The Quiet All-American

In a span of two weeks, Sara Suchoski, a senior on Scranton’s nationally recognized women’s soccer team, experienced a gamut of emotions most of us could never even imagine.

On September 17, in a 2-0 victory over Delaware Valley at Fitzpatrick Field, Suchoski scored a goal to move ahead of Lori Snyder as the all-time leading scorer in Royals’ history. In a driving rain in Scranton’s 7-1 win over Wilkes 11 days later, she scored two goals to eclipse Snyder’s career record of 66 goals, much to the delight of her many family and friends in the audience. Suchoski’s play seemed to rejuvenate the Royals, who struggled early in the season with losses to defending NCAA Division III champion Oneonta State, Western Connecticut, Ithaca and Elizabeth-town, but now seemed poised and ready to capture their sixth straight Freedom Conference title and advance to the NCAA Division III championships for 10th time in school history.

The events that transpired on Saturday, October 2, are a sobering reminder of the inherent risks involved in any sport.

Moments after scoring what turned out to be the game-winning goal in Scranton’s 1-0 victory over DeSales University, Suchoski suffered a broken leg after she collided with the Lady Bulldogs’ goalie, cutting short one of the most celebrated careers in Royals’ history.

According to veteran head coach Joe Bochicchio, her career far exceeded expectations, even though Suchoski arrived at Scranton with an impressive high school resume. She led Coughlin High School in nearby Wilkes-Barre to two Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) District II titles.

“We knew she was a really good player, but you never know what’s going to happen when an athlete goes to the next level,” says Bochicchio. “We knew she would be successful, but not to the extreme she has shown.”

At first glance, Suchoski’s 5’4”, 125-pound frame and quiet demeanor are not the qualities you normally associate with a two-time all-American. Bochicchio, who has coached seven all-Americans and is third all-time in NCAA Division III women’s soccer history with more than 270 victories, knows there are certain traits that go far beyond physical stature.

“She’s committed, she loves the game and she works hard, both athletically and academically,” he says. “She’s one of those players who comes along once every 20 years.”

Any questions regarding Suchoski’s transition from high school to college were quickly answered her freshman year. She tied Snyder’s single-season record by scoring 24 goals as the Royals went 17-4-1 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2001 NCAA Division III championships, losing a heart-breaking 1-0 decision to Wheaton College in Illinois. In a pressure cooker situation in the previous game, she was one of five players to convert a penalty kick against long-time rival Messiah College in the NCAA Atlantic regional final, which helped Scranton advance to the next round due to a 5-4 edge in penalty kicks.

Still, the experience of playing in a national championship left a lasting and positive impression.

“Playing in the NCAA tournament is very exciting,” says Suchoski. “We flew into Chicago and had a great time there. I never thought I’d play in a national championship tournament.”

Even though the loss ended the Royals’ dream of advancing to the Final Four and a shot at a national title, the accolades poured in for Suchoski. She was named first-team all-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), the only freshman among the 33 players honored, and was selected the Freedom Conference Newcomer of the Year.

With success, however, comes added attention. Throughout the rest of her career, she was the main focus of the opposition, often drawing two and three defenders who sometimes tried to intimidate her with a physical style of play.

“Her perspective never changed,” says teammate and fellow senior Kim McCormick. “She’s not afraid to take on two or three players and go to the goal. She works well with our other players up front (on the Royal offense) and will get them the ball if she can’t beat a defender. She’s a team player.”

“I think she just became a better player (after her freshman year)” says Bochicchio. “She knew she was going to be the focal point of the...
other team’s defense and yet she just played harder. She had a good supporting cast and she’ll be the first one to admit that. She won’t take all the credit for her success. She’ll give credit to all the players who have played with her over the past four years.”

Suchoski’s sidekicks include senior forward Alicia Sodano, a three-time all-Freedom Conference selection who is the 11th all-time leading scorer in Scranton history and senior midfielder Kelly Klingman, who played on youth travel soccer teams with her growing up. Both were coached by Kelly’s dad, Steve, the former Royal men’s soccer coach who won more than 300 matches and led Scranton to four NCAA Final Four appearances, including runner-up finishes in 1980 and 1981.

Although Suchoski will always be remembered for her scoring prowess, perhaps the most overlooked aspect of her game is her ability to elevate the play of her teammates. Her ability to see the entire field and set up her teammates for scoring opportunities has resulted in her accumulating 34 career assists, the second highest total in Scranton history.

It’s the team accomplishments, however, that will truly define Suchoski’s impact on the program. Perhaps the season that stands out the most is the 2003 campaign.

The Royals blazed through the year with a suffocating defense that finished with a school-record 21 shutouts.

On the offensive end, Suchoski did her part by scoring 20 goals—to earn her second straight Freedom Conference Player of the Year award and third-team all-America honors by the NSCAA.

In the NCAA tournament, the Royals defeated Frostburg State and Muhlenberg each by the nail-biting score of 1-0 to set up a showdown with Oneonta State, which knocked Scranton out of the 2002 NCAA tournament with a 2-0 victory.

