

JOHNSON LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Johnson College website just received a makeover with the help of Frontier Communications, which incorporated a new look, easier navigation, and the addition of several new sections. A website committee, consisting of faculty and staff, including Melissa Ide, Mike Novak, Toshia Upshaw-Williams, Steve Cheskiewicz and Devon Fawcett, selected homepage design and content. The process of changing the website took about eight months to complete. Visitors to www.johnson.edu will now enjoy a fresh look and features, including a virtual campus tour, parent's page and student testimonials, among others. Melissa Ide, Director of Enrollment Management, Johnson College, stated "It will definitely appeal to our web target of prospective and current students, parents and alumni."



FIBER OPTIC CABLE WILL ENHANCE JOHNSON'S CAMPUS NETWORK

Johnson College is in the process of upgrading its network infrastructure. "The new fiber optic cable is one of many projects on the drawing board for upgrading our facilities," said Bob Valentine, Vice President of Administration. "It will bring our system up to date to accommodate our technological and communications needs." The project will include the installation of new fiber optic cable connecting all campus buildings, as well as new network switch equipment, an upgraded internet connection, and replacement of the College's aging telephone system. Once completed, the project will provide an advanced high speed data and telephone network. The new local data network will be 100 times faster in most cases than the current network. The internet connection speed is being quadrupled to prevent

backlogs during the school year and the telephone system replacement will include new voicemail features and handsets. It will also provide direct dial numbers to all campus personnel. The new network will be a best of breed system that will provide the foundation for future services and applications at Johnson College.

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JOHNSON GRADUATES FIRST CLASS IN PRECISION MACHINING TECHNOLOGY

The graduating class of 2007 included five students from the Precision Machining Technology program for the first time. The program was revised two years ago and this year's graduates are the first to complete the new version of the program. Job placement of the machining students is at an impressive 100% with most finding positions as conventional machinists and CNC machinists.

Prior to the 2007 graduating class, two different programs were offered in the machining area: a Machine Tool Technology course directed students to becoming machinists in job shops or other custom shops, and a Tool & Die Making Technology course focused on tool and die making as well as punch press set-up and operation. The machining program has a long history at the College, as it was one of the first programs offered when the Johnson Trade School opened in 1918. As the machining industry has changed through the years, so has the program in an effort to better accommodate industry needs for an increased variety of special skills in its workforce.

According to Andrew V. Zwanch, Department Chairperson of the Precision Machining Technology program, the roles of machinists and tool and die makers have changed over the years. "The use of computer numerical controlled (CNC) machines has expanded the knowledge base of individuals on the shop floor," Mr. Zwanch said. "At one time, the tool and die makers



would create the die tooling on conventional machines and would have the ability to work to extremely close tolerances. Today, CNC machines are used to make the tooling for the die sets, as well as for research and development practices."

Mr. Zwanch noted that the recommendation to revise the program name and curriculum came several years ago from the College's administration and the Program Advisory Committee (PAC). Consisting of machine shop owners, engineers, CNC programmers and machinists, the PAC is charged with reviewing the program each year and making suggestions as to course content, textbooks and equipment used in the department. "The PAC suggested that there should be one program that focuses on conventional machining as well as CNC set-up, programming and machining," Mr. Zwanch added. "The goal of the two-year program is to train graduates to become skilled above entry level machinists, conventional and CNC machinists."



Justin Klotz '08 and Chris Shaffer '08 working on the new mill.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Johnson College is to provide a foundation of education and skills necessary for specialized employment, career advancement and life-long learning.

TOBYHANNA WELCOMES JOHNSON GRADS

Ceremonies scheduled for June 29, 2007 at Tobyhanna Army Depot will welcome 13 Johnson College 2007 graduates of the Student Career Experience Program to full time Depot employment and 33 Johnson College students to either the Student Career Experience Program or the Student Temporary Employment Program at Tobyhanna. Including this year's graduates, 80 Johnson College graduates will have secured full time employment through this cooperative program.

Johnson College began working with Tobyhanna Army Depot in May of 2000, initially providing students who were completing their freshman year in Electronic Technology to the Depot under the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). Today, Johnson College students participate in experiences at Tobyhanna from not only the Electronic Technology department, but Biomedical Equipment Technology, Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology, Precision Machining Technology, Diesel Truck Technology, Carpentry & Cabinetmaking Technology and, for the 2007-2008 program year, Architectural Drafting & Design Technology, and Automotive Technology.

Tobyhanna Army Depot announced recently that its employment level has reached an all-time high of 5,000. Employment is expected to continue growing over the next few years as current employees retire and demand for its services increases.

Four new employees were introduced at the press conference announcing the milestone, including Jerry Mirro, a 1982 Johnson College graduate in the Carpentry & Cabinetmaking Technology program, and Amy Frey, a member of the Class of 2008 in the Biomedical Equipment Technology program. Approximately 200 Johnson College alumni are employed at Tobyhanna.

JOHNSON GRADUATES 136

Commencement exercises were held at the College's Main Avenue campus on Saturday, May 12. 136 graduates were awarded either an Associate in Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) or an Associate in Science degree (A.S.).

Johnson College Awards for Academic Excellence were presented to Kimberly Ann Konopka, a graduate of the Veterinary Technology program, and Thomas J. Milliron, a graduate of the Architectural Drafting & Design Technology program. These awards recognize the student with the highest grade point average in the Associate in Science and the Associate in Applied Science programs.



Commencement Speaker Sandy Vito, Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development, PA Department of Labor and Industry, left, is pictured with Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO of Johnson College.

