# On the Commons

# **University News**

# Another Wave of National Recognition

This fall, the University received yet another wave of recognition in national publications that rank American universities.



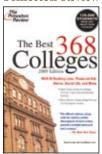
U.S. News & World Report "Best Colleges" Scranton was named among the nation's 70 "up and coming" schools in the latest U.S. News & World Report "America's Best

Colleges" list, which was released on Aug. 22. Also, for the 15th consecutive year, the University was listed among the top 10 master's-granting universities in the North. Scranton was also ranked 10th among "great schools at a great price."

#### Forbes.com "Best Colleges"

Forbes.com named Scranton to its inaugural list of "America's Best Colleges 2008," an online ranking done by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity of 569 universities considered to be the best in the nation. Scranton ranked in the top half of the list at 269 and ranked eighth among 24 Jesuit universities making the list.

#### Princeton Review "Best Colleges"



For the seventh consecutive year, Scranton has been named one of "The Best 368 Colleges" in the nation by Princeton Review. The Princeton Review selects the elite colleges to be profiled in "The Best 368 Colleges" guide based

on feedback from students, parents and educators, as well as through research.

#### U.S. News & World Report "Best Graduate Schools"

Six of the University's graduate programs and the Kania School of Management at Scranton are included in the 2009 edition of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools." The U.S. News guidebook ranks the top professional school programs in business, education, engineering and medicine based on statistical data.

#### **Princeton Review** "Best 296 Business Schools"

The University's Kania School of Management has been included among the elite group of graduate business schools in the world to be listed in the 9th edition of Princeton Review's "Best 296 Business Schools."

# Politics Put Faculty, Students in National Spotlight

Scranton faculty were quoted in national publications in articles about the 2008 Presidential election. A page-one New York Times story quoted Jean Wahl Harris, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of the Political Science Department. A story in the Boston Globe quoted Leonard Champney, Ph.D., professor of political science, who was also interviewed by The Philadelphia Inquirer and Aljazeera.net/English, a 24-hour English language news station broadcasting from Doha, Qatar.

Stories quoting Scranton faculty focused on Catholic voters, the impact the financial crisis on Wall Street has had on the election and the opinions of Scranton voters in general on the election.

Earlier this year, during the Pennsylvania primary, Scranton students were the focus of multiple stories that looked at the Catholic vote, issues concerning young voters and opinions on Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Students were interviewed by CNN, France's La Croix, and for two national Associated Press stories that ran in newspapers across the country.

## Grant Supports Wall Street West Initiative

The University was awarded a \$102,000 Wall Street West Grant to develop an Enterprise Resource Planning Program, which will allow the area's workforce to further leverage the University's technological resources and accredited business curriculum.

Through the grant, Scranton, in collaboration with SRA International, Fairfax, Va., will develop courses in functional areas such as finance, accounting, business data warehousing, customer-relationship management, strategic enterprise management and logistics. The Kania School of Management will also develop "boot camp" training programs to enable SAP certification and to engage industry and government ERP experts and users with students.

The grant also supports the development of enterprise resource internships; programs to enhance recruitment within traditional student and adult-learner populations; and assistance with the implementation and operation of SAP software at organizations in the region. In addition, the University will use the grant to increase its SAP-trained instructor pool from both full-time faculty and adjunct professors from local industries.

Class of 2012 Welcomed to Scranton



The Byron Complex is a sea of purple as the Class of 2012 attends a New Student Convocation held Aug. 23, during Fall Welcome Weekend.

In his remarks at the New Student Convocation on Aug. 23, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., urged members the Class of 2012 to embrace the transformational change that awaits them during their four years at Scranton.

"Your education here will be rigorous and broad-based. Such rigor is required of us because the life of the mind is one of God's greatest gifts," he told the freshman students gathered in the Byron Recreation Complex. "Expect to change here. Four years from now, I hope you will think more deeply, act more deliberately and love more dearly."

The New Student Convocation was one of many events held during Fall Welcome Weekend, Aug. 23-24. In addition to welcoming more than 970 full-time undergraduate students, the University also welcomed approximately 55 undergraduate transfer students, 40 non-traditional undergraduate students and 390 new graduate students.

