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Conference Invigorates Alumni Leaders

“Return is to remember. To remember is to learn again. To learn is to be grateful. And to be grateful is to be fully alive.”

With these words, Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn ’72, opened the Alumni Leadership Conference with a keynote address to the more than 90 alumni leaders who came to campus on July 7–8. They returned to campus to remember their Scranton days, and to learn about ways to strengthen alumni programs and to gratefully be “men and women for others.” By the end of the two-day conference, they were alive with new ideas and renewed enthusiasm for their various leadership roles.

Recalling great leaders of The University of Scranton, Msgr. Quinn noted that, “They lead by serving, and they serve by leading.”

Conference Co-Chairs John F. Lanahan ’84, Vice President for University Relations; and Megan Morgan ’95, President, Scranton Club of New England and Alumni Board member.

Conference sessions covered a variety of areas, including Alumni Club Volunteers, Alumni Board of Governors, Alumni Affiliates and Royal Recruiters. A session on the Roles and Responsibilities of Alumni Volunteers included discussions about how the Alumni Society and its clubs and affiliates can support the University’s Strategic Plan.

Joe Roback G’93, Associate Vice President for Admissions and Undergraduate Enrollment, discussed recruitment strategies and activities and how alumni are part of the Admissions team. In 2005-2006 alone, 60 alumni participated in the Royal Recruiters program, representing Scranton at more than 90 college fairs in 10 states.

Conference Co-Chair Megan Morgan ’95 introduced the luncheon keynote speaker, Rev. Scott R. Pilatz, S.J., University President.

Pilatz, S.J., delivered the keynote address at the luncheon. In his remarks, Fr. Pilatz thanked alumni for “taking an active role in the shaping of the institution that shaped you so well.”

He went on to challenge alumni to build class affinity as a way to ensure that Scranton’s uniquely transformative educational experience is available for generations to come. “I’m asking the Alumni Society to make class organization a priority as we move forward together. There are great benefits to be had all around, not the least of which is securing Scranton’s rightful place in Catholic and Jesuit higher education,” said Fr. Pilatz.

During an afternoon session on Event Planning, panel participants discussed the “Four Corners” model of planning events: spiritual, social, networking, and community. Panelists also discussed the importance of establishing key relationships that would impact the scale of membership and activity. Another session explored Image and Expectations of Scranton and its Alumni Society. Panel participants discussed the importance of word-of-mouth marketing and learning about the University’s Integrated Marketing Plan and Strategic Plan.

The Conference concluded with a Mass celebrated by Rev. J.A. Panuika, S.J., President Emeritus of the University. For additional information about the Conference, visit the Web site at www.scranton.edu/alumnileadership.

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The Nebzydoski Family Tradition at Scranton Since 1961, 20 members of the Nebzydoski family (including spouses) have attended and/or graduated from the University of Scranton. The late Henry and Mary Nebzydoski, of Pleasant Mount, saw five sons graduate from Scranton: Dr. John, Dr. Henry, Jr., Dr. Andrew, Dr. Joseph, and Thomas.

Family members gathered on July 1 for the annual family picnic from which:
First row: Barbara Tumulty ’84, Dr. Melissa Nebzydoski ’01, Thomas Nebzydoski ’07, Lauren Quirk ’01, Kathryn Nebzydoski ’10.
Third row: Daniel Nebzydoski ’92, Dr. Henry Nebzydoski ’96, Michael Heary ’78, John Nebzydoski ’10.
Fourth row: Daniel Nebzydoski ’77, Brian Spinnell ’99, Dr. Joseph Nebzydoski ’74, Dr. Henry Nebzydoski ’66, Thomas Nebzydoski ’07.

Missing from Photo: Emily Nebzydoski ’09, Dr. Christopher Kelly ’94, Dr. David Nebzydoski ’95 (deceased).

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Janan Tallo, J.D., received her degree from Thomas Jefferson University. She completed an internship at Graduate Medical Education and is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania.

Christopher A. Jones, M.D., received his degree from Thomas Jefferson Medical College. Paul Rutkowski, M.D., received his degree from the Philadelphia College of Ophthalmic Medicine and is completing an internship at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Michael Talbot, M.D., received his degree from the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine and is affiliated with the Department of Surgery at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Sarah Gaidos, Winter Park, Fla., is Marketing Specialist for NaQuin/Bravo Points, a national insurance company. She has been accepted to the MBA program at Rollins College, where she will concentrate on Entrepreneurship, Philosophy, and Marketing.

Kerry O’Connor, M.A., Rockledge, Conn., qualified with merit from the International School of Economics. She is the recipient of a Master of Science degree in Gender and Social Policy.

Lee Atwater, East Brunswick, N.J., received a master’s degree in Public Administration. He is a member of the New York City-based Public Service of America in May 2006. Lee is working as a consultant for Notching Consulting, Canary New York Hospital in New York City.

2nd Lt Erin Bates Ropelewski is serving as an intern for the U.S. Army in Iraq.

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Kathy Tracey, Clark Green, is an attorney at Koff, Mangan, Vullo, Kelly Tracy Law.

Kevin Sullivan, Media, N.J., is attending Purdue University School of Law in New York State.

Tina Marie George, Havertown, is attending Pace University School of Law.

Carrie Zucco, Collingswood, N.J., received her degree from Thomas Jefferson University. She has joined the Matheny School as a consultant for Autism Training and Organizational Development.

Theresa Shegos, Delaware, is a visiting professor at the University of Florida. She has also been recently accepted to the University of Florida School of Law.

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Readers Give Scranton Journal High Marks

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• 72% of survey participants rated The Scranton Journal as "above average" or "excellent." 27% of respondents rated the magazine as "average." 5%

• 73.8% of survey participants said their primary interest in reading The Scranton Journal is to keep in touch with what's happening at the University. 67.7% of respondents listed their primary interest as "keeping in touch with alumni through class notes," and 49.8% cited an interested in features stories about alumni. (Multiple responses were allowed for this question.)

• Participating alumni ranked The Scranton Journal by section. The sections of most interest were as follows:
  
  - Class notes, births, marriages, deaths 66%
  - Alumni features 40%
  - Alumni news 49%
  - On the Commons (University News) 29%
  - Athletics 12%
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Members of the Class of 2001 reminisced as they viewed a poster that they signed five years ago at graduation.

Joe Zack ’56, who returned for his 50th Class Reunion, viewed the plaque that bears his name on the Wall of Fame.

James A. Kelly, Esq., ’48, Chairman of the Alumni Society’s Golden Grads, welcomed the Class of 1956 to their 50th Year Reunion.

Remarks by Frank O’Hara Alumni Award recipient Neil P. McLaughlin, S.J., (at podium, inset photo) were warmly received by the audience, including fellow O’Hara Alumni Award recipients, seated, front row, from left: Jack Sweeney ’61, Eudes Clarke G ’96, Atty. John Dunn ’50, Sharon Lehman, M.D., ’81, Msgr. Michael Delaney ’81 and Belinda Juran, Esq., ’81.