Jesuit Ideals Celebrated at Commencement

During the University’s 105th Commencement, 1,140 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree recipients were reminded of the centuries-old legacy of St. Ignatius Loyola, and how his ideals have influenced education and society.

“I would say that this is what an education, especially a Jesuit one, is about: developing the mind and spirit, and learning how to take the world, how to understand it, and – when necessary – stand against it,” said Commencement speaker Jay Parini, Ph.D., an award-winning poet, biographer, fiction writer and educator. Dr. Parini went on to invite the graduating class to take the challenge of the “Prince of Peace.”

“I’m inviting you to take the challenge of that banner seriously, and to think hard about what it would mean to act as Jesus Himself acted. And I will not pretend that any of this will be easy,” Dr. Parini told the graduating class, which represents 21 states and 13 countries, as well as the first doctoral degree recipients in the University’s 117-history.

During Commencement, the University presented Honorary Degrees of Humane Letters to Dr. Parini; Sr. Patricia Talone, R.S.M., Ph.D., Vice President of Mission Services, Catholic Health Association of the United States; Harry M. Jansen Kraemer Jr., Executive Partner of Madison Dearborn, based in Chicago, Ill.; and Louis DeNaples, banker, businessman and former Chair of the University’s Board of Trustees.

In his remarks, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., told the class of 2005 that, “Today you join generations of women and men stretching back to 1540 formed in the Jesuit tradition of education. Today we entrust that tradition to you, and we do so with high hopes and great confidence that in the words of sacred scripture the good work begun in you here will come to completion.”

Fr. Pilarz also encouraged the graduates to continue to cultivate the friendships forged during their years at the University and noted that, “Your time at Scranton has prepared you well for purposeful lives pointing toward fulfillment.”

Kristin Reil, President of the Class of 2005, noted how the University’s faculty and staff live the legacy of St. Ignatius Loyola.

“Faculty and staff, you are a living example of the Jesuit ideal cura personalis by caring for us intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally,” Ms. Reil said on behalf of the graduating class.

Recalling remarks made by Fr. Phil Florio, Director of Campus Ministries, at the Senior Mass, Ms. Reil quoted the late Sister Ita Ford, who was murdered in 1980 for her defense of the poor. In a letter to her niece, Sr. Ita said:

“I hope you come to find that which gives life a deep meaning for you. Something worth living for, maybe even worth dying for; something that energizes you, embues you, enables you to keep moving ahead. I can’t tell you what it might be, that’s for you to find, to choose, to live . . . I can just encourage you to start looking, and support you in the search.”

In concluding, Ms. Reil said, “Class of 2005, may you live a life full of meaning; may you pursue your dreams, live the life that you’ve imagined, and live life with passion.”

Two Students Win Prestigious Fulbright Fellowships

Two members of the University’s class of 2005 have been awarded Fulbright Fellowships. Over the last 34 years, 113 University of Scranton students have received grants in the competition administered by the Institute of International Education (Fulbright) and International Rotary.

Maria Hundersmarck, an English and philosophy double major from Dover Plains, N.Y., has won a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship in English to South Korea. George Griffin, a German major from Ridgefield Park, N.J., has been awarded a Fulbright/Padagogischer Austauschdienst Teaching Assistantship in English to Germany. Both will teach English as a second language while pursuing independent research projects.

“Fulbright fellowships are widely regarded as the U.S. Government’s premier scholarship program for overseas graduate study and research,” said Susan Trussler, Ph.D., Fulbright Advisor and Associate Professor of Economics/Finance. “We are pleased to continue The University of Scranton’s remarkable tradition of achieving Fulbright Fellowships.”

The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, was established in 1946 by Congress to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries.

In addition to teaching English, as a Fulbright fellow Ms. Hundersmarck will conduct independent research regarding attitudes concerning female soccer players in South Korea. A four-year varsity soccer player, she was a member of two teams that made it to the elite eight of NCAA Division III national championships.

As a Fulbright fellow, Mr. Griffin will gather information concerning the views of Germans living in border areas regarding the European Union enlargement and the Schengen agreements. Mr. Griffin plans to pursue a doctorate in German language and literature and ultimately teach at a university level.
McShane Executive Center Dedicated

On May 11, the University dedicated the Executive Center of Brennan Hall in honor of Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., President of Fordham University and former President of The University of Scranton. The Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Executive Center occupies the 5th floor of Brennan Hall, a 71,000 square-foot building that was built during Fr. McShane’s tenure as President of the University. The center provides technologically advanced conference space for the University, and businesses and organizations throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. Since its opening in September 2000, the University has hosted more than 4,700 events for 83 organizations and groups in the Center.