The entering undergraduate students were drawn from 7,891 applicants, which is the largest number of applicants in the 120-year history of the University. This is the seventh consecutive year that Scranton has set a record for undergraduate applications for admission.

The University 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.

Incoming students to the University's graduate programs represent 11 foreign countries and include five Fulbright scholars from Japan, Jordan, China, France and Germany, and an Institute for International Education scholar from Columbia.

# Seinfeld Bus Tour Makes a Stop at Scranton

The Seinfeld College Tour Bus, complete with Seinfeld memorabilia, giveaways and interactive games, made a stop at the University on Aug. 27. Part of a 26-city nationwide tour by Sony Pictures Television, the 60-foot bus included costumes and props from iconic episodes and a "Scene It? Lounge" for participants to sample a Seinfeld DVD game that debuted this fall.



Christopher Mefford '09 (center) was among the students who visited the Seinfeld College Tour Bus when it made a daylong stop at the University on Aug. 27.

## Prospective Students Visit Campus

The University held the first of two Open House events for prospective students on Oct. 26, drawing the largest-ever crowd. In addition to a welcome session held in the Long Center, visitors had the opportunity to tour campus and speak with Admissions and Financial Aid staff members, faculty members, parents and representatives of many student services and programs. In the last five years, applications for full-time undergraduate admission have increased 29 percent, from 5,649 in 2003 to a record-breaking 7,891 in 2008.



# Five Join Board of Trustees





Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70 Lisa DeNaples, Michael P. D.M.D. Glinsky Jr. '66

Five new members have been elected to three-year terms on the University's Board of Trustees. Appointed to the Board are: Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70, New York, N.Y.; Lisa DeNaples, D.M.D., Scranton; Michael P. Glinsky Jr. '66, Denver, Colo., and Scranton; Michele Finn, Bronxville, N.Y.; and Dennis J. McGonigle '82, Chester Springs.

Condron, who is director, president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial, Inc., was elected president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial, Inc., and a member of the AXA Financial Group management Board in May 2001. In addition, he is chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of AXA Financial's principal insurance subsidiary, AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (formerly The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States).

Dr. DeNaples is vice president of construction and development at Mount Airy Casino Resort in Mount Pocono. She is also a partner in two dental practices in Northeastern Pennsylvania and is the dentist for the Summer Camp (World Links) that serves Russian orphans. Dr. DeNaples serves on the boards of the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau, the Boys and Girls Club, the Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton Preparatory School and SCOLA (Scranton Council on Literacy Advance).

Currently a private investor, Glinsky previously served as advisor and managing

director of Glass Lewis & Company, an independent research company. He also has served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of NorthPoint Communications Group, Inc., and was formerly the executive vice president and chief financial officer of US WEST, Inc. He also served as managing partner of the Denver office of Coopers and Lybrand. Glinsky currently serves on the Boards of many organizations, including Renal Ventures Management, Inc., Regis University and Colorado Haiti Project.

Dennis J.

McGonigle '82

**Michele Finn** 

Finn attended Maryville College, St. Louis, Mo., and Sorbonne, Paris, France, and worked as a meeting planner until her retirement. She has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Development Committees of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, in both Greenwich, Conn., and New York City. She began another term of service on the Convent's New York City Board in September.

McGonigle is chief financial officer (CFO) and executive vice president at SEI Investments. Prior to his appointment to CFO in 2002, he ran one of SEI's operating segments. Previously, he served as head of product management, overseeing the product development and maintenance of products and services related to SEI's investment management offering, as well as SEI's fund services area.

Full profiles of these trustees are available at www.scranton.edu/trustees.

# Faculty/Staff

# Six Named to Academic Administrative Posts

The University has announced the appointment of six individuals to posts in administration and academic affairs.

#### Patricia A. Day

Vice President, Human Resources A.B., Boston College J.D., Suffolk University Law School



Before joining the University, Day was a labor relations and employment issues consultant, and served as director of labor relations and labor counsel for the Massachusetts Port Authority. Additionally, she was chief labor relations

Patricia A. Day

officer for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Philadelphia. Her responsibilities in these and other positions throughout her career included training, compensation, benefits, employee evaluation, wellness, recruitment and retention.

