



THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, May 24, 2026

MOHEGAN ARENA AT CASEY PLAZA

The Academic Procession

GRAND MARSHAL AND MACE BEARER

Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D.

MASSED COLORS AND HONOR GUARD

MARSHALS OF THE GRADUATES

John Deak, Ph.D.

Michael W. Fennie, Ph.D.

Riddhiman Medhi, Ph.D.

Katherine J. Stefanelli, Ph.D.

THE GRADUATES

MARSHAL OF THE FACULTY

Teresa A. Grettano, Ph.D.

THE FACULTY

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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Lucia A. Grissinger

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Program

Processional: *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams (*arr. Reed*)
 Welcome Tracy M. Stewart, Ph.D.
Interim Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
 Invocation Lauren S. Rivera, J.D., M.Ed.
Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students
The Star-Spangled Banner. *arr.* Vaclav Nelhybel, H'85
 Class Speaker Harshil Prakashbhai Nariya

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Karen L. Pennington, Ph.D. '76, G'83, H'15

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES IN COURSE

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., *President of the University*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

In The Leahy College of Health Sciences Victoria H. Castellanos, Ph.D., *Dean*
 In The Kania School of Management. Mark Higgins, Ph.D., *Dean*
 In The College of Arts and Sciences Carolyn M. Barry, Ph.D., *Dean*

DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., *President of the University*

Greetings from the Alumni Society. Christopher J. Neumann, Esq. '87
Alumni Society President
 Remarks Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.
President of the University
 Benediction Tim Dulle, Jr., Ph.D.
Executive Director of the Jesuit Center
The University of Scranton Alma Mater. Edward Gannon, S.J., Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80
(arr. Nelhybel, Boga)
 Recessional: *March (from "Second Suite in F")* Gustav Holst

Music provided by The University of Scranton Concert Band and Singers
As a courtesy to our graduates, we ask you to please silence all devices during the ceremony.

Leahy College of Health Sciences

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Priya Amin Nurse Anesthesia	Murielle Jean-Baptiste Nurse Anesthesia	Jazmine N. Owens Nurse Anesthesia
Gina M. Biancarelli Nurse Anesthesia	John M. Labiak Nurse Anesthesia	Sigmund Karl-Heinz Pohan II Nurse Anesthesia
Paul Bishop Nurse Anesthesia	Vivian Lee Nurse Anesthesia	Stephanie Natividad Ramos Nurse Anesthesia
Allison Lindsey Burge Nurse Anesthesia	Maria Kara Mantz Nurse Anesthesia	Nicholas Vincent Rivera Nurse Anesthesia
Harish Datta Nurse Anesthesia	Alexa Lynn Martino Nurse Anesthesia	Margaret Kathleen Ruddy Nursing Practice
Francesca Victoria DiPasquale Nurse Anesthesia	Zadok Israel Miller Nurse Anesthesia	Michael Timothy Schultze Nurse Anesthesia
Margaret Lauren Dodgson Nurse Anesthesia	Jillian Moyer Nurse Anesthesia	Joshua J. Sowle Nurse Anesthesia
Matthew C. Farrell Nurse Anesthesia	Jennifer M. Muller Nurse Anesthesia	

Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Susan Elczynna, Ph.D., R.N., Faculty Specialist, Department of Nursing, and Tracy Murray, DNP, CRNA, Faculty Specialist, Department of Nursing.

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Aaron Anum Asiedu-Wiafe Physical Therapy	Moira C. Courtney Physical Therapy	Noelle Gonzalez Physical Therapy
Ashley Kate Benham Physical Therapy	Britt C. Cunningham Physical Therapy	Delaney S. Guard Physical Therapy
Fiona Margaret Burke Physical Therapy	Bella Giovanna Czeck Physical Therapy	Erin Elizabeth Holler Physical Therapy
Erin Elizabeth Champion Physical Therapy	Anne M. Duffy Physical Therapy	Sophie Liesel Johanson Physical Therapy
Cori E. Capar Physical Therapy	Sarah E. Fitzpatrick Physical Therapy	Emily R. Kmak Physical Therapy
Hannah Melody Carr Physical Therapy	Kyle J. Franek Physical Therapy	Kaitlin E. Kremsky Physical Therapy

Leahy College of Health Sciences

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, *continued*

Dylan C. Kummery Physical Therapy	Gianna Catherine Memo Physical Therapy	Megan Marie Sommer Physical Therapy
Madison Danielle Langkamer Physical Therapy	Michael Theodore Radzvilka Physical Therapy	Cosette Elizabeth Talarico Physical Therapy
Kieran Michael McCormack Physical Therapy	Madison Rose Ribeiro Physical Therapy	Natalie E. Tiu Physical Therapy
Sophia Marie McMullan Physical Therapy	Hanna Lynn Robinson Physical Therapy	Courtney K. Zaic Physical Therapy
Kathryn A. Meale Physical Therapy	Samantha Phyllis Sercia Physical Therapy	
Francesca Maria Melisi Physical Therapy	Catherine D. Slevin Physical Therapy	

Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Physical Therapy.

