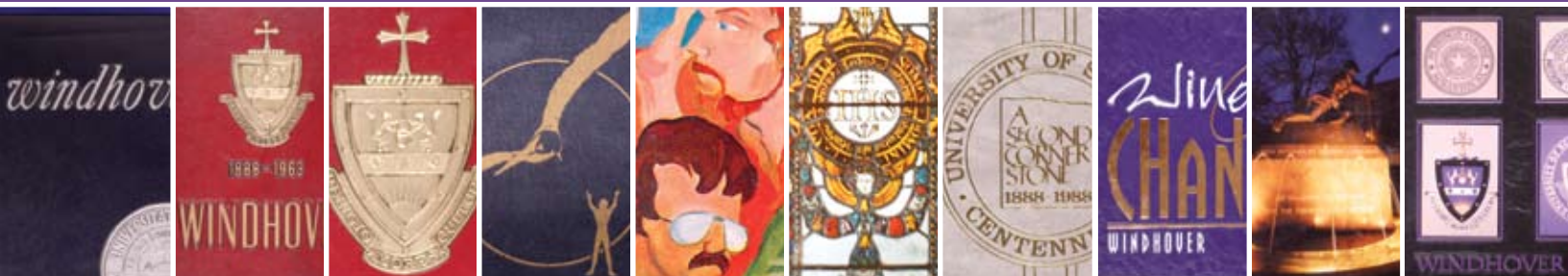


THE TIES THAT BIND

ALUMNI REFLECT ON THEIR SCRANTON CONNECTIONS



*You can do something I can't do.
I can do something you can't.
Together, let us do something beautiful for God.*

— MOTHER TERESA

Long after students graduate from the University, they continue to share their unique talents in ways that cultivate and sustain a Scranton education. They serve on Alumni Clubs, Reunion Committees and the Medical Alumni Council, in Mission Trips and as Royal Recruiters, Alumni Ambassadors and more. In so doing, they stay connected not only to their Alma Mater, but also to the people who shaped their Scranton experience. In this issue of *The Scranton Journal*, we showcase alumni celebrating their Reunion in 2008 and their personal stories of “The Ties that Bind.”



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JOHN E. SWIFT, M.D., '58

A Vision of Service

FOUNDER OF SIGHTING THE WORLD UPHOLDS THE JESUIT MISSION OF SERVICE TO OTHERS

For John E. Swift, M.D., '58, The University of Scranton has been more than a school. It's been a legacy.

Family members who have graduated from or attended the University include his father, John E. Swift, M.D., '22; three uncles; more than half a dozen cousins; his brother; his son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Melissa Leadbeter Swift (both class of '01); and daughter, Colleen.

That's one of the main reasons he stays in close contact with his alma mater nearly 50 years after graduation.

"It's been a very positive influence on our entire family," says Scranton native Dr. Swift, who now resides in Bonita Springs, Fla., with his wife, Kathleen. "Scranton was preeminent in the educational process. It was the most rewarding time for me."

In addition to speaking to high school students as a Royal Recruiter (alumni admissions volunteer to cover college nights and career fairs), Dr. Swift regularly attends annual alumni events in Florida, and even hosted one at his home.

It's Dr. Swift's volunteer activities, however, that broadly demonstrate Scranton's influence on his life. Together with his wife, a registered nurse, he founded Sighting the World, a foundation that coordinates medical trips for the education and

treatment of the visually impaired in African nations and other impoverished regions, including Vietnam, Brazil and Honduras. He also volunteers for service trips through Surgical Eye Expeditions (SEE) International, Inc., a non-profit humanitarian organization that helps restore sight to disadvantaged blind people throughout the world. He has also donated his time as a faculty member at the University of Miami for nearly 40 years.

"It has been very positive, and quite exciting," says Dr. Swift.

His volunteerism also enables him to practice not only the mission of the University, but also to stay in touch with the Jesuit community in the U.S., in South America and overseas.

"We feel quite entwined," he says.

He also has a "very good group" of friends from his college days that he still sees. In some ways, he recalls, the campus hasn't changed much.

"It was hard work, but a lot of fun."

He remembers several good teachers, including two favorites, Leonard N. Wolf, L.L.D., who was professor and chairman of the department of biology, and Umbay H. Burti, Ph.D., Sc.D., then assistant professor and chair of the department of chemistry.

