

CHALLENGES IN THEORY & PRACTICE

THE J. A. PANUSKA, S.J., COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Dear Alumni, Friends, Faculty and Staff,



Dr. Debra Pellegrino

The past several months have been exciting ones for the Panuska College of Professional Studies community. As (I hope!) you are aware, the entire PCPS community has been engaged in planning and development of academic excellence in our classrooms, field experiences and internships and in the Leahy Community Health and Family Center.

As you'll read in this edition of *Challenges in Theory & Practice*, The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured was introduced to the community with a formal announcement on February 19, 2008. The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured unofficially opened in October 2007. The "free clinic" is interwoven into the Jesuit mission and offers new opportunities for interdisciplinary work at the University with the heart and soul of social justice. Until October 2007, Lackawanna County had no "free clinics" for the uninsured or for the working poor. Jesuit universities like The University of Scranton thrive on answering questions for the betterment of the least of us. By utilizing a university team approach that included the support of our President, **Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J.**, Provost **Harold Baillie, Ph.D.**, the Vice Presidents, Institutional Advancement and Public Relations, Physical Plant Operations and our Leahy Community Director, **Andrea Mantione**, to name just a few, details and protocols of opening a volunteer medical clinic became a reality.

I am very pleased and proud that talented people choose to dedicate themselves to Panuska College of Professional Studies and utilize the Leahy Community Health and Family Center as a learning laboratory. The

Panuska College of Professional Studies, in keeping with the mission of The University of Scranton, is committed to a program of service-learning through civic engagement, which provides a link between community service and academic study. Our students learn and develop by participating in thoughtfully organized service that is conducted in and meets the needs of the com-



The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured: A Cooperative Project at The University of Scranton is the only free clinic in Lackawanna County. Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty (at podium) referred to the clinic as another example of The University of Scranton's commitment to the community of Scranton."

munity. I know you will agree that the work of PCPS benefits the programs housed in the Leahy Community Health and Family Center. For example, The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured provides opportunities for our students in the allied health professions and education. Students in nursing, counseling and exercise science volunteer to provide services to the uninsured each Thursday by assisting the nurse practitioners and physicians in a variety of activities. On other days, students in education and exercise science provide health literacy activities in the Center. Physical and occupational therapy students meet the needs of the community on a referral basis in the Center. These are

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The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Endowment was founded in 1995 by Edward and Patricia Leahy to honor the life and memory of their son, Edward R. Leahy, Jr., whose personal disabilities were attended to with compassion and skill by many health professionals over the course of his life. The Leahy Endowment provides financial resources to support theoretical and applied research, faculty development, and support for programs that advance the cause of disabled persons who need long-term assistance. The endowment supports the work of persons practicing in physical and occupational therapy, nursing science and related health-care areas, with particular interest in individuals and groups that approach their practice as scholars, teachers and practitioners. Primary recipients are University of Scranton faculty from the Panuska College of Professional Studies, consisting of the Departments of Counseling and Human Services, Education, Exercise Science and Sport, Health Administration and Human Resources, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

Each fall the Endowment publishes a Call for Proposals to identify candidates for next year's grant awards. Awards are granted in May for the following year. The selection committee is comprised of members of the University's allied health faculty and the dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

The Endowment was established and is supported, in part, by the Leahy family and is enriched annually by gifts from corporations and individuals who wish to support the work of the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Endowment.



The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center

Putting Theory Into Practice

Within the Leahy Community Health and Family Center, the faculty and students of the Panuska College of Professional Studies are putting theory into practice at the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured. Every Thursday, the Clinic offers primary medical care to uninsured residents of Lackawanna County.

Senior students in Nursing 471 work with nursing faculty, volunteer physicians and the clinic staff to apply the theories of community health nursing in a real setting. The students are challenged to assess client needs, and to plan and implement appropriate care, including health teaching and referral to community resources. Nursing students are able to synthesize their knowledge of health patterns by utilizing the nursing process in meeting the healthcare needs of community-based clients from a diverse population. Health Administration students are applying theories of marketing as part of the course curriculum by developing a marketing plan that can be used by the Leahy Center, now and in the future.

Graduate students seeking an advanced degree in counseling are given the opportunity to assess, plan and implement therapies to clients in a private-practice setting. Their work is supervised by experienced faculty and critiqued in a constructive manner, with interventions applied to students' patients. Students in the undergraduate counseling program help implement "Peacemakers" a program with the goal to empower all participants to be builders of peace in our world. Aimed at elementary school children ages 9 to 13 years, this six-week program is mentored by University students. Peacemakers will be held each semester. The Center serves as a meeting place with its staff coordinating the events, and the Leahy Community Health and Family Center welcomes all academic disciplines to utilize the facility as a resource to *Put Theory into Practice*.

Staff

Spring 2008 at the Leahy Community Health and Family Center at The University of Scranton shows a new birth in many ways. Under the directorship of

Andrea Mantione, the Leahy Center is



Andrea Mantione

becoming more than just a clinic which treats patients.

Director Mantione brings pride, passion, and promise to the Center. Andrea is a 1999 graduate of The University of Scranton's nurse practitioner program. She performs her nurse practitioner responsibilities every Thursday and coordinates faculty research projects in the motion analysis room. With four functioning exam rooms in the Center, complete with cotton swabs and medical equipment, Andrea had the challenge

of transforming a Thursday exam room into a Wednesday counseling center, with help from Gerianne Barber of the Department of Counseling and Human Services.

Geri combined her graduate and undergraduate counseling students for a Wednesday experiential opportunity. She planned and partnered with Andrea Mantione to strengthen the Thursday clinic by offering counseling sessions on Wednesdays to the underinsured. By working closely with Andrea and the physicians, patients were referred to Geri. Geri stated that Scranton Counseling Center (a service for children and adults located on Clay Avenue in Scranton) has



Gerianne Barber

Clinic for the Uninsured

a six-month waiting period so this is another win-win situation.

Geri Barber and Sister Ann Perrin initiated year two of the Peacemakers program for students ages 9 to 13 years. This program is held in the multi-purpose room of the Leahy Center. Through dance, music, poetry and other activities, elementary students interact with University students in the pursuit of peace. In the Jesuit tradition, Sister Ann and Geri have combined the heart, hand, and head to understand the critical concepts of making peace.

Vanessa Rojas graduated from the University in May 2007 with a bachelor's degree in biology. In August 2007 she became the



Vanessa Rojas

Community Outreach Worker for the Leahy Community Health and Family Center. During 2007/08 she completed one year of service with AmeriCorps, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to fight poverty within

the continental United States. She served under the division of Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA). Throughout the past year, Vanessa recruited and trained student interpreters and volunteers to serve in the Clinic. She also reached out to the community to enlist the referral services of different community organizations in the area, such a United Neighborhood Center, Nativity Church and Catholic Social Services.

Julie Macedo, a graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D.C., joined us in August 2008 as a VISTA volunteer. She is enrolled in the post-baccalaureate pre-medicine program at Stonybrook University.

Maria Lucia Vital came to The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured in September 2007 as a Bilingual Office Assistant. Maria was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and moved to the United States in September 2004, when she married her husband, Belmiro, who is from Cape Verde, Africa. Maria is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, Criollo, and French.

