Alumni Board of Governors Election Candidates

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**Joe Bertolino, Ed.D. ’86**
The University of Scranton and the Jesuit fathers changed my life. I credit my success as an educator to the Ignatian values, traditions and lessons I learned at the University. This past summer I had the privilege of attending my 25th class reunion and was honored as a 2011 recipient of the Frank O'Hara Award for Education. I cannot think of a better way to thank the University for all it has done for me, than to give back to the institution through service. As such, I am committed to the University of Scranton and am prepared to serve on the Alumni Board of Governors.

In the past twenty five years, I have given at the President’s Circle level, have served as a Royal Recruiter and have assisted in the planning of local alumni events. As a university executive administrator, I bring a series of skills and experiences that include: institutional advancement, fund raising, branding, and community development and government/legislative affairs. Additionally, my work in university enrollment management and student affairs has made me keenly aware of the importance of and best practices in the recruitment and retention of students. Perhaps most importantly, I value relationships and have the ability to tell the institutional story. Given these experiences, I believe I can serve as a resource to the University.

**Paul Biedlingmaier, Jr. ’76**
I totally agree with the Mission and By-laws of The University of Scranton. The past three years were a great experience and I look forward to another term on the Board. I will continue to give back to the University in the following areas: Membership on the President's Business Council; Continue participation as a guest speaker for the Business Primer Program; Engage student's through the mentor program; Continue giving back to the Royal Fund and engage more alumni in giving back their time and treasure to the University. Also, I will continue participating in the annual Business Recruitment Fair and remain active with the Class of 1976 Reunion Committee.
Christine Boyle ’01
This is a very eloquent statement that merits agreement (so, yes I agree with it!). Growing up in a faith tradition that merits stewardship and working in the nonprofit sector, which can only thrive on the generosity of others to sustain the cause, this statement marries both by desire to support the mission and identify of Jesuit education and the need to endow it in perpetuity. Jesuit education is no different in that to sustain its mission and identify it requires stewards of all talents to speak to the varying degrees of interests of alumni. When I think of my career path, I can trace my professional growth in terms of student development, professional development, fundraising and development, and business development. This acumen allows me to speak with all parties of alumni or potential alumni, from parents to young professionals who haven’t yet given a donation, from those unsure of a career track to those on the business pulse of immerging markets. I truly believe that one of my gifts is that I have always considered myself a mission partner for Jesuit education and that I know how to engage, and talk to people.

Maura Devlin-Slatowski ’93
As a current member of the Board of Governors, I have enjoyed the opportunity to see the above By-Laws in action and to have direct input and vision on how as an Alumni Society we can grow. I believe that the by-laws touch on most of the duties of the Board and Society however we must keep in mind that to foster them we must respect and utilize the changing landscape of communication and media to connect with both our Alumni and current students. While the task will remain the same, we must keep ourselves current and ahead of the curve in how we approach Clubs, Students, Faculty, and all the faces of the University of Scranton. We also must commit to supporting the Board and the students of Scranton with what we can financially and show our vote of support for our alma mater.

Anne Dubon ’88
The University has always encouraged a sense of community, making sure that a door was always open. I have been the beneficiary of many opportunities that I feel it’s my turn to help others. I have always believed in an open dialogue with students and recent grads but during these tough economic times we need to be extra diligent in supporting them all.

John Cardone, M.D. ’86
I agree with the purpose of the Alumni Board of Governors of promoting the University of Scranton to potential public and private donors and prospective students. In these challenging economic times, the best way to advocate the University of Scranton is to highlight the way in which a successful graduate, such as myself, uses the qualities of a Jesuit education everyday. Qualities such as faith, reason, clarity of thought and logic in the highest moral standards are a vital part of my daily professional life as a cardiovascular surgeon as well as in my personal life. I feel these same qualities would be invaluable in helping me fulfill my duties as a member of the Alumni Board of Governors.
Alan Kelly ’96
The purpose or existence of any alumni organization is solely for the benefit and advancement of the institution from which it emerged. All activities undertaken by the Scranton Alumni Organization must be consistent with the goals and mission of the University. Having worked closely with the Hofstra Alumni Organization, I understand the role the AO must play and believe in the by-laws established by the University. As alumni, we are an incredible resource for the University and can enhance the value of our own degrees by working to promote Scranton’s vision, mission and goals. The involvement of our alumni and their success is directly attributable to the University and volunteer alumni efforts are a clear endorsement of a quality educational experience and a commitment to the future. As an Alumni Board Member I fully expect to be engaged in a number of the activities listed above. I understand the value of what these can achieve for the future.