Attending the dedication ceremony of the Executive Center of Brennan Hall, from left: Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President; Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Scranton; Chris Doherty, Mayor of Scranton; Ellen Casey, former First Lady of Pennsylvania; Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., President of Fordham University and former President of the University; and Rev. J. A. Panuska, S.J.

Students Plant Community Garden as Part of Sustainability Program

University students began cultivating plots this spring at the site of the “Scranton Area Garden Exchange (SAGE): University of Scranton Community Garden.” The organic foods grown in the garden, located in the 300 block of North Irving Avenue, will be supplied to local food banks. The students are assisted in their work by Michael Cann, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, and Elizabeth Randol, Ph.D., Director of the Jane Kopas Women’s Center, as part of the University’s sustainability initiatives.

The University of Scranton Makes Annual Voluntary Contribution to Lackawanna County

In March, The University of Scranton presented Lackawanna County with its annual voluntary contribution of $58,500. Since 1989, the University’s voluntary contributions to the county have totaled more than $500,000. From left are: Lackawanna County Commissioner Robert Cordaro and University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.
Ten Receive Frank J. O’Hara Awards at Alumni Reunion Weekend

The University of Scranton presented Frank J. O’Hara Awards to 10 alumni on June 11, during Alumni Reunion Weekend on campus.

The O’Hara Awards, named for a late administrator who served the University with love and devotion for 53 years, are the highest honor bestowed jointly by the University and its Alumni Board. The awards recognize Scranton graduates who have achieved distinction in their professional or personal endeavors.

The 2005 recipients are:

Raymond S. Angeli, President of Lackawanna College, Scranton, who holds two graduate degrees from the University, received the award in Education.

John E. Bagley, from the Class of 1965, received the award in Science and Technology. He is Vice President of Batelle Memorial Institute in Washington, D.C.

The award in Government Service was presented to Mark J. Biedlingmaier on the occasion of his 25th reunion. Mr. Biedlingmaier is Charge D’Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo.

Terrence S. Carden Jr., M.D., ’60, received the award in Medicine. The Scranton native practiced in Chicago for many years before retiring in Tuscon, Ariz.

Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., ’80 received the award in Religion and Spirituality. The alumna and Philadelphia native is currently serving as Interim Vice President for Mission and Ministries at The University of Scranton.

An ex-aequo award in the same category was awarded to Monsignor Godfrey Mosley, Class of 1975, who is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

The Community Service Award was presented to Martina Martin ’80, Vice President of The United Way, Baltimore, Md.

James M. Papada III, Esq., ’70, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Philadelphia-based firm of Technotrol, Inc., and Christine Oliver Shean ’80, President of Murray Insurance Company, Scranton, were presented with the Awards in Law and Management, respectively.

Michael J. Strong G’82, Professor of Physical Education and Coach of the Lady Royals, received the award in University Service, having completed his 600th win in the women’s basketball program this year.

University of Scranton Announces New Homeland Security Institute

On June 9, The University of Scranton announced the establishment of a Homeland Security Institute to engage in applied research related to regional and national security issues and to educate and train homeland security professionals and emergency response personnel.

The Homeland Security Institute at the University is one of only six institutions in Pennsylvania that is a member of the National Academic Consortium of Homeland Security based at Ohio State University, comprised of public and private institutions engaged in scientific research, education and training, and service programs aimed at identifying solutions to issues related to national security.

The Homeland Security Institute is a partnership linking The University of Scranton’s faculty and research expertise and research facilities, including the Institute for Molecular Biology and Medicine, with the decades of experience in public safety and health consultants, Cocciardi and Associates, Inc.

The institute will be housed in the Graduate School of the University and will develop and submit research proposals involving applications and solutions to problems that threaten regional and national security.

The institute will provide training to area professionals regarding homeland security and response issues. It is currently prepared to offer non-credit continuing education courses dealing with national incident management systems; terrorism and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) awareness and operations; hospital response to WMD incidents; and procedures for first responders to WMD. The Homeland Security Institute will offer training through the University’s Center for Continuing Education in collaboration with Cocciardi and Associates, Inc.

