Largest Combined Number of Graduates Cross Commencement Stages

University President Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., put his own spin on “The Office” Michael Scott’s now-famous Scranton party quote, when he told Scranton’s undergraduate Class of 2007 that “there is no education like a Scranton education, because a Scranton education doesn’t stop. There are no friendships like Scranton friendships, because Scranton friendships don’t stop.”

The University of Scranton conferred more than 1,400 graduate and undergraduate degrees, including 900 bachelor’s and associate’s degrees, 503 master’s degrees and 17 doctoral degrees at its Memorial Day weekend commencement ceremonies. This was the largest post-baccalaureate class in the history of the University and the largest combined group of graduates ever to cross the University’s Commencement stages. Scranton’s Class of 2007 includes the recipients of some of the nation’s most prestigious honors, notably Goldwater scholar Kristy Gogick, NCAA Post-Graduate scholars Taryn Melody and John Mercuti, Udall scholar Daniel Foster, and Fulbright fellowship recipients Thomas Murtaugh, Rosemary Moran and Vincent Solomeno, who is also a Truman Scholar.

Ashraf Ghanì, Ph.D., one of the world’s foremost authorities on the political and global transitions of nations, was the Principal Speaker at the undergraduate ceremony, which was held at the Wachovia Arena on May 27. Dr. Ghanì was among those being mentioned as possible candidates to succeed World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz. He was among the handful of those considered candidates to succeed Kofi Annan as secretary-general of the United Nations. Dr. Ghanì is the Chancellor of Kabul University in Afghanistan and Afghanistan’s former Finance Minister.

“Your people today have the advantage of being at ease with diversity,” said Dr. Ghanì in his remarks to the graduates. “My generation made amazing strides towards overcoming gender, race and religious barriers, but it is this generation that truly understands that identity is not a single issue, but that as humans we are capable of diverse and multiple identities. There is no single strand that identifies us exclusively.”

Sister Mary Frances Taymans, S.N.D., Ed.D., the Executive Director of the Secondary Schools Department of the National Catholic Educational Association, served as the Principal Speaker at the College of Graduate and Continuing Education’s commencement ceremony, which was held on campus on May 26.

“This is an exhilarating and important day in the life of The University of Scranton,” said Fr. Pilarz at the graduate college commencement. “We celebrate the accomplishments of the newest graduates of our newest school, the College of Graduate and Continuing Education. As we do, we keep faith with one of the University’s oldest commitments, the education of accomplished scholars, professionals and students with commitments to spouses, children, parents and places of employment—often fulltime. What you, our graduates, have done in finishing your degrees is a remarkable feat, and you deserve to be as proud of yourselves as the University is of you.”

About 7,700 guests gathered to watch 900 students receive their bachelor’s and associate’s degrees at the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony held at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza on May 27.

Three Scranton Students Receive Fulbright Fellowships

Rosemary Moran of West Chester, Thomas Murtaugh of Scranton, and Vincent Solomeno of Hazlet, N.J., all graduates of the University’s Class of 2007, have been awarded prestigious 2007 Fulbright fellowships. They are among the 117 Scranton students who have received grants in the Fulbright competitions over the last 36 years.

For the past two years, The Chronicle of Higher Education has listed The University of Scranton among the “top producers” of Fulbright awards for American students. “We are pleased to continue the University’s remarkable Fulbright tradition,” said Susan Trussler, Ph.D., Fulbright Advisor and Associate Professor of Economics/Finance, who noted that Fulbright fellowships are widely regarded as the U.S. (continued on pg. 2)
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Government’s premier scholarship program for overseas graduate study and research.

“I feel the University is so successful with securing Fulbright grants because the faculty is so dedicated and supportive of their students,” said Mr. Murtaugh.

“In addition to the many hours Dr. Trusler set aside to give me one-on-one attention with my application, numerous other faculty members were willing to write letters of recommendation and provide advice about my application essays.”

Ms. Moran, an Elementary Education major, and Mr. Murtaugh, a double major in History and Secondary Education, both received Fulbright teaching assistantships in English to South Korea. Both will teach English as a second language while pursuing independent research projects.

Mr. Solomeno, a Political Science major, was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He will research the effects of European integration on Dutch higher education policy.

Mara Evette Beckage, who received her Master’s Degree in Theology from the University at the 2007 commencement, was named an Alternate for a Fulbright fellowship in painting to Russia, where she would study Russian women iconographers. Mark Tizzoni, who received his bachelor’s degree in History and Latin, was a national Fulbright finalist to the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

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English Professor Named Teacher of the Year

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Forty-eight University of Scranton students are spending a portion of their summer break on international service immersion trips.

This year’s trips are to Ecuador (12 students), El Salvador (10), Guyana (5), Jamaica (6) and Mexico (13). The students will work in such places as orphanages, centers for the elderly, hospitals, schools, homeless shelters and soup kitchens, where they will interact with the underprivileged, help out with construction projects and assist on various odd jobs.