In an evenly-played game in upstate New York, the eventual champion Red Dragons once again denied the Royals a chance at a national title, pulling out a 1-0 win in double overtime in a game which could have gone either way. Suchoski nearly came to the rescue late in the game, but her shot from in front of the Oneonta goal sailed over the crossbar.

Even though Suchoski’s role changes considerably now that she can no longer play the rest of this year, her approach is still the same. Rather than feel sorry for herself, she returned to campus days after her injury and immediately began assisting Bochicchio in the recruiting process, looking to find the next Sara Suchoski to continue Scranton’s tradition.

“I’ve had a great experience here,” she says. “I’ve made some great friends, gotten a good education and really enjoyed playing for Coach Boccicchio. I couldn’t ask for more.”

The game, in so many ways, is just beginning for Sara Suchoski.

**PRICELESS, INDEED!**

Borrowing from the popular MasterCard theme, family and friends of Sara Suchoski gather together to celebrate her becoming the all-time leading scorer in University of Scranton history on Saturday, September 18, in a 2-0 win over Delaware Valley College at Fitzpatrick Field. Sara, who scored a goal to surpass Lori Snyder’s (1983-1986) previous total of 162 total points, is in the second row, third from the right. Suchoski also owns the Scranton all-time record for goals scored with 69 and finishes her brilliant career with 172 total points.
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A recent enhancement to the site is MyPage, which provides alumni with an easy way to update their information, to see who from their class recently joined the online community and to view recently-posted class notes.

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Class Volunteer System Announced

The Office of Alumni Relations has undertaken a new initiative to unify classes based on their year of graduation, in an effort to increase communication among class members. By encouraging more interaction among classmates, the office hopes alumni involvement with the University through events and reunions will grow. The Class Volunteer System will augment the University’s regional structure of Alumni Clubs. The system will have two stages: undergraduate student development and a Class Advancement Committee for alumni. The former will consist of several class chairs who will work to cement the bond that forms over the four years of undergraduate study. Student development will aid in making students aware of the Alumni Society’s mission and objectives and what it means to be an alumnus/a of Scranton. Look for more information on the Class Volunteer System in forthcoming publications and opportunities in which alumni might become involved.

Jeff Romanecz ’04 Joins Alumni Staff

Jeffrey S. Romanecz, Class of 2004, has joined the Alumni Office staff as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Media & Information Technology and was a member of the University’s Business Leadership Program. His primary responsibilities will be those related to the organization and development of the Class Volunteer System (CVS) with special emphasis on student development and young alumni programming.

Alumni Directory Available

The sixth edition of The University of Scranton Alumni Directory has been published and distributed to over 3,000 alumni who preordered a copy of the hardbound, softbound or CD version. The directory contains comprehensive, alphabetical, class year, career and geographical sections which include biographical data and contact information of over 35,000 Scranton graduates. A limited supply of surplus directories can be purchased (by Scranton alumni only) by contacting our vendor, Harris Publishing Company, customer service: 1-800-877-6554 or email: inquiry@bcharris.com

Frank O’Hara Awards Presented

Physical Therapy Marks 20th Anniversary

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the first graduating class of physical therapists and the announcement of the University’s new doctoral program in the discipline, PT graduates returned for a two-day celebration that included a reception with the PT faculty and a PT open house. Pictured here is a group of PT alumni who broke away from a picnic for this group photo during the PT reunion, Oct. 1 – 2.

35 Abe Plotkin, Scranton, a member of the 284th Field Artillery Battalion attached to General George S. Patton’s Third Army, was honored by the President of the French Republic and the French People by being named Knight of the Legion of Honor during ceremonies in Normandy last June.

48 Msgr. Donald McAndrews, Scranton, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by College Misericordia.

61 George Holmes, Ph.D., Irmo, S.C., faculty member of the University of South Carolina and the William Hall Psychiatric Institute, was given the Outstanding Teacher of Psychology Award by the S.C. Psychological Association.

65 Charles Connors, M.D., Clarks Green, placed third in the e-photo arts competition, educational division, of the San Diego County Fair.

67 Michael Sheridan, Scranton, is the Superintendent of Schools of the Scranton School District.

68 William McDonnell, Dalton, former Northeast Regional Director for DEP, is the systems manager for the Scranton Sewer Authority.

Hon. Leonard Zito, Upper Mount Bethel Twp., was, following his appointment by Gov. Edward Rendell and confirmation by the Pennsylvania Senate, inducted to the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas bench on August 13.

John Zonarich, Mechanicsburg. Managing Partner of Skarlatos & Zonarich LLP, has been named a “Pennsylvania Super Lawyer” by the publications Law and Politics and The Philadelphia Magazine.

70 Richard Yarmey, Clarks Summit, of Merrill Lynch, was selected as a Portfolio Manager in the Personal Investment Advisory program.

71 Dominick Famularo, Carbondale, is the Superintendent of Schools for Carbondale Area.

Frank X. O’Connor, Great Bend, secretary/treasurer of the Susquehanna County Bar Association, was elected to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors.