Also through the Institute, qualified researchers will use state-of-the-art facilities to explore technically based issues in such areas as public health and safety preparedness, bioterrorism and the criminology and sociology of terrorism and terrorists’ acts.

The institute’s Subject Matter Experts are David Marx, Ph.D. Chair of the University’s Chemistry Department; Harry Dammer, Ph.D., Chair of the University’s Criminal Justice/Sociology Department; Joseph A. Cocciardi, Ph.D., CIH, CSP, REHS, RS, Public Safety and Public, Occupational and Environmental Health Consultant with Cocciardi and Associates, Inc., and an Adjunct Criminal Justice faculty member; and Tabb Miller, Ph.D., Director of the University’s Institute of Molecular Biology and Medicine.

The Homeland Security Institute has also established an advisory board of state and regional homeland security and emergency management professionals to help guide the institute.

2005-2006 McGowan Scholarship Recipient Announced at the University

Ryan Champagne, Mount Bethel, has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship for his senior year at The University of Scranton through the William G. McGowan Scholars Program of the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund.

Named for the late William G. McGowan, founder of MCI Communications Corporation, and brother of Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan, Trustee Emeritus of the University, the program benefits outstanding students who plan to enter the field of business.

From left are: Ronald D. Johnson, DBA, Dean of the Kania School of Management at the University; University President Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.; Ryan Champagne, recipient of the 2005-2006 William G. McGowan Scholarship; Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan; and Margaret McNulty, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the University.
28 Employees Inducted into the Order of Pro Deo et Universitate

At an awards dinner held May 20, 28 employees were inducted into the Order of Pro Deo et Universitate, which recognizes 20 years of service to the University. The University also presented 10-year service awards to 37 employees and recognized 30 and 40 years of service of eight and three employees, respectively. Following are the names of employees who were honored for their dedicated service.

**GOLD MEDALION RECIPIENTS**

- Kevan S. Bailey, Production Manager, Printing Services
- Paulette M. Burton, Secretary/Receptionist, Campus Ministry
- Dona M. Carpenter, Ed.D., Professor of Nursing
- Rose Mary A. Carter, Secretary to the Vice President for Finance
- Maureen P. Castaldi, Project/Support Leader, Systems & Software Resources
- Cheryl A. Collarini, Recruiting Coordinator, Career Services
- John R. Conway, III, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology
- Andrew B. Grimes, Systems & Software Resources
- Paul M. Kehoe, Professor of Nursing
- Jennifer A. Kozlowski, Professor of Biology
- Jonathan M. Linn, President for Finance
- Kevan S. Bailey, Production Manager, Printing Services
- Miranda L. Casey, Human Resources
- Elizabeth T. Krauchunas, Associate Professor, Counseling & Human Services
- Linda Menefee-Miller, Ph.D., Associate Professor/Chair, Foreign Languages
- Robert P. Lilly, Custodian, Residence Hall Maintenance
- Joseph H. May, Sergeant, Public Safety
- Lawrence A. McVey, Assistant Supervisor/Mail Carrier, Mailing Services
- John C. Norcross, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology
- Conetta D. Reilly, Faculty Secretary, Math
- Thomas F. Sable, S.J., Associate Professor of Theology
- Madonna A. Savage, Coordinator of Facilities & Information Reception
- Patricia A. Stanek, Custodian, Residence Hall Maintenance

**RECIPIENTS**

- David W. Hall, Ph.D.
- Christopher F. Harris
- Thomas P. Hogan, Ph.D.
- Joseph C. Kitcho
- Elizabeth T. Krauchunas
- Linda Menefee-Miller, Ph.D.
- Robert P. Lilly
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**10-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS**

- Joseph J. Alunni
- Lori A. Bruch, Ed.D.
- Peggie J. Burke
- Catherine Burns
- Abigail Byman, Esq.
- Maureen T. Carroll, Ph.D.
- Debra A. Cwalinski
- David A. Davitt
- Thomas D. DeGregorio
- Jean A. Dougherty
- Renee I. Dougherty
- Judith A. Gunshannon
- Denise Guz
- Louis T. Guzi
- Mary Louise Kelly
- Jill B. Koczwar
- Deborah M. Kozlowski
- Deborah E. Lo, Ph.D.
- John F. Lynch
- Patricia A. Macdonald
- Georgette M. Mecca
- JoAnn L. Nicoteri
- Virginia A. Pichietti, Ph.D.
- Paula J. Regan
- Maria T. Rozaiski
- Bernadette R. Rozelle
- Mary Jacqueline Sandercrok
- Theresa B. Sandrowicz
- Robert W. Shaffer, Ph.D.
- Carole S. Slotterback, Ph.D.
- Terri Freeman Smith
- John J. Wall
- Mary Beth Watson
- Jane A. Wesoloski
- Joseph K. Wetherell
- Megan D. Wolfe
- El-Habib K.H. Zanzana, Ph.D.

