

About The University of Scranton

A Jesuit institution in Pennsylvania's Pocono Northeast region, The University of Scranton is known for its outstanding academics, state-of-the-art campus and technology, and exceptional sense of community. Founded in 1888, the University has a student population of approximately 4,800, including adult, part-time and graduate students.

For the past ten years, the University has been ranked one of the top 10 universities in the North in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges." In the 2004 edition, Scranton was ranked sixth among "Universities - Master's" in the North. Scranton is one of only 100 schools in the nation on Templeton's "Honor Roll of Character-building Colleges." The Princeton Review counts Scranton among "The Best 351 Colleges" in the nation, and 30th on its list of the nation's most connected campuses in a listing published in *Forbes* magazine. Scranton is also included in Kaplan Publishing's *The Unofficial, Unbiased, Insider's Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges*.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF **SCRANTON** A J E S U I T U N I V E R S I T Y

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON

disABILITY:

"Strengthening Family-Professional
Partnerships: Strategies for Success"

presented by

The J. A. Panuska, S.J. College of Professional Studies
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Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2004

Honorary Chairpersons:

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This conference is especially for:

- Educators
- School Administrators
- Parents
- Paraprofessionals
- Counselors
- Social Workers
- Rehabilitation Professionals (PT, OT Sp/L, Nurses)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals
- Students with Disabilities
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Please join The University of Scranton for an opportunity to:

Explore recommended practices for family-professional collaboration • Increase personal and professional networks
Develop individual and systemic advocacy skills • Expand awareness of global initiatives
Update legislative knowledge of VR, WIA, IDEA, Reauthorization of Assistive Technology Act and Voter Registration

Keynote Speaker: **Chris Burke**

Through his work, Chris Burke has single-handedly transformed America's image of individuals with physical and mental disabilities. When Chris was born, doctors advised his parents to put their newborn son in an institution. The Burkes ignored the advice and treated Chris the same as their other children. Today, Chris is best known for his role as Corky Thatcher in the TV series "Life Goes On" which earned him a Golden Globe nomination. Chris also has starred in the TV series "Touched by an Angel." He has received numerous awards, including a Youth in Film award and a Christopher award. A New York City public school has been named in his honor. His autobiography, *A Special Kind of Hero*, was published in 1992.

Keynote Speaker: **Loring Brinckerhoff, Ph.D.**

Dr. Brinckerhoff is employed by Educational Testing Service (ETS) as the Director of the Office of Disability Policy. He also serves as a higher education and disability consultant to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D). He is past president of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) and former secretary of the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities. Dr. Brinckerhoff has authored over 25 articles, manuscripts, and co-authored one of the leading texts in the field, *Postsecondary Education and Transition for Students with Learning Disabilities* (PRO-ED).

Keynote Speaker: **Oliver J. Morgan, Ph.D.**

Dr. Morgan is Professor of Counseling and Human Services at The University of Scranton. He is Chair of the Department of Counseling and Human Services and a Leahy Faculty Fellow in the College of Professional Studies at the University. He is a Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, a National Certified Counselor, and an Approved Clinical Supervisor with the National Board of Certified Counselors. He is on the editorial boards of several professional publications and has published over 30 articles and book chapters, primarily in the area of addiction studies.

Keynote Speaker: **Thomas H. Powell, Ed.D.**

Dr. Powell is President of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. He is the founding Director of the University of Connecticut Program for Disabilities, and the founder of the Sibling Information Network. Dr. Powell has published four books, including *Brothers and Sisters: A Special Part of Exceptional Families*. He has authored numerous book chapters and journal articles and has been an associate editor for many professional publications. He is a frequent keynote speaker at professional conferences and has made keynote addresses and invited speeches in 46 states.

Keynote Speaker: **Ellie Clavier Rothstein, M.D.**

Dr. Rothstein is co-founder and coordinator of ParentTalk, a program consisting of monthly lecture and discussion evenings combined with a parenting resource center. Dr. Rothstein is a psychiatrist who also maintains a small private practice in Montreal, Canada, where she works and resides. She has led parent support groups for more than 10 years, specializing in therapy with parents of small children who have difficulty coping. Dr. Rothstein has given many workshops and lectures on parenting.