“It’s an eye-opening experience for them,” said Katherine Bender, University Minister and Coordinator of International Service Programs. “Poverty is poverty, but they experience it on an intensive level. I hope it inspires them to be activists for social justice.”

Ms. Bender’s hope seems destined to come true. John Miller ’08, who went to Ecuador, said, “We returned with insight to guide us in lives of service in Scranton and in the world. We seek to understand, we return to educate; and someday, somehow, we will make a change – that is our promise.”

Allison Rubinbo ’07, who worked in Guyana, sees service as a way “to experience God in others.” She added, “The giving of our own skills to others is what drives us. I know that it is my time to see how I can help others from an international perspective.”

As a participant on the trip to Ecuador, Caitlin Lyons ’08 lived as a typical Ecuadorian does. “Our main goal is to simply be one with the people,” she said. “We shared new experiences with the people we meet and later were able to share those experiences in the States with friends and family. With this in mind, I hope to inspire other people to stand up and volunteer.”

Even though she graduated in May, Heather Strunk ’07 traveled to Mexico City to work in a girls’ orphanage. “My fellow service group members and I share the common goal to continue in our mission of promoting justice even after we return from Mexico,” she said.

Laura Strubeck ’08, a fellow Mexico participant, added, “I want to influence and encourage others to participate in service internationally and even on a smaller scale in their local communities, because this is what is important in life.”

The students receive considerable assistance in their efforts from University faculty and staff, who accompany them as chaperones and donate prizes for fundraising projects. The popular annual Great Commons Ball Roll, for example, had its best year ever, with more than 2,100 tennis balls sold and raced down the Commons and more than $4,000 raised. And Ms. Bender cited the Jesuit Community at Scranton, in particular, for its financial and spiritual support.

The annual Great Commons Ball Roll, with more than 2,100 tennis balls sold and raced down the commons, raised $4,000 for International Service Trips.

Basketball Standout Receives Scholarship

Senior basketball standout Taryn Mellody, Dunmore, is among just 29 female recipients in the nation to be awarded an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship for a winter sport. Students from Division I, II, and III schools are chosen based on academic merit and demonstrated athletic performance during their final season of eligibility.

A senior guard on the nationally ranked Lady Royals basketball team, Ms. Mellody is the second University of Scranton athlete to be awarded this prestigious, competitive scholarship this academic year. Cross country athlete John Mercuri of Moscow was awarded a scholarship for a fall sport.

Ms. Mellody is the 13th University of Scranton student to receive this award.

A dean’s list student, Ms. Mellody maintains a 3.73 grade point average and has received national accolades for her performance on the basketball court.

Her list of academic and athletic honors includes being named the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation Scholar-Athlete for women’s basketball and a three-time ESPN The Magazine District II all-academic selection. In May, she was named one of three University of Scranton Fulbright Fellows.

For a Dedicated 48, Summer Is a Time to Serve
Louis A. DeNaples, Sr., to Receive President's Medal at Annual Award Dinner

Michael Sulzinski, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, has been presented the 2007 Alpha Sigma Nu Teacher of the Year Award (formerly the Edward Gannon, S.J., Award for Teaching). It is the oldest teaching award at the University, and one of just three teaching awards presented at Scranton each year.

The annual award, established in 1978 by the University’s chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the national honor society for students in Jesuit colleges and universities, recognizes outstanding teaching among faculty. Dr. Sulzinski was voted by the University’s Alpha Sigma Nu honor society as this year’s recipient.

Dr. Sulzinski, who teaches courses in microbiology, virology and microbiology of cancer, is the owner of numerous patents in the United States and other countries. His works have been published in the Journal of Phytopathology, Virology and Plant Disease. He received the University’s Teacher of the Year Award in 2005.

Dr. Sulzinski joined the University in 1990 as Assistant Professor of Biology. He rose to the rank of full Professor in 2001. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Penn State University and a Ph.D. from Cornell University. Before joining the University, he worked as molecular biologist at Lederle Laboratories and as senior research scientist at Roche Diagnostic Systems.

The Scranton chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu was founded in 1943 and is the oldest honor society at The University of Scranton. Juniors and seniors who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service are eligible for membership.

Alpha Sigma Nu officers presented the 2007 Alpha Sigma Nu Teacher of the Year Award at their annual induction ceremony in May. From left: Anne Bostwick, Treasurer; Joigi Mathew, President; Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J., University President; Michael Sulzinski, Ph.D., Award Recipient; Philip Loscombe, Vice President; and Thomas Murtaugh, Vice President.

The formal announcement of this year’s Honoree was made by Arthur J. Kania, Esq., ’53, Senior Partner of Kania, Lindner, Lasak & Feeney and the 2005 President’s Medal Recipient, at the President’s Medal Recipients’ Reception held on May 30 at The Rainbow Room in New York City.