**30-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS**

- Thomas E. Baker
- Galen L. Baril, Ph.D.
- Michael C. Canny, Ph.D.
- John F. McNamara
- Patricia J. Mohr, S.J.
- Diane S. Muniz
- Richard H. Passon, Ph.D.
- Midori Yamanouchi-Rynn, Ph.D.

**40-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS**

- Gary E. Eichelsdorfer
- Rosalind P. Joyce
- John R. Kalafut

Professors Edit Book on Genetics, Bioengineering

A newly released book edited by two Professors of Philosophy at The University of Scranton explores deeply philosophical issues of genetics and bioengineering.


The chapters of the book arose from a conference held in the spring of 2001 at The University of Scranton. The conference was supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and a subgrant from the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute. Eleven scholars, including authors of books and journal articles, an advisor to the President on stem cell research, a professor who has testified before Congress on animal rights issues, and a contributing editor of The New Republic magazine, were invited to participate in three days of intense discussion and an exchange of ideas about genetics and bioengineering.

Participants submitted papers before the conference began, thus allowing for in-depth conversation about the issues.

“The exchange of ideas was quite remarkable,” said Dr. Casey.

So remarkable, in fact, that the group held a follow-up conference in the fall of 2002 and then embarked on publication of the book, *Is Human Nature Obsolete?*

The book is unique in two ways compared to other published works in this field, according to Dr. Casey.

“First, the authors cover an array of disciplines, including philosophy, theology, political science, history of science, and anthropology,” he said. “Second, the book’s perspective is philosophical rather than technical.”

The authors explore how new biotechnologies such as genetic engineering, cloning and the creation of cyborgs (half human, half machine) affect human nature in theoretical and practical terms.

“In theoretical terms, the authors question whether we can continue to talk about anunchanging human nature amid advances in genetics and bioengineering,” said Dr. Baillie. “In a practical sense, the discussions revolve around the impact that genetics and bioengineering have on humans and the human condition.”

Rather than make a case for any single line of thinking, the book explores the variety of opinions shared by the authors.

The 410-page soft-cover book is the thirteenth in the series *Basic Bioethics* published by the MIT Press.

**Dr. Sulzinski Named Teacher of the Year**

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Michael Sulzinski, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, (right) accepted congratulations from University President Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., on Class Night. Dr. Sulzinski was named Teacher of the Year by the Class of 2005.

Michael A. Sulzinski, Ph.D., Professor of Biology at the University has been selected Teacher of the Year by the graduating class of 2005.

The Teacher of the Year Award, instituted in 1996 by the academic support committee of the University’s Faculty Senate, honors a faculty member who maintains high standards of academic excellence and fairness and who, through enthusiasm and dedication, inspires interest in a given field of education. Dr. Sulzinski was chosen by secret ballot by the University’s senior class.

Dr. Sulzinski joined the University in 1990 as an Assistant Professor of Biology. He was named Associate Professor of Biology with tenure in 1995, and a full Professor in 2001. Dr. Sulzinski is a member of several professional associations, including the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society, the American Society for Microbiology, and the American Association for Clinical Chemistry.
Congratulations to the Class of 2005

The University conferred the first doctoral degrees in its 117-year history during Commencement. Standing, from left, are five of the seven Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates: Jessica Bach, Jodi Harrity, Amy Brill, Shira Lipperini and Michele Brooks.
Students Named to Dean’s List