After his graduation from Scranton, Dr. Swift attended medical school at Seton Hall, completed his internship and residency at Temple University Hospital and the University of Michigan, respectively, and did a short stint in the U.S. Air Force. He founded a private ophthalmology practice in Miami nearly 40 years ago, later opening one on the west coast of Florida.

Dr. Swift has been honored for his charitable work by several professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, which gave him the Physician Recognition Award, and the LEO "Lifelong Educations for Ophthalmology" award presented by American Academy of Ophthalmology.

The Swift legacy also lives on in a scholarship established by the estate of James F. Swift, Dr. Swift's brother, in memory of their parents. The John E. Swift, M.D., '22 and Margaret Gurrell Swift Memorial Scholarship is awarded to deserving University students based upon financial need and/or academic achievement.

Dr. Swift hopes the family tradition continues.

"We have six grandchildren, so who knows? I went to five different schools, but Scranton is the one that had the most influence on me."





GEORGE LESHANSKI '63 AND DONALD O'SULLIVAN '63

The Jesuit Mindset

CLASSMATES, PARTNERS IN LAW FIRM, SHARE JESUIT WAY OF THINKING

It's fair to say that as classmates at Scranton in the early 1960s, George P. Leshanski and Donald O'Sullivan were not terribly fond of each other.

"I was one of the principal people in the Students for JFK," Leshanski recalls, "and Donald was one of the principal students for Richard Nixon."

Both cite the University's camaraderie as a defining mark of their time on campus – just not with each other. And so, after graduating in 1963, the two went their separate ways. O'Sullivan attended law school at Washington & Lee University, but with no intention of practicing. He launched a career in public relations and later opened his own restaurant. Leshanski earned his law degree at New York University, fulfilled his ROTC commitment with a tour in Vietnam, then returned home, passed the bar and went into practice in New York.

A chance meeting in court in the mid-1970s brought the two together briefly; O'Sullivan was there for a personal matter while Leshanski was representing a client who, coincidentally, worked at O'Sullivan's PR firm. It was nearly another decade before they would encounter each other again, once again randomly, this time while walking from opposite ends of a Manhattan street. A deeper conversation ensued, and O'Sullivan, who had been feeling unfulfilled in his professional life, threw himself into passing the bar. He went on to join Leshanski's practice, and, more than 20 years later, their partnership is a thriving one.

O'Sullivan practices family law, while Leshanski shifts his focus among corporate counsel, civil litigation and real estate and intellectual property law. Political differences aside, the two clearly respect and like each other. A conversation with them is

sprinkled liberally with interruptions so that each can finish the other's sentence and share an anecdote, often about their time together at Scranton and how it has influenced their approach to their careers and lives.

"Over the years people have commented on the degree of difficulty of the cases we take," Leshanski says. "The reason I think we're able to handle difficult cases is we have the Jesuit mindset. When people ask what my specialty is, I say I was trained four years by the Jesuits, did four years of counterintelligence in the United States Army, and then I went to law school. I have an investigative mind."

"The curriculum was difficult," adds O'Sullivan. "You had to take 24 hours of philosophy and four years of theology, no matter what your major was. That helped us to think logically, and as a lawyer I can't tell you the importance of expressing ideas in a way that's understandable. And there was a sense of ethics I believe we've carried throughout our lives."

Leshanski has assisted the University's ROTC program and its chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society, and he considers himself "an unofficial recruiter for the University," saying, "Anybody who's considering a Jesuit education or an education in the liberal arts, if I hear they're considering Scranton, I'm all over them." His partner has been back to campus often and has contributed financially over the years, most visibly by helping to fund the Rev. J.J. Quinn, S.J., Scholarship and Memorial Lecture, which honors the late, longtime professor of English, who O'Sullivan says "changed my life."

"I always talk up Scranton anytime I can," says Leshanski. "It was a wonderful experience, and I think about it virtually every day."

F. DENNIS DAWGERT, M.D., '68



A Volunteer Extraordinaire

ALUMNUS KEEPS FRIENDSHIPS STRONG THROUGH A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO SCRANTON

F Dennis Dawgert, M.D., '68 subscribes to the quote inscribed in the foyer of The University of Scranton's Brennan Hall.

"Of those to whom much is given, much is expected," states the verse from Luke 12:48, and it's one of the philosophies that has shaped Dr. Dawgert's life.

At Scranton, he received an excellent education, lasting relationships and guidance toward his faith as well as his career as a pediatrician.

