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Kip Condron Honored with President's Medal



Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70 expresses his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the President's Business Council's Fifth Annual Award Dinner. Mr. Condron received the President's Medal at the dinner.

Christopher M. "Kip" Condron '70, President and CEO of AXA Financial, Inc., received the University's President's Medal at the President's Business Council Fifth Annual Award Dinner on Oct. 5. A record crowd of over 810 people were on hand at The Pierre in New York City to celebrate the Council's fifth anniversary. Kip's life and career as an entrepreneur and leader in both the corporate and non-profit sectors exemplify the qualities the President's Business Council looks for in its honoree: an individual who has achieved excellence in his or her field and who has demonstrated extraordinary compassion for others.

Proceeds from the annual dinner go directly to Scranton's Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund. Presidential scholars, chosen from among the top students entering the University each year, are selected for their academic excellence, leadership ability and character. Dinner co-chairs James A. Caccavo '84, University Trustee and Managing Partner and CEO of Steelpoint Capital Partners, Thomas P. O'Brien '86, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley, and Francis J. Pearn '83, University Trustee and Managing Director and CAO of Lehman Brothers, announced this

year's event raised a record \$1.51 million. In its first five dinners, the President's Business Council has raised more than \$4.7 million for the endowment.

Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn '72, Pastor of the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Carbondale, served as Master of Ceremonies of a program which also included Philip Loscombe, Jr., Presidential Scholar of the Class of 2007; the Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton; University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.; Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chair of The American Ireland Fund; and 2003

President's Medal Recipient Paul M. Montrone, Ph.D., '62, Chairman and CEO of Fisher Scientific International, Inc.

Mr. Loscombe, a senior majoring in neuroscience from Plains Township, spoke on behalf of the Presidential Scholars. He compared his receiving a Presidential Scholarship to winning the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes. He commented, "I come from a family that views education as a privilege rather than a presumption. Therefore, this scholarship was my million dollar ticket to pursue my own academic dreams." During this past summer, Phil was an intern at the National Cancer Institute of the National Cancer Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Pilarz presented an update on the University as he also introduced some new friends who were in attendance to Scranton. "At Scranton, we aim high because our mission is unlike any other," he noted. "Scranton has been an engine of opportunity for young people with hope and a drive to work hard to realize their dreams." With respect to Kip, Fr. Pilarz added, "Five years ago, Kip dreamed a big dream for his alma mater, a dinner at The Pierre in New York to endow Presidential Scholarships. These special awards make it possible for ten exceptional students each year to join our community tuition-free."

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Separate Ceremonies to be Held for Undergraduate, Graduate Commencements

Commencement 2007 will feature two separate ceremonies: one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students.

Master's and doctoral degrees will be conferred at a ceremony on Saturday, May 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the Byron Complex on campus. Bachelor's and associate's degrees will be awarded at a ceremony on Sunday, May 27, at noon at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre.

The decision to split Commencement into two different events marks a return to the approach used in the past. In fact, from 1982 to 2002, the undergraduate and graduate ceremonies were held separately. In 2003, the events were combined when the University decided to take the event off-campus to a larger facility at the then First Union Arena.

The move to the Arena allowed stu-

dents to invite an unlimited number of guests. Over time, even the Arena has had difficulty keeping up with the large number of attendees.

"Commencement has become so large that we have been pushing the limits of the Arena for a combined ceremony," said Joseph Wetherell, Associate Director of Admissions and Director of Commencement.

The return to two separate ceremonies will provide graduating students with greater flexibility for the number of invited guests, and will allow for a more "personalized" approach to the respective ceremonies.

The move will also result in some changes to the schedule of events over the weekend, including the relocation of the Nursing Pinning Ceremony to the Long Center on Saturday morning. Additional information will be announced in the months ahead.

Saudi Ambassador to Make Historic Visit

In what will mark the first visit of an ambassador from Saudi Arabia to Scranton, His Royal Highness Prince Turki-al Faisal, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States, will present a lecture at The University of Scranton on Nov. 28 at 8 p.m.

The lecture, entitled "A Voice for Peace, A Move Toward Stability," is open to the public free of charge, and will be held in the Houlihan-McLean Center. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Prince Turki is regarded as a skilled diplomat and one of the most westernized Saudi leaders. While serving as Saudi Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, he successfully navigated a difficult course for the Saudi Royal family and his country following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the U.S.

In a March 2006 address to the Seattle World Affairs Council, Prince Turki discussed the longstanding relationships between Saudi Arabia and the United States in the areas of education, health care and commerce.

"Long before our governments formed official and strategic relations, citizens of both our countries were forming friendships and business partnerships on their own," said Prince Turki. "We found that despite some of the cultural differences we have, we are in fact a great deal alike. We're plainspoken and straightforward, and we both believe in the importance of faith and family."

Prince Turki was born in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. In 1963, he graduated from The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, N.J. He subsequently pursued an undergraduate degree at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Prince Turki was appointed an Advisor in the Royal Court in 1973. From 1977 to 2001, he served as the Director General of the General Intelligence Directorate, the Kingdom's main foreign intelligence service. In 2002, he was appointed Ambassador to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, and on July 20, 2005, Prince Turki was appointed Ambassador to the United States.

His Royal Highness is one of the founders of the King Faisal Foundation and is the chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh. He is also co-chair of the C100 Group, which has been affiliated with the World Economic Forum since 2003.

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Kip Condron Honored with President's Medal

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A native of Scranton, Mr. Condron received a bachelor's degree in business from the University, where he served as a two-term member of the Board of Trustees, with two of his six years as Vice Chair of the Board. In May 2001, Mr. Condron was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of AXA Financial, Inc. and a member of the AXA Group Management Board. In addition, he is Chairman and Chief Executive Office of AXA Financial's principal insurance subsidiary, AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company, formerly The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S. He is a member of the Financial Services Roundtable and its Board of Directors. He is also treasurer and a director of The American Ireland Fund.