72 Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, M.D., U.S.A., Falls Church, Va., was promoted to his present rank and is now Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command/The Surgeon General.

74 Joseph Lenahan, Dalton, of Lenahan & Dempsey, P.C., was elected to the Keystone College Board of Trustees.

William Wasro, Eynon, is Business Development Officer at Old Forge Bank.

75 Andrew M Rusin, Flourtown, Managing Partner of JR Marketing LLC, was appointed to the Board of Directors of Cohere Communications LLC. Cohere is a leading provider of teleconferencing, webcasting and VoIP services to the business community. Andrew also serves as the President of the Mid Atlantic Hedge Fund Association.

Samuel Sebastianelli, Jessup, is the owner and Manager of Medicap Pharmacy.

77 Col. Joseph Agostinelli, D.P.M., U.S.A.E., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., has retired from the military after 23 years of service and has joined Orthopedics Associates.

78 David Hess, Waverly, has retired from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as a Supervisory Special Agent after 20 years of service.

79 Hon. Richard Bucci, mayor of the City of Binghamton, N.Y., has been elected for his third term as President of the New York State Conference of Mayors.

80 Robert Schatz, New York, N.Y., whose artwork explores the grace, sensuality and expressive potential of line as inspired by Chinese and Japanese art, has had two of his works purchased by the U.S. Department of State to be installed at the American Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

81 Michael Griffin, Potsdam, N.Y., Webmaster/Director of News Services at Clarkson University, was a recipient of the university’s Commendable Service Award.

Donna Harhut Abdalla, Archbald, was appointed Vice President of Human Resources for Southern Union Co.

82 John Rozycki, Ph.D., Urbandale, Iowa, Associate Professor of Finance at Drake University, was honored there by receiving the Madelyn M. Levin Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award.

83 Michael A. Giannetta, Clarks Summit, is a Deputy Attorney General in the Civil Division, Tort Litigation Section, of the Office of Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Marion Lombardi Munley, Scranton, was named Executive Director of the Lackawanna County Medical Society.

Thomas Smith, Trial Lawyer and Partner in the Princeton law firm of Pelletieri, Rabstein & Altman, was elected Chairman of Hamilton (N.J.) area YMCA Board of Directors.

84 Cynthia Nolan Motichka, Lake Ariel, was promoted to Loans Operations Supervisor at the Honesdale National Bank.

Karen Rafferty Hadam, M.D., J.D., Bristol, R.I., was inducted into the Massachusetts Bar Association and has launched her own medical legal consulting business.

Matthew Reavy, Ph.D., Shavertown, was promoted to Associate Professor in the Communications Department at The University of Scranton and was granted tenure.

85 Stephen Carmody, News Director of WFLP, Louisville, Ky., was named “Kentucky Associated Press Radio Reporter of the Year.”

Joseph Gershey, D.P.M., Clarks Summit, a recipient of Board Certification status by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, was named Co-Director of Moses-Taylor Hospital’s Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Oxygen Center.

Kevin Quinn, Clarks Summit, is an Associate with Wright & Reiner, P.C., specializing in corporate litigation.

87 April Eldred Quinn, M.H.A., Milford, has joined the staff of Pike Physical Therapy & Fitness.
The University of Scranton’s tradition of excellence continues to grow, thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents and friends. Gifts made to the Annual Fund make it possible for the University to sustain a supportive, nurturing environment for its students, while also providing them with a challenging, value-laden curriculum. Please help Scranton in the constant pursuit of its very worthy mission by supporting the 2004 Annual Fund as generously as possible.

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MEDICAL ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

The Medical Alumni Council of The University of Scranton will host a Medical Alumni Symposium, April 8-9 on campus. The event will coincide with the Mercy Hospital’s Boland Lecture on April 8 and will continue through April 9 with a variety of continuing education components for alumni in the health professions. The Symposium will conclude on Saturday evening with a dinner-reception for all medical alumni, their spouses and guests. Keynote speakers for the event will be Lt. Gen Kevin Kiley, M.D., FACOG ’72, Surgeon General of the United States Army, and Richard Bevilacqua, M.D., D.D.S., ’83, Professor in the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon with Connecticut Maxillofacial Associates, Hartford, Conn. The University has nearly 2,000 physicians and dentists supported by an enviable record of medical school acceptances over the years.

Committee members planning the Symposium include: Anthony Yanni, M.D. ’88, Paul R. Casey, Jr., M.D. ’71, Michael P. Platt, M.D. ’98, Joanne Calabrese, D.O. ’91, Gerald P. Tracy, M.D. ’63, MAC Chairperson, Lawrence F. Gallagher, D.M.D., M.D. ’82, and Mary Engel, Ph.D., Director of Medical School Placement and the Office of Fellowship Programs at the University. The event will take place entirely on campus with blocks of rooms available at the Scranton Hilton and Conference Center, the Radisson Lackawanna Station and Clarion hotels. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (570) 941-7661.

