



THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

MOHEGAN SUN ARENA AT CASEY PLAZA

The Academic Procession

GRAND MARSHAL AND MACE BEARER

Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D.

MASSED COLORS AND HONOR GUARD

MARSHALS OF THE GRADUATES

John Deak, Ph.D.

Marian L. Farrell, Ph.D.

Michael W. Fennie, Ph.D.

Vanessa A. Jensen, Ed.D.

Nicholas B. Sizemore, Ph.D.

THE GRADUATES

MARSHAL OF THE FACULTY

Teresa A. Grettano, Ph.D.

THE FACULTY

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

MARSHAL OF THE MEDALISTS

Mary Elizabeth Moylan, M.L.S.

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MARSHAL OF THE CORPORATION

Mark Murphy, BSEE

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.

Program

Processional: *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams (*arr. Reed*)

Welcome Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D.
Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Invocation Mark Higgins, Ph.D.
Dean, Kania School of Management

The Star Spangled Banner *arr. Vaclav Nelhybel, H'85*

Class Speaker Samantha Rose Bobinski

Greetings from the Alumni Society Paul DiPietrantonio '97
Alumni Society President

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES IN COURSE

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., *President of the University*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

In The Panuska College of Professional Studies Victoria H. Castellanos, Ph.D., *Dean*

In The Kania School of Management Mark Higgins, Ph.D., *Dean*

In The College of Arts and Sciences David J. Dzurec, Ph.D., *Interim Dean*

DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., *President of the University*

Remarks Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.
President of the University

Benediction Lori A. Bruch, Ed.D.
Associate Professor, Counseling & Human Services Department

The University of Scranton Alma Mater Edward Gannon, S.J., Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80
(arr. Nelhybel, Boga)

Recessional: *March (from "Second Suite in F")* Gustav Holst

Music provided by The University of Scranton Concert Band and Singers
As a courtesy to our graduates, we ask you to please silence all devices during the ceremony.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Deborah Adwoa Antwih Nurse Anesthesia	Kelsey Ann Davis Nurse Anesthesia	Tess Ayn Nidetch Nurse Anesthesia
Toni Baran Nurse Anesthesia	Elijah John Emmons Nurse Anesthesia	Isaac Osei-Wusu Nurse Anesthesia
William Michael Bianco Nurse Anesthesia	Rolando S. Flores, Jr. Nurse Anesthesia	Arthur J. Price Nursing Practice
Gabriel John Bigatel Nurse Anesthesia	Umid Iskhakov Nurse Anesthesia	Nelson Jose Ramos Nurse Anesthesia
Graham James Bigsby Nurse Anesthesia	Starr Shalae Jackson Nurse Anesthesia	Erik L. Steffens Nurse Anesthesia
Kevin Constantinescu Nurse Anesthesia	Boris Lukatskiy Nurse Anesthesia	Samantha Lina Valle Nurse Anesthesia
Aaron J. Crowell Nurse Anesthesia	Raza Waqar Mian Nurse Anesthesia	Meghan Rachael Visalli Nurse Anesthesia
Vincent C. David Nurse Anesthesia	Calvin Ngo Nurse Anesthesia	Jeff Yalun Nurse Anesthesia

Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Mary Jane K. DiMattio, Ph.D., R.N., Professor, Department of Nursing, and Ann Culp, DNP, CRNA, Faculty Specialist, Department of Nursing.

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

John-Paolo Bacareza Barcinas Physical Therapy	Benjamin P. DeTrempe Physical Therapy	Brian W. Harrison Physical Therapy
Alexander Bracken Physical Therapy	Haley M. Donoghue Physical Therapy	Jack J. Iannucci Physical Therapy
Lauren Grace Colella Physical Therapy	Adrianna N. Duranti Physical Therapy	Matthew R. Kinback Physical Therapy
Sarah E. Coulson Physical Therapy	Colleen E. Gaffney Physical Therapy	William E. Laughlin Physical Therapy
Conor J. Coyle Physical Therapy	Gina Marie Garatino Physical Therapy	Dylan David LeVan Physical Therapy
Nicholas Daly Physical Therapy	Shannon M. Gill Physical Therapy	Veronica Catherine Lenox Physical Therapy

Danuska College of Professional Studies

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, *continued*

Alexis Nicoletta Long Physical Therapy	Erin N. O'Shaughnessy Physical Therapy	Michele Felice Rovaris Physical Therapy
Claudia M. Mattes Physical Therapy	Kyra Z. O'Toole Physical Therapy	Pamela K. Sbarra Physical Therapy
Megan E. McDermott Physical Therapy	Valeria Oshepkova Physical Therapy	Brooke L. Thomson Physical Therapy
Nicholas M. Mohr Physical Therapy	Alexis G. Pagonis Physical Therapy	Samiel C. Torres Physical Therapy
Matthew Moran Physical Therapy	Nicole Parello Physical Therapy	Baylee H. Turetzky Physical Therapy
John P. Mulligan Physical Therapy	Ashna B. Patel Physical Therapy	Sydney M. Walters Physical Therapy
Andrew J. Murray Physical Therapy	Stefan Rudolf Pinkston Physical Therapy	Carley Cecelia Wiseman Physical Therapy
Bridget Mairead Neal Physical Therapy	Collin D. Purdy Physical Therapy	

Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Physical Therapy.

