USPB’s ‘Seniors for Smiles’ Reaches Out to Local Community

The University of Scranton Programming Board (USPB) coordinated and participated in a local senior service project on Saturday, Nov. 3. The “Seniors for Smiles” project was open to all members of the class of 2013, and allowed the seniors to spend six to eight hours transforming a family’s home and overall quality of life.

Each year, the senior class has the opportunity to coordinate and participate in service in the Scranton community. USPB senior programmers, including Timothy Weber, Maura Eagen, Patrick Cassidy and Nicole Clemson, spearhead the service, educational and social events for the class of 2013. This year the senior programmers were instrumental in developing “Seniors for Smiles,” completing home renovations in the local community.

“Scranton has given us, as the seniors, so much, and now we want to give back,” said Clemson. “The students are charged with everything from fundraising to fully implementing the renovation. This includes cleaning, painting, patching drywall, interior furnishing and decorating, and finally assisting the family with basic household needs.”

“Service is very important to what the University stands for and what initially attracted me to the University four years ago,” explained Catherine Appell. “One of the most rewarding aspects of our time there was seeing the family’s reactions when we were finished.”

Adriana Daley added, “It was an experience of a lifetime and it allowed me to realize how lucky I am to have a family that supports me. One smile can make all the difference in the world.”

“Seniors for Smiles” participants included Patricia Vaccaro, director of the Center for Service and Social Justice; Michael Baumhardt, assistant director of the Center for Student Engagement; Clemson, Dallas; Weber, Wycombe; Appell, Garden City, N.Y.; Adriana Daley, Clifton, N.J.; Jen Fotiu, Ramsey, N.J.; Jess Ozoniak, Rockaway, N.J.; Sam Boccolini, Rockaway, N.J.; Mare Schulmeister, Wynnewood; Emily Nohilly, Lynbrook, N.Y.; Rosemary Garcia, Stroudsburg; and Alicia Garbade, Johnson City, N.Y.

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