The University Marks 105th Commencement

May 29th marked the University’s 105th Commencement, during which it conferred 1,140 bachelor’s and master’s degrees, as well as the first doctoral degrees in the University’s 117-year history. The graduating class represented 21 states and 13 countries.

Jay Parini, Ph.D., an award-winning poet, biographer, fiction writer and educator, gave the principal address. In his remarks to the audience that filled the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza, Dr. Parini reflected on the centuries-old Jesuit belief in education. “I would say that this is what an education, especially a Jesuit one, is about: developing the mind and spirit, and learning how to take the world, how to understand it, and – when necessary – stand against it,” he said. Dr. Parini went on to invite the graduating class to take the challenge of the “Prince of Peace.”

During Commencement, the University presented Honorary Degrees of Humane Letters to Dr. Parini; Sr. Patricia Talone, R.S.M., Ph.D., Vice President of Mission Services, Catholic Health Association of the United States; Harry M. Jansen Kraemer Jr., Executive Partner of Madison Dearborn, LLC.; and Louis DeNaples, banker, businessman and former Chair of the University’s Board of Trustees.

In his remarks, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., encouraged the graduates to continue to cultivate the friendships forged during their years at Scranton. “Your time at Scranton has prepared you well for purposeful lives pointing toward fulfillment,” he said.

Honorary degrees were presented to, from left: Jay Parini, Ph.D., Louis DeNaples, Sr. Patricia Talone, R.S.M., Ph.D., and Harry M. Jansen Kraemer, Jr.

Andrew Reinhold’s graduation in May marked the conclusion of 21 straight years in which a member of the Reinhold family has attended the University. Andrew was joined by his parents, Gordon (left) and Hilare (center) Reinhold at Commencement.

The University conferred the first doctoral degrees in its 117-year history. Standing, from left, are five of the seven Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates: Jessica Bach, Jodi Harrity, Amy Brill, Shira Lipperini and Michele Brooks.
Arrupe Award Presented to Father O’Hare

Rev. Joseph A. O’Hare, S.J., who for 19 years served as President of Fordham University, New York City, received the University’s tenth annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for Distinguished Contributions to Ignatian Mission and Ministries. The award was presented to Fr. O’Hare during the University Assembly in February. Father O’Hare’s tenure as President of Fordham is the longest in the University’s 163-year history. The Arrupe Award is named in honor of the late Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the Superior General of the Society of Jesus from 1965 to 1983.

“Sustainability” Explored During Trustee Day

The University community engaged in conversations and projects surrounding “Sustainability” during the 31st annual Trustee Day on Feb. 9. Co-chairs of this year’s Trustee Day were Trustees Otto Hentz, S.J., Associate Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, and Margaret Condron, Ph.D., an Adjunct Faculty member in the Natural Sciences Department at Marymount Manhattan College. The theme of “Education for Justice: The Case for Sustainability” is linked to Sustainability initiatives on campus. Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. For additional information about Scranton’s Sustainability initiatives, visit the Web at www.scranton.edu/sustainability.

Building Dedicated in Memory of Father Ciszek

The University dedicated the former Center for Eastern Christian Studies to the memory of Fr. Walter Ciszek, S.J., a native of northeastern Pennsylvania and a candidate for sainthood. Among those present for the Feb. 16 dedication, were from left, James Brian Benestad, Ph.D., Professor of Theology, Rev. J. A. Panuska, S.J., President Emeritus, and Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President of the University.

Survey Shows Strong Employment

The results of a University of Scranton post-graduation survey reveal that 96 percent of its undergraduate class of 2004 graduates are either employed or pursuing additional education within six months of graduation. The survey is based on responses received from 75 percent (625) of the 841 students who received bachelor’s degrees from the University in 2004. Of the respondents to the survey, 60 percent are employed full-time, five percent are employed part-time, and 31 percent are pursuing additional education. The average salary reported was $35,369, representing a 5.3 percent increase from last year.

Health Fair Hosted for Hispanic/Latino Community

The University’s Leahy Community Health and Family Center held a health fair for the area’s Hispanic/Latino community on April 9. The “Feria de Salud,” which was offered free of charge, included free health screenings for diabetes, cholesterol and hypertension and seminars on nutrition, exercise and smoking cessation, and hands-on activities for children.

