three-year starter at end on Scranton’s football squad, General Herrling has stayed connected to the University over the decades by attending both class and team reunions.

“Over all those years I was in the service, I could always look back and say my real development and the understanding of who I was took place at Scranton,” he says. “That’s always stayed with me over the years. Even when I was overseas, I always maintained that connection with Scranton. The University has been a touchstone in my life and it got me off on the right path.”

Indeed, General Herrling sees a strong link between the kind of responsible citizenship nurtured at the University and his own lifelong immersion in promoting the general welfare and common defense of his fellow Americans. He speaks of these facets of his life as one might discuss a mission or a calling.

“Each of us has our individual responsibility to do what we can to improve the country and to improve people. That’s all part of the Jesuit philosophy,” General Herrling says. “I could do my part in the Army, and if I did it well enough I would influence other people to do their part as far as their civic responsibility to the country and themselves.”
Joseph Hanlon '90 is no stranger to Scranton leadership positions. As an undergraduate at the University he served as president of his junior and senior classes; after graduating, he stayed deeply involved with his alma mater, eventually serving as vice president of the New Jersey alumni chapter before being elected to the Alumni Board of Governors.

“Once I got out I still wanted to have a sense of belonging to the Scranton family,” Hanlon says. “It’s my way of giving back and helping Scranton shape itself for the future.”

Hanlon belongs, all right. His commitment to the University – to “giving back,” as he puts it – is so deep that he invests considerable time serving as treasurer of the Alumni Society. It is hardly an imposition. To the contrary, Joe Hanlon seems honored to be as engaged as he is because of what he calls the University’s influential role in shaping his life over the last two decades.

An economics and finance major, he graduated from Scranton and dove into a career that has seen him take on progressively more responsible financial and information technology positions for such noted companies as Lucent Technologies and AT&T. Today he is director of client services and IT delivery at Merck & Co., where he is responsible for the design, implementation and support of corporate financial systems and processes.

“At Scranton, you’re empowered,” Hanlon says. “You’re told you can do anything you want, that you have the power to do anything. They really gave me the tools to believe in myself and take on new opportunities. We were presented with challenges and turned them into opportunities. We were never told no.”

Armed with that encouragement, Hanlon explored novel special-events and fundraising initiatives, first during his class presidencies and later in his capacity as an alumni volunteer. With passion and conviction, he shares his unwavering belief that the mindset nurtured by Scranton has guided him for 20 years.

“Seeking out opportunities and making a difference has really been a part of my DNA moving forward as I move into new career opportunities,” he says. “How can I go in and make a difference or an impact?”

Many alumni speak fondly of their days at Scranton, of course, but Hanlon has taken that affinity several steps further. His continued close ties serve not only Scranton, but also himself, he notes.

“It’s a stronger sense of belonging and community,” Hanlon says. “Once an alumnus, always an alumnus, but if you’re involved your blood is more “purple,” if you will. Selfishly, it’s kind of a way of not letting college end. I’ve obviously moved on, happily married with three children, but it’s given me an opportunity to hold on to that experience and continue to participate in the Scranton environment, but in a different capacity.”

Hanlon’s engagement with the University began early. In teaching him as a student to trust himself and take challenges, Scranton instilled in Hanlon a singular confidence; in shaping his future, it sparked a desire in him to return the favor.

“My time at Scranton was a very special time for me,” Hanlon says. “It was the time of my life, and I made lifelong friends. It was a time that really changed me into who I am today—I grew up there, basically. I felt I belonged there. It was a community that brought you in, which is why I still feel connected. It’s still family to me.”

Rest assured the feeling is mutual.
Will Grogan applied to just one college because he knew it was where he could see himself in four years’ time. Now, he’s looking to better the experiences of his fellow students, as well as alumni that return to their alma mater.

“I knew from very early on that this is somewhere I could live for four years,” says Grogan. “I have been living, growing and learning here for a little more than two full years now, and I have never once regretted my decision.”