Mr. Condron joins previous medal recipients, Gerard R. Roche '53, Senior Chairman of Heidrick & Struggles, Inc., Paul Montrone, the late William H. Finn

'67, former Senior Managing Director of Bear, Stearns & Co., and Arthur J. Kania, Esq., '53, Senior Partner of Kania, Lindner, Lasak & Feeney. In his remarks, Kip expressed his sincere gratitude to those who made the evening such a success. He reiterated the importance of the Annual Award Dinner in generating much-needed funding for the Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund and invited all of the attendees to come back again in 2007.

The President's Business Council was formed in January 2001 by the University and a prominent group of alumni and friends whose purpose is to advance the mission of the University. In addition to its annual dinner, the Council provides mentoring, internship, educational and career opportunities for current students and networking opportunities for alumni and friends.

Earl Award Presented to Dr. Corcione



Frank P. Corcione, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics/Finance at the University, has been awarded the 8th annual John L. Earl III Award for service to the University, the faculty and the wider community. The award is given in the

spirit of generosity and dedication that Dr. John Earl, a distinguished Professor of History, exemplified during his years at the University from 1964 to 1996.

Dr. Corcione joined the University's faculty in 1982. He was granted tenure in 1984. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Moravian College, and a master's degree in economics and a doctorate in business and industrial economics from Lehigh University.

The Earl Award was presented to Dr. Corcione (right) at the University Convocation on Sept. 8 by University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., (second from left). At center is Pauline Earl, wife of the late John L. Earl III.

Agreement Reached with Beijing-based University

The University of Scranton has announced a broad-ranging agreement with a major Chinese university that could offer unprecedented opportunities for University students and area business leaders.

The University's Kania School of Management and Capital University of Economics and Business (CUEB), Beijing, the People's Republic of China, have signed a partnership memorandum developed to provide a culturally diverse educational experience in a global business context.

"Today, business education is global," according to Michael Mensah, Ph.D., Dean of the Kania School of Management (KSOM). "There are numerous growth opportunities for American businesses as the Chinese economy expands. As part of this expansion, the Chinese are finding the need for business knowledge and background. This new agreement is an exciting opportunity for the University to offer global opportunities and viewpoints to undergraduate and graduate students."

This new partnership is an outgrowth of the University's participation in a consortium of Jesuit universities in the U.S. which jointly offers one of the most prestigious international MBA degrees in Beijing. Satya P. Chattopadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing, is one of three KSOM faculty members who has taught in that MBA program. To identify additional partnership opportunities in China, he worked with a former Fulbright Scholar, Erming Xu, Ph.D., who is currently Professor of Management and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Remnin University, China.

"It is a very compelling idea that we at The University of Scranton can have a direct connection with the centers of knowledge in China while also providing students at Scranton the opportunity to be prepared for the emerging global work environment," says Dr. Mensah. "Both CUEB and the University share many important criteria that we considered in looking for such a partnership. It is an urban university committed to academic excellence and the economic development of its city and region. CUEB offers undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs in economics, business and related disciplines. Like The University of Scranton, CUEB was established to serve the Beijing

community, and, like the University, it has experienced substantial growth over the years. It is both well-respected and a powerful force in their community. The University and KSOM see this partnership as a concrete opportunity to facilitate global business knowledge while striving to build a creative and international academic atmosphere."

"The Chinese market is growing and expanding at a rapid pace," added Dr. Mensah. "While the more populated cities are seeing growth as factories and other industries expand, more rural areas are also seeing population growth and an influx of money. This in turn creates a demand for everything from clothing, housing and household goods to education and cultural activities. Businesses that have expanded into China are becoming part of that successful evolution."

The partnership opens avenues for exchange of faculty and student scholars as well as administrators to facilitate global citizenship. It is hoped that the partnership will also provide respective local communities an opportunity to explore collaborative ventures in business and cultural activities.

Currently, there are two visiting professors at Scranton as part of this new agreement. Dr. Yinghong Zhang, Professor of Strategic Management and Associate Dean of CEUB, is Visiting Professor of Management at Scranton, teaching Strategic Management in the MBA program. Dr. Zhang also works with Dr. Chattopadhyay to administer the partnership in China and the U.S., respectively. Ms. Xin Rui Zhang is a visiting doctoral student from Shanghai University of Science and Technology. While not directly linked to the partnership, her presence indicates the University's support of scholarly exchanges in the international sphere.

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Director of Civic Engagement Named

Elizabeth Randol, Ph.D., has been appointed as the new Director of Civic Engagement for the University.

Dr. Randol is currently the Director of the University's Jane Kopas Women's Center (JKWC), a position she has held since 2001, and an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Philosophy. As Director of Civic Engagement, she will report to Harold Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Her responsibilities will include developing and coordinating academic collaborations between The University of Scranton and its neighboring communities, as well as fostering sustainable and mutually beneficial relationships with those communities, and seeking ways to help faculty, staff and students become involved in local community activities.

Dr. Randol earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy, with minors in political science, Russian studies and Buddhist studies, from Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va.; a master of arts degree from North Carolina State University; and a doctorate in philosophy, with a graduate certificate in feminist theory, from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

She will remain in her position as Director of the Women's Center until a new director is named.

Friendly Sons Present Check for Corcoran Scholarship



The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County recently presented a check for \$5,000 to The University of Scranton for the Dr. John J. Corcoran Scholarship for Study in Ireland. Seated, from left: Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President; the Honorable Richard P. Conaboy, representing the Friendly Sons; Amanda A. McCulloch, scholarship winner; James W. Rowe, scholarship winner. Standing, from left: Scranton Mayor and Friendly Sons Vice President Christopher A. Doherty; Michael R. Simons, Coordinator for Study Abroad & Global Initiatives at the University; E. Springs Steele, Ph.D., Interim Associate Provost and Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Scranton; and William V. Rowe, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at the University and father of scholarship winner.

