



THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH COMMENCEMENT

CLASS NIGHT

*Friday, May 24, 2013*

8:00 P.M., THE REV. BERNARD R. McILHENNY, S.J., BALLROOM  
THE PATRICK & MARGARET DeNAPLES CENTER

# *Program*

*Please stand while the stage party and graduates enter,  
and remain standing for the Alma Mater and Invocation.*

## THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON ALMA MATER

*By Kathleen M. Fisher, Ph.D. '80 and Rev. Edward Gannon, S.J.*

## INVOCATION

*Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., President of the University*

## WELCOME

*Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Panuska College of Professional Studies

*Citations read by Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D., Dean*

The Kania School of Management

*Citations read by Michael O. Mensah, Ph.D., Dean*

The College of Graduate and Continuing Education

*Citations read by W. Jeffrey Welsh, Ph.D., Dean*

The College of Arts and Sciences

*Citations read by Brian P. Conniff, Ph.D., Dean*

Fulbright Award Winners

*Citations read by Susan Trussler, Ph.D., University Director of Fulbright Program*

Prestigious Scholarships

*Citations read by Mary F. Engel, Ph.D., University Director of Fellowships Program*

## PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

**STACY ANN CHLUDZINSKI**, recipient of the *Excellence in Community Health Education Award*, is a Community Health Education major with a minor in Health Administration and a concentration in Nutrition. She is a graduate of Riverside Jr./Sr. High School in Taylor, PA. Stacy is a member of Eta Sigma Gamma, Upsilon Phi Delta, President of the Community Health Education Club and had internships at Susan B. Komen for the Cure Northeastern Pennsylvania affiliate and the Leahy Center Clinic for the Uninsured. She plans to attend SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York City for a Master's in Public Health Policy and Management.

**SAFIA ABULAILA**, recipient of the *Excellence in Counseling and Human Services Award*, is a Counseling and Human Services major and is a graduate of Holmdel High School in Holmdel, NJ. She is a member of Tau Upsilon Alpha and Alpha Lambda Delta, was a mentor for The University of Success program and a Resident Assistant. She is enrolled in the combined Baccalaureate/Master's Degree in Community Counseling at The University of Scranton and is planning to participate in an International Service Program trip to Mexico this summer.

**MICHELLE DIANE D'ALLESANDRO**, recipient of the *Excellence in Early and Primary Education Award*, is an Early and Primary Teacher Education major and is a graduate of St. Anthony's High School in Huntington, NY. She is a member of Who's Who, Liva Arts Company, Habitat for Humanity and is President of SECUS Education Club. She participated in the "We Rise" production uniting education students with former prison inmates, and was a retreat leader for University Ministries. She plans to teach and work toward a Master's Degree in Literacy Education.

**MICHELLE GRACE THOMAS**, recipient of the *Excellence in Middle Level Education Award*, is a Middle Level Education major with a concentration in Mathematics. She is a graduate of Valley View High School in Archbald, PA. She is a member of Who's Who, Alpha Sigma Nu, Kappa Delta Pi, and founder and President of the Middle Level Education Club. Michelle is also a two time recipient of the Frank O'Hara Award, a peer tutor in Math for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) and participated in the Student-Faculty Mentorship Program in Math. She plans to attend Graduate School at The University of Scranton for Reading Education.

**ANTHONY ANGELO DUCHNOWSKI**, recipient of the *Mary E. Quinn Award for Excellence in Secondary Education*, and the *Prof. Joseph G. Brunner Award for Excellence in Foreign Languages (Classics)* is a Secondary Education major with a concentration in Latin. He is a graduate of Holy Cross High School in Dunmore, Pennsylvania. He is a member of Who's Who, Alpha Sigma Nu, Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Lambda Delta and played Varsity Baseball for four years. Anthony also was a peer tutor in the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence and participated in the Student-Faculty Teaching Mentorship Program. He plans to be employed as a Latin teacher and attend graduate school for Educational Administration.

**ALYSSA MARIE STUDWELL**, recipient of the *Excellence in Exercise Science and Sport Award*, is an Exercise Science major with a minor in Counseling and Human Services and a concentration in Nutrition. She is a graduate of Whippany Park High School in Whippany, NJ. Alyssa is a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Exercise Science Club, the Physical Therapy Club and works with training the athletic teams here at The University of Scranton. She will be entering the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT) at The University of Scranton this summer.

**TAYLOR PATRICK NELSON**, recipient of the *Excellence in Health Administration Award*, is a Health Administration major with minors in Counseling and Human Services and Business. He is a graduate of Downingtown East High School in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. He is a member of The Student Athletic Advisory Committee and is Captain of the Men's Varsity Lacrosse Team. Taylor will pursue a Master's Degree in Health Administration at The University of Scranton with a focus in Global Health Management or Pharmaceuticals.

**CAROLYN ANN PANDOLFO**, recipient of the *Excellence in Health Advocacy Award*, is a Community Health Education major with minors in Counseling and Human Services and Spanish, and a concentration in Latin American Studies. She is a graduate of Stroudsburg High School in Stroudsburg, PA. Carolyn is a member of Eta Sigma Gamma, President of Epsilon Eta, President of Scranton Inclusion and Editor-in-Chief of the Windhover Yearbook and was involved with the Scranton Emerging Leaders Program. She plans to work as a health educator, eventually pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Health.

**JULIA NICOLE CHAPLIN**, recipient ex aequo of the *Excellence in Human Resource Studies Award*, is a Human Resource Studies major with minors in Business and Philosophy. She is a graduate of Vestal Senior High School in Vestal, NY. She is a member of Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, Who's Who, Alpha Lambda Delta, Omega Beta Sigma, and President of Alpha Sigma Nu and the Residence Hall Association. Julia was an undergraduate Research Presenter for the Annual Celebration of Student Scholars and has been a student assistant in the Health Administration and Human Resource Studies Department. She plans to move to Glendale, California to be a Human Resources Development Professional with Nestle.