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Kathleen Ohenana Appau Occupational Therapy	Grace Elizabeth Kane Occupational Therapy	Aimee Katharine Mockler Occupational Therapy
Madison A. Borys Occupational Therapy	Lauren E. Kraemer Occupational Therapy	Madelynn Marie Senatore Occupational Therapy
Kathleen Bridget Holdsworth Occupational Therapy	Meredith Amber Lee Occupational Therapy	Jennifer Yan Wilkinson Occupational Therapy

*Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Carol Coté, Ph.D., OTR/L.,
Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy.*

Leahy College of Health Sciences

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Michael Amo Gyau Health Administration	Alexandrea Lashaun Hunter Health Administration	Jaykumar Rajendrakumar Patel Health Administration
Nirali Ku Barot Health Administration	Laporsha Jackson Health Administration	Kesha N. Patel Health Administration
Priyanka Bhogala Health Administration	Dhanusha Srinivas Kadimi Health Administration	Rupali Pankaj Patel Health Administration
Emily Anne Butler Health Administration	Paige E. Knecht Health Administration	Hunter L. Ralston Health Administration
Ashleigh M. Clarke Health Administration	Jessica Marie Lang Health Administration	Srinivasa Raju Rudraraju Health Administration
Viana Jordan Currie Health Administration	Erika Louis Health Administration	Pharhana Shaik Health Administration
Sanketh Debbadi Health Administration	Alvin MacCain Health Administration	Udit K. Sharma Health Administration
Valeria Fernandini Health Administration	Haripriya Mohan Health Administration	Sai Prabhu Siddabathini Health Administration
Rochaelle Gill Health Administration	Priyadarshini Nimmalappalli Health Administration	Devyn Phelan Tanajewski Health Administration
Nivedha Harikrishnan Health Administration	Diamond Nolan Health Administration	Anuhya Thottempudi Health Administration
Theresa Hernandez Health Administration	Spencer Raymond Owens Health Administration	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Caitlyn A. Addley Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Alexa Krislyn Bonk Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Alexis Taylor Costagliola Occupational Therapy
Julia E. Bell Occupational Therapy	Evaline Rae Bowman Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Aleah Jasmine Curry Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Sabrina C. Ben Human Resources Management	Sofia Florencia Bredice Occupational Therapy	Patrick Robert Dalton Health Informatics
Madalyn Dolores Beretzki Occupational Therapy	Ashley Lorne Cappa Speech-Language Pathology	Joseph James DeGrazia School Counseling
Annie E. Berger Occupational Therapy	Rachel Clark Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Izabella B. DeNaples Applied Behavior Analysis
Angelina J. Bonacasa Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Hailey Celeste Conklin Occupational Therapy	Madison L. DeStefano Occupational Therapy

Leahy College of Health Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE, *continued*

Meghan Courtney Devine Human Resources Management	Cassandra K. Haw Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Hailey Marie Monaghan Occupational Therapy
Julia Marie Diorio Occupational Therapy	Andrea M. Herrera Occupational Therapy	Kiera L. Mooney Occupational Therapy
Samantha Doughty Occupational Therapy	Brittney Hirschel Applied Behavior Analysis	Kathryn T. Moore Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Bethany Earley School Counseling	Samantha A. Horrocks Human Resources Management	Nilaja S. Morgan Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Olivia P. Fedor Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Valerie Anne Jachimski Occupational Therapy	Madison Marie Moyer Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Danielle Elizabeth Fernandez Occupational Therapy	Sydney Grace Janeiro Human Resources Management	Jacqueline L. Murphy Human Resources Management
Tyler S. Ferretti Human Resources Management	Tiffany Jaskulski Health Informatics	Margaret Rosemary Murray Occupational Therapy
Michael B. Foder School Counseling	Erin Riley Keaveney Occupational Therapy	Audra Marie Puccio Nagby Speech-Language Pathology
Alexis C. Garcia Health Informatics	Alanna M. Kelly Occupational Therapy	Julia Rose Nocentino Occupational Therapy
Kaitlyn Rose Gelman Occupational Therapy	Kelly Kennedy Occupational Therapy	Alexa Notarianni Applied Behavior Analysis
Abigail Christine Gillen Occupational Therapy	Christine S. Kolessar Speech-Language Pathology	James M. O'Brien Applied Behavior Analysis
Amy L. Gold Applied Behavior Analysis	Kiera M. Lapham Occupational Therapy	Nora G. O'Connell Speech-Language Pathology
Grace Lucia Gonzalez Speech-Language Pathology	Diana Putri Lozinger Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Kalina Marie Olson Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling
Abigail Louise Good Applied Behavior Analysis	Gianna Maria Manzo School Counseling	Megan Dempsey O'Malley School Counseling
Marc H. Habel Applied Behavior Analysis	Justin T. Matzner Occupational Therapy	Jillian Barbara Orr Occupational Therapy
Jenna Marie Haeefe Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Cara D. McCarthy Occupational Therapy	Nina Antonietta Ottaviano Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling
Macy Beth Hammond Occupational Therapy	Erin Meagher Applied Behavior Analysis	Divya Pradipkumar Patel Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lawrence J. Harrington Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Dannah Stephanie Mena Human Resources Management	Priya R. Patel Human Resources Management

Leahy College of Health Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE, *continued*

Angelina Penatzer Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Kaylee Ann Sanko-Kendricks Applied Behavior Analysis	Ashley Mary Tirone Applied Behavior Analysis
Melissa J. Przewlocki Human Resources Management	Bethany Marie Serio Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Angeliki Trifonopoulos Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Alexandra E. Raglan Applied Behavior Analysis	Mallory Robyn Shotwell Applied Behavior Analysis	Sara J. Tumminelli Occupational Therapy
Ashleigh N. Rakoski Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Kaleigh Marie Sibbett Occupational Therapy	Irma M. Tyndall Health Informatics
Courteney Angela Ariel Reed Applied Behavior Analysis	Sarah M. Soos Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Kristen Karen Ullmeyer Speech-Language Pathology
Rebecca L. Remsky Applied Behavior Analysis	Sarah N. Stanski Applied Behavior Analysis	Robert Connor Walker Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Tara Lynn Renda Occupational Therapy	Lacey C. Taylor Health Informatics	Anathae Wallace Health Informatics
Victoria Ruiz Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Kayla J. Tilwick Speech-Language Pathology	Emma Rose Winter Occupational Therapy
Mia Gabrielle Sandy Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Emma Grace Tirollo Occupational Therapy	Samantha Zaic Occupational Therapy