And true to the quote, he's reciprocated by chairing the 25th and 35th reunions of his class and serving on the committee for Reunion 2008; volunteering for the Annual Fund for decades, serving as its chair in 1990; participating on the Medical Alumni Council and the national Alumni Society Board of Governors (to which he was elected in 1983); and participating in service projects.

"I think there's something ingrained in me by my exposure to Jesuits, to serve the community," says Dr. Dawgert, who maintains a thriving practice in Dickson City. "It's vital that you give back, because we've been given a lot. I really feel very strongly about that."

In the mid 1960s, Scranton was primarily a "commuter school." Most students were local residents and lived off campus. Unlike many of his classmates, Dr. Dawgert was not a Scranton native, but hails from Elysburg. He wanted to attend a Jesuit institution because of the reputation for scholastic excellence, and considered Scranton because his uncle, Rev. Paul Burak, was an alumnus.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Dawgert met his future wife, Grace, who was enrolled at Marywood University. After he completed medical school and a residency at St. Louis University Medical Center, Dr. Dawgert and his wife returned to Pennsylvania while he worked for the National Health Service Corps, an organization of physicians who provide primary health care for underserved children and adults.

Dr. Dawgert and his wife settled in Clarks Summit and had four daughters, Amy, Catherine, Maura and Sarah. He set up a pediatric practice with classmate Thomas E. Zukoski, M.D. '68, a partnership that he describes as a "wonderful experience."



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"It was probably the best move I ever made," he says.

The two practiced together for 30 years, until Dr. Zukoski's recent retirement. Dr. Dawgert has two more partners who are Scranton graduates, Timothy D. Welby, M.D., '87, and Mark J. Sigman, M.D., '94.

He gives much credit to Scranton for shaping both his personal beliefs and his career path. During his senior year, he was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit honor society for juniors and seniors who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service. He's still active in the honor society, having served as the vice president in 2005-06 for the Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He credits Biology Professor and Department Chair Leonard N. Wolf, L.L.D., for helping him and others get into medical school.

"I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Dr. Wolf, as well as my biology professors, Dr. Joseph Evans, Fr. Paul Biening and Dr. John Callahan. I was well prepared for medical school in terms of a scientific background," he says. "The philosophy and ethics courses I had have served me very well throughout my lifetime."

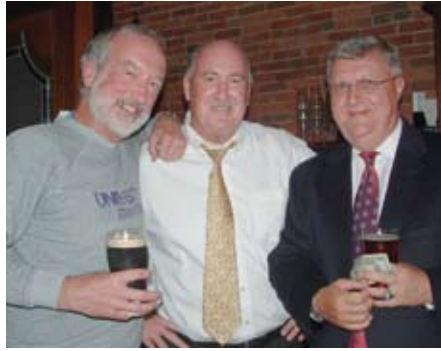
Dr. Dawgert also cites the late Edward J. Gannon, S.J., as a major influence.

"We used to have annual retreats at Wernersville, the former Jesuit novitiate," he explains. "When I came back to Scranton in 1977, the first person I heard from was Fr. Gannon, who welcomed me. I became reacquainted with Wernersville and have gone back there just about every year. It's been helpful in forming my spiritual life, and helping me stay grounded and centered in a Christian lifestyle."

He then became involved with Rev. George J. Schemel, S.J., '52 meeting very early each Wednesday morning for an Annotation 19 Ignatian Retreat. Fr. Schemel also provided Dr. Dawgert and Dr. Zukoski with a workable business model that proved helpful in their practice. Consequently, when the Schemel Forum began offering cultural enrichment courses to the public in 2005-06, he and his wife became active participants.

He plans to keep his Scranton friendships strong for years to come.

"Thanks to the University, I've had the good fortune of meeting some really wonderful young men who became lifelong friends. The people, camaraderie and friendships I developed are among my fondest memories of my time there."



John Harris '73 (center), president of the Scranton Club of South Central Pennsylvania, is joined by Joseph Gary Malloy '68 (left) and Jim Walsh '69 (right) at a Club event in Harrisburg this fall.

JOHN HARRIS '73

A Labor of Love

SCRANTON CONNECTION IS A COMMON DENOMINATOR OF ALUMNI CLUB PRESIDENT'S VARIED CAREER

As a political science major at Scranton amidst the turbulence of the Vietnam War era, John Harris '73 had plenty of opportunities to debate some of the country's most defining social and political issues. And the self-professed "rabble-rouser" took full advantage.

