Community, Collaboration are Central to Scranton’s Newest Building

Less than two years from the announcement that the University would build a new campus center “that will transform the heart of campus,” the Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center has opened its doors to an enthusiastic campus community.

The DeNaples Center is the largest and most ambitious building project in the 120-year history of the University. It is also a welcome addition to campus, in every sense of the word.

“Welcoming” is how Sharon Evans, parking and traffic manager, described the building after attending an OfficeMax Catalog Vendor show, the first event to be held in the fourth floor ballroom. “It’s a more welcoming building than the old student center. I think it will be great for students and will get more interaction going.”

Her sentiments were echoed by Patricia Vaccaro, director of the Office of Community Outreach, whose office looks into the Student Forum on the second floor. “It’s airy and bright and welcoming,” she said. “The space is fabulous for interaction among faculty, staff and students. I think it’s going to enhance communication and collaboration.”

The building’s location at the crossroads of campus is another important attribute, as pointed out by Betsy Moylan, associate professor and chair of the Library Faculty, Weinberg Memorial Library. “The Center is ideally located near residence halls, the library and classrooms so that students, faculty and staff can easily access the many services offered there. Having the bookstore and convenience store closer to the center of campus is a real plus.”

The 118,000-square-foot, four-story building is home to the Bookstore, a Student Forum, “The Fresh Food Company” dining area, a retail dining area, ballrooms, meetings rooms, a 260-seat theater, and the Offices of Student Affairs and University Ministries.

“We are so very fortunate to have this new Center, which assists us in our outreach to our students… the ideal location of our office (University Ministries), the visibility and the overall sense that we are in this together!” said Rev. Terrence Devino, S.J., assistant vice president for University Ministries.

The DeNaples Center boasts many “firsts” for the University and is ahead of the curve in the design and amenities offered by student centers at other campus colleges.

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Representing the culmination of 65 years of service in Scranton, the Jesuit Community of Scranton announced on Dec. 14, 2007, a $4 million donation to be shared evenly by The University of Scranton and Scranton Preparatory School. The community will donate an additional $2 million to the health care fund of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus.

“This donation is the accumulation of 65 years of service, simplicity of life and hard work by the hundreds of Jesuits who have served our Scranton community,” said Rev. Bernard McIlhenny, administrator of the Jesuit Community at Scranton. “It addresses today’s challenges of health care for our aging Jesuits and of fostering our Jesuit and Catholic traditions of education with a declining number of Jesuits.”

“The University owes much of its present-day success to the daring and devotion of my Jesuit brothers who worked to realize the dream of our founder, Bishop O’Hara, to establish an educational institution that would light the valley and, indeed, the world with the fires of learning,” said Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University. “This gift is magnificent, meaningful and deeply humbling because it is made possible by the sacrificial service of hundreds of Jesuits over these past 65 years.”

“I am happy to be a bearer of such good news for the future of these two Jesuit educational institutions that are so influential in northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond,” said Rev. George A. Aschenbrenner, S.J., rector of the Scranton Jesuit Community.

“A gift of this magnitude is a tremendous source of encouragement to our two Jesuit institutions,” said Rev. Herbert Keller, S.J., president of Scranton Preparatory School. “It is such a privilege for our schools to serve here in northeastern Pennsylvania, and this gift strengthens us to continue our Catholic and Jesuit mission. We are profoundly grateful to the Scranton Jesuit Community for this extraordinarily generous gift.”
Director of Community Relations Announced

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., has announced the appointment of Robert Farrell, Esq., to the position of director of Community Relations. He began his position at the University on Jan. 14, 2008.

As Director of Community Relations, Farrell will serve as the primary liaison with and university resource person for regional government officials, councils and boards. He will also help the Jesuit university to develop and sustain relationships with key community groups and organizations.

“The University of Scranton believes in maintaining a mutually beneficial relationship with the community. There is much that we offer and much that we receive through this relationship,” said Fr. Pilarz. “Mr. Farrell brings the perfect blend of knowledge and experience to help us to be an even more significant partner in the future growth and development of the region. We are delighted that he is joining us.”

Most recently, Farrell served as the City Solicitor for the City of Scranton, responsible for all of the City’s legal affairs. He has also managed numerous community projects, including the Wenzel Treehouse and the volunteer-built and organized community playground at Nay Aug Park.

Previously, he was an associate/partner with the law firm of Kreder Brooks Hailstone & Ludwig, a role that included work with municipal governments throughout the region.

He also served as a law clerk to Hon. Chester T. Harhut, who is now President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

A resident of Scranton’s historic Hill section, Farrell is active in several regional civic groups and organizations. His board service includes, Nay Aug Conservancy, Scranton Tomorrow, East Scranton Business Association and Immaculate Conception Parish.


Farrell earned a bachelor’s degree from the College of the Holy Cross and a law degree from Dickinson School of Law. He and his wife, Alyce, are the parents of three children.

Scranton Celebrates Black History Month

During Black History Month, The University of Scranton community has planned several events to celebrate and acknowledge the many contributions and accomplishments of African Americans. All events are free and open to the public.

On Sunday, Feb. 3, “Harlem Speaks,” a program honoring important jazz artists, returned to The University of Scranton with several special events featuring National Jazz Museum in Harlem executive director Loren Schoenberg, The National Jazz Museum in Harlem All-Stars Big Band, and special guest Jacquie “Tajah” Murdock, dancer/ dance historian.

Mr. Schoenberg and Ms. Murdock presented a program titled “Harlem Speaks: Memories of the Apollo Theater and Savoy Ballroom” in the theater of the DeNaples Center. Free group swing dance lessons were given by local dance instructors Gail Ercoli and Vince Brust in the DeNaples Center ballroom, followed by a Swing Dance/Concert with Mr. Schoenberg and Harlem All-Stars Big Band.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the University’s United Colors Club and the Council for Community Affairs, Inc., will host a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Brennan Hall. Guest speaker Joe Rogers, Esq., will present a program commemorating the 60th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King and the delivery of his historic “Drum Major Instinct Speech.”

Mr. Rogers is the former Lt. Governor of Colorado, where he served as America’s youngest lieutenant governor and only the fourth African American in U.S. history ever elected to a state’s second-highest executive office.

A reception will follow the program in room 509, Brennan Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

For further information, contact Sherman Wooden, director of multicultural affairs at the University, at 941-7680.