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Cassidy A. Bartkowski Family Nurse Practitioner	Richard Michael Morgan Family Nurse Practitioner	Shannon A. Springer Family Nurse Practitioner
Gracie Ann Dombroski Family Nurse Practitioner	Cameron Lee Read Family Nurse Practitioner	Isabella Rose Vinskofski Family Nurse Practitioner
Haley M. Marcinkevich Family Nurse Practitioner		

Kania School of Management

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Manal A. Alhamrani Accounting	Hung N. Bui Accounting	Makalerina Tambunan Accounting
Mina Alinejadfarshi Accounting	Vilson Dushi Accounting	Jason S. Wenger Accounting
Stephen Kow Bosomafi Accounting	Bryant L. Richards Accounting	

*Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Dr. James F. Boyle, DBA, CPA,
Associate Professor, Department of Accounting.*

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Jason T. Adams Accountancy	Tanner J. Daggett Accountancy	Paul L. Katz Accountancy
Ahmed Albalawi Accountancy	William Doyon Accountancy	Ashley Kippycash Accountancy
Ahmed Ibrahim Alrashidi Accountancy	Alexander M. Eglitis Accountancy	Maura Vanessa Krzan Accountancy
Prasanth Ampili Accountancy	Alex Flores Accountancy	George Kwiecinski Accountancy
Morgan Dorothy Beaudoin Accountancy	Sandra Ford Accountancy	Walter James Lee IV Accountancy
Katrina Josette Beaver Accountancy	Hannah E. Fryzel Accountancy	Emmet T. Loughran Accountancy
Colin James Byrd Accountancy	Kristin Anne Furlong Accountancy	Peter L. Marino Accountancy
Alexander S. Cabrera Accountancy	Angelina T. Giannakopoulos Accountancy	Timothy Njama Accountancy
Philip Carmosino Accountancy	John R. Hatt Accountancy	Tengiz Orujashvili Accountancy
Navadheer Chitta Accountancy	Samantha Madison Howey Accountancy	Mohan Reddy Palle Accountancy

Kania School of Management

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY, *continued*

Stefen Pastor Accountancy	Rakesh Kumar Sivvala Accountancy	Ryan J. Walsh Accountancy
Juan Carlos Perez Accountancy	Jake A. Spada Accountancy	Jordan N. Wilkinson Accountancy
Izabella M. Rose Accountancy	Brian Joseph Stepniak Accountancy	Jared P. Witt Accountancy
Gerard Thomas Ryan Accountancy	Joshua Stevens Accountancy	William Wooten Accountancy
Kevin M. Shanahan Accountancy	Stephan Thompson Accountancy	Nandi Ashley Zulu Accountancy

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ameen Mohammed J Alselmi Business Administration	Lamar L. B. Bishop Business Administration	Cristina Angelique Cortez Business Administration
Jessica Marie Amon Business Administration	Brian Scott Boegershausen Business Administration	David Crean Business Administration
Hannah C. Angelini Business Administration	Peter D. Bonsall Business Administration	Dante Ali Hannibal Dalgin Business Administration
Rhegan E. Apel Business Administration	Jenna R. Bricca Business Administration	Smit Rajulkumar Dave Business Administration
Yubraj Aryal Business Administration	Courtney Leeanne Cacabelos Business Administration	Adarsh Deekonda Business Administration
Eshwar Reddy Bakkanagari Business Administration	Donald A. Caravello Business Administration	Joseph Peter DiBona Business Administration
Alexandra Becker Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Mani Roop Reddy Cherabudla Business Administration	Catherine E. DiGirolamo Business Administration
Jacob Paul Bendixen Business Administration	Brianna Clark Business Administration	John Joseph DiSomma Business Administration
Mark T. Benginia Business Administration	Riley C. Clark Business Administration	Carolina Dominguez Business Administration
Alexandra Jane Beyer Business Administration	Maureen Victoria Coleman Business Administration	Eric D. Drago Business Administration
	Catherina N. Cortez Business Administration	

Kania School of Management

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *continued*

Meghan R. Eidenberg Business Administration	Shannon Lynn Hansen Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Kevin Ly Business Administration
Christopher William Eppley Business Administration	Madeline J. Hartnett Business Administration	Abigail Machay Business Administration
Jessica A. Eppley Business Administration	Krishn Girdharbhai Hirpara Business Administration	Abigail N. Martino Business Administration
Alexander L. Eriquez Business Administration	Nhan Khac Ho Business Administration	Melanie Ann Matthews Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration
Fara C. Etienne Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Christopher C. Holloway Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Emmanuel Mayi Business Administration
Genevieve Josephine Federici Business Administration	Kaitlyn Brooke Hood Business Administration	Mary Katharine McDade Business Administration
Erin Elizabeth Finnegan Business Administration	Thomas W. Hoy Business Administration	Tiffany Grace McDonough Business Administration
Oisin Stephen Foy Business Administration	Kamraan Iqbal Business Administration	Michael E. McKearney Business Administration
Madison Paige Friscia Business Administration	Mary Isijola Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Brooke M. McNabola Business Administration
Irina Gelman Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Pooja Shivaji Jadhav Business Administration	Juan Luis Medina Business Administration
Patrick A. George Business Administration	Kevin M. Keil Business Administration	Celeste N. Meta Business Administration
Livia Sofia Gilbert Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Kayla Marie Kotch Business Administration	Anthony Monacelli Business Administration
James K. Gillen Business Administration	Ritika Kumaresh Business Administration	Matthew M. Moreira Business Administration
Richard D. Guan Business Administration	Allen Michael Larsen, Jr. Business Administration	Danielle Shaunice Morrison Business Administration
Breonna Alexa Hanahan Business Administration	Brittany Elizabeth Legath Business Administration	Lauren Marie Murphy Business Administration
	Nicholas Andrew Luzetski Business Administration	Harshil Nariya Business Administration
		Danielle M. Norquest Business Administration