Three Named to Board of Trustees

Three new members have been elected to three-year terms on The University of Scranton's Board of Trustees, beginning their terms at the Oct. 5, 2006, board meeting.

New trustees are: Paula K. Barrett '81, a partner in the Reading office of Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP's Business Consulting Services Group, and a resident of Maiden Creek Township, Reading; Pennsylvania State Senator Robert J. Mellow, a lifelong resident of Peckville; and Francis (Frank) J. Pearn '83, Chief Administrative Officer of the mergers and acquisitions division of Lehman Brothers, New York, N.Y., a resident of Garden City, N.Y.

Ms. Barrett is a 1981 graduate of Scranton, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting *cum laude*. She pursued postgraduate studies in finance at Drexel University, Philadelphia. Her duties at Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP include providing business valuation and litigation support services, assisting clients with the acquisition or sale of closely held businesses, and providing general business planning services. She also specializes in tax-exempt bond financing services.

Ms. Barrett is a Certified Public Accountant and a certified valuation specialist, and is accredited in business valuation.

Senator Mellow earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Bethel College, Tenn. He also attended The University of Scranton, Lackawanna College and Marywood University, where

he pursued graduate studies. Since 1970, he has been elected to serve as a member of the Pennsylvania Senate, representing the 22nd Senatorial District. His legislative career includes two terms as senate president *pro tempore*, the third-highest constitutional office in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Among his accomplishments are the passage of the landmark Children's Health Insurance Bill, historic workers' compensation reform, and the "Mellow Window," which helped restore fiscal stability to the Commonwealth after the 1991-92 national recession with an early retirement incentive legislation for public employees.

Senator Mellow served in the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1962 to 1968.

Mr. Pearn, a certified public accountant, is a 1983 graduate of Scranton. His division at Lehman Brothers provides investment banking, sales, trading and research, private investment management, asset management, and private equity to corporations, governments and municipalities, institutional clients, and high net worth individuals worldwide.

Before joining Lehman Brothers, he held several positions with Banc of America Securities, a subsidiary of Bank of America, including chief operations officer for the corporate and investment bank and global markets divisions, chief financial officer for the investment banking division, and as a member of the management operating committee.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County recently presented a check for \$5,000 to The University of Scranton for the Dr. John J. Corcoran Scholarship for Study in Ireland. This year's scholarship winners are Amanda A. McCulloch, a Biology and Philosophy major, and James W. Rowe, an English major.

Named for the late John J. Corcoran, D.M.D., who served as president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County, the Corcoran Scholarship funds academic study in Ireland, and is given in alternate years to students from The University of Scranton and Marywood University. The scholarship winner is chosen based on a GPA of 3.0 or above, service, activities, interests, work experience and a personal statement and essay. Since 1984, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick have donated \$37,000 to The University of Scranton through the scholarship program.

Ms. McCulloch, a junior at Scranton, plans to study at University College Cork during the fall 2006 semester. She received an early acceptance to Temple Medical School during her senior year of high school. She is a member of the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program, Relay for Life, Colleges Against Cancer, Royal Ambassadors, the Health Professions Organization and the Campus Ministry liturgical choir. She is the daughter of Joseph and Patricia McCulloch.

Mr. Rowe, also a junior at Scranton, will study at Trinity College for the 2006-07 academic year. He has been named to the Dean's List for each of his semesters at the University. Mr. Rowe is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society. He is the son of William V. Rowe, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at The University of Scranton, and Amy Rowe.

Recognition from National Publications

In the month of October alone, the University was recognized by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for its Fulbright prowess, by Barron's as one of the nation's *Best Buys in College Education*, and by the Princeton Review as one of the nation's *Best 282 Business Schools*.

The University of Scranton is listed among the "top producers" of Fulbright awards for American students in the Oct. 20 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Just 81 schools in the nation were listed in four categories based on their institution type and size.

Scranton was also listed among the 247 colleges in the nation included in the ninth edition of Barron's *Best Buys in College Education*. Only 19 schools in Pennsylvania were listed.

Colleges selected for the guidebook represent quality higher education programs as compared to the cost of attendance. Selection is based on analysis of data that includes tuition costs and surveys of students and administrators.

For the second consecutive year, the University's Kania School of Management has been included among the elite colleges listed in the Princeton Review's "Best 282 Business Schools." The 2007 edition of the guide book was published by Random House/Princeton Review on Oct. 3.



Scholars Gather for International Conference



Jonathan D. Sarna, Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University, addressed 25 scholars from the United States, Canada, England and Israel at an international conference on the study of Jewish Orthodox in modern times. The conference, hosted by the Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute, was held in June in the Heritage Room of the Weinberg Library.

Self Study Planning Group Adopts Model with Theme of Ignatian Education



Members of the Self-Study Planning Group: Seated, from left, Robyn Dickinson, Sr. Bernadette Duross, Ed Steinmetz and Janice Voltzow. Standing, from left: Valerie Taylor, Bonnie Strohl, Liz Randol, Rick Klonoski, Ed Scahill, Dona Carpenter and Linda Ledford-Miller. Absent from photo: Connie McDonnell, John McInerney and Dave Rusak.

The University of Scranton is in the midst of its year-long Self Study, the process by which it reaffirms its accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. After consultation with members of the University community, the Self-Study Planning Group decided to adopt a Comprehensive Self-Study Model with the theme of Ignatian Education. This vision of Ignatian Education, developed by Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., in coordination with the University's Jesuit community and administration, serves as the guiding framework to ensure that the process leads to insights to clarify the University's strengths and weaknesses within the context of its Mission.