**FLORENCE MARCHESANO**, recipient ex aequo of the *Excellence in Human Resource Studies Award*, is a Human Resource Studies major with minors in Business and Communication. She is a graduate of Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn, NY. She is a member of Omega Beta Sigma, Scranton Emerging Leaders, is a Retreat Leader and is a founder of SIGHT, Sharing in Grief and Healing Together. Florence plans to be employed in the Human Resource field and/or attend graduate school for Human Resources.

**CHRISTINE SARAH FERRARI**, recipient of the *Excellence in Nursing Award*, is a Nursing major with minors in Spanish and Theology. She is a graduate of Villa Maria Academy in Malvern, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Honors Program, Who's Who, Alpha Sigma Nu, Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Lambda Delta and was a member of the Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured Student Advisory Board. Christine plans to work in a hospital and earn a Master's Degree in a Nursing specialty.

**SARAH ALICIA LAMOTHE**, recipient of the *Sigma Theta Tau, International Scholarship-in-Nursing Award*, is a Nursing major with a minor in Spanish and is a graduate of Abington Heights High School in Clarks Summit, PA. She is a member of Who's Who, Alpha Sigma Nu, Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Mu Gamma, Alpha Lambda Delta and a recipient of the Frank O'Hara Award. Sarah has volunteered as a student nurse/Spanish interpreter at the Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured and presented a research project at the Annual Eastern Nursing Research Society Scientific Session in Boston, Massachusetts. She plans to work in Philadelphia or New York with a goal of a Master's and Doctorate degree in Nursing.

**COLLEEN M. SULLIVAN**, recipient of the *Excellence in Occupational Therapy Award*, is an Occupational Therapy major with a minor in Counseling and Human Services. She is a graduate of St. Hubert High School in Philadelphia, PA. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, is President of the Occupational Therapy Association and is an undergraduate Biology Teaching Assistant. She will complete her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy at The University of Scranton.

## KANIA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

**TIMOTHY PATRICK McGURRIN, JR.**, recipient of the *Excellence in Accounting Award*, is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, Scranton, PA. Timothy is graduating from The University of Scranton with a major in Accounting. His previous honors include induction into the Alpha Lambda Delta and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies, the O'Hara Award, and an award from the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has served as Captain of the University's Varsity Tennis Team and has participated as a member of the Kania School's Society of Accounting Students, its Business and Entrepreneurship Clubs, and a student member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. This fall he plans to begin law school, with the objective of becoming a corporate attorney.

**ADAM MARK REESE**, recipient ex aequo of the *Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Award*, is a graduate of Bishop O'Hara High School in Dunmore, Pennsylvania. As an Accounting major at The University of Scranton, Adam was selected for the Business Leadership Program and earned induction into the Alpha Lambda Delta and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies.

**KATHLEEN E. SMART**, recipient ex aequo of the *Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Award*, is a graduate of Warminster, Pennsylvania's Archbishop Wood High School, where her academic achievement qualified her to receive The University of Scranton Presidential Scholarship. On the dean's list all four years, she graduates as a member of the Business Leadership Honors Program and the Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Gamma Sigma, Omega Beta Sigma and Omnicron Delta Epsilon Honor Societies. Kathleen has also been captain of the University's women's lacrosse team for the last two years.

**CAROLINE A. SWIFT**, recipient ex aequo of the *Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Award*, is a graduate of Abington Heights High School, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. As an Accounting major and an Operations Management minor, she earned induction into the Beta Gamma Sigma, Omega Beta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Caroline is a member of Who's Who, the Society of Accounting Students, Operations Management and MBA Clubs and the Graduate and Continuing Education Student Organization. Caroline will be remaining at The University of Scranton through next year to complete her MBA. Her future plan is to pursue her Ph.D. in Operations and Supply Chain Management.

**ELIZABETH JOAN ABIKARAM**, recipient of the *Excellence in Business Administration Award*, is a graduate of Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, New York. A dual major in Business Administration and Management, with a minor in Criminal Justice, Elizabeth was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Phi Sigma, Omega Beta Sigma and Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Societies. She has also participated in the University's Business and Criminal Justice Clubs. Upon graduating, she intends to pursue work in private wealth management with a financial firm.

**MATTHEW SCOTT McGRATH**, recipient of the *Excellence in Economics Award*, graduated from Scranton Preparatory School before enrolling at The University of Scranton. He has earned the distinction of induction into the Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Gamma Sigma and Omicron Delta Epsilon honor societies. A member of Scranton's CFA Investment Research Challenge Team, he will put his economic and financial expertise to work for his new employer, PNC Capital Markets, starting next month.

**DONNA M. RUPP**, recipient of the *Excellence in Electronic Commerce Award*, was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Scranton Technical High School. Her major in Electronic Commerce is paired with a minor in Operations Management. In addition to induction into the Alpha Sigma Lambda, Alpha Sigma Nu and Omega Beta Sigma Honor Societies, Donna, who serves as faculty secretary in the University's Psychology Department, was presented with the highest honor the University can bestow on a staff member, its Sursum Corda Award. She is also a member of the University's Wellness Committee and has for years been a familiar face at Fall Freshman Move-In Day and Freshman House Calls. She is listed in Who's Who Among America's College Students and is now continuing her education in The University of Scranton MBA program, with a concentration in Operations Management.

**WILLIAM McGUINNESS**, recipient of the *Excellence in Finance Award*, graduated from Plymouth Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley West High School. A Finance major and Economics minor, William has previously earned academic recognition at The University of Scranton through being named to the Business Leadership Honors Program and induction into the Alpha Sigma Nu, Beta Gamma Sigma and Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Societies, along with listing in Who's Who Among America's College Students. He has been a member of Portfolio of Responsible Investments Under Student Management, the Ignatian Consulting Club and the varsity soccer team, and competed in the CFA Research Challenge. Additionally, he completed an internship with TD Bank, served as a tutor in the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), and was selected as a President's Alumni Liaison. He plans to continue his education, pursuing an MBA while working as a Teaching Assistant, on his way to a career in the Financial-Services industry.