Grogan, of Mount Laurel, N.J., may be only a junior this year, but he already has had his fair share of experiences, both as a President’s Alumni Liaison and as the 2010-11 vice president of student government.

In his service as a President’s Alumni Liaison Grogan says he enjoys serving as a “link,” as he put it, between alumni and current students. The Class of 2011 is only the third class to have members on the Alumni Board of Governors in the form of liaisons. The position through which he serves is still developing, but its shape is being determined by students like Grogan.

In addition to his work as a liaison, Grogan can be found in many different organizations on campus, most importantly as vice president of student government.

“The same thing that attracted me to the President’s Alumni Liaisons also attracted me to student government, in that both are giving me an opportunity to affect positive change in a school that I love so much,” he says.

Grogan says one way that student government wishes to improve this year is through, simply, listening.

Through a collaborative effort with other student government representatives and current president Joseph Quinn ’10, the organization has launched a Web site and appointed a director of communications to lessen the gap in conversation between students and their campus government.

“I think we are far more ready to facilitate that kind of conversation than we have been in the past,” says Grogan. “We are also taking some big steps to change the club charter process so that the clubs we have and the funding they receive better reflects what our students really want on campus.”

Grogan also works as a DJ for the University’s radio station, 99.5 WUSR, and serves as a resident assistant in Driscoll Hall. He also has been part of the freshman orientation team as an orientation assistant, one of the proverbial Purple People that swarms campus during the summer.

Grogan’s desire to better his school does not diminish with the number of activities he takes on during the year. In fact, he thrives by living in what he calls “fifth gear.”

“As far as balance goes, I think my best kept secret is the benefit of 10 minutes,” he explains. “If I have four things due the next day and I crank out one of them in 10 or 15 minutes, then when the student government meeting or radio show is done, I only have three. It doesn’t seem like much but it keeps me much more sane.”

When fifth gear stalls, however, Grogan can turn to his fellow students and even his professors for support.

“My friends here, the other RAs, the members of student government, even my fellow DJ’s are a huge support, and they all help keep me grounded,” he said. “I also luck out in that the professors in the communication department, my major, are wildly supportive.”

Grogan has a full year ahead of him, but at the end of the day, he sees it all worth his while.

“This school is a family, and I can never repay her for adopting me,” he says.
Royals Enjoy Another Successful Season in Landmark Conference

It was another banner year for the University in the Landmark Conference in 2009.

The Royals repeated as champions in men’s and women’s basketball and women’s swimming, while eight other teams also qualified for their respective conference tournaments, with the men’s lacrosse advancing to the championship game.

In addition, the Royals racked up their share of individual honors.

**Megan Kopecki (Millington, N.J./Watchung Hills Regional),** a sophomore guard on the women’s basketball team, was named third-team All-Atlantic Region by D3Hoops.com, becoming the 18th player in Lady Royals’ history to earn all-American honors.

**Chris Stallone (South Plainfield, N.J./South Plainfield),** a sophomore on the baseball team, was honored for his excellence on the field and in the classroom. Last spring, he became the fourth baseball player in Scranton history to be named Academic all-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Stallone, who holds a 3.93 cumulative grade point average, was named first-team all-Landmark Conference and second-team all-Eastern College Athletic Conference South.

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Psihoules represented the University at the NCAA Leadership Development Conference and served as the baseball team’s representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. His other community service projects included the Iraqi Table for Children, an Honors Program fundraising project to benefit the war-torn children of Iraq; serving as a youth minister for a youth group at his local church; organizing the baseball team’s turkey and toy drives to help the local community in Northeastern Pennsylvania; and serving as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

The Carlesimo awards were presented to Kyle Fox (Scranton/Bishop Hannan) and Jacqueline Pisano (Exton/Bishop Shanahan). These awards, named in honor of the late Peter Carlesimo, former director of athletics and head football, basketball and cross-country coach at the University, are presented to the male and female student-athlete who has maintained a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average and has demonstrated athletic excellence.