A native and resident of Dunmore, Mr. DeNaples is a self-made businessman and philanthropist. His career began with the founding of DeNaples Auto Parts and has grown into a conglomerate of over 200 companies in which he has business interests, including towing, heavy equipment sales and rentals, landfills, waste hauling, transportation, banking and real estate.

In December of 2006, Mr. DeNaples’ business interests expanded when the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board selected his application for one of the slot machine licenses that the state was awarding. The Mount Airy Resort & Casino in the Poconos will open in the fall of this year on the site of the former Mount Airy Lodge.

At the same time, he established the Mount Airy Foundation, which will manage charitable giving to the Pocono communities of Paradise Township and Monroe County. The Foundation will target its resources to help youth, low-income families, and at-risk and disadvantaged people through programs aimed at childhood development, community development, diversity and education.

During his announcement on May 30, Mr. Kania remarked, “Louis’ success has truly been outstanding. He has extraordinary business acumen, vision and instinct which allow him to see opportunity where others do not. He is equally a man of humility and humanity, with an unassuming demeanor. These are Jesuit characteristics that we should all emulate.”

Mr. DeNaples is a past parent and longtime friend of the University. He was a member of the University’s Board of Trustees from 1987-1993 and 1995-2002, serving as Chair of the Board for the final two years of his tenure. He received an Honorary degree from the University at the 2005 Commencement ceremony. A highly visible and very active member of the local community, Mr. DeNaples is Chairman of the Board of both First National Community Bank and Allied Services.

He has served on numerous boards and currently sits on the boards of Community Medical Center and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The President’s Business Council (PBC) was formed in January 2001 by the University and a prominent group of alumni and friends whose purpose is to advance the mission of the University. Its existence fulfills the interests of the University and of these alumni and friends in the business community to form an organized, national affiliation that strengthens the Scranton network in the business sector. The Council’s objectives are to provide networking opportunities for alumni and friends; to provide mentoring, internship, educational and career opportunities for current students; and to provide a fundraising source for the Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund. In its first five dinners, the Council has raised over $4.7 million in support of the Presidential Scholarships, which are full-tuition, merit-based scholarships awarded to the top students entering the University’s freshman class each year.

This spring, the PBC held regional receptions in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Scranton and Washington, D.C., to promote local networking and to inform the attendees of the Council’s objectives in an effort to strengthen and promote membership. The Council, in cooperation with the Kania School of Management, conducted its inaugural “President’s Business Council Day” on campus on April 11.

For more information regarding the Council or the October 4 dinner, please contact Timothy J. Pyrelt ’89, Director of the President’s Business Council, at (570) 941-5837 or pyrelt2@scranton.edu.

Management, Finance Major Named McGowan Scholar

Brooke L. Hinkley, a junior at the University, has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship for her 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 the late Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan, Trustee Emeritus of the University, the program benefits outstanding students who plan to enter the field of business.

A Management and Finance major in the Kania School of Management, Ms. Hinkley is a member of Gamma Beta Sigma (the Business Honor Society), Omega Beta Sigma (the Women’s Business Honor Society) and the University’s prestigious Business Leadership Program. She is also captain of the Lady Royals varsity volleyball team.
Alumni Honored with O'Hara Award

The University of Scranton presented the 26th annual Frank J. O’Hara Awards to 12 persons on Friday, June 8, during Alumni Reunion Weekend on campus.

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 and others who have achieved distinction in their professional or personal endeavors.

Pictured above with University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., (back row, right) are the 2007 recipients and the categories in which they have been nominated. Front row, from left: Joseph J. Mowad, M.D., ’57, Medicine; Thomas J. McHugh, Esq., ’57, Management; Shirley M. Puccino ’82, Management; Nicholas D. Saccone, D.D.S., ’43, University Service. Back row, from left: Dennis J. McGonigle ’82, Management; Thomas J. Foley, Jr., Esq., ’57, Law; Rev. Charles P. Connor, Ph.D., ’72, Arts and Letters; Richard J. Dowling, Jr., Esq., ’62, Religion and Spirituality; Col. Richard H. Breen, Jr., ’77, Government Service; and Fr. Pilarz.

The Award was presented In Absentia to John R. Lenahan, Esq., ’72, Law; John J. Costanzi, M.D., ’57, Medicine; and Grace S. Rozycki, M.D., G’77, Education.

12 Alumni Honored with Frank J. O’Hara Awards

President’s Fellowships Awarded to Students

Six University of Scranton students have been awarded a President’s Fellowship for Summer Research for 2007.

Senior Robert Bahnsen, a double major in Neuroscience and Philosophy from Palm Bay, Fla., will work with Rev. Ronald McKinney, S.J., Professor of Philosophy, to research “Altered Nuclear Transfer - The Ethical Solution to Stem Cell Research?”