At the Arrupe Award Presentation, from left: Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University President; Fr. O’Hare; Rev. George Aschenbrenner, S.J., Rector of the Jesuit Community at Scranton; and Rev. John Shea, S.J., Vice President for University Ministries.
Applications Break Record for Fourth Year

The University of Scranton has set a record for undergraduate applications for the fourth consecutive year, receiving 6,310 applications for admission to the University’s 57 full-time undergraduate programs for the fall of 2005. This represents an increase of three percent over applications received by the same time last year and an increase of 65 percent above 2001 totals. Last year’s record of 6,126 applications marked the first time that applications broke the 6,000 mark in the history of the University. It was only three years ago when applications to the University first broke 5,000.

Executive Center Dedicated

On May 11, the University dedicated the Executive Center of Brennan Hall in honor of Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., President of Fordham University and former President of The University of Scranton. The Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Executive Center occupies the 5th floor of Brennan Hall, a 71,000 square-foot building that was built during Fr. McShane’s tenure as President of the University. The Center provides technologically advanced conference space for the University, and businesses and organizations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Since its opening in September 2000, the University has hosted more than 4,700 events for 83 organizations and groups in the Executive Center.

Plans Unveiled for Expanded Retreat Center

In an effort to meet the growing demand for retreats by students, faculty and staff, the University has unveiled plans to expand the retreat center at Chapman Lake. Currently more than 1,400 students, faculty and staff participate annually in retreats and other spiritual programs conducted at the lake by the University. The expanded facility will have additional bedrooms and a chapel. An existing white stucco structure, which was previously used for retreats, will be demolished to accommodate the expanded facility. Construction is expected to begin in the fall.

Students

Scranton Students Receive Prestigious Scholarships

Tina Marie George, a junior biology and philosophy major, was one of only 75 students from 65 colleges in the nation to be selected as a 2005 Truman Scholar. Scranton is the only Jesuit university to have a student named as a 2005 Truman Scholar. Ms. George is the sixth Scranton student to be named a Truman Scholar. The Truman Scholarship is widely regarded as one of the most competitive and prestigious scholarship programs in America.

Ms. George was also selected to receive one of only 80 Morris K. Udall Scholarships awarded in the nation. Morris K. Udall scholarships are awarded annually to sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential in their study of the environment and related fields. Ms. George is working on a research project with Timothy Cadigan, S.J., Assistant Professor of Biology, to monitor the effects of chemicals on the Lackawanna River.

Timothy Sechler, a junior majoring in chemistry with a minor in mathematics, and Karen McGuigan, a junior majoring in biochemistry and philosophy, were among just 320 sophomore and junior undergraduates in the nation to be named Goldwater Scholars for the 2005-2006 academic year. Scranton students have been awarded Goldwater Scholarships for three consecutive years. The Goldwater Scholarship is among the most prestigious and competitive programs in the nation.

Senior Han Li became the fourth Scranton student in three years to be named USA Today’s All-USA College Academic Teams. A double major in biochemistry and biomathematics, Ms. Li was named to the second academic team, listing her nationally among USA Today’s top 40 undergraduate students. A total of 60 students comprise USA Today’s three academic teams representing some of the nation’s
most prestigious schools. The University is one of only three colleges in Pennsylvania and one of only three Jesuit universities in the nation to have students listed.

Two members of the class of 2005 have been awarded Fulbright Fellowships. Over the last 34 years, 113 Scranton students have received grants in the competitions administered by the Institute of International Education (Fulbright) and International Rotary. Maria Hundersmarck, an English and philosophy double major, has won a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to South Korea. George Griffin, a foreign languages major, has been awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to Germany. Both will teach English as a second language while pursuing graduate research projects.

Students from approximately 500 colleges and universities nationwide submit applications each year for Fulbright fellowships, which were established in 1946 by Congress “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries.”

Tsunami Relief Effort

 Responding to the devastating effects of the Tsunami in Asia, University students have partnered with Scranton Tomorrow for a Tsunami relief effort involving the city’s downtown merchants. University students placed “Tsunami Relief Buckets” at participating downtown businesses for customers wishing to make a donation. Funds raised will be combined with collections made at the University’s church services during the Lenten season and will be sent to Jesuit Refugee Services, who will provide services and materials for the families most affected by the tsunami.

McGowan Scholar Named

Ryan Champagne has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship for his senior year at the University through the William G. McGowan Scholars Program of the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund.

Named for the late William G. McGowan, founder of MCI Communications Corporation, and brother of Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan, Trustee Emeritus of the University, the program benefits outstanding students who plan to enter the field of business.

Research and Scholarly Work Celebrated

The University held its Fifth Annual Celebration of Student Scholars on May 3. This all-day event celebrated the research and scholarly work of approximately 75 undergraduate and graduate students. In addition to the traditional display of posters, this year’s presentation format was expanded to include oral and creative presentations that are better-suited to non-science disciplines. Scholarly work presented included thesis research; research conducted as part of the Faculty-Student Research Program or resulting from a Faculty-Directed Student Summer Research Grant; and undergraduate or graduate research or other scholarly projects carried out as independent study. The students’ scholarly and research efforts are supported by approximately 30 faculty members.