Equity, Diversity Officer Delivers MLK Keynote

Ms. Adera joined the University in 2007 after living and working in Canada for 16 years. Most recently, she served as program coordinator for the Center for Student Development, as well as a member of the Senior Management advisory committee at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. At Scranton, she is responsible for developing policies that ensure equitable treatment of all students, and handling compliance, mediation and conflict resolution. She also develops and promotes diversity initiatives.

Two Named to Administrative Posts

The University has announced the appointment of two people to administrative positions.

Marise Garofalo, Clarks Summit, has been named executive director of Development in the Division of Institutional Advancement.

She joined the University in 1998 and, since 2000, has assumed increasing responsibilities in the Advancement Division. She has served as assistant director of Alumni Relations, associate director of Operations & Research, director of IT for Development, senior development officer, and, most recently, director of Planned Giving & Special Programs.

Prior to joining the University, Garofalo served in various management and marketing roles in the local business community. She is a summa cum laude graduate of The University of Scranton, where she received the Frank O’Hara Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Shannon Murphy, East Stroudsburg, has been named director of Student Activities and Orientation.

She was previously assistant director of Student Activities and Orientation.

Before joining the University, Murphy served as the assistant director of Campus Programs at St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, and as the assistant director of Student Activities at Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y.

Murphy earned a bachelor’s degree in history from The University of Scranton and a master’s degree in college student personnel administration from Canisius College.
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Ted Zayac, director of Food Services (right), discusses the “open kitchen” concept of The Fresh Food Company to James Devers, director of Physical Plant (left), and Martin Langan, associate vice president for Administrative Services (center).

Assistant Vice President of University Ministries Rev. Terrence Devino, S.J., is joined by University Ministers and staff members in front of the stained glass panels outside their new offices on the second floor of the DeNaples Center. From left: Cathy Seymour, Keith Maczkiewicz, Patricia Vaccaro, Fr. Devino, Paulette Burton, Sr. Carol Tropiano, RSM, and Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., president emeritus.

Betsey Moylan, associate professor and chair of the Library Faculty, Weinberg Memorial Library, says the fireplace lounge in the DeNaples Center is “…especially suited for impromptu meetings. The couches and small tables will encourage conversation and allow commuter students a welcoming spot to relax or study between classes.”

Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Affairs (seated, left) and Anitra McShea, Dean of Students (seated, right), gather with staff members in the lounge outside of the Office of Student Affairs on the second floor of the DeNaples Center. Back row, from left: Lawrence Morton, Ed.D., Maribeth Smith, Sharon Olechna, Meg Hambose and Mary Alice Fenwick.

Custodians John Monahan and Debra Cwalinski use chemical-free products to clean the retail dining area on the first floor of the DeNaples Center. The center’s “green” features create a building “that’s much better for our health and the environment,” according to Monahan.

Center. According to Dr. Carilli, it is designed to create a space where students can “share interests with each other, talk to each other and have an appreciation for each other.”

That mission was accomplished, according to Orientation Team Leader Robert Duliba ’10. “I like how open the Student Forum is,” he said, noting the spacious area for student meetings. “Already, he said, “More students are coming here to use the space.”

Apart from providing a place to share ideas and experiences, the Forum allows student offices to share a photocopier, fax, computer and other office equipment, resulting in cost savings over the previous need for each office to have its own equipment. It also includes a Leadership Library that will provide a space for programming and lectures about leadership.

The third floor dining area boasts the region’s first ARAMARK “Fresh Food Company,” where meals are made fresh to order. (The nearest such ARAMARK facilities are in Virginia and Massachusetts.) Diners can choose food from the Southern Kitchen, a fresh produce market, a pasta station, a brick oven, Mediterranean deli, Brazilian grill, round grill and charbroiler.

“This is the kitchen,” said Dr. Carilli, pointing to the large, open kiosks where fresh food is prepared to order. “You see it. You smell it.”

An added benefit of the third floor dining area is the additional space it offers for mealtime gatherings. “It’s much more spacious,” said Kristina Lopez ’08.

“Gunster was overcrowded.”

The ballrooms, meeting rooms and theater on the fourth floor “…will give University functions a whole new venue for lectures, dinners, and conferences,” said Moylan. “The fact that the building is completely ADA accessible is a real bonus,” she added.

The sub-dividable ballroom accommodates 700 people and seats nearly 400 for dinner. The 260-seat theater boasts high-definition video, surround sound and comfortable, oversized theater seating. According to Dr. Carilli, the theater space will be “ideal for movies, panel discussions, speakers, Coffee House events and other activities.”

The DeNaples Center is the first building on campus designed and constructed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification as part of the University’s Sustainability initiatives. LEED’s Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance “green” buildings.

For Physical Plant employees who work in the DeNaples Center, that translates into a building “that’s much better for our health and the environment,” said John Monahan, custodian. “The building materials are ‘eco-friendly,’ and the products we use are chemical-free,” said Monahan, referring to cleaning supplies, “Overall, we’re delighted to be here.”

Yet another “first” for the campus community is a fireplace lounge. “This is one space that Gunster really lacked,” said Dr. Carilli of the fireplace lounge on the second floor. “It’s a space where faculty, staff and students can gather.”

The sense of community that is at the heart of the DeNaples Center is also central to the mission of the University, as Fr. Devino points out. “It’s all about our students, and the DeNaples Center speaks to us of community. How blessed we are to be here!”
Students, Alumni and Faculty Participate in Mission Trips

Nine students, three alumni physicians and two nursing professors from the University dedicated a week of their time and years of medical education and expertise during two separate medical mission trips to the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere during intersession.

At the invitation of JoAnne Kuehner F’01, founder and president of “Hope for Haiti,” six nursing students and two nursing professors traveled to Les Cayes and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for a service trip from Jan. 13 – 18.

In a separate trip sponsored by the University’s Medical Alumni Council, a group of three pre-med students and three alumni physicians traveled to Port-au-Prince for a medical mission trip held Jan. 20 – 26. It was the sixth such trip to Haiti sponsored by the Council.

Nursing Trip

Patricia Harrington, Ed.D., associate professor and chair of Nursing, and Sharon Hudacek, Ed.D., professor of Nursing, led the six students in their work with “Hope for Haiti.”