Keynote Speaker: **Gerald L. Zahorchak, D.Ed.**

Dr. Zahorchak is Deputy Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Dr. Zahorchak is familiar with the many educational and economic challenges facing school districts on the local, state, and national levels. He has served as a Parent Liaison and Review Board Member, a K-12 Principal and Superintendent, as an Adjunct Professor, and has been active in politics for many years.

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Hotel Information

Radisson Lackawanna Station
700 Lackawanna Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 342-8300
Conference rate of \$89 for
September 29-30 is available
until August 29, 2004.

**Hilton Hotel &
Conference Center**
100 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 343-3000
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Sept. 15, 2004.

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From the West: I-80 East to I-81 North to
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then continue straight to Vine St., turn right and proceed one
block to Monroe Ave. Turn right and proceed to **Rock Hall
parking lot** (on your right).

For Hotel Guests: Campus parking is not available for guests staying
at the Radisson Lackawanna Station or the Hilton Hotel & Confer-
ence Center. The exception is guests in need of accessible parking.

Conference Program

Thursday, September 30

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, Brennan Hall, Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Executive Center, 5th Floor**
- 10:00 a.m. Conference Opening/Welcome**
Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President; Beth Barnett, Ed.D., Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; James J. Pallante, Ed.D., Dean, Panuska College of Professional Studies; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leahy, Honorary Chairs; Ms. JoAnn Usry, Director, Office of Equity and Diversity
- 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker #1**
Building an American Dream for All Children: Parent and Professional Partnerships
Thomas H. Powell, Ed.D., President, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch: Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Center**
Keynote Speaker #2
No Child Left Behind for All – No Exceptions! Period.
Gerald L. Zahorchak, D.Ed., Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education
- 1:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- *A Qualitative Study of Families with Children Diagnosed with ADHD*
Dr. Michael W. Firmin and Annie Phillips
 - *SOS for Siblings*
Dr. Diane W. Keller and Dr. Dona C. Bauman
 - *Education of Children with Disabilities in Mexico*
Gloria Beltrán Pérez, Dr. Timothy J. Hobbs, Dr. Deborah E. Lo and Raymundo Calderone
- 2:15 p.m. Break**
- 2:30p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- *The Forgotten Ones ... Living and Learning with Anxiety and Depression*
Dr. Marian Farrell and Dr. Thomas Smith
 - *Gregory: Fostering Behavior Conducive to Inclusion in the School, Home, and Community*
Denise Snyder and Amy Frey Gerney
 - *Global Competencies and Special Education: Issues of Social-Cultural Importance*
Danielle K. West and Dr. Daniel J. West, Jr.
- 3:50 p.m. Keynote Speaker #3**
Advocacy
Chris Burke,
Spokesperson for the National Down Syndrome Society, Star of "Life Goes On" and "Touched by an Angel." Chris will be joined by Joe DeMasi and John DeMasi, C.J.J. Enterprises.

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- 5:00 p.m. Networking Social & Light Dinner**
Brennan Hall Executive Center
Music and Entertainment by Scott Key
The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center for Faculty Research Poster Session