"We were discussing all that stuff. The Jesuits wanted us to," he says. "You were motivated by professors and Jesuits to think, and it was cool. It was a great time."

Thus encouraged to form his own views and find his own voice, Harris left the University and embarked upon a fascinating and varied career marked by new challenges and new fields; through it all he has welcomed the personal tests of new directions and steadfastly refused to compromise his values. The independent thinker fostered by the Jesuits has done things his way.

The notion of striking out on his own path began early. Intending on a career in politics, Harris landed a post with the Pennsylvania Democratic Committee, but soon soured on what he calls "the dog-eat-dog daily." He had connected with a Governor Schapp administration press adviser who went on to take a leadership role in a public relations and advertising firm, and so when public service turned out to be something other than what he was looking for, Harris sought out his former colleague and switched careers.

His next challenge would come a few years later, when a friend working at the Valley Forge Sheraton called to see if he'd be interested in hotel management. Harris jumped at the chance to learn something new – in this case, how to succeed in the hospitality industry – and his experience with the hotel's

restaurant and entertainment sides encouraged him to return to the state capital to open and book acts for a nightclub. That, in turn, led to a gig promoting shows in Harrisburg, welcoming the likes of Bob Dylan, the Grateful Dead, Metallica and Bon Jovi.

"It was work," he says, "but when you look back on it, geez, I met Jerry Garcia and Bono and the Edge. Not too many people get that opportunity and get paid while they're doing it."

Consolidating his myriad of experiences and wealth of contacts in the music industry, Harris went on to launch a consulting business specializing in the business side of entertainment, sports and hospitality. As if dealing with his numerous clients doesn't keep him busy enough, he runs two annual music conferences, manages several acts, and does public speaking. Harris, a four-year soccer player at Scranton, also continues to play in a league, helps to manage an amateur club, and is on the board of a professional team in Harrisburg.

"I've always been multitasking," he says. "I don't think I could be satisfied doing one thing."

Perhaps the single constant in Harris's varied multitasking efforts since 1973 has been his connection to the University. From his participation in student government during his days on campus to the presidency of the Scranton Club of South Central Pennsylvania to his attendance at leadership seminars on campus, he has managed to nurture his relationship with Scranton even while keeping a healthy amount of balls in the air.

"It's another labor of love," he says. "The University was a big part of my life, and it's got a great story up there. When I go back I'm continually amazed at how it's grown and changed."

You could say the same about John Harris.

HELEN STOUT GAVIN '78



A Journey that is Still Unfolding

AFTER 25 YEARS, ALUMNA KEEPS COMING BACK AND GIVING BACK TO SCRANTON

Every day, Helen Stout Gavin '78 lives the Jesuit ideal of service to others.

The busy mother of three works as a full-time teaching assistant in special education at a Long Island high school, volunteers in her local parish, is a member of Molloy College's English Language Arts Education Advisory Board and attends Molloy College part-time in pursuit of a master's degree in education.

"It's a way to give back and to say 'thank you' for the gifts and foundation for life that I received while I was there," says Gavin. "Scranton is such an integral part of me that it is natural for me to stay part of it as years go by."

A Bucks County native who resides in Massapequa, N.Y., with her husband, Christopher '77, and their children, Caragh, Sean and Thomas, Gavin knows she "can't do everything" she'd like to do to help others. But, she says, "I do feel we should all try to do what we can." She knows many other Scranton alumni who volunteer in their parishes and communities.

"When I look at some of the incredible things my friends from Scranton have done, it is just amazing. Scranton graduates seem to do quite well. We all share the common thread of our four years together," she said.

It's that bond that keeps Gavin coming back to visit her alma mater and taking an active role in alumni club activities.

"Most of the alumni share a special regard for God, for friends and for family," she states. "This is why I want to give back to others in thanksgiving for all I have been given. I believe that the University is a wonderful learning community centered in Jesus that teaches us how to appreciate and accept others as we develop as individuals. It helped to open my heart and mind, and I am a better person because of my experience there."

After earning a bachelor's degree in human services from Scranton, Gavin married and moved to Long Island, pursuing a career in the cosmetics industry. She left to become a full-time homemaker after the birth of her first child, and began volunteering in her parish, teaching religious education and working as coordinator of the Junior Rosary Society. When her youngest child entered kindergarten, she began teaching at a local Catholic elementary school and found it so fulfilling that she decided to pursue teaching as a career.