Led by co-chairs Edward Steinmetz, Associate Vice President for Finance, and Janice Voltzow, Professor of Biology, the Steering Committee consists of Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., Vice President for Mission; Robyn Dickinson, Assistant Vice President for Planning and Information Management; and nine members who oversee working groups that focus on specific aspects of the University. The nine working group leaders and their charges include John McInerney, Professor of English: Mission, Goals, and Planning; Bonnie Strohl, Associate Director, Weinberg Memorial Library: Institutional Resources; Edward Scahill, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance: Leadership, Governance, and Administration; Elizabeth Randol, Director of Civic Engagement: Institutional Integrity; Constance McDonnell, Director of the Office of Career Services: Student Admissions and Support Services; Richard Klonoski, Professor and Chair of Philosophy: Faculty; Dona Carpenter, Professor of Nursing: Educational

Offerings and Activities; David Rusak, Associate Professor of Chemistry: General Education; and Linda Ledford-Miller, Professor and Chair of Foreign Languages: Assessment. Valerie Taylor, Assistant Director for Institutional Research, is serving as technical assistant for the committee.

Each working group consists of members representing the diversity of the University's constituencies, including administrators, staff, faculty, and undergraduate and graduate students.

The committee's primary goal is to use the process as a mechanism to unite the University community by developing its understanding, commitment, and sense of ownership in its unique vision of Ignatian education. In addition, the committee will work to identify the University's strengths and weaknesses as guided by the frameworks of its vision of Ignatian education and the Characteristics of Excellence outlined by Middle States and to disseminate these results throughout the University community so that they may be integrated into the ongoing processes of planning and assessment as the University strives for excellence.

By focusing on these goals Scranton hopes to provide a comprehensive, concise, and useful document that not only demonstrates the University's fulfillment of the Commission's standards for accreditation but serves as a vehicle to unite the University community as it seeks to strengthen its commitment to Catholic and Jesuit education through its next phase of planned growth and change.

Additional information about the Self Study is available on the Web site: <http://www.scranton.edu/selfstudy>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas E. Baker, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Sociology/Criminal Justice, has written three 2,500-word book articles for the Encyclopedia of Police Science (Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group Publishing). The topics include: police deadly force, civil restraint and traffic services technology and management.

Kevan S. Bailey, Production Manager, Printing Services and **Holly S. Doenges**, Mail Center Manager, have been awarded recertification by the In-Plant Printing and Mailing Association. Mr. Bailey holds Certified Graphic Communications Manager status, while Ms. Doenges is a Certified Mail Manager, having been initially certified in 2001 after completing an extensive training and testing program. Both have earned recertification by accumulating a minimum of 15 professional credits as a result of attending educational seminars, writing and publishing articles, instructing or lecturing, or serving as a volunteer leader for IPMA or other professional organizations. Fewer than 100 people worldwide hold these certifications.

George A. Aschenbrenner, S.J., Rector of Campion Hall, has had an article titled "Portrait of the Authentic Celibate in Our Contemporary Culture" published in *Chicago Studies*. The article was originally a keynote address to the Association of Middle States Theology Schools. Father Aschenbrenner has also had an article titled "The Spiritual Blahs: Rejection or Invitation" published in *Ignatian Imprints*, the new magazine of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. He wrote an article on Mary, Mother of God, which will be published as part of a book of essays for priests to be published by Notre Dame's Ave Maria Press in 2007. Additionally, Father Aschenbrenner wrote the introduction for a book published by Crossroads Publishing Group entitled *The Examen Prayer – Ignatian Wisdom for Our Lives Today* by Timothy M. Gallagher, O.M.V.

New Staff

The following is a list of full-time staff hired in Aug. and Sept.

Caitlyn M. Beasley, Admissions Counselor

Mary E. Cichocki, Clerk Receptionist, College of Graduate and Continuing Education

Neil L. Conway, Prospect Research Analyst, Institutional Advancement

Gerard Dombroski, Programmer Analyst, Systems and Software Resources

Kevin J. Dugan, Head Men's Lacrosse Coach

Edward P. Frescoln, Public Safety Officer

Ivo T. Geshev, Custodian, O'Hara Hall
Barbara H. Hawkins, Director of Residence Life

Stephanie K. King, Admissions Counselor

Diane M. Lang, Academic and Information Services Specialist, Provost's Office

Thomas C. Leong, Math Specialist, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence

Keith A. Maczkiewicz, Campus Minister

Ralph P. Marino, Custodian, St. Thomas Hall

Shannon L. Murphy, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Orientation

David C. Pasquini, Assistant Director of Special Projects, Institutional Advancement

Jeanne M. Ruane, Admissions Clerk, College of Graduate and Continuing Education

John J. Stafursky, Custodian, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts

Carol L. Tropiano, Associate Campus Minister

Patricia N. Zawislak, Nursing Lab Instructor, Panuska College of Professional Studies

disAbility Conference Marks 5th Year



Lee Grossman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Autism Society of America, led a panel discussion at a Town Meeting on Autism as part of the 5th Annual Northeastern U.S. Conference on disABILITY. The Conference, held Oct. 18-20, featured national, state and local speakers who explored ways to "mobilize partnerships" to enhance the lives of those with disabilities. The Conference was presented by the J.A. Panuska, S.J., College of Professional Studies and the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Endowment. Honorary Co-chairs were Edward Leahy '68 and Patricia Leahy.

Full-tuition Presidential Scholarships Awarded to 11 Freshman

The University has awarded 11 freshmen full-tuition Presidential Scholarships for 2006-2007.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with exemplary high records in both their schools and community involvements. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition for four years of study as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.25 grade point average. The 2006-2007 Presidential Scholars are:

Anna M. DiColli, Broomall

Ms. DiColli, a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School, is majoring in neuroscience. In high school, she was class valedictorian, a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and a member of the National Honor Society. Her extracurricular activities include participation in Habitat for Humanity, Community Service Corps, Italian Club, Philosophy Club, Hi-Q and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Jenna M. Gilligan, Forest Hills, N.Y.