**JAN ALEXANDER WESSEL**, recipient of the *Excellence in International Business Award*, graduated as valedictorian from the Mining and Mechanical Institute Preparatory School in Freeland, Pennsylvania. He graduates with a major in International Business and minors in Spanish and Finance. He is in the University Honors Program as well as the Business Leadership Honors Program. Jan study at the Corvinus University of Budapest served as a springboard for his interest and research in transition economies. Awarded the president's fellowship for summer research to examine the development of China's automobile industry, he wrote an honors thesis comparing the industrial transition of Hungary and China, focused on their automobile industries. He serves as president of the International Business Club, was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Gamma Sigma and Omicron Delta Epsilon honor societies, and is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. He will spend the next academic year pursuing research on foreign direct investment and industrial transition at Corvinus University of Budapest., Hungary. Thereafter, he plans to earn a Master's and Ph.D. in International Business and pursue a career in the manufacturing sector.

**BRIAN GERARD FISCHER**, recipient of the *Excellence in Management Award*, is a graduate of Loyalsock Township High School in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. A management major and finance major, he has been inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies and is former president of the Business Club. As a member of Urban Beats, the campus Hip Hop dance crew, Mr. Fischer has been extremely involved with service events in the Scranton community, including Relay for Life, Scranton Street Sweep, and teaching local children to dance at the United Neighborhood Center. Upon graduating, he plans to begin his career at the Fischer Insurance Agency in Williamsport.

**LAURA ANN CICIRELLI**, recipient of the *Excellence in Marketing Award*, graduated from Montville Township High School in Montville, New Jersey. She is a Marketing major with minors in Operations Management and Philosophy. She has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average throughout her years at The University of Scranton, has been inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Sigma Nu, Beta Gamma Sigma, Omega Beta Sigma and Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Societies, and has been a repeat recipient of the Frank O'Hara Award. As a leader on campus, Laura has been a freshman resident assistant, part of Leaders for a Brighter Scranton, and recipient of the Student Affairs Recognition and University of Scranton Emerging Leaders awards. She has been a member of the University's Pre-Law Society, Debate Team, Business Club, Programming Board, Community Outreach, University Ministries and VARIETAS (which helps educate about diversity), and has also been involved with Habitat for Humanity. This fall she will enter the Seton Hall Law School to pursue her dream of becoming a corporate attorney.

**LOGYN ELIZABETH PEZAK**, recipient of the *Excellence in Operations Management Award*, is a graduate of Holy Cross High School in Dunmore, Pennsylvania. Earlier this month, her research project, "Service Quality in the U.S. Airline Industry: Factors Affecting Customer Satisfaction," was the focus of a poster presentation in the University's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Student Scholars. Logyn is a member of the Association for Operations Management and has served as a Statistics and Operations-Management tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE). Her future plans include a Master's Degree in Supply-Chain Management and a career in Operations Management.

**ERIN C. SERKES**, recipient of the *Edward J. Spitzer Scholarship Award*, is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead, NY. She is an Accounting major and the recipient of The University of Scranton's Loyola Scholarship. Erin is a member of Habitat for Humanity, the Accounting Business Clubs and the Alpha Lambda Delta, Omega Beta Sigma and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies. She has volunteered for Meals on Wheels, National Make a Difference Day and the Michael Mulhall Scholarship Foundation Fun 5K Run. This summer, Erin will be an Intern at the Grant Thornton Accounting Firm, New York, NY and plans to return to The University of Scranton in the fall to pursue her M.B.A. in Accounting. She also plans to take her C.P.A. exam in the upcoming year.

## COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

**TAYLER K. PALLOTTA**, recipient of *Excellence in Liberal Studies Award*, is a graduate of Dunmore High School, Dunmore, PA. She was a member of the Varsity Women's Basketball team for all four years of her undergraduate studies, and was chosen for the Landmark Conference Academic Honor Roll in 2012.

Taylor is a past recipient of the Reverend Stephen A. Kollar Memorial Scholarship Award and the Margaret Gunster Scholarship Award. She has been named to the Dean's list numerous times during her academic studies. Her volunteer efforts include Summer service at Camp Fatima in New Jersey, working with children with disabilities and volunteer work with The University of Scranton Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

Taylor has maintained excellent academic standing while working multiple jobs. In addition to her job she has had at the Viewmont Mall, Taylor has been a cook, a supervising Lifeguard and a work study for the Exercise Science Department on campus. Taylor hopes to find a job that will combine her love of sports and outdoor activity with her desire to provide service for those in need.

**CHANEL N. WRIGHT**, recipient of the *Excellence in Nursing Award, (LPN to BS)* earned her LPN from Dover Business College in 2008 and began her studies at The University of Scranton in the Fall of 2009. Chanel has earned the Frank O'Hara Award for Academic Achievement and has been inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda, the National Honor Society for Non-Traditional Students and the Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society in Nursing. In addition to being consistently named to the Dean's List, she has received a Charlotte Newcombe Scholarship, and has been chosen for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Chanel has volunteered at the Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured since 2012 and has participated in the Department of Nursing's Service trip to Savannah Georgia in January 2012. She has been providing Fitness and Nutrition Education through New Life International Ministry in Pocono Summit since 2011. Chanel was admitted to The University of Scranton Accelerated Master's Degree Program in Nursing in the Fall, 2012. Her goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner who will also be a Clinical Care Specialist certified in Acute Care Gerontology.