Maria has various roles at the Clinic: she assists the personnel (staff, faculty, students and volunteers) in communicating with non-English-speaking patients who use the Clinic's programs; she serves as the Clinic's bilingual receptionist for walk-in and telephone patients; and she assists the Clinic Director with the general operation of the Clinic programs.

Clinic nurse, **Cathy Harrington**, a life-long resident of Scranton, is an adjunct in the PCPS Department of Nursing. It is not uncommon to go into the clinic on a



Catherine Harrington

Thursday afternoon and observe Cathy mentoring at least six student nurses at a time.

Kristen M. Cipriano, who joined the staff of the Leahy Community Health and Family Center in 2006, serves as a Secretary fro the Leahy Center and is a Schemel Forum Assistant at the Weinberg Memorial Library.



Kristen Cipriano

She provides administrative support at the clinic, monitors on-site events and organizes activities. She works closely with Peacemakers, a program that promotes and shares multi-cultural backgrounds with local young people. In addition, she works with volunteer students, physicians and community members.

Kristen earned her bachelor's degree in communication from The University of Scranton. She is pursuing a master's degree in communication and teaching certification from the University.



Maria Vital

Ed and I wanted to honor the life of our son, Edward, in a way that inspired people to do more for others, especially for children and adults with disabilities.

When we chose to inaugurate the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. disABILITY Conference at The University of Scranton, we envisioned this conference as the gateway to the best and brightest in the field of Special Education, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Rehabilitation to present at the conference. That vision has been realized, and the Northeastern U.S. Conference on disABILITY, as it is known today, is one of the leading disABILITIES conferences in our country.

Whether it is raising awareness of the epidemic of Autism or aiding our armies of wounded warriors returning home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, The University of Scranton has been – and continues to be – a leader in providing outreach and opportunity on disability awareness to the Scranton community and beyond.

– Patricia Leahy

June 2008 Statistics

- 38 weeks of operation
- 400 patients
- Provided more than 150 immunizations

The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center

How Sweet It Is

David Hawk, Chairman of the Board of Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, and William Aubrey, President and CEO of Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, presented a donation of \$35,000 to The University of Scranton. These funds represent the proceeds from the Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Golf Tournament and will be used to provide valuable support for the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured.

Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Candy Company is dedicated to the highest quality product as well as giving back to the community. The annual Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Charity Golf Classic was dedicated to the Leahy Clinic in 2008. Every employee at Gertrude Hawk is encouraged to become civically engaged in their community. The Hawk family is in love with chocolates as well as returning the sweetness back to their community.

This important donation to the "free" clinic will make a difference in people's lives and in our community.



From left: Lorraine Williams, Director of Community Relations, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates; David Hawk, Chairman of the Board and Director of Research & Development, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates; Dr. Debra A. Pellegrino, Dean, Panuska College of Professional Studies at The University of Scranton; Margaret McNulty, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations, The University of Scranton; William Aubrey, President and CEO, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates.

Right: Four of The University of Scranton nursing students who worked in the Clinic. From left: Katelyn Mundorff, Megan Myers, Kristen Arbuco and Karishma Amin.



"[W]e had the honor of experiencing nursing in a true clinical setting...I was able to have the autonomy as a nurse to take vital signs, do a full history, respond to questions, be there for the full doctor's examination, give shots and fill prescriptions. I even gave one patient an eye exam."

— Genna Frappaolo

Nursing student, Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured

Below: Clinic volunteers Gregory Borowski, M.D., and Andrew Notarianni '08 discuss the day's activities with Andrea Mantione, Clinic Director. Mr. Notarianni will be attending Georgetown University School of Medicine in the fall of 2008.



Clinic for the Uninsured

"The Leahy Clinic was an absolutely amazing experience... [it] offered a wealth of information and experience that could not be obtained from a classroom or hospital. I will be back to volunteer at the clinic in the future."

— Lauren Whymeyer
PCPS Nursing student



Above: Attendees at the grand opening of the Clinic included, from left to right, Rev. Joseph A. Panuska, S.J., President Emeritus, The University of Scranton; Edward R. Leahy; and Msgr. John Jordan.



Below: An examination room in the Clinic is transformed into a counseling room. Counseling sessions are offered to the underinsured patients each Wednesday.



Left: Staff members, from left to right: Cathy Harrington, Clinic Manager; Maria Lucia Vital, Bilingual Office Assistant; and Andrea Mantione, Clinic Director.

Below left: University of Scranton nursing students complete their paperwork before leaving the Clinic.



"So many people of all ages and from all walks of life have come to the clinic for care. Working with this unique population has opened my eyes to the need for some type of universal or free healthcare. I am grateful to this population and those who serve them for showing me that the need for better access to healthcare in this area is imperative."

— Ellie Judge, Nursing student

Dr. Corcoran Instrumental in Opening Clinic

Among the variety of clinicians involved in the opening of the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured was **Dr. Virginia Corcoran, RD, LDN**, who looked to the Clinic as a “learning laboratory” for students and a possibility to provide a service that is unequaled in clinics for the uninsured across the state. Following an evaluation and

lengthy discussion with **Andrea Mantione**, Clinic Director, and **Cathy Harrington**, Clinic Manager, it was decided to establish a free-standing nutritional consultation component to the other medical intervention and referral offerings.

Evaluation of materials for nutrition counseling was completed by Dr. Corcoran and the students who were taking her Nutrition in Exercise Science course. The evaluations were completed as part of the students’ service-learning component. When Dr. Corcoran reviewed the “reflection” documents at the conclusion of the service-learning project, it became more obvious that the students’ involvement with the Leahy Clinic was a natural fit to the Jesuit mission and to the spirit of the Clinic.

Beginning with the spring 2008 semester, Dr. Corcoran has been at the Clinic weekly following her teaching schedule to provide

nutrition consultation as needed. Because of her weekly presence, persons in need of counseling or general nutrition information are seen at their regular appointment. This allows the recommended “one-stop approach” for persons who are uninsured and in need. Dr. Corcoran is known as Ginny to the persons who enter



Dr. Virginia Corcoran (seated, right) consults with patient Bobbie-Jo Balmer while Penn State dietetic intern Samantha Moro and University of Scranton Exercise Science major Jason Kang '10 look on.

the doors of the clinic. She counsels persons with diabetes and weight problems, and she provides general nutrition information.

Along with caring for the uninsured residents of Lackawanna County is a thorough care for University of Scranton students. The student nurses have a person with expertise with whom they may consult. Students in the Exercise Science major benefit by exposure to charting and future planning for patients, and these students are much-appreciated as intake interviewers. Less therapeutic consultation, such as advice on feeding young children who are “picky” eaters, also falls within the students’ domain. When Ginny reflects on the Thursday “unity,” it is the benefit to the PCPS students that is of optimum value. These students are the future of healthcare as future nursing professionals and physical therapists, working hand-in-hand in the care of those persons who lack medical coverage.

OUR OPINION

The right place for right thing

Benefit beyond health care

Establishment of the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured is a triumph of the spirit. It’s also a reminder of the value that the University of Scranton quietly returns to the community as some politicians noisily and baselessly condemn it as a free-loader.