Day is a member of the Women Transportation Seminar, International, a professional development organization for women in the transportation field, and she served on the board of its Boston chapter. She received the 2004 Boston Labor Guild's Cushing-Gavin Award, which recognizes moral integrity, professional competence and community concern in the field of labor-management relations.

#### Rev. Terrence J. Devino, S.J.

Vice President, University Ministries B.A., Worcester State College M.Div., School of Theology and Pastoral Ministry, Seton Hall University Certificate in Spiritual Direction, Center for Religious Development

Father Devino joined The University of Scranton in 2006 as the assistant vice president for University Ministries. He is responsible for the leadership and management of the University's Campus Ministry, the International Service Program and the Community Outreach Office.



Rev. Terrence J. Devino, S.J.

also worked as a patient and family relations representative in Boston, Mass., at Brigham & Women's Hospital, and assistant director of the Jesuit Urban Center, Boston. Father Devino also worked as an associate pastor in three parishes in Springfield, Mass., for seven years.

Father Devino

is a member of

Prior to joining

the University

staff, he spent

Father Devino

three years as an

associate chaplain in

campus ministry at

Fairfield University.

Dr. Dreisbach

joined the University

an assistant professor

1989. He has taught

chemistry, including

courses in general

and analytical

biochemical

faculty in 1978 as

of chemistry and

was promoted to

full professor in

the New England

Province of Jesuits.

#### Joseph H. Dreisbach, Ph.D.

Interim Associate Provost for Academic Affairs B.S., LaSalle University M.S., Ph.D., Lehigh University



Joseph H. Dreisbach, Ph.D.

structure and function, biocatalysis and metabolism, and biochemistry of disease.

He served as director of the master's degree programs in chemistry, biochemistry and clinical chemistry from 1988 to 1991, and served as chair of the chemistry department for six years. In 1997, he was appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He also has held two U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Summer Research fellowships, and received two other U.S. Air Force research project grants.

In 1992, he received the University's Award to a Faculty Member for Outstanding Contributions to the Graduate School.

Before joining the University, Dr. Dreisbach taught at Northampton Community College, Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales and East Stroudsburg University.

## Paul Fahey, Ph.D.

Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences B.S., The University of Scranton M.S., Ph.D., University of Virginia

Dr. Fahev has

been a member

of the University

since 1968, when

Physics/Electrical

Department. He

biophysics and

has taught physics,

he joined the

faculty of the

Engineering



Paul Fahey, Ph.D.

electronics engineering courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He was promoted to full professor in 1978, and served as chair of the Physics/Electronics Department from 1982 to 1988.

In 1989, Dr. Fahey was appointed acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and in 1990, was appointed Dean. In 1997, he returned to his teaching position in Physics/Electrical Engineering. Most recently, Dr. Fahey served as chair of Physics/Electrical Engineering.

His current research specialty is the biophysics of hearing.

Dr. Fahey has been a visiting professor at Cornell University and a resident visitor at AT&T Bell Labs. He has held fellowships from NASA and the National Science Foundation, and has received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy and the Ben Franklin Partnership.

#### Steven G. Jones, Ph.D.

Associate Provost for Civic Engagement and Academic Mission B.A., M.A., Brigham Young University Ph.D., University of Utah

Prior to joining

the University,

as coordinator

Dr. Jones served

in the Office of

Service Learning,

Center for Service

Indiana University-

Purdue University

Indianapolis. In

and Learning, at



Steven G. Jones, Ph.D.

Pn.D. this role, he was responsible for coordinating faculty development and support activities regarding service learning, supervising the Service Learning Assistant Scholarship program, building support for service learning among campus constituencies and supporting Commitment to Excellence in Civic Engagement grantees.

In his new position, Dr. Jones oversees the University's education for justice and academic sustainability initiatives and the collaborative development of academic civic engagement programs, such as the Leahy Center's free health clinic. He also oversees undergraduate and graduate study abroad, and assists with the promotion of faculty or University international initiatives and partnerships, such as faculty study trips or visits by international faculty, and develops institutional support for such activities.