From left: Ronald Collins, Esq., '77; Christopher Gavin '77, Helen Stout Gavin '78, Rev. Bernard R. McIlhenney, SJ, administrator of the Jesuit community at Scranton; Linda D'Andrea Barrasse, M.D., '77; and Peter Cirrinicione '77, share some memories at Reunion 2007.

She especially enjoys providing religious instruction to a young boy with cerebral palsy in her parish.

"This year, it is my privilege to prepare him to receive First Holy Communion. It's my hope to help him realize his dream of becoming an altar server. In the future, I hope to be able to help my parish to find new ways to accommodate and include parishioners with special needs."

For all her teaching experience, however, Gavin modestly admits she is always learning herself. "I think my own children and my students teach me more about God and about life than I could possibly teach them," she says. "At Scranton I learned not only to think, but to think for myself. I guess that is what education is all about. It was the beginning of a journey that is still unfolding.

"I'm still benefiting from things I learned at Scranton. Because of my well-rounded background from the Jesuits, I am able to offer extra help in many subject areas to students. The University offered a great atmosphere for personal growth. I am very proud to say that I graduated from The University of Scranton."



Liz Altemus Murphy '83 remains active in her alma mater as a way to invest in the Scranton education that she so values.

ELIZABETH ALTEMUS MURPHY '83

An Enriching Experience

DATATEL V.P. COMPLEMENTS HER PROFESSIONAL PROGRESS WITH AN INCREASING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

It would be a mistake to see Elizabeth A. Murphy's steady climb up the corporate ladder as a snub of the mission-oriented values she picked up during her years at Scranton.

Sure, her business card reads *Vice President of Professional Services*. Yes, she has 250 people reporting to her, all in the service of 750 clients. And, okay, last year she was named to her company's board of directors.

Just don't think Liz Murphy exalts the bottom line above all else. For one thing, Murphy's company, Datatel Inc., is in education, providing business services to colleges and universities across the country. For another, she emphasizes the importance of giving back regardless of one's profession or industry.

"Perhaps it's my Jesuit training, but I've always believed that whatever I do, I want to focus on tying it back to something that's making a difference," she says. "Even though I work in the private sector, our company is focused on helping to change the world through education."



After graduating with degrees in communication and philosophy in 1983, Murphy immediately went to work for the University as a fundraiser. From there, it was on to Washington, D.C., and positions with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, where she served as

executive director. One of the foundation's board members was then Datatel's CEO, who successfully wooed Murphy to corporate America in 1989.

Noting the importance of "leveraging your talents in your workplace and your community," Murphy has complemented her progress at Datatel with an increasing commitment to service. She is on the board of the Lupus Foundation of America's Greater

Washington Chapter, contributes to the Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern Pennsylvania, and has joined her husband, Justin '76, in growing their involvement with The University of Scranton "from the perspective of both the time we're giving and the financial commitment we're making."

"One of the things you learn as part of your Jesuit education is the responsibility that you have to balance your life so that you're making a contribution professionally, you're making a contribution to your community and you're growing personally in the talents you've been given," Murphy says. "I think the shaping of that is really drawn out of the underlying philosophy that to have a very rich life, you have to give to enrich your life. The Jesuits are really powerful in modeling that."

Murphy's immersion into the Scranton experience began early. Freshman orientation fostered an immediate sense of belonging by providing her a safe environment in which to explore her independence. And when she had to be hospitalized during her first week as a student, she found a surprisingly large number of people – students, faculty and staff – extending their hands in assistance.

"The whole community was so supportive," Murphy recalls. "I had known these people but four days, and you would think I was family. You had community, you got a great education, you had the whole power that is the Jesuits."

Murphy, who received the alumni award for service and loyalty as a senior, remains an active alumna, donating to the University's fundraising efforts and serving on her class committee for her 25th reunion in June 2008.

"What keeps me connected is how much I got from the experience," she says. "I believe that unless you invest in it, it's not going to be there for someone else. The University experience is obviously what you make it, but it can be a very rich experience personally and academically."

It's an experience that continues to enrich Liz Murphy, even as she climbs that ladder.

ANTHONY YANNI, M.D. '88

A Healthy Connection

MEDICAL ALUMNI COUNCIL PROVES REWARDING FOR PHYSICIAN – AND STUDENTS

For Anthony Yanni, the MAC is not a computer, an apple or even a supersized hamburger. It's a way of staying connected to his alma mater.