The University has announced the Dean’s List, which recognizes students for academic excellence during the spring 2005 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 undergraduate colleges: the Panuska College of Professional Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Kania School of Management and Drexel University College of Business Administration.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Freshmen
Nicholas S. Bader
Laurie E. Bannan
Cecilia M. Baress
Jessica A. Biviano
Brigid Bradley
Christian G. Broderick
Tiffany E. Broedel
David F. Buniy
Jessica C. Cebulka
Morgan K. Cerio
Edward A. Colarusso
John Deegan
Ryan P. Dejak
Eron K. Dolan
Eamon L. Filan
Marie E. Finnegan
Stephanie E. Forunato
Andrew L. Frankenberger
Michael A. Frechen
David Fryzel
Adam G. Fuhrer
Kevin K. Gates
Ashley E. Gonsky
Kaci E. Haines
Michael J. Hancock
Marina L. Healy
Megan L. Henry
Mary C. Hoffman
Karyn R. Holody
Jesse F. Hope
Jessica S. Hubiak
Glenda M. Konzman
Michael A. Koval
Patricia L. Kraker
Scott A. Kramer
Jennifer M. Kreider
Phillip J. Kuna
Cynthia LaCapra
Lori Larson
Marlee L. Lemonecilli
Ryan L. Lindbluchter
Tara L. Loscombe
Jeffrey J. Luurtte
Robert D. Lutzick
Tresa Malligo
Raisa Manayan
Gene J. Markowski
Catherine A. Martin
Margarita Martinez
Georgian P. Martisie
AnnaRose Marwecha
Christina M. McAndrew
Kenneth McCormick, Jr.
Kellie M. McGavin
Michelle L. Meier
Bryan J. Meister
Christian A. Merz
James F. Miller
Mohammed T. Mirza
Sharon R. Monahan
Nicole Mondejar
Bruce T. Moore
Melissa E. Morreale
Jana K. Morris
Courtney Morrison
Shannon R. Muldwicz
Jason M. Munley
Christopher D. Musso
Vinesh A. Naik
Michael A. Nardelli
Heather E. Nelson
Jennifer M. Ness
Roxann Nole-Graham
Colleen N. O’Connor
Petr Otasevic
Valerie A. Page
Natalya M. Parente Boock
Jennifer A. Parr
Marta Peinado Martin
Heather M. Pekala
William R. Peoples
Beverly A. Petri
Laura A. Petro
Kristy R. Petty
Susan A. Phillips
Paul A. Popielarski
Anthony P. Portanova
Lindsay A. Prendergast
Colleen Pukatch
Eric J. Reizes
Jacqueline I. Redden
Rosa Reeves
Patricia C. Reina
Joseph R. Rettenmyer
Joseph J. Ricci
Jeanette M. Roberts
Jillian M. Rolland
Colleen N. O’Connor
Peter Otasevic
Stephanie Rowinski
Vergneri
Paul Rowlands
Kathryn M. Sarosky
Karen A. Scasele

Sophomores

Laura A. Johnson
Cian Jordan
Christa M. Kell
Timothy P. Kolodziej
Sarah A. Kosydar
Christina A. Kura
Giuliana M. Labella
Melanie C. Larson
Megan E. LoBue
Eric J. Malack
William J. Malloy
Allison L. Marty
Kevin May
Colin McHugh
Stephanie N. Mickus
Lianna K. Miller
Sarah K. Muth
Valerie Naranjo
Tuyen Nguyen
Michael F. Nordquist
Andrew P. Nustrian
Carl J. O’Neil
Erica M. Palmasino
Brian J. Patchowski
Shachi C. Patel
Eileen P. Paterson
Amy Paucente
Joseph J. Pippi
Danielle C. Red
Amie C. Regan
Nolan Renz
Amanda Renna
Caitlin L. Rodler
Christopher R. Samuels
Richard S. Santorsdiaz
Danielle Scharf
Mark R. Searls
Andrea C. Sidari
Erin T. Simko
Jeffery A. Skol
Jonathan M. Sondelo
Ji Sun Song
Paul H. Spalletta
Michael F. Stanek
Melissa A. Strunk
Ryan C. Strunk
Judith M. Teter
Gregory P. Toole
Christopher P. Truskowski
Justin C. Tanis
Craig Van Dien
Noelle M. Vetrosky
Jahel C. Waltz
Alaina Workman
Anna Maria Watzman
Serena A. Weckel
Michele M. Wieckowski
Cassandra L. Zagorick

