Scranton's MBA Program Ranked Among Top 15 in Nation

A national ranking of business schools published by Entrepreneur Magazine and The Princeton Review places The University of Scranton's MBA program among the top 15 in the nation for general management.

Published in the April issue of Entrepreneur Magazine, the “Student Opinion Honors for Business Schools” lists MBA programs with highest scores in six key success areas based on a survey of the students attending the schools. Only 15 schools are listed in each of the following categories: accounting, finance, general management, global management, marketing and operations. Just 80 schools are listed in total, including Harvard University, Stanford University, The University of Virginia and The University of Scranton. The University is among the six Jesuit universities listed.

The Princeton Review compiled the lists from data gathered from its national survey of 19,000 MBA students attending schools profiled in the “Best 296 Business Schools” guidebook. The 80-question survey asked students to report on classroom and campus experiences at their schools and rate their MBA programs in several areas. The Princeton Review compiled the Student Opinion Honors lists based on students’ assessments of how well they felt their business school courses had prepared them in each of the six areas.

“This national accolade is especially gratifying because it is based on the opinion of Kania School of Management MBA students,” said Michael Mensah, Ph.D., dean of the Kania School of Management.

“The University of Scranton is pleased to be so consistently recognized for the merit of our programs.”

Scranton scored well in another recently released national student poll. According to the 2008 report issued by National Survey of Student Engagement, The University of Scranton performed better than the national average of 722 participating colleges, as well as the averages for participating master’s level institutions, in nearly every category measured to estimate the effectiveness of student learning.

For four consecutive years, The University of Scranton has been listed in Princeton Review’s best business schools guidebook, including the “Best 296 Business Schools” 2009 edition.

Scranton has also been listed in the Princeton Review’s undergraduate guidebook The Best 368 Colleges, for seven consecutive years.

Music Educator, Conductor to Speak at Commencement

For decades, Rob Kapilow has deciphered the complexities of classical music and given people of all ages a new appreciation for music and its relationship to elements of our lives through his inviting enthusiasm and refreshing plain speak. This May, the award-winning classical music conductor, composer, educator, commentator and author will bring his engaging insight to graduates and their guests as the principal speaker at The University of Scranton’s 2009 undergraduate commencement.

“An enthusiastic, inspirational and intelligent artist and educator, Rob is uniquely gifted at offering insight that transforms the musical experience for the listener – similar to the transformational Jesuit education given to our graduates,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University. “He will provide a memorable moment at an event that marks the conclusion of their undergraduate academic careers at Scranton.”

The creator of hundreds of programs and a number of acclaimed original compositions, Kapilow’s work reaches audiences of all levels of musical sophistication and brings them to a better understanding of and appreciation for music. Kapilow’s long running “What Makes it Great” series, which debuted on NPR 15 years ago, is now in its 14th season of live performances in Kansas City, and entering its 12th season at New York’s Lincoln Center and at Boston’s Celebrity Series. PBS’s Live From Lincoln Center broadcast a special “What Makes It Great” presentation this year. In 2005, he designed a “What Makes It Great” series for teenagers that was presented to thousands of middle- and high-school students in collaboration with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Kapilow’s “FamilyMusik” compositions and presentations include musical settings of Dr. Seuss’s Green Eggs and Ham, Van Allsburg’s Polar Express, and Play Ball, based on Casey at the Bat.

He has composed numerous commemorative works, many of which are part of his “Citypieces” series, such as Summer Sun, Winter Moon, which is a continued on pg. 2

DeNaples Center Earns LEED Certification

Fulfilling a vision established during the conceptualizing and planning stages, The University of Scranton’s Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) in February.

LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. The 118,000 square-foot DeNaples Center—which houses dining facilities, a theater, and the bookstore, continued on pg. 2

The 118,000 square-foot Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center, which opened in January 2008, is the first building of any kind in the city of Scranton to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the United States Green Building Council.
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Two Receive Ignatian Awards at Ceremony

The University of Scranton presented
its annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for
Distinguished Contributions to Ignatian
Mission and Ministries at a University
Assembly on March 24 in the Patrick &
Margaret DeNaples Center. The awards
were presented to Rev. John P. Foley, S.J.,
executive chairman of the Cristo Rey
Network, and Mary Baudouin, assistant
for social ministries for the Jesuits of the
New Orleans Province, received the 2009 Pedro
Arrupe Awards. From left: Terrence Devino,
S.J., vice president for University Ministries,
Mary Baudouin, Fr. Foley and Rev. Scott R. Pilarz,
S.J., University president.

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Law Professor to Deliver Henry George Lecture

The admission of immi-
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those immigrants will be the
the topic when Howard F. Chang,
Ph.D., Earle Hepburn profes-
sor of law at the University
of Pennsylvania Law School,
presents the University’s spring
Henry George Lecture.
Dr. Chang will speak on
“The Immigration Paradox:
Alien Workers and Distributive Justice”
on Monday, April 27. The lecture will be
presented to the public free of charge at 4
p.m. in the fourth floor balcony of the
DeNaples Center.
Dr. Chang will discuss guest-worker
policies and their impact on immigrants,
as well as the impact of such policies on
the larger society.
Dr. Chang served as a law clerk for
the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Court
of Appeals. He is a graduate of
and holds a doctorate in economics from the
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Dr. Chang’s lecture is part of
the annual spring Henry George program
sponsored by the Economics and Finance
Department and the Xi chapter of the
International Economics Honor Society.
Henry George was a nineteenth-century
American economist and social reformer.
For additional information, call
(570) 941-4048.
Medical Professionals Gather for Symposium

More than 100 medical professionals, medical school students and students gathered for a Medical Alumni Symposium hosted by The Medical Alumni Council of the University on March 28. The symposium, designed for physicians, dentists and medical school students, was attended by alumni, students and medical professionals throughout the region. The Symposium included presentations about a variety of topics.

Paul Casey, M.D. ’71, chairman of the Medical Alumni Council Executive Committee, addresses an audience of more than 100 medical professionals, medical school students and students gathered for the Medical Alumni Council Symposium on March 28.

National Sportsmanship Day Events at Scranton

For National Sportsmanship Day on March 3, Scranton alumnus Matt Davidson, Ph.D., returned to campus to present a free, public lecture and lead a workshop for area coaches. At the workshop are, from left: Jack O’Malley, Ph.D., associate professor, psychology; Gary Wodder, Ph.D., professor, exercise science and sport; Dr. Davidson; David Black, Ph.D., professor, philosophy; and Tomm Evans, English department chair at North Pocono High School and former swim coach.