They were accompanied on the trip by Kuehner, whose organization supports more than 30 schools throughout Haiti. Working with Haitian nurses, as well as a doctor and dentist from Florida, who also volunteered their time, the Scranton students and faculty provided healthcare to the communities served by these schools.

“We completed health assessments, and implemented treatments and health education for a variety of families,” said Dr. Harrington. “These were held at a church, a clinic and two orphanages, including one for physically challenged children.”

According to Dr. Harrington, “The students were the key to the project.”

“A year ago, they petitioned the faculty to provide them with more service opportunities. In the summer, they met with Mrs. Kuehner to explore options for the Haiti service trip,” said Dr. Harrington.

Eleven nursing students were inter-

ested in the trip to Haiti, and six seniors were selected by lottery: Kaetlin Baker, Josh Braddell, Kerry Gallagher, Laura Gibbons, Jessica Hodovance and Mary Beth Vogel.

Medical Alumni Council Trip

The Medical Alumni Council team, led by Richard Bevilacqua, M.D., M.D.M., ’83, also included Gregory Lynch, D.O., ’79, Chris Jones, M.D., ’02, and pre-med students Mary Elise Lynch ’10 (Dr. Lynch’s daughter), Cassandra Zagorski ’08 and Ed DelSole ’08, president of the Health Professions Organization at Scranton.

Students were selected for the trip through a competitive application process coordinated by Mary Engel, Ph.D., director of Fellowship Programs and advisor of the Health Professions Organization.

While in Haiti, the group stayed at an orphanage and clinic-hospice for orphaned and abandoned children in Haiti established by Rev. Leo Richard Frechette, C.P., D.O., who received an honorary degree from The University of Scranton in 2007. While some of the group’s work was done at this clinic, they spent most days traveling to the jungles of Haiti to reach the poorest of the poor and those most in need of medical assistance.

In areas where Tuberculosis runs rampant, students and physicians distributed surgical masks to help reduce the spread of the disease among Haitians.

Reflecting on her experience in Haiti, Zagorski said, “A team of six people cannot cure all the Tuberculosis, malnutrition or terrible living conditions that each Haitian must suffer with each day. We can, however, better the everyday lives of many people.”

“By simply showing these people that we care, by giving them a simple medical exam and offering the medications we can, it makes a world of difference in their own individual lives,” she added.

Zagorski went on to explain how the mission trip had a “profound impact” on her studies at Scranton and her future career in medicine. “After seeing this poverty and the immense need for medical care in other areas of the world, especially Haiti, I am so much more aware of the world around me. I realize that service is an essential part of medicine. The doctors on this trip, alumni of Scranton, have taught me incredible lessons that I will never forget,” she said.

Prior to their departure, students collected medications and medical supplies that were donated by alumni physicians and local health care agencies, as well as T-shirts and sneakers that were distributed to the impoverished Haitians, many of whom go bare-footed.

Established in 1994, the Medical Alumni Council is an affiliate of The University of Scranton Alumni Society.

Strategic Plan Continues to Engage University Community


The University’s strategic plan sets broad institutional objectives for a five-year period, prioritizing four themes: Educational Excellence, Campus Community, Economic Strength, and Civic Engagement. The plan is supported by the goals and activities of the University’s eleven tactical plans, which capture the ambitions of its organizational divisions and several other key administrative functions.

To view the strategic plan and reports on its progress, visit www.scranton.edu/planning. For more information, contact the Planning office at 941-6344 or by e-mail at planning@scranton.edu.

Donations Sought for Library Book Sale

The University’s Weinberg Memorial Library is now accepting book donations for its annual spring sale, scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 26, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Sunday, Apr. 27, from noon until 4 p.m. in the fifth floor Heritage Room of the library.

Donations will be accepted until April 23 and may be placed in the bin in the vestibule on the Monroe Avenue side of the library.

The library is accepting hardcover and paperback books, including children’s books, cookbooks, fiction and non-fiction. In addition, they are collecting videos, compact discs, audiocassettes and records. Not accepted, however, are “Reader’s Digest” condensed books and “National Geographic” magazines.

The Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library, the library staff and the Scranton-Pocono Northeast Chapter of the University’s Alumni Society will conduct the event. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library Endowment that supports library collections and services. A special preview sale will be held on Friday, Apr. 25, for Friends’ members.

Hardcover books and large format paperbacks will be sold for $1 each and pocket paperbacks will be sold for 50 cents. “Special Treasures” include new and unique books that are individually priced. Flowering plants and tag sale items will also be sold. For additional information, call (570) 941-7816.

Irwin E. Alperin Financial Center Dedicated

The University dedicated the new Irwin E. Alperin Financial Center in Brennan Hall on Jan. 25. The Center simulates a trading floor, complete with an electronic ticker and other news and data displays. Joining University President Rev. Scott R. Pilara, S.J., at the dedication were members of the Alperin family, from left: Julia, Janie, Basha and Francine.

At the dedication, Patrick F. Leahy, vice president for University Relations, announced $250,000 in funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support future development of the Center. The second phase is expected to include 40 computers, a surround sound system and conference facilities. The third phase will provide a network of specialized software designed to support the Kania School of Management business curriculum with simulation capabilities and faculty-student research on financial and commodity markets.

For information about opportunities to support the second and third phases of the Alperin Financial Center, please contact Marie Garofalo, executive director of Development, at (570) 941-7661.
Bestselling Author to Speak at Scranton

Be it in business, sports, law or politics, Ronald Shapiro knows what it takes to make it into the “winner’s circle,” and he shares his knowledge in his latest book, *The New York Times* bestseller *Dare to Prepare: How to Win Before You Begin*. He will also share his success tips with northeast Pennsylvania residents at a luncheon lecture and book-signing at the University on April 3 in the Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center.

A bestselling author, expert negotiator, sports agent and attorney, Shapiro’s latest book, written with Gregory Jordan, made it to The New York Times bestseller list in its first week of publication. *Dare to Prepare* weaves Shapiro’s experience with stories of 38 successful individuals to provide a preparedness checklist that can be followed by executives, managers and other professionals.

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., is among the 38 successes featured in *Dare to Prepare*, as is, John Dionne ’86, former Trustee and senior management director of the Blackstone Group, New York, N.Y. “I see this book as a sort of testimonial to the people I’ve been surrounded by for most of my professional and personal life,” said Shapiro. “I tried to come up with a common formula for their success. They are masters at what they do, and in large part that is due to the fact that they are master preparers.”