Amada A. McCulloch
Jennifer A. Dole
Lauren E. Mehr
Steven M. Meir
Christopher L. Molinors
John Muschelli
Christine O’Brien
Patrick J. O’Kernick
Michael C. Olenick
Timothy G. Perillo
Jessica M. Policaste
Matthew K. Powers
Kimberly R. Price
Katherine Priorman
Colleen M. Rengert
Michael A. Ruggeri
Tiffany G. Rogers
Lauren A. Runco
Sean L. Savage
Lucas A. Silva
Timothy F. Smith
Vincent Solomine
Jennifer M. Stachnik
Crystal W. Stepanovich
Brent J. Swetter
Erica L. Urso
Jasmine F. Uro
Maria C. Virbiskys
Kevin J. Walsh
Katherine D. Wood

Juniors

Rajan R. Abraham
Jennifer E. Appel
Gregory V. Aughenbaugh
Steven Benedict
Matthew M. Benziniger
Angela D. Bure
Lauren E. Burke
William E. Burke
Bradley R. Burke
Megan A. Johnson
Sarah M. Johnson
Martin P. Kane
Patrick J. Kelly
Brian J. Kelly
Jesse D. Kiefel
Caroline M. King
Philip W. Loscombe
Allison A. Maenlen
Sarah L. Malcolm
Jason C. Masonty
Allison Mart

Amada A. McCulloch
Jennifer A. Dole
Lauren E. Mehr
Steven M. Meir
Christopher L. Molinors
John Muschelli
Christine O’Brien
Patrick J. O’Kernick
Michael C. Olenick
Timothy G. Perillo
Jessica M. Policaste
Matthew K. Powers
Kimberly R. Price
Katherine Priorman
Colleen M. Rengert
Michael A. Ruggeri
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Crystal W. Stepanovich
Brent J. Swetter
Erica L. Urso
Jasmine F. Uro
Maria C. Virbiskys
Kevin J. Walsh
Katherine D. Wood

Suzanne M. Webster
Elizabeth L. Atwood
Kathleen L. Blumen
department of

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DEGREES

Kristen A. Argondizzi
Jessica A. Bach
Amy C. Brill
Michele Brooks
Jodi F. Harrity
Alicia R. Kennedy
Shila L. Lipperini

Alicia N. Stico
Glen A. Stook
Megan N. Strong
Tamas Szasz
Alana Tanacredi
Sarah A. Tesel
Kate E. Telfesien
Hsiao-Feng Teng
Thomas Thomaik
Jennifer T. Tyler
Jonathan W. Vaca
Danel A. Vaughn Tuckier
Kristin E. Visco
Benoit Vogt
Edward A. Wahbes
Brenda A. Walsh
Mary C. Waldorf
Danielle K. West
Linda B. Wilk
Keith R. Williams
Christina A. Wilson
Margaret L. Wright
Jia-Jen Wu
Kathryn A. Yerkes

Joana R. Zaccarone
Matthew A. Zehner
Kathleen M. Zelno
Syian Zhou
Katerina Zhutavksa
John B. Zigler
Patricia L. Zuvic

Chanel M. Quick
Brigade A. Rocko
Thomas M. Schneider
Sharon A. Secor
Michele M. Segar
Jose A. Sepulveda
Amy L. Shanahan
Drew C. Shiner
Jason M. Shrive
Patrick J. Sparrow
Richard J. Steinwandtner
Eric W. Stohl
Megan L. Sweezy
Christopher J. Sweczyn
Eric S. Tallman
Melissa L. Thompson
Mark L. Tizzoni
Kristen M. Torma
Brian P. Tran
Allison Ann M. Trapani
Gina Verdetti
Laurie E. Wagner
James P. Wartwick
Brenda R. Washkeleski
Erlin L. Williams
David D. Yoder
Julie K. Zaleski

Irene R. Alfred
Elizabeth M. Ali
Maria C. Alvarez
Brian Alvaro
Diedra Amendola
Peter D. Amoruso
Christopher J. Antczak
Michael A. Archer
Duane S. Armitage
Steven A. Azazvich
Melissa M. Badenhop
William L. Bambach
Karrisa M. Banst
Darlene M. Bann
Paul C. Basky
Holly A. Benedict
Agatha K. Berger
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Mark W. Beyer
Emily E. Blaum
Jeffery E. Bollinger
Ariki E. Bohus
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Arthur J. Kania, Esq., ‘53, H’89, to be Honored by President’s Business Council

Arthur J. Kania, Esq., ‘53, H’89, Senior Partner, Kania, Lindner, Lasak & Feeney of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., will be honored at the event which will take the President’s Medal. The co-chairs for this year’s dinner are University Trustee Robert J. Bednar, Jr., ’69, Chief Executive Officer, Naples Bank Note Company, and S. Eric Marchesi ’95, Executive Director, TEKsystems.