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Scarlet Jane Alexander Health Administration	Bethann Cancelliere Health Administration	Shaelin M. de Wit Health Administration
Prabhleen Anand Health Administration	Cecily Rose Carlson Health Administration	Gianna Dominick Health Administration
Danielle E. Basch Health Administration	Jayson Alexander Carr Health Informatics	Lorraine Failla Health Administration
John Paolo S. Bigalbal Health Administration	Fatima Chaudhry Health Administration	Rutu Sanjaykumar Gandhi Health Administration
Samantha Rose Bobinski Health Administration	Dominic A. Dait Health Administration	Leela Victoria Geeter Health Administration
Mary Christine Burke Health Administration	Jackson M. Danzig Health Administration	Shivleen Gill Health Administration
Caroline M. Burns Health Administration	Judith A. Deemer Health Administration	Alvin Givans Health Administration

Danuska College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, *continued*

Brenna Goodman
Health Administration

Chloe Kristine Guerra
Health Administration

Sasha Kalra
Health Administration

Lensa Seyoum Keno
Health Administration

Allison V. Lane
Health Administration

Patricia M. Laverty
Health Administration

Gabrielle Antoinette Manzella
Health Administration

Jair E. Martinez
Health Administration

Macy E. Matthews
Health Administration

John William McCane
Health Administration

David Duy Nguyen
Health Administration

Ibijoke J. Omotoso
Health Administration

Jacob Joseph Pasley
Health Administration

Devendra D. Patel
Health Administration

Prutha B. Patel
Health Administration

Gemma N. Pollack
Health Administration

Lavanya Roy
Health Administration

Manosky Sarrette
Global Health

Chevonne M. Schutt
Health Administration

Marcus Issac Simon
Health Informatics

Sarah E. Slusark
Health Administration

Thomas J. Steinberg
Health Administration

Shannon Stoddard
Health Administration

Christopher Joseph Talocka
Global Health

Lalitha Reddy Vidavaluru
Health Administration

Michael A. Volpe
Health Administration

Joseph John Zimak
Health Administration

Panuska College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Gabrielle E. Allen Occupational Therapy	Danielle V. DePasquale Occupational Therapy	Jessica Katharine Hackney Occupational Therapy
Alexis Nicole Angstadt Occupational Therapy	Sara M. Devereux Occupational Therapy	Sean Michael Hall Human Resources Management
Michele Antal Human Resources Management	Carly A. Dietz Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Miranda Lynn Hanson Occupational Therapy
Rosa Maria Azzato Occupational Therapy	Caitlin M. Doherty Occupational Therapy	Madison Lynn Harding School Counseling
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Berback Occupational Therapy	Breanne E. Dolphin Occupational Therapy	Kiera R. Harvey Occupational Therapy
Ryann Elisabeth Betancourt Occupational Therapy	Sara Elizabeth Dombrowski Occupational Therapy	Mariela I. Haymes Occupational Therapy
Ashley L. Bilger Applied Behavior Analysis	Clare Mary Farrell Occupational Therapy	Bryn Danielle Hendershot Occupational Therapy
Caroline A. Brawley Occupational Therapy	Nicole M. Fisher Applied Behavior Analysis	Michelle Lynn Hibbard Health Informatics
Kaitlyn M. Brown Occupational Therapy	Elizabeth Anne Flewelling Occupational Therapy	Julia Jean Higgins Occupational Therapy
John Kilgallen Burke, Jr. Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Kimber Vi Gerlach Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Annie Christelle Hounsokou Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Christelle Maria Candelario Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Bianca G. Gibbons Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Jenna C. Hunsicker Occupational Therapy
Audrey B. Cardone Occupational Therapy	Jaclyn Faye Goodman Occupational Therapy	Deanna M. Iacullo Occupational Therapy
Catherine A. Casola Occupational Therapy	Kelly A. Gorja Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Jenna Inman Applied Behavior Analysis
Maria Cinti Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Lea C. Grant Occupational Therapy	Tara L. James School Counseling
Grace Margaret Clark Occupational Therapy	Natalie Susan Gray Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Maria Poggi Johnson Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kelly Ann Clarke Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Emily Morgan Greenip Human Resources Management	Melissa Jane Kelly Human Resources Management
Justin Gerard T. Co Health Informatics	Jessica P. Grimsland Occupational Therapy	Kendra Lynn Kenney Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kayla S. Creagh Occupational Therapy	Michael J. Gullo School Counseling	Sybil A. Keris Human Resources Management

Panuska College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE, *continued*