Friday, October 1

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, Brennan Hall, 5th Floor**
- 8:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker #4**
Navigating the Accommodations Maze: Self-Advocacy and Independence for Students with Learning Disabilities
Loring Brinkerhoff, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Disability Policy at Educational Testing Service (ETS) and Consultant to Harvard Medical School and Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
- 10:00 a.m. Break**
- 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- *Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities to Promote Positive Post-secondary Outcomes*
Mary Ellen Pichiarello and James V. Muniz
 - *The New Freedom Initiative: Rhetoric or Real Opportunities for Full Community Participation?*
Rita P. Fleming Cottrell
 - *Families As Instructional Partners* – Janice H. Belgredan
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch, Eagen Auditorium, Gunster Center**
Leahy Faculty Fellow Address: A Piece of Sky, A Chunk of Earth: Spirituality and Disability
Dr. Oliver J. Morgan, Professor and Chair of Counseling, The University of Scranton
Leahy Awards
- 1:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- *Legislative Updates* – Patricia Leahy
 - *Understanding the Lives of Children with Disabilities in Mexico: Outcomes of the Leahy Exchange* – Dr. Debra E. Lo, Dr. Timothy Hobbs, Dr. Dona Bauman, Raul Rodriguez and Gloria Beltrán Pérez
 - *Strategies and Resources for Working Through The System* - Invited Panel of Key Stakeholders including: Dr. Clarence Lamanna, Sara Wolff, Trieste Kennedy, Kathy Wallace, J. Joseph Grady, Esq., and Kathy Ulkowski
- 2:20 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- *If and When to Access Programs for Your Child: Ethical Considerations* – James Jacobs
 - *Balancing Life: The Physically Disabled Figure in Life and Literature* – Christina Dilkes
 - *Working with Families by Incorporating Daily Routines* – Jeanne Reese
- 3:45 p.m. Special Session**
The Stress of Parenting: A Humorous yet Realistic Look at the Toughest Job You'll Ever Have
Ellie Clavier Rothstein, M.D.
Founder of ParenTalk, Montreal, Canada

Featured Speakers

Dona C. Bauman, Ph.D., Special Education, The University of Scranton

Janice H. Belgredan, EITA
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Raymundo Calderone, MA,
Psychology Department, Universidad Del Valle De Atemajac

Rita P. Fleming Cottrell, OTL, MA,
FAOTA, Occupational Therapy, The University of Scranton

Joe DeMasi and John DeMasi,
C.J.J. Enterprises

Christina Dilkes, BA, Graduate Student at New York University

Marian Farrell, Ph.D., CRNP, CS,
RNC, Professor of Nursing, The University of Scranton

Michael W. Firmin, Ph.D.,
Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, Cedarville University, Ohio

Amy Frey Gerney, MS, OTR/L
Parent/Occupational Therapist, Hughesville, Pa.

J. Joseph Grady, Esq., Parent,
Scranton, Pa.

Timothy J. Hobbs, Ph.D., Special Education, The University of Scranton

James Jacobs, MS, Student Assistance Program Coordinator, Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley

Diane W. Keller, Ph.D., L.S.W.,
Marywood University, Scranton, Pa.

Trieste Kennedy, Parent,
Allentown, Pa.

Clarence Lamanna, Ed.D., Director of Special Education, NEIU #19

Patricia Leahy, Governmental Affairs Director, National Rehabilitation Association, Washington, D.C.

Deborah E. Lo, Ph.D., Chair,
Department of Education, The University of Scranton

Oliver J. Morgan, Ph.D., NCC,
LMFT, ACS, Leahy Faculty Fellow,
Professor and Chair, Department of Counseling and Human Services,
The University of Scranton

James V. Muniz, MS, ADP Director/Reading Enrichment Specialist,
Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, The University of Scranton

Gloria Beltrán Pérez, MA,
Psychology Department, Universidad Del Valle De Atemajac

Annie Phillips, BA, Psychology
Doctoral Student, Spalding University, Louisville, Ky.

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Raul Rodriguez, MA, Director of
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Ellie Clavier Rothstein, M.D.,
Psychiatrist, Co-founder of
ParenTalk, Montreal, Canada

Thomas Smith, Psy.D., Director,
Counseling Center, The University of Scranton

Denise Snyder, BS, Instructional
Support Staff, East Lycoming
School District, Hughesville, Pa.

Kathy Ulkowski, MS, Occupational
Therapist, Scranton Public Schools

Kathy Wallace, MA, ATR, Director of
Advocacy and Community Services,
The Advocacy Alliance

Daniel J. West, Jr., Ph.D.,
Professor and Chair, Department of Health Administration and Human Resources, The University of Scranton

Danielle K. West, BS, Graduate Student in
Special Education, The University of Scranton

Sara Wolff, Self-Advocate and
Motivational Speaker, Moscow, Pa.

Gerald L. Zahorchak, D.Ed.,
Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education,
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Conference Registration Deadline: September 20, 2004

Cancellations must be received on or before September 17, 2004. There will be no refunds after that date.

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