Fr. Pilarz and Dionne are featured in the section of *Dare to Prepare* that illustrates the importance of knowing your audience in order to better prepare and tailor your message to interest and engage them.

In the book, Shapiro writes that Fr. Pilarz and Mr. Dionne “raise funds for the school they love by learning the interest of donors. So, the question becomes what can I tell for many of us seeking to have other people buy into our ideas or products.”

In the book, Fr. Pilarz states, “At most we get one hour of real time with donors. So, the question becomes what part of the Scranton story can I tell effectively in one hour? What part of this great story do they want to hear?”

*Dare to Prepare* has won praise from a host of reviewers. Norman Pearlstein, former managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal* and the former editor of *Time*, Inc., said the book “shows how meticulous planning can raise the odds of success in business and life.”


“One of baseball’s most respected agent-attorneys” according to *USA Today*, Shapiro has represented more Baseball Hall of Fame players than any other agent and has negotiated more than $1 billion in contracts on their behalf. He has appeared on numerous national television shows including ABC’s Good Morning America, The Larry King Show and ESPN’s Up Close. He is the special advisor to the owner of the Baltimore Ravens and the general manager of the San Antonio Spurs.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Shapiro has published numerous articles in law journals and has taught at Johns Hopkins University and The University of Maryland School.

In 1972, Shapiro founded a Baltimore law firm now called Shapiro, Sher, Guinot and Sandler. In 1976, he founded the sports management firm Shapiro, Robinson and Associates and, in 1995, he founded Shapiro Negotiations Institute, a negotiation seminar and consulting firm.

For additional information about Shapiro’s lecture and book-signing, call (570) 941-7401.

William J. Brady, ’83 Wellesley, Mass., has been elected to the Board of Trustees of The University of Scranton, effective December 12, 2007.

Mr. Brady is executive vice president and general manager of Cabot Corporation’s Carbon Black business. Cabot is the world’s leading manufacturer of carbon black for use in industrial rubber products, elastomer composites, plastic masterbatch and specialty products, such as inks and coatings. Mr. Brady also oversees the company’s Ink Jet Colorants business unit. He joined Cabot in 1986, and has held various positions in the United States and Japan. Prior to joining Cabot, he was a research chemist with Sterling Drug Company.

Mr. Brady earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry/business from The University of Scranton and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey.

Feb. 13 Lecture Explores State’s Impact on Global Warming

The University of Scranton’s newest and most environmentally friendly building will be the site of a Sustainability lecture that is linked to a national initiative on global warming.

“The Climate Change Roadmap for Pennsylvania” will be the topic of discussion at a Feb. 13 lecture by Brian J. Hill, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and Nancy Cole, director of Climate Outreach for the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). Their discussions will focus on the significant impact of the Commonwealth on global warming and will suggest a future course of action.

Hill has served as executive senior policy advisor to Governor Edward Rendell on environmental and transportation issues, and has extensive background in public policy. Cole joined UCS in 1992 and is an expert in the areas of global warming, science and policy, and renewable energy.

The University’s Sustainability Task Force is sponsoring this event as Scran ton’s contribution to Focus the Nation, a national educational initiative on global warming solutions. More than 1,000 symposia like the one at Scranton are being held at colleges, universities, high schools and other institutions throughout the nation.

“It is our hope that by bringing together students, faculty, staff, members of the local and regional communities with political leaders and decision-makers, we will contribute to timely and well-considered choices that we will have to make in the near future at local, regional and national levels on global warming solutions,” said E. Springs Steele, Ph.D., associate provost and chair of the Sustainability Task Force at the University.

The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. in room 407 of the University’s Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center, a building that has been designed and constructed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The event is open to the public and is free of charge.

Self-Study Enters Final Stages

The University is currently undergoing the final stages of its Self-Study, a decennial process of self-evaluation for the purpose of institutional improvement and to reaffirm its accredited status with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. One of the goals of this process has been to unite the University community by developing its understanding, commitment, and sense of ownership in its unique vision of Ignatian education.

Over the past year, nine working groups, chaired by members of a steering committee, have been evaluating the university’s progress on the standards for accreditation outlined by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Each working group consisted of members representing the diversity of the University’s constituencies, including undergraduate and graduate students, staff, faculty from all three colleges, and administrators. Last spring the working groups summarized their findings and presented their reports to the Steering Committee.

The reports from the working groups were incorporated into a draft of the institutional Self-Study Report, which was circulated to the university community last fall. Open forums were held for staff, students, and faculty to discuss the report and presentations were made to the University’s governance bodies. Their comments have been incorporated into the final draft of the Self-Study Report, which will be posted on the Self-Study web site: http://www.scranton.edu/self-study. The report will be sent to the members of an external Evaluation Team who will visit its campus March 30-April 2, 2008. Dr. Dennis Murray, president of Marist College, is chairing the Evaluation Team. Dr. Murray made a preliminary visit to its campus on October 10 to help us prepare for the Team’s visit in the spring. Members of the community will be invited to meet with the Evaluation Team when they visit this spring.

Admissions Office Plans “Royal Nights” Program

Students accepted to The University of Scranton will have an opportunity to experience a “day in the life” of a Scranton student when the University hosts its annual “Royal Nights” overnight programs. “Royal Nights” sessions will take place Feb. 17-18 and 24-25, and again on Mar. 2-3. The event gives students a chance to experience residence hall life, campus activities and university classes before making a final enrollment decision.