Mr. Kania is a former University Board of Trustee member, having served as Chair of the Board for two years. He is currently Trustee Emeritus. He is an accountant and attorney by professional background and training and a major portion of his career has been devoted to entrepreneurial corporate formation and development. He is a principal in Trikan Associates, which owns and manages various real estate holdings in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Florida. Trikan is also active in venture-capital investments, primarily in health care, technology and the leisure industry.

Mr. Kania’s many diverse and successful entrepreneurial accomplishments include, but are not limited to, the founding of First Sterling Bank, which merged into Summit Bancorp, now a major component of Bank of America; co-founding the Greate Bay Country Club in New York City; and, being a controlling principal in Comprehensive Health Systems, Inc., at the time the world’s largest provider of comprehensive health care.

In May 1998, the University renamed its Business School “The Arthur J. Kania School of Management.” Mr. Kania and his wife, Angela Volpe Kania, are the parents of seven children and 13 grandchildren.

The President’s Business Council is a group of prominent alumni and friends seeking to advance the mission of the University. As part of its goals, the Council seeks to fund Presidential Scholarships for talented students who will become leaders of vision and integrity. The Council’s annual October dinner generates support for the Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund. At the dinner, the Council and the University present the President’s Medal to recognize an individual who has achieved excellence in his or her field and who has demonstrated extraordinary compassion for others. In addition to the dinner, the Council provides mentoring and internship opportunities for current students and networking opportunities for alumni and friends.

By Kevin Southard
Sports Information Director

Softball Alumni Making Big Hits in Graduate School/Job Market

The biggest hits are yet to come for recent alumni of the University's softball team. Four graduates of the Class of 2004 are currently pursuing graduate or professional degrees in a variety of fields.

Four-year starting shortstop Shalisa Dougherty recently completed her first year at Villanova Law School and will be working for the U.S. Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals, Elkins Park, this summer. She will serve as a legal intern to administrative judges.

Dougherty's double-play partner, second-baseman Jennifer Miller, is studying veterinary medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. This summer, she will work on a computer-aided learning web site for the veterinary school and will be employed part-time as a nursing assistant at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Outfielder Mandy Roberts has been awarded a fellowship as part of her molecular pharmacology and structural biology Ph.D. program at Thomas Jefferson University.

Pitcher Abbie Crowley is working toward a master's degree in art therapy from Drexel University, Philadelphia. She will be working with mentally challenged patients at Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital this fall and plans to start an art therapy program at Chances in Philadelphia, an organization that provides help for chemically dependent individuals.

Senior J.T. Yaren (Moosic/Riverside) was named first-team, while senior attacker Samantha Augeri (Malverne, N.Y./Holy Trinity Diocesan) was a second-team selection.

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Meghan O'Rourke (Marlton, N.J./Cherokee) and sophomore midfielder Jackie Messantion (Plymouth Meeting/Plymouth-Whitemarsh) were named first-team, while senior attacker Samantha Augeri (Malverne, N.Y./Holy Trinity Diocesan) was a second-team selection.

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O’Rourke was a mainstay on a defensive unit that has held seven opponents to less than 10 goals. She finished second on the team in caused turnovers (27). Augeri was third on the team in goals (39) and total points (45). She concluded her career seventh in goals (85) and total points (104) in Scranton history.

The following were named to the Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honor Roll for spring sports, which honors student-athletes who are at least a sophomore and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2-or-higher:

**Baseball**
- Chris Boone (Freehold, N.J./Christian Brothers Academy)
- Nicholas Costanzo (Clarks Summit/Scranton Preparatory)
- Mary Beth Vogel (Havertown/Cardinal O’Hara), a freshman on the softball team, was named first-team All-Freedom Conference as a utility player.

She played four out of six infield positions this past spring and led the Royals of third-year head coach Jerry Alumni in runs scored (21), at-bats (100), hits (36), on-base percentage (.398) and total plate appearances (109). In addition to being tied for the team-lead in batting average (.360), games played (34), games started (31) and stolen bases (7), she was second in slugging percentage (.430) and total bases (43), tied for second in triples (2) and RBIs (13), and fifth in doubles (3).