Junior Patrick Donnelly, a Chemistry Major from Lallin, will work with Joe Vinson, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, to study “Synthesis and Isolation of Polyphenol Metabolites for Use as Standards.”

Junior Thomas Guiler, a double major in History and Philosophy from Rochester, N.Y., will work with Lee Penyak, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, to research the “Bracero Railroad: Mexican Guest Workers in Pennsylvania During the 1940s.”

Senior Kaci Haines, a Biology major from Nanticoke, will work with Robert Waldeck, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, on a “Search for Localized Areas of Goldfish Telencephalon Involved with Startle Response.”

Senior Chris Truszkowski, a Computer Science major from Long Valley, N.J., will work with Benjamin Bishop, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computing Sciences, to research “Techniques for Hardware Accelerated Interactive Computer Simulation.”

Strategic Initiatives Funding Approved

The University will support several new initiatives for the 2007-2008 fiscal year through strategic initiatives funding. These funding resources are intended to encourage projects that support the University’s Strategic Plan.

This year, the fund totaled $400,000 and supported projects developed through the University’s tactical plans. The plans guide the works of seven University divisions and four area plans (Enrollment Management, Diversity, Human Resources and Marketing). The plans address the University’s Strategic Plan and the specific needs and activities of the division or area.

Some projects from among these planning areas that have been approved for funding include:

- Funding within Academic Affairs to develop a pilot program in first-year student inquiry-based teaching and learning in natural and behavioral sciences, and a pilot program for development in writing, rhetoric, and information fluency.
- Funding within Academic Affairs to establish a Community Partnerships Opportunities Fund
- Funding within the Academic Affairs division to continue the development of the University’s sustainability programming.
- Funding within Academic Affairs to take part in the Jesuit Business Schools Advertising Program for the development and implementation of marketing and advertising for the newly-created College of Graduate and Continuing Education.
- Funding within the Finance division for financial planning software.
- Funding within the Planning & Information Resources division to implement recommendations of the Business Continuity Taskforce.
- Funding within the Student Affairs division to employ a consulting psychiatrist in the University’s Counseling Center.

The University’s tactical planners submit proposals for projects or programs with costs of more than $10,000 for which they require financial support. These proposals describe how the projects support one or more of the four themes of the Strategic Plan: Educational Excellence, Campus Community, Economic Strength and Civic Engagement.

For more information about the University’s strategic and tactical planning efforts, contact the Planning, Assessment & Institutional research office at (570) 941-6344 or planning@scranton.edu.

Associate Professor Named ACE Fellow

Jean Wahl Harris, Ph.D., Chair of the political science department and Associate Professor at Scranton, has been chosen as a Fellow by the American Council on Education for 2007-08. Dr. Harris is one of only 39 educators in the nation chosen for the prestigious fellowship.

ACE Fellows participate in the policies, decision-making processes and culture of other institutions of higher learning.

“I was very honored by our Provost’s nomination of me for the American Council on Education Fellows Program,” says Dr. Harris. “I look forward with excitement to a year of being mentored by the president, provost and other top administrators at another institution of higher education.”

In August, Dr. Harris will attend the first of three weeklong ACE Fellow seminars in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Harris joined The University of Scranton faculty in 1987 as an Assistant Professor of History/Polaritical Science, and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 1993. She has served as Director of the Women’s Studies Program at Scranton, and became the Chair of the Political Science Department in 2004. Dr. Harris earned a bachelor’s degree in law and society, a master of arts degree in political science and a doctorate in political science from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She is past president of the Lackawanna County League of Women Voters.

Save the Date

6th Annual Northeastern U. S. Conference on disABILITY
October 18, 2007, Brennan Hall
“Autism Across the Lifespan: Allies in Action”
Presented by: The University of Scranton; J. A. Panuska College of Professional Studies; Edward R. Leahy, Jr., Endowment
Honorary Chairpersons: Edward R. and Patricia Leahy
Keynote Speaker: Lee Grossman, President & CEO, Autism Society of America

Camden Catholic Honors Fr. Pilarz

University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., (third from right) is joined by students and alumni of Camden Catholic High School after being named to the school’s Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony on April 21. Fr. Pilarz is a 1977 graduate of Camden Catholic, located in Cherry Hill, N.J. He was named an Emerald member of the Hall of Fame for outstanding achievements through scholarship, service and leadership.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2007

Students with the highest GPA in each of the four colleges were presented Frank J. O’Hara Awards at Class Night. From left: Dr. Harold Baillie, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Rev. Scott R. Pilszar, S.J., President; and O’Hara Award recipients Stephen Pendrak, Tricia Ross, Amy Upchurch, Amy Haring and Juliana Burok.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2007
The University has announced the Dean's List, which recognizes undergraduate students for academic excellence during the spring 2007 semester. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours. The list includes students from the University's four colleges: The Paruska College of Professional Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Panuska College of Professional Studies, and the College of Arts and Sciences. The names are alphabetized by college, major, and last name. Students are honored for their academic achievements and are encouraged to continue their pursuit of knowledge and excellence.
61st Annual Senior Student-Athlete Banquet

Sixty-six student-athletes and a faculty member were honored at the 61st annual Senior Student-Athlete Banquet on Friday, May 11. Highlighting the evening's festivities were the presentations of the Beining, Willensky, Fitzpatrick, Carlesimo and O'Hara awards.