The center, made possible through the generosity of Edward R. and Patricia Leahy in memory of their deceased son, is a free clinic for Lackawanna County residents who cannot afford private health insurance but don’t qualify for publicly funded health benefits — the working poor.

Operation of the center is a partnership between the university and the Lackawanna County Medical Society. More than 30 physicians staff the clinic as volunteers or voluntarily accept free referrals for specialty care. Together, the Leahys, the university and the participating physicians have put together a project that will improve the health of individuals and the health-care system.

Numerous studies have documented a national disgrace: uninsured Americans do not seek the health care that they need in order to avoid the cost. When they do so, their problems often have progressed from the preventive to acute stage, requiring expensive emergency care.

The clinic will help to alleviate the pressure and costs imposed on local emergency rooms to provide care that readily should be available to all on a routine, rather than emergency basis.

And the clinic represents another way in which the university has expanded its reach as a community resource. It’s progress for the body politic as well as for the physical health of the uninsured.

PCPS Board Of Visitors Meets

American theologian and philosopher Jonathan Edwards once said, "A man of rightly spirit is not a man of narrow and private views, but is greatly interested and concerned for the good of the community to which he belongs and particularly for the city or village in which he resides and for the true welfare of the society for which he is a member."

The Dean, faculty and staff welcomed the Panuska College Board of Visitors on Tuesday, April 8, for the 2008 Community Celebration at the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center Ballroom. The PCPS Board of Visitors at The University of Scranton has demonstrated excellence in service and concern for the community, city and society. The Dean of PCPS, **Dr. Debra Pellegrino**, stated that the PCPS Board of Visitors is comprised of individuals of a rightly spirit. She is proud that each member chose to serve the University and prouder still that our Board of Visitors will strive for faith and justice in our "helping" professions.

The 2008 Community Celebration honored the Board of Visitors for their dedication and service to PCPS. Faculty and students of PCPS were recognized for their research and service to the college, city and global community.

In addition to the recognition of the board members, the 2008 PCPS Service-Learning Awards were announced. Senior nursing student, **Kate McKeaney** received the Ignatian Service Learning Book Award. The PCPS Book Award is awarded to the outstanding student who "displays academic promise and commitment to leadership in service and embraces the ideal of being 'men and women' for others in the Jesuit tradition." Kate represents the Jesuit mission of heart and hand as well as the vision of PCPS. In January 2008, Kate led a service trip to Appalachia, Kentucky, through Christian Appalachian Project. Kate performed health assessments and interventions as needed in one of most underserved populations of the United States of America. Kate is Vice-President for The University of Scranton Student Government. Following her graduation in May 2008, Kate is volunteering full-time with Mercy Volunteer Corps.

Siobhan Burns, an occupational therapy student, received the PCPS Service Learning Award in for 2008. Siobhan has spent many hours in the Women's Resource Center with the aim of creating a safer Scranton. Her hope is to

reduce homelessness in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In recognition of these fine students, a collection of service learning books in their honor was purchased for PCPS. The service-learning collection will be housed in the Dean's Office as a resource for faculty, students and staff.

On April 9, the Board of Visitors met with **Dean Pellegrino**, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs **Michael Olivette** and Assistant Dean for Finance and Information Services **Carol Ann Radle** to confer about the new initiatives under way in PCPS.

The mission of The University of Scranton and its Panuska College of Professional Studies is dedicated to the Jesuit tradition of theory, practice, and social justice since it consists of a variety of programs which share the aim of preparing individuals for "helping professions." PCPS views its capacity to nurture and model such relationships with our students as a key educational responsibility.

The Board of Visitors of PCPS offers guidance and external support of policies, procedures and opportunities for the programs in PCPS. The Board of Visitors supports the Dean to include a review of overall assessments of the PCPS operation to determine fairness, accuracy, consistency and non-bias. Assessment within PCPS is driven by the Ignatian tradition. Our PCPS academic programs in community health education, counseling, education, exercise science, health administration, human resources, human services, nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy are rooted in the philosophy of the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola.



From left: Kate McKeaney, Dean Pellegrino and Siobhan Burns.

Don't Miss the 7th Annual **disABILITIES Conference**

Topic: Veterans, Vocations and Values: Rehabilitation Rallies for Results

October 8–9, 2008 • Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center

See program on pages 17–19.

International News

Project Guadalajara in Its Fourth Year

by John Sanko

On January 3 and 4, 2008, students and faculty leaving from several east coast U.S. airports descended upon Miguel Hidalgo Airport in Guadalajara, Mexico. To prepare for the experience, students were asked to read select chapters from the book *Revolution of Hope* by former Mexican President Vicente Fox. President Fox was educated at the Universidad Iberoamericana, The University of Scranton's sister Jesuit University in Mexico City. Fox described how Ignatian principles have guided his life, including his presidency and his perspective of the current immigration issues between the United States and Mexico. Faculty used the readings as a base for student reflection sessions conducted while in Mexico.

Students and faculty were met by Raul Rodríguez Ramírez, Director of Internaciona- lización at UNIVA



Twenty-five occupational therapy and physical therapy students and five faculty and professional staff from those departments participated in Project Guadalajara 2008.

(Universidad del Valle de Atemajac) and Bertha Gloria Arias Velázquez, UNIVA Academic Exchange Coordinator. UNIVA is a university in the Catholic tradition that partners with The University of Scranton on a number of cultural and educational exchange programs including "Project Guadalajara." The students were taken to their host families where their cultural immersion experience began. The weekend was packed with cultural and historic activities. The group was taken to the pyramids of Guachimontones near Teuchitlán, a pre-Columbian archaeological site that was abandoned by its inhabitants about 300 BC. This site includes tombs, ball courts, plazas and circular stepped pyramids. It was only discovered about 30 years ago and has recently been added to the UNESCO world heritage list.

No trip to Guadalajara in the Mexican state of Jalisco is complete without a trip to Tequila County. The bus traveled past hundreds of thousands of acres of blue agave plants before arriving at the Casa Herradura Hacienda and distillery, which was recently featured on the History Channel on the program Modern Marvels. Here we learned how Tequila is made and the many Mexican traditions associated with Tequila. Sunday featured a trip to Lake Chapala, Mexico's largest lake. Several students and faculty attended mass in San Antonio's Church in the main square of town before heading off to some serious arts and crafts shopping and enjoying the beach-like environment and natural habitat that is the sanctuary for a number of migratory birds and indigenous plants and animals.

The real work and our objectives for traveling to Mexico began early Monday morning. Everyone attended orientation at UNIVA, and students went to a Spanish and culture class taught by UNIVA faculty member Gustavo Salgado. On Tuesday, students began the day with a trip to Lomas de la Primavera, a marginalized community of more than 15,000 people. Lomas has no running water or sewer system, and a large number of residents get electricity by tapping into utility lines, a practice that is not only illegal, but extremely dangerous. Students at UNIVA are required to do service-learning projects at Lomas de la Primavera under the direction of Lic. Raymundo Calderón, Director del Departamento de Psicología. We visited several primary and secondary schools throughout the community where our students and faculty were able to interact with the students and teachers at these schools. After our visit to Lomas, faculty and students spent some time reflecting on how this experience related to social justice and the Ignatian principles that President Fox described in his book.