From left: University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.; Mr. Champagne, recipient of the 2005-2006 William G. McGowan Scholarship; Monsignor McGowan; and Margaret McNulty ’76, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the University.
Interim Administrators Appointed

Sister Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., has been appointed as the Interim Vice President for Mission and Ministries. A member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Sr. Bernadette joined the University in 2004 as Director of Ignatian Spiritual Formation. Previously, she served for almost 10 years on the program staff of the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth at Wernersville.

Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D., Associate Provost, will serve as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the 2005-06 academic year. Dr. Baillie joined the faculty in the Philosophy Department at the University in 1978. He is an affiliated faculty member in the Department of Public Health and Management of Tbilisi State Medical University in Georgia, and has been a visiting professor at the University of Trnava in the Republic of Slovakia.

Michael O. Mensah, Ph.D., has been named Interim Dean of the Kania School of Management. Dr. Mensah joined the University in 1987 as Assistant Professor of Accounting and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1992. He was named Chair of the Accounting Department in 2000 and became a Professor of Accounting in 2003. Dr. Mensah received the fourth annual Alperin Teaching Fellow Award from the University in 2002.

Duncan M. Perry, Ph.D., has been named Interim Dean of Dexter Hanley College, while continuing as Dean of the Graduate School and Director of Research, where he has served since joining the University in 2002. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Perry was Dean for Graduate Studies and Extended Programs at Millersville University in Millersville.

Institutional Advancement Posts Announced

Patrick F. Leahy has been named Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Mr. Leahy joined the University in 2004 as Executive Assistant to the President and will continue to serve in this capacity concurrent with his interim appointment. Prior to joining the University, Mr. Leahy was founder and President of The Graduates Club, a business learning community for business school alumni and other professionals. He previously worked as an Investment Officer at Allied Capital Corporation, as an Account Executive with Deluxe Corporation as an Associate Director in the Campus Ministry Office at Georgetown University.

Gerald C. Zaboski ’87, G’95 has been appointed Associate Vice President for Alumni and Public Relations. Mr. Zaboski has served as the University’s Director of Public Relations and Publications since 2000. He has worked at the University since 1988 in several positions, including Executive Assistant to the President, a post he held for eight years. Prior to joining the University, he worked as Public Information Manager for the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

Professors Receive Alperin Award for Teaching

S. Kingsley Gnanendran, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Operations and Information Management, and John J. Kallianiotis, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics/Finance, received the sixth annual Alperin Teaching Fellow Award at the University. The award was presented at the annual Kania School of Management dinner.

The Alperin Award was created through the Alperin Endowment Fund to recognize faculty achievement and excellent teaching in the Kania School of Management at the University. The award is one of several University initiatives supported by the Alperins, who own and operate several area garment-manufacturing plants.

Teacher of the Year Award

Michael A. Sulzinski, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, was selected Teacher of the Year by the University’s graduating class of 2005. The Teacher of the Year Award, instituted in 1996 by the academic support committee of the University’s Faculty Senate, honors a faculty member who maintains high standards of academic excellence and fairness and who, through enthusiasm and dedication, inspires interest in a given field of education. Dr. Sulzinski was chosen by secret ballot by the senior class.

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., presented the Teacher of the Year Award to Michael Sulzinski, Ph.D., during Class Night, May 28.
History Professor Pens Book

*The Italian Experience in America: a Pictorial History* by Michael DeMichele, Ph.D., ’63, Professor and Chair of the History Department, has been published by The University of Scranton Press. The hardcover book with more than 300 photographs and images is the second edition of the popular book first published in 1982 by Dr. DeMichele. Beginning with Christopher Columbus and continuing to present day artists, poets, athletes, scientists, and government leaders, the book concisely illustrates the diverse contributions made by hundreds of Italian Americans. The 165 page book, released in March of 2005, is available at book stores nationwide or through The University of Scranton Press at 1-800-941-3081.

Philosophy Professors Edit Book


The chapters of the book arose from a conference held in the spring of 2001 at The University of Scranton. The conference was supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and a subgrant from the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute. The book is unique in that it covers an array of disciplines and its perspective is philosophical, rather than technical.