Matt Davidson, Ph.D., ’93 spoke about developing sportsmanship through character in his speech at the Pearn Auditorium of Brennan Hall on March 3, National Sportsmanship Day. Dr. Davidson, who is founder, president and director of education for the Institute for Excellence and Ethics, led a workshop and roundtable discussion on campus for area school teachers entitled “Developing Character for and from Sport: Best Practices.” He also showed a clip of the ESPN documentary about the undefeated La Salle High School football team in order to demonstrate the power of character in overcoming challenges and pushing a team into greatness.

Sponsored by the Institute for International Sport, National Sportsmanship Day is the largest sportsmanship initiative in the world. An estimated 14,000 universities and schools throughout the United States and abroad participated in this year’s events. These events, supported by the University’s Athletics Department, are part of an ongoing initiative to promote sportsmanship in sports education classes and athletic programs throughout the community.

Scranton President to Receive Award from Georgetown Alumni Association

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., will receive the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association of Georgetown University at an awards ceremony on April 14. Fr. Pilarz will receive The John Carroll Award, which honors alumni whose achievements exemplify the ideals and traditions of Georgetown University and its founder, Archbishop John Carroll.

“Fr. Pilarz embodies the qualities of a John Carroll Winner as a distinguished alumnus of Georgetown University, said Bill Reynolds, executive director of the Georgetown University Alumni Association. “He brings to life the values of the award as an alum, as an educator, as a Jesuit priest and as a mentor to many. We are proud of Fr. Pilarz’s many accomplishments and are thrilled with the leadership he is providing at The University of Scranton.”

Established by the Georgetown University Alumni Association in 1951, the John Carroll Award is presented to Georgetown University alumni who have distinguished themselves through lifetime achievement and outstanding service to their alma mater. Five John Carroll Awards are presented each year. The 2009 Awards will be presented during John Carroll Weekend, an annual gathering of Georgetown alumni.

Dr. Rowe Named CASE Professor of the Year

The University of Scranton named William V. Rowe, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, its CASE Professor of the Year in recognition of his outstanding performance as a member of the faculty.

Professors awarded by individual schools are then eligible for further recognition by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) at the state and national levels.

“It’s a cliché to say you’re humbled by an honor, but I am humbled by this teaching award,” said Dr. Rowe. “My son’s experience as a student at the University assured me that I work alongside a lot of gifted teachers.”

Dr. Rowe joined the philosophy faculty at Scranton in 1990 as an associate professor. In 1995, he was named professor and chair of the philosophy department, a position he held until 2004.

He currently serves as director of the Center for Ethics Studies at the University, and is a member of the Judaic Studies Committee, Faculty Development Board and Schlemel Forum Board.

Dr. Rowe is a former faculty moderator of Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honor society.

Prior to joining the Scranton faculty, Dr. Rowe was a senior member in history of philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He also served as an assistant professor of philosophy at The King’s University College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Rowe was a co-recipient of a U.S. Department of Energy Grant to study the ethical, social and legal implications of the Human Genome Project (1997-2003).

He was chosen as Teacher of the Year by Scranton’s graduating class of 2003, and received the Alpha Sigma Nu Annual Teaching Award in 1997.

Dr. Rowe has had his work published in numerous academic and professional journals. He is a frequent presenter at academic and professional conferences.

Dr. Rowe earned a bachelor’s degree from Allegheny College, a master of philosophy degree from the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, and a master of arts degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

He also holds a doctorate from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.
University of Scranton Partners with Moses Taylor for Georgian Initiative

Health care administrators from Georgia, a country with a population of fewer than five million in the former Soviet Union, are getting valuable first-hand experience in health care administration, thanks to a new partnership between The University of Scranton and The Moses Taylor Health Care System (MTHCS).

Scranton recently received a $100,000 grant to direct an initiative to train health care administrators for a new hospital under construction in Tbilisi, Georgia’s capital city. The grant is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the American International Health Alliance (AIHA).

The University is partnering with MTHCS to implement a one-year health-management hospital project. Since 1999, The University of Scranton has been the principal trainer of Georgian health care providers in the United States. The project represents the latest step in this health care initiative, according to Daniel J. West Jr., Ph.D., professor and chair of health administration and human resources at The University. “We are introducing a new way of training health care administrators,” explained Dr. West. “Formerly, all directors in the USSR health care system were physicians. Now people trained in management are being hired by health care facilities in Georgia, and there is a market demand.” Moses Taylor Hospital is collaborating with numerous private health care providers in Georgia for the training process, including MediClub Georgia Co. Ltd – Medical Services Company (MCG), a limited liability company that has been providing medical services in Georgia for 10 years. MCG is launching the new hospital project.

Under the terms of the partnership, MCG is sending Georgian health care providers to Moses Taylor to complete two- to three-week training programs in specific fields. Moses Taylor, which has 173 beds and a staff of more 1,500, acts as a model hospital, as it is approximately the same size as the hospital being built in Tbilisi. “We’ve been working with health care professionals from Georgia for the past 10 years,” said Michael Costello, vice president of corporate development at Moses Taylor Hospital and adjunct faculty in the department of health administration and human resources at The University. “In our most recent grant, we have had officials involved with hospital privatization who have visited MTHCS to learn how private hospitals function in this country. It is a mutually rewarding experience, and we look forward to working with our Georgian colleagues at every available opportunity,” he added.

Dr. West is partnership coordinator and leader of a consortium of three U.S. universities: The University of Scranton; St. Louis University, a Jesuit university; and The University of Central Florida. These three schools are collaborating with two Georgian institutions, the University of Georgia and Caucasus University, to provide managerial training for Georgian health care providers.

This represents a specific and unique program that is previously unheard of in Georgia, according to Dr. West. A system of comprehensive health care was unavailable until recently, and there are no sources in Georgia for formal education in health care administration.

The partnership has its roots in the health care system that developed after the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991. “The Soviet model of medical care featured free, centrally budgeted medical care for everyone,” said Dr. West. “Each district or region featured a 150-bed hospital, and a two-week stay for hospital patients was typical. There were well-designed model hospitals with satellite clinics.”

After the move to a market economy, Georgia’s economic system deteriorated, as did its medical care. Health care providers continued to treat patients, but the government was unable to reimburse those providers for costs of care. Employees’ salaries were stopped, and such basics as electricity and heat in facilities were cut off. Medicines and medical equipment became scarce or nonexistent.

In 2007 a new government came to power and began rebuilding the system based on a privatization model, with aid from Europe, Asia and government organizations such as USAID and AIHA.