Kathryn Ott Lovell ’96
I agree with this purpose and understand it completely, as it closely relates to my current work as the leader of a nonprofit and as a board member of my high school alma mater. I am confident that I could use the skills and abilities I’ve gained over my career in service to the University and the goals stated above. Most importantly, I honestly believe that I am a better person because of the four years I spent at the University of Scranton. And I would very much value the opportunity to help provide that same experience for future students.

Frank McCartney ’69
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I fully support the purpose and intent of the constitution and bylaws of the University of Scranton Alumni Society. Having served for the past three years as an Alumni Board member, I have developed a close working relationship with the alumni office staff as we worked to further these goals. And I have greatly enjoyed the commitment and enthusiasm of the other members of the board, including John Lanahan, the current president, and Tom Grech, the incoming president In addition, I currently serve on the University of Scranton Alumni Society Bylaw Review Committee which is working to enhance our existing bylaws
I possess extensive governmental experience and currently serve as executive director of a bi-state governmental agency with jurisdiction stretching through significant portions of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where many of our alumni reside. In this capacity, I often come into contact with a number of alumni and have worked to re-engage them with the university and activities. Through this position, I have developed close relationships with many legislators, which enables me to be an advocate for legislative support of the university. In addition, I also serve as President of an international association within the transportation industry and have worked to apply some of their successful practices and approaches to fundraising and public relations to the Alumni Board.

I believe strongly that alumni can and should play an important role in helping to guide the future of the university and working to constantly improve the institution which helped shape our outlook and perspective on life and prepared each of us for our professional careers. As such, I recognize the importance of taking advantage of opportunities for reconnecting alumni with the university. I will work to foster this view and perspective in my fellow alumni, both active and inactive, as a member of the Alumni Board.

**Patrick McKenzie ’06**

My time at The University of Scranton truly left an indelible mark on my life. This mark was created by Scranton’s best trait, its innate ability to have its students build life-long relationships with each other. As alumni of the school, it is our responsibility to ensure that this continues! My experiences were made possible because of the generous support from alumni and benefactors before me, so it is of the utmost importance that as an alumnus, I create the same opportunities for those after me.

As an Alumni Board member, I don’t see my current role as an alumnus changing. I am indebted to the University, and do my best each day to be a champion for the school, and I will continue to advocate for the University and do whatever I can to support the institution that supported me.

**Lindsey Meade ’06**

I agree with the set forth purpose of the Alumni Society. During my tenure as an alumni board member, I worked with fellow committee members to foster alumni ties to The University of Scranton by developing and promoting Alumni functions. These events provide the opportunity for us to gather as a community and reunite over our common love: Scranton. I believe that these events are critical to the function of the Alumni Society. If elected to another term, I will work to continue to develop these events for our Alumni Society.
Mike Michlowski, CPA ’73

It has been my honor in the past year to serve on the University Of Scranton Alumni Board Of Governors. I am now seeking a full term to enable me to continue to work with my colleagues on the Board and complete the initiatives I am involved in. It is an exciting time at the University with many opportunities ahead to increase the stature of the University and expand its national reputation. For example, as a current member of the Regional Engagement Committee of the Board, I am part of an effort to provide support to the officers of our Alumni Clubs and assist them in their task to make a success of the various Alumni activities planned throughout the year. In addition, I was pleased to have a part in the efforts of the Accounting Department to find internships for students in two of the Big 4 Accounting firms in the Washington DC metro area.

The current Board has many dedicated and committed Scranton Alumni among its members. I would like the chance to continue to work with them, develop my ideas for enhancement, be engaged and integrated in activities that will make the University of Scranton an even better place for our Alumni to appreciate. There is no doubt the University of Scranton will improve its stature in the years to come and achieve even greater success.

Timothy O’Hara ’89
I agree In my many year of business development I have used on-line communities to increase participation, I am willing to contribute my skills and knowledge in this area to increase awareness and communication across all alumni and chapters.

Douglas White ’90
I agree with the purpose of the Alumni Society. I intend to collaborate and liaise with fellow alumni and identify areas of opportunity among the various constituents within The University community. Having served on my twenty year reunion committee, I look forward to making a meaningful contribution and further promoting the tradition of “caring for one another”.

Frank Winterle ’85
I agree. My current membership in the Alumni Board and member of the Benefits and Services Committee has enabled me to become a productive participant, helping strengthen the current Liberty Mutual Alumni Insurance program and developing alternatives to the BAC program which ends in 2013.