**CHRISTINE (CHRISSEY) GRUNZA**, recipient of the *Outstanding Associates Degree Award*, began her studies at The University of Scranton in the Spring of 2009 and earned her Associate of Science Degree in Counseling and Human Services in December 2012. Chrissy has been named to the Dean's List multiple times and has been chosen for membership in the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society for Adult Students. She received the Anne Bednar Scholarship, and has been a class representative to GCESO, the Graduate and Continuing Education Student Organization. Chrissy has been an active contributor to the local community, having been a volunteer at Hospice Community Care, a Docent at the Lackawanna Historical Society, a Tour Guide for Scranton after Dark, and a Tour Guide and Summer Camp Assistant at the Everhart Museum. Her personal interests include playing the Cello, performing with local Choral Groups, and ballroom dancing. She has been employed at the Hampton Inn in Clarks Summit throughout her studies at the University and is an active member of The University Players. Chrissy is now pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater at The University of Scranton.



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**MICHAEL R. MOLESKI**, recipient of the *Excellence in Biochemistry Award*, is a graduate of Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, PA. He is a Biochemistry major and is a member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO). Michael is also a member of the Chemistry and Biology Clubs. Upon graduation, Michael plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Biochemistry at The University of Scranton.

**BRADLEY M. WIERBOWSKI**, recipient of the *Excellence in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology Award*, and the *Prof. Joseph B. Cullather Award for Excellence in English*, is a graduate of Seton Catholic Central High School, Binghamton, NY. He is a double major in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology and English with a minor in History. He is a member of Who's Who, the Honors Program, Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Beta Beta, Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Lambda Upsilon, and the Secretary for Alpha Sigma Nu. Bradley is the Editor-in-Chief for *Esprit*, he is a Biochemistry and Organic Chemistry Tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) and a Writing Consultant for The University of Scranton's Writing Center. In the fall, Bradley will begin his Ph.D. at Harvard University in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program.

**RACHEL V. KNUTH**, recipient of the *Kathryn and Bernard Hyland Memorial Award for Excellence in Biology*, is a graduate of Delaware Valley High School, Milford, PA. She is a major in Biology with a double minor in Biochemistry and English. Rachel is a member of the Honors Program, Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Beta Beta Beta, Sigma Tau Delta and the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. She is a member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO), and the Biology and Chemistry Clubs. She has participated in the Faculty Student Research Program (one year in Chemistry; three in Biology), and she is a tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE). Rachel will be attending Jefferson Medical College.

**MICHAEL J. SALADINO**, recipient of the *Excellence in Biomathematics Award*, is a graduate of Newton High School, Newton, NJ. He is a double major in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology and Biomathematics. He is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon and Beta Beta Beta Honor Societies. Michael is a member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO), the Mathematics Club, the (Bio)Chemistry and Biology Clubs. He has been a peer tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) since freshman year for Pre-Calculus, Calculus I, II and III. In the Fall 2013, Michael will be continuing his education at The University of Scranton pursuing his Master's Degree in Biochemistry. Afterwards, he plans to attend medical school to work toward becoming a surgeon.

**MICHAEL G. COCO, JR.**, recipient of the *Excellence in Chemistry Award*, and the *American Chemical Society Award*, is a graduate of Wyoming Area Secondary Center, Exeter, PA. He is a major in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics. Michael is a member of the Honors Program, Who's Who, the Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society, and the Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy Clubs. He is also a member of the Commuter Student Association and the Performance Music Concert and Jazz Bands. Upon graduation, Michael will be pursuing his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Penn State University.

**MICHAEL J. BUCHER**, recipient of the *Excellence in Chemistry-Business Award*, is a graduate of North Schuylkill High School, Ashland, PA. He is a major in Chemistry-Business, and a member of the Chemistry and Business Clubs. Michael is the Vice-President of the Fencing Club and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Michael will be employed as a Sales Representative at Univar.

**GINA D. STALLER**, recipient of the *Professor Bernard J. McGurl Award for Excellence in Communication*, is a graduate of Nazareth Academy High School, Philadelphia, PA. She is a major in Communication with a minor in Music History. Gina is a member of Who's Who, the Lambda Pi Eta, Alpha Epsilon Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta and Omega Beta Sigma Honor Societies. She is the Station Manager and Program Director for The University of Scranton's Radio Station, 99.5 WUSR Scranton. Gina will be returning to The University of Scranton in the fall to complete her Master's Degree in Business Administration while working as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Kania School of Management.

**STEPHEN D. FRANCHAK**, recipient of the *Excellence in Computer Science Award*, is a graduate of Lakeland Jr.-Sr. High School, Scott Township, PA. He is a major in Computer Science, a member of the Upsilon Pi Epsilon and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Societies, The Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and Math Clubs. Stephen has participated in the ACM-ICPC Programming Contest for three years and the no-kit micromouse competition at the IEEE Regional 2, 2013 Student Activities Conference. Upon graduation, Stephen will be seeking employment as a Web Developer in the Baltimore, MD area.

**TIMOTHY JOSEPH WEBER**, recipient of the *Excellence in Criminal Justice Award*, is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville, NJ. He is a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Timothy is a member of Who's Who, the Alpha Sigma Phi, Psi Chi and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies, and a member of the Criminal Justice and Psychology Clubs. Timothy will be attending Rowan University to pursue his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice where he will be the Graduate Coordinator for the Community Safety Assistant Program. Upon completion, Timothy plans to seek employment in the Law Enforcement field or the Military.

**ARDY W. WONG**, recipient of the *Dr. A.J. Cawley Award for Excellence in Electrical Engineering*, is a graduate of Scranton High School, Scranton, PA. He is a major in Electrical Engineering with a double minor in Mathematics and Physics. Ardy is a member of the Eta Kappa Nu and Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Societies. He is a member of The Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and a member of the University Band and Singers. Upon graduation, Ardy will either be attending Graduate School or seeking employment in his field.

**MOLLY L. CALDERONE**, recipient of the *Excellence in Environmental Science Award*, is a graduate of Dunmore High School, Dunmore, PA. She is a major in Environmental Science with a minor in Psychology. Molly is a member of the LIVA Arts Company and the Environmentally Concerned Organization (ECO). She has participated in the Faculty Student Research Program with her mentor, Dr. Michael Hardisky. Their research encompassed methane flux and dissolved methane in sediments of a cattail marsh. Molly is currently seeking employment in either the Federal or PA State Government to work as a Park Interpreter or a Biological Science Technician.