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MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *continued*

Catherine U. Okoye Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Elizabeth Rodriguez Business Administration	Meghan A. Theofield Business Administration
Sarah Ann Orlandini Business Administration	Frederick F. Rollo IV Business Administration	Matthew David Thomas Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration
Catherine E. O’Sullivan Business Administration	Richard Rocco Rongo Business Administration	Suzanne T. Thomas Business Administration
Bobby C. Paikatt Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration	Christine Schoener Business Administration	Deniya H. Thompson Business Administration/Master of Health Administration – Health Administration
Jignesh Patel Business Administration	Allison Laura Schuessler Business Administration	MacLean Lewis Thuermer Business Administration
Nil R. Patel Business Administration	Alyssa E. Sendek Business Administration	Ian R. Todd Business Administration
Nishi Arvindbhai Patel Business Administration	Lokesh Shakula Business Administration	Bharath Velagandula Business Administration
Prasham Ashokbhai Patel Business Administration	Rahul Shenoy Business Administration	Natalie Marie Vetter Business Administration
Ashley Marie Paulino Business Administration	John J. Sibio Business Administration	Ryan A. Wagner Business Administration
Jennifer S. Polney Business Administration	Matrika Singh Business Administration	Ethan D. Wilson Business Administration
Amanda Marie Popko Business Administration	Jack Spencer Business Administration	Evan Noel Witmer Business Administration
Ian Richmond Business Administration	Julia R. Swistak Business Administration	HoiYing Elsie Yu Business Administration
James Rivers Business Administration	Ralph J. Talarico Business Administration	Kaila Zaworski Business Administration
Christian S. Rizzotti Business Administration	Alexis Taliaferro Business Administration	Rebekah Erin Zazzera Business Administration
	Siena G. Testa Business Administration	

Kania School of Management

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Pruthvi Aageeru Business Analytics	Simona Ismaili Corporate Finance and Investments Specialization	Praful Ramesh Saharkar Business Analytics
John Francis Anzelmi Corporate Finance and Investments Specialization	Venkat Anirudh Kalpatapu Business Analytics	Syed Qutub Uddin Sarwari Business Analytics
Morgan E. Beierle Business Analytics	Lokesh Kaluvala Business Analytics	Sahaj Kulvinderpalsingh Setia Business Analytics
Logan H. Campbell Business Analytics	Dhanush Kapadi Venkatesha Business Analytics	Karishma Shaik Business Analytics
Lucas M. Carpenter Corporate Finance and Investments Specialization	Taylor Zdislava Karkut Business Analytics	Sohail Faheemullah Shareef Business Analytics
Dev Rajesh Chauhan Business Analytics	Benjamin Joseph Kreitz Finance and Financial Analytics Specialization	Michael B. Sherman Business Analytics
Lauren DeBellis Finance and Financial Analytics Specialization	Harshawardhan Milind Limaye Business Analytics	Jagjeet Singh Business Analytics
Ritik SantRaj Deshwal Business Analytics	Surya Prakash Mathe Business Analytics	Cody Szabo Finance
Matthew Fedorka Corporate Finance and Investments Specialization	Pardhu Meka Business Analytics	Sree Harshitha Tummala Business Analytics
Alexandra J. Feifer Business Analytics	Priti Ghanshyambhai Nasit Business Analytics	Sai Siva Vardhan Vemula Business Analytics
Mahek S. Gandhi Business Analytics	Renata Noval Monteiro Corporate Finance and Investments Specialization	Cody M. Wall Corporate Finance and Investments Specialization
Umesh Gaur Business Analytics	Smit Jayantibhai Prajapati Business Analytics	Daniel Weiner Finance and Financial Analytics Specialization
	Vishal Dashrathbhai Prajapati Business Analytics	

College of Arts & Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS

Rebecca L. Dzikowski Theology	Krista M. Medico Theology
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Lieth Abdulrahman Biochemistry	Anastasia L. Lepka Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Marina Nicole Nunziato Special Education
Tyler C. Angst Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Frank Magistro III Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Emma G. O'Hara Special Education
Jake Butka Chemistry	James Haggerty McGrath Secondary Education	Annamarie Palermo Biochemistry
Amelia J. Farry Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Adam M. Mehall Chemistry	Teerth Shailesh Patel Software Engineering
Andrew James Fernandez Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Anna J. Merkel Chemistry	Vraj Manojbhai Patel Software Engineering
Joshua E. Greenfield Software Engineering	Jessica M. Middleman Special Education	Deniz Pinarbasi Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity
Zoe Elizabeth Honney Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Shervin Mokhtari Clinical Chemistry	Dante J. Puerari Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity
Jonathan Janosky Software Engineering	Jan Lavette P. Montejo Chemistry	Caitlin M. Russell Chemistry
Conor J. Jordan Biochemistry	Owen M. Mueller Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Diego F. Sanchez Software Engineering
Dylan Robert Kelly Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Noah H. Mumma Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Ryan Viradeth Sophabmixay Secondary Education
Faith M. Kwasnik Special Education	Alexis Faith Nardella Special Education	Michael Alexander Toland Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity
Zackery G. Leach Biochemistry	Ryan J. Nodine Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity	Somer Belinda Walsh Secondary Education
		Isabelle M. Wohlleber Biochemistry

