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COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

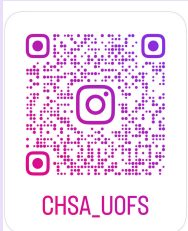
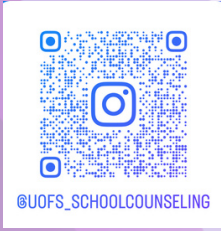
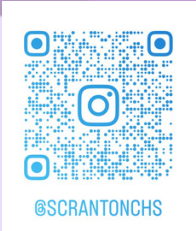


RSA Scholars: Sarah Soos, Kristann Mohar, Symone Donnay, Aaron Redis, Cassaundra Dierolf, Mia Sandy, Skylar Okun, Alice Montes (missing from photo)

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Rehabilitation Counseling

\$1,000,000 Program Grant



IMPACT TO PROGRAM

The Clinical rehabilitation program received a five-year grant totaling nearly \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). The grant will help expand the program and provide scholarships to graduate students.



DR. SAMANTHA HERRICK PH.D., LPC, CRC, NCC, ACS

Associate Professor and Program Director of the Clinical Rehabilitation program.

Dr. Herrick specializes in working with individuals with autism spectrum disorder and LGBTQ+ clients.



Interested In the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Program?

Send an email to:
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Excellence in Assessment & Educational Effectiveness³



Congratulations to the Department of Counseling & Human Services on receiving the The University of Scranton's 2026 Award for Excellence in Assessment and Educational Effectiveness! This award honors departments or programs that use clear learning outcomes, sustained assessment practices, and "closing-the-loop" strategies to strengthen curricula, support student success, and contribute to program health, accreditation, and institutional effectiveness.

THE PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

HEAR FROM ONE OF THE BIGGEST COHORTS OF PRACTICUM!



WHAT IS PRACTICUM?

The Practicum experience marks a huge milestone in counseling graduate students academic and professional careers. It is the first time students have the opportunity to work with real clients before moving into their advanced internship. They have the chance to apply the clinical skills they have learned in the classroom and apply them to real world situations. These Practicum students have spent countless hours preparing, learning, and developing their skills. We are proud of all their hard work over the course of the semester!

Chi Delta Rho Induction Ceremony

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A big Thank You to our
2025-2026 CDR Executive Board!



Congrats to
Mia Sandy on
receiving the
“Dr. Lori A.
Bruch
Spirit of
Counseling
Award”



Newest Members of Chi Delta Rho

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Congratulations to the new inductees!



Giovanni Amato

Caitlyn Arheit

Allison Brown

Devin Caceres

Sarah Clark

Fanelysse de la Rosa

Megan Dempsey

O'Malley

Cassandra Dierolf

Symone Donnay

Julia Donofry

Graceanne Fazio

America Fox

Connor Gilbride

Ava Gonzales

John Karam

Jonathan Kelly

David Korba

Kathleen Magda

Rhiannon McNulty

Jocelyn Mendoza

Madison Mower

Alexis Overholtz

Amy Patton

Abigail Price

Allison Sawchak

Joshua Seguire

Seth Strouse

MEET THE 2026-2027 OFFICERS

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COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION (CHSA) OFFICERS

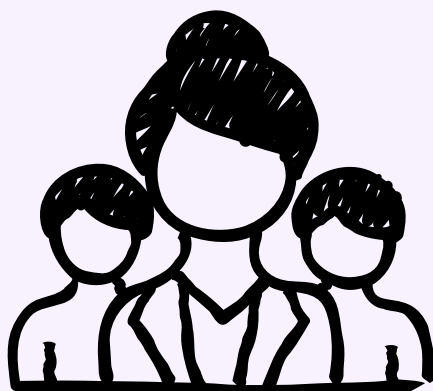
PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
<i>Victor Giordano</i>	<i>Olivia Cintron</i>	<i>Ryan Cathro</i>	<i>Hailey Restel-Romano</i>

TAU UPSILON ALPHA (TUA) OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
<i>Alexandra Holub</i>	<i>Abigail Deak</i>	<i>Christopher Lynch</i>	<i>Lucas Doney</i>

CHI DELTA RHO (CDR) EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY/STUDENT LIASON
<i>Ally Sawchak</i>	<i>Abigail Price</i>	<i>Graceanne Fazio</i>
TREASURER	PACE	SOCIAL MEDIA & GRAPHIC DESIGN CHAIR
<i>Allie Brown</i>	<i>Fanelysse de la Rosa</i>	<i>Kathleen Magda</i>





*Take Back
the Night*



Group dynamics class



CHS's Tipperary & Gus!



Groovin'



*CHS faculty rooting for
the Lady Royals*



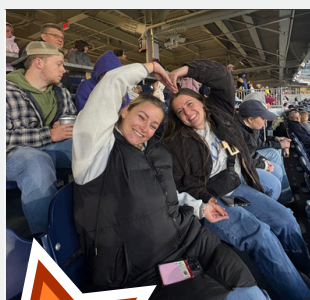
*Night out at the
Railriders baseball game*



*Newest player for
the Railriders!*



Through



Baseball fun!



Pet Therapy



Scranton Twinsies!

Spring

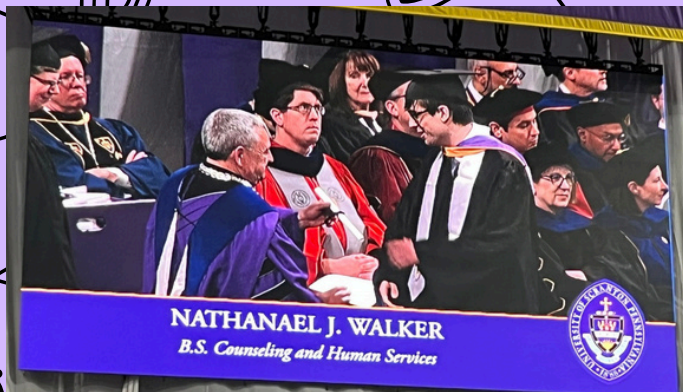


Excellence Award



Congratulations to CHS's 2026 Graduates!





Congratulations to the students who graduated from the Department of Counseling and Human Services this year! Your dedication and hard work have brought you to this significant milestone, and we couldn't be prouder. As you embark on your professional journeys, let the learning experiences you've gained ignite your passion for your work and fuel your commitment to helping others. Your compassion and understanding will undoubtedly make a positive impact in the world. Here's to a future filled with success, growth, and meaningful contributions to society. We believe in you and look forward to seeing all the wonderful things you will achieve! Go and set the world on fire!

Aaron, S., Mize, J., & **Willis, B. T.** (2026). *The birds and the bees: Engaging children and caregivers in dialogue on sexual health and wellness* [invited webinar]. American Counseling Association (ACA) and Association for Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness (ACSSW).

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