**SHANNON G. LAVELLE**, recipient of the *Professor Joseph G. Brunner Award for Excellence in Foreign Languages (Modern Languages)*, is a graduate of Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville, NY. She is a double major in Biology and Hispanic Studies. Shannon is a member of the Tri Beta and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Shannon will be attending Hofstra University for her Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

**JACQUELINE E. TYMA**, recipient of the *Excellence in Forensic Chemistry Award*, is a graduate of Morris County Vocational School of Technology's Academy for Law and Public Safety, Butler, NJ. She is a major in Forensic Chemistry and a double minor in Criminal Justice and Philosophy. Jacqueline is a member of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program (SJLA), and Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society. She plans to pursue a career in a chemistry laboratory.

**KEVIN PATRICK DERMODY**, recipient of the *Prof. Frank C. Brown Award for Excellence in History*, is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, Scranton, PA. He is a double major in History and Economics. Kevin is a member of the Business Leadership Honors Program, Who's Who, the Phi Alpha Theta, Omnicron Delta Epsilon, Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Kevin is member and President of the Pre-Law Society, Habitat for Humanity and is the Treasurer of the Mountain Sports Club. He is an Eagle Scout, President Alumni Liaison, a member of the 2013 Class Committee and has been involved with retreats and the International Service Programs through University Ministries. This fall, Kevin will be pursuing his Juris Doctorate at Boston College.

**ELENA M. HABERSKY**, recipient of the *Excellence in International Studies Award*, is a graduate of Dallas High School, Dallas, PA. She is a major in International Studies, with a triple minor in Philosophy, Arabic and Theology and a concentration in Peace and Justice Studies. She is a member of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, the Honors Program, Who's Who, and the Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Mu Gamma, Phi Alpha Theta, Theta Alpha Kappa and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Elena is a member of the Justice Club, United Students for Fair Trade, Royal Historical Society, Scranton Emerging Leaders I & II, and a Staff Writer for the *Aquinas*. Elena studied abroad in Ecuador – summer 2010 – Amman, Jordan; AUC, Cairo Egypt – 2011-2012 where she taught English for a year and had a summer internship at Better World, NGO. She was awarded the Provost Grant to study Christianity in Africa, Uganda and the Magis and World Youth Day, Madrid, Spain. She held a work study position in the Study Abroad Office and volunteered for “Take Back the Night”.

**TIMOTHY J. McCORMICK**, recipient of the *Excellence in Latin American Studies Award*, is a graduate of Scranton High School, Scranton, PA. He is double major in Spanish (Hispanic Studies) and Latin American Studies with a double minor in Italian and History. Timothy is a member of Who's Who, President of Alpha Mu Gamma and member of the Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Alpha Theta, and the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. He is a staff member for the *Aquinas* and Se Habla Espanol, as well as a tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) and the Language Learning Center. He was a Teaching Assistant for Drs. Yamile Silva and Marzia Caporale and was awarded the 2012 President's Summer Research Grant “Spatial Practices in Women's Letters from the Rio de la Plata during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries”. Timothy will be attending Georgetown University where he has received a full-tuition Research/Teaching Assistantship while pursuing the MA/Ph.D. Program in Spanish with a concentration in Linguistics.

**MATTHEW W. GORMAN**, recipient of the *Excellence in Mathematics Award*, is a graduate of Lakeland Jr.-Sr. High School, Scott Township, PA. He is a major in Mathematics with a minor in Economics. Matthew is a member of the Math Club and the Pi Mu Epsilon and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Societies. He has been a Mathematics tutor for eight semesters, and competed in several Mathematic competitions. Matthew has received a Teaching Assistantship to Lehigh University where he will pursue a Ph.D. in Mathematics.

**KEVIN T. DEMKO**, recipient of *The Military Science Leadership Award*, is a graduate of Mt. Carmel Area Jr.-Sr. High School, Mt. Carmel, PA. He is a major in Biology and a member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO), and the Alpha Epsilon Delta and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Societies. Kevin will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army through the University's Army ROTC program. Kevin is both a Distinguished Military Student and Distinguished Military Graduate. Kevin will be attending The University of Maryland's Dental School.

**JAMES J. BRESNAHAN**, recipient ex aequo of the *Excellence in Neuroscience Award*, is a graduate of Wyoming Area High School, Exeter, PA. He is a double major in Neuroscience and Biology and a minor in Biochemistry. James is a member of the Honors Program, Who's Who, and the Nu Rho Psi, Tri Beta and Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Societies. He has been a member of the Scranton Neuroscience Society and the 2012-2013 President; 2011-2012 Vice President; 2010-2011 Treasurer. James is a member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO) and was the Co-Director of Underclassman Membership during 2012-2013. He is a tutor for Biology, Chemistry and Neuroscience for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) and Director of the Science Enrichment Program. James is a Varsity Golf Team Member and was the 2012-2013 Co-Captain and a 4-year letterman. James will be attending The Pennsylvania State University Milton S. Hershey College of Medicine.

**BRIAN V. ENTLER**, recipient ex aequo of the *Excellence in Neuroscience Award*, is a graduate of Commack High School, Commack, NY. He is a double major in Neuroscience and Biology and a minor in English. Brian is a member of the Who's Who, the Honors Program, the Nu Rho Psi, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Sigma Chi, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies. He is a member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO), Scranton Neuroscience Society, Knights of Columbus and the Science Enrichment Program. He participated in the Faculty/Student Research Program and the Student Teacher Mentorship Program. Brian was the recipient of the Presidential Summer Research Fellowship and the Casey Grant. He is currently a *Fulbright alternate candidate for Research Scholarship in Neuroscience to Macquarie University, Australia*.