Throughout the week, students were afforded the opportunity to work side by side with their Mexican Physical and Occupational Therapy colleagues. These experiences took place in a

variety of clinical settings, including the CRI (Centro de Rehabilitación Infantil), a government-run outpatient rehabilitation facility. Other facilities where students got “hands on” experience included the CRIT (Centro de Rehabilitación Infantil Teleton) which is an ultra-modern out patient pediatric facility that is supported through a national telethon held each December throughout Mexico. Here, students were exposed to cultural immersion in a state-of-the-art facility that would be the envy of any Occupational or Physical Therapist in the world.

We made our annual visit to CIRIAC (Centro Integral de Rehabilitación Infantil, A.C.). This is an outpatient clinic primarily devoted to the treatment and education of children with Cerebral Palsy. It was founded nearly 20 years ago by three mothers of children with disabilities who had nowhere to take their children for services. The current facility is located in a donated house where every space including closets and the patio is used to provide some service, whether PT, OT, hydrotherapy, speech and language pathology or special education. The staff proudly announced that they will be moving to a new facility where we may be visiting them the next time we bring our group to Guadalajara. Many of our students generously gave their time to raise funds to donate to CIRIAC. To date, after four visits to CIRIAC, we have donated nearly \$ 2,000 US dollars to our “adopted Mexican clinic.”

For the first time the Project Guadalajara group toured the Casa Hogar Hospicio Cabañas. This is a facility for young children who either do not have parents or have been taken away from their parents by the courts, usually because they were abused or their parents have been incarcerated for serious crimes. Although we anticipated that this would be a somewhat somber place to visit, our spirits were uplifted by the great care these children were getting and their cheerful demeanor. We discovered that children are children, no matter what their culture or circumstances and regardless of the language they speak. They run around, laugh and play and want to be loved by someone.

The University of Scranton students were also able to attend psychology classes with their UNIVA peers and visited an international marketplace and the historic downtown center where they saw churches and government

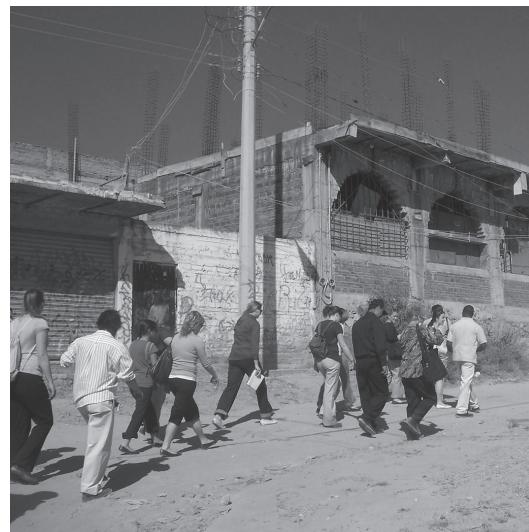
buildings dating to the 17th century and some fine examples of Mexican art, sculpture and Spanish architecture.

The week concluded with a recognition ceremony for our students, faculty and staff, attended by members of the administration, including Fr. Guillermo Alonso Velasco, President of UNIVA and UNIVA Provost Carlos Pérez-Gómez Medina. University of Scranton OT student Courtney Louis and PT student Sorelis Rosa addressed the group communicating in both Spanish and English, thanks to our hosts at UNIVA and the host families present. On our final day, everyone had lunch at a restaurant in

Tlaquepaque, a suburb of Guadalajara, famous for its fine Mexican arts and crafts. Here we enjoyed an exquisite Mexican meal and were entertained by a performance of Mujer Latina, an all female Mariachi band.

This was the fourth annual trip to Guadalajara by Occupational and Physical Therapy students, faculty and staff which was preceded in 2004 by a faculty trip throughout Mexico that was funded through a Leahy Center grant that planted the seeds of what has become known as “Project Guadalajara.” Students fund their own airfare and pay for housing with host families through various fundraisers, including Christmas and Easter candy sales, candle, wrapping paper and t-shirt sales, Project Guadalajara days at Uno’s restaurant, and handmade jewelry sales.

The Project Guadalajara experience continued when Raul Rodríguez Ramírez visited The University of Scranton on February 21–22, 2008. He met with the students and faculty who participated in Project Guadalajara 2008 and several members of The University of Scranton administration. Future plans include a Project Guadalajara web page and a visit to The University of Scranton by Grupo Folklórico, the UNIVA Mexican folk dance team.



Students, faculty and staff from The University of Scranton Occupational and Physical Therapy Department touring the marginalized community of Lomas de la Primavera with faculty from UNIVA. Students from UNIVA are required to perform service learning projects at Lomas and other marginalized communities in and around Guadalajara.



Dean's Office

Dr. Debra Pellegrino and **Dr. Carol Ann Radle** attended the national summit on "A Just Education in Underserved Communities" sponsored by the NativityMiguel Network of Schools on July 9-10, 2008 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Principals in the NativityMiguel Network and representatives of teacher education programs at colleges and universities across the United States met to discuss and analyze innovative and effective education in areas of need. The aim of the summit is to break the cycle of poverty through education by providing a quality middle school experience.

2007 Occupational Therapy graduates attained a 100% pass rate on the National Board for Certification on Occupational Therapy examination.

Msgr. John W. Jordan, Executive Director of the NativityMiguel Network of Schools, is a member on the Board of Visitors serving Panuska College of Professional Studies.

While many inner-city schools have drop-out rates of 50% or higher, NativityMiguel Schools have a success rate of 92% of students graduating from high school, and 93% of students will graduate from a two year college program.

Exercise Science And Sport

The Department of Exercise Science & Sport is pleased to announce that **Cheryil Demkosky** has been hired as that department's Lab Coordinator. Cheryil assumed this position in mid-January 2008.

A native of nearby Duryea, Cheryil received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. She holds certifications from National Association Sport & Physical Education, Physical Best Health-Fitness Specialist and CPR/AED Healthcare Provider from the American Red Cross.

Douglas Haladay, DPT, MHS, OCS (CPS) obtained grants from the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association and the faculty internal research funding program for his dissertation study entitled, "Comparison of Local versus

Global Stabilization Exercises for Low Back Pain due to Instability: A Randomized Controlled Trial." Dr. Haladay is a doctoral candidate in the Kinesiology Department at the Pennsylvania State University and a lecturer in the Exercise Science Department and Physical and Occupational Therapy Programs. This study culminated in the spring of 2008 and utilized the motion analysis laboratory located in the Leahy Center at McGurrin Hall.

Health Administration/Human Resources

Dr. Terri Freeman Smith, SPHR, Assistant Professor, was installed as 2008 president of the Northeastern Pennsylvanian Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (NEPA SHRM) at their annual business meeting held on December 6, 2007. The NEPA SHRM Chapter currently maintains a membership of over 275 local HR professionals.

Aakash Mudaliar, Master of Health Administration student, presented at the Healthcare Management Forum of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Marywood University in December 2007. The title of the presentation was, "A Comparative Analysis of Life Expectancy".