## Gerald C. Zaboski

Vice President for Alumni and Public Relations B.S., M.S. The University of Scranton



Zaboski joined the University in 1988, serving as the first editor of *The Scranton Record*, and later became the assistant manager for university publications in addition to his role as editor. From 1992-2001, he

Gerald C. Zaboski

served as the assistant and, later, executive assistant to the President. He was named director of public relations in 2001, and was appointed associate vice president for alumni and public relations in 2005.

Prior to joining the University, Zaboski served as public information manager for the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

His professional affiliations include serving on the Executive Committee of Jesuit Advancement Administrators (JAA) and a member of the Communications Advisory Council of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

He is a member of the board of the Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency and West Wyoming Hose Company #1, for which he is treasurer.

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# Professor Receives Ben Franklin Award

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania named Joseph W. Connolly, Ph.D., professor of physics and electrical engineering, as the 2008 Northeastern Pennsylvania Innovation Awards Academic Partner. Dr. Connolly was recognized at Ben Franklin Technology Partners' fourteenth annual Innovation Awards dinner, held this past summer at Lehigh University.

Dr. Connolly was recognized as an individual affiliated with an institute of higher learning who contributed time and expertise to support the Ben Franklin program. Dr. Connolly provided support to 40 technology client companies over more than two decades. He served as project manager and lead investigator in 21 Ben Franklin projects.

# Earl Award Presented at Convocation

Willis M. Conover, Ed.D., professor of history and chair of the Department of History, has been awarded the 10th annual John L. Earl III Award for service to the University, the faculty, and the wider community. The award, presented at University Convocation on Sept. 5, is given in the spirit of generosity and dedication that the late Dr. John Earl, a distinguished professor of history, exemplified during his years at the University from 1964 to 1996.

Dr. Conover joined Scranton's faculty in 1978 and was promoted to associate professor in 1985. He has served in both the history department and the education department. Dr. Conover has also been a faculty associate for Gavigan College, a

Willis Conover, Ed.D., receives the John L. Earl Award from Stephen Casey (left). Looking on are University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., and Pauline Earl, wife of the late John Earl.



greeter on Freshman Move-In Day, and a booster for the Royals basketball teams. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and a bachelor of science degree in secondary education from The Pennsylvania State University, and a master of science degree in social science/history and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Montana State University.

# Staff Members Honored for Outstanding Contributions

Three staff members received the Sursum Corda Award at University Convocation on Sept. 5. 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 (from left) Mary Anne Maslar (Clerical/Technical Staff), Vincent Merkel (Professional/Paraprofessional Staff) and William Hurst (Physical Plant Staff).



From left: University President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., presents Sursum Corda Awards to Mary Anne Maslar (Clerical/Technical Staff), Vincent Merkel (Professional/Paraprofessional Staff) and William Hurst (Physical Plant Staff).

# 27 Named to Faculty

The University has appointed 27 fulltime faculty members for the 2008-2009 academic year, according to Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Lindsay A. Batory, Ph.D., lecturer, Chemistry

- Carol A. Coté, Ph.D., assistant professor, Occupational Therapy
- Paul T. Cutrufello, instructor, Exercise Science and Sports
- Daniel K. Darko, Ph.D., visiting professor, Theology/Religious Studies