Ms. Gilligan, a graduate from Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, N.Y., is majoring in English. In high school, she was a member of various activities and clubs including the Math Team, Science Fiction Club, Liturgy Committee, Anime Club, Junior/Senior Chorus, and Integrated Science Association. Ms. Gilligan also was involved with the Yearbook and Stanner School Newspaper.

Matthew Mariyampillai, Caldwell, N.J.

Mr. Mariyampillai, a graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory High School, is majoring in biology. In high school, he was class valedictorian, a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Program, a member of the National Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, and Math Honor Society. He played intramural basketball and volleyball, was editor of the school's newspaper and literary magazine, and participated in activities including the school's Quiz Bowl Team, Forensics Team, Ecology Club, Math Team, Future Health Professionals Club and Student Council. Mr. Mariyampillai volunteered at a local library, a nursing home and a hospital emergency room.

Jennifer Moakler, Staten Island, N.Y.

Ms. Moakler, a graduate of St. Joseph Hill Academy, has not yet declared a major. In high school, she was a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program and a member of the National Honor Society, library club and chorus. Her other activities included being editor of the school yearbook, involvement in her parish youth group and teaching first grade religious education.

Kevin G. Musto, Pittston

Mr. Musto, a graduate of Pittston Area Senior High School, is majoring in biology. In high school, he was class valedictorian, a National Merit Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. He was named to *Who's Who Among*

American High School Students and won various honors including the U.S.A.A. National Mathematics Award, U.S.A.A. National History and Government Award, a state medallist in the Science Olympiad and first place in the American Chemical Society high school chemistry competition. Mr. Musto's extracurricular activities included participation in Student Council, Stand Tall Against Drugs and Alcohol Club, International Cultural Experiences Club and Advanced Math Club.

William Pugh, Hillsborough, N.J.

Mr. Pugh, a graduate of Immaculata High School, is majoring in history. In high school, he was class salutatorian, Student Council Class President and a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. He took part in various extracurricular activities, including Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Pit Orchestra, Freshman Orientation Leader, Model United Nations, Youth and Government, Academic Team, and All-state Symphonic Band. Mr. Pugh performed community service at Foothill Acres Nursing Home, American Red Cross, and Mary Mother of God Church Bible School, and was involved in music ministry.

Marny B. Smith, East Amherst, N.Y.

Ms. Smith, a graduate of Clarence Central High School, has not yet chosen a major. In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society,

Future Business Leaders of America, and Student Council and participated in activities including the Science Olympiad, Debate Team and Model United Nations, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Youth Leadership and Helping Hands. Ms. Smith's other activities included volunteer work for the Red Cross, The Muscular Dystrophy Association, Building Schools in Afghanistan, Upstate New York Organ Transplant Services, Kids Escaping Drugs and Gateway Longview.

Matthew P. Snyder, Scranton

Mr. Snyder, a graduate of Scranton High School, is majoring in biology. In high school, he was class valedictorian and a member of the National Honor Society. Mr. Snyder's other extracurricular activities included participation in the German Club, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Scholastic Bowl, and the Scholastic Scrimmage.

Kimberly A. Warzynski, Brick, N.J.

Ms. Warzynski, a graduate of Brick Township Memorial High School, is majoring in Exercise Science. In high school, she was secretary of the National Honor Society in her junior and senior years, and sports editor and senior editor of the

yearbook. Ms. Warzynski's extracurricular activities included participation in the Key Club, club soccer, softball, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Relay for Life, Project Graduation, and volunteering at the soft physical therapy clinic.

Nicole M. Zullo, Perth Amboy, N.J.

Ms. Zullo, a graduate of Bishop George Ahr High School, is majoring in elementary education. In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Latin Honor Society. Ms. Zullo's activities included tutoring, student ambassador, peer leader and involvement with the school's drama department. She was vice president of the Christian Social Action Club.

Matthew A. Mercuri, Moscow

Mr. Mercuri, a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, has not yet selected a major. In high school, he was class valedictorian and a member of the National Honor Society. His activities included participation in cross country and track, Math Team, newspaper, Spanish Club and Spirit Club. Mr. Mercuri's experiences included volunteering as a math and chemistry tutor and teaching computer literacy.

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Community Leaders Discuss Economic Development



Approximately 25 community leaders attended an economic roundtable held on campus on Oct. 11. Among those in attendance were, from left: Marianne Burke; Austin Burke, President of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce; Elaine Ferri; Peter Dancheck, President of PNC Bank Northeast Pennsylvania; Judge Michael Barrasse; Ann Pipinski, Ed.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson College; and Elizabeth Randol, Ph.D., Director of Civic Engagement for the University.

Economists specializing in community development with a view to equality and justice addressed a group of approximately 25 community leaders during an economic roundtable held on campus, Oct. 11.

Gar Alperovitz, Lionel Bauman Professor for Political Economy at the University of Maryland, Ted Howard, Executive Director of the Democracy Collaborative at the University of Maryland, and Joseph Blasi, Professor

of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University, led discussions at the event, which was sponsored by the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, The University of Scranton and the Scranton Area Foundation. The roundtable discussions were moderated by Sondra Myers, Senior Fellow for International, Cultural and Civic Projects at the University.

"There is a great deal of innovation in economic development at the local

level," said Mrs. Myers. "That's where things are really happening."

According to Mrs. Myers, Northeastern Pennsylvania is in an upbeat, energetic mode. "A number of people are looking at creative ways to make a better way of life for the area," she said.

In addition to exploring opportunities to promote economic development in the community, Mr. Howard spoke about the role that a university plays in this type of economic development.

The concept for an economic roundtable was driven by the premise that "if you put new ideas into the minds of people who aren't afraid of new ideas, there's a good chance that they will have some impact," said Mrs. Myers.

Among those attending the economic roundtable were Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty, Lackawanna County Commissioner Robert Cordaro, and executives from the Scranton Area Foundation, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, United Neighborhood Centers, Scranton Tomorrow and the proposed new medical school. Several other public and private groups were also represented.