Although Georgian hospitals feature some medical services, modern hospitals as most Americans would know them do not exist, and medical care is still unaffordable for much of the Georgian population, which suffers from high unemployment rates and poverty.

“The coordination of care is not well developed,” said Dr. West. “ Patients do not have access to the full range of medical services they need in some regions, and physicians often lack access to medical technology and diagnostic services in some areas.”

The University of Scranton became involved in 1999 when it began training health care administrators in Tbilisi through an interdisciplinary approach. During the past 10 years, groups of students and faculty from Scranton have visited Georgia for training and interaction with health care professionals. In 2007-08, a group of MBA students and faculty members completed specialized courses in hospital administration and health insurance management at the two Georgian institutions with assistance from The University of Scranton.

Two health care administrators have completed the Moses Taylor training program in fall 2008, and with another two planning to attend training sessions in April. Future plans also include a new course on bioethics in Georgia, as well as a training program for faculty conducted by Dr. West at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Jean Wahl Harris Co-authors New Textbook

Jean Wahl Harris, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, has co-authored a new undergraduate American Government textbook, American Democracy Now!, published by McGraw-Hill in December 2008. The first American Government textbook with an all-woman author team, the book is written by teachers for teachers and their students today. The book is built on an approach that teaches students to think critically by encouraging them to inquire and converse with one another, and finally, to participate in American government.

The textbook’s critical thinking framework engages students in assessing current political trends, pressures, events and issues in the context of the nation’s history. Then the book prompts the students to imagine what politics will look like in the future and what that means for them. With integrated themes on diversity and civic engagement, the book prepares students, and attempts to inspire them, to join the conversation of American political life.

Co-authors, along with Dr. Harris, are Bridget Harrison, of Montclair University, and Susan Tolchin, of George Mason University. Dr. Harris joined The University of Scranton faculty in 1987 as an assistant professor of history/political science, was promoted to associate professor in 1993, and was recently promoted to professor, effective this fall. She has served as director of the women’s studies program at Scranton, and became the chair of the Political Science Department in 2004. She was one of only 39 educators in the United States to be named a Fellow by the American Council on Education for 2007-08.

In 1994, she received the CASE Professor of the Year award, given annually to the University’s nominee for the national Professor of the Year award, which is sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Dr. Harris earned a bachelor’s degree in law and society; a master of arts degree in political science and a doctorate in political science from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She is past president of the Lackawanna County League of Women Voters.


John R. Conway, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, has had his article titled “South Africa & Swaziland: Spectacular Wildlife and Unique Flora,” published in the January 2009 issue of Biology (Vol. 35, Issue 5, pp. 10-19). The article discusses the biodiversity of the flora and fauna of these countries based on a three-week trip Dr. Conway took in January 2008. The article and the inside cover were also illustrated with his photographs.

Joe A. Vinson, Ph.D., professor of chemistry, participated in the American Chemical Society’s presidential outreach event entitled “Chocolate Fest,” which was held March 21, 2009, at the Discovery Gateway Children’s Museum in conjunction with the 237th American Chemical Society national meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Vinson also addressed the topic, “Is Chocolate Really Good For You?” on Sunday, March 22, at the Chemistry of Chocolate Symposium in the Chemistry and the Law Division of the ACS meeting.

Catherine P. Lovecchio, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing, received her doctorate in nursing from Villanova University in December 2008. Her dissertation was titled “Online alcohol education: Impact on knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of first-year college students.” Dr. Lovecchio teaches medical-surgical nursing to junior and senior nursing students.

New Staff

The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in January:

Robert Marmo, Public Safety Officer
Sustainability Lessons Lead Earth Week Events

Information about Scranton’s “green” businesses, “green” tips that can save you money, and ways to motivate yourself and others to become “greener” highlight a week-long schedule of activities planned in Scranton for Earth Week. “Sustaining Scranton: Go Green and Save Green” events, organized by The University of Scranton, the City of Scranton and D&I Dempsey, include an environmental film, a sustainability fair, a clean-up project, a lecture, nature walks and recycling initiatives.

“As a Catholic and Jesuit university, Scranton is committed to translating its values into action,” said Steve Jones, Ph.D., associate provost and chair of the University’s task force on sustainability. “One of those values is the individual and collective responsibility we share to protect our physical environment. The Earth Week events we have planned with the City provide a variety of entertaining and educational activities for participants of all ages to learn how to better care for the environment.”

Mayor Chris Doherty is extremely supportive of the events planned. “The simple act of shopping locally has environmental benefits, and the City is pleased to be able to help highlight some of our local businesses and organizations during Earth Week,” said Mayor Doherty.

Earth Week activities begin with an electronic recycling drive on The University of Scranton campus on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and end with a clean-up project for the Lackawanna River Fest on Saturday, April 25.

Featured events include a self-guided tour of green businesses in Scranton from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 20. Many establishments participating will offer sales and other incentives during the tour hours. Among the businesses participating are Danielle and Company, Green Being, Northern Light, Anthology Books and Duffy Accessories. At 7 p.m., an environmental film will be shown at the Vintage Theater, 222 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. The film is free of charge.

On Tuesday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Sustainability Fair on the Dionne Campus Green of the University will involve interactive booths and information about sustainability. Participants can measure their environmental footprint, play life-size sustainability Monopoly and learn ways going green can save money. Participants can also visit Scranton’s first LEED Certified building, the University’s Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center.

On Earth Day, April 22, The University of Scranton will host a lecture by Paul Rogat Loeb, author of Soul of a Citizen, editor of The Impossible Will Take A Little While and an affiliated scholar at Seattle’s Center for Ethical Leadership. A popular speaker at campuses across the country, he will discuss ways individuals can organize to impact local, national and global sustainability issues.

Loeb’s award-winning books have received praise from numerous publications and organizations. Oprah Magazine called The Impossible Will Take A Little While, “A magnificent anthology that celebrates hope, guts and the power of taking action” and Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association, said Soul of a Citizen, “teaches us the value of taking chances and not being afraid to fail.”

Numerous other “Sustaining Scranton: Go Green and Save Green” events are planned, including Scranton Student Government’s City Sweep (a clean-up project for the Hill Section near campus), a solar scholars mini-conference and several nature walks. For a full list of events go www.scranton.edu/sustainability or www.scrantonpa.gov.

Media partners for “Sustaining Scranton: Go Green and Save Green” are Electric City and the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal. Community partners are MetroAction and Scranton Tomorrow.