Lt. Col. John E. O’Malley, U.S.A., was promoted to his present rank and is currently assigned to J6 (Command, Control Communications and Computers) United States Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

Ann Sheedy Roarty, Ed.M., Flemington, N.J., Guidance Counselor at Immaculata High School, received her degree in Counseling Psychology from Rutgers University. She is licensed by the State of New Jersey in Student Personnel Services.

88 Donna Butz, R.N., Allentown, is Triage Coordinator at Lehighton Valley Hospital & Health Network.

89 Deborah Baigis Flint, M.S., West Caldwell, N.J., is Manager, Quality Assurance, at the pharmaceutical company, Genta Inc. Debbie received her degree in Regulatory Affairs with honors from San Diego State University’s Center for Bio/Pharmaceutical and Biodevice Development and is the first graduate of this program to complete her studies entirely through their new Internet-based curriculum.

Mary Jane Kalafut DiMattio, Ph.D., Lake Ariel, was promoted to Associate Professor in The University of Scranton’s Nursing Department and was granted tenure.

Charles McManus, M.B.A., Phoenixville, of Morgan Stanley Investments, received his degree from Villanova University.

Frank Merl, III, M.A., Morrisville, received his degree in Secondary Education from LaSalle University and is a teacher in the Bristol Township School District.

Laurence Flint, M.D., West Caldwell, N.J., received his degree from UMDNJ - New Jersey Medical School. Following graduation, Larry will be a pediatrics resident at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

David Hall, Port Washington, N.Y., specialist in Mergers and Acquisitions, was named Partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers, LLP.

Michael Mahon, Clarks Summit, is the Superintendent of Schools for the Abington Heights School District.

Robert Murphy, English as a Second Language Teacher and Department Head in Alexandria, Va. School District, was awarded the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, given to teachers in the D.C. area by the Washington Post.

Matthew Rakauskas, Clarks Summit, was appointed Principal at Lackawanna Trail High School.

Jacqueline Riccardo Rogers, Sarasota, Fla., is Marketing Manager with Boar’s Head Provision Co.

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91 Michael Bennett, Chinchilla, is Director of Human Resources at Keystone College.

92 Kate Moran Busby, J.D., Pleasantville, N.J., received her degree from St. John’s University and is an Associate at Schindel, Farman & Lipsius.

93 Mario Bracci, Denville, N.J., was promoted to Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager of Zurich North America.

94 Maj. Andrew Aylward, U.S.M.C. (ret.), Encinitas, Calif., has left the U.S. Marine Corps after 13 years of service. A participant in Operation Iraqi Freedom, he received the Air Medal with Combat “V” distinguishing device for service as an AH-1W Super-Cobra Attack Helicopter Pilot.

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Nursing Alumni Award

Kathleen V. Eid-Heberle
M.S.N. UNCC ’86, left, Emergency Room Nurse at the Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, N.C., received the first Nursing Alumni Award at a ceremony honoring retiring Nursing Department Chair Rosellen Garrett, Ph.D. this spring. From left: Mrs. Eid-Heberle; Dr. Garrett; Nursing Department Chair, Patricia Harrington, Ph.D.; Carol Rothenberger, R.N. ’92; James Pallanete, Ed.D., Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; and Mary Jane K. DiMattio ’89, Ph.D., Chair of the Nursing Alumni Council.

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Maria Bi Guo, D.O., Dallas, completed her residency at St. Luke's Hospital and is with Physicians Health Alliance in their OB/GYN practice.

Michael Colombo, Stamford, Conn., is the State's Attorney in charge of major felony prosecution in Fairfield County.

Cara DePalma, East Hanover, N.J., was promoted to Southeast Franchise Operations Manager at Huntingdon Learning Center, Inc.

Susan Powell, M.A., Early Childhood Master Teacher in Harrison, N.J., Public Schools, received her degree in Urban Education and English as a Second Language from New Jersey City University.

Fred Rinaldi, J.D., Old Forge, received his degree from Thomas Cooley School of Law and is a partner with Rinaldi & Poveromo, P.C.

Anne Burns Thomas, Ph.D., Philadelphia, received her degree in accounting from the University of Pennsylvania.

Monica Farkas Bremner, Downers Grove, Ill., is a Nurse Manager at Northwestern University Hospital.

Joan Gaffney, Trinity, Fla., was promoted to District Director at Muscular Dystrophy Association.

William Wallick, Ph.D., Dallas, was promoted to Associate Professor in the Health Administration Department at The University of Scranton and was granted tenure.

Keir Bancroft, J.D., Alexandria, Va., received his degree from Georgetown University, was admitted to the Maryland State Bar and is serving as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable George W. Miller on the U.S. Court.


Joseph Meranti, M.Div., part-time Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Shickshinny, received his degree from Moravian Theological Seminary.

Christine Phillips Beidline, D.O., Lake Ariel, received her degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Bernadette Royce, Orlando, Fla., professor of EMS for Valencia Community College, graduated from Central Florida Fire Academy and is a firefighter/paramedic for Osceola County Fire Rescue.

Jason Silvernail, Fort Benning, Ga., is Board Certified in Orthopedic Physical Therapy.