*The listing of degree candidates are as of May 1, 2026.
Some candidates listed in this program will complete degree requirements in
August 2026, December 2026 or January 2027.*

2026 Outstanding Student Awards

LEAHY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Zadok Israel Miller
Nurse Anesthesia

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Madison A. Borys
Occupational Therapy

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Madison Rose Ribeiro
Physical Therapy

Master of Health Administration

Spencer Raymond Owens
Health Administration

Master of Science

Madalyn Dolores Beretzki
Occupational Therapy

Bethany Earley
School Counseling

Cassandra K. Haw
Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Dannah Stephanie Mena
Human Resources Management

Ashley Mary Tirone
Applied Behavior Analysis

Angeliki Trifonopoulos
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kristen Karen Ullmeyer
Speech-Language Pathology

Anathae Wallace
Health Informatics

Master of Science in Nursing

Cassidy A. Bartkowski
Family Nurse Practitioner

KANIA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Doctor of Philosophy

Bryant L. Richards
Accounting

Master of Accountancy

Paul L. Katz
Accountancy

Master of Business Administration

Alyssa E. Sendek
Accounting

Christian S. Rizzotti
Business Analytics

Christopher William Eppley
Finance

Kevin Ly
General

Allison Laura Schuessler
Healthcare Management

Thomas W. Hoy
Human Resources Management

Nicholas Andrew Luzetski
International Business

Julia R. Swistak
Marketing

Kevin M. Keil
Supply Chain Management

Master of Science

Logan H. Campbell
Business Analytics

Renata Noval Monteiro
Corporate Finance and
Investments Specialization

Master of Business Administration/ Master of Health Administration

Fara C. Etienne
Healthcare Management

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Science

Isabelle M. Wohlleber
Biochemistry

Anna J. Merkel
Chemistry

Amelia J. Farry
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

Erica Jeanna C. Mascardo
Clinical Chemistry

Jonathan Janosky
Software Engineering

Ryan Viradeth Sophabmixay
Secondary Education

Faith M. Kwasnik
Special Education

Doctoral Dissertations and Scholarly Projects Completed in the Class of 2026

Manal A. Alhamrani

Mentor: James F. Boyle, D.B.A., C.P.A., M.B.A.
“*The Effects of Employee Closeness and Internal Control Strength on Whistleblower Intent*”

Mina Alinejadfarshi

Mentors: Douglas M. Boyle, D.B.A., C.P.A., C.M.A., Daniel Haggerty, Ph.D.
“*The Effects of Teachers’ Professional Identification and Mentoring on Accounting Students’ Academic Dishonesty*”

Priya Amin

Mentor: Lenora N. Lello, DNP, CRNA
“*Remifentanyl Induced Hyperalgesia*”

Kathleen Ohenana Appau

Mentor: Jennifer Whittaker, Ph.D., OTR/L, CPH, CHES
“*Occupational Therapy Recruitment Workshops for Senior High School Students in Ghana*”

Aaron Anum Asiedu-Wiafe

Mentor: Michael Crowell, PT, DPT, D.Sc.
“*Validity of Non-sagittal Hop Tests after ACL Reconstruction: A Systematic Review*”

Ashley Kate Benham

Mentor: Tracey Collins, PT, MBA, Ph.D.
“*Effects of Frontloading Home Health Visits on Hospital Readmissions in Older Adults: A Systematic Review*”

Gina M. Biancarelli

Mentor: Lenora N. Lello, DNP, CRNA
“*Perioperative Management in the Myasthenia Gravis Patient Exhibiting Postoperative Myasthenic Crisis: A Case Study*”

Paul Bishop

Mentor: Carissa N. Pupo, DNP, CRNA
“*Comparing Erector Spinae Plane Block and Thoracic Epidural in Open Abdominal Procedures: A Case Report*”

Madison A. Borys

Mentor: Elyse Kay, OTD, OTR/L
“*Nourish & Flourish: A Feeding Program for Mild to Moderate Sensory-Based Feeding Difficulties in Children Aged 2-7 Years Old*”

Stephen Kow Bosomafi

Mentor: Douglas M. Boyle, D.B.A., C.P.A., C.M.A.
“*Financial Management Practices of Businesses Founded by the Catholic Church: A Study of Church Stewardship and Accountability*”

Hung N. Bui

Mentors: James F. Boyle, D.B.A., C.P.A., M.B.A., Stephen Perreault, Ph.D., C.P.A.
“*The Effects of CEO’s Narcissism and Internal Auditor’s Reporting Relationship on Internal Auditor’s Judgments*”

Allison Lindsey Burge

Mentor: Carissa N. Pupo, DNP
“*Management of Hemorrhage and Embolization following Tonsillectomy in the Pediatric Patient*”

Fiona Margaret Burke

Mentors: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D., Michael Crowell, PT, DPT, D.Sc.
“*Fear Reduces Return to Sport in Adolescents after ACLR: A Systematic Review*”