**ALEXANDER G. DALY**, recipient ex aequo of the *Excellence in Philosophy Award*, is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, NY. He is a double major in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology and Philosophy. Alexander is a member of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program (SJLA), Who's Who, the Phi Sigma Tau and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. He is a member of the Philosophy Society and the Health Professions Organization (HPO) where he served as Co-Vice President of presentations. Alexander is the production manager for *Esprit*, an Organic Chemistry and Calculus tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), Editor-in-Chief for *Discourse* and a member of the Concert and Jazz bands. Alexander will be attending Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University.

**WALTER RYAN SCHUSTER**, recipient ex aequo of the *Excellence in Philosophy Award*, is a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, Bethlehem, PA. He is a major in Philosophy with a double minor in Chemistry and Spanish. Walter is a member of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program (SJLA), Who's Who, and the Phi Sigma Tau and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. He is the Staff Writer for the Faith Section of *The Aquinas* and a peer tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellent (CTLE). He is a member of the Philosophy Society and the Concert and Jazz bands. This fall, Walter will be pursuing his Juris Doctorate at The College of William and Mary.

**CHRISTOPHER A. CULVER**, recipient of the *Professor Joseph P. Harper Award for Excellence in Physics*, is a graduate of Wyoming Area Valley west, Plymouth, PA. He is a major in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. Christopher is a member of the Physics Club (President 2012-2013 and Treasurer 2011-2012); he has presented two posters at the American Astronomical Society Meetings and was awarded a paid Internship with Dr. Jeremy Sepinsky, summer 2012. Upon graduation, Christopher plans to pursue a Ph.D. and perform research before becoming a college professor.

**MATTHEW R. CRAVEN**, recipient ex aequo of the *Prof. Timothy H. Scully Award for Excellence in Political Science*, is a graduate of Mid Valley High School, Throop, PA. He is a double major in Political Science and History with a minor in Russian. Matthew is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Societies. He is an Eagle Scout and maintained two work study positions in Instruction Technologies (IT) and Human Resources (HR). Upon graduation, Matthew plans to study Russian at St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University. Afterwards, he will be applying to Graduate Programs for International Relations with a focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

**REBECCA SCHMAELING**, recipient ex aequo of the *Prof. Timothy H. Scully Award for Excellence in Political Science*, is a graduate of St. John The Baptist High School, West Islip, NY. She is a major in Political Science and a triple minor in Communication, Spanish and History. She is a member of the Honors Program, Who's Who and the Pi Sigma Alpha and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Rebecca is a member of the President's Student Cabinet and a work study at the Jane Kopas Women's Center.

**JESSICA D. ROGAN**, recipient of the *Excellence in Psychology Award*, is a graduate of Abington Heights High School, Clarks Summit, PA. She is a major in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice. Jessica is a member of Who's Who, and the Alpha Sigma Lambda, Alpha Phi Sigma and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. She was President of Psi Chi, The University of Scranton Chapter, 2012-2013. Jessica was a Teaching Assistant for Clinical Psychology and Evolutionary Psychology; she participated in the Faculty/Student Research Program with Dr. Norcross and presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York, NY entitled *Psychologists practicing psychotherapy: Then and Now.* In addition to Jessica's August wedding, she will continue in the field of property acquisitions, restorations, management and development and eventually pursue a Ph.D. in Psychology.

**RORY A. PFUND**, recipient of the *Lawrence Lennon Award for Outstanding Service & Achievement in Psychology*, is a graduate of Honesdale High School, Honesdale, PA. He is a major in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy. Rory is a member of Who's Who, the Psychology Club and the Pi Gamma Mu, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the Vice-President for Psi Chi. He participated in the Faculty/Student Research Program with Drs. John Norcross and Bryan Burnham and he was the Project Coordinator for study of faculty office hours. Rory is not here this evening due to the fact that he presenting his student research in Washington, DC, at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science.

**CHLOÉ P. BRIGGS**, recipient of *Excellence in Sociology Award*, is a graduate of Pompton Lakes High School, Pompton Lakes, NJ. She is a double major in English and Sociology with a concentration in Women's Studies. Chloé is a member of the Honors Program, Alpha Kappa Delta and Vice-President of Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society. She participated in the Faculty/Student Research Program "Assessing an 'Elm Street' Revitalization Incentive in an Immigrant Enclave" and is the editor for Latin American and Women's Studies Newsletter.

**CATHERINE M. FISCHER**, recipient of the *Excellence in Theatre Award*, is a graduate of Garden City High School, Garden City, NY. She is a double major in Communication and Theatre with a concentration in Broadcasting. During the last four years, Catherine has participated in 15 productions, with The University of Scranton Players; directed two staged readings as independent projects; directed a musical in just 24-Hours and was the Webmaster for the Players Council for three years. Catherine has produced, directed and edited multiple PSA's and Promotional videos for the Royal Television Network. She wrote, produced, directed and edited the first documentary titled: *Inside the Dramatic Mind*, giving a behind-the-scenes view into the theatre world and she co-wrote a web series due to be released this summer. Though her future plans are not set, she hopes to work with the Emmy-award winning historical documentary film production company – Insignia Films.

**OLIVIA A. HANEY**, recipient of the *Excellence in Theology and Religious Studies Award*, is a graduate of Danville Area Senior High School, Danville, PA. She is a double major in Theology and Spanish with a minor in Counseling/Human Services. Olivia is a member of The Leahy Center Student Advisory Board, The Equestrian Team, Who's Who and the Theta Alpha Kappa and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. She is a Spanish language translator and an office volunteer at The Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured. Olivia is both a cantor and a Eucharistic minister for University Ministries. Upon graduation, Olivia would like to enter the work force and then return to Graduate School for School Counseling.

**CATHERINE E. ROTTERMAN**, recipient of the *Excellence in Women's Studies Award*, is a graduate of Mount St. Mary Academy, Kenmore, NY. She is a double major in Theology and Women's Studies and a minor in Philosophy with a concentration in Peace and Justice Studies. Catherine is a Student Liaison for the Women's Studies Steering Committee and a member of the Phi Sigma Tau, Theta Alpha Kappa and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies.

## FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**ELENA MARIE HABERSKY**, recipient of a *Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Jordan*, and recipient of the *Excellence in International Studies Award*, is a graduate of Dallas High School, Dallas, PA. She is a major in International Studies, with a triple minor in Philosophy, Arabic and Theology and a Concentration in Peace and Justice Studies. She is a member of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, the Honors Program, Who's Who, and the Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Mu Gamma, Phi Alpha Theta, Theta Alpha Kappa and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Elena is a member of the Justice Club, United Students for Fair Trade, Royal Historical Society, Scranton Emerging Leaders I & II, and a Staff Writer for the *Aquinas*. Elena studied abroad in Ecuador – summer 2010 – Amman, Jordan; AUC, Cairo Egypt – 2011-2012 where she taught English for a year and had a summer internship at Better World, NGO. She was awarded the Provost Grant to study Christianity in Africa, Uganda and the Magis and World Youth Day, Madrid, Spain. She held a work study position in the Study Abroad Office and volunteered for Take Back the Night.

**REBECCA ANNE SCHMAELING**, recipient of a *Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain*, and a recipient ex aequo of the *Prof. Timothy H. Scully Award for Excellence in Political Science*. She is a graduate of St. John The Baptist High School, West Islip, NY, and is a major in Political Science and a triple minor in Communication, Spanish and History. She is a member of the Honors Program, Who's Who and the Pi Sigma Alpha and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Rebecca is a member of the President's Student Cabinet and a work study at the Jane Kopas Women's Center.

**JOSEPH ROBERT SEEMILLER**, recipient of a *Fulbright Scholarship in Neuroscience to University of Cologne, Germany*, is a graduate of Palmerton Are High School, Palmerton, PA. He is a major in Neuroscience with a minor in Computer Science. Joseph is a member of the Nu Rho Psi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Beta Beta and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. He is a member of Who's Who, the Concert Band, Health Professions Organization (HPO), The Knights of Columbus, Student Government, the German Club, the President's Alumni Liaison and has been a volunteer for the Leahy Clinic for the uninsured. Joseph has been a tutor for Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics and has done Computational Biological Research (Graph Theory & Medicine). After his return from Germany, Joseph will be attending The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) in Scranton.

**JAN ALEXANDER WESSEL**, recipient of a *Fulbright Scholarship in International Business to Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary*, where he will pursue research on foreign direct investment and industrial transition. Jan is also the recipient of the *Excellence in International Business Award*, and graduated as valedictorian from the Mining and Mechanical Institute Preparatory School in Freeland, Pennsylvania. He graduates with a major in International Business and minors in Spanish and Finance. He is in the University Honors Program and Business Leadership Honors Program. His study at the Corvinus University of Budapest served as a springboard for his interest and research in transition economies. Awarded the president's fellowship for summer research to examine the development of China's automobile industry, he wrote an honors thesis comparing the industrial transition of Hungary and China, focused on their automobile industries. He serves as President of the International Business Club, was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Gamma Sigma and Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Societies, and is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Upon return from Hungary, he plans to earn a Master's and Ph.D. in International Business and pursue a career in the manufacturing sector.

## PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS RECIPIENTS

**VIVIENNE TERESA MELJEN**, recipient of the *2013 Truman Scholar* and the *2012 Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholar*, is a graduate of Union City High School, Union City, NJ. She is a United Health Foundation Intern 2012-2013, and recipient of the Geisel School of Medicine Scholarship 2013-2014, UPS Scholarship 2012-2013 and The University of Scranton's Panuska College Outstanding Service and Inspirational Leadership Award 2013. Vivienne is a major in Biology with a minor in Spanish. She is a member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO), Who's Who and the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society. She is a translator and Committee Head of Translation, Office Manager and member of Clinic Advisory Board for the Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured. She has received the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) 2012 Scholarship, Level I Alpine Certification, and Children's Specialist Level I Certification. Vivienne has conducted Alzheimer's Research at The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) 2011-2012. This summer, she will participate in Truman Scholars Week, UHF-Diverse Scholars Forum, while being employed at Dartmouth. In the fall, Vivienne will be attending Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and summer 2014 she will participate in Washington Summer Institute with Truman Foundation as a pair intern at The Health Resources and Services Administration.

**JONATHAN B. SCHALL**, recipient of the *Rev. J.J. Quinn, S.J., Achievement Award for Demonstration of Excellence in English Studies*, is a graduate of Wyoming Area High School, Exeter, PA. He is a major in Biology with a triple minor in English, Philosophy and Theology. Jonathan is a member of the Honors Program, Who's Who, and Treasurer of the Health Professions Organization (HPO). He is a member of the Beta Beta Beta, Phi Sigma Tau, Nu Rho Psi, Sigma Tau Delta, Theta Alpha Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Alpha Lambda Delta and Treasurer for Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society. Jonathan is a participant in the Biology and Chemistry Clubs, the Philosophy and the Scranton Neuroscience Societies. He is a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Sacristan for University Ministries, a District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus, past Grant Knight of The University of Scranton Council and a member of the 2013 Class Committee. This summer, Jonathan will be a Biology Teaching Assistant/Counselor at the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University and this fall he will be attending the Medical School at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. This award was made possible through an endowed gift from the late Dr. Frederick A. Hensley, Jr., Class of 1975 and his wife, Theresa.

**BRADLEY M. WIERBOWSKI**, recipient of the *Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship (2012)*, the *Junior Scholarship, Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society (2012)* and recipient of the *Excellence in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology Award*, and the *Prof. Joseph B. Cullather Award for Excellence in English*, is a graduate of Seton Catholic Central High School, Binghamton, NY. He is a double major in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology and English with a minor in History. He is a member of Who's Who, the Honors Program, Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Beta Beta, Sigma Tau Delta, Pi Lambda Upsilon, and the Secretary for Alpha Sigma Nu. Bradley is the Editor-in-Chief for *Esprit*, he is a Biochemistry and Organic Tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) as well as a Writing Consultant for The University of Scranton's Writing Center. In the fall, Bradley will begin his Ph.D. at Harvard University, in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program.



