



EMBRACING THE CALL TO CARE

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THE GARDENER

by Mary Oliver

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=m5TwT69i1IU>.

Do not ever forget the colors of the rainbow.

God bless you and remember, I love you.

"Andrà tutto bene!"

Debra Pellegrino

Dr. Debra Pellegrino,
Dean of PCPS



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A JESUIT UNIVERSITY



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.

TO THE CLASS OF 2020

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!**

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

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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!

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD WINNERS



Doctoral Degree Recipients Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

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

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Masters Degree Recipients Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

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Geoffrey Morton – MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Shannon Saxon-Price – MS Rehabilitation Counseling
Christina Futterknecht – MS School Counseling
Michael Wepler – 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

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PCPS Distinguished Graduate of the Master of Health Administration Online Program

Melissa Edwards

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

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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.



Having worked hard to make your
dream come true, go show the world
what you're made of. It's waiting for
you! You're young men and women
for others that I couldn't be
more proud of!

Congratulations Class 2020!!!!

Lynn Rasalla

Physical Therapy Department Secretary

Congratulations to the Class of
2020! May the Jesuit value of unity
of heart, mind and soul keep you
emotionally and physically together
as we stay apart. God bless you
and your family in a time like this.
Stay safe, stay focused and forever
stay a "Royal."

Mary Ann Capone

Exercise Science and Sport Secretary

Don't let these past few months define
you. You have made it to the finish line
of your college experience.
Congratulations to you and your family
for a job well done. Go out and share
the Scranton experience through
your actions. Best of luck in everything
the future has in store for you.

Diane S. Muniz

Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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



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

Mary Bennett

Secretary
Occupational Therapy Dept.

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

To our Amazing CHS 2020 graduates,
The Spring 2020 semester has certainly
been a semester to remember! You are
awesome and amazing as a group and as
individuals. Because of your hard work,
flexibility, dedication, perseverance and
commitment each and every semester —
YOU MADE IT!

I will miss seeing you on 4th floor
McGurrin Hall, and I am so excited
for your future!
Congratulations and all the best!

Pam Turbessi

CHS Department Secretary

I know right now you feel like a tree
alone in a field, afraid that a strong wind
will knock you to the ground. Fear not.
Your roots have grown deep and strong.
Then...the fog clears and the sun crests
over the horizon; you see that you are
actually surrounded by TALL, STRONG
trees who have survived many
a strong wind.

My dear graduates always remember...
you are never alone.

Dawn Mazurik

Nursing Department Secretary