Speakers and Lecturers

The University’s 23rd annual *Morris Gelb Lecture* featured Yiddish literature expert and Harvard professor Ruth R. Wisse, Ph.D. The lecture, held May 12, was entitled “The Use and Abuse of Yiddish in America.” Regarded as one of the world’s leading experts on Yiddish literature, Dr. Wise is also an active commentator on public affairs and has published widely in this area.

*All in Every Part: The University of Scranton’s Speaker Series on Diversity* presented a lecture by Kweisi Mfume, former Congressman, President and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Feb. 28. Mr. Mfume spoke on “Diversity and Democracy: Brown vs. the Board of Education.” On April 14, J. Glenn Murray, S.J., Director of Pastoral Liturgy for the Diocese of Cleveland, presented “God Shows No Part-
Conferences and Symposia

Medical Alumni Symposium Held

The Medical Alumni Council of the University’s Alumni Society held its inaugural Medical Alumni Symposium April 8-10. Keynote speakers for the event were Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, M.D., FACOG ’72; Surgeon General of the United States Army, and Richard Bevilacqua, M.D., D.D.S. ’83, a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and oral and maxillofacial surgeon with Connecticut Maxillofacial Associates, Hartford, Conn. Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley was also the guest speaker at the President’s Breakfast on April 8.

Symposium Explores Diversity Issues

On May 6, the University held its Diversity Symposium, “Diversity: More Than Black and White.”

Keynote speakers of the conference were Frank H. Wu, Dean of Wayne University Law School, and attorney, teacher and lecturer Angela E. Oh, Esq. Dean Frank H. Wu is the author of Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White and co-author of Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment. His writing has appeared on a professional basis in such periodicals as the Washington Post, Detroit Free Press, Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Sun, Chronicle of Higher Education, Legal Times and Asian Week. Ms. Oh practices law with the firm of Oh & Barrera, LLP, Los Angeles. In 1997, Ms. Oh was appointed by former President Bill Clinton to the President’s Initiative on Race. She served as part of a seven-member Advisory Board to the President in an effort directed at examining how race, racism, and racial differences have affected the development of this nation.

Restored Austin Organ Dedicated

On Jan. 30, the University celebrated the completion of the restoration of its 1910 Austin Opus 301 organ, located in the Houlihan-McLean Center. The dedication concert featured Thomas Murray, a concert organist, recording artist and University Organist and Professor of Music at Yale University. The inaugural concert of the restored Austin organ followed more than two years of work involving up to 12 restoration specialists from Patrick J. Murphy & Associates, Inc.

The Arts

Players Perform Madmen and Specialists

In March, the University Players presented Madmen and Specialists by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Wole Soyinka. Madmen and Specialists was produced in cooperation with the Department of English and its visiting Fulbright Scholar from Cameroon, Sarah Anyang Agbor, Ph.D., as well as Anne Tanyi Tang, Ph.D., also of Cameroon, who is performing research on women African-American playwrights at City University of New York.

Cast members of Madmen and Specialists, from left: Kate Judge, Steve Ranton, John Kasper, Nick Naro and visiting Fulbright Scholar Sarah Anyang Agbor, Ph.D.
Students Exhibit Artwork

Students had an opportunity to display their artwork at the University’s 19th Annual Juried Exhibition in April and May. Pieces featured celebrated the wide variety of talents and interests found among Scranton students, including color and design, three-dimensional design, drawing and painting.

Institutional Advancement

President’s Circle Reception Held

Approximately 215 donors attended the President’s Circle Reception on May 14. Among the guests were, from left: Leo Moskovitz, Ann Moskovitz, Jeanne Bovard, University Trustee; Frank McDonnell, Esq., ’60, former Chair of the Board of Trustees; Riaz Hussain Ph.D., Associate Professor, Economics/Finance; and Atiya Hussain.

Also attending the evening event held in the Gunster Center on campus, from left: Joseph Cimini, Esq., Zim Lawhon, Patricia Lawhon and Frank Cimini ’39, Professor Emeritus.

President’s Business Council Announces 2005 Honoree

The President’s Business Council held its Inaugural President’s Medal Recipients’ Reception on May 16. More than 70 alumni and friends from New Hampshire to Florida attended the event held at The Stanley H. Kaplan Penthouse at Lincoln Center in New York City. The Reception was hosted by Paul M. Montrone, Ph.D., ’62, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Fisher Scientific International Inc., and Gerard R. Roche ’53, Senior Chairman, Heidrick & Struggles, Inc. The program featured a presentation by Mr. Roche, the 2002 President’s Medal Recipient, on “The Two Secrets of Success” and included remarks from Christopher M. “Kip” Condon ’70, President & CEO of AXA Financial, Inc., and Chair, President’s Business Council. University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., offered the Invocation and provided a brief update on the University’s achievements during this past academic year.