Dr. Steven Szydłowski was invited to present on two topics at the Annual Integrative Medicine Symposium. The presentations entitled, "Practice Management: Creating integrative models in healthcare" and "Business strategies for a sustainable integrative medicine model" were presented in New York, N.Y., in January 2008. Dr. Szydłowski also presented a paper entitled, "An integrative medicine approach to treatment and healing for women with breast cancer" and a poster entitled, "Lessons learned and strategies for operating integrative medicine clinics: A ten year case study" at the 4th Annual IN-CAM Symposium, Vancouver, British Columbia, in November 2007. He was elected to the Editorial Board, European Journal of Nursing and Social Work, and the Board of the Volunteers in Medicine free medical clinic to be constructed in Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Dan West is the recipient of a United States Agency for International Development federal grant partnership between The University of Scranton and two leading universities in the country of Georgia. The project is coordinated through the American International Health Alliance and will introduce a health services administration specialization into the MBA programs. Dr. West has also been selected to chair an accreditation site visit

on behalf of the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. The site visit is for Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. Dr. West has also been invited to serve a one-year term as committee chair for the American Academy of Medical Administrators Executive Editorial Board.

Physical Therapy

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) has approved the substantive change for the Department of Physical Therapy at The University of Scranton to replace the Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.) degree program with the new Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) program. The last M.P.T. class graduated in May 2008, and the first D.P.T. class is scheduled to graduate in May 2009. The primary source of students is presently from outside the University but will consist mostly of Scranton students in the future.

Renée Hakim, P.T., Ph.D., N.C.S. was the recipient of this year's PPTA Neuro SIG Award. She was identified by her peers for consistently demonstrating excellence in contributions to research, academia and patient care in the realm of neurologic physical therapy. The award was presented at the PPTA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh on October 26, 2007. Dr. Hakim was granted re-certification as a Neurologic Clinical Specialist (NCS) by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS).

Barbara Wagner, PT, MHA, DPT has been re-credentialed as a trainer for the Level I Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program and has recently become a credentialed trainer for the Advanced APTA Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program. Ms. Wagner was part of a panel at the APTA Educational leadership conference in Minneapolis, MN, discussing service learning at the University of Scranton.

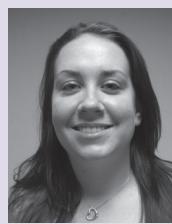
Peter Leininger, PT, Ph.D., OCS, was appointed program director for the DPT Program in the Department of Physical Therapy.

Accepted for Publication

Hakim, Renée M., Ramos Grabo, Janet*. Chapter 8: Exercise Mandate: Preventative and Restorative, In: Osteoporosis: Clinical Guidelines for Prevention, Diagnosis & Management. Gueldner SH, Grabo T, Cooper D, eds. Springer Publishing, Co., NYC, 2007.

The Frank O'Hara and Rose I. Kelly Awards

Four Panuska College undergraduates received Frank O'Hara and Rose I. Kelly Awards from the Center for Teaching & Learning Excellence. **Brian J. Patchcoski '08** and **Megan Conley '09** received the Rose I. Kelly Award.



Megan E. Conley



From left: Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; Brian J. Patchcoski, Scranton; Lauren E. Godek, Moscow; and Nicole M. Zullo, Perth Amboy, N.J., recipients of Frank O'Hara Medals.



Two members of the PCPS Board of Visitors received the 2008 Frank O'Hara Award during Alumni Weekend. From left: Joseph T. Sebastianelli '68 (Management), Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies, and Edward R. Leahy '68 (Law).

Hakim, Renée M., Roginski, Aileen*, Walker, Jason*. (2007). Comparison of fall risk education methods for primary prevention with community-dwelling older adults in a senior center setting. *Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy*, 30(2):60-68.

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Neurological Disorder. *Hippotherapy*, 2007: In Press.

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*Indicates alumni of our PT program.

Poster Presentations at National Conferences

APTA Combined Sections Meeting February 6-9, 2008, in Nashville, TN:

"The Impact of an Immersion Experience on the Perceptions and Attitudes Toward Interdisciplinary Education in Physical and Occupational Therapy Students: Project Guadalajara." **Barbara R. Wagner, PT, DPT, MHA, John P. Sanko, PT, Ed.D., Peter M. Leininger, PT, Ph.D., OCS, Marlene J. Morgan, Ed.D., OTR/L and Lisa Burns, OTR/L.**

"Case Report: A Computerized Balance Training Program to Reduce Fall Risk in a Community Dwelling Older Adult with Chronic Stroke." **Hakim, Renée M., Davies Lauren*, Jaworski Kate*, Tufano Nina*, Unterstein Allison*.**

"Using a Computerized Balance Training System to Improve Static and Dynamic Balance in an Individual with Multiple System Impairments: A Case Report." **Collins, TL, Corsetti, Megan*, L'Heureux, Adrienne*, McGeehan, Emily*, Hakim, RM.**

The Therapy Threshold within the Medicare Prospective Payment System: Associated

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"Case Report: A Computerized Balance Training Program to Reduce Fall Risk in a Community Dwelling Older Adult with Chronic Stroke." From left: Allison Unterstein, Kate Jaworski, Lauren Davies, Nina Tufano and Renée M. Hakim.

Situational Ethical Dilemmas and Influence to Therapy Practice Patterns and Quality of Patient Care. **Collins, TL, Calogero, Carla*, Grieboski, Tracy*, Voltz, Lauren*.**

Drs. Leininger, Hakim, and Wagner presented research at the APTA Conference in Denver in June 2007:

Physical and Psychological Effects of Yoga Exercise on Healthy Community-Dwelling Older Adult Women. **Leininger, Peter; Hakim, Renée M.; Wagner, Barbara; Russo, Melissa.**



"Using a Computerized Balance Training System to Improve Static and Dynamic Balance in an Individual with Multiple System Impairments: A Case Report." From left: Tracey L. Collins, Megan Corsetti, Adrienne L'Heureux*, Emily McGeehan* and Renée M. Hakim.*

Annual Meeting of The American Educational Research Association

Seven members of the Panuska College of Professional Studies participated in the 2008 AERA Annual Meeting held in New York City, March 24–28, 2008.

In Sessions:

Dr. Barbara Cozza: Innovations in Applied Educational Evaluation Methods

Dr. Debra Pellegrino: (1) Researching Teachers' Attempts to Enact Social Justice Pedagogies; (2) Technology as an Agent of Change in Teaching and Learning, 1; (3) Understanding Social Justice Inside Schools

Drs. Vanessa Silla-Zaleski, Gloria Tansits Wenze and David A. Wiley; Ms. Christine Simrell Fryer: Division B: New Member Posters

Dr. Kathleen Wasserman: (1) Higher Education and Service Learning: Multiple Perspectives; (2) Service Learning: International Perspectives and Reflections

Individual Paper or Poster Presentations:

Dr. Barbara Cozza: Changing Policy and Practices: A Pilot Professional Development School (PDS) Partnership

Dr. Debra Pellegrino: (1) Blazing a Path through the Mind with Multimedia Project-Based Learning; (2) Conceptualizing Teacher Reflection for Social Justice

Dr. Vanessa Silla-Zaleski: Measuring the Relationship Between Electronic Portfolios and Student Teaching Competencies

Dr. Kathleen Wasserman: Hands-on, Minds-on Learning: Undergraduates Engage with Primary Students to Perform Service Learning

Dr. Gloria Tansits Wenze and Ms. Christine Simrell Fryer: Young Children can Integrate Sustainability into their Big Backyard

Dr. David A. Wiley: Measuring the Relationship between Electronic Portfolios and Student Teaching Competencies

2009 Leahy Research Program Grant Awards

Edward R. and Patricia Leahy established The Edward R. Leahy Endowment (originally entitled the Edward R. Leahy Center, 1995) to provide "support for faculty development and research in Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and related healthcare areas. There is a particular emphasis on support for projects that relate to healthcare issues for persons with disabilities, especially children." The endowment intended to make available grant funding opportunities, funding for capital needs, and release time for faculty to pursue scholarly opportunities.