Fox, a pitcher on the baseball team, had the highest cumulative grade point average of all senior student-athletes. He is one of two spring sport student-athletes from the University to be named to the Landmark Conference all-Academic team.

Pisano, a four-year member of the volleyball team, was a three-time conference Academic Honor Roll recipient and one of two fall sport student-athletes from the University to be named the Landmark Conference all-Academic team. She also excelled on the court, earning all-conference honors three times.

The O’Hara awards, presented annually to the top male and female athlete of the senior class, went to Ryan FitzPatrick (Berwyn/Conestoga) and Tim Logan (Spotswood, N.J./Spotswood) and Erin O’Connor (Scotch Plains, N.J./Union Catholic Regional). These awards are named in honor of the late Frank O’Hara ’25, who served as registrar, director of alumni relations and acting president during his more than 52 years of service to the university.

FitzPatrick played a major role on the men’s basketball team that won three conference titles in the last four years. He became one of only 36 players in Scranton history to score more than 1000 career points and was named the recipient of the 56th annual John ‘Les’ Dickman award as the team’s Most Valuable Player.

He shares the O’Hara award with Logan, a four-year standout on the men’s soccer team. Logan was named all-conference four times—earning first-team honors three times—and was a three-time all-Mid-Atlantic regional selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

O’Connor earned numerous accolades as a member of the women’s swim team. She was named the female rookie of the year for her performance at the 2006 Middle Atlantic Conference championships and has been named the Landmark Conference female swimmer of the year twice in helping the Royals to back-to-back titles in 2008 and 2009.
Alumni Society Names New President

John F. Lanahan, Esq. ‘84 will be installed as the 26th President of the Alumni Society of The University of Scranton on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Lanahan succeeds Michael J. McDermott ’71, Oak Hill, Va. Since graduating from the University, Lanahan has been actively involved at both the club and Board levels. He has served as a member of the Alumni Board for nine years, most recently as president-elect. Lanahan is associate general counsel for the Weichert Family of Companies, a position he has held since 2003. He resides in Hillsborough, N.J., with his wife, Claudine, and their three children.

Alumni Day of Service

The Alumni Society of the University will hold its first Alumni Day of Service on April 17, 2010. Several of our Scranton alumni clubs around the country will be participating in various service projects. We invite you to join your area club and participate in this meaningful endeavor. For more information, contact the Scranton club nearest you, or the alumni office at 1-800-SCRANTON. More information on specific service projects in your region will be available in the spring.

Visit the New Alumni Web site

A newly redesigned Alumni Web site was launched this fall as an integral part of a comprehensive redesign of the University’s overall Web site. Pictures, innovative programming and a creative twist to the classic Scranton colors come together on the new site to provide an exciting new medium for alumni interaction. It’s never been easier to Get Involved, Stay Connected, Stay Informed or Give to Scranton.

Family of PT Alumni Celebrate Program’s 25th Year

Four siblings who graduated from the physical therapy program of the University were among those who returned to campus on Oct. 2-3 to celebrate the program’s 25th anniversary.

Members of the Haas family who graduated from Scranton’s physical therapy program between 1986 and 1999 attended the Physical Therapy Alumni Reunion. They are one of 12 sets of siblings who are PT alumni of Scranton.

“Not too many families have four siblings out of the same program,” says Brian Haas ’89. “It kind of runs in the family. Our mother was a physical therapy aide at a hospital in Williamsport where we grew up.”

During the Physical Therapy Reunion, alumni attended a reception with faculty members, took campus tours and participated in a volleyball tournament, much like the tournaments that PT students still coordinate at the University to raise money for various charity organizations.

Haas recalled raising money for cystic fibrosis research with similar PT volleyball tournaments when he was in school.

“That started way back in the beginning, in the 1980s,” he says.