Mr. Montrone, the 2003 President’s Medal Recipient, announced that the President’s Business Council has selected Arthur J. Kania, Esq., ’53, Senior Partner, Kania, Lindner, Lasak & Feeney of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., as the 2005 President’s Medal Recipient. Mr. Kania and his wife, Angela, were also in attendance. In his introduction of this year’s honoree, Paul Montrone highlighted the many successful entrepreneurial accomplishments of Mr. Kania. These accomplishments include, but are not limited to, the founding of First Sterling Bank, which merged into Summit Bancorp, now a major component of Bank of America; co-founding the Great Bay Country Club and

Arthur J. Kania, Esq., ’53, and Angela Kania were guests at the President’s Medal Recipients’ Reception. Mr. Kania will receive the President’s Medal from the President’s Business Council at a dinner in October. (Photo by Paul Treacy)
in his or her field and who has demonstrated extraordinary compassion for others.

In addition to the dinner, the Council provides mentoring and internship opportunities for current students and networking opportunities for alumni and friends.

For more information regarding the Council or the October 6 dinner, please contact Timothy J. Pyler ’89, Senior Development Officer, New York City Region, at (570) 941-5837 or pyler2@scranton.edu. Please refer to the inside back cover for ticket reservation form.

**Ten Receive O’Hara Awards Reunion Weekend**

The University of Scranton presented Frank J. O’Hara Awards to 10 alumni during Alumni Reunion on Saturday, June 11.

The O’Hara Awards, named for a late administrator who served the University with love and devotion for 53 years, are the highest honor bestowed jointly by the University and its Alumni Board. The awards recognize Scranton graduates who have achieved distinction in their professional or personal endeavors. The 2005 recipients are:

- **Raymond S. Angeli**, President of Lackawanna College, Scranton, who holds two graduate degrees from the University, received the award in Education.
- **John F. Bagley**, from the Class of 1965, received the award in Science and Technology. He is Vice President of Batelle Memorial Institute in Washington, D.C.
- **Christopher M. “Kip” Condron ’70 (right), Paul M. Montrone, Ph.D., ’62 (center) and University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. (left), listened to remarks from Gerard R. Roche ’53 during the May 16 reception.** (Photo by Paul Treacy)
- **Mark J. Biedlingmaier ’80** presented to Mark J. Biedlingmaier on the occasion of his 25th reunion. Mr. Biedlingmaier is Chargé d’Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo.
- **Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., ’80** received the award in Religion and Spirituality. The alumna and Philadelphia native is currently serving as Interim Vice President for Mission and Ministries at The University of Scranton.
- **An ex aequo award in the same category was awarded to Monsignor Godfrey Mosley, Class of 1975, who is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.**
- **The Community Service Award was presented to Martina Martin ’80, Vice President of The United Way, Baltimore, Md.**
- **James M. Papada III, Esq., ’70, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Philadelphia-based firm of Technitrol, Inc., and Christine Oliver Shean ’80, President of the Murray Insurance Company, Scranton, were presented with the awards in Law and Management, respectively.**
- **Michael J. Strong G’82, Professor of Physical Education and Coach of the Lady Royals, received the award in University Service, having completed his 600th win in the women’s basketball program this year.**

The award in Government Service was presented to **Terrence S. Carden Jr., M.D., ’60** received the award in Medicine. The Scranton native practiced in Chicago for many years before retiring in Tuscon, Ariz.

**The President’s Business Council is a group of prominent alumni and friends seeking to advance the mission of The University of Scranton. As part of its goals, the Council seeks to fund Presidential Scholarships for talented students who will become leaders of vision and integrity. Scholars are chosen from among the top students entering the University each year and are selected for their academic excellence, leadership ability and character. The Council’s annual dinner generates support for the Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund. At the dinner, the Council and the University present the President’s Medal to recognize an individual who has achieved excellence in his or her field and who has demonstrated extraordinary compassion for others.**

**Ten people received Frank J. O’Hara Awards during Alumni Reunion Weekend. First row, from left: Martina A. Martin ’80; Christine Oliver Shean ’80; Monsignor Godfrey Mosley ’75; Sr. Bernadette Duross, R.S.M., ’80; Kevin J. Lanahan ’84, President of the University’s Alumni Society; University President Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. Second row: Raymond S. Angeli G’74, G’80; Terrence S. Carden Jr., M.D., ’60; John F. Bagley, Ph.D., ’65; Michael Strong G’82; and Mark J. Biedlingmaier ’80. Absent from photo is James M. Papada III, Esq.**