Alexis Elizabeth Kishel Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Emily A. Nowak Occupational Therapy	Michele D. Ryzinski Human Resources Management
Kristen Marie Kondrosky Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Lily K. Nowak Occupational Therapy	Kasey Samalot Occupational Therapy
Emerson Holmes Krasnickas Occupational Therapy	Joseph Timothy O'Driscoll Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Danielle M. Sbeglia Occupational Therapy
Ada Kraszyk Human Resources Management	Mary Kaitlyn O'Hara Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Alexandra D. Scelsi Occupational Therapy
Jenna L. Kret Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Grace A. Okrepkie Occupational Therapy	Regina M. Schetroma Human Resources Management
Emily R. Kuchwara Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Jessica L. Opsal Occupational Therapy	Alyssa Renee Segnello Occupational Therapy
Michaelene A. Kulig Occupational Therapy	Emily Ann Paparazzo Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Myra Siddiqui Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Julia R. Kulpa Occupational Therapy	Kelly R. Parker Occupational Therapy	Margaret L. Smith Applied Behavior Analysis
Emily Luz Lee-Chong Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Nina Davida Pascolini Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Kaitlyn Zaia Stepneski Human Resources Management
Kristen Marie LeFebvre Occupational Therapy	Iesha T. Phelps Applied Behavior Analysis	Mattison M. Tatulli Human Resources Management
Julianna Michelle Lunt Occupational Therapy	Edward G. Piekara School Counseling	Gabrielle Heart L. Timoteo Occupational Therapy
Mackenzie L. Machell Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Susan M. Pool Health Informatics	Amanda Lynn Tomlinson School Counseling
Karen E. Marx Human Resources Management	Katherine Therese Posillico Occupational Therapy	Marisa Dawn Tosi Applied Behavior Analysis
Araya Chanel Mays Applied Behavior Analysis	Erin A. Quinn Occupational Therapy	Benjamin R. Tseng Human Resources Management
Maureen Elizabeth Mazza Applied Behavior Analysis	Stephen Edward Reznak, Jr. Human Resources Management	Andrea Velez Occupational Therapy
Brandy Mae McCarey-Bain Applied Behavior Analysis	Nicole Richards Human Resources Management	Sophia Nicole Visaggio Occupational Therapy
Rachel Millan Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Jamie Richardson Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Alexis Watkins Human Resources Management
Christine Danielle Muccione Human Resources Management	Cristina M. Rodier Occupational Therapy	Tricia Jones Watters Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Panuska College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE, *continued*

Erin Margaret Wheeler
Occupational Therapy

Kaitlin A. Winslow
Occupational Therapy

Kathryn N. Zaverdas
Occupational Therapy

Kayla N. Willard
Applied Behavior Analysis

Helen Amanda Wrazien
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Teresa Marie Zullo
Health Informatics

Owen J. Williams
Human Resources Management

Kyle J. Yahn
School Counseling

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Fatimah Mohammed I Al Saigh
Family Nurse Practitioner

Yaser A. Alali
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer E. LaViola
Family Nurse Practitioner

Olivia Grace Brunetti
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kania School of Management

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Samantha Fazzio Falgout
Accounting

Lisa Suzanne Haylon
Accounting

*Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Dr. James F. Boyle, DBA, CPA,
Associate Professor, Department of Accounting.*

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Zach T. Adams
Forensic Accounting

Alexander Michael Greene
Accountancy

Abhi Sai Kiran Moreboyana
Accounting Analytics

Wateen Yousef I Alhatlani
Accountancy

Erin Grimm
Forensic Accounting

Alessa Morgan
Forensic Accounting

Christopher J. Bauer
Forensic Accounting

Charles R. Hansen
Accountancy

Grace Anamaria Mumaw
Accountancy

Alyson Marie Benzenhafer
Accountancy

Daren Joseph Helmold
Accountancy

Meghan E. Munkirs
Accountancy

Emma R. Boyle
Accountancy

Rincy Jacob
Forensic Accounting

Swapna Nagu
Accounting Analytics

Matthew Clemow
Forensic Accounting

Rajesh Jannu
Accounting Analytics

Kara Jean O'Boyle
Forensic Accounting

Michael N. DiGiovine
Accountancy

George Patrick Jenkins
Accountancy

Benjamin Walter Olszewski
Forensic Accounting

Francesca Di Maggio
Accountancy

Price Ivor Jones
Accounting Analytics

Pujan V. Patel
Accountancy

Justin Calabrese Dunn
Forensic Accounting

Siva Mohan Kodali
Accounting Analytics

Zachery Pennington
Forensic Accounting/
Accounting Analytics

Nevin Fernandes
Accounting Analytics

Stefan Robert Kolkka
Accountancy

Meera Prajith
Accounting Analytics

Emma G. FitzPatrick
Accountancy

Yukta Lnu
Forensic Accounting

Emily T. Pryor
Accounting Analytics

Patrick T. Fitzsimmons
Accounting Analytics

Nadia Mack
Accountancy

Ryan A. Rampersaud
Accounting Analytics

Justin Mario Galli
Accountancy

Annalisa Marie Mechanick
Forensic Accounting

William John Raslowsky
Accountancy

Kania School of Management

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY, *continued*

Aaron Raven Accountancy	Mi Zhu Sun Forensic Accounting	April D. Wargo Accountancy
Adrene Romona Reid Accountancy	Sindura Swarna Accountancy	Alexandra P. Weinstein Accountancy
Ginnina Rivera Accountancy	Alyssa Marie Sweda Accountancy	Nicole Hope Weinstein Forensic Accounting
Andrea M. Sacharsky Accountancy	Christine Riegger Tsaklas Accountancy	Thomas A. Yager Accountancy
Daniella M. Savaglio-Rodriguez Forensic Accounting	Dillia Ulysse Accountancy	Matthew L. Zito Accountancy

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ryan W. Abrigo Marketing	Ryan Patrick Bella Finance/Business Analytics	Pratik Naresh Chudasama Business Analytics/ International Business
Joseph S. Alesi Accounting/Finance	Neil Edward Berezuk Finance/International Business	Christopher Steven Consoli Accounting
Rayan T. Aljaid Finance/Accounting	Andrew J. Betz Marketing	Nicholas M. Consoli Accounting
Yazeed Abdullah A Almusallam Business Analytics	Joseph C. Beyrent Management Information Systems	Henry Cortes II Business Analytics
James M. Aversa General Business Administration	Nicole Marie Branning Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration	Patrick James Cullinan Finance
Brandon P. Bailey Finance	Alfred Charles Brubaker, Jr. Operations Management	Alisha Twist Davy Human Resources/ Healthcare Management
Michelle Lynn Balas Healthcare Management	Lisa Trubia Burdyn Human Resources	John P. DeStefano General Business Administration
James J. Bannon Finance	Che Umoja Callender Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration	Tamara Macklin Dickey General Business Administration
Peter Thomas Bard Accounting		Christopher J. DiLillo Finance
Jeffrey Thomas Bartel International Business		
Brian M. Bauman Business Analytics	Bonita Carone General Business Administration	Christopher Carmine DiSomma Finance

