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Jason Farmer / Staff Photographer Alexandra Osborn, 9, of Pittston Twp., twirls a hula hoop during the University of Scranton's Back to School Bonanza held on Courthouse Square in Scranton on Sunday.

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The University of Scranton class of 2017 dove right into the Scranton community by lending their helping hands to the Back to School Bonanza on Lackawanna County Courthouse Square.

"If I can put a smile on one person's face here then it's worth it," incoming freshman Adam Casper said. "This is a relaxing day to make new friends and get to know the community."

Families and young students from all over the Scranton area attended the event to play games and win educational prizes like pencils, notebooks, rulers, and even one of 35 backpacks filled with supplies and ready for the first day of school.

Shannon Murphy-Fennie, director of the University's Office of Student Engagement, said the event served a dual purpose - one for the incoming university class and another for the children of the Scranton community.

"We want to make sure the class knows service is important, and this shows the community connection and gets them downtown right away," Mrs. Murphy-Fennie said. "For the kids, it gets them excited to go back to school and shows them how important academics are by connecting them with college students."

More than 800 people filtered in and out of Courthouse Square throughout the day, and Mrs. Murphy-Fennie said she was "thrilled" with attendance.

"There are so many more people than we thought there would be," she said. "This is only the second time doing this, but being able to see the kids' smiles is worth it."

Smiling and laughing with her friends was Kaliah Schmidt, 10, of Scranton. She came to the event with friends from Frances Willard Elementary School.

"I came to get some time away from home," she said. "Its nice to see my friends from school."

One of Kaliah's classmates, Lyric Bethea, 10, of Scranton, had her eyes on the many prizes she could win.

"I came to win stuff for school to save my mom money," she said. "I want to win a book bag."

Members of the class of 2017 were more than happy to help by hosting games and passing out prizes and food.

"It's a great way to get involved and meet people," incoming freshman Jacqueline Bailey said.

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looks like the TT is trying to manufacture some free goodwill for a local tax free business. hey, how about listing all the scholarships Scranton students received this semester from the U? tell us all what the tuition is for the U? how much does a credit cost these days?

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As if there should be some sort of special scholarships set up for Scranton High students? Simply because they're from Scranton? Do you have any idea of how higher education works? Or, are you an Obama rewrite-the-rules-as-you-go supporter? Why no complaints about the cost of gas or tires or groceries?

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Yes, there should be something for Scranton students

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Why don't you look it up?

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I guess you missed my point.

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"you must be one of their out of town apologist.", So your going to base your assumption on what? Seems like a lot of your assumptions are based on nothing. And what does it matter how much tuition costs and the scholarships awarded to students?

I got your point. I'm pretty sure reporting on college kids helping others is something of real substance unlike gossiping about the cost of tuition and the scholarships DA U hands out. (Which you could just easily look up). It's also clear that you don't know how non-profits work. Maybe you should brush up on some Economics before you reply.

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tuition cost matter plenty, especially when you're charging 50 grand a year and claiming to be non profit.
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Again, you might want to brush up on your Economics before you challenge that status of a non-profit. I don't think you know what non-profit means.
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There are VEERY few true philanthropic non profits any more.. they are tax loopholes..
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really? why is that? perhaps you need to brush up on basic math and accounting.
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Wait what? I have a degree in Accounting. Which is why I know what a non-profit status means.
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well do the math.
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Carl-Brutananadilewski → Guest • a month ago
What math? What are you talking about? Tuition rates and scholarships have nothing to do with non-profit status.
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what's their charitable mission?
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"To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an action organization, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates."

They are often referred to as Charitable Organizations.

Seriously, all you have to do is look it up.

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Would the Tea Party qualify?? thats what they are screaming about
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so you can't answer the question? or you refuse to?
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I just did. You don't have to be a charitable organization. Did you not read what I just posted?
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can't blame you for dodging that one, good play.
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since you're the accountant, what is their UBI? and the amount of UBIT paid to the city? or is that private information?
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Carl-Brutananadilewski → Guest • a month ago
I don't think that's public.