Dr. Yanni was in the throes of establishing an internal medicine practice with two other Scranton alumni when yet another alum contacted him about forming a Medical Alumni Council at The University of Scranton. The call from Gerald Tracy, M.D., '63 to create a network of doctors who could mentor pre-med students and graduates of Scranton was met with enthusiasm by Dr. Yanni.

"What we talked about was taking some successful alumni, getting them reconnected to the University and then, through that, providing a resource for pre-med students pursuing their career choices," Dr. Yanni recalls of his conversation with Dr. Tracy.

The connection to his alma mater had considerable appeal to Dr. Yanni, particularly as he reflected on his own years at Scranton.

"I like the satisfaction that comes from helping students," he says.

Students face many choices and challenges. Through the Medical Alumni Council, we can "connect them with someone who cares," adds Dr. Yanni. "It's a resource I would love to have had when I was a student."

Members of the Medical Alumni Council help students in their application to medical and dental schools, sponsor continuing education programs for their colleagues and engage in community service projects, including some medical missions to Haiti.

"Long-term, what we are doing is creating a connection for students," says Dr. Yanni. "It's a connection that lasts," he says, noting how things come "full circle" when Scranton students later return to their alma mater as members of the Medical Alumni Council.

While medicine is a career of the sciences, it is also a career of treating people, as Dr. Yanni knows from his 12 years of private practice specializing in internal medicine.

"In a city like Scranton, you don't just treat patients in a clinical environment, but also in the process of getting to know them in their community environment," he says.



University President Emeritus Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., (center) joins Anthony Yanni, M.D., '88 and his wife, Karen Fagin Yanni '88 at an annual Labor Day gathering of 1988 alumni, held at the Yanni's home in Scranton.

This fall, Dr. Yanni joined Sanofi Pasteur as director of clinical development, where he is working on a meningitis vaccine. While he will miss the direct patient interaction of a private practice, he says the job is well within the realm of his medical training.

"I'll be developing treatments that will affect larger groups of people instead of treating patients one person at a time," he says.

Whether working directly with patients or in a research environment, Dr. Yanni is pursuing a lifelong dream.

"Ever since I can remember, I've had a significant interest in the sciences," he says.

When it came time to study medicine, Scranton was the logical choice. "Right in our own back yard is one of the best places in the country to prepare you for a career in medicine."

True to its mission, it was at Scranton where Dr. Yanni learned the importance of the Jesuit maxim of *cura personalis* – care for the whole person. One of the people who influenced him most at Scranton was not even one of his own professors. Dr. Matthew Farrell, a professor in the Graduate School who knew some members of Dr. Yanni's family, "took me under his wing and showed me how to better prepare myself for the hard work of medical school."

Like about 1,760 alumni couples, it was during his years at the University that Dr. Yanni met the woman he married: Karen Fagin '88.

"The University creates an environment – it really does," says Dr. Yanni. "I've graduated from a lot of places, from high school to medical school. But the one place that I feel most connected with is The University of Scranton. The older students set an example for us."

It's an example he continues to set for others through his service to the Medical Alumni Council.

"You learn at Scranton that service is something that's not only good to do, but is expected of you, and it's something you take with you, wherever you go," he says.

DOMINIQUE PONZIO BERNARDO '93

The Architect of Change

IN HER CAREER AND IN VOLUNTEER WORK, ALUMNA SEEKS TO EFFECT "SOME SORT OF CHANGE"



The parking sticker said it all. Dominique Ponzio Bernardo was walking down the street near her office in North Philadelphia when she noticed a car bearing a University of Scranton parking sticker. "I had to laugh," she says. As Dominique and a former roommate often joke, the parking sticker was a vivid reminder that "all roads lead to Scranton."

That adage has held true for Bernardo in the almost 15 years since she graduated from the University.

Upon arriving at Scranton, she was "looking to find community" in different ways than she had in high school – "a sense of *doing* things," as she describes. She found plenty to do in her service with Collegiate Volunteers and Student Government fundraising, and as an orientation aid, a Resident Assistant and a participant in retreat programs.

After earning her bachelor of science degree at Scranton, Bernardo was intent on returning to the Philadelphia area, where she grew up. Not long after landing a job with the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand, she began to wonder if this type of work was right for her. She began working with, and then requesting, nonprofit clients, and, through that, found her calling.