Erin Elizabeth Campion

Mentor: Nicholas J. Rodio, PT, DPT, Ed.D.
“*Impact of Balance Training on Children with Sensorineural Hearing Loss: A Systematic Review*”

Cori E. Capar

Mentor: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D.
“*Relationship between Oral Contraceptives and Cholesterol in Adolescent Females for Cardiovascular Screening: A Systematic Review*”

Hannah Melody Carr

Mentor: Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D.
“*Wearable Sensors for Measuring Fatigability in Adults with Multiple Sclerosis: A Systematic Review*”

Moira C. Courtney

Mentor: Nicholas J. Rodio, PT, DPT, Ed.D.
“*Impact of Balance Training on Children with Sensorineural Hearing Loss: A Systematic Review*”

Britt C. Cunningham

Mentor: Janette Scardillo, PT, DPT
“*Standardized Patient Simulation and Clinical Confidence of PT Students in Acute Care: A Systematic Review*”

Doctoral Dissertations and Scholarly Projects Completed in the Class of 2026

Bella Giovanna Czeck

Mentor: Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D.
“Wearable Sensors for Measuring Fatigability in Adults with Multiple Sclerosis: A Systematic Review”

Harish Datta

Mentor: Carissa N. Pupo, DNP, CRNA
“Anesthetic Considerations and Approaches to Valvular Heart Surgery”

Francesca Victoria DiPasquale

Mentors: Mary Chech, DNP, AGACNP-BC, CRNA, Carissa N. Pupo, DNP, CRNA
“Navigating Neurodevelopmental Risks of Repeat Anesthesia in Pediatric Lymphangiomatosis: A Case Report”

Margaret Lauren Dodgson

Mentor: Lenora N. Lello, DNP, CRNA
“Intraoperative Methadone Implementation in Spinal Surgery”

Anne M. Duffy

Mentor: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D.
“Relationship between Oral Contraceptives and Cholesterol in Adolescent Females for Cardiovascular Screening: A Systematic Review”

Vilson Dushi

Mentor: Douglas M. Boyle, D.B.A., C.P.A., C.M.A.,
“An Investigation of Fraud Behavior Pedagogy Used by Accomplished Fraud Research Educators”

Matthew C. Farrell

Mentor: Susan ElcZYna, Ph.D.
“Serotonin Syndrome: A Case Report”

Sarah E. Fitzpatrick

Mentors: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D., Michael Crowell, PT, DPT, D.Sc.
“Fear Reduces Return to Sport in Adolescents after ACLR: A Systematic Review”

Kyle J. Franek

Mentor: Michael Crowell, PT, DPT, D.Sc.
“Validity of Non-sagittal Hop Tests after ACL Reconstruction: A Systematic Review”

Noelle Gonzalez

Mentor: Lori Walton, PT, DPT, Ph.D.
“Pelvic Floor Dysfunction in Women with and without Diastasis Recti Abdominis: A Systematic Review”

Delaney S. Guard

Mentor: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D.
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“Enhancing Neurotypical Understanding of Neurodiversity and Inclusivity within the Workplace”

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“Risk Factor Analysis, Dosing Considerations, and Management of High Spinal Anesthesia in a Patient Undergoing an Elective Cesarean Delivery: A Case Study”

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“Development of Horner Syndrome following Inadvertent Subdural Catheterization for Labor Analgesia: A Case Study”

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“The Effects of Wellness Techniques for Individuals in Substance Use Disorder Recovery following SAMHSA’s 8 Dimensions of Wellness”

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“Epidural Versus General Anesthesia for Parturients with a Failed Spinal Undergoing Cesarean Section”

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“Post-Spinal Shivering during Cesarean Delivery: Development of an Evidence-Based Anti-Shivering Bundle”

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“Minimizing Ventilation and Perfusion Mismatch to Improve Outcomes during One-Lung Ventilation”

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“Delayed Emergence following the Implementation of Chronic Pain Recommendations (CPR): A Case Report”

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“Suspected Anesthetic-Induced Arginine Vasopressin Dysregulation Underlying Intraoperative Polyuria and Hypotension: A Case Report”

Madelynn Marie Senatore

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“‘Cheer’ Leading Healthy Lives”

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“A Cascade Approach to Bridged Tetraarylmethanes”

Rebecca L. Dzikowski

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“Led on in Hope: The Pilgrim Journey toward Happiness”

Abigail Louise Good

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“An Exploratory Descriptive Survey Study of Family Quality of Life Focused and Comprehensive ABA Treatment Intensities in a Small Sample of Caregivers of Individuals with ASD”

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“jOSh: A Small Unix-like Operating System for the Nintendo DS”

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“A Quantitative Investigation of a ‘Delay to Reinforcement’ (DTR) Schedule on Perseverative Questioning in an Adult Subject Diagnosed with Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome”

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“Investigating Homogenization Techniques for Determination of Dopamine in Rabbit Brain by High-Performance Liquid Chromatography with Electrochemical Detection”

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“For Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven: The Uganda Imitatio Christi”

Adam M. Mehall

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“Machine Learning Regression Techniques for Optimization of Ammonia Decomposition Reactions Using High Entropy Alloy Catalysts”

Anna J. Merkel

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“Simultaneous Electrochemical Detection of Dopamine and Serotonin”

Shervin Mokhtari

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“Subchronic Dietary Pb and Cd Exposure Disrupt Cuticular Hydrocarbon Profile Diversity and 5-Hydroxytryptamine Immunoreactivity in Camponotus floridanus Minor Workers”