Some of the faculty in the PT department were with the program when the Haas siblings attended the University, including Edmund M. Kosmahl, Ed.D., and Gary E. Mattingly, Ph.D.

“We were all excited about talking to faculty again,” Haas says. “Some were there when we were in school during the 1980s.”

Alumni like Haas were equally excited to reunite with former classmates.

“There have been a few people that I’ve been able to keep in contact with over the years, but families and other responsibilities, distance—you just lose touch,” says Haas.

The PT Reunion changed all of that. “We saw many classmates we haven’t had contact with since we graduated,” says Haas.
ClassNotes

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Hon. James M. Munley, Archbald, received a Doctor of Humane Letter, Honoris Causa, from Marywood University at the May Commencement.

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Col. Robert Stiepock, USA, Ret., Wakefield, R.I., received the CARES (Connecting All Resources for Educational Support) Board of Director’s Award for Outstanding Service. As president of the board for three years he directed a significant improvement in the Classroom Volunteer and Mentor programs. Bob currently mentors two children.

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Richard J. Dowling, Esq., Bethesda, Md., is the recent recipient of the “Della Strada Award” of the Ignatian Volunteer Corp and the “Visionary Leadership Award” of the Gabriel Network.

68
Edward Mitchell, Wilkes Barre, was named one of Pennsylvania’s Top 10 Political Consultants by pa2010.com, citing Mitchell as having guided some of the state’s most embattled Democrats through reelection.

70
Peter Quinn, D.M.D., M.D., Haverford, was named vice dean for Professional Services in the School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and senior vice president of the Health System.

74
Thomas Howard, Alexandria, Va., was named acting inspector general for NASA.

75
David McCormick, Centreville, Va., has joined the exam review committee of the Institute of Management Accountants.

76
Melissa Conway, Ph.D., Moreno Valley, Calif., was one of fourteen scholars chosen nationwide to participate in the NEH Seminar “Dante’s Divine Comedy and the Medieval World: Literature, History, Art” in Prato, Italy from June 15 to July 10, 2009.

77
Robert Franklin, a senior vice president and director for Alternative Investments Distribution for Wells Fargo’s Wealth Management Group will be relocating to Charlotte, N.C.

78
Paul Marino, Sewell, N.J., was elected to Washington Township Board of Education.

80
Rev. Michael W. Briese, Silver Springs, Md., was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. He was assigned to St. John the Evangelist Church.

81
Robert English, Eatontown, N.J., was elected to a full 3 year term on the Eatontown School Board.

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Colette Mazzucelli, Ph.D., Brooklyn, N.Y., was selected to participate in a Faculty Spotlight on the Foreign Affairs Web site www.foreignaffairs.com.

84
Jacqueline F. Cain, D.O., Nanticoke, was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

85
Kevin Kucharski, Hampton, N.J., is vice president of Clinical Operations at Pharmasset, Inc., in Princeton.

86
Kevin Morris, Boonton, N.J., the current women’s basketball coach at Rutgers-Newark, went to Nigeria to participate in a nonprofit girls’ basketball camp organized by one of his former players to help young girls in Nigeria learn about basketball.

87
Mary Duff, Jeffersonville, has been appointed to a two year term as national director of the American Society of Women Accountants.

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Timothy Callahan, Fair Haven, N.J., is a financial services professional/agent with the New York Life Insurance Company.
Donna Eget, D.O., Clarks Summit, has opened an urgent care clinic, Medical Express Care, in Dunmore.

Klaus-Ditmar Redfern, Falls Church, Va., is deputy director, Office of Intelligence and Analysis (AF/PK-Asia), U.S. Department of the Treasury.


William Hackett, Mid Valley, Calif., is the new CEO of Matthews International Capital Management.

Thomas Conniff, Esq., Summit, N.J., is senior counsel for Johnson & Johnson.

Geoffrey Haefner, Exton, received his MBA from The Pennsylvania State University, Smeal College of Business.