Grant Funds Alperin Center Renovations

Using funds from a $250,000 grant received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education, the University’s Kania School of Management recently completed the third phase of development of its Irwin E. Alperin Financial Center, which was dedicated in 2008.

Funding from the grant helped to expand the Alperin Center’s core technology capabilities with the installation of new equipment, including a teaching station with a “smart screen” and three high-resolution computer monitors at each of the 14 student-team computer workstations. The ultimate goal is to create a state-of-the-art Business Engineering Laboratory for students and faculty.

The Alperin Financial Center, a teaching, learning and research laboratory located in Brennan Hall, features a simulated stock market trading room floor complete with electronic ticker, specialized trading software and live data feeds from currency, securities and commodities markets.

Business course instructors using the “smart screen,” a large touch-panel display, can now project materials from various input sources, make notes on the projected materials using digital pens and manipulate data using their index finger as a mouse.

The new teaching station allows instructors to directly interact with source material transmitted to each student team’s third monitor, according to professor Robert S. Colombo, who teaches a new two-semester graduate course titled “Foreign Currency Analysis and Trading” and “Advanced Foreign Currency Analysis and Trading.”

“The two of the screens are for the student to display price charts, news, data or any other information that the student can control or access from their local computer,” said Colombo, who is also president and founder of CEREBRONIX, a New Jersey-based technology consulting firm whose trading platform expertise is being utilized to develop the Alperin Center. “The third screen is controlled by the instructor and can deliver what the instructor is displaying on his/her local computer. For example, I can play back a PowerPoint presentation on my instructor’s workstation and have that playback shown on each student’s third screen–like closed circuit TV. Additionally, I can use the touch-panel to write on top of that PowerPoint display, and those writings would also show up on the student’s third screen.”

The first phase of development of the Alperin Center, included the installation of the electronic ticker and news and data displays, and was made possible through support by the family of the late Irwin E. Alperin, a former trustee, benefactor and friend of the University.

The second phase took place in spring 2008, when Scranton received a $196,000 grant from Wall Street West, a non-profit partnership of more than two dozen local, regional and statewide economic development agencies, technology investment groups, workforce development organizations, educational and research institutions and experts from the private sector.

The Wall Street West grant was used to develop the foreign currency trading course and a simulated trading laboratory. Colombo worked with John N. Kallianiotis, Ph.D., professor of economics, to develop the two-course sequence. Platforms were also developed for simulated foreign currency trading. A live data feed for foreign currency data was installed.

The Kania School of Management is accredited by the AACSB-International, the most recognized and respected business school accrediting body.

Students Named to Fall 2008 Dean’s List

Following are names of additional students named to the Dean's List for Fall 2008. Recognizing students for academic excellence during the fall 2008 semester. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours.

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Volunteers and Donations Sought for Annual Weinberg Memorial Library Book & Plant Sale

Scranton’s Weinberg Memorial Library is seeking volunteers and accepting book and tag sale donations for its annual spring book and plant sale on April 25 and 26.

“Volunteers are especially needed to help sort donated books and to help take down the book sale on the last day,” said Michael Knies, associate professor and special collections librarian.

Those interested in volunteering may contact Barb Evans in the library at 941-4078.

The library is accepting all titles of used hardcover and paperback books, including children’s books, cookbooks, fiction and non-fiction. In addition, the library is collecting videos, compact discs, audiotapes, records and tag sale items. Donations may be placed in the boxes on the Monroe Avenue side of the Library.

This year’s book sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 26, from noon to 4 p.m., in the Scranton Heritage Room on the fifth floor of the Weinberg Memorial Library.

Book prices begin at $.50 in addition to specially priced items. Flowering plants and tag sale items will also be sold.

The Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library and the library staff will conduct the event. Sale organizers are Phyllis Reinhardt, Ann Voorhees and Michael Knies.

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library Endowment that supports library collections and services.

A special preview sale will be held Friday, April 24, for current Friends and Schemel members.
Employees to be Honored for Years of Service

At an awards dinner to be held May 1, 2009, 40 employees will be inducted into the Order of Pro Deo et Universitate, which recognizes 20 years of service to the University. The University will also present 10-year service awards to 34 employees and will recognize 30 and 40 years of service of 14 and four employees, respectively. Following are the names of employees who will be honored for their dedicated service.

40 Year Service Awards
Paul F. Fahey, Ph.D.
Acting Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Frank X. Homer, Ph.D.
Professor, History
Robert E. Hueston, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, History
John J. O’Malley, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Psychology

30 Year Service Awards
Linda J. Belack
Donor Relations Gift Processor, Development
Theresa A. Burke
Secretary, College of Arts & Sciences Academic Advising Center
Leonard W. Champney, Ph.D.
Professor, Political Science
Ying I. Chien, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Operations Management

Scramton to Host Health Care Symposium

The University will host regional health care professionals and students at the 14th annual Health Care Symposium. The University of Scranton Masters of Health Administration Program, a participant in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Higher Education Network, is organizing the April 23 event.

The Symposium, which is open to the public, will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. in the DeNaples Center, Room 407.

Cost is $35 for general registration, and $10 for students with valid ID.

According to graduate student Matt Thomas, president of the University Chapter of the Higher Education Network of ACHE and organizer of the event, “The goal of the Symposium is to educate the public on hot topics, patterns and trends in health care, and keep the local community up to date on health care issues. We are going to attract a large, diverse crowd.” The theme of this year’s Symposium is “Reform in Pennsylvania: Challenges, Initiatives, Objectives.”

This poignant theme for the day is sure to spark a meaningful exchange of ideas and opinions among attendees, as well as inspire mind-opening speeches from the line-up of speakers and presenters.

Joel Ario, Esq., Pennsylvania’s insurance commissioner, will deliver the keynote presentation. Ario was the chief insurance regulator for the state of Oregon for seven years prior to his appointment in Pennsylvania. His top priorities in Pennsylvania are health care reform, specifically affordability and universal coverage, and the needs of older citizens, especially long-term care and annuity products.

James Burke, FACHE, the chief operating officer at Hahnemann University Hospital, will be the moderator for this event. Burke was recently appointed to the Council of Regents, the legislative body of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Other speakers at the event include Carmen A. Bruto Jr., M.D., MBA, FACP, chief medical officer, Moses Taylor Hospital; Paula A. Bussard, MHSA, the senior vice president of policy and regulatory services, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania; Paul Katz, M.D., vice dean for faculty and clinical affairs, Commonwealth Medical College; and Ann S. Torregrossa, Esq., director of the Governor’s Office of Health Care Reform.