Kania School of Management

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *continued*

Kristina Emily Dougherty General Business Administration	Katarina Hlinka International Business/ Human Resources	Junau Délouis Louis-Jean Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration
Timothy C. Drake Finance/International Business	Kyle Kuene Hussey Healthcare Management/Finance	Julia Lynn Loury General Business Administration
Heston C. Draper Healthcare Management	Catherine Iacoviello Healthcare Management	Kevin P. Lunney Marketing/International Business
Rachael Alia Drucker International Business	Susan L. Jansen General Business Administration	John A. Lynott General Business Administration
Robert Louis Dunning Accounting	Joseph R. Jones Operations Management	Mercedes N. Maebane Healthcare Management/ Human Resources
Colleen A. Dwyer Operations Management/Finance	Joveena Joy Raja Marketing/Business Analytics	Sophie A. Majewski Accounting
George W. Edwards III Operations Management/ Enterprise Resource Planning	Cassidi Dailey Kalejta General Business Administration	Arielle A. Malatesta General Business Administration
Juan R. Escobar Uribe General Business Administration	Joyce C.Y. Kenkpen Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration	Assane Mare Finance
Joseph W. FitzPatrick General Business Administration	Doris H. Knox Enterprise Resource Planning	Benson Varughese Mathew Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration
Leah R. Flood Healthcare Management	Andrey R. Kondouzov Healthcare Management/ Operations Management	BethAnn McCartney Human Resources
John C. Folkerts Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration	Marc Kudrich Finance	Frank Mensah Business Analytics/Finance
Rebecca Lynn Follmer General Business Administration	Shane F. Lenahan Accounting	Samantha Kay Miller General Business Administration
Thomas K. Gallagher Operations Management	James John Leonard Marketing/International Business	Michael Modesti Finance
Sanjay Kumar Goja Healthcare Management	Eric Leslie Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration	Matthew Ryan Moore General Business Administration
Hannah Neely Grijincu General Business Administration	Jacob M. Lisicky Accounting/ International Business	Matthew David Morris Business Analytics
Kieran Crawford Gruby Business Analytics	Thomas Michael Lopa Operations Management	Ryan P. Morrissey Finance
Shane J. Hall General Business Administration		

Kania School of Management

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *continued*

Casey Morton Healthcare Management/ Master of Health Administration- Health Administration	Brianna Pugliese General Business Administration	Christopher J. Ungreit, Jr. General Business Administration
Joseph Anthony Michael Myers Finance	Benjamin John-George Reavy Business Analytics	Stephanie E. Vadillo Marketing
Lauren Nardelli Operations Management	Jason A. Rinaldi General Business Administration	Dayana Eunice Villanueva Finance/International Business
Roni Jean Nawrocki Enterprise Resource Planning	Tracy Lee Rockefeller General Business Administration	Nicolas J. Vorburger Operations Management
Sheila Mary O'Callaghan Plvan Human Resources	Matthew S. Romano Finance/Business Analytics	Kyle M. Wind General Business Administration
Kayleigh S. Olszewski Operations Management/ Accounting	Megan A. Ryan Accounting	Jeffrey T. Wolff Healthcare Management
Divyang B. Patel Business Analytics/Finance	Ramsha Siddiqui Business Analytics/Finance	Annie Elizabeth Yurgosky Finance
Meet S. Patel Business Analytics/Finance	Brittany Jordanne Smith General Business Administration	Megan Zelonis General Business Administration
Nachiket J. Patel Business Analytics	Christopher D. Smoke Operations Management	Mark Paul Zielen Operations Management/ Healthcare Management
Yashaswini D. Patel Finance	Reed Michael Steinbauer Healthcare Management	Barbara E. Zsembik Finance
Bryan T. Pravongviengkham Operations Management	Stephanie Stodola Operations Management	Philip A. Zvirblis Business Analytics
	Ujwal R. Tuladhar General Business Administration	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Samreen Ilyas Ahmed Business Analytics	Melissa Diana Almada Finance	Christiana Cecilia Afua Elikplim Amevegbe Finance
Karthik Alakanti Business Analytics	Pavani Ambati Business Analytics	Gayatri Ashala Business Analytics

