



# EMBRACING THE CALL TO CARE

Dear PCPS faculty, staff and students, especially the Class of 2020:

As you know, Mary Oliver is one of my favorite poets. "The Gardener" by Mary Oliver reminds us all to reflect each day and to give thanks. As the spring 2020 semester is coming to a close, we remember that emergency remote learning (ERT) became our new buzz words along with Zoom, Panopto and D2L because of COVID 19. Yet, we made it! We supported each other. We became stronger together. We relaxed with music, exercise and walks in nature. Many of you will be graduating; take the time to reflect and always give gratitude. I leave you with one of my favorite songs, "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5TwT69i1IU>.

Do not ever forget the colors of the rainbow.

God bless you and remember, I love you.

*"Andrà tutto bene!"*

*Debra Pellegrino*

Dr. Debra Pellegrino,  
Dean of PCPS



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### THE GARDENER

by Mary Oliver

Have I loved enough?

Have I considered Right Action enough, have I come to any conclusion?  
Have I experienced happiness with sufficient gratitude?  
Have I endured loneliness with grace?

I say this, or perhaps I'm just thinking it.  
Actually I probably think too much.

Then I step out into the garden,  
where the gardener, who is said to be a simple man,  
is tending his children, the roses.

### TO THE CLASS OF 2020

Here's a song in your honor from my daughter Bethany in Dallas, Texas. She told me that you would know that the inspiration came from Lizzo. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

I do my cap toss,  
Check my gown.  
Grads, how you feelin'?  
Feeling good as Royal  
Cap toss  
Check my gown  
Grads, how you feeling'?  
Feeling good as Royal  
Woo Class, tired of the Covid  
Go on dust your shoulders off,  
keep it moving  
Yes, Lord, these Jesuits are off  
In their jobs, careers,  
going to the workforce  
Come now, come dry your eyes  
You know you a star,  
you can touch the sky

I know that it's hard but you have to try  
If you need advice let me simplify  
The world is different than we thought  
But know we've got and done a lot  
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Feeling good as Royal**



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR HELD FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING GRADS

Julie A. Cerrito, Ph.D., NCC, NCSC, ACS, Associate Professor, Director of School Counseling Graduate Program in the Department of Counseling and Human Services, tells us how School Counseling internship students have collaborated with the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development to offer a timely and relevant Zoom webinar to Scranton graduates entering the job market during uncertain times.

School Counseling Graduate Students (**Christina Futterknecht, Marc Sweeney, Gina Spohr, and Tessa Werner-Brooks**), in collaboration with the University's Center for Career Development, hosted the webinar on May 12 to prepare graduates for virtual interview techniques as they prepare to enter the job market. These outstanding graduates shared job search strategies and tips for dealing with rejection in a virtual job market.

***PCPS is so proud of these outstanding graduates for thinking out-of-the box with virtual technology and utilizing God's gifts and talents to help others.***

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SUMMER CLINICALS

Seven Occupational Therapy students from Scranton will be doing summer clinicals at Intensive Therapeutics in West Caldwell, New Jersey. Typically, the University sends two graduate students for fieldwork at this site, but this year, Intensive Therapeutics had a shortage of OT students for clinicals due to cancellations within their state. The owner reached out to Jessica Brennan OTD, MS, OTR/L, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, requesting more grad students. Go Royals for these seven OT students headed to Intensive Therapeutics this summer!

## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD WINNERS



### Doctoral Degree Recipients Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

Thomas Bules – Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Sophia Di Camillo – Doctor of Physical Therapy

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### Masters Degree Recipients Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

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Geoffrey Morton – MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Shannon Saxon-Price – MS Rehabilitation Counseling  
Christina Futterknecht – MS School Counseling  
Michael Weppner – MS Curriculum and Instruction  
Toni Ann Snyder – MS Educational Administration  
Thomas Shaffern – MS Secondary Education  
Siena Cardamone – MS Special Education  
Michaela Dolde – Masters of Health Administration  
Kelly Banyas – MS Health Informatics  
Christine Byrd – MS Human Resources  
Zachary Russell – MSN Nurse Anesthesia  
Christine Pabst – MSN Family Nurse Practitioner  
Mark Antonio – MSN Certified Advanced Practice Nurse  
Anna Giannantonio – MS Occupational Therapy

