



CAREER INSIDER

University of Scranton welcomes new president, Fr. Quinn

The Office of Career Services is proud to welcome Reverend Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., J.D., Ph.D., to the University of Scranton! Father Quinn will become the 25th president of the university and take over his duties effective July 1, 2011. With an extensive background being the executive director of the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education and a law professor at Santa Clara University, there is no doubt that Fr. Quinn will succeed in the continuance of leading the University of Scranton according to the Jesuit practices of making men and women for others as the Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. has done so successfully in the past. **In Fr. Quinn's recent trip to the University of Scranton, he met with members of the division of Student Affairs, one of them being Director of Career Services, Connie McDonnell. In her short time with Fr. Quinn she felt that "he showed a great interest in learning about our services."**

—Liliana Castro

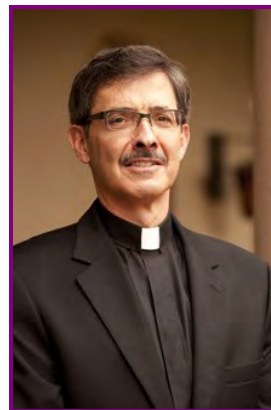


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Letter from the Director

Spring is the perfect time to make a fresh start and look forward to the future. As you think about your future, please keep The Office of Career Services in mind. We have the resources available to help you with multiple aspects of your career development and we are here to serve you. If you have questions about your major or are trying to decide what career path best fits your interests and values, come see us! Do you need to update your resume or want to practice your interviewing skills? Schedule an appointment for some assistance. Are you writing a personal statement for graduate school? Drop by for some advice. Looking for a summer job or after graduation employment? We can help! We have many workshops and events taking place this spring. Check out our website at Scranton.edu/careers to stay informed of upcoming events and access valuable information. As you are enjoying the warm temperatures and beauty of our campus, take a walk up to career services. We can help you with your plans!

—Connie McDonnell

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Career Services Marketing Committee



Row 1: Jaclyn Henry, Megan Byers,
Will Finn, Eileen Golden, Jenn King

Row 2: Cat Appell, Jon Galante, Kate
Ritinski, Brett Niehaus

Absent: Josh Martinez

In an effort to spread the word about what Career Services can do for you, a committee was implemented last year under the guidance of Outreach Specialist, Maureen Ciliberto. Now in its second year, the committee meets weekly to strategize ways to market Career Services and the resources the office has to offer. According to **Maureen Ciliberto**, “Our hope for this committee is that it will assist the Office of Career Services through innovative and creative marketing strategies which will inform students throughout the campus community of the value in using our services during their en-

tire four year experience and **beyond.**” **The committee** organizes programs that do just that- “**cafeteria nights**, resume critique tables, late-night quizzo and ultimately, the Career Services Carnival which allows students to network with employers in a **causal, informal setting**”. **The** marketing committee definitely broadens the scope of how Career Services can assist any student in reaching their goals.

—Annie Desmarais

Mock Interviews— Preparing for the “Real World”

Many students are perfectly qualified through their education at the University of Scranton for the job that they are hoping to acquire. However, when it comes to being asked, and in some cases grilled, about their qualifications, the interviewee can crack under the pressure. Having an interview can be a stressful experience because everything you do is watched, listened to, and absorbed. But most importantly it is remembered.

To assist in preparing you for the best interview experience possible, the Office of Career Services

provides mock interviews for students. Whether required for a career or internship class or just for experience, mock interviews are extremely beneficial to students. The students are shown what types of questions employers might ask and how to verbalize and illustrate their own abilities and skills. Mock interviews can assist in preparing the student for potential jobs or further educational opportunities- an R.A. position, or a medical or graduate school interview. Regardless of year or major, being mock interviewed can only help you!

Not only does it allow you to put your best foot forward but the Career Counselors in the Office of Career Services provide thorough feedback of how a student performed and potential areas of growth. The main goal of an interview is to land the job; however being able to articulate and speak appropriately about yourself and your experiences is a life skill. Stop by or call the Office of Career Services to set up a mock interview today!

—Annie Desmarais

Staff Spotlight, *Patricia Vaccaro*

Walking into the Community Outreach Office, a student is normally greeted by two things— always present bowls of candy and the smiling Director, Pat Vaccaro. Graduating from Marywood with an Art Education degree, then receiving her masters degree in Community Counseling from



*Photo provided by
Pat Vaccaro*

the University of Scranton, **Pat's** educational background allows her to successfully run an office that provides service to the local area.

Offering service activities for students to perform at any of the 140 agencies the office works with in the local community as well as being involved with programs and projects within the Community Outreach Office, **Pat's** Director position is quite multifaceted!

Whether it be for a service learning requirement, to fulfill a club's need for three service projects or just a way to get involved, **Pat's** extensive involvement and knowledge about the community is a tremendous resource.

In addition to Scranton students going out into the community, agencies also come to the University. Events such as Safe Trick or Treat where agencies can allow children who utilize their services to come and safely trick-or-treat through the residence halls is just

one of the programs that bridges the University to the community.

Pat also works with other offices and organizations on campus. Teaching a Counseling and Human Services course, co-moderating Students for Suicide Prevention, working with the YES program, and collaborating with University Ministries to run retreats are only a couple of the programs Pat works with in addition to being the Director of such **an important office.** **Pat's** involvement in the Community Outreach Office truly allows students to be proactive participants in service here at the University of Scranton.

—Annie Desmarais

The YES Program

Here at the University of Scranton, being men and women for others is an ideal that is implemented daily in classrooms, sports fields, offices and dorm rooms. Particularly through the hard work and dedication of staff and students, the demonstration of such an ideal is manifested in the YES program. This program, now in its second year is run by Assistant Director of Career Services, Betty Rozelle, Director of the Community Outreach Office, Patricia Vaccaro, and eight student Career Mentors. A four-week program, YES assists eight disadvantaged young adults

from the local community in the process of career development. From either learning the skills necessary to apply for higher education or a job to decision making and resume writing, the program participants are given the tools to further their personal and professional development. According to Betty Rozelle, it is a learning experience for the program participants but **also the career mentors, "We see it as an opportunity for our college students to grow in career knowledge,**

leadership skills, and awareness of the struggles **disadvantaged youth face."** YES is a special program in that it links the University of Scranton to the local community. These unique relationships, made within YES, will allow the participants to succeed in not only their professional lives but their personal lives as well!

—Annie Desmarais

Meet the Interns!

This semester at Career Services, the Counseling and Human Services major has a great presence. Having four interns from the University of Scranton and one from Penn State, the interns are able to put their counseling skills into practical experience. With assisting in resume critiques, observing the Career Counselors in action or simply familiarizing themselves with the resources and opportunities the office has to offer, these interns are gaining the knowledge and techniques that will help them in their future careers.

Annie Desmarais— junior Counseling and Human Services Major, University of Scranton

Lily Castro— junior Counseling and Human Services Major, University of Scranton



Tim Lapowsky— junior Counseling and Human Services Major, University of Scranton

Katelyn VonBargen— senior Counseling and Human Services Major, the University of Scranton

Bill Jones— senior Human Development and Family Studies Major, Penn State

Career Services Mission Statement

The University of Scranton Office of Career Services strives to facilitate the process of career choice by helping students and alumni focus on a personal sense of meaning and career direction consistent with their unique talents, aspirations, and vision for living.

Guided by the principles of Jesuit education and aware of the need to impart knowledge that has immediate and long-term value, our personnel assume the roles of advisor, teacher and mentor.

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