Jack "Doc" O'Malley, Ph.D., received the fourth annual Beining Award for outstanding contributions to the athletic department. He was honored for his many years of service as volunteer with the softball program. A 1964 graduate of the University, O'Malley became a faculty member in 1968, and has served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology since 1971. The award is named in honor of the late Reverend Paul R. Beining, S.J.

Sean O'Connor (Media/Penncrest) received the Willensky Award, which honors the senior student-athlete who consistently undertakes to understand and improve the human condition. The award is named after Ron Willensky, a Scranton native and 1963 graduate of the University who was a lifelong fan of the Royals. O'Connor overcame the death of his parents, his father in an automobile accident and his mother to cancer, to become a two-time team captain of the men's lacrosse team.

Receiving the third annual Fitzpatrick Award were Angela Croteau (Ellicott City, Md.), Melissa DeSales Academy and John Mercuri (Moscow/Scranton Preparatory). Named in honor of the late Reverend John J. Fitzpatrick, S.J., longtime friend and counselor of Royal student-athletes, these awards are bestowed upon the male and female senior student-athletes who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and who have given extraordinary service and contributions to the University community and society in general.

Croteau, a four-year letter-winner in softball, served as Orientation team leader and as an aide to a high school youth group in her home parish of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Ellicott City, Md.

Mercuri, a four-year letterman in men's cross-country, was honored for his work as Secretary/Treasurer and Webmaster for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), President of the University's Track and Field Club, and as a lab researcher for the Chemistry Department. In January 2007, he provided housing demolition and rehabilitation in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina during a seven-day service trip to Mississippi.

Mercuri was also presented the Carlesimo Award, as were Michelle Ballantyne (Spring City/Owen J. Roberts) and Taryn Mellody (Dunmore/Bishop O'Hara). This award, named in honor of the late Peter Carlesimo, former director of athletics at the University, is presented to the male and female student-athletes who have maintained a 3.5- or higher cumulative grade point average and have demonstrated athletic excellence.

A three-time all-NCAA Mid-Atlantic regional selection, Mercuri became one of only six student-athletes in the history of the University to qualify for the NCAA Division III championships. He also excelled in the classroom, earning first and second-team academic All-America honors by ESPN The Magazine in 2005 and 2006.

Ballantyne, a four-year letter-winner in softball, was named District II all-Academic by ESPN The Magazine three times. Athletically, she finished her career with a .374 batting average.

Mellody, a four-year letter-winner on the women's basketball team, picked up numerous accolades for her performances in the classroom and on the court. She was a three-time District II all-Academic selection by ESPN The Magazine and was recently awarded a prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarship. On the court, she concluded her career as the second all-time leading scorer in Lady Royals' history with 1,932 points. She led Scranton to an all-time record of 114-11, including two NCAA Final Four appearances (2005, 2006).

The Carlesimo Award was just one of two special awards that Mellody received. She was also named the female recipient of the O'Hara Award, which is named in honor of the late Frank O'Hara '25, who diligently served the University for more than 52 years in a variety of roles. This award is presented annually to the top male and female athletes of the senior class. Two-sport standout Dan Stallone (S. Plainfield, N.J./St. Joseph Metuchen) was the male recipient.

Mellody owns the distinction of being one of only six student-athletes in the history of Scranton athletics to be selected all-American three times. In addition to earning her third consecutive first-team all-America honor by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCLA) this past winter, she was also named the Mid-Atlantic Player of the Year twice (2006, 2007) by D3Hoops.com and was twice named the Freedom Conference Player of the Year (2005, 2006). Stallone excelled in ice hockey and lacrosse. In 2006, he became the first ice hockey player in Scranton history to be named first-team all-Eastern Hockey Association (ECHA), an honor he received again this year. He finished his career sixth all-time in Ice Royals' history in assists (61) and total points (94) and 15th in goals scored (33). In lacrosse, he was twice named second-team all-Middle Atlantic Conference and finished his career fifth in goals scored (96) and tied for 7th in total points (124) in Scranton history.