After the speeches, there is a scheduled Q&A session wherein students and attendees can expand their own perspectives through an exchange with participating health care professionals.

The University of Scranton Student Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives will award two hours of Category II continuing education credit to student symposium attendees who are part of ACHE.

To register, call (570) 941-4350. For further information on the Symposium, contact Matt Thomas in the Department of Health Administration and Human Resources, thomasm8@scrowon.edu, or (509) 591-2847.
Students, Faculty Reconfigure XBOX for Injured Teen

Members of the team who helped reconfigure an XBOX to meet the physical capabilities of a 14-year-old boy with a spinal cord injury include: Seated clockwise from left: Juniors Daniel Jackowitz, electrical engineering; Raymond Orchard, electrical engineering; Ryan Savage, electrical engineering; Joseph Jabour, computer engineering; Justin Johnson, computer engineering; and Patrick Wagner, electrical engineering. Standing in back row, from left: Avad Haboubi, Ph.D., director of rehabilitation technologies at Allied Services Rehabilitation Hospital; Robert Spalletta, Ph.D., professor of physics and electrical engineering, Christine Zakzewski, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of physics and electrical engineering, and Robert Watts, vice president, Northeast Pennsylvania Technology Institute.

The University’s Physics/Electrical Engineering Department has been awarded a $7,500 grant by the Northeast Pennsylvania Technology Institute to reconfigure an XBOX to meet the physical capabilities of a 14-year-old boy with a spinal cord injury. His play on the XBOX will then be incorporated into the boy’s physician-directed physical therapy plan.

A team of University of Scranton engineering students and faculty from the Physics/Electrical Engineering and Occupational Therapy departments has joined with Avad Haboubi, Ph.D., director of rehabilitation technologies at Allied Services Rehabilitation Hospital, who is treating the 14-year-old, to work on the project, which is expected to be complete in late summer.

According to Dr. Haboubi the idea for the initiative began when the boy, who has spinal cord injury, expressed a desire to play XBOX games. Individuals who have this type of injury typically have full head and neck movement, limited shoulder, wrist and elbow movements, limited finger movement, and complete paralysis of body and legs.

The team will custom redesign an XBOX 360 game controller to respond to the boy’s shoulder, wrist and elbow movements to allow him to play XBOX games and to use these motions during play to improve his functional movement.

Another advantage of the proposed system is that the player would be able to use the headset to chat with the other online players, taking advantage of the social aspects enabled by XBOX Live.

Each morning as Michael and Cynthia Cann approached the old warehouse that had been converted into offices for Hogar de Cristo, the depths of the local poverty situation became clearer.

“They’re here again,” Cynthia thought as she looked at the group of citizens of Guayaquil, Ecuador, at least 200 of them, who had come to submit applications for simple bamboo shelters in which to live. Only these weren’t the same people who were there the previous day, and, as the Canns found out, they wouldn’t be the same who would show up the next day.

“The need in Ecuador is tremendous,” said Michael Cann, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and co-director of environmental science at The University of Scranton. “There is an amazing difference between being poor in the United States and being poor in Guayaquil.”

The Canns’ trip, which was taken during their year-long sabbatical, was the result of a chance meeting between Cynthia and a representative of Hogar de Cristo who was visiting The University of Scranton. While in Ecuador, the Canns stayed with the parents of one of Cynthia’s former students, Andres Cevallos.

The Canns spent six weeks in Guayaquil last fall in an effort to help Hogar de Cristo—a non-profit social service organization that serves the poor—find solutions to the poverty that permeates the city.

“Our main achievement was to bring together different factions that could help each other solve some of the issues associated with the deep poverty in Guayaquil,” says Cynthia, Cann Ph.D., associate professor of marketing/management.

Many of the issues are social ones, she said. The majority of the city’s residents are very poor and squatted in areas around the city center. Known by locals as “invasions,” these areas have no sewers, trash collection or potable water, and are breeding grounds for insects, vermin and disease.

“A big issue in Guayaquil is getting people to use the garbage stations,” Cynthia noted. “We tried to create a micro-business around each suggestion we had,” Cynthia noted. “In this case, someone with a bicycle and a cart could pick up the garbage, drop it off at the collection station and receive a small payment for their work.”

The professors also presented a joint talk on sustainability to local officials. Cynthia gave an overview of sustainability and Michael spoke about how sustainability has become part of the sciences.

“Our goal was to spread the word about sustainability and show how it can help,” Cynthia said. “The problem is that people aren’t going to be the least bit interested in sustainability until their basic needs are met.”

During her presentation, Cynthia described the Triple Bottom Line (economy, environment, society) model and applied it to the situation in Ecuador. She pointed out that every economic decision should be made by evaluating the effect it would have not only on the economic bottom line, but also by its impact on the environment and on society.

Before they left Guayaquil, the Canns—who intend to return this summer—drafted an exit report and an action plan from which Hogar de Cristo could develop a strategic plan.

“The work we did creating effective partnerships and teaching sustainability will help,” Michael Cann said. “In some ways, the problems in Guayaquil seem insurmountable, but we can’t let that be the case.”

Professors’ Note:

There is still a great need for students, faculty, staff and alumni with skills and/or knowledge in sanitation, potable water, education, community organization, microfinance, management (leadership, organization planning & development, culture change), marketing, health care, and alternative energy to get involved with Hogar de Cristo. To try and bring some remedy to the many problems of the poor, The University of Scranton, represented by Drs. Michael and Cynthia Cann, in conjunction with Epsiropu Santo University, is planning a congress for July 2010 on sustainable community systems for the poor in the 21st century in Guayaquil.
Changes to Loan Program Enhance Finance Options

The University of Scranton will no longer participate in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), where students and parents borrow from participating lenders and where loans are guaranteed and serviced by a guaranty agency. Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year, the University will participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct (Direct) Loan Program, where the lender is the U.S. Department of Education funded by the U.S. Treasury.

The Financial Aid Office carefully evaluated both programs. There were significant changes in federal student loan programs within the last year. Some of these changes resulted from new laws enacted and new regulations governing the program, while other changes resulted from the national credit crunch.

“Prior to these changes, our students and parents received the best loan benefits and servicing options through the FFEL Program. However, recent change eliminated these benefits and made application processing more cumbersome,” according to William R. Burke, director of financial aid at the University.

More than 3,700 University of Scranton students and parents borrowed close to $40 million through the Federal Stafford Loan, Parent PLUS Loan and Graduate PLUS Loan Programs last academic year. The Direct Loan initiative will give University of Scranton students and families who currently have federal loans a more secure source of funding, along with a streamlined process for obtaining federal loans. Both new and continuing student and parent borrowers will be required to complete a new electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN).