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“Contact Angle Goniometry Analysis of Gold-Silver Nanoshell Ink”

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“SkillBridge: Peer to Peer Mentorship Platform”

Vraj Manojbhai Patel

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“V-fit: Smart Fitness & Diet Planner”

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“Implementing Multiple-Schedule Variations to Reduce High-Rate Video Requests by a Four-Year-Old with Autism Spectrum Disorder”

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“Evaluation of Absolute Detection Limits for Dopamine and Serotonin in a Cyclic Voltammetry Experiment”

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“Python-Based Pipeline for Automated Traveling Ionospheric Disturbance Detection”

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“Use of a Behavior Chart to Decrease Problematic Behavior in Children with Developmental Disabilities”

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“A Quantitative Investigation of the ‘Independent Work and Play’ Program with Preschool Aged Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in a Center Setting”

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History of the University

The University of Scranton was founded as Saint Thomas College by Most Reverend William G. O'Hara, the first Bishop of Scranton, who had always hoped to provide an opportunity for higher education in the Lackawanna Valley. In August of 1888, with few resources at hand, he blessed a single block of granite as a cornerstone for his new college, which would admit its first students four years later. (The cornerstone of Old Main is preserved in the wall of St. Thomas Hall located at the corner of Linden Street and Monroe Avenue.)

The college was staffed by diocesan priests and seminarians until 1896 and then, for one year, by the Xaverian Brothers. From 1897 until 1942 the school, which was renamed The University of Scranton in 1938, was administered for the Diocese by the Christian Brothers. In the late summer of 1942, at the invitation of Bishop William Hafey, 19 Jesuits, including the University's first Jesuit President, Rev. Coleman Nevils, S.J., arrived on campus to administer the University. The Jesuits restructured and strengthened Scranton's traditional and pre-professional programs with an emphasis on the liberal arts, which are the foundation for every program at a Jesuit university. This emphasis is intended to give students an appreciation for all disciplines as they develop specific subject knowledge. The University has flourished as a Catholic and Jesuit institution, growing from what was primarily a commuter college with fewer than 1,000 students to a broadly regional, comprehensive university with a total enrollment of approximately 4,600 students in undergraduate, graduate and non-traditional programs.

In September 2021, Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., was inaugurated as the University's 29th president. During his tenure, the University has continued its commitment to enriching the quality and variety of its academic offerings for the success of its students.

The University of Scranton leads confidently into the future, embracing a suite of four goals designed to guide our priorities through 2026-2030. Rooted in Jesuit values and a renewed vision, the new strategic plan, "Forging Our Future," reflects adaptability, responding to emerging trends and challenges in higher education.

All three of the University's colleges have added academic programs in recent years in wide-ranging areas, from STEM and the humanities to health sciences and business. New program areas include cybercrime investigation and

cybersecurity, mechanical engineering, business analytics, psychiatric mental health nursing and speech-language pathology.

In addition, the University continues to invest in campus enhancements to provide students with the best living, extracurricular and learning spaces. More than \$400 million in facilities improvements made in recent years include the most substantial capital projects in University history: The Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center, Loyola Science Center and Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, which houses the departments of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Health and Human Performance. In 2021, 5,000 square feet of new mechanical engineering labs and shop area were added in Hyland Hall.

The University built the 11-acre Rev. Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., Athletics Campus along Broadway Street in Scranton as home to the University's soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball and softball Division III NCAA teams.

Most recently, in September 2025, the University dedicated and blessed Robert S. '68 and Marilyn A. Weiss Hall, a nearly 90,000-square-foot center for workforce development, applied research and outreach. Located on the 300 block of Madison Avenue, the building includes academic departments, student health and wellness space, and a 10,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art IDEA Center.

Scranton is counted among America's finest universities, according to a range of national publications. For 32 years, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Scranton among the "top 10 master's universities in the North." Year after year, the University is listed among the "best colleges" by Forbes and The Princeton Review. The University is also consistently ranked among the "best values" in college education by U.S. News & World Report. In its Best Graduate Schools guidebook, U.S. News & World Report ranks Scranton's graduate programs among the best in the nation, with more than a dozen master's and doctoral programs recognized in 2026. The University's efforts in community engagement were recognized with distinction in the 2026 Carnegie Community Education Classification, a designation awarded to just 237 institutions of higher learning nationwide.

Academic Regalia

The colorful attire worn by the graduates, faculty and officers of the University and by the academic delegates has its roots in medieval traditions that reach back to the earliest universities – to Paris, Bologna, Oxford and Cambridge. The precise origins of the several parts of the academic garb are unknown, but since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, we assume that their attire was inspired by the clerical dress of the time. Early European universities required students and teachers to wear distinctive gowns at all times. The tradition was brought to this country in colonial times, but the requirement for students soon disappeared and professors limited the custom to special occasions.

The Gown. Gowns are generally black, and there are three basic types. The bachelor's gown is plain with a fairly elaborate yoke and long, pointed sleeves. It is worn closed. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except that the sleeves are open at the forearms and end with an extra, square-shaped swatch of cloth that originally formed a pocket for reading and writing materials. Master's gowns are worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown, the most elaborate of the three, is adorned with velvet panels on the closed front and around the neck and three velvet

bars on each full, bell-shaped sleeve. Although black is the most common color, the velvet panels and sleeve bars may vary according to the faculty that granted the wearer's degree.