- Rita DiLeo, faculty specialist, Health Administration/Human Resources
- David J. Dzurec III, Ph.D., assistant professor, History
- Tara N. Fay, faculty specialist, Biology
- Arthur J. Chambers, faculty specialist, Education
- Ann E. Feeney, second-year faculty specialist, Nursing
- Douglas Haladay, instructor, Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy
- Mary Beth Holmes, faculty specialist, Communication
- Sandra Lamanna, second-year lecturer, Education
- Nathan Lefler, Ph.D., assistant professor, Theology/Religious Studies
- Bonnie Lini Markowski, faculty specialist, English
- Donna Mazziotti, assistant professor, Weinberg Memorial Library
- Catherine A. McGeehan, R.N., M.S.N., second-year lecturer, Nursing
- Jaime Meilán Del Río, lecturer, World Languages and Cultures
- Debra P. Miller, Ph.D., faculty specialist, Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy
- Sufyan Mohammed, Ph.D., instructor, Communication
- Rui Niu, Ph.D., assistant professor, Education
- Jessica M. Nolan, Ph.D., assistant professor, Psychology
- Ana R. Rojas, Ph.D., lecturer, English and Theater
- Jeremy Sepinsky, lecturer, Physics/ Electrical Engineering
- Beth Sindaco, faculty specialist, English
- John J. Strain III, faculty specialist, Communication
- Georgios A. Stylianides, Ph.D., associate professor, Exercise Science and Sport
- Ileana F. Szymanski, Ph.D., assistant professor, Philosophy
- Barbara R. Wagner, D.P.T., faculty specialist Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy
- Xuewu (Wesley) Wang, Ph.D., instructor, Economics/Finance
- Kristen A. Yarmey-Tylutki, assistant professor, Weinberg Memorial Library

# Lectures and Conferences

# "Secret of the Holy Grail" Discussed by Georgetown Professor



G. Ronald Murphy, S.J., discusses "Gemstone of Paradise: The Secret of the Holy Grail" during the fifth annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture on Sept. 26. A Georgetown University professor who claims to have found the Holy Grail delivered the fifth annual J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture at Scranton on Sept. 26. The lecture was held as part of Family Weekend. G. Ronald Murphy, S.J.,

professor of German at Georgetown University, discussed "Gemstone of Paradise: The Secret of the Holy Grail."

For centuries, the Holy Grail has captured the imagination of people throughout the world seeking to unravel the mystery behind what many have believed to be a cup or vessel used by Jesus at the Last Supper. Fr. Murphy concurs with the 13th century theory of Wolfram von Eschenbach, who, in *Parzival*, identifies the Grail as a stone, rather than a cup or dish.

The J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture at The University of Scranton celebrates the Catholic intellectual tradition and honors the late J.J. Quinn, S.J., who served as a professor of English at the University for more than four decades.

# Veterans' Issues Explored at Conference

Approximately 180 people attended the University's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility. "Veterans, Vocations and Values: Rehabilitation Rallies for Results" was the theme of the Conference, held Oct. 8 - 9 in the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center on campus.

In her opening remarks, Patricia Leahy, who, together with her husband, Edward Leahy '68, served as honorary co-chairs of the conference, recognized



Gathered for the opening of the 7th Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disAbility, front row, from left: University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.; Hon. David Wenzel '69, G '74, Leahy Award recipient; and Honorary Chairs of the Conference, Patricia and Edward Leahy '68. Back row, from left: Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Lori Bruch, Ed.D., associate professor of Counseling and Human Services and conference co-chair; Richard Pimentel, keynote speaker; and Ralph Pacinelli, D.Ed., CRC, LPC, retired regional commissioner for the United States Department of Education, a Leahy Faculty Fellow at the University, and conference co-chair.

the significant contributions of veterans. "Our veterans have served our country and we want to recognize you for your sacrifice and your service," she said.

The conference included presentations by four keynotes speakers, including Richard Pimentel, a Vietnam veteran whose life story is captured in the movie *The Music Within.* The conference also included keynote addresses by David S. Macpherson, M.D., MPH, chief medical officer, VISN4; Juan J. DeRojas, M.D., a veteran of the War against Terror and the Gulf War, and a board-certified general surgeon with an extensive military record; and Ryan Kules, retired U.S. Army Captain and program manager for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Two awards were presented at the Conference luncheon. Hon. David Wenzel '69, G '74, Vietnam War veteran and former Mayor of Scranton, received the Leahy Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation Leadership, and Josie Cordaro, who has written and delivered a poem every year at the University's Disability Conference, received a Leahy Award for Excellence in Community Service. The Leahy Awards are given annually to individuals who exemplify excellence in leadership and advocacy for persons with disabilities.

## Harvard Economist Discusses Financial Markets Crisis

Harvard economist Robert J. Barro, Ph.D., who delivered the annual Henry George Lecture on Sept. 30 and spoke at the University's PNC Breakfast on Oct. 1, said the government's failure to enforce regulations is partly responsible for the financial markets crisis of late September.