Rolaire Soril Bancroft, J.D., Alexandria, Va., received her degree, cum laude, from American University, Washington College of Law. In September, Rolaire will join the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the Division of Corporation Finance.

Bobby Armes, Buford, Ga., is Vice President-Emerging Markets with Stewart Title Co., one of the world’s largest title insurance firms.

Jennifer Compton, Smithtown, N.Y., is Executive Director at Trinity Fund Raising Consultants, Inc.

Sean P. Mellody, Havertown, was promoted to the position of Manager, US Markets at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. In his expanded role he will be working in their Market INSIGHT group, a division of the US Marketing function within PwC.

David C. Miller, Lake Ariel, has completed his Superintendent’s letter and will begin work on completing his Doctorate in Supervisory Education.

Shawn Moran, San Diego, Calif., a Senior Patrol Agent with the United States Border Patrol, was named Agent of the Month for lifesaving actions performed in the line of duty.

Br. Timothy Powers, O.F.M., Wilmington, Del., was received into the Franciscans of the Holy Name Province and, with eight others, has begun his novitiate.

Matthew Scalese, Ph.D., Moscow, received his degree in Physical Therapy from Temple University and has joined Mackrey & Mackrey Physical Therapy Consultants.

Michael Shera, Flanders, N.J., has earned N.J. Certification as a Principal/Supervisor, and has begun a new position teaching 10th and 11th grade English Literature at Montville Township High School.

Daniel Stanislawczycz, Hilton Head, S.C., was promoted to Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Bluffton High School.

Br. Philip Allen, C.F.R., Yonkers, N.Y., member of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, is at Casa Jan Diego ministering to the needs of Latin American immigrants.

Michael Boylan, M.A., Scranton, received his degree in Secondary Education from Xavier University, Cincinnati, and is an 8th grade social studies teacher in the Abington Heights School District.

Kim Kuczinski, D.O., Philadelphia, received her degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Karen Langan, O.D., Annapolis, Md., received her degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and is in private practice.

Donald Murphy, Howard Beach, N.Y., is a Senior Account Executive with Fleishman Hillard, one of the top five New York PR Firms specializing in strategic communications for the worlds top pharmaceutical companies.

Christopher Paris, J.D., Philadelphia, received his degree from Temple University and has joined the Pennsylvania State Police as a public information officer.

Michael Pennacchio, Mineola, N.Y., has been transferred to the NYFD Transit Bureau Special Operations Division, an anti-crime unit to reduce felonies in the NYC Subway system.

Peter Swift, Bridgewater, N.J., has passed the New York and New Jersey Bar Exams and is with Golden, Rothchild, Spagnola, Lundell, Levitt & Boylan, P.C.

Eric Walsh, Venice, Fla., was admitted to Library and Information Science Program of the University of South Florida.

Melinda Wolter, O.D., Dalton, received her degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

Andrea Edwards, Linden, N.J., is a Reading Teacher in Elizabeth.

Ryan Gibbons, Paramus, N.J., is on the staff of Bergen Catholic High School and their Hockey Coach.

Ruth Lurie-Silbky, Hawley, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, has joined the staff of Highland Physicians.

Tricia Starr Mathis, Bensalem, was promoted to Program Manager of the rehab department at Genesis HealthCare’s Marcella Center.


James Brennan, Washington, D.C., recently sworn in as a member of the N.J. State Bar and United States District Court for the State of New Jersey, is a Commercial Real Estate Analyst with Julian J. Studley, Inc. James was also accepted in the part-time Master of Laws (LL.M.) program at Georgetown University Law Center in Securities and Financial Regulation.

Brian Curtis, Collingswood, N.J., is a microbiologist at Baxter Health Care.

Kristin Erd, D.M.D., Hawley, a University of Pennsylvania graduate, has joined Cherry River Dental Center as an Associate in General Dentistry.

Keith Kearney, D.O., Scranton, received his degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Collette Kelly, D.M.V., Douglaston, N.Y., received her degree from St. George’s University, Grenada.

James Kelly, III, Lafayette Hill, is a senior consultant with Smart & Associates.

Nicolette Morrellito, Alexandria, Va., has accepted a Marketing Associate position to coordinate proposal projects of eight top brokers in real estate in the prestigious Georgetown office of Trammell Crow Company.

Nicole Nagurney Ceeccaci, D.O., Allentown, received her degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is an intern at Lehigh Valley Medical Center.

Michele Opalka, M.D., Waymart, received her degree from Thomas Jefferson University and is a resident in family practice at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/St. Margaret’s Hospital.

Lori Rushe Rink, Philadelphia, doctoral candidate in molecular biology at Temple, is in the cancer research department of Temple University College of Science & Technology.

Mary Santarelli Pascolini, D.O., Erie, received her degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathy, is an osteopathic intern at Millcreek Community Hospital and will continue with a residency in Ear Nose and Throat and Neurology at Hamot.

Jennifer Socash Zampetti, New York, N.Y., is in Corporate Finance for Kraft Foods Global, Inc.