The university is committed to assisting students and families in this transition. “We have an implementation team, comprised of staff from the Financial Aid Office and the Treasurer’s Office who are working on system enhancements with the U.S. Department of Education,” said Burke.

The University’s Financial Aid Web site is complete with information on the new programs. “In the coming weeks, we will communicate more information to our current borrowers,” said Burke. “Our goal is to have returning students complete the Federal Direct Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) before leaving campus for summer break.”

A series of e-mails will be forwarded to students when the electronic MPN can be completed. Students will need their background can accommodate individual keynotes, plenary session panels, concurrent breakouts, and posters. Presentation proposals are welcome from those with expertise in some area of Transition.

The featured keynote speaker will be Dr. Connie Garner, a Capitol Hill veteran who has been instrumental to the drafting and passage of major bills that improve the quality of life for all people with disabilities, with a special focus on children and youth. She is the principal disability policy strategist to Senator Edward Kennedy, D.Mass, chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee.

Inaugural Gene Yevich Memorial Concert Held

David Ostwald’s Gully Low Jazz Band, with special featured guest Wycliffe Gordon, performed the inaugural Gene Yevich Memorial Jazz Concert at the University in February. The concert, sponsored by former Scranton Mayor David Wenzel and his wife, Janet, honors the late Gene Yevich, a popular and talented local musician whose more than 30 years with the Scranton Fire Department included serving as Fire Chief during Wenzel’s administration. At the concert, seated from left are: Janet Wenzel, David Wenzel, and Julie Yevich, wife of the late Gene Yevich. Standing from left are: Wycliffe Gordon H’06; Cheryl Boga, director of Performance Music at Scranton and daughter of the late Gene Yevich; David Ostwald; and Harold Baillie, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University.

Scranton Receives Funds for Mentoring Program

The doors to a college education just opened wider for 50 female high school students in the Scranton area.

The University of Scranton was among the 11 colleges in the country awarded funding through the 2008-09 Campus Action Project of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), which supports projects that focus on issues raised by AAUW’s Education Foundation 2008 research report Where the Girls Are: the Facts About Gender Equality in Education. The report found that although most girls finish high school and women earn the majority of bachelor’s degrees, there are significant disparities in educational achievement and attainment among girls and women based on race and family income.

The University’s initiative, called the Women Open Doors Mentoring Program, targets some of the educational barriers faced by women and girls from minority and low-income backgrounds.

“The Women Open Doors Program encourages high school girls to value their academic talents and pursue their individual interests,” said Amy McKiernan, program coordinator for the Jane Kopas Women’s Center. “The student mentors at The University of Scranton are very excited to meet young women from local high schools. Many of the mentors are the first women to attend college in their families. These women have insight into the college application process and look forward to sharing their stories with high school women.”

Through Women Open Doors, the University of Scranton female undergraduate students will mentor 50 female high school sophomores during the spring semester, focusing on college readiness and preparation. The college students will host the high school students on campus for a day-long program that includes attending college classes in their field of interest and activities organized by the Jane Kopas Women’s Center and the Women’s Studies Program.

In addition, University students will give presentations about the college application process at three local high schools that serve students from populations typically under-represented on college campuses. The local students that will participate in the mentoring program will be drawn from this population.

The results of the pilot program will be presented the annual AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland, College Park, in June.

Scranton students, faculty, and staff involved with the development of the grant application include McKiernan; Megan Rich, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology; and students Sarah Suwak, Rachel Tracewski, Danielle Williams, Janine Grosso, Kyrsten Rozanski and Cassandra Fiadini.
Students, faculty and staff approve of the new Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center, according to a recent survey by ARAMARK, the University’s food service provider, landing the Center at the top of ARAMARK’s regional and national rankings.

The survey, administered online by ARAMARK in the fall of 2008, was intended to gauge satisfaction levels and buying trends of ARAMARK’s services in the DeNaples Center.

The University of Scranton scored the highest overall satisfaction rating in ARAMARK’s eastern region, which includes Georgetown University, Catholic University and St. Joseph’s University. Moreover, out of the 500 to 600 hundred schools served by ARAMARK across North America, the University of Scranton ranked tenth.

Ted Zayac, associate resident district manager, attributed much of the DeNaples Center’s success largely to the third floor Fresh Food Company’s open kitchen concept.

“We try to do as much cooking to order as possible,” said Zayac. Presumably, cook-to-order preparation can slow speed of service, but according to the survey, speed of service in the DeNaples Center has actually improved from the operations in the Gunster Center. The number of students with meal plans has also increased by more than 20 percent, from 2,340 when the DeNaples Center was being planned to 2,852 this year. Zayac also credits staff specialization for the increased speed of service.

According to Zayac, the DeNaples Center serves approximately 5,000 meals every day. However, on the third floor, where two thirds of students said they primarily eat, most of the time there are only 750 seats. Zayac said the center has been able to accommodate the larger numbers because of the use of different size tables. Instead of using one size, like in the Gunster Center, the DeNaples Center features tables large enough for groups of eight and small enough to accommodate groups of two, making seating more efficient.

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Grant Funds Solar-Powered Energy System

The Madison Avenue parking lot at the University is going green. It’s not that grass will replace the asphalt surface. Rather, a new solar-powered energy system is being installed that will use renewable energy instead of electricity to power the lights and security cameras serving the parking lot.

The photovoltaic system is made possible through a $15,000 grant from the Sustainable Energy Fund for the Solar Scholars 2008 PV Grant competition. The University of Scranton is one of just 12 colleges statewide awarded a PV Grant from this year’s program.

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Scranton Sponsors Women’s Conference

The Second Biennial Conference on Women and History in Northeastern Pennsylvania, organized by Josephine M. Dunn, Ph.D., associate professor of art history, was held at the University in March. The conference included presentations about “Cornelia Bryce Pinchot of Milford,” “The Suffrage Story in Scranton,” “The Scranton Lace Factory Goes to War,” and “Nursing in early 20th-Century Scranton.” Kathryn Kish Sklar, Ph.D., Distinguished Battelle Professor and co-director of the Center for the Historical Study of Women and Gender at the State University of New York at Binghamton, delivered the keynote address entitled “Women and Social Movements in U.S. Women’s History.” The conference was supported by grants from The University of Scranton’s Office of Equity and Diversity, Art and Music Program, and Hope Horn Gallery; the Lackawanna Arts Council; and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority.