The Hood. The colors of the hood reveal the level of a degree, the major field of learning in which the degree was awarded, and the institution by which the degree was conferred. The bachelor's, master's and doctoral hoods are three, three and one-half, and four feet long, respectively. The all-encompassing velvet trim that denotes the field of learning is likewise, two, three, or five inches, respectively. The lining of the hood is worn exposed to show the colors of the school awarding the degree. Most schools have a two-color pattern using chevrons or bars to differentiate schools whose colors may be alike or very similar. The University of Scranton hood, for example, is lined in royal purple with a white chevron.

The Cap. Generally, the mortarboard or Oxford cap is worn with all degrees, although an Elizabethan-style soft cap is used with some doctoral attire. Black tassels are most often used, but many schools have adopted the practice of using tassels matching the hood color. Doctors and presidents of institutions frequently wear a gold tassel.

Colors Representing Fields of Learning

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Law	Purple	Philosophy.....	Blue
Business.....	Drab	Library Science.....	Lemon	Physical Education	Sage Green
Economics.....	Copper	Medicine	Green	Physical Therapy	Teal
Education.....	Light Blue	Military Science.....	Gold	Public Health.....	Salmon
Engineering.....	Orange	Music.....	Pink	Science.....	Gold
Fine Arts.....	Brown	Nursing.....	Apricot	Social Science.....	Citron
Health Administration.....	Peacock Blue	Oratory.....	Silver Gray	Theology.....	Scarlet

The Heraldic Banners

The University commissioned the ten heraldic banners carried in the academic procession to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the founding of the first Jesuit college in Messina, Sicily (1548), and the 110th anniversary of the founding of Saint Thomas College (1888), the precursor of The University of Scranton. The heraldic devices on the banners bear witness to the influences that have endowed the University with its distinctive identity.

- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Society of Jesus (IHS, surmounted with a cross above three nails and surrounded with a halo of rays) announces that The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola (a golden pot suspended between two wolves) bears witness to the fact that the University's educational philosophy is derived from the thought of Saint Ignatius (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesus.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Diocese of Scranton (a star rising between two crossed keys) recalls and celebrates the fact that the University was founded by the Most Reverend William O'Hara, D.D., the first Bishop of Scranton.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the five-pointed star) honors the Christian Brothers' half century of devoted service to the students of Saint Thomas College and The University of Scranton.
- ❖ The banner adorned with a device drawn from the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the stack of wheat) both identifies the University's location and proclaims its special mission to the citizens of Pennsylvania.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the radiant sunburst) recalls both the name of the University's precursor college (Saint Thomas College) and announces that Saint Thomas remains the heavenly patron of the University.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the crown refers to the nickname of the University's athletic teams (The Royals) and announces that, in the tradition of the *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius Loyola, all of the sons and daughters of the University are called to follow Christ the King.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the picture of the sailing ship celebrates the devoted service that the members of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus (whose ancestors in the faith arrived in America in 1634 aboard the *Ark* and the *Dove*) have rendered to the University and its students since 1942.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the Cross of Patonce suspended above an unfurled banner bears witness to the fact that the University is a Christian institution of higher learning. The legend on the banner bears the motto of the University: "Religio, Mores, Cultura."
- ❖ The banner adorned with the Chi Rho superimposed upon an open book testifies to the University's belief that, as its Mission Statement says, "Jesus Christ is the primary source for the values and attitudes that imbue the culture of its campus."

The University Mace

The University Mace is traditionally carried at the head of academic processions as a symbol of educational authority and institutional identity. The mace consists of a 56-inch polished aluminum staff topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University with sunburst

accents formed by cut-metal rays. The symbol of the Society of Jesus appears on the rear of the mace. The seal is echoed on the verges, which consist of shorter hardwood rods topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University in brass.

The Presidential Medallion

In ancient and medieval Europe medallions of office were worn as breastplates by figures of authority or distinction. The University of Scranton Presidential Medallion is such a symbol, and it continues the tradition of incorporating educational, religious and historic icons that describe the institution's distinctive character.

The center of the medallion is an enameled rendering of the great seal of the University surrounded by rays. The principal colors of the seal are the traditional colors of the University, white and royal purple. On the purple field is a horizontal silver bar containing, in purple, a star derived from the Seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a symbol taken from the seal of Saint Thomas College, the predecessor of the University, and two stacks of wheat from the obverse of the coat of arms of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The upper half of the seal contains, in gold, two wolves grasping a cauldron suspended from a chain. They are taken from the coat of arms of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola, and they identify the University as a Jesuit institution. Below the silver bar is a golden rising sun, symbolic of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the shining light of the Church and the patron of the University.

The border of the seal reproduces the border of the shield of the Diocese of Scranton and the silver hemispheres are taken from William Penn's coat of arms. The crest is a golden cross of the style known as Patonce. It symbolizes Christ, the goal and the norm of the University's educational efforts, and it complements the motto the University has had since it was entrusted to the care of the Christian Brothers in 1899: *Religio, Mores, Cultura*.

The great seal is surrounded by the name of the institution and its founding date, 1888, and is further embellished by a sunburst of rays also derived from the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

The Presidential Medallion is worn on a silver chain with links inspired by carved wooden moldings in The Estate, the ancestral home of the Scranton family. It is engraved with the names of the previous presidents and the founder of the University. The chain is connected by a link adorned with the symbol of the Society of Jesus.

The medallion was designed and crafted for the University by Mr. William Reidsema of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

The National Anthem

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Alma Mater

The hours too quickly slip away
And mingle into years
But mem'ries 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.

Edward Gannon, S.J.
Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80