Greg Wagner, Tulsa, Okla., is senior vice president/consumer branch delivery manager at BOK Financial.


Kurt Heindrichs, Stafford, Va., was promoted to the rank of battalion chief in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue.

Ellen Johnston, Harleysville, has been recognized by the regional human resources community as a winner of the Delaware Valley HR Person of the Year Award. At the 9th Annual Delaware Valley HR Person of the Year Award ceremony, she won the award in the category of companies with more than 10,000 employees.

Shawn Callahan, Collegeville, was named a finalist for the 2009 CFO of the Year Award in turn-around company category sponsored by The Philadelphia Business Journal, LeBow College of Business PEPACPA and The CFO Alliance.

Christopher Gombos, Fairfield, Conn., was ordained a reader at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church.

Eric Kukowski, Highland, Ill., has joined the firm of Evans & Dixon, LLC in the firm’s workers’ compensation practice group.

Tina Leone, Alexandria, Va., is the CEO of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

Christina Meyer, Columbia, Md., is director of Analytic Product Development for CVS Caremark Corporation.

Stephen Bowers, Rosemont, was named a member of the law firm of Cozen O’Connor.

Heather Rowan-Kenyon, Ph.D., Brighton, Mass., is an assistant professor in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College.

Robert Costola, Secaucus, N.J., received an MBA in finance from Fordham University.

Kathleen Kelly Joyce, M.D., Groton, Mass., has finished her commitment to the United States Air Force and has a private dermatology practice in Concord.

Jeffrey Kingsley, D.O., Ellerslie, Ga., has been recognized as one of the 100 Most Inspiring People in the Life-Sciences Industry by the readers of the PharmaVOICE publication. Dr. Kingsley was also named a fellow of The American Academy of Family Physicians.

James McNulty is senior writer/producer-marketing and creative at Discovery Communications in Silver Springs, Md.

Hilary Wardle Sugar, Boonton, N.J., graduated from Seton Hall University’s Graduate School of Health and Medical Sciences with a Master of Science-Physician Assistant. She joined the medical practice of North Jersey Rheumatology Associates as the physician assistant on staff and is the consulting Rheumatology physician’s assistant for St. Michael’s Medical Center.

Jennifer Compton Breuer, Charlotte, N.C., was named director of Human Resources at McLeod Addictive Disease Center.

Toni Green, Marlton, N.J., is completing her general surgery residency this summer. She will be going to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. to start a fellowship in Breast Oncology.

Rosemary Raposo, Hoboken, N.J., has been appointed vice president of Marketing & Communications at CJM Network and also the event director of the annual CMJ Music Marathon and Film Festival.

Doug Petschow, Kenilworth, N.J., has opened Strength and Fitness Club in Cranford.

Christine Gonzalez, Baltimore, Md., is nurse manager of an inpatient surgical unit at The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Maj. Cristin Kiley Mount, M.D., has completed her fellowship in Critical Care Medicine and is now at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. as the director of Critical Care Services.

Shar Pourreza, West Orange, N.J., is an associate at Citigroup Global Markets where he covers energy.

Christopher Steel, Emerson, N.J., received his Doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and has been named a Fulbright Scholar by the US Department of State and will serve as a post-doctorate researcher in Ecuador beginning in October.

Michael Berardinelli, Brick, N.J., received a Master of Science in Educational Administration from The University of Scranton and will be certified as a principal and supervisor.

JAMES BRENNAN, Esq., Alexandria, Va., recently appeared on ABC Action News conducting a segment on Like Kind Exchanges for their program, “Consumer Update.”

Adam Minakowski, Summit, has joined Magellan Health Services as a Public Relations/Communications specialist.

Kevin Moran, Philadelphia, is the executive director of New Visions Homeless Day Shelter in Camden, N.J.

Maria Mussari, Osteen, Fla., opened her own law office in Miami. Her firm specializes in various areas of civil and criminal litigation.