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“This photovoltaic system will turn the Madison Avenue parking lot into a zero-carbon footprint on our campus,” said Dr. Spalletta.

Equally important to the photovoltaic system is the curricular component developed by the team as part of the project. An understanding of photovoltaics will be integrated into the physics and electrical engineering curriculum at the University. Specific curriculum modules will be developed for general education and major courses. The community outreach component will include service and service learning components.

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By Kevin Southard
Sports Information Director

Scranton Finishes Winter Season As Landmark Conference Champions In Three Sports

Three-Peat!
The University of Scranton repeated as Landmark Conference champions in three sports to cap off a successful winter season.

It started in February, when the women’s swim team, led by first-year head coach and long-time assistant Paul DeAngelo, dominated the Landmark Conference championship meet with a three-day total of 667 points.

And for the second straight year, senior Erin O’Connor (Scotch Plains, N.J./Union Catholic Regional) was named the conference’s female swimmer of the year.

She won three individual events—the 500 freestyle (5:17.38), the 400 individual medley (4:43.30), and the 200 butterfly (2:14.50)—and was a member of four first-place relay teams. She captured 10 individual conference titles in her career, one shy of Sarah Gazdalski’s (1998-2001) all-time Scranton record of 11.

First-year swimmer Carolyn Gillespie (New Market, Md./Linganore) also picked up a major honor. She broke two of her own Royal records in finishing second in the 50 (.25.05) and 100 freestyle (.54:84, preliminary heat), placed runner-up in the 100 butterfly (1:00.46), and was a member of four first-place relay teams, a performance that earned her the female Rookie of the Year award.

The men’s swim team also reached new heights under DeAngelo. Behind solid performances from freshmen David Hovey (Forty Fort/ Wyoming Valley West) and Marc Dezi (Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill West), the Royals placed second overall at the Landmark Conference championships, its highest finish ever at a conference championship meet.

Hovey was named the male rookie of the year after winning the 200 breaststroke (2:11.81) and finishing fourth in the 400 individual medley (4:25.78) and the 100 breaststroke (1:01.57). His time in the 200 breaststroke eclipsed Rob Steffanauer’s previous Scranton record of 2:16.66, and he broke his former Royal record of 1:02.38 in the 100 breaststroke. He was also a member of three relay teams that set new Scranton records.

Dezi’s performances were equally impressive. He finished first in the 200 freestyle (1:45.30), third in the 500 freestyle (4:50.58), and sixth in the 100 freestyle (48.76), establishing three Royal records in the process. He broke Tim DiMarco’s long-time mark in the 200 freestyle (1:47.03) and Mark Persiani’s record in the 500 freestyle (4:51.44), while his third record came in the opening leg of the 200 freestyle relay, when he swam a time of :21.98 for 50 yards to eclipse the previous Scranton record of :22.28 by Colin McGee.

The Royals’ two other conference titles were recorded by the men’s and women’s basketball teams.

The men’s basketball team had plenty of anxious moments. Fighting back from a nine-point deficit with 4:29 remaining in regulation, the Royals pulled out a dramatic 71-64 victory in overtime against Catholic University in the semifinals. In the championship game against Susquehanna University, Scranton fought off a late rally and eventually emerged with an 80-75 victory in overtime. It was the fourth conference title for the Royals in Carl Danzig’s eight-year tenure as head coach and 19th overall in school history.

Three members—sophomore guard Zach Ashworth (Doylestown/Central Bucks West), senior guard Ryan FitzPatrick (Berswyn/Conestoga), and senior forward Paul Biagioli (Waverly/Abington Heights)—earned all-Landmark Conference honors.

Although not as tension-filled, head coach Mike Strong’s women’s basketball team worked just as hard for its conference crown. Behind a career-high 24-point effort from sophomore guard Megan Kopecki (Millington, N.J./Watchung Hills Regional) and 12 rebounds and eight rebounds from senior center Molly Kluske (Philadelphia/Archbishop Carroll), the Lady Royals held off a late rally to defeat Susquehanna, 60-51, in the semifinals.

Kopecki and sophomore guard Jennifer King (Taylor/Riverside) combined for 26 points to lead Scranton past Moravian College, 71-57, in the championship.

There was plenty more excitement to come.

The Lady Royals came within a game of advancing to the NCAA Final Four for the ninth time in school history. Scranton defeated Keuka College (NY), 73-42, in an opening round game, topped SUNY Cortland, 51-45, in the next round, and turned back 10th-ranked York College of Pennsylvania, 50-46, in the sectional semifinals.

The season ended with a hard-fought 54-48 loss to The College of New Jersey in an Elite Eight game played in Rochester, N.Y. The Lady Royals erased a six-point halftime deficit, carved out a three-point lead with four minutes remaining, but the Lions ended the game on a 13-4 run to pull out the victory.

Kopecki established quite a name for herself. She became one of only 10 players in Scranton history to score more than 500 points in a season. Moreover, she was voted the Landmark Conference Player of the Year and was named third-team all-American by D3hoops.com and honorable mention all-American by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). Junior guard Ryan Mooney (Spring City/Pius X) joined Kopecki as an all-Landmark Conference selection, earning second-team honors.

Coach Bill Fitzgerald’s ice hockey team, behind the senior leadership of Ryan Kleinschmidt (Valley Stream, N.Y./Kellenberg Memorial), Mike Pace (Branchburg, N.J./St. Joseph Metuchen), and Matt Torstrup (Bridgewater, N.J./Alun School of Princeton), finished with a 13-11 record. All three finished their careers ranked in the top 15 all-time in total points in Ice Royals’ history. Torstrup is 11th with 89 total points and Kleinschmidt and Pace are tied for 13th with 84 points.

Junior Mike Guenther (Pittstown, N.J./Delaware Valley Regional) led the wrestling team with 17 wins this past season to bring his career total to 37. He will enter his senior year eight wins shy of moving into the top 16 all-time in Scranton history.
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<td>9 a.m. Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library Annual Book and Plant Sale, Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library. Also Sunday at noon 10 a.m. Clean-up project in preparation for River Fest. Meet across the street from the Ice Box. 27 p.m. “75th Anniversary of the Apollo Theater &amp; 50th Anniversary of the Motown Sound,” sponsored by the office of Multicultural Affairs. Moskovitz Theater, DeNaples Center</td>
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Jesuit Ideals in Action: Volunteers Serve Others During Intersession, Spring Break

During Intersession and Spring Break 2009, approximately 86 members of the University community opted to participate in service trips, rather than the traditional “R and R.” Following is a roundup of service trips during spring 2009:

**Intersession, Guadalajara, Mexico**

Twenty-one physical therapy and occupational therapy students participated in the fifth annual Project Guadalajara trip. Students worked at various rehabilitation and educational facilities and clinics, including Centro de Rehabilitación Infantil, a government-managed outpatient rehabilitation facility; and Centro de Rehabilitación Infantil Teléton, an ultra-modern outpatient pediatric facility supported through donations. Additionally, students offered services at Centro Integral de Rehabilitación Infantil, a children’s facility devoted to the treatment and education of children with cerebral palsy. The group also visited Santa Paolo, a severely impoverished community on the outskirts of Guadalajara.