The program is sponsored by the University’s Admissions Office and is supported by faculty, staff and the University students who serve as hosts for the program. Approximately 450 students are expected to experience “Royal Nights.” Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a $75 participation fee. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON, or admissions@scranton.edu.
Students Named to Dean's List

The students named to the Dean's List, which recognizes students for academic excellence during the fall 2007 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. The list includes students from the university's four colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Graduate and Continuing Education, the Kania School of Management, and the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

College of Arts & Sciences

Freshmen

- Erik G. Adamsits
- April L. Atkinson
- Michael R. Augenbaugh
- Mauren R. Auzell
- Matthew S. Baer
- Rachel M. Bama
- Nicole E. Banfente
- Christine E. Bennett
- Rachel D. Biancamano
- Casey J. Birdbile
- Alexander P. Bostelli
- Stephen D. Brustele
- Richard S. Bzozowski
- Natalie M. Burke
- Carl T. Caccese
- Mae Lynn Chan
- Anthony J. Chianchetta
- Rosanna L. Cleary
- Carrie A. Colaiacusa
- Stephanie W. Conlon
- Peter C. Coppa
- Lisa M. Corrente
- Matthew K. Deliberti
- Amanda N. DeSantis
- Emily A. Deubler
- Catherine N. Devine
- Kathryn N. Devitt
- Rita A. DeWitt
- Kevin S. Dishon
- Brian E. Duvante
- Caroline E. Durbin
- Patrick S. Eiben
- Kathleen A. Ficus
- Conor D. Foley
- Catherine M. Gallagher
- David J. Gardner
- Derek Gelormini
- David A. Giglio
- Simone Gilpin
- Gabrielle A. Gizzierti
- Alyssa R. Goldbach
- Eileen N. Golden
- Tara B. Gramina
- Valere A. Griffin
- Patrick J. Griffin
- William T. Grogan
- Maria A. Guabbiotti
- James M. Haggerty
- Sarah L. Harvey
- Lauren E. Haywert
- Brian J. Ivino
- Arkadia R. Jarew
- Kelly R. Johnson
- Philip J. Kachmar
- Daniel P. Kaufmann
- David E. Kellis
- Lisa M. Keller

- Ashley L. Kelly
- Rachel N. Kennedy
- Kathryn M. Kincel
- Joanna M. Klimaski
- Joshua M. Knapp
- Charles E. Knight
- Christina S. Koefer
- Joseph P. Kolbe
- Patricia L. Leonard
- Erik C. Lesniak
- Marissa L. Licitara
- Kimberly A. Loydien
- Eugene J. Lucas
- James M. Maginnis
- Caitlin R. Mancuso
- Jason P. Mansion
- Krista M. McGlynn
- Beth K. Mikusko
- Elizabeth A. Monachino
- Nicole L. Morgan
- Sara E. Nardone
- Katelyn D. Nativsky
- Gerard E. Nolan
- Karl G. Oberg
- Jessica C. Patigi
- Liana S. Parot
- Joshua J. Perry
- Sean M. Philippin
- James L. Piazza
- Lauren A. Poeelli
- Michael J. Price
- Stephanie R. Pugh
- Benjamin W. Redan
- Katherine A. Ritisini
- Dharra T. Shah
- Robert N. Simondoli
- Dorothy A. Skirtinsky
- Ryan R. Snyder
- Joseph R. Springer
- Nathan B. Stebbins
- Anthony J. Stella
- Nicholas J. Stiles
- Jacquelyn V.
- Strypluski
- Katherine N. Sullivan
- Danielle N. Torrez
- Marielle C. VanThuyne
- Christopher D. Velazquez
- Kira N. Wagner
- Melissa A. Wasilewski
- Christopher M. Wasnety
- Zachary J. Weber
- Giulia E. White
- Jennifer M. Whittemore
- Joseph H. Williams
- Joseph W. Wolfe
- Graham M. Yeager
- Megan C. Zack
- Jessica R. Zolton

Sophomores

- Molly J. Adamitis
- Elizabeth Allen
- Katherine A. Ambrose
- Justine A. Baskova
- Melissa C. Beth
- Jonathan P. Bennett
- Edward K. Bese
- Katherine B. Bolger
- Giuseppe Bonanno
- Brendan M. Bradford
- Tiffany A. Butler
- Noelle B. Cadotte
- Joseph F. Camacuano
- Charles M. Carella
- Mandy M. Collins
- David G. Costanzo
- Ishita U. Dalal
- Caitlin E. Delaney
- Joseph C. Delu
- Mia A. DiMunizione
- Timothy M. Donahue
- Caitlin G. Evans
- Kristen C. Fenocchio
- Julianne E. Finner
- Sherryl M. Flanery
- James Francescangeli
- Stacy M. Fromhold
- Emily M. Gavagni
- Jenna M. Gilligan
- Erin N. Goedhart
- Alison R. Grant
- Dana A. Hardisky
- Denise M. Hardisky
- Erin J. Harrison
- Brian D. Haupt
- Meghan E. Hubert
- Timothy M. Hughes
- David R. Humphreys
- Gary M. Illig
- Douglas A. Jones
- Alyssa B. Katz
- Brandon M. Kujawski
- Ellen E. Lavelle
- Carmello J. Libassi
- Mary Elise Lynch
- Eric P. Lyons
- Anthony J. Mandrich
- Krista L. Marks
- Caitlin Mccarthy
- Patrick K. McLaughlin
- Margaret A. Mineo
- Ryan M. Molinos
- Scott P. Moraney
- Jonathan V. Morley
- Matthew A. Murphy
- Cheryl R. O'Donnell
- Brianna M. Oller
- Katherine M. Osenbach
- Eric G. Peneck
- Andrew M. Ponti
- Maria A. Portelli
- Jo安娜 Rumbaukas
- Steven R. Russo
- Marla S. Santosilo
- Kristina M. Sauerland

Juniors

- Nicole K. Smith
- Jason E. Steemstra
- Shawna S. Sterzing
- Matthew T. Tuda
- Carmine J. Suppa
- Marcos Tabos
- Jordan R. Trigges
- Giuseppe Bongino
- Elsie A. Vallach
- Paul E. VanGrossi
- Noelle B. Cadotte
- Florence M. Warren
- Gemma R. Williams
- William C. Woody
- Marc A. Worobyt
- Christopher A. Yarosh
- Mary E. Zecchini
- Alfred K. Bachiller
- Justin Bechaver
- Kevin M. Berry
- Maria M. Bertha
- Melissa M. Berti
- Alexander L. Biga
- Gina Bonacci
- Kristyn M. Boyd
- Daniel J. Burke
- Melissa M. Burns
- Graham R. Byrd
- Carmella A. Cagnola
- Stibbman M. Casey
- Carl T. Cervi
- Thomas M. Charrilla
- Robert D. Ciccirello
- Charles M. Compellri
- John G. Connell
- Courtney M. Costanzo
- Patrick Courrier
- Sherly M. Daceus
- Aimee E. Davin
- A. C. Deck
- Robert D. Decker
- Ryan C. Dellaggio
- Edward M. Denis
- Michael P. DeRosa
- Beatrice Desir
- Anna M. DiCoffi
- Karinil C. Dinora
- Sarah A. Doolish
- Patrick E. Donnelly
- Hananue Dukek
- Augustus D. Egzo
- Amanda M. Emmich
- Ajeem J. Evans
- Deanna K. Every
- Gina M. Fabiano
- Thomas S. Flynn
- Olivia L. Fraustino
- Gina Fullam
- James D. Gauvern
- Jaclyn A. Gerowicz
- Kerry A. Graffinfi
- William J. Graham
- Lindsay L. Greiner