Lauren Orselli Koch, Rochester, N.Y., was promoted to vice president, Creative and Editorial Services at Precept Medical Communications.

Nicole A. Radomski, East Haven, Conn., graduated from the Family Nurse Practitioner-Masters of Nursing program at Quinnipiac University. She is a Pediatric RN at Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital.

John Errigo, Bensalem, has completed his Master of Science degree from Saint Joseph’s University in Organizational Development and Training.

John Monahan is pursuing a J.D. at Southern New England School of Law in North Dartmouth, Mass.

Janan Tallo, Esq., Camp Hill, is a deputy prosecutor assigned to the Special Cases Unit in the York County District Attorney’s Office.
The Alumni Small Business Directory

As part of the Alumni Small Business Initiative, an online directory of alumni-owned businesses will be added to the alumni Web site, giving Scranton graduates an opportunity to support one another. If you are a University of Scranton graduate who currently owns a business and would like your business to be included in the directory, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@scranton.edu or by calling 1-800-SCRANTON.

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Rev. Michael Bartholomew was ordained to the Priesthood on June 13th. He is assigned to the parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln in Huntington Station, N.Y. as associate pastor.

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Susan Chruscziel, Plainsboro, N.J., was promoted to clinical data coordinator at Covance, Inc.

Melissa Keklak, East Stroudsburg, was named PR Week’s Top Ten Rising Stars in PR under 30 and most recently was interviewed by “What Women Want”.

Kate Pierangeli Pearson, West Chester, was named head women’s basketball coach at Cabrini College.

Kelli Young, South Dennis, N.J., was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She will continue her medical training at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.

05
Diedre Amendola, Waverly, was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She will continue her medical training at St. Luke’s Hospital in Bethlehem.

06
Kevin Erhard, Newtown, is finishing his MFA in film and television at Savannah College of Art and Design. He is currently filming a feature length project in Florida and his most recent project as film editor won first place for Best Student film at the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

Julie Morley, Wayne, N.J., received a juris doctor degree from New England Law/Boston.

Marianne Sailsus G’06, Wyoming, received a full board certification with The Association of Professional Chaplains. She is the coordinator of pastoral care at The John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine in Wilkes Barre Township.

07
Joseph Casabona, Scranton, has started a company called Cognition Media which focuses on Web based software solutions for education institutions.

08
Emily Topalanchik, Olyphant, has been accepted into the Peace Corps. She will do her pre-service training as a community health Peace Corps volunteer in Peru.

G’08
Rev. Nicole VanNortwick Melara G’08, Williamstown, N.J., is currently serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church and has been accepted to begin work on her Ph.D. in Religious Studies at Temple Univer.

Marriages

87
Brian Trently to Robin Matsushima

90
Mary Berlinghieri to Jean Willi ’94

92
Meg Gourley Kelly to Thomas Pappas

Kelly Kohut to Edward Gaughan ’94

Mary Piznar to Scott Fitzpatrick

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Edward Gaughan to Kelly Kohut ’92

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Anthony Corcoran to Melissa Liberto

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Ann Marie Lutz to Chad Rybka

Melissa Manganaro to Gregory Zaccoza

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Kathryn Juron to Justin Colon

William Peoples to Heidi Wolfsberger

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Fallon Ann Falkowski to John Plis III

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A son, Ryan Arthur, to Paul and Liza Wozniak, Fairfax, Calif.

87
A son, Massimo Vittorio, to Salvatore and Amy Stout Amendola, Moscow

88
A son, Connor John, to Christopher and Shelley Loughney, Exeter

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A son, Rocco Christopher, to Jean ’94 and Mary Berlinghieri Willi, Rosewell, N.J.

A son, Jacob Robert, to Bryan and Pearl Prince Patterson, Arlington, Va.

A son, Matthew David, to Michael Holleman and Dawn Zapotok, M.D., Philadelphia

91
A son, Patrick Michael, to Jeff and Ashley Boam, Alexandria, Va.

A daughter, Gillian Aine, to Daniel and Kristen Sarisky Williams, New York, N.Y.