The roundtable discussion was intended to help community leaders develop new collaborative strategies for economic development in the region.



By Kevin Southard
Sports Information Director



Junior forward Tim Logan has been instrumental in leading the men's soccer team to its first Freedom Conference tournament appearance since 2002.



Junior Becky Prial earned all-Middle Atlantic Conference honors for the third consecutive season by placing fourth in a field of 132 runners at the league's championship meet on October 28.



The Royals volleyball team reached the 20-win plateau for the 13th consecutive season under fifth-year head coach Jud Holdredge, who, in the process, recorded the 100th coaching victory of his career against Wilkes University on September 20.

FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE WINTER SPORT TEAM

BEGINNING DECEMBER 1

Men's Basketball Head Coach: Carl Danzig

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
SAT.	DEC. 2	*FDU-FLORHAM (Wall of Fame)	3:00 PM
MON.	DEC. 4	THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	7:00 PM
THU.	DEC. 7	CLARKSON	7:00 PM
SAT.	DEC. 9	MORAVIAN	3:00 PM
Sat.	Dec. 16	at Cabrini	7:30 pm
Tue.	Dec. 19	at DIII Desert Shootout (UNLV, Las Vegas, Nev.)	3:30 p.m.
		Clarke (Iowa) vs. Manhattanville	5:45 pm
Wed.	Dec. 20	Royals vs. Denison	5:45 pm
		3rd-Place/Championship	3:30 pm/5:45 pm
Wed.	Jan. 3	at Hartwick	7:00 pm
SAT.	JAN. 6	RADISSON INVITATIONAL	5/7 PM
		MORRISVILLE VS. SUSQUEHANNA	5:00 PM
		PRATT INSTITUTE VS. ROYALS	7:00 PM
SUN.	JAN. 7	3RD-PLACE/CHAMPIONSHIP	1/3 PM
WED.	JAN. 10	*LYCOMING	8:00 PM
Sat.	Jan. 13	*at Drew	3:00 pm
WED.	JAN. 17	*WILKES	8:00 PM
SAT.	JAN. 20	*DeSALES	3:00 PM
Wed.	Jan. 24	*at Delaware Valley	8:00 pm
SAT.	JAN. 27	*DREW	3:00 PM
WED.	JAN. 31	*KING'S	8:00 PM
Sat.	Feb. 3	*at FDU-Florham	3:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 7	*at Wilkes	8:00 pm
SAT.	FEB. 10	*DELAWARE VALLEY	3:00 PM
Tue.	Feb. 13	*at Lycoming	8:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 17	*at DeSales	3:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 21	Freedom Conference Tournament (Semifinals)	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 24	Freedom Conference Championship	TBA

*Freedom Conference Games

HOME GAMES AT THE LONG CENTER IN CAPS

Swimming Head Coach: Tomm Evans

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	Sept. 1	at Oneonta Tournament	TBA
Sat.	Dec. 2	*at Susquehanna	1:00 pm
SAT.	DEC. 9	*DREW	1:00 PM
Sat.	Jan. 6	*at Albright	1:00 pm
Tue.	Jan. 9	*at King's	7:00 pm
SAT.	JAN. 13	*LYCOMING	1:00 PM
Sat.	Jan. 20	*at Widener	1:00 pm
Wed.	Jan. 24	at Misericordia	7:00 pm
SAT.	JAN. 27	*ELIZABETHTOWN	1:00 PM
Fri.	Feb. 9	at Middle Atlantic Conference Championships	TBA
Sun.	Feb. 11	(Catholic Youth Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.)	TBA

*Middle Atlantic Conference Opponents

HOME MEETS AT THE BYRON CENTER IN CAPS

Wrestling Head Coach: Robert Mazzatta

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Thu.	Dec. 7	at Messiah	7:00 pm
Sun.	Jan. 7	at New York/Pennsylvania Duals (Oswego, NY)	8:00 am
Sat.	Jan. 13	at Washington & Lee Invitational	8:00 am
Thu.	Jan. 25	at Delaware Valley	7:00 pm
SAT.	JAN. 27	WILKES/CENTENARY	6:30 PM
WED.	FEB. 7	KING'S	7:00 PM

HOME MATCHES AT LONG CENTER IN CAPS

Women's Basketball Head Coach: Mike Strong

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
SAT.	DEC. 2	*FDU-FLORHAM (Wall of Fame)	1:00 PM
WED.	DEC. 6	MORAVIAN	7:00 PM
Sat.	Dec. 9	at Baruch	4:30 pm
Tue.	Dec. 19	at Kean	7:00 pm
Th./Fr.	Dec. 28-29	at Land of Magic Tournament (Orlando, Fla.)	
Thu.	Dec. 28	vs. SUNY-Geneseo	6:00 pm
Fri.	Dec. 29	vs. Western Connecticut	6:00 pm
FRI.	JAN. 5	DIVERSIFIED INVITATIONAL	5/7 PM
		GOUCHER VS. STEVENS TECH	5:00 PM
		RUTGERS-CAMDEN VS. LADY ROYALS	7:00 PM
SAT.	JAN. 6	3RD-PLACE/CHAMPIONSHIP	1/3 PM
WED.	JAN. 10	*LYCOMING	6:00 PM
Sat.	Jan. 13	*at Drew	1:00 pm
WED.	JAN. 17	*WILKES	6:00 PM
SAT.	JAN. 20	*DeSALES	1:00 PM
Mon.	Jan. 22	at Mt. St. Mary (N.Y.)	7:00 pm
Wed.	Jan. 24	*at Delaware Valley	6:00 pm
SAT.	JAN. 27	*DREW	1:00 PM
WED.	JAN. 31	*KING'S	6:00 PM
Sat.	Feb. 3	*at FDU-Florham	1:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 7	*at Wilkes	6:00 pm
SAT.	FEB. 10	*DELAWARE VALLEY	1:00 PM
Tue.	Feb. 13	*at Lycoming	6:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 17	*at DeSales	1:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 21	Freedom Conference Tournament (Semifinals)	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 24	Freedom Conference Championship	TBA