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### PCPS Distinguished Graduate of the Master of Health Administration Online Program

Melissa Edwards

## CONGRATULATIONS SCHOOL COUNSELING GRADUATES

### DECEMBER 2019 GRADS

- Elizabeth Corbett
- Morgan Craig
- Margaret Donnelly
- Bianca Gentile
- Carly Koelle
- Kimberly McGuire
- Sarah Rosar
- Dominique Spataro

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### MAY 2020 GRADS

- Sarah Fredrick
- ✱ Christina Futterknecht  
(Outstanding Graduate  
in School Counseling)
- Breanna Santarsiero
- Maria Scavo Gosart
- Gina Spohr
- Tessa Werner-Brooks



## UNIVERSITY of SCRANTON ALMA MATER

The hours too quickly slip away  
And mingle into years  
But memories of our Scranton days will last  
Whatever next appears.  
The legacy from those before  
Is briefly ours to hold,  
We leave the best behind for others  
As the coming years unfold.

With faith in lives that touch us here  
And paths that ours have crossed  
We know that reaching for the rising sun  
Is surely worth the cost.  
May God be ever at our side,  
May goodness fill our days.  
We hail as loving sons and daughters  
Alma mater ours always.



Having worked hard to make your  
dream come true, go show the world  
what you're made of. It's waiting for  
you! You're young men and women  
for others that I couldn't be  
more proud of!

**Congratulations Class 2020!!!!**

**Lynn Rasalla**

**Physical Therapy Department Secretary**

Congratulations to the Class of  
2020! May the Jesuit value of unity  
of heart, mind and soul keep you  
emotionally and physically together  
as we stay apart. God bless you  
and your family in a time like this.  
Stay safe, stay focused and forever  
stay a "Royal."

**Mary Ann Capone**

**Exercise Science and Sport Secretary**

Don't let these past few months define  
you. You have made it to the finish line  
of your college experience.  
Congratulations to you and your family  
for a job well done. Go out and share  
the Scranton experience through  
your actions. Best of luck in everything  
the future has in store for you.

**Diane S. Muniz**

**Administrative Assistant to the Dean**

Shout out to our graduates from  
the Office of Clinical Practice!  
Congratulations to our Educational  
Administrative and Curriculum and  
Instruction GRADUATE students as you  
take your next steps towards your  
Educational Administrative careers.  
Thank you for all you do for our  
PK to 12 schools!

**Dolores Rozelle**

**Administrative Assistant,  
SEOL & PCPS Field Office**



Wishing you much success  
as you pursue your dreams  
and goals!

**Mary Bennett**

**Secretary  
Occupational Therapy Dept.**

CLASS of 2020...Your commitment  
to coursework, your involvement in  
activities, your volunteer hours to the  
university and the community have all  
led you to this moment.

This final semester especially, you've  
exhibited immense courage, patience,  
ingenuity and resilience, which have surely  
paved the way for your success.

We are so proud of you!

God Bless and wishing you all the best!  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Ann Keeler**

**CHS**

To our Amazing CHS 2020 graduates,  
The Spring 2020 semester has certainly  
been a semester to remember! You are  
awesome and amazing as a group and as  
individuals. Because of your hard work,  
flexibility, dedication, perseverance and  
commitment each and every semester —  
**YOU MADE IT!**

I will miss seeing you on 4th floor  
McGurrin Hall, and I am so excited  
for your future!  
Congratulations and all the best!

**Pam Turbessi**

**CHS Department Secretary**

I know right now you feel like a tree  
alone in a field, afraid that a strong wind  
will knock you to the ground. Fear not.  
Your roots have grown deep and strong.  
Then...the fog clears and the sun crests  
over the horizon; you see that you are  
actually surrounded by TALL, STRONG  
trees who have survived many  
a strong wind.

My dear graduates always remember...  
you are never alone.

**Dawn Mazurik**

**Nursing Department Secretary**