92
A daughter, Paige Erin, to John and Marianne Mazzei Rivers, Scranton

93
A son, Cooper Mitchell, to Brian and Karma York, Johnston, Iowa

A son, Jack Anthony Christopher, to Anthony and Angela Zamora, Landing, N.J.

94
A son, Ryan Arthur, to Paul and Liza Wozniak, Fairfax, Calif.

95
A son, Patrick Gerard, to Jeff and Elise Fleckenstein Creggan, Ridgewood, N.J.

A daughter, Paige Erin, to John and Marianne Mazzei Rivers, Scranton

A son, Vincent James, to James and Patricia Nardone, Burke, Va.

FOOTBALL REUNION

Members of The University of Scranton Tomcats Football team will return to campus for a reunion on Saturday, August 14, 2010.

For more information please contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-SCRANTON.
A daughter, Riley Ann, to Michael and Julie Cohoon Marra, Rochester, N.Y.
A daughter, Elena Faith, to Emil and Diana Gumpert Pieski, Hendersonville, S.C.
A son, Christopher Brian, to Brian and Emily Klish Smorol, Syracuse, N.Y.
A daughter, Avery Marie, to Chris and Jennifer Nolin DeLuca, Pompton Plains, N.J.
A daughter, Lindsay Joy, to Michael and Cara Shorter Russo, Little Falls, N.J.
A son, Patrick John, to Ed and Carolyn Silva Callahan, West Chester.
A son, Broderick Porter, to Thomas and Jackie Wigo Knight, Coatesville

A son, Joseph Stephen, to Joseph and Nicol Vidota Bekelja ’00, Pottstown.
Twin sons, Patrick Michael and Timothy Charles, to Dennis and Erin Johnson, Lansdale
A daughter, Grace Brielle, to Todd and Tricia Lewis, Oceanside, Calif.
A daughter, Abigail, to Michael ’00 and Jennifer Raulli Wells, Richmond, Va.
A son, Liam Walter, to Christopher Nauroth and Megan Smithling, Seattle, Wash.
A son, Charles Anthony, to Charlie and Sue Wagenborg Falco, Philadelphia
A daughter, Adeline Grace, to Donna Lukaszewski Hanley, Springfield
A daughter, Quinn Patrick, to Mark and Donna Lukaszewski Hanley, North Arlington, N.J.
A daughter, Adeline Grace, to Drs. Mark and Nicole Miller, Nashville, Tenn.
A son, William IV, to William and Kathleen Snyder LaFave, Bridgewater, N.J.
A daughter, Kalyn Rae, to Jerrod and Kristen Tepfenhardt Freund, Rutherford, N.J.

A daughter, Madison Lyn, to Francis ’02 and Tiffany Crispell Walsh, Pittston
A son, Samuel William, to William ’04 and Tara Loscombe James, West Lafayette, Ind.
A daughter, Josephine Virginia, to Stephen and Diana Galvin Luchko, Doylestown
A son, Julian Michael, to Charles and Jennifer Pusateri Christianson, Felton, Del.
A daughter, Abigail, to Robert Lifshey and Christina Orokos, Nanuet, N.Y.

A son, Andrew Joseph, to Todd and Lisa Interrante Tomeo, Wantagh, N.Y.
A son, Chase Reed, to Brent and Laurie Sheetz Snyder, Harleysville
A daughter, Madison Lyn, to Francis and Tiffany Crispell Walsh ’03, Pittston

A son, Charles Anthony, to Charlie and Sue Wagenborg Falco, Philadelphia
A son, Aiden Donovan, to Andrew and Jennifer Donovan Lund, Yonker, N.Y.
A daughter, Nora Elizabeth, to Bradley and Erin Frey Walters, East Coventry
A daughter, Ciara Rose, to Joseph and Collete Kelly Freer, White Plains, N.Y.
A daughter, Emma Marie, to Michael and Lauren Orsetti Koch ’01, Ewing, N.J.
A son, Thomas George, to Tom and Jill Price Brogan, Scranton
A son, Joseph Stephen, to Joseph ’99 and Nicol Vidota Bekelja, Pottstown
A daughter, Abigail, to Michael and Jennifer Raulli Wells ’99, Richmond, Va.