## JESUIT COMMUNITY AWARD

**ALLYSA M. THORLEY**, recipient of the *Jesuit Community Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service*, is a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, Bethlehem, PA. She is double major in Mathematics and Theology. Alyssa is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon, Theta Alpha Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. Alyssa has been a Mathematics Tutor for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) for seven semesters, and a member of the Mathematics Club. She is a member of the Scripture of Scranton, Students for Suicide Prevention, and the Pro Life Club. This summer, Alyssa will be entering the Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ.

## STUDENT LIFE AWARD

**TIMOTHY J. WEBER**, recipient of the *Student Life Award* is a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology comes to The University of Scranton from Wycombe, PA. While at Scranton, Tim has been inducted into the Jesuit Honor Society, the Psychology Honor Society, the Criminal Justice Honor Society, The Residence Life Honor Society, and Freshmen Honor Society. Tim has also been involved in many clubs including the Criminal Justice Club, Ultimate Frisbee team, Habitat for Humanity, Residence Hall Association, and Psychology Club. Also active in University Ministries, Tim has participated in many retreats including Search and Fourth Day and served as leader of the Connections Retreat. Tim has also helped facilitate the weekly *Examen* and served as the Student Companion for those going through the RCIA Program. He has volunteered on three Spring Break service trips, travelling to Virginia, New Orleans, and the Appalachian area of Kentucky. Tim also participated in Leaders for a Brighter Scranton. As a junior, Tim joined Residence Life as a Resident Assistant and University Police as a Student Officer. As a senior, Tim was promoted to Resident Staff Advisor and to Corporal in the Student Officer Program, and became a Senior Programmer for USPB. After graduating from The University of Scranton, Tim will be attending Rowan University to work in Residence Life and Community Safety while earning his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Tim hopes to work in law enforcement after his time at Rowan.

## LAWRENCE MANN AWARD

**LISA GIROLAMETTI**, recipient ex aequo of the *Lawrence Mann Award*, is a Nursing major from Ridgefield, CT, has been actively involved and engaged in numerous campus activities and organizations throughout her years at The University of Scranton. She has been a Resident Assistant, and served on the Residence Life Selection and Awards and Recognition Committees. Lisa has been a member of The University's Review Board and completed the Scranton Emerging Leaders program. Since her freshman year, Lisa has worked in The Office of Admissions as a Royal Ambassador giving tours to prospective students, and speaking at every Open House and Preview Day. Always looking to serve others in the community, Lisa has volunteered to feed geriatric residents at The Jewish Home, assisted in the triage of patients in the Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured, and participated in Relay for Life and Cancertacular. Most recently, she travelled with the nursing program to North Star Academy in Newark, New Jersey, to perform basic assessments on underprivileged children grades K-12. Furthermore, she worked as a unit secretary at Regional Hospital on a cardiac unit and maintains a Certified Nurse's Aide position at a nursing home in Connecticut.. After graduation, Lisa plans to return home to Connecticut in hopes of securing a Pediatric or Labor & Delivery Nurse position.

**MEREDITH LUBAS**, recipient ex aequo of the *Lawrence Mann Award*, from Linden, NJ, is a senior Nursing major with a concentration in Nutrition. Meredith served The University of Scranton as Student Government Vice President and as the Community Assistant for Pilarz Hall 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors. She also served on the 2013 Class Committee, The President's Student Cabinet, and as the President's Alumni Liaison. An active promoter of volunteer opportunities, Meredith facilitated volunteer activities such as Street Sweep and Floor Volunteer Projects through her roles on Student Government and Residence Life. She has traveled domestically and internationally to volunteer on service trips, most recently, a two-week long healthcare trip to Uganda, Africa. After graduation, Meredith hopes to secure a nursing position in an Intensive Care setting and return to school for a Master's Degree in Nursing, specializing in Family Health Nurse Practitioner and to use her degree to serve an under-represented population.

## ALUMNI LOYALTY & SERVICE AWARD

**OLIVER J. STRICKLAND**, recipient of the *Undergraduate Alumni Loyalty and Service Award*, is a graduate of Scranton High School, Scranton, PA. He is a major in Human Resources with a minor in Business and is a member of Who's Who. Oliver is the Student Government President, a columnist for the *Aquinas*, an Orientation Assistant and an International Service Program Leader. Oliver is in the midst of the interview process pursuing employment in his field of study.

**DONNA M. RUPP**, recipient of the *CGCE Alumni Loyalty and Service Award* and the *Excellence in Electronic Commerce Award*, was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Scranton Technical High School. She is a major in Electronic Commerce with a minor in Operations Management. Donna is a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda, Omega Beta Sigma and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies. She is The University of Scranton's Psychology Department Secretary, and a member of Who's Who. She has served on the University's Wellness Committee, a member of the Staff Senate, the Staff Development Committee and participates in the Fall Welcome/Freshman Move-In Day and Freshman House Calls. In 2012, she received the Sursum Corda Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the life and mission of The University of Scranton and in 2011, she received the Volunteer of the Year and Pro Deo Decennial Awards. Due to her involvement with numerous committees, Donna was recognized with her selection for the Spirit of Service Award in 2008 and the Honorary Survivor Chairperson for the NEPA Race for the Cure in 2012. Donna is now continuing her education in the MBA Program with a concentration in Operations Management at The University of Scranton.

## *Alma Mater*

The hours too quickly slip away  
And mingle into years  
But mem'ries of our Scranton days will last  
Whatever next appears.  
The legacy from those before  
Is briefly ours to hold,  
We leave the best behind for others  
As the coming years unfold.

With faith in lives that touch us here  
And paths that ours have crossed  
We know that reaching for the rising sun  
Is surely worth the cost.  
May God be ever at our side,  
May goodness fill our days.  
We hail as loving sons and daughters  
Alma mater ours always.

*Rev. Edward Gannon, S.J.,  
Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80*