Kania School of Management

MASTER OF SCIENCE, *continued*

Jithendra Bathini Business Analytics	Paul Gregory Jason Business Analytics	Sean P. Reilly Finance
Joe Akhil Bethapudi Business Analytics	Gowtham Katamoni Business Analytics	Abhishek Saggidi Business Analytics
Vishal Bitkuri Business Analytics	Nikhith Killada Business Analytics	Kruthi Sanga Business Analytics
Sai Dilish Botsa Business Analytics	Kamal Kiran Kona Business Analytics	Harish Selva Selvaraj Business Analytics
Harini Chanbagari Business Analytics	Sai Taruni Sree Konatham Business Analytics	Bharathraj Senthilkumar Business Analytics
Sai Balaji Choppa Business Analytics	Priyanka Sai Konda Business Analytics	Jaishvani Shankini Business Analytics
Christopher M. Cobb Business Analytics	James M. Lomma Finance	Shivaprasad Goud Siddagani Business Analytics
Jack Stanley Dreisbach Finance	Leos Malec Business Analytics	Jeffery L. Siegrist Finance
Dhrutiben Bhaveshbhai Dudhat Business Analytics	Dheeraj Reddy Mallu Business Analytics	Devasiva Reddy Siriyapureddy Business Analytics
Evan Joseph Fernandes Business Analytics	Vamshi Naik Maloth Business Analytics	Twinkle Spall Business Analytics
Jagadeesh Gaddam Business Analytics	Vamsi Krishna Mamillapalli Business Analytics	Kavya Meghana Syamakurthi Business Analytics
Daniel P. Gavin Business Analytics	Leela Sai Kiran Mannem Business Analytics	Lindy J. Tannenbaum Business Analytics
Aaryan Yadav Giri Business Analytics	Sean M. McKay Finance	Akshara Thammala Ravi Business Analytics
Manohar Goduguluri Business Analytics	Tejasri Pallem Business Analytics	Vishal Thota Business Analytics
Yeshwanth Gogineni Business Analytics	Girish Potlada Yellapu Business Analytics	Christopher E. Wehmeyer Business Analytics
Sai Tanusha Gottimukala Business Analytics	Sai Naveen Pulugu Business Analytics	Lakshmi Shankar Yalamanchi Business Analytics
Davalika Gundaram Business Analytics	Soumya Rachakonda Business Analytics	
Danielle Marie Hudicka Business Analytics	Varshenne Reddi Business Analytics	

College of Arts & Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Valerie A. Alfaro
Special Education

John L. Alves
Chemistry

Makenzie Lee Bell
Secondary Education

Alan Robert Bodtmann, Jr.
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

Matthew C. Byrnes
Secondary Education

Kaitlyn A. Cebular
Biochemistry

Venugopal Someshwar Chevella
Software Engineering

Thomas C. Cody
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

David J. DiCesare
Software Engineering

Devin M. Diehl
Software Engineering

Natalie A. Edwards
Secondary Education

Andrea E. Filachek
Special Education

Daniel Finning
Secondary Education

Timothy A. Gallagher
Software Engineering

Giovanni Gunawan
Biochemistry

Haley Ann Haddle
Clinical Chemistry

Veronica Claire Hill
Chemistry

James M. Lanning
Chemistry

Anastasia Louise Lepka
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

Morgan E. McGuire
Software Engineering

Keny Melgar
Software Engineering

Brian S. Memmen
Software Engineering

Ikram Muhammad
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

Frank J. Nicolaro
Software Engineering

Jessica Tera Notari
Special Education

Jonathan C. Nubbemeyer
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

Emily Anne Petsche
Biochemistry

Colin S. Pierce
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

Danielle V. Raffa
Special Education

Ysobelle F. Reyes
Biochemistry

Laura L. Scanlon
Special Education

Gracie Felicity Silva
Secondary Education

Pravalika Thadapaneni
Clinical Chemistry

Haralampos Varonides
Secondary Education

Jacob K. Vituszynski
Secondary Education

Bridget M. Warren
Special Education

Eric Robert Wisdo
Biochemistry

Miranda J. Woodruff
Biochemistry

Daniel E. Zych
Secondary Education

*The listing of degree candidates are as of May 1, 2024.
Some candidates listed in this program will complete degree requirements in
August 2024, December 2024 or January 2025.*

2024 Outstanding Student Awards

PANUSKA COLLEGE of PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Elijah John Emmons
Nurse Anesthesia

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Nicholas M. Mohr
Physical Therapy

Master of Health Administration

Scarlet Jane Alexander
Health Administration

Master of Science

Sybil A. Keris
Human Resources Management

Joseph Timothy O'Driscoll
Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Jessica L. Opsal
Occupational Therapy

Susan M. Pool
Health Informatics

Marisa Dawn Tosi
Applied Behavior Analysis

Helen Amanda Wrazien
Clinical Mental Health
Counseling

Kyle J. Yahn
School Counseling

Master of Science in Nursing

Jennifer E. LaViola
Family Nurse Practitioner

KANIA SCHOOL of MANAGEMENT

Doctor of Philosophy

Lisa Suzanne Haylon
Accounting

Master of Accountancy

Emma R. Boyle
Accountancy

Nevin Fernandes
Accounting Analytics

Nicole Hope Weinstein
Forensic Accounting

Master of Business Administration

Ryan Patrick Bella
Business Analytics

Neil Edward Berezuk
Finance

Joseph C. Beyrent
Management Information
Systems

Christopher Steven Consoli
Accounting

Nicholas M. Consoli
Accounting

Timothy C. Drake
International Business

Katarina Hlinka
Human Resources

Joveena Joy Raja
Marketing

Doris H. Knox
Enterprise Resource Planning

Reed Michael Steinbauer
Healthcare Management

Nicolas J. Vorburger
Operations Management

Kyle M. Wind
General Business Administration

Master of Science

Evan Joseph Fernandes
Business Analytics

Sean M. McKay
Finance

Master Business Administration/ Master Health Administration

John C. Folkerts
Healthcare Management/
Health Administration

COLLEGE of ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Science

Natalie A. Edwards
Secondary Education

Andrea E. Filachek
Special Education

Timothy A. Gallagher
Software Engineering

Giovanni Gunawan
Biochemistry

James M. Lanning
Chemistry

Ikram Muhammad
Cybercrime Investigation
and Cybersecurity

Pravalika Thadapaneni
Clinical Chemistry

Doctoral Dissertations and Scholarly Projects Completed in the Class of 2024

Deborah Adwoa Antwih

Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP,
Neal Carey, CRNA, M.S.N.