The following senior student-athletes were honored:

**Fall Sports**

**Men's Cross-Country**

* Erik Lenthart (Hagerstown, Md./North Hagerstown), *John Mercuri (Scranton/McDonnell Preparatory), Dan Neenan (Highland Mills, N.Y./Woodridge)*

**Men's Soccer**

* Michel De Ascensi (Reno, N.J./Gateway Regional), Chris Giordano (Hillsborough, N.J./Hillsborough)*

**Women's Cross-Country**

* Elizabeth Kurrikull (Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y./Cornwall Central), *Meagan Todd (Oceanside, N.Y./Kellenberg Memorial)*

**Field Hockey**

* Jenna Godish (Harbor/Hopewell), Krusty McNevin (Drexel Hill/Country Day-Sacred Heart), Rochelle Paquette (Burlington, Vt./Burlington)*

**Men's Soccer**

* Michel De Ascensi (Wrenon, N.J./Gateway Regional), Chris Giordano (Hillsborough, N.J./Hillsborough), *David Kupf (Clarks Summit/Scranton Preparatory), *James Polles (Kinnelon, N.J./Kinnelon)*

**Women's Volleyball**

* Carly Ritter (Audubon/Archbishop Carroll)*

**Winter Sports**

**Men's Basketball**

* Darren Cappel (Pittsburgh/Walla Walla Preparatory Area)*

**Women's Basketball**

* Allison Miller (Allentown/Allentown Central Catholic)*

**Men's Ice Hockey**

* Rich Fuco (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale)*

**Women's Ice Hockey**

* Anna Rice (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale)*

**Improvements to Fitzpatrick Field**

A new "filled field" turf grasses Fitzpatrick Field as part of a $500,000 improvement project that was completed in June. The new turf features synthetic carpet mixed with sand and rubber. Permanen markings (not completed at the time of this photograph) are sewn or glued into the turf. A new drainage system was also installed as part of the improvements. Fitzpatrick Field is the site of games for men's and women's soccer, women's field hockey, and men's and women's lacrosse, and is also used by students, faculty and staff for intramural and recreational activities.

**Spring Sports**

**Baseball**

* Jason Fearheller (Spring City/Owen J. Roberts), Mike Graziano (Hamilton, N.J./Notre Dame), Ed McDonnell (Quenns, N.Y./McClancy), Kevin McGrath (Brooklyn, N.Y./Xaverian), Matt Michaylo (Scranton/Bishop Hannan), Sean Michals (Syracuse, N.Y./Bishop Ludden), Nick Rodio (Peckville/Valley View)*

**Women's Golf**

* Antero Cortes (River Vale, N.J./Don Bosco Preparatory), Tony Yerka (Dundonn/Donnout)*

**Women's Lacrosse**

* Brad Bar (Plymouth Meeting/Archbishop Carroll), S. Alex Beruthi (Lancaster/Manheim Township), Edward Boate (Media/Penncrest), William Chambers (West Chester/Henderson), Thomas Davis (Media/Penncrest), Joseph Flynn (Babansville, N.J./Immaculata), Sean O'Connor (Media/Penncrest), Dan Stallone (S. Plainfield, N.J./St. Joseph Metuchen)*

**Women's Soccer**

* Kathleen Davidson (Jamesville, N.Y./Bishop Ludden), Beth Mellilo (Rockville Centre, N.Y./South Side), Jackie Messantionio (Plymouth Meeting/Plymouth Whitemarsh)*

**Softball**

* Michelle Ballantyne (Spring City/Owen J. Roberts), Michelle Bochanski (Washington Township, N.J./Paul VI), *Angela Marie Croteau (Elliot City, Md./Mt. DeSales Academy)*

**Men's Swimming**

* William C. Beyer (Highland Mills, N.Y./Monroe Woodbury), Alex Lenitini (Corinth Manors, N.Y./Walter Panas), Anthony Lenitini (Corinth Manors, N.Y./Walter Panas), Iain Mullin (White Plains, N.Y./Archbishop Stepinac)*

**Women's Swimming**

* Lindsey Appel (West Windsor, N.J./Notre Dame)*

**Men's Tennis**

* Matt Silva (Wynnewood/St. Joseph's Preparatory)*

**Women's Tennis**

* Merit Award for Academic Excellence & Athletic Achievement recipient (3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher)*

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Faculty Participate in Summer Seminars

After spending the academic year imparting knowledge, faculty members from various disciplines gathered to learn at a pair of summer seminars addressing subjects of particular interest to the University community: the Catholic intellectual tradition and sustainability.

The five-day Catholic seminar featured readings and discussions of works by influential Catholic intellectual figures, as well as exploration of the theological significance of various works of art, including those in the Sistine Chapel. A total of 19 faculty members participated.

“It was very heavy-duty stuff,” said J. Brian Benestad, Ph.D., Professor of Theology, who organized the seminar. “People were rather excited about the idea of continuing this. A number of faculty are interested in how the Catholic intellectual tradition can be incorporated into their own departments and how it can help them be more faithful to the mission of the University.”

“It was one of the most intellectually challenging and professionally stimulating experiences I have had in over 20 years of teaching at the college level,” said participant Harry Dummer, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Sociology/Criminal Justice.