Matthew Trego, O.D., Philadelphia, received his degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

Michael Zampetti, New York, N.Y., works in Real Estate Finance & Securitization for Credit Suisse First Boston.
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Bridget Wolohan to Frank Pustay
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Natalie Ardito to Michael Nashold
Timothy Brody to Marianne Lewis
Adrienne Carver to Gregory Yourek
Catherine Long to Thomas Ehlein
Jennifer Donovan to Andrew Lund
James Kelly to Rebecca Roco ’04

Michael Koch, D.V.M., to Lauren Orsetti ’01
Rebecca Miller to Michael Lefchak
Amanda Monaco to Tom Bigoski
Teresa Pirri to Joseph McGrath
Michele Pizzuti to James Elliott
Marisa Puk to Stephen Aulenbach
Ana Marie Rojas to Michael Caucci
Lori Rushen to David Rink
Jennifer Socash to Michael Zampetti
Michele Summa to Kevin Walsh

Comings and Goings

The Alumni Society has a long tradition of showcasing its legacies. Above, members of the Class of 2004 gather with their alumni parent(s) following the Baccalaureate Mass on campus in 2000. Below, members of the Class of 2008 who are sons and daughters of Scranton Alumni are welcomed during Freshman Orientation by University President, Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., center, and President Emeritus J.A. Panuska, S.J., far right.
A son, Timothy James, to Diane &

A daughter, Ryann Elizabeth, to

A daughter, Emma Yuan, adopted

A son, Andrew Perry, to Richard &

A daughter, Olivia Grace, to Margaret &

A son, Nicholas Raymond, Marybeth &

A daughter, Aiden Marie, to Richard &

A son, Yoshihiko, Kunihiko &

A daughter, Emma, to Chris &

A son, Guy Michael, to Tara &

A son, Joseph Anthony, to Joseph &

A daughter, Jordan August, to Dee Dee &

A daughter, Lasuren Strong

Lukasewicz-Hardisky

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A daughter, Jennifer, to John & Jennifer Perry McNeff '94, Dunmore
A son, Connor John, to Dorothy & Christopher Osborne, Scranton

94
A daughter, Gianna Sofia, Karen & John Angelo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
A daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Maeve, to Timothy & Jennifer Begley Seechock, Clarks Summit
A son, Jacob Paul, to James & Karen Buholski Bianchi, Scranton
A daughter, Hailey Christine, to Joseph & Sharon Chesna Patts, West Pittston
A son, Nicolas L., to Christine & Theodore Colarusso, Madbury, N.H.
A daughter, Caroline Flanagan, to George & Louanne Flanagan Caspar, Philadelphia
A son, Michael Christopher, to Michael & Jennifer Gilbert Tomicz, Berkeley Hgts., N.J.
A son, Kieran Finlon, to Kevin & Christine Gilhool Collins, Severn, Md.
A daughter, Faith Elizabeth, to Matthew & Rachel Horger Dewey, Dalton
A son, Owen Patrick, to Michael & Lorraine Kaiser Kelly, Spring City
A son, Liam Martin, to Sean & Kathleen O’Doherty Cullinan, Oakland Gardens, N.Y.
A son, Giovanni Jacob, to Giovanni Ramos & Cynthia Oleski, Scranton
A son, Brendan Dillon, to Phil & Tara O'Reilly Reed, Floral Park, N.Y.
A daughter, Grace Michele, to Liam & Michele Perry Murtagh, Dickson City
A daughter, Fiona Lynn, to Michael & Allison Quain Anderson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
A son, Aidan Matthew, to Lisa & Brian Rumain, Somerville, N.J.
A son, Ryan Michael to Mike & Rebyn Sack Symons, King of Prussia
A son, Gavin George, to Sean & Denise Vlacky Moore, Delran, N.J.
A son, Matthew David, to John & Kara Landsittel Wolfe '96, Brick, N.J.

94G
A daughter, Kate Caroline, to James & Kathleen Granko Lettieri, Taylor

95
A daughter, Mary Katherine, to Kathy & Matt Bulley, Media
A daughter, Norah Mary, to Edward & Siobhan Cahill Smith, Lincroft, N.J.
A daughter, Katelyn Mary, to Jeanine & Christopher Caramore, Massapequa, N.Y.
A daughter, Emma Ann, to Jon & Mary Doyle Troy, Dunmore
A son, Liam Joseph, to Joseph & Megan Fleming Holden, Glenside
A son, Christopher Kenneth, to Kenneth & Christine Greenewoog Spassione, Irvington, N.J.
A son, Vaughn Thomas, adopted from Vladivostok, Russia, by Wendy & Brian Healey, Covington, Ga.
A son, Colby Richard, to Christopher & Lori Jones Murray, Dunmore
A daughter, Jillian Rosemary, to Edward & Kerry Karlson Sandt, Hillsdale, N.J.
A son, Declan Patrick, to Stephen & Bridget Scanlon Hefferan, Broomall