“Accurate Recognition and Management of Suspected Local Anesthetic Systemic Toxicity of a Patient Undergoing ORIF of a Right Femur Fracture: A Case Study”

Toni Baran

Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP,
Lynda Jakubco, CRNA, M.S.

“Case Management During Power Failure in The Operating Room”

John-Paolo Bacareza Barcinas

Mentor: Lori M. Walton, PT, DPT, Ph.D.

“Creative Movement Therapy Impact on Mental and Physical Health Outcomes for Refugees Living with Trauma: A Systematic Review”

William Michael Bianco

Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP,
Melody Schaal, CRNA, DNP

“Enhancing Post-Cesarean Pain Management with Liposomal Bupivacaine in Transverse Abdominis Plane Blocks for Buprenorphine-Using Parturients: A Case Report”

Gabriel John Bigatel

Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP,
Christopher Yokimcus, CRNA, DNP

“Opioid-Free Total Intravenous Anesthesia for Morbidly Obese Patient Undergoing Gastric Bypass with a History of Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting”

Graham James Bigsby

Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP,
Todd Kubesh, CRNA, M.S.N.

“Anesthetic Management of Emergent Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in the Setting of Pulmonary Hypertension and Non-ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Case Report”

Alexander Bracken

Mentor: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D.

“The Effect of Aromatherapy on Anxiety in Patients Who Are Status-Post Myocardial Infarction: A Systematic Review”

Lauren Grace Colella

Mentors: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D.,
Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D.

“Mental Health Factors and Exercise Adherence in Women with Breast Cancer Interventions: A Systematic Review”

Kevin Constantinescu

Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP,
Diana Kitonyo, CRNA, M.S.N.

“Anesthetic Considerations in Surgical Patients Prescribed GLP-1 Receptor Agonists: A Case Study”

Sarah E. Coulson

Mentor: Jennifer Schwartz, PT, DPT

“Impact of Core Stabilization on Balance and Mobility in Persons with MS: A Systematic Review”

Conor J. Coyle

Mentor: Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D.

“Clinical Applications of Wearable Technology for Monitoring Sleep in Patients with Parkinsons Disease: A Systematic Review”

Aaron J. Crowell

Mentors: Lenora Lello, CRNA, DNP,
Angie Hunter, CRNA, M.S.N.

“The Alternative Pain Management of the Parturient Suffering from Post Dural Puncture Headache: A Case Report”

Nicholas Daly

Mentor: Lori M. Walton, PT, DPT, Ph.D.

“Creative Movement Therapy Impact on Mental and Physical Health Outcomes for Refugees Living with Trauma: A Systematic Review”

Vincent C. David

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“Failure to Conduct a Standard Check Leading to Can't Intubate Can't Ventilate Scenario with a 23-Year-Old Male Undergoing a Thyroglossal Duct Cyst Excision: A Case Report”

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Samantha Fazzio Falgout

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“The Evolution of Analytical Procedures”

Rolando S. Flores, Jr.

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“Application of Total Intravenous Anesthesia During Endoscopic Sinus Surgery: A Case Report”

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James Marra, CRNA

“Anesthetic Management of Emergence Agitation in Male Patient Undergoing Cosmetic Rhinoplasty”

Starr Shalae Jackson

Mentors: Susan Elczyna, Ph.D., CRNA,

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“Glucagon Like Peptide -1 and Its Effects on Anesthesia: A Case Report”

Matthew R. Kinback

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“Intraoperative Fluid Resuscitation Techniques During an Exploratory Laparotomy with Intraoperative Bleeding: A Case Report”

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“Attenuation of Post-Operative Delirium with Dexmedetomidine in Elderly Patients Undergoing Carotid Endarterectomy”

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“Influence of Viral Respiratory Panels on Treatment Decisions in Children with Upper Respiratory Infections”

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“Bivalirudin: A Heparin Alternative”

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“Utilizing ‘AOK for AFE’ Protocol for Prevention and Treatment of Amniotic Fluid Embolism in the Parturient Undergoing Repeat Cesarean Section”

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“Home-Based Physical Activity & Cardiorespiratory Capacity in Children with Congenital Heart Defects: A Systematic Review”

Jeff Yalun

Mentors: Lenora Lello, CRNA, DNP,
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Mentor: Daniel Jackowitz, M.S.

"Greenwave - Uniting Nature and Animal Enthusiasts through Social Media"

David J. DiCesare

Mentor: Paul Jackowitz, M.S.

"Diamond Team Management - A Web and Mobile-based tool for baseball team management"

Devin M. Diehl

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"Integrating SAMI3 with the Ionospheric Raytracing Toolkit PyLap"

Timothy A. Gallagher

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"BlogTakes: A Next-Generation Social Media App"

Giovanni Gunawan

Mentor: Marc Seid, Ph.D.

"Effect of Social Isolation on Camponotus floridanus Ants and Quantification of Biogenic Amines Using HPLC-ED"

Haley Ann Haddle

Mentor: David A. Rusak, Ph.D.

"Elemental Analysis of Tempered Float Glass by Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy"

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"Separation and Electrochemical Detection of Phenolic Acids on a Fiber"

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"Revising, Expanding, and Developing a Mobile Application for VaryTrade, a Preexisting Web Application"

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Mentor: Daniel Jackowitz, M.S.

