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Dear Friends,

A very happy and blessed Easter to you and your families! As spring renews our campus with fresh energy and brighter days, it is a time to celebrate our collective efforts and shared successes that have unfolded at our beloved University in recent months.

It is also a season when we look ahead with purpose, imagining new paths and preparing for what comes next. This is most apparent to our soon-to-be graduates who explored job opportunities and graduate programs at the recent [Spring 2026 Career Expo](#). Event organizers from the Roche Family Center for Career Development said the turnout — 425 students in attendance plus 65 organizations — was the strongest it had seen in years.

While the Career Expo is tailored to students who will soon leave the University, our admissions team has been hard at work preparing to welcome the next generation of Royals. Two Accepted Students Days have passed, a [Graduate Open House](#) is scheduled for today, April 22, and a [Junior Open House](#) will follow on Saturday, April 25. Thank you to everyone for bringing your A-game in making our guests feel at home!

Additionally, there has been much to celebrate in our student body, from the Lady Royals basketball team advancing to the [NCAA Division III national championship game](#); to the gifted musicians who represented the University at the [Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival](#); to the group of [nearly two-dozen student teachers](#) perfecting their craft at local schools; to the [purpose-driven Community-Based Learning Fellows](#) whose work strengthens partnerships between the University and broader community; and everything in between.

Our faculty and staff have done some tremendous things, too, highlighted by the [presentation of Sursum Corda Awards](#); the Kania School of Management's [AACSB reaccréditation](#); *U.S. News and World Report's* ranking of [multiple top-100 graduate programs](#) from the Leahy College of Health Sciences; and the Department of World Languages and Cultures hosting another successful [World Languages Day](#).

Alumni excellence is also being honored this spring in numerous ways, including with a new class being inducted Saturday, April 25, into KSOM's Business Leaders Hall of Fame. The dinner and awards ceremony will honor the late **Mary Beth Farrell '79, H'10, John D. Dionne '86, H'10, Linda McGowan '80, Thomas P. O'Brien '86** and **Francis J. Pearn '83**.

Another Hall of Fame is in the works, as the Department of Communication and Media is [currently accepting submissions for its inaugural class](#) to be celebrated in September.

The University is also in the early stages of implementing [its new Strategic Plan](#), which will guide us into 2030. The Plan serves to help us achieve four things — a future-oriented enrollment strategy, student success and retention, next-generation learning and innovation, and organizational effectiveness — that will strengthen the University as we work together to build and sustain Scranton as a high-quality Catholic and Jesuit institution.

These developments and achievements reflect a University clearly in motion yet firmly grounded in its mission. None of this progress would be possible without your energy and commitment so thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Let's make the most of these last few weeks of the 2025-26 academic year! God bless you and Go Royals!

Yours faithfully,
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President