96
A daughter, Brady Elizabeth, to Eric & Lauren Gillmore Beck, '98, High Bridge, N.J.
A son, Daniel Joseph, to Rosemary & Jason Boheneck, Scranton
A daughter, Megan Elizabeth, to Jennifer & Andrew Kosar, Lorton, Va.
A son, Jason Michael, to Michael & Denise Krause Blain, Westhampton, N.J.
A daughter, Christiana Grace, to Steven & Margaret Lenz Johnson, Perkasie
A son, William Kevin, to Kevin & Danielle Monte Brosnahan, Wayne, N.J.
A son, Ryan Gaffney, to Tim & Hope Gaffney St. Clair '97, Hoboken, N.J.
A son, Joshua Michael, to Frank & Jennifer Weidner Clarke, Union Dale

96G
A daughter, Paige Marie, to Robert & Elizabeth Yard Wilhelmy, Youngsville, N.C.

97
A son, Liam, to Rick & Kristina Bennett O'Neill, East Rockaway, N.Y.
A son, Benjamin Patrick, to Joseph & Megan Huyer Mons, Verona, N.J.
A daughter, Grace Victoria, to Tracie & James Lennox, Scranton
A daughter, Brenna Anne, to Danielle & Peter Lill, Havertown
A son, Kaeden Thomas, to Thomas & Maurya Melody Carr, Throop
A son, Adam Michael, to John & Christine Pascone Hudacek, Baltimore, Md.
A daughter, Claire Sophia, to Christopher & Katherine Pysczynska Holman, Millersville, Md.
A daughter, Olivia Rose, to Rance ’03 and Tanya Symuleski Prescott, Dalton

97G
A son, Mariano, to Enrico & Larissa Dysk Monacelli, Scranton

98
A son, Aidan Matthew, to Eugene & Christine Carden Bradley, Catonsville, Md.
A daughter, Mia Rose, to Michael & Meghan Corcoran Barlotta, Morris Plains, N.J.
A daughter, Abigail Rose, to Steven & Gina Esposito Vickner, Bridgewater, N.J.
A son, Carmen Dominick, to Rachael & Carmen Ferranti, Scranton
A daughter, Emma Ann, to Brian & Maura Flynn-DePersis, Wyckoff, N.J.
A daughter, Grace Kathryn, to David & Kathryn Gavin Elliott, Scranton
A son, William Anthony, to William & Allison Dileno Jolie '99, Birdboro
A son, Jacob Tyler, to Mimi & Albert Quisumbing, Secaucus, N.J.
A son, Vito Michael, to Denise & Michael Rotelli, Eynon
A son, Daniel Michael, to Michael & Joanna Sukacz Peloquin, Manchester, Md.

98G
A son, Liam Peter, to Liam & Megan McGee McAndrew, Scranton

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A son, John Joseph, to John & Karen Cosgrove Snyder, Scranton
A daughter, Anna Sophie, to Daniel & Amy Novkovic Lloyd '00, Milwaukee, Wis.
A son, Robert Emmett, Robert & Sherri Rice Magazine, Scranton

99G
A son, Ashton Matthew, to Kerrie & Matthew Fitzsimmons, Forest City

Deaths

35
Alphonse Bulavich, Scranton
Francis Karosa, Reedley, Calif.

38
Lester Stahler, Scranton

39
Charles Savino, Yardley

40
Joseph Cottone, Washington, D.C.

41
James McEnrze, Fairfax, Va.
Robert Quigley, Forty Fort

42
James Melvin, Wynnewood
Peter Savage, M.D., Plymouth

43
Irving Davis, Pompano Beach, Fla.
Edward McLaughlin, Ph.D., Houston, Texas

44
Francis Manley, Scranton

47
Rev. Patrick Healey, Scranton
Paul Shields, Jacksonville, Fla.

48
Paul Kelly, Sr., Moscow
Thomas O’Toole, Taylor
George Perry, Ph.D., Scranton

49
Robert Barrett, Bowie, Md.
Bernard McDonough, Scranton
Thomas Marino, D.D.S., Lewistown
Edward Perugini, Swoyersville
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Hotel Discounts Selected Choice Hotels
1888 Club Special events & dining
Library Privileges Lifelong use of the library
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University needs
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Alumni Society. Election results will be announced in the summer 2004 issue of The Scranton Journal as deceased. Mr. Anthony Musso, father of Fedele ’70 & Anthony ’71
Daniel Oliver, father of Judith ’97 & Joy ’02
Alfred Pelicci, father of Leroy ’72
Fred Pezak, brother of Nicholas ’60
Curley Prejean, father of Sidney ’72, father-in-law of Melinda Gliardi ’80
Richard Principato, father of Richard ’79
Frank Proviznomo, father of Frani Mancuso ’93; father-in-law of Gregory Mancuso ’92
Catherine Rist, mother of Daniel ’74 & Catherine Stranch ’79; mother-in-law of Michelle Smith ’88
Janet Rothenberg, grandmother of Irvin Schneider ’52
St. Ann Ryan, I.H.M., sister of Rev. John ’34
Frances Skube, mother of Frank ’76; mother-in-law of Gerald Blake ’63
Marian Spitzer Robling, wife of J. Gerald ’47
Joseph Shields, brother of Paul ’47
Carol Simon, sister of E. Donald Korchick ’59
Eugene Sobol, father of Eugene ’66
John Zangardi, brother of Armand ’71
Robert Zelinski, Sr., father of Rebecca ’85

TIME TO VOTE.

