



Inaugural Maria Gervasio *Cura Personalis* Lecture

When: Sunday, April 24th, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, Room 235

Light refreshments will be served after the lecture

Please register for the lecture at <https://www.regonline.com/mariagervasio2016>

This inaugural Cura Personalis Lecture honors the life and spirit of Maria Gervasio. Maria was a 2014 graduate of the Panuska College of Professional Studies' Occupational Therapy program whose commitment to her chosen profession and those it serves was unwavering. Each day of her life, Maria actualized the Ignatian-Jesuit principle of cura personalis which means "care for the whole person". During her five years at the University of Scranton, Maria's dedication to social justice and the empowerment of all people inspired many. Her memory lives on in the actions of all who follow Ignatius' call to "Go forth and set the world on fire."

A surgeon without a scalpel. A nurse without gloves. A baby without a blanket.

Stories of healthcare without tools

Danielle Butin, MPH, OTR

Danielle Butin, MPH, OTL is the Founder and Executive Director of the Afya Foundation, a medical supply recovery organization based in NY. Since its inception in late 2007, Afya has shipped and airlifted \$26,000,000 worth of recovered humanitarian and medical supplies to 58 African, Caribbean, Latin American, and Asian nations. Ms. Butin recently visited the refugee camp in Lesvos, Greece and is leading Afya's response to this refugee crisis by sending 35 pallets of inventory valued at \$500,000 to support hospitals, health care providers and charities serving refugee camps in the Middle East and Greece. In recognition of Afya's response to the Ebola epidemic, Afya received a 2015 Clinton Global Citizen Award for Leadership in Humanitarian For her leadership and vision, Danielle Butin has received a New York SmartCEO 2015 Brava Award and the Voices of African Mothers' 2015 Millennium Development Goals Progress Award. In 2014, the New York State Senate recognized Ms. Butin as a Woman of Distinction for her role in using local medical resources and volunteers to promote global health. For more information visit: <http://afyafoundation.org>.