The annual sustainability seminar, now in its third year, included 10 faculty participants, who learned how to integrate such themes into the courses they teach. Sustainable development is defined by the U.N.’s Brundtland Commission as that which “meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

While that might seem simple, the environmental, social and economic dimensions demand serious study and reflection between faculty and students.

The program included discussions of readings they had done in advance, as well as instruction from external experts. Not long after that, they met again to share their plans for infusing their coursework with sustainability issues. The cohort will meet again one final time, next spring, after their courses are completed, to discuss how things went.

According to Sharon Meagher, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy and Director of Women’s Studies, who was a co-facilitator of the workshop, while the program’s requirement is for each faculty member to integrate sustainability issues into just one class, many end up doing it for multiple courses. As a result of the sustainability workshops, more than 30 courses have infused sustainability issues thus far. Courses range from Statistics for Business to Philosophy East and West; from introductions to Chemistry, Biology and Earth Science to a range of teacher education courses. At least 10 more courses will be revised this year.

“Our aim is to graduate students who are both more knowledgeable about sustainability and more environmentally conscious global citizens,” says Michael Cann, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry and co-facilitator of the workshops.

Several courses have led to student-designed research projects about the University’s own sustainability initiatives, thus giving the University additional data on how to be more green.

Record Number of Employees Honored for Years of Service to Scranton

A record number of employees were inducted into the Order of Pro Deo et Universitate at an awards dinner on May 18. Thirty-seven employees were honored for 20 years of service to the University. The University has also presented 10-year service awards to 28 employees, and recognized eight employees for 30 years of service and four employees for 40 years of service. Following are the names of employees who have been honored for their dedicated service.

Gold Medallion Recipients
Regina B. Bennett
Assistant Dean, College of Education

Peter J. Blazes
Director, International Student Affairs

Brian W. Carpenter
Professor of Accounting

Margaret M. Carson
Food Service Worker, ARAMARK

Timothy K. Casey
Professor of Philosophy

Richard J. Chadwick
Lead Food Service Worker, ARAMARK

Jack Chowdhury
Associate Professor, Management/Marketing

David E. Christiansen
Vice President, Finance/Treasurer

Daryl D. Davenport
Patiens, Physical Plant

Linda H. Desmond
Assistant Professor, Nursing

Janine L. Freeman
Purchasing Systems Administrator

Ann Marie P. Gallagher
Student Loan Secretary, Financial Aid

James L. Goonan
Director of Graduate Admissions, College of Graduate & Continuing Education

Kevin J. Grebeck
Electrical, Physical Plant

Jean W. Harris
Associate Professor, Political Science

Gerald J. Hudak
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Jakub S. Jaisinski
Professor of Mathematics

William E. Kuhl
Delivery Driver, Mailing Services

Ann Mary Kazmierski
LAN Administrator/Support Analyst, Desktop & Information Resources

Peter B. Sakowski
Professor of Communication

Karyn Salitsky
Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Planning & CFO

Sharon P. Spero
Assistant to the President of the University

Gertrude Stone
Cathay, ARAMARK

Robert J. Klem
Programmer Analyst, Systems & Software Resources

David E. Marx
Associate Professor, Chemistry

Amanda C. Melver
Office Manager/Administrative Asst, College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office

Elaine M. Tweedy
Director, Small Business Development Center

Patricia T. Vacciarelli
Director, Community Outreach

Sharon Meagher
Assistant to the President of the University

Victoria A. Thomas
Custodian, Residence Hall Maintenance

Daniel S. Townsend
Professor of English

Sandra R. Toy
Office Manager, Student Development & Counseling

Michael O. Mensah
Dean, Kania School of Management

Patricia J. Popeck
Director, Student Health Services

Robert P. Sadowski
Professor of Communication

Laura Taylor
Area Coordinator, Residence Life

Two Honored with Arrupe Award

The University honored two men with its annual Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Award for Ignatian-inspired ministries during Ignatian Heritage week in April.

(Top photo) Rev. Donald Kerwin, Executive Director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) received an award for his work as a tireless advocate for the rights of legal immigrants.

(Bottom Photo) Rev. Timothy Brown, S.J., (left) Provincial of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, accepted the award on behalf of the late Angelo D’Agostino, S.J., for his work as a fearless defender of HIV-infected children in Nairobi, Kenya.

The award was presented by Rev. Terrence Devino, S.J., Assistant Vice President for University Ministries.

Michael Knies, Special Collections Librarian/Associate Professor, Weinberg Memorial Library, served as Local Arrangements Co-Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference’s 70th biannual meeting on April 19-21. The conference, which was held in Scranton, featured 22 sessions and 70 speakers, with approximately 245 registrants.

New Staff
The following is a list of full-time staff hired at the University in April and May.