Participants were: Jaclyn Bilancia, Sarah Chajka, Kristin Cinquino, Kristen Fielder, Jillian Fitzgibbon, Breanna Grasso, Richard Guifoyle, Katlin Huvane, Allison Kearney, Annabell Martino, Heather Melone, Colleen Nityr, Sarah O’Connor, Michelle Parlapiano, Chelsea Personius, John Putnam, Abby Rohm, Krista Sadowski, Colleen Scannell, Megan Schuck and Lauren Siconolfi. The students were accompanied by: Danielle Slater G’08; Caleb Knippenberg G’08; Debra A. Pellegrito, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Peter M. Leininger, Ph.D., assistant professor of physical therapy and director of the doctor of physical therapy program; Barbara R. Wagnert, D.P.T., director of clinical education for the physical therapy department; Marlene J. Morgan, D.Ed., assistant professor and program director, occupational therapy; Carol Coté, Ph.D., assistant professor, occupational therapy; Lisa A. Burns, clinical education coordinator, occupational therapy; John P. Sanko, Ed.D., chair, occupational and physical therapy and associate professor, physical therapy.

**Intersession, Window Rock, Arizona**

Five senior nursing students, accompanied by two faculty members, took part in a service trip to St. Michaels Association for Special Education, Inc. during spring break. Students became acquainted with the children at St. Michaels and health care and educational needs, engaging in skilled activities and cognitive learning skills. They also worked with Kate Mc Keeney, RN, BSN, ’08, a volunteer with the Mercy Volunteer Corps at St. Michaels.

Students who participated in this trip were Mary Jordan, Jessica Tierin, Erin Jennings, Kathleen Reddy and Georgia Rose.

Marian Farrell, Ph.D., professor of nursing, and Cathy Harrington, RN, MSN, adjunct professor of nursing and clinic manager for the Lephants Community Health and Family Center, were chaperones.

**Spring Break, Window Rock, Arizona**

Twelve students, accompanied by two staff members, took part in a service trip to St. Michaels Association for Special Education, Inc. during spring break. The students assisted the staff at St. Michaels with occupational therapy tasks and basic nursing tasks such as taking blood pressure readings, and assisted teachers in the classroom. The volunteers also took students to the playground and other areas of the St. Michaels campus, and interacted with students at the school’s annual St. Patrick’s Day dance.

Participants were: Cara Brindley, Elizabeth Klassner, Joseph Larramendia, Margaret McGregor, Ann McIntosh, Catherine McKenna, Mallory O’Hara, Sarah Philbin, Kathryn Rigby, Shannon Shea, Joseph Stella and Marissa Zingaro. They were chaperoned by Lisa Bealla, secretary, Student Activities and Orientation; and Donna Simpson, consultant/manager of special projects, Small Business Development Center.

**Spring Break, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

In June 2008, the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, Iowa, region (the Corridor) was hit by severe flooding when the Iowa and Cedar Rivers overflowed, causing an estimated $2.3 billion in damage. As part of the Americorps Vista Corridor Flood Recovery project, nine Scranton students, accompanied by two chaperones, participated in a variety of tasks to help Corridor residents recover from flood damage. Tasks included gutting a house in the historic district, removing water-logged content and mud; removing antique oak trim for restoring; and cutting, trimming and installing drywall in a home.

Students who participated were: Maureen Grady, Kathleen Lavelle, Kathryn Mckendry, Elizabeth Monachino, Grace Pfisterer, Elizabeth Police, Katherine Samuel, Melissa Slabowski and Zachary Weber.

Chaperones were Corey Henlling, area residence coordinator, Life; and Maria Scopeletti, a student in the College of Graduate and Continuing Education.

**Spring Break, Washington, D.C.**

Eleven students volunteered at the McKenna Center at St. Aloysius Church in Washington, D.C. The McKenna Center was founded by Horace McKenna, S.J., H’98. The volunteers served breakfast and lunch to homeless men, observed their daily support group meeting and talked with them. They also met with Peter Edelman, professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, Patty Fugere, executive director of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, Adam Tarr, legislative aide to Senator Arlen Specter, and Ed Lazer, executive director of the DC Fiscal Policy Institute.

Participants were: Danielle Beddoe, Charlotte Brown, Michelle Elmacio, Catherine Gallagher, Alex Larramendia, Kristina Monetti, Marianne Patterson, Stephanie Robins, Stephanie Salinas, Mary Beth Schluckebier and Sylvia Szaesz. They were accompanied by chaperones Elizabeth Rozelle, assistant director, Career Services.

**Spring Break, Flat Gap, Kentucky**

A group of 10 students and two chaperones took part in the Christian Appalachian Project, an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization that serves needy people in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. Students learned about the Appalachian region and its people and the poverty from which many of them suffer. For work projects, students were divided into teams. The teams repaired or built homes for the families they met. Repairs included installing vinyl siding, new roofing, walls and floors, building decks, hanging drywall and painting.

Participants included: Justine Baakman, Elizabeth Calo, Theresa Liccione, Melissa Martucci, Maria Marx, Meredith Nash, Jessica O’Neill, Joseph Quinn, Alex Tomann and Alicia Yanac. Chaperones were Michael Malos and Richard Guilfoyle.

**Students Win Walp Nurse Challenge**

A team of nursing students from the University won the sixth annual Jeffrey Allan Walp Student Nurse Challenge, becoming the third Scranton team to win in six years. The team was awarded a $500 prize, donated by Geisinger Health System, along with a traveling trophy. Twelve area schools participated in the competition that took place recently at East Stroudsburg University. At the competition, students answered questions similar to those they will encounter on the nursing licensure exam. Team members are Justine Zoeller, Michael DeSarno, Kristen Scholz, Caitlin Van Brunt, Erin Gilchrist, and Emily Hahn. Patricia Moyle Wright, assistant professor of nursing, serves as team coordinator.

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