Seniors

- Rebecca A. Guenther
- Thomas A. Guiler
- Amanda M. Harken
- Amanda L. Horenisky
- Caesar G. Imperio
- Daniel M. Jackowitz
- Rebecca J. Kadoski
- Michael A. Kakareka
- Neil S. Kalaraya
- George R. Keiser
- Colleen E. Kenney
- Joseph A. Koivistov
- Christine K. Koschel
- John J. Kotula
- Mary E. Kuna
- Charleigh E. Lafronzo-Emberger
- Thomas A. Langan
- Dawn E. Leavy
- Matthew J. Lecours
- Jennifer K. Lewis
- Mackenzie J. Lind
- Alex Y. Lisibis
- Jennifer J. Maldonado
- Matthew Marymampilai
- Thomas C. McAndrew
- Anthony Mercado
- Matthew A. Mehrenier
- Jennifer Moakler
- Meagan K. Moran
- Kevin G. Musto
- Gina M. Naituchi
- Sophia Noellet
- Gregory T. Omerza
- William D. Orasin
- Matthew D. Orzelok
- Kyle A. Packer
- Paulino J. Pakos
- Joseph J. Paradise
- Amitykumar M. Patel
- Kimmie A. Patui
- Eva A. Piatak
- Jacqueline C. Poirot
- Christopher M. Pihoulus
- Bethany A. Purdy
- Julia M. Ricci
- Mary Grace C. Rizzo
- Thea N. Rodgers
- Alan Rojas
- Erica E. Rovulo
- Maria G. Sanabria
- Melissa E. Sapio
- Michael G. Shuruda
- Jennifer A. Sidari
- Kayla M. Smith
- Matthew P. Snyder
- Paul J. Stack
- Erika L. Steele
- Coral Stryedi
- Deirdre T. Streihl
- Alison R. Sweaty
- Kelly P. Swiderski
- Katie J. Tempag
- James Terry
- Karilyn A. Thorne
- Rachel M. Tracisewski
- Heather L. Trapano
- Kelsey L. Tyson
- Gary J. Valvano
- Mary Theresa Vegl
- Daisy Velez
- Jered J. Vehocke
- Emmanuel N. Wensum
- Laura A. Wertz
- Nicolette J. Wolf
- Scott P. Yanneas
- Emily T. Zelina
- Theodor E. J. Zenzal

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During the fall 2007 semester, in order to be named to the dean's list, a student must have a grade...
2007 Award for Woman Entrepreneur Announced at Luncheon

Karen Russell, owner of Keystone North, Inc. Mansfield, received The University of Scranton Small Business Development Center’s 2007 Award for Woman Entrepreneur. Woman of Merit Awards were also presented to: Joanne Arduino, The Dance Studio/Ballet Theatre and Community Bank & Trust and Donna Simpson of The University of Scranton’s Small Business Development Center.

Sponsors and award recipients of the Women Entrepreneur Awards, from left: Fabia King and Stephanie Westington, both of Community Bank & Trust; award recipients Lori Bilinsky, Karen Russell, Mary Tellie and Joanne Arduino; and Donna Simpson of The University of Scranton’s Small Business Development Center.

Alumni Club Establishes Scholarship

Marise Garofalo, executive director of Development (left), accepts a check for $13,500 from officers of the Scranton Alumni Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania to establish an endowed scholarship at The University of Scranton. The Scranton Alumni Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania Scholarship will be a need-based scholarship awarded to a Scranton student within the geographic boundaries of the Club. Pictured, from left: Mrs. Garofalo, Club President Charles Cleveland ’84, Denise Michini ’91 and Paul Suche ’63.

Professor Awarded Rotary Grant

Tata Mbugua, Ph.D., associate professor of education at the University, received one of only 20 Rotary Grants for University Teachers awarded in the nation. She plans to teach at the Catholic University of East Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, during the spring 2008 semester while on sabatical.

Awarded through a national competition, the Rotary Grant for University Teachers program seeks to build international understanding and development by strengthening higher education in low-income countries. Grant recipients must teach subjects that are relevant to the local population’s needs and contribute to the area’s socioeconomic development.

According to Dr. Mbugua, a native of Kenya who will become the president of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons in July of this year, this program blends two of the Rotary’s most important objectives: to encourage volunteer service and education through person-to-person contact.

“This opportunity puts me in a unique position to teach and learn. The award is a perfect fit for my education philosophy of social and educational justice for the underprivileged and marginalized communities, as well as cross-cultural and global perspective in education,” said Dr. Mbugua. “It gives me an invaluable opportunity to give back to the Kenyan community, where many have sacrificed so much for me to be where I am today.”

Dr. Mbugua plans to continue pursuing scholarly research while in Kenya. She will survey the early childhood educational settings in Kenya using the Global Guidelines Assessment Tools developed by the Global Guidelines for Early Childhood Education and Care for the 21st Century Task Force, of which she is a member.

Although her trip has been delayed due to unrest in Kenya, Dr. Mbugua remains optimistic that soon she will be able to continue with her travel plans.
Local Women Participate in “Women Win!” Series

The University of Scranton Small Business Development Center recently spearheaded a unique four-session entrepreneurship series for 11 women from Lackawanna County. This series was supported by Lackawanna County (Department of Economic Development), the Employment Opportunity and Training Center, Scranton, and the Lackawanna County Women’s Commission, and focused on women with business ideas seeking guidance in starting their business. Designed by the University’s SBDC and held in October, the four sessions covered issues such as planning structure and development, understanding finance options, loan applications, and individual self-assessments. Using computers, the attendees were guided through internet researching and writing their own business plan.

The event included a panel discussion with four successful local women entrepreneurs, including Suzie Kaminski of Abby’s Doggone Good Gourmet Cookies, Luzerne County; Donno Goff of Mountain Aire Cottage Cleaning, Susquehanna County; Diane Boone of Melian News, Lackawanna County; and Joan Longworth of Longworth’s Restaurant, Lackawanna County.