The terms of seven members of the Alumni Board expire at the end of the calendar year. An election to identify the successors will be determined by an online election ballot listing the names of candidates who have been nominated by alumni at large. Please vote for the candidate(s) of your choice who will represent your interests in the Alumni Society. Election results will be announced in the next issue of the Journal; Alumni Board membership will be updated on the Website immediately following the election. For those unable to vote online, printed copies of the election ballot may be obtained upon request by contacting the Alumni Office.
IN MEMORY

Rev. Bernard A. Suppe, S.J.

Rev. Bernard A. Suppe, S.J. Chaplain Emeritus at Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore, and a former Professor of Philosophy at The University of Scranton, passed away on Aug. 28th at Mercy following a stroke at the age of 82.

Born in New York City and baptized there at St. Gregory the Great, Fr. Suppe grew up in Philadelphia after losing both his parents when he was a child. He graduated from St. Thomas More High School in 1940 and attended St. Joseph’s College in Philadelphia for two years before entering into the Society of Jesus as a Novice at St. Isaac Jogues in Wernersville. He was ordained a priest in 1955.

Fr. Suppe taught history and Greek at Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C., 1949-1952. He served at The University of Scranton from 1957 to 1976 and then taught at St. Joseph’s University from 1978 to 1983. From 1976 to 1984, Fr. Suppe also worked in pastoral ministry at Old St. Joseph’s Church, Willings Alley, Philadelphia, considered the oldest Catholic Church in Pennsylvania.

In 1984, Fr. Suppe joined Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore as Chaplain in the hospital's Pastoral Care Department. He served on the hospital's Medical Morals Committee and Institutional Review Board, even after his retirement in spring 2004 when he was awarded the title of “chaplain emeritus.”

The Mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Baltimore. The burial was held on Sept. 1 at the Jesuit Cemetery in Wernersville.

William V. Rakauskas, Ed.D. ’61, G’63

William V. Rakauskas, Ed.D., ’61, G’63, Professor of English, passed away on Sept. 11.

Born in Scranton, Dr. Rakauskas was a four-year Navy veteran, who was awarded a certificate for meritorious service while serving on the USS Multiphen, AKA 61, in the Mediterranean. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University, and his doctorate in English and education from Temple University.

After having taught English at Scranton Technical High School, he began his career as a college professor at The University of Scranton, rising to the rank of full professor in 1973. For most of his University career, a career that began in 1969, Dr. Rakauskas helped prepare students for their professional role teaching English, grammar, composition and literature at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

At the University, Dr. Rakauskas was named CASE Professor of the Year in 1991, and was an honorary member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit honor society. He also served as a lecturer in the University's evening college and taught the Academic Development Program. For several years, he directed the University’s Writing Center and moderated its student newspaper, The Aquinas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dr. William V. Rakauskas Student Scholarship Fund, in care of The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA 18510.

Njegos M. Petrovic, Ph.D.

Njegos M. Petrovic, Ph.D., Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, passed away on July 8.

Dr. Petrovic was born in Vucitrn, Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro. He was a member of the University’s Department of Foreign Languages and Literature since 1967.

Dr. Petrovic wrote and published numerous literary essays, poems and short stores in Serbian, French and English, on both sides of the Atlantic. He was given a scholarship by the French government for study and research on his Ph.D. thesis.

At the University, Dr. Petrovic was founder and Chairman of the University of Scranton Concert and Theater Series, and was elected to the Jesuit Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Nu. An active member of the arts in northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Petrovic served as Vice President of the Lackawanna Arts Council; a member and later Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic; and was appointed by Pennsylvania former Governor Shapp as State Performing Arts Advisor.

During this critical historical moment for his homeland, Dr. Petrovic was an active spokesman, interpreter and defender of the Serbian people.

David W. Hall, Ph.D.

David W. Hall, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Counseling and Human Resources, passed away on Oct. 16.

Dr. Hall joined the faculty of the University in 1985 as an instructor in the Department of Human Resources. He was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1986 and Associate Professor in 1991. He served as Director of the Community Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling programs and was the first Chair of the Department of Human Services.

Dr. Hall was a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Counseling Association, the Association for Counselor Education, the Pennsylvania Counseling Association and others.

A highlight of his professional career was his service as President of the Pennsylvania Alliance of Counseling Professionals. His efforts in this role helped to enact Act 136 of 1998, the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, the first legislation in Pennsylvania to license professional counselors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the David W. Hall Memorial Fund, The University of Scranton Graduate School 18510; or the Susan and Sara Hall Trust Fund c/o PNC Bank, 920 Northern Blvd., Chinchilla, PA 18410.