



June 1, 2020

Dear Members of the University Community,

Beginning in June, **the University will begin to send regular updates once per week on Mondays**. Other notices will be sent by the President, other members of Cabinet or members of the University community when necessary.

Get Up-to-date Information at www.scranton.edu/covid-19.

Key Information and Communications to Expect This Week

- University President Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., will send to the University community **synopses of the February, March and May meetings of the Board of Trustees**.
- Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, will send an update later this week regarding **the impact on the campus as Lackawanna County moves to the commonwealth's yellow phase**.

Updates

- Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf announced that **Lackawanna County will move into the commonwealth's yellow phase** of reopening from the pandemic on Friday, June 5.
- The University held **virtual celebrations for the Class of 2020** which can be seen [here](#). Fr. Pilarz also announced that the University has renamed the facade of St. Thomas Hall **the Class of 2020 Gateway** in honor of the graduating class.
- **Faculty in need of information literacy instructional support** in their remote courses can send inquiries to the Library by completing the online request form found [here](#) or by emailing Donna Witek, Information Literacy Coordinator, at donna.witek@scranton.edu.
- Information Technology is applying the latest releases for the Banner environment that will require **downtime for Banner Admin**. As a result, this service will be unavailable intermittently on Saturday, June 6, from 7 a.m. to noon.
- Dr. Gingerich provided **[an update on planning for the fall semester](#)**.

- Students **may make an appointment to retrieve their belongings in residence halls through to Friday, June 5**. Students must follow the safety procedures established for this process, which adhere to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC recommendations. Because of safety concerns and recommendations, the End of the Year Drive will not be conducted during move out. Further information about how students can retrieve their belongings can be seen [here](#).
- The University's Office of Community Relations will host its second virtual dialogue on "**Finding Community Amid Coronavirus: Identifying What we Value and Seeing the Possibilities Ahead**" on **June 3** from 4-5:30 p.m. This online discussion is open to the University and Scranton community. Details and registration information [here](#).
- The **Parking Pavilion will remain closed through June 5** to complete safety-related repair work related to cited structural deficiencies.

You should expect your **next regular update on Monday, June 8**.

Sincerely,

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