*Freedom Conference Games

HOME GAMES AT THE LONG CENTER IN CAPS

Ice Hockey Head Coach: Bill Fitzgerald

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	Dec. 1	#at Lehigh	7:00 pm
SAT.	DEC. 2	#WEST CHESTER	4:30 PM
Fri.	Jan. 5	#at Towson	8:30 pm
SAT.	JAN. 6	#DELAWARE	4:30 PM
SUN.	JAN. 7	#TOWSON	4:30 PM
FRI.	JAN. 12	PENN STATE	4:30 PM
SAT.	JAN. 13	ALUMNI GAME	4:30 PM
Fri.	Jan. 19	at Arizona	7:30 PM (PST)
Sat.	Jan. 20	at Arizona	TBA
Fri.	Jan. 26	at Delaware	7:00 pm
Sat.	Jan. 27	#at Villanova	2:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 3	#at Navy	7:30 pm
Fri.-Sun.	Feb. 16-18	ECHA Tournament	TBA

HOME GAMES AT THE ICE BOX SPORTS COMPLEX IN SCRANTON

#Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHA) Games

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

November

Exhibit: "Seven Years of Bridges to El Salvador" on display in The Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library, through December 17

Exhibit: A Collection of Memorabilia from The International Correspondence Schools of Scranton will be on display in The Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library, through December 17

Exhibit: "NEPA Regional Art" through November 15, with a progressive Opening Reception at 2 p.m., Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall

8 7 p.m. "J.J. Quinn, S.J., Memorial Lecture," featuring Joseph J. Feeney, S.J., Professor of English, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia. Father Feeney will speak on "The four Great Loves of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit Poet" in the Royal Theater, McDade Center for the Literary and Performing Arts.

9 7:30 p.m. The Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute will host Rabbi Meir Soloveichik speaking on "Is Torture Always Immoral? A View from Tradition," in the Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library.

11 7:30 p.m. The University of Scranton Symphonic Band will perform "In Concert" in the Houlihan-McLean Center

15 5:30 p.m. Scranton Club of Philadelphia Center City Open House, Sweeney Law Firm, Philadelphia
7:30 p.m. The University of Scranton String Orchestra will perform "In Concert" in the Houlihan-McLean Center

18 9 a.m. Scranton Club of the Chesapeake Beans and Bread Volunteer Outing

7:30 p.m. The University of Scranton Jazz Ensemble will perform "In Concert" in the Houlihan-McLean Center

21 Noon The Schemel Forum will host a lecture by J. Alexander Thier, senior advisor in the Rule of Law Program at the U.S. Institute for Peace, on "Insights into Afghanistan."

27 The "Twenty-First Annual Juried Student Exhibition" will be held at the Hope Horn Gallery in Hyland Hall through December 8

28 7 p.m., Scranton Club of Philadelphia Open House, Coldwell Banker, Conshohocken

December

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1 6:30 p.m. Scranton Club of Washington, D.C. Presidential Christmas Reception, The National Press Club, Washington, D.C.
8 p.m. The University of Scranton Players presents "Six Characters in Search of an Author" through December 3, McDade Center for the Literary and Performing Arts

2 11 a.m. Scranton Club of New Jersey Santa Event, Basking Ridge Country Club, Basking Ridge, N.J.
8 p.m. Performance Music presents, The University Singers, Chamber Choir and Small Ensembles "39th Annual Noel

Night Concert," with guest harpist Andres Tarantiles, with a prelude at 7:05 p.m., Houlihan-McLean Center
7 p.m. Wall of Fame

3 Noon Scranton Club of Philadelphia Brunch with Santa, Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
7 p.m. Advent Liturgy, Byron Center

8 6 p.m. Scranton Club of New York Presidential Christmas reception, The Club Bar and Grill, Madison Square Garden

9 11 a.m. Scranton Club of New York Brunch with Santa, Colonial Springs Golf Club, East Farmingdale, N.Y.
7:30 p.m. Performance Music Presents, "Empty Stocking Fund" Benefit Concert, Houlihan-McLean Center

10 11 a.m. Scranton Club of NEPA Brunch with Santa, The Radisson Hotel, Scranton

12 7:30 p.m. The University Civic Symphony Orchestra, "In Concert," Houlihan-McLean Center

13 6 p.m. Scranton Club of South Central PA Presidential Christmas Reception, The National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg

14 6 p.m. Scranton Club of the Chesapeake Presidential Christmas Reception, The Center Club, Baltimore, Md.

15 6:30 p.m. Scranton Club of Philadelphia Presidential Christmas Reception, The Pyramid Club, Philadelphia

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Schemel Forum to Explore Afghanistan

The University of Scranton's Schemel Forum will hold a luncheon seminar entitled "Afghanistan – Five Years Later", at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 21, in the Weinberg Memorial Library's fifth floor Heritage Room. The program will be presented by J. Alexander Thier, Esq., senior advisor in the Rule of Law Program at the U.S. Institute for Peace, in Washington D.C.

According to Mr. Thier, "The United States began its invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001 to defeat the Taliban and rebuild a stable, democratic country from the ashes. In the last five years, there have been many achievements – the first-ever elections for president, a new constitution, and hundreds of thousands of children back in school. But Afghanistan is also more unstable and more violent now than any time since the fall of the Taliban. The insurgency is getting stronger, suicide-bombings increasing, and reconstruction grinding to a halt. What does the future hold?"

The Schemel Forum was established in July by friends of the late George J. Schemel, S.J., founder and director of the former Institute of Contemporary Spirituality at Scranton. The forum honors his memory by supporting cultural enrichment and education in the community.