"can't blame you for dodging that one, good play.", Dodge it? I gave you the tax code right there. Your original question had to do with 503C status. Then you asked about charitable mission. Which is clearly states that it does not matter. Only that some organizations can be referred to as charitable organizations.
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i ask you what their charitable mission was. i know they're tax exempt.
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What does it matter? It looks like your mind is made up regardless of facts. So this is a waste of time. Have a nice day.
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Schwazzole → Carl-Brutananadilewski • a month ago
Carl, don't worry, you've done nothing wrong. They'd rather rail against the U rather than admit the tax code is what needs adjusting (in their eyes). It's just so satisfying to pi\$\$ and moan about the U than to look at the bigger picture. We've been down this road before and you're so right - this is a waste of time.
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Guest → Schwazzole • a month ago
schwazz, looks like you're telling the same story as me. the tax code regarding non profits needs to be fixed.
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Schwazzole → Guest • a month ago
Fixed in whose eyes? If there's such a problem, start the wheels rolling to fix it. Complaining about the U's categorization here won't do it.
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also if you listened to what Obama said last week.
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Their mission is education, and you say this in the comments section of every article about the University. They are a non-profit, and tax exempt as an institute of higher learning.

Colleges and Universities are tax exempt in this country. You seriously can not grasp this concept. At this point it.s beyond bizarre. Someone keeps telling you the answer but you refuse to accept it. Its really delusional at this point.

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Guest → Crony_Town • a month ago

Not all colleges and universities are tax exempt in this country.

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**Schwazzole** → Guest • a month ago

The smarter ones are. (Pun intended)

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Guest → Schwazzole • a month ago

or the ones.

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**Schwazzole** → Guest • a month ago

Even idiot Al Sharpton is benefiting from non-profits!

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The U doesn't look so bad now, does it?

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**Julie Schumacher Cohen** • a month ago

The University was pleased to have so many Scranton area families come out yesterday for the Back to School Bonanza hosted by our Class of 2017. It was a wonderful collaborative event and and we wish all area children a great school year! We would like to give a special thanks to our community partners who helped make this event possible: Lackawanna County, Scranton School District, State Representative Kevin Haggerty, State Representative Marty Flynn and NEPAMOM.com, and to our other in-kind sponsors and partners including: Aramark, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Elm Park United Methodist Church, Fratelli's, Kevin's, Lackawanna County Library System, L.R. Costanzo Construction Services Co., Inc., Mulberry Bush, Rita's Italian Ice – Dunmore, Pennsylvania American Water, Price Chopper - Dunmore, Scranton Fire Department, Scranton Police Department, Schiff's, Steamtown National Historic Site, and The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders.

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LOL!! Did the U do anything??? Funny stuff.

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**JACK1NEPASKI** → Guest • a month ago

HEY!!! somebodys gotta take credit... The Jesuits were NEVER known for giving, only taking!

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**Schwazzole** → JACK1NEPASKI • a month ago

Yeah, look at the history of the Jesuits and put the caps on "never" again, you ignorant buffoon...

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JACK1NEPASKI → Schwazzole • a month ago
You are an ignorant buffoon and a fool I suggest YOU learn YOUR history

<http://www.heritage-history.co...>

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Guest → JACK1NEPASKI • a month ago
Is that really a photo of a Scranton fire truck and fireman? From this article this was put on by the students and the U. I wonder if the U paid the city for the use of the fire truck and the fireman? Or did the fireman volunteer? Funny stuff.

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JACK1NEPASKI → Guest • a month ago
It sure does look like a city truck... and Im sure it was sent as a freebie...did you miss the article a few weeks back where the "U" was delinquent on thousands of dollars for the false alarm fee, and only agreed to pay it so they could tear down the old YWCA building???

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Guest → JACK1NEPASKI • a month ago
Yes I did. I curious to know the amount of the UBIT (unrelated business income tax) paid to the city. If they even report it or not, and if this is private information or not.

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JACK1NEPASKI → Guest • a month ago
e mail their PR dept and ask... LOL see if they reply!!

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800 people?! I knew nothing about this. Where was this advertised? I would have gone.

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