"MANOS Motion activated Nodes Operating System"

Brian S. Memmen

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"Insight Collector"

Frank J. Nicolaro

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"Groupfly: the Application to Revive Social Interactions"

Emily Anne Petsche

Mentor: Timothy Foley, Ph.D.

"Reversibly Oxidized Thiols on Metabolic Enzymes Support Compartmentalization of Redox Homeostasis in the Brain and Reveal a Transient Reductive Shift Following Global Ischemia"

Ysabelle F. Reyes

Mentor: Amelia Randich, Ph.D.

"The Alphaproteobacterium Hirschia Baltica Produces a Secondary Prosthecae at the Old Pole"

Pravalika Thadapaneni

Mentor: John C. Deak, Ph.D.

"Measuring the spheroidal shapes of soft molecular aggregates using partial molar volume and DLS measurements: Triton X-100 micelles and reverse micelles"

Miranda J. Woodruff

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"Determination of Heavy Metals in Gray Catbird Feathers by Atomic Absorption"

History of the University

The University of Scranton was founded as Saint Thomas College by Most Reverend William G. O'Hara, the first Bishop of Scranton, who had always hoped to provide an opportunity for higher education in the Lackawanna Valley. In August of 1888, with few resources at hand, he blessed a single block of granite as a cornerstone for his new college, which would admit its first students four years later. (The cornerstone of Old Main is preserved in the wall of St. Thomas Hall located at the corner of Linden Street and Monroe Avenue.)

The college was staffed by diocesan priests and seminarians until 1896 and then, for one year, by the Xaverian Brothers. From 1897 until 1942 the school, which was renamed The University of Scranton in 1938, was administered for the Diocese by the Christian Brothers. In the late summer of 1942, at the invitation of Bishop William Hafey, 19 Jesuits, including the University's first Jesuit President, Rev. Coleman Nevils, S.J., arrived on campus to administer the University.

The Jesuits restructured and strengthened Scranton's traditional and pre-professional programs with an emphasis on the liberal arts, which are the foundation for every program at a Jesuit university. This emphasis is intended to give students an appreciation for all disciplines as they develop specific subject knowledge. The University has flourished as a Catholic and Jesuit institution, growing from what was primarily a commuter college with fewer than 1,000 students to a broadly regional, comprehensive university with a total enrollment of approximately 4,825 students in undergraduate, graduate and non-traditional programs.

As we move forward, The University of Scranton embraces five bold, transformational strategic goals. Grounded in our mission, this Strategic Plan 2020, "Our Core, Our Community, Our Commitments," guides our University community as we navigate changes, challenges, and opportunities today, though we believe its impact will be felt well beyond.

In September 2021, Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., was inaugurated as the University's 29th president. During his tenure, the University has continued its commitment to enriching the quality and variety of its academic offerings for the success of its students.

All three of the University's colleges have added academic programs in recent years in wide-ranging areas, from STEM and the humanities to health sciences and business. New program areas include cybercrime investigation and cybersecurity, Black studies, mechanical engineering, business analytics and speech-language pathology.

In addition, the University continues to invest in its physical plant, with more than \$350 million in campus improvements made in recent years, among them the most substantial capital projects in its history – The Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center and the Loyola Science Center. Other facilities additions include Christopher and Margaret Condrion Hall and an apartment and fitness complex, which consists of the Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Hall and Montrone Hall.

In September 2015, the new Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, which houses the departments of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Health and Human Performance, was dedicated. In 2018, the University dedicated the 11-acre Rev. Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., Athletics Campus. Located along Broadway Street in Scranton, it is home to the University's soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball and softball Division III NCAA teams. In 2021, 5,000 square feet of new mechanical engineering labs and shop area were added in Hyland Hall.

Most recently, the University broke ground for a nearly 90,000 square-foot center for workforce development, applied research and outreach located on the 300 block of Madison Avenue. The building is expected to be completed for fall 2025.

Scranton is counted among America's finest universities, according to a range of national publications. For three decades, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Scranton among the "top 10 master's universities in the North." Year after year, the University is listed among the "best colleges" by Forbes and The Princeton Review. The University is also consistently ranked among the "best values" in college education by U.S. News & World Report. In 2021, Washington Monthly ranked Scranton No. 84 among 616 master's universities in the nation for its "contribution to the greater good." In its Best Graduate Schools 2023 guidebook, U.S. News & World Report ranked Scranton's program in health care management No. 41, MBA specialty programs in accounting No. 19; business analytics at No. 25; and finance at No. 28 in the nation.

Academic Regalia

The colorful attire worn by the graduates, faculty and officers of the University and by the academic delegates has its roots in medieval traditions that reach back to the earliest universities – to Paris, Bologna, Oxford and Cambridge. The precise origins of the several parts of the academic garb are unknown, but since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, we assume that their attire was inspired by the clerical dress of the time. Early European universities required students and teachers to wear distinctive gowns at all times. The tradition was brought to this country in colonial times, but the requirement for students soon disappeared and professors limited the custom to special occasions.

The Gown. Gowns are generally black, and there are three basic types. The bachelor's gown is plain with a fairly elaborate yoke and long, pointed sleeves. It is worn closed. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except that the sleeves are open at the forearms and end with an extra, square-shaped swatch of cloth that originally formed a pocket for reading and writing materials. Master's gowns are worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown, the most elaborate of the three, is adorned with velvet panels on the closed front and around

the neck and three velvet bars on each full, bell-shaped sleeve. Although black is the most common color, the velvet panels and sleeve bars may vary according to the faculty that granted the wearer's degree.