Mr. Thier joined the U.S. Institute of Peace in 2005. The Institute is an independent, nonpartisan, national institution established and funded by Congress. Its goals are to help prevent and resolve violent international conflicts, promote post-conflict stability and democratic transformations, and increase peacebuilding capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide.

Mr. Thier has appeared as an expert commentator on NPR, CBS, and the BBC, and in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Los Angeles Times*, among others. He most recently was an OP-ED contributor in the Aug. 28 issue of *The New York Times* with "Order in the Courts," a review of Afghanistan's progress with establishing a court system, further strengthening their government.

The luncheon seminar is open to the public, however, reservations are required to attend. While there is no charge for the luncheon, those in attendance may make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost.

For more information or for reservations, contact Sondra Myers, Senior Fellow, International, Civic and Cultural Projects at the University 941-4089 or myerss2@scranton.edu, or Mary Ann Maslar at 941-7520 or maslarm1@scranton.edu.



Professor David Friedrichs Named Distinguished Fellow

David Friedrichs, Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice, accepts congratulations from Harold Baillie, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, on being named a Distinguished University Fellow. At center is University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.

Distinguished University Fellows are eminent and exemplary scholars who have enriched the intellectual and moral climate of the University through the highest levels of excellence in teaching, research and service for at least six years after the attainment of full professorship. The award was announced at the University Convocation held Sept. 8.

Dr. Zalon Elected to Serve Two National Groups

Margarete Lieb Zalon, Ph.D., RN, APRN, BC, Professor of Nursing at the University, has been elected to serve a four-year term as Director-at-Large of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the nation's leading professional nursing organization representing the major health policy, practice and workplace issues of registered nurses in the United States.

Dr. Zalon was also elected to serve a two-year term as president of the American Nurses Foundation (ANF), a philanthropic organization that supports ANA's mission by promoting the health of the public and advancing the nursing profession through development and support of programs of excellence. Previously, Dr. Zalon served as Treasurer for ANF.

Dr. Zalon joined Scranton's faculty in 1988 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing and was named an Associate Professor in 1994. In 2000, she was promoted to full Professor.

Nursing Students Receive Grants, Scholarships

The University of Scranton's Department of Nursing has received \$98,555 in grants from PHEF and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania to be used for scholarships for 29 students.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation (PHEF) has awarded the University an \$86,000 Nursing Education Grant for the 2006-2007 academic year, and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, through PHEF, has provided a supplemental grant in the amount of \$12,555. The funding is part of a nursing scholarship initiative designed to close the gap between demand for nurses and the nursing resources available. Nurses are particularly critical in Northeastern Pennsylvania, where there is a large elderly population.

Shown below are several of the scholarship recipients with members of the scholarship selection committee.



From left: Patricia Harrington, Ed.D., Associate Professor and Chair of the Nursing Department at the University; scholarship recipient Mark Evans; Dr. Leo Hartz, Blue Cross; scholarship recipient Sheila Duff; Duncan M. Perry, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Education at the University.



First row, from left: Scholarship recipients Michele Buscalferri, Penny Wagner, Jeneane Fugel and Susan Tencza; Sharon S. Hudacek, R.N., Ed.D., Associate Professor of Nursing at the University; Dr. Harrington. Second row, from left: Scholarship recipients Emily Lovallo, Ellen St. Ledger, Cindy McIntosh, Carlotta Mendes, Mary Kasper, Mark Evans, Jennifer Juliano Gavin, Sheila Duff; Margaret McNulty, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the University; Margaret Cullen Brown, Assistant Dean and Director of Advising, College of Graduate and Continuing Education; Mirtha M. Wilczynski, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at the University; Dr. Leo Hartz; and Duncan M. Perry, Ph.D.

Program Develops Student Leaders

Every great team needs a leader. Just ask students participating in The University of Scranton's leadership development program, Scranton's Emerging Leaders (SEL).

Designed to help students shape their existing potential for leadership and hone their skills while studying at Scranton, and after they graduate, the goal of the program is to help students make healthy choices, communicate effectively and build strong communities.

Amy Paciej, Director of Student Activities and Orientation at Scranton, explained there are two levels to the program: the first level offers training for emerging leaders; and the second level is geared toward more seasoned leaders who are prepared to institute a change. "The leadership program really helps students reach their potential," Ms. Paciej said. "They truly are the leaders -- they do all the work."

Such leadership skills include team building, increasing self awareness, understanding one's role in the community and teaching inclusiveness and openness. Jonathan P. Forte, a senior biology major with a minor in health administration, has been involved with the program for three years. He serves on its Board of Directors and values the experience he has gained through working with Ms. Paciej and other board members to evaluate current leadership programs on campus and design new leadership programs. "The most important thing the leadership program has taught me is to be a team player," he said. "In order to accomplish anything, you need to

work with other people."

For Joyce Frisbie, a junior communications major with a public relations track and a concentration in forensic health, said the skills she gained through three years in the SEL program will translate very well in the workforce. "I have learned to channel my skills as a leader toward a specific project and work on that project until I am successful," she said. Better organizational skills, the ability to collaborate with others and a deepened sense of dedication to the cause at hand were also benefits she identified from participating in the program.

Conflict resolution is another skill students gain through SEL. "I have learned how to work with organizations, administration, fellow students, and (resolve) conflicts that occur in every leadership position," said Brian Patchcoski, an SEL member who is currently serving as Diversity Month Chairperson. Mr. Patchcoski said he appreciates Scranton's "hands on" approach to the leadership program, which enables students to be true to themselves while pursuing interests close to their hearts.

Through the SEL program, students may serve on a Board of Directors comprised of 16 SEL alumni; participate in a Leadership Roundtable Series, a monthly networking session comprised of all student leaders on campus; participate in The Royal Summit, a three-day, off-campus spring workshop designed by the Student Leadership Initiative to help build collaborative relationships among student leaders; and become involved in the Speaker Series, which brings nationally recognized leadership educators to campus for lectures.

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