"I realized that I didn't need to change every nonprofit. I could change just one," she says.

She decided to return to college to pursue and ultimately earn master of social work and master of business administration degrees from Boston College. The decision to attend another Jesuit university for her graduate studies was anything but accidental. "It was intentional," says Bernardo. Her continued studies at a Jesuit university, coupled with a position as a Residence Assistant "allowed me to articulate better what I learned at Scranton."

During her years at BC, Bernardo found herself frequently



Dominique Ponzio Bernardo stands in front of a mural entitled, "The Doors of Destiny are in Your Hands," created by youth in a delinquency prevention program offered by Congreso de Latinos Unidos.

traveling the road from Boston to Scranton, where she stayed in close contact with Patricia Vaccaro, Director of the Community Outreach Office, and Fr. Brendan Lally, S.J., '70, then Rector of the Jesuit Community at Scranton. At the encouragement of Fr. Lally, Dominique participated in Scranton's international service program in the summer of 1996, and was co-director of the service trip to Mexico in the summer of 1997.

It was during the trip to Mexico that Dominique realized, "This is a population I really enjoy working with." After earning her master's degrees from BC, she completed an internship with the Latino population in Boston, then volunteered abroad for a year in Costa Rica, putting her social work skills to work by helping young girls.

Thousands of miles away from Scranton, she was vividly reconnected to her alma mater.

"I was living in a religious community of the Salesian congregation, which I knew was founded by St. John Bosco, the same religious order of priests who were involved with my international service trip to Mexico," she recalls. "So it really does come full circle."

After spending a full year in Costa Rica, she joined Congreso de Latinos Unidos, one of the top 15 Latino nonprofits in the nation, in 2001. She began working as a high school youth program coordinator before moving into agency administration. Today, she is vice president for quality assurance, a position that allows her to combine her degrees in social work and business administration. Most importantly, she says, the job allows her to stay connected to mission-driven programs.

"It's about effecting some sort of change," she says, referencing the Jesuit ideals she learned at Scranton.

Bernardo has been an architect of change in Scranton's Alumni Society, helping to develop the "Four Corners" model for Alumni Clubs. "It articulates a second purpose of why we come together," she says of the social, spiritual, networking and community "corners" of alumni events.

Involvement in alumni events is "not about asking people to make this crazy commitment of time," she notes. Rather, she says, it's about finding what interests you and staying connected through that. In doing that, you're likely to find yourself on a road that leads to Scranton.



ALICIA GUARNUCCIO CRIGHTON '98

The Right Balance

GOLDMAN SACHS EXEC MAINTAINS CLOSE TIES TO SCRANTON A HALF A WORLD AWAY

Yes, Alicia Guarnuccio Crighton '98 admits, there were times during her years as a finance major at Scranton when she found aspects of the rigorous business education she received “annoying.” Reading a 10-page article and summing it up in a 15-second presentation in front of her Business Leadership class, when, after all, would she need that skill?

Well, today, as it turned out. As a vice president with Goldman Sachs's Hong Kong office, Crighton must be able to think quickly on her feet, to summarize six months of performance, for example, during the short course of an elevator ride with one of the firm's partners.

“It was really good preparation,” she says of her Scranton training. “Things like that become invaluable over time.”

Goldman recruited Crighton right out of college, placing her in its controller's group and sending her to London for a year. Seeking a more client-facing role at the company, she returned to New York and changed groups, spending time in product development, client service and sales. Last year, Goldman tapped her to get its clearing business unit up and running in Hong Kong, to complement the presence it already had developed in that area in the United States and Europe. Crighton arrived in February and immediately put her education and experience to good use.



Just 10 years after graduating from the University, Alicia Guarnuccio Crighton has risen to the executive level at Goldman Sachs. But she says she would “go back to Scranton in a heartbeat.”

“We work with exchange members, market members and proprietary trading firms,” she explains. “They outsource their back office processing to us. My new role is a combination of many things – research, product development and sales.”

“The overall Jesuit experience – the work ethic, the discipline, the support structure,” was great preparation for future endeavors. “The teachers, faculty and staff are there for you, but you have to stand on your own two feet. It's the right balance.”

The chair of her class's five-year reunion, Crighton still keeps up with campus news half a world away, and every time there's an announcement about a new capital project or a new award for the University, her heart swells just a little bit larger.