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Scott Gretzula, Public Safety Officer
Fata Hanic, Custodian, Hyland Hall
Angela Sanchez, Custodian, McDade Center for Literary & Performing Arts
Laura Taylor, Area Coordinator, Residence Life

Announcements

Joseph Cortese, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Benefits Manager, is one of just 12 people nationwide to be named a charter member of the Direct Client Advisory Council of TIAA-CREF, one of two pension providers for employees of the University. TIAA-CREF, which manages $380 billion in assets, is establishing the national Council to advise the company’s senior management as they chart TIAA-CREF’s future course in developing products and services that meet the needs of both institutional and individual clients. Mr. Cortese will be serving on the Council for a three-year term beginning this August.

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National Ratings Show Remarkable Growth for Scranton’s WUSR Radio

The radio voice of The University of Scranton has a message for its listeners. WUSR’s listenership has increased 154 percent and its cumulative listeners have almost doubled from 2003 – 2006. The Arbitron ratings also place WUSR in second place among radio stations at colleges in Northeastern Pennsylvania. And, while it is a college-owned and student-run radio station, a large percentage of its listeners are from the greater Scranton community.

The station’s CUME listeners (total number of different people who listened to the station for five minutes or more) increased from 5,500 to 10,500 between 2003 and 2006. Listenership (the number of listeners and the hours that the station is on-air) rose from 48,000 to 122,000 over the same period.

Student managers attribute the station’s growth to its 24-hour broadcasting, unique Latino programming, online streaming and wide broadcast range of 300 square miles. “We break a lot of ground,” says Alex Rocha, a senior from Pennsylvania, who serves as Program Director.

WUSR was the first radio station – including commercial stations – in Northeastern Pennsylvania to offer online streaming in 2001.

Last year the station marked another first when it began broadcasting Northeastern Pennsylvania’s only Latin American radio program. Also, through a collaboration between The University of Scranton and the Universidad del Valle de Atemajac (UNIVA), a Catholic university in Guadalajara, WUSR broadcasts a weekly hour-long talk radio program about Mexican politics, entertainment, news and music that is produced in Mexico.

“The 10 hours of Latino programming that we offer each week includes early mornings from 6-8 a.m. then again from 4-6 p.m. – prime listening times for Latino listeners as they drive to and from work,” says Mr. Rocha.

Twenty-four-hour-a-day programming is also a “big thing” for the station, according to Matthew Cohen, Station Manager. “The combination of automated programming, made possible through a new computer program, along with 100 hours a week of live DJs, sets us apart from many other stations.”

Programming spans everything from a weekend polka show and British invasion programming to late night urban, hip hop and R&B.

“We’re not just a station for college kids,” says Tracey Zimmerman, Promotions Director, referring to the wide net of programming that is cast out to the City of Scranton.

WUSR also provides musical entertainment for a variety of University events, including Royals Basketball games, the Relay for Life on campus, freshman move-in weekend and the annual President’s Breakfast during Finals Week.

The station is owned by the University’s Board of Trustees and has approximately 100 students on staff.

Scully Scholar Named

Francis Gradijan, Carrollton, Texas, a junior at Scranton, has been named the University’s Scully Scholar for 2007.

Named for the late Professor Timothy H. Scully, who taught politics, history and government for 40 years at the University, the Scully Scholars Program provides University of Scranton students with financial aid to pursue internships in government service and public policy.

Mr. Gradijan plans to complete a summer internship in the Washington, D.C., office of Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

“I am really thankful to be awarded the Scully Scholarship, and I’m excited to work with Senator Bailey Hutchison,” says Mr. Gradijan. “Working in this prestigious branch of the American government has long been one of my dreams.”

Mr. Gradijan is a double major studying Political Science and international Studies. He is also a member of The University of Scranton’s Political Society, of which he is a co-founder; the Pre-Law Society and the International Students Club. In addition, Mr. Gradijan is the forum editor and foreign correspondent for the Aquinas and is a disc jockey for WUSR. He volunteers as a cantor and choir member in Scranton and in Beijing, China.

Mr. Gradijan studied abroad during the 2006-07 academic year with the Jesuit consortium Beijing Center for the University of International Business and Economics. He is a graduate of Jesuit College Preparatory School, Dallas, Texas.

Family Weekend to be held Sept. 28-30

Parents and families of all current students: mark your calendars. The University’s annual Family Weekend will be held Friday, Sept. 28, to Sunday, Sept. 30. A variety of events will be offered both on campus and in the surrounding area.

“We encourage you to attend the planned activities; however, we also suggest taking time to explore the city on your own,” says Brian Hartman, Project Coordinator, Office of the President.

A complete schedule of events for Family Weekend will be sent to families later this summer. Events from past years have included a family mass, University Players performances, University Performance Music programs, family carnival, and University of Scranton Royals sporting events.

Additional information will also be posted on the Web site, www.scranton.edu/familyweekend. This Web site also includes information about local hotels; out-of-town guests are encouraged to make their hotel accommodations as early as possible.

Additional questions and concerns can be directed to the Office of the President at (570) 941-7500 or via e-mail to Brian Hartman at hartmanb2@scranton.edu.

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