The Hood. The colors of the hood reveal the level of a degree, the major field of learning in which the degree was awarded, and the institution by which the degree was conferred. The bachelor's, master's and doctoral hoods are three, three and one-half, and four feet long, respectively. The all-encompassing velvet trim that denotes the field of learning is likewise, two, three, or five inches, respectively. The lining of the hood is worn exposed to show the colors of the school awarding the degree. Most schools have a two-color pattern using chevrons or bars to differentiate schools whose colors may be alike or very similar. The University of Scranton hood, for example, is lined in royal purple with a white chevron.

The Cap. Generally, the mortarboard or Oxford cap is worn with all degrees, although an Elizabethan-style soft cap is used with some doctoral attire. Black tassels are most often used, but many schools have adopted the practice of using tassels matching the hood color. Doctors and presidents of institutions frequently wear a gold tassel.

Colors Representing Fields of Learning

Arts, Letters, Humanities White	Law Purple	Philosophy Blue
Business Drab	Library Science..... Lemon	Physical Education..... Sage Green
Economics Copper	Medicine Green	Physical Therapy Teal
Education Light Blue	Military Science Gold	Public Health Salmon
Engineering..... Orange	Music Pink	Science Gold
Fine Arts Brown	Nursing..... Apricot	Social Science..... Citron
Health Administration Peacock Blue	Oratory Silver Gray	Theology Scarlet

The Heraldic Banners

The University commissioned the ten heraldic banners carried in the academic procession to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the founding of the first Jesuit college in Messina, Sicily (1548), and the 110th anniversary of the founding of Saint Thomas College (1888), the precursor of The University of Scranton. The heraldic devices on the banners bear witness to the influences that have endowed the University with its distinctive identity.

- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Society of Jesus (IHS, surmounted with a cross above three nails and surrounded with a halo of rays) announces that The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola (a golden pot suspended between two wolves) bears witness to the fact that the University's educational philosophy is derived from the thought of Saint Ignatius (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesus.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Diocese of Scranton (a star rising between two crossed keys) recalls and celebrates the fact that the University was founded by the Most Reverend William O'Hara, D.D., the first Bishop of Scranton.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the five-pointed star) honors the Christian Brothers' half century of devoted service to the students of Saint Thomas College and The University of Scranton.
- ❖ The banner adorned with a device drawn from the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the stack of wheat) both identifies the University's location and proclaims its special mission to the citizens of Pennsylvania.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the radiant sunburst) recalls both the name of the University's precursor college (Saint Thomas College) and announces that Saint Thomas remains the heavenly patron of the University.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the crown refers to the nickname of the University's athletic teams (The Royals) and announces that, in the tradition of the *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius Loyola, all of the sons and daughters of the University are called to follow Christ the King.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the picture of the sailing ship celebrates the devoted service that the members of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus (whose ancestors in the faith arrived in America in 1634 aboard the *Ark* and the *Dove*) have rendered to the University and its students since 1942.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the Cross of Patonce suspended above an unfurled banner bears witness to the fact that the University is a Christian institution of higher learning. The legend on the banner bears the motto of the University: "Religio, Mores, Cultura."
- ❖ The banner adorned with the Chi Rho superimposed upon an open book testifies to the University's belief that, as its Mission Statement says, "Jesus Christ is the primary source for the values and attitudes that imbue the culture of its campus."

The University Mace

The University Mace is traditionally carried at the head of academic processions as a symbol of educational authority and institutional identity. The mace consists of a 56-inch polished aluminum staff topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University

with sunburst accents formed by cut-metal rays. The symbol of the Society of Jesus appears on the rear of the mace. The seal is echoed on the verges, which consist of shorter hardwood rods topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University in brass.

The Presidential Medallion

In ancient and medieval Europe medallions of office were worn as breastplates by figures of authority or distinction. The University of Scranton Presidential Medallion is such a symbol, and it continues the tradition of incorporating educational, religious and historic icons that describe the institution's distinctive character.

The center of the medallion is an enameled rendering of the great seal of the University surrounded by rays. The principal colors of the seal are the traditional colors of the University, white and royal purple. On the purple field is a horizontal silver bar containing, in purple, a star derived from the Seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a symbol taken from the seal of Saint Thomas College, the predecessor of the University, and two stacks of wheat from the obverse of the coat of arms of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The upper half of the seal contains, in gold, two wolves grasping a cauldron suspended from a chain. They are taken from the coat of arms of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola, and they identify the University as a Jesuit institution. Below the silver bar is a golden rising sun, symbolic of

Saint Thomas Aquinas, the shining light of the Church and the patron of the University.

The border of the seal reproduces the border of the shield of the Diocese of Scranton and the silver hemispheres are taken from William Penn's coat of arms. The crest is a golden cross of the style known as Patonce. It symbolizes Christ, the goal and the norm of the University's educational efforts, and it complements the motto the University has had since it was entrusted to the care of the Christian Brothers in 1899: *Religio, Mores, Cultura*.

The great seal is surrounded by the name of the institution and its founding date, 1888, and is further embellished by a sunburst of rays also derived from the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

The Presidential Medallion is worn on a silver chain with links inspired by carved wooden moldings in The Estate, the ancestral home of the Scranton family. It is engraved with the names of the previous presidents and the founder of the University. The chain is connected by a link adorned with the symbol of the Society of Jesus.

The medallion was designed and crafted for the University by Mr. William Reidsema of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

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.

Edward Gannon, S.J.
Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80