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Southeast Tour in February
Join alumni, parents and friends as we gather in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida in February.

The Alumni Society of
The University of Scranton

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7:45 a.m. Breakfast
Hilton Raleigh-Durham
Durham, N.C.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
6:00 p.m. Reception
The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge
Charlotte, N.C.

Thursday, February 18, 2010
6:00 p.m. Reception
Grand Hyatt Atlanta
in Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga.

Friday, February 19, 2010
6:00 p.m. Reception
Don Cesar Beach Resort
St. Pete Beach Fla.

Saturday, February 20, 2010
Noon Luncheon
Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa
Fort Myers, Fla.

Sunday, February 21, 2010
Presidential Brunch
Turtle Creek Country Club
Tequesta, Fla.
Travel with Us in 2010!

Carnival Pride Cruise
Florida & Bahamas - April 18 - 25, 2010

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Italy, Spain, Malta and Tunisia
September 24 - October 3, 2010

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November 3 -12, 2010

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Among many of our alumni, a Scranton education is a family tradition. This fall, a record number of legacy students – 101 daughters and sons of Scranton alumni – entered the University. Their parents and, in some cases, grandparents are among the 42,500 alumni who have chosen Scranton for their education. At right are the members of the Class of 2013 who are following in the footsteps of their parents who are Scranton alumni.

Alumni parents and their students who are members of the Class of 2013 gathered with University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., for this legacy photo during Fall Welcome Weekend on Saturday, Aug. 22.

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The Scranton Legacy Lives On
More than 400 people gathered in the Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center on September 13 for the dedication of the Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenny, S.J., Ballroom. “Father Mac” served as headmaster at Scranton Prep from 1958 to 1966 and dean of admissions at the University from 1966 to 1997. He is currently dean of admissions emeritus at the University and minister of the Jesuit Community at Scranton.


Fr. McIlhenny was lauded for his pioneering work in the admissions office. Judge Nealon called him, “The first and best PR man for the University,” crediting him with developing the “in-market” admissions strategy that continues to drive University admissions. Judge Nealon recalled Fr. McIlhenny often saying that you “do not sit and wait for students, but go meet them on their turf and show them what life is like at the University.”

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University, formally dedicated The McIlhenny Ballroom and praised Fr. McIlhenny as the “rock that the University we know today was built on.” He went on to say that because of his work not only on campus but in the greater Scranton community, it is fitting that we name this ballroom in honor of Fr. McIlhenny in the DeNaples Center next to the Moskovitz Theater. “These are the giants of Scranton and forever their names will be part of our campus,” said Fr. Pilarz. In addition, he noted that Fr. McIlhenny is responsible for admitting to Scranton more than two-thirds of Scranton’s living alumni.

The Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenny, S.J., Ballroom, is a multipurpose room located on the fourth floor of the Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center. It is the largest meeting space on campus, and is used for assemblies, Masses, meetings and more.
“I give to Scranton because... Scranton gave generously to me.”

Scranton gave to me financially, with a scholarship. It gave to me intellectually by introducing me to philosophy, political science and (not least) journalism. It gave by widening my world, whisking me to such exotic places as Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington. It gave by encouraging me to believe that I could flourish in a world beyond the mines and the mountains.

Scranton gave much to me, so I must give to Scranton. I must pay off that scholarship. I must assure that if there’s a kid in the crooks and crannies of Dunmore or Dickson City or Duryea who yearns to make a mark in Philadelphia that it can happen. Scranton can do that for lots of kids ... if everybody gives.

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