Four members of the women's lacrosse team earned All-Middle Atlantic Conference honors after leading the Royals to their fifth post-season tournament appearance in the program's six-year history. Junior attacker Samantha Augeri was third on the team in goals (70), assists (29) and total points (99). She is currently second all-time in Scranton history in goals (169) and third in assists (75) and total points (244).

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Women’s Retreat Celebrates 25 Years

The Women’s Retreat of the University marked its 25th anniversary with a three-day Ignatian Retreat held at the Chapman Retreat Center, Feb. 4 – 6.

The Women’s Retreat, established in 1980 by Rev. G. Donald Pantle, S.J., is one of the oldest retreats at the University. More than 500 women who are staff or faculty members of the University have attended the annual weekend retreats in the past 25 years.

The retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, as well as the spirituality of the women at the University. “In addition to offering the Spiritual Exercises in their pure form, I also take into consideration things that are of specific interest to the women,” said Fr. Pantle.

The 25th anniversary retreat included the added celebration of Fr. Pantle’s years of service to the Women’s Retreat. Fr. Pantle was honored with gifts and a Papal blessing.

As a follow-up to the retreats, Fr. Pantle and the late Rev. Royden B. Davis, S.J., offered days of recollection at Campion Hall. Sponsored by the Jesuit Community of Scranton, the days of recollection have drawn more than 3,000 attendees over the years. Fr. Pantle also offers counseling and spiritual direction to the group members.

The success of these events is largely attributable to the women themselves, as Fr. Pantle points out. “Essential to the retreats and days of recollection is an active participation of the women of the University as leaders, sharers and organizers,” said Fr. Pantle.

He acknowledged, in particular, the work of Rosemary Sylvester, former Assistant Director of Personnel Services, and Paulette Burton, Secretary/Receptionist for Campus Ministry, who have organized the retreats over the years.

Looking ahead, the group is planning a day of recollection at the Jesuit Center at Wernersville and a pilgrimage to Auriesville Shrine in New York.

Members of the Women’s Retreat joined Rev. G. Donald Pantle, S.J., (seated, center) to mark their 25th anniversary.
**Kimberly McManus Earns Scully Scholarship**

Junior student Kimberly L. McManus, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been named the University’s Scully Scholar for 2005.

Named for the late Professor Timothy H. Scully, who taught politics, history and government for 40 years at the University, the Scully Scholars Program provides Scranton students with financial aid to pursue internships in government service and public policy.

Ms. McManus plans to complete a summer internship with the Crime Victims’ Compensation Division of the Office of the Attorney General, Austin, Texas, where she served as an intern in summer 2004, conducting legal research, investigating claims, and interacting with Texas Rangers, local law enforcement agencies, Assistant Attorney Generals and OAG Division Chiefs.

**Occupational Behavior Teachers Conference Held**

More than 250 business and management professors from universities throughout the United States gathered at the University as part of the 2005 Occupational Behavior Teachers Conference. Entitled “Teaching the Whole Person,” the conference was organized by Gerald Biberman, Ph.D., Professor of Management/Marketing, and Len Tischler, Associate Professor and Chair of the Management/Marketing Department.

Chris Lowney, author of *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World and A Vanished World*, was among the speakers at the four day conference. Diverse subjects discussed at the conference include “The Use of Jazz Improvisation as a Means to Illustrate Meeting Dynamics;” “Stimulating Entrepreneurial Creativity Across the Curriculum;” “Nuts and Bolts of Service Learning Projects;” “Multicultural/International Team Development;” “The Future of Management Education;” and “Reality Bytes: Improving Learning with On-Line Business Mentors.”

**Awards Presented at Diversity Symposium**

The University held its Diversity Symposium, “Diversity: More Than Black and White” on May 6. Keynote speakers of the conference were Frank H. Wu, Dean of Wayne University Law School, and Dr. Shirley Hune, School of Public Affairs, UCLA. Awards were presented in the areas of academe, business, community and healthcare. Marian Farrell, Ph.D., Professor of Nursing, (left) presented awards to, from left: Elizabeth Jacob, Associate Professor, Counseling and Human Services, The University of Scranton; Himeyes Chicas ‘05, Sunita Arora, Realec One Source Realty, and Siemong Wang, Director, Safety Net. Absent from photo is Han Li ‘05.