"A lot of the problems really stem from the mortgage-housing thing, and I think the government was, in fact, responsible for a lot of that, part of it working through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac," said Dr. Barro at the PNC Breakfast.

Dr. Barro, the Paul M. Warburg Professor of Economics at Harvard University, is a renowned economist who has written extensively on macroeconomics and economic growth.

The Economics and Finance Department at The University of Scranton and the campus chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon host the Henry George Lecture, which honors the 19th century American economist and social reformer. The lecture series is sponsored by a grant from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.



Harvard economist Robert J. Barro, Ph.D., discusses "Macroeconomic Disasters since 1870" at the Henry George Lecture on Sept. 30.

# Acclaimed Educator Delivers Mullin Lecture

Howard Gardner, Ph.D., a Scranton native who has been selected by Foreign Policy and Prospect magazines as one of the 100 most influential public intellectuals in the world and who has received 22 honorary degrees from institutions across the globe, delivered the annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Lecture at the University on Oct. 30. Dr. Gardner discussed "Multiple Intelligences: The First Twenty Five Years...and Beyond."

Dr. Gardner's acclaimed multiple intelligences theory has impacted educators and education, particularly in the United

States. Educational theorists have embraced his multiple intelligences theory, and a number of schools in North America have structured curricula according to the intelligences.

The Mullin Lecture series, which has brought to campus 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.

Howard Gardner, Ph.D., architect of the acclaimed Multiple Intelligences Theory, delivers the annual Harry Mullin, M.D., Memorial Lecture in the Houlihan-McLean Center on campus on Oct. 30.



# **Schemel Forum** Series Continues

The fall schedule for the University's Schemel Forum included lectures and a luncheon series focusing on the Middle East.

A lecture/discussion series, led by Morey M. Myers, Esq., examined the The American Presidency, in both its historical and current context. Lucan's Pharsalia, with Joseph P. Wilson, Ph.D., professor of Foreign Languages, examined the ancient Roman epic poem. Think World: Reflections on our Times, with William V. Rowe, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, presented insights into how we live in the world today. Philosophy Professor and Director of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, Ronald McKinney, S.J., presented The Role of Drama in the Jesuit Tradition: Past & Present. The Schemel Forum's "Insights into the Middle East - At the Brink of the Presidential Election" luncheon series brought leading experts on the Middle East to Scranton.

Founded in the summer of 2006 through generous gifts to the Rev. George Schemel, S.J., Fund, the Schemel Forum is a comprehensive enrichment program of study, dialogue, performances and special events.

# **Students** 13 Awarded Presidential **Scholarships**

The University has awarded 13 freshmen full-tuition Presidential Scholarships for 2008-2009.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high records in both their schools and community involvement. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition for four years of study as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average. The following students were awarded Presidential Scholarships:

Mary Alling, Fredericksburg, Va.; Nicholas Caselli, Peckville; Alex Chiodo, Westbury, N.Y.; Brittany Esbin, East Stroudsburg; Molly Hritzo, Holland; Kathleen Lavelle, Avoca; Paulina Maida, Hallstead; Brian Musto, Pittston; Sarah Neitz, Gettysburg; Marianne Patterson, Furlong; Jessica Wagner, Lindenhurst, N.Y.; Rose Marie Wong, Henryville; and Alexander Zygmunt, Moscow.

# Senior Recognized by Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Senior Cynthia David has been awarded a competitive MetLife Foundation scholarship by the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF).

HSF is the nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. As a not-for-profit by the Hispanic organization, HSF provides

scholarships and educational outreach to the Latino community in an effort to strengthen America by advancing higher education for Hispanic Americans.

David is an Elementary Education major, with a minor in French. Last year, she was a Truman Scholar national



Cynthia David '09 has been awarded a competitive scholarship Scholarship Fund.

finalist, as selected by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. In 2007 she was awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International scholarship to study at Suffolk University in Dakar, Senegal. She is a native of Bronx, N.Y.

# Players Launch New Season



A cast of student performers present I Hate Hamlet, as the University Players launch their 2008-2009 season.