Dear PCPS faculty, staff and students, especially the Class of 2020:

As you know, Mary Oliver is one of my favorite poets. “The Gardener” by Mary Oliver reminds us all to reflect each day and to give thanks. As the spring 2020 semester is coming to a close, we remember that emergency remote learning (ERT) became our new buzz words along with Zoom, Panopto and D2L because of COVID 19. Yet, we made it! We supported each other. We became stronger together. We relaxed with music, exercise and walks in nature.

Many of you will be graduating; take the time to reflect and always give gratitude. I leave you with one of my favorite songs, “What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5TwT69t1IU.

Do not ever forget the colors of the rainbow.

God bless you and remember, I love you.

“Andrà tutto bene!”

Dr. Debra Pellegrino
Dean of PCPS

I do my cap toss, Check my gown.
Grads, how you feelin’?
Feeling good as Royal
Cap toss
Check my gown
Grads, how you feeling’?
Feeling good as Royal
Woo Class, tired of the Covid
Go on dust your shoulders off, keep it moving
Yes, Lord, these Jesuits are off
In their jobs, careers,
going to the workforce
Come now, come dry your eyes
You know you a star, you can touch the sky

I know that it’s hard but you have to try
If you need advice let me simplify
The world is different than we thought
But know we’ve got and done a lot

Grads, how you feeling’?
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Here’s a song in your honor from my daughter Bethany in Dallas, Texas. She told me that you would know that the inspiration came from Lizzo. CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE CLASS OF 2020

THE GARDENER
by Mary Oliver

Have I loved enough?
Have I considered Right Action enough, have I come to any conclusion?
Have I experienced happiness with sufficient gratitude?
Have I endured loneliness with grace?
I say this, or perhaps I’m just thinking it.
Actually I probably think too much.
Then I step out into the garden, where the gardener, who is said to be a simple man, is tending his children, the roses.

THE J.A. Panuska, S.J.,
Panuska College of Professional Studies
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Doctoral Degree Recipients
Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

Thomas Bules – Doctor of Nursing Practice
Sophia Di Camillo – Doctor of Physical Therapy

Masters Degree Recipients
Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

Geoffrey Morton – MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Shannon Saxon-Price – MS Rehabilitation Counseling
Christina Futterknecht – MS School Counseling
Michael Weppler – MS Curriculum and Instruction
Toni Ann Snyder – MS Educational Administration
Thomas Shaffern – MS Secondary Education
Siena Cardamone – MS Special Education
Michaela Dolde – Masters of Health Administration
Kelly Banyas – MS Health Informatics
Christine Byrd – MS Human Resources
Zachary Russell – MSN Nurse Anesthesia
Christine Pabst – MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Mark Antonio – MSN Certified Advanced Practice Nurse
Anna Giannantonio – MS Occupational Therapy

PCPS Distinguished Graduate of the Master of Health Administration Online Program
Melissa Edwards

CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR HELD FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING GRADS
Julie A. Cerrito, Ph.D., NCC, NCSC, ACS, Associate Professor, Director of School Counseling Graduate Program in the Department of Counseling and Human Services, tells us how School Counseling internship students have collaborated with the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development to offer a timely and relevant Zoom webinar to Scranton graduates entering the job market during uncertain times.

School Counseling Graduate Students (Christina Futterknecht, Marc Sweeney, Gina Spohr, and Tessa Werner-Brooks), in collaboration with the University’s Center for Career Development, hosted the webinar on May 12 to prepare graduates for virtual interview techniques as they prepare to enter the job market. These outstanding graduates shared job search strategies and tips for dealing with rejection in a virtual job market.

PCPS is so proud of these outstanding graduates for thinking out-of-the-box with virtual technology and utilizing God’s gifts and talents to help others.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SUMMER CLINICALS
Seven Occupational Therapy students from Scranton will be doing summer clinicals at Intensive Therapeutics in West Caldwell, New Jersey. Typically, the University sends two graduate students for fieldwork at this site, but this year, Intensive Therapeutics had a shortage of OT students for clinicals due to cancellations within their state. The owner reached out to Jessica Brennan OTD, MS, OTR/L, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, requesting more grad students. Go Royals for these seven OT students headed to Intensive Therapeutics this summer!

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOOL COUNSELING GRADUATES

DECEMBER 2019 GRADS
• Elizabeth Corbett
• Morgan Craig
• Margaret Donnelly
• Bianca Gentile
• Carly Koelle
• Kimberly McGuire
• Sarah Rosar
• Dominique Spataro

MAY 2020 GRADS
• Sarah Fredrick
• Christina Futterknecht
  (Outstanding Graduate in School Counseling)
• Breanna Santarsiero
• Maria Scavo Gosart
• Gina Spohr
• Tessa Werner-Brooks
Shout out to our graduates from the Office of Clinical Practice!
Congratulations to our Educational Administrative and Curriculum and Instruction GRADUATE students as you take your next steps towards your Educational Administrative careers.
Thank you for all you do for our PK to 12 schools!

Dolores Rozelle
Administrative Assistant, SEOL & PCPS Field Office

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Diane S. Muniz
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

CLASS of 2020...Your commitment to coursework, your involvement in activities, your volunteer hours to the university and the community have all led you to this moment. This final semester especially, you’ve exhibited immense courage, patience, ingenuity and resilience, which have surely paved the way for your success. We are so proud of you! God Bless and wishing you all the best! CONGRATULATIONS!

Ann Keeler
CHS

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Mary Ann Capone
Exercise Science and Sport Secretary

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Pam Turbessi
CHS Department Secretary

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My dear graduates always remember…you are never alone.

Dawn Mazurik
Nursing Department Secretary

Wishing you much success as you pursue your dreams and goals!

Mary Bennett
Secretary
Occupational Therapy Dept.

The hours too quickly slip away
And mingle into years
But memories of our Scranton days will last
Whatever next appears.
The legacy from those before
Is briefly ours to hold,
We leave the best behind for others
As the coming years unfold.

With faith in lives that touch us here
And paths that ours have crossed
We know that reaching for the rising sun
Is surely worth the cost.
May God be ever at our side,
May goodness fill our days.
We hail as loving sons and daughters
Alma mater ours always.

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