The Leahy Faculty Research Program (LFRP) supports scholarship in all fields represented in the Panuska College of Professional Studies (PCPS): Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Counseling, Health Administration and Human Resources, Exercise Science and Sport, and Education. Oliver J. Morgan, Ph.D., Department of Counseling and Human Services, is the recipient of the 2008/09 Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Faculty Research Program Grant Award. Dr. Morgan's Resilience Project, an explorative, qualitative, multidisciplinary research project, is primarily intended to understand the meaning and dynamics of resilience as an important factor in patient/client/student healing and coping,

and build a resource library of publications and original videotape interviews that explore resilience as a quality of living that can be both demonstrated and facilitated.

Dr. Morgan's project will be conducted in four phases and is slated to begin in 2008. The project will be completed in 2011.

The 2009/10 call for proposals will be announced in fall 2008. PCPS faculty who are interested in submitting a proposal for 2009/10

funding are encouraged to submit proposals for projects with anticipated outcomes that will benefit children – especially those with disabilities – and their families. Proposals must be research-based; project- or service-based proposals do not qualify for LFRP funding. Proposal submissions should, where feasible:

- encourage senior/junior faculty partnerships;
- promote interdisciplinary research, including partnerships with faculty in other colleges or universities;
- involve community partnerships (outreach); and
- seek matching internal or external funding resources.



Morgan

Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center for Faculty Research Grants Culminate in Doctoral Degree

Professor Rita P. Fleming-Castaldy, OTL/R, FAOTA of the Occupational Department Therapy Department was recently awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Occupational Therapy from New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. Her doctoral dissertation was based on research that she conducted in partnership with Keith Williams, Director of Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living (NEPA CIL) Core Consumer Services, and Mary Lou Knabel of Allied In-Home Services Division. Dr. Fleming-Castaldy's



Rita Fleming-Castaldy

study examined the perspectives of persons with significant physical disabilities about their self-management of personal care assistance (PCA), perceived control of and satisfaction with PCA service delivery, and quality of life.

Preliminary research that provided the foundation for this work was supported by two Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center for Faculty Research grants. Dr. Fleming-Castaldy's study tested the hypothesis that persons with disabilities who have increased choice in and control of their daily lives will report greater life satisfaction. This research focus was highly congruent with the mission of the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Endowment, which supports applied research and programs that advance the cause of disabled persons who need long-term assistance.

Dear Alumni (continued from page 1)

just some of many civic engagement programs in PCPS that allow our students to complete service-learning experiences as a requirement for graduation. All students in PCPS must complete at least 40 hours of service learning to graduate.

Our faculty continue to teach by dedicating themselves to the pedagogy of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Through faith that does justice in the "helping" professions, our mission statement becomes a lived experience. The summer 2008 edition of *Challenges in Theory & Practice* features the talented and dedicated faculty, students and staff that bring their gifts to PCPS and the Leahy Center. My only regret is that *Challenges in Theory & Practice* couldn't feature every one of our 218 full- and part-time faculty members and their students!

For all the reasons above, and others not mentioned, I continue to be proud and thankful to be a part of the Panuska College of Professional Studies community. Please know how grateful I am to all of you for your efforts, financial support, and your unending imagination!

Sincerely yours,

Debra Pellegrino

Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D.
Dean



University of Scranton nursing students recently offered care to people served by Hope for Haiti.

Nursing Department Initiates Mission Trips

by: Patricia Harrington, Sharon Hudacek, and Marilyn Highhouse

January 2008 marked the initiation of the Department of Nursing Healthcare Missions. For the first time, groups of students and faculty traveled to Haiti and Kentucky in service to others. Two organizations invited the students and faculty to offer healthcare to people served by Hope for Haiti and the Christian Appalachian Project. Both trips

were highly successful and provided a beginning for what the department hopes will be a continuous effort to expand its service beyond the local community, providing students with meaningful experiences in the service of vulnerable populations.

Since returning home both groups have spent time reflecting on the trips and they offered several presentations to the University community in late March and April.

Hope for Haiti

Hope for Haiti is a non-profit charitable organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition, and healthcare. Established in Naples, Florida, by JoAnne M. Kuehner in 1990, Hope for Haiti provides education for more than 14,000 children by funding more than 40 schools throughout Haiti. In recent years, they expanded their involvement to include support for water treatment projects and, most recently, healthcare services to the families served by the Hope for Haiti schools. At the invitation of Mrs. Kuehner, who accompanied the group, our students traveled to Les Cayes in rural Haiti to offer nursing care to the families served by the Hope for Haiti schools. Common illnesses were malaria, typhoid fever, scabies, parasites, fungal infections, HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis as well as preventable childhood illnesses.

Regional Statistics

- **Capital:** Port au Prince
- **Size:** Haiti shares the Island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic; about the size of Maryland

- **Population:** 8.71 million; Religion: Roman Catholic 80% and Protestant 16%
- **Language:** French and Haitian Creole is the sole language for 85% of the country
- **Literacy Rate:** 53%; unemployment is 67%
- **Agricultural Crops:** Coffee, mangoes, sugarcane, rice, and corn
- **Industries:** Sugar refining, flour milling, textiles, cement
- **Temperatures:** January–March 75–85°

Highlights of the Haiti Trip

At a nutrition program in Aquin, run by the Sisters of Saint Francis, it was incredible to examine children with diseases such as Kwashior-kor which are virtually non-existent in developed countries. This form of severe protein deficiency is all too common among Haitian babies. Over 80% of Haiti's population does not have access to clean drinking water. One in 14 children in Haiti die from typhoid before they reach one year of age. Typhoid is found in contaminated water and causes life threatening diarrhea. Hope for Haiti recently installed several water purification systems to prevent outbreaks of typhoid. Another remarkable day found us in the pediatric unit of a Les Cayes hospital run by Mother Teresa's order of the Missionaries of Charity, who provide excellent healthcare with minimal resources to people suffering from tuberculosis and other communicable diseases. The students worked directly with the many orphaned children.

University of Scranton senior nursing students Kaitlin Baker, Josh Braddell, Kerry Gallagher, Laura Gibbons, Jessica Hodovanec, and Mary Beth Vogel were joined by faculty Dr. Patricia Harrington and Dr. Sharon Hudacek. The following quotes capture what the trip meant to them:

- "Being in Haiti, I was moved by sights and sounds of hope that I saw every day...."
- "Arriving home, it was really difficult for me to understand how our country has so much, while others are suffering like the people of Haiti are...I will never forget our

Highlights of the Haiti Trip

work in Haiti...and I hope to be a part of it again."