The University of Scranton Small Business Development Center is part of the non-profit Pennsylvania Small Business Development Center network. The SBDC is dedicated to supporting the continued success of existing small businesses, while helping new businesses build proper foundations to succeed. Covering eight northeastern Pennsylvania counties, the SBDC provides free consulting and low-cost training at locations within each county, serving over 10,000 businesses in 20 years. Funding and support to the SBDC are provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, the United States Small Business Administration, and The University of Scranton. The SBDC is an accredited affiliate of the national network of Small Business Development Centers.

CTLE Program Enhances Excellence in Math

In response to growing need and demand for learning assistance in the field of mathematics, the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) added a Math Specialist position, filled in 2007 by Tom Leon. Working closely with faculty in the Mathematics Department, Tom has employed several strategies designed to assist students in achieving academic success. According to a 2007 report, “in addition to the Peer Tutoring program, which has always been an integral part of the CTLE, in the fall of 2006 (the Center) developed other forms of academic support, namely supplemental instruction, math skills workshops, and structured learning groups.”

Enrollment in the supplemental instruction (SI) program has grown since its inception, and data shows that course pass rates for students attending SI sessions is higher than that for non-SI attendees. In addition, percentages of students who have withdrawn or have failed freshman mathematics courses have decreased for students attending targeted math skills workshops and those who have taken part in structured learning groups.

Continuing its commitment to support the University’s educational mission, the Center hopes to incorporate the supplemental instruction model in other academic areas where student tutoring demand is high, such as chemistry and biology.

Service Trips Abound During Intersession

Intersession is often a break from the activities of studying, attending classes and taking part in regular university life. But for some, it’s not strictly a vacation. During Intersession 2008, more than 75 University of Scranton students, faculty and staff participated in various service projects in locations ranging from Alaska to Mexico.

Two groups visited the southern United States to help Katrina victims. Twelve students and two staff chaperones worked with Mustard Seed Ministries in New Orleans by doing repairs on the homes of two Katrina victims. Also in New Orleans, 12 students and two chaperones worked on cleanup projects in neighborhoods affected by Katrina as part of “Operation Helping Hands,” sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

In Anchorage, Alaska, six students and one chaperone joined alumna Elizabeth Kiernan ’07 at Jesuit Volunteers Corps’ JVC House. The project included working in a local food pantry and outreach activities with the homeless.

Eleven students and two chaperones headed for Kentucky to work with the Christian Appalachian Project, which provides spiritual, emotional and physical support to impoverished families and individuals in the Appalachian Mountain region. The team worked to repair homes for area residents.

“This was an amazing experience that allowed our students to meet and interact with people living in poverty,” said chaperone Elizabeth A. Rozelle, assistant director/career development specialist. “It was a privilege to see our students work so hard and show so much compassion to those they met.”

The Pananka College of Professional Studies has been partnering with Universidad del Valle de Atemajac (UNIVA), a Catholic university in Guadalajara, Mexico, for the past four years on “Project Guadalajara.” This year, 24 physical therapy and occupational therapy students, plus five faculty members from both departments, visited three pediatric facilities in Guadalajara, where they provided hands-on care to patients.

Tara Gnatowski, a physical therapy student, presented a session to patients about “good posture.”

Through their sessions, the students were able to interact with children in need, earning high praise from staff and faculty.

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Pride, Passion, Promise: Shaping our Jesuit Tradition

Educational Excellence: Ensure educational effectiveness through active assessment of student learning and support services

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New Staff

- The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in October and November:
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  - Julie E. Borkova-Phillips, Technical Assistant, Alumni Relations
  - Mark D. Carmody, Assistant Plant Director, Student Housing
  - Louise A. Coccaci, Custodian, Lehigh Hall
  - Susan A. Dillon, Agribusiness Specialist, Small Business Development Center
  - Diane F. Gawron, Custodian, Lehigh Hall
  - Lisa M. Hall, Business Consultant, Small Business Development Center
  - Sean J. Haswell, Custodian, Loyola Hall
  - Teri De Paal, Publications Manager, Public Relations
  - Eileen M. Masters, Custodian, Weinberg Memorial Library
  - Maria E. Montenegro, Agribusiness Specialist, Small Business Development Center
  - Matthew V. Parker, Public Safety Officer
  - Peter J. Rizzo, Custodian, Weinberg Memorial Library
  - Dolores M. Rozelle, Secretary, College of Graduate and Continuing Education
  - Linda J. Smith, Receptionist/Secretary, Residence Life

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Office of Equity and Diversity Plans Spring Events

The Office of Equity and Diversity at The University of Scranton has planned several upcoming events during the spring semester, including lectures and workshops.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, the Office of Equity and Diversity will host a panel discussion on "Race and Racism in America," featuring experts from various fields. The panel will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 228, Brennan Hall. The event is open to the public and reservations are requested by Feb. 14.

On Wednesday, Mar. 12, the Office of Equity and Diversity will sponsor a workshop on "Promoting Multicultural Excellence: Strategies to Recruit and Retain the Best," featuring experts from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium (NEPEDEC). The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Room 228, Brennan Hall. Refreshments will be served.

On Thursday, Apr. 17, The University of Scranton Counseling Center will host a panel discussion on "Mental Health and Spirituality." The panel will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 228, Brennan Hall. The event is open to the public and reservations are requested by Apr. 14.

On Wednesday, Apr. 23, The University of Scranton Counseling Center will host a panel discussion on "Counseling Competencies for Integration of Spirituality." The panel will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 228, Brennan Hall. The event is open to the public and reservations are requested by Apr. 20.

For additional information, visit www.scranton.edu/events or call the Events Line (570) 941-7768.

Five Faculty Receive Intersestion Grants

Harold W. Builie, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University, announced that five faculty members received Intersestion Grants for 2008.

Joseph W. Connolly, Ph.D., professor of physics/electrical engineering, researched "The Physics of the Bicycle." Dr. Connolly is developing instructional materials illustrating the basic laws of physics that can be explained using the activities involved in bicycle riding. Dr. Connolly spent intersestion preparing instructional materials, including diagrams, measurements and calculations on bikes, photos and a DVD. Dr. Connolly also hopes to develop a 3-credit general education course on the topic.