“When you have such fond memories, you don't want to let it go,” she says. “When it was such a significant and good part of your life, you want to retain a part of that and make sure other

people know that and are aware of what the University can do. I'm proud to have graduated from there. It was such a positive part of my life in every way, from academics to social values.”

“I'd go back to Scranton in a heartbeat,” she says. “I'd give all this up and go right back. The friends you make, the lifestyle you have there, it's magical.”



STEPHANIE TESSING '03

True to the Task

MEDICAL STUDENT SAYS HER SCRANTON EDUCATION KEEPS HER FOCUSED ON SERVICE

Stephanie Tessing '03 is fully aware of how trite she sounds when answering the question of what got her interested in medicine.

"I always knew that I wanted to help people," she says, laughing. "It's such a cliché."

At the same time, Tessing adds, "I was never one of those people who wanted to be a doctor ever since they were little. I had thought about medical school because of my interest in science. I like working with people, and I like the idea of doctors teaching things to people."

It wasn't until her sophomore year at Scranton, during a service trip to a Navajo reservation, when she "came full-face with health-care disparities for the first time," that her moderate interest in medicine turned into a passion. Four years after graduating from the University, she is in her final year at Temple University School of Medicine, with a master of public health degree under her white coat and several applications to pediatric residency programs in the pipeline.

"I just like working with kids," she says. "I love the atmosphere of a children's hospital. There's a lot of camaraderie among parents, physicians and nurses. It's a lot of fun."

North Philadelphia isn't terribly far from Northeastern Pennsylvania geographically, but culturally the differences are considerable. Tessing credits her Scranton education with helping her to bridge that divide, both as an MPH candidate teaching health and nutrition to large classes of undergraduates and, later, dealing with patients from a wide array of backgrounds.

"Being at Temple, I see a very diverse patient population, and I think Scranton teaches you how to relate to people," Tessing says. "It's incredibly important. If you can't find a common bond with a patient or their parents, you're not going to be able to communicate effectively with them and treat them."



A service trip to a Navajo reservation during her sophomore year at Scranton ignited Stephanie Tessing's moderate interest in medicine into a passion.

Tessing recalls her University experience as a comprehensive one, with such varied memories as stimulating classes, SEARCH retreats, service and volunteer opportunities, and the friendships she made all occupying a place in her heart.

"My whole time at Scranton was incredibly special," she notes. "It's a whole package deal. There are academic experiences that stand out, spiritual experiences, social experiences -- all of it."

For a week during both her junior and senior years, Tessing joined Medical Alumni Council members on a trip to Haiti, where they staffed a badly underresourced clinic in Port-au-Prince. She found the experience -- watching and assisting physicians practice medicine in such an impoverished setting -- to be profoundly moving and humbling, and, because of it, she developed an interest in international health. In her first two years at

Temple, she was involved with the School of Medicine's International Health Program, and she is planning a month-long trip to Ecuador in late 2007 to brush up on her Spanish and serve patients there.

"All of that was a direct result of my Haitian experience," Tessing says. "I want to continue that focus throughout my practice."

Tessing sees her time at the University as a touchstone, a grounding influence. It reminds her that, in the midst of paperwork, managed care and all of the other headaches that can come with practicing, ultimately, medicine is about people. It is about helping them stay healthy and returning them to good health should they fall ill, regardless of where they live or what their station is in life.

"My Scranton experience has helped keep me focused on service," she says. "It's easy to become jaded, but the Jesuit background has kept me true to what got me into medicine in the first place."

YOUR REUNION

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Alumni whose class years end in "3" and "8":
Make plans now to join your classmates back on campus this June.

Have a group of friends you want to see
at Reunion? Find them in the Online Alumni Community
at <http://matrix.scranton.edu/alumnicommunity>, then call
and encourage them to attend.

For a tentative schedule of events, hotel information
and more visit www.scranton.edu/reunion. Registration for
Reunion events and on campus accommodations will be
available this spring.

For me, Reunion is an opportunity to return to Scranton if only for a short time, to catch up with friends and relive the memories we made together 20 years ago.

KELLY McDONALD
MULROY '88

I am excited to see everyone in my class and to return to Scranton. The University provided so many wonderful experiences and opportunities for me. I am excited to do what I can to ensure that future students are as blessed as I was.

ANTHONY VIGLIOTTA '03

Class committees work to help reunite classmates and friends.
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