- "As the waiting line in the church clinic increased, I was amazed at the patience and respect offered by the Haitian people."
- "Seeing God in these poor, sick, abandoned children was....indescribable."
- "Hope for Haiti is a wonderful organization run by amazing people, with a loving mission at its core."
- "The trip to Haiti was life changing; it is an amazing place that needs more attention and help."
- "During a home visit to a dying woman, even though we were unable to do much to help her, I could see and feel the appreciation that the family felt toward us...and this really mattered to me, and I continue to reflect on that day."
- "I'll never forget the look on the children's faces and their screams of excitement as we walked into the orphanage....it was a great day, and a hard day for me, I really felt the love of these children."

Christian Appalachian Project: Highlights from the Appalachia, Kentucky Trip

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. CAP operates nearly 70 programs that provide a variety of services to more than 35,000 individuals and families each year.

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) requested the nursing trip after working with Megan Casey '07. Students traveled with CAP caseworkers to visit community members in their homes and offered health assessments and health education. In addition, they offered health screenings and presentations at senior centers and a local church.

During their first home visit, the group was shocked to learn that people were living in a home (trailer) in danger of being pushed off its foundation by the encroaching river. The couple, in their 80s, was unable to travel outside the home and relied on CAP to provide grocer-



Front row, left to right: Charles (Interpreter), Dentist from Florida, Tiffany and Mikey (Hope for Haiti Coordinators in LeCayes); Jessica Hodovanec, Laura Gibbons, Kaitlin Baker Back row: Josh Braddell, Kerry Gallagher, Mary Beth Vogel, Dr. Sharon Hudacek, Dr. Pat Harrington, Mrs. JoAnne Kuehner, President, Hope for Haiti.

ies and other necessities. Most surprising was the lack of indoor plumbing. This would be not an unusual occurrence in the poorest of homes. In contrast to the poor conditions, "Nutrition Bingo" was enjoyed tremendously by elders in the many local senior centers. Students supplied personal care items as prizes while they honed their own "bingo" expertise and engaged the participants in this fun game while teaching them important nutrition facts. During these sessions, students learned about Appalachian dinner delicacies including pigs feet, ground bologna and other entrees fried in bacon grease and sprinkled heavily with salt.

University of Scranton students Caitlin Boyle, Jessica Brennan, Jill Chrest, Andrew Graham, Maura Hayden, Paula Jabbour, Katherine McKeane, Margaret Murray, Gloriarose Schmidt and Kate Walsh were joined by Marilyn Highhouse, nursing faculty, and Vanessa Rojas, Leahy Clinic. The following quotes capture what the trip meant to them:

- "Many of us felt helpless...but our mere presence was a comfort and relief to many."
- "It was a shock that people in the United States actually lived in some of the conditions we found."

"The people of Appalachia touched our lives in ways we could never have imagined... Kentucky was more than just health promotion and education...it was a wake up call for us; a time to realize what we can do...to help those who have less than we do."

– PCPS Nursing student



Left to right: Paula Jabour, Andrew Graham, Caitlin Boyle, Maura Hayden, Kathleen Walsh, Jessica Brennan, Gloriarose Schmitt, Jillian Chrest, Kate McKeaney, and Margaret Murray

Highlights of Appalachia, Kentucky Trip, *cont'd*

- "It was a very humbling experience."
- "The trip will stay with me forever and the appreciation that was shown I will not soon forget."
- "Amazing. I feel like I made a difference in other peoples' lives."
- "I'll never forget the warmth and generosity of spirit and untiring devotion to service that we witnessed among the CAP volunteers."
- "So much needed to be done and we barely scratched the surface."
- "The people of Appalachia touched our lives in ways we could never have imagined."
- "I realized how mature we, as nursing students, have become; I was proud of my classmates."
- "Kentucky was more than just health promotion and education. It was a wake-up call for

us; a time to realize what we can do to help those who have less than we do."

- "I was ignorant to the poverty that our fellow Americans must endure."
- "The experience gave me a new outlook on life; one that is rich with love and faith."
- "It was an opportunity to combine my nursing skills with my desire to serve those less fortunate."

Regional Statistics

- Seven counties in Eastern Kentucky are included on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau list of the fifty poorest counties in the nation.
- Three of those counties are locations of CAP human services programs; all have organizations that receive goods from Operation Sharing.
- Owsley County, which has CAP outreach, elderly services, housing and job training programs, currently ranks as the seventh poorest county in the country, but in 1997 ranked as number five.
- In Owsley County the estimate of poor children in the county is just over 50%.
- In some areas of Appalachia, as many as 16.8 percent of the homes have more people than rooms and are without indoor plumbing.

Summary

We are grateful to the students who sought the support of the faculty and administration in order to make the nursing mission trips a reality. Today, there is a groundswell of interest in both of these service projects, and fund raisers are being planned to support the next groups of students. The Department of Nursing hopes to include alumni in future trips. They will continue to work with The Christian Appalachian Project and Hope for Haiti staffs, who so generously gave their time and energy to assure that our students had an outstanding and meaningful service opportunity. In summary, the trip participants returned home realizing that they were forever changed, grateful for the gifts they have in the USA, and aware of the incredible poverty, both in Appalachia and in Haiti.



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Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30–9:00

Presentation of the Colors

Opening Remarks

Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D, *President, The University of Scranton*
Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D., *Dean, Panuska College of Professional Studies*
Edward R. and Patricia Leahy, *Honorary Conference Chairs*

The Honorable David Wenzel, *Vietnam Veteran, Former Mayor of Scranton*

9:00–10:30

Opening Keynote Speaker

Music Within, Richard Pimentel

Richard Pimentel, a Vietnam Veteran, offers a powerful keynote presentation. By highlighting his life story, captured in the movie *Music Within*, he shows how we all have the ability to make a difference.

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45–12:00

Concurrent Sessions

The Real Job Market for Veterans, *Richard Pimentel*

Prevalence, Prevention and Treatment of Psychiatric disAbility in OIF/OEF Servicemembers, *Thomas Collins, Ph.D.*

Dealing with Pre-deployment, Deployment and Reunion with School-aged Children, *LeeAnn Eschbach, Ph.D.*

The Rehabilitation Process: From Injury and State-of-the-Art Care to the Transition Home, *Douglas Bidelsbach, MPT, PT, Regional Veterans Administration System*

12:00–1:00 Lunch

Poem, *Josie Cordaro*

Leahy Awards for Excellence, *Edward R. and Patricia Leahy*

1:00–2:00

Keynote Speaker

Ryan Kules, *Veteran Transitioning to the Workforce After Injury*

This presentation will cover Captain Kules' background, injury in the Army, his rehabilitation and his transition into the civilian workforce. He will discuss the obstacles he overcame and best practices for success. He will also describe the Wounded Warriors.