Anthony P. Ferzola, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics, spent intersestion researching materials for a new general education course on "Mathematics and Art." Together with Josephine M. Dunn, Ph.D., associate professor of history, Dr. Ferzola is developing a course that students may use to fulfills the quantitative reasoning aspect of a general education requirement. The course will include an historical approach to math and art, and examine both topics in multiple cultures. Drs. Ferzola and Dunn will team teach the new course.

Susan F. Mathews, Ph.D., professor of theology/religious studies, received a grant to complete three academic essays on "Understanding John's Theology: A Student's Companion." Dr. Mathews plans to author her own textbook for college students and will include the essays in her book. The text will be divided into "lessons" providing literary, historical and political background for understanding St. John's theology. Dr. Mathews hopes to finish writing her textbook during summer 2008.

Oliver J. Morgan, Ph.D., professor and chair of counseling/human services, received a grant to develop "Counseling Competencies for Integration of Spirituality." Dr. Morgan plans to complete a series of 10 essays on clinical competencies promoting the integration of spiritual and counseling issues into counseling practice. He plans to research scholarly books, articles and other materials in order to complete the essays, which will be published as a monograph. He hopes to complete his new book during spring and summer 2008.

Ling Xue, Ph.D., assistant professor of operations management, received a grant to study the "Impact of Information Technology Governance on Business Performance." Dr. Xue's project focuses on the influence of information technology governance on business firms and whether or not such governance helps businesses improve performance. He plans to present a manuscript to two targeted conferences in the field of business information systems. He will also submit his study to MIS Quarterly for publication.

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University Says Goodbye to Gunster Student Center

The University community had an opportunity to bid a fond farewell to the Gunster Student Center on Thursday, Dec. 6, when a “Goodbye Gunster” event was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Orientation, Office of Student Government and the Programming Board. Built in 1960 and expanded in the early 1990s to accommodate the growing university population, Gunster served as home to Dining Services, the Community Outreach Office, Student Affairs and many other university departments. “Goodbye Gunster” featured a smoothie bar and other catered food, a PowerPoint presentation with a slideshow of Gunster photos, musical entertainment, and a special graffiti wall that was signed by attendees to record their thoughts and memories about Gunster. The Gunster Center is set for demolition in February and March, and will be replaced by a campus green.

Schemel Forum Announces Spring Programs

Twenty-first century Africa, Jesuit poetry, modern art, James Joyce’s *Ulysses*, and the philosophy of the city are among the topics planned for discussion this spring for the University’s Schemel Forum.

The Schemel Forum is a series of participatory learning experiences whose aim is to cultivate the intellect and the imagination through study and discussion of classical texts and current policies, from the arts, history and philosophy to technology and theology. This spring’s schedule is as follows. Session fees vary for programs and reservation are required to attend. Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

_Ulysses_, by James Joyce with Stephen Whittaker, Ph.D., professor of English at The University of Scranton, will be held on Tuesdays, from Feb. 5 through May 13, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The 14-session program will include discussions of Joyce’s _The Sisters, The Dead and A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man_ in addition to _Ulysses_.

Philosophy and the City: Understanding Citizenship, Urban Policy and City Planning with Sharon Meagher, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, will be held on Wednesdays from Feb. 6 to Mar. 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

The six-session series will discuss the philosophical concepts that underpin contemporary understandings of citizenship, public policy, urban planning and architecture. The sessions will include two “philosophical walking tours” of Scranton.

The Accessible Image with Josephine Dunn, Ph.D., associate professor of history, will be held on Thursdays, from Feb. 7 to Apr. 24, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The eight-session program, which includes a trip to the Frida Kahlo exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (extra charge), examines ideas in modern art as seen through the writings of contemporary artists.

Continuity and Change in Jesuit Poetry: Robert Southwell, Gerald Manley Hopkins and Daniel Berrigan with Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University, is scheduled for Mar 5, 12 and 26, from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. The three-session series will explore literary theory grounded in The Spiritual Exercises and other foundational documents of the Jesuits.

The Schemel Forum’s “Insights into Africa” luncheon series will bring leading experts on Africa to Scranton to discuss the challenges of democratic transition in Africa. The luncheon discussions will be held on Wednesdays, Apr. 2, 9 and Apr. 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

To register, contact Kym Fetsko at (570) 941-7816 or fetskok2@scranton.edu. For more information on programs and memberships, contact Sondra Myers, director of the Schemel Forum, at (570) 941-4089 or myerss2@scranton.edu.

Students Receive O’Hara, Rose Kelly Awards

Scrantnon students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement at the Frank O’Hara Awards and Rose Kelly Awards ceremony, held recently on campus.

Frank O’Hara medals were given to first, second and third-year students with the highest grade point average in the Panuska College of Professional Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Kania School of Management and the College of Graduate and Continuing Education. The award is named in honor of the late Frank O’Hara, who served the University for 53 years in various administrative positions.

Recipients of Frank O’Hara medals from each of The University of Scranton’s three undergraduate schools are as follows.

From the Kania School of Management: first-year student William Pugh received a bronze medal; second-year student Frank S. Phillips received a silver medal; and Joseph P. O’Connell III, third-year student, received a silver medal.

From the Panuska College of Professional Studies: first-year student Nicole M. Zullo received a bronze medal; second-year student Lauren E. Godek received a silver medal; and Brian J. Patchoski, third-year student, received a silver medal.

From the College of Arts and Sciences: first-year student Douglas A. Jones received a bronze medal; second-year student Coral Stredny received a silver medal; third-year student Christina M. Drogalis received a silver medal.

From the College of Graduate and Continuing Education: first-year student Mary Ann Wiggins received a bronze medal; second-year student Alexandra Cronk received a silver medal; Judith Gunshannon, third-year student, received a silver medal.

The following graduate-level students in the College of Graduate and Continuing Education received pewter medals: Anne M. Blum; Jennifer M. Wagner; Emil C. Bonnetito; Elizabeth J. McDonald; Sean R. Egan; Andrea C. Stellatella; Jill L. Cropton.

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From the Kania School of Management, Colleen L. Tiulohy nominated her teacher from Immaculate Heart Academy, Rosemary C. Fuhrman.

From the Panuska College of Professional Studies, Megan E. Conley nominated Sister Lucy Marie Schlucht, her teacher from Cardinal O’Hara High School.

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