2:15–3:15

Concurrent Sessions

Building a Collaborative Approach to Business Customers Through the Net: National Employment Team, *Kathleen West-Evans, MPA, CRC*

Addressing the Needs of Families of Combat Veterans with PTSD, *David S. Riggs, Ph.D.*

Educational Accommodations for Veterans, *James Muniz, M.S., and Mary Ellen Pichiarello, M.S., CRC*

3:15–3:30 Break

3:30–4:30

Concurrent Sessions

The NET Connects with the Veterans Administration Employment Coordinators, *Kathleen West-Evans, MPA, CRC*

Addressing the Needs of Combat Veterans with PTSD
David S. Riggs, Ph.D.

Self-Directed Personal Care Assistance: The Relationships Between Control, Choice, and Quality of Life, *Rita Fleming-Castaldo, Ph.D.*

4:30–6:00

Networking Social

4:40–5:30

Liturgy for Veterans

Madonna della Strada Chapel, Rock Hall

6:00–7:30

Welcome Home Town Meeting

Ralph N. Pacinelli, D.Ed., CRC, LPC, *Moderator*

- Brigadier General John L. Gronski
Assistant Adjutant General, Pennsylvania National Guard
- Brigadier General Scott D. Wagner
Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs in the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Ruth Gonzalez
Regional Representative, Governor's Veterans Outreach Center
- C. Gene Molino
Associate Director, Veterans Administration Medical Center
- David Ulkoski, *Team Leader, Readjustment Counseling Services Veteran's Outreach Group*
- Donald A. Rullman, *Director, Hiram G. Andrews Center, PA/Office of Vocational Rehabilitation*

Thursday, October 9

8:00–8:30

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30–9:15

Opening Remarks: Dignitaries

9:15–10:45

Keynote Speaker

Restoring Lives and Building Futures, *David S. Macpherson, M.D., MPH, Chief Medical Officer, VISN4*

This presentation will describe how our nation has organized through the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide the critical interdisciplinary services and supports for veterans with disabilities and their families.

10:45–11:00 Break

11:00–12:30

Keynote Speaker

From the Front Lines: A Window into the War, *Juan J. DeRojas, M.D.*

Dr. DeRojas has an extensive military service record. As a board certified general surgeon, he brings a unique view of the war and its impact on injured veterans.

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For additional information, contact: Lori A. Bruch, Ed.D., at (570) 941-4308, or BruchL1@scranton.edu.

Keynote Speakers

Richard Pimentel

Richard Pimentel is a Vietnam veteran and a nationally renowned expert on Disability Management, Job Recruitment, Job Retention, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Attitude Change. Richard is a senior partner in the firm of Milt Wright & Associates, Inc. for which he conducts training and consultation nationwide. He has authored and co-authored numerous books and professional publications, including the *Job Club Placement Model for the Department of Veterans Affairs*. Richard was also the Chairperson of VACOR, the Department of Veterans Affairs Civilian Advisory Committee for Rehabilitation. A full-length motion picture of his life story, *Music Within*, starring Ron Livingston is available on DVD.

Ryan Kules

Ryan Kules, Retired US Army Captain and Wounded Warriors Project Program Manager, works in Washington, D.C. He was born in Scottsdale, Arizona, and lived in that area until he began his military career. He was deployed to Iraq in February 2005 where he gained intimate experience with the Iraqi people and their culture. He was injured in November of 2005, and during his recovery, he became involved with the Warriors to Work program.

Kathleen West-Evans

Kathleen West-Evans, MPA, CRC is the Director of Business Relations for the National Council of State Administrators in Vocational Rehabilitation. She has over 30 years of vocational rehabilitation and employment experience and is fluent in American Sign Language. Currently, she is the lead staff person for development of the National Vocational Rehabilitation-Business Network. The network serves business customers, VR consumers with disabilities, and the 80 state vocational rehabilitation agencies. Kathleen has successfully built employment partnerships with the Veterans Administration and related organizations.

David S. Riggs

David S. Riggs, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Center for Deployment Psychology with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD, where he oversees the development and delivery of training seminars to behavioral health professionals to prepare them to provide for the needs of deployed Service members and their families. Dr. Riggs is a noted expert on PTSD. He has published over 60 articles and book chapters and has presented over 100 papers and workshops on PTSD and related topics. Recently, he co-led a series of

workshops to train military behavioral health professionals to treat PTSD and other trauma-related disorders.

David S. Macpherson, M.D., MPH

Dr. David S. Macpherson is the Chief Medical Officer for the Veterans Integrated Service Network 4 (VISN4), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He is responsible for overseeing all medical care delivered to veterans in VISN4 including 10 VA medical centers and 47 community-based outpatient clinics. He oversees all research activity in VISN4. VISN4 covers 104 counties in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. In addition to his administrative positions. Dr. Macpherson has served in key roles as a clinician, educator and researcher and has published more than 30 articles, book chapters and abstracts.

Juan J. DeRojas, M.D.

Dr. Juan J. DeRojas is a veteran of the War against Terror and the Gulf War. He is a board-certified general surgeon who has an extensive military record. He is a member of the Society of Clinical Vascular Surgery, the Peripheral Vascular Society, the Association of Military Surgeons in the United States, the American Society of General Surgeons, among others. Dr. DeRojas is a senior partner with Surgical Specialists of Wyoming Valley.

Panelists

Thomas Collins, Ph.D., is a Professor at The University of Scranton and a Counseling Psychologist with the Veterans Administration.

Douglas Bidelsbach, MPT is a Rehabilitation Planning Specialist with the National PM&R Program of the Veterans Administration Central Office.

LeeAnn Eschbach, Ph.D., NCC, LPC, is an Associate Professor at The University of Scranton.

James Muniz, M.S. is a Reading Specialist and Director of the

ADP program at The University of Scranton's Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence.

Mary Ellen Pichiarello, MS, CRC is a Learning Enrichment Specialist at The University of Scranton's Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence.

Rita P. Fleming-Castaldy, Ph.D., OTL, FAOTA is an Assistant Professor at The University of Scranton.

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PCPS Hosts Problem Feeders Presentation

"Problem Feeders: What do I do now? Oral Motor and Sensory Issues Involved with Feeding" was presented for faculty, students, and community partners on April 22, 2008 in the Leahy Community Health & Family Center in partnership with Panuska College of Professional Studies and the St. Joseph Center.

Julia E. Treat-Stiefel, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech Language Pathologist/Oral Myologist made the presentation from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on oral motor and sensory issues involved with feeding. Joining Ms. Treat-Stiefel for this community lecture were **Debra Pellegrino, Ed.D.**, Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies at The University of Scranton, **Sister Terry O'Rourke, IHM**, President of St. Joseph's Center, and **J. Joseph Grady, Esq.**, a Board member of St. Joseph's Center and alumnus of The University of Scranton.

Julia E. Treat-Stiefel earned her master's degree in speech-language-hearing from the University of Kansas' Project CIRCLE (Creating Native American Resources to facilitate Communication skills in Learning Environments) program. Julia is a member of the Creek Nation. Project CIRCLE, a federally funded program, was designed to increase the number of Native American speech-language pathologists, who nationally are underrepresented in Native American communities. Lackawanna County and the Leahy Center are proud to welcome Julia to her new community.

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