JOHNSON COLLEGE OPEN

Johnson's 15th Annual Golf Tournament was held at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountaintop, PA on May 18. Board Member Thomas A. Browning, Chief of Staff to Senator Robert Mellow, served as Honorary Chair. The tournament raised \$16,000 which will be donated to The Presidential Scholarship Fund. Pictured from left are Tom Browning, Mark Hemak, Senator Robert Mellow, Dr. Ann Pipinski and Jim Mellow.



JOHNSON COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Four new members were recently added to the College's Board of Directors. They include Louis A. Costanzo, Kristin Dempsey, John P. Kearney and Margo M. Opsasnick.

Mr. Costanzo serves as President of L.R. Costanzo Company, Inc. in Scranton. He earned a bachelor of science degree in Psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo and an MBA from the University of Scranton. He is on the boards of the Boys & Girls Club, Metro Action, Little Sisters of the Poor and St. Gregory's Church.

Ms. Dempsey is Vice President of Dempsey Uniform and Linen Supply, Inc. in Jessup. She received a bachelor of science degree in Engineering from Princeton University and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. She is active on several boards, including the Uniform & Textile Services Association, King's College Family Business Forum and the Boys & Girls Club.



Left to right: Louis A. Costanzo, Margo M. Opsasnick, Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, John P. Kearney, John P. Sweeney, Sr. and Kristin Dempsey.

Mrs. Opsasnick is Chief Executive Officer of Delta Medix, P.C. in Scranton. She earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Scranton and an MBA from Temple University. She serves as Board Treasurer for both the United Way of Lackawanna County and The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and Board Secretary for Saint Joseph's Center.

Mr. Kearney is President of John P. Kearney & Associates, Inc. in Throop. He received his associate's degree in Construction Management from Penn State University.

EMPLOYEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, delivered the keynote speech at the Carbondale Area High School graduation ceremony in June.

Stephen R. Cheskiewicz, Director of Database Management, represented Johnson College as a judge at the regional division of the Pennsylvania High School Computer Fair, an annual event that highlights students' computer knowledge and application skills. The competition was held in April at the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County.

Devon M. Fawcett, Admissions Representative, has been promoted to Associate Director of Admissions.

Melissa A. Ide, Director of Enrollment Management, and **Lisa Feola Toole**, Assistant to the President and Board Secretary, are among the graduates of the Leadership Lackawanna Class of 2007.

Joseph Musheno, Chairperson of the Carpentry & Cabinetmaking Technology department, earned a bachelor of science degree in Industrial Education from Temple University. Mr. Musheno was the Honor Graduate for the Class of 2007 in the Career and Technical Education Department of Temple's College of Education.

Michael K. Novak, Chairperson of the Diesel Truck Technology department, participated as a subject matter expert for the Pennsylvania Department of Education in a site visit at Wyoming Technical Institute in Blairsville, PA.

Joseph J. Polinsky, Chairperson of the Computer Information Technology department, earned Pennsylvania Council of Educators vocational teaching certification through Temple University.

David P. Skoniecki, Chairperson of the Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology department, completed instructor's training to teach the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 and 30 hour safety course.

DUAL-ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

Johnson College and the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County (CTC) have entered into a dual enrollment agreement for CTC students who plan to further their education in Electronic Technology at Johnson College. The agreement will be known as the College in the High School program and is designed to provide direction to high school students who are interested in pursuing a post-secondary education in Electronic Technology.

NEW ACADEMIC DIVISIONS ANNOUNCED

Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, has announced a reorganization of the technical and academic programs of study as well as the promotion of three employees to newly-created positions as Division Chairpersons.

According to Mr. Carachilo, "This new structure provides for the future growth of Johnson College by aligning similar programs in each division. Faculty and students will benefit from the sharing of resources and a streamlined reporting system."

Effective with the fall semester that begins in August of 2007, there will be three divisions:

- **Richard P. Fornes**, currently Chairperson of the Electronic Technology program, will serve as Chairperson of the Electrical Division, comprised of the Electronic, Electrical Construction & Maintenance,

Biomedical Equipment Technology, and Computer Information Technology programs of study.

- **Richard R. Mishura**, currently Chairperson of the Mathematics Department, will become Chairperson of the General Education Division, which will include the Mathematics Department, English Department, Business Department, Distribution & Supply Logistics Technology program and the Library/Resource Center.
- **Andrew V. Zwanch**, currently Chairperson of the Precision Machining Technology program, will become Chairperson of the Technical Programs Division to include Architectural Drafting & Design, Automotive, Carpentry & Cabinetmaking, Diesel Truck, and Precision Machining programs of study, and the Technical Generalist Instructor.

The Radiologic Technology and Veterinary Technology departments will continue to report to Mr. Carachilo.

CLASS OF 2007 VET TECH STUDENT LANDS ROARING GOOD INTERNSHIP

In her internship as a technician at the Kansas City Zoo, Jolynn Lawler's responsibilities are widespread and include performing lab work, drawing up and injecting medication, monitoring anesthesia, taking blood and radiographs, and upkeep of medical equipment. On a daily basis, she comes face to face with kangaroos, giraffes, elephants, sea lions, binturongs, toucans, meerkats and more.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work in such an excellent learning environment," Ms. Lawler said. "My experience at Johnson College has definitely prepared me well. Without my rotations and Clinical Pathology class, I would be completely lost here."

Performing a dental cleaning on a chimpanzee and treating a rhinoceros with phototherapy are just two of the many memorable learning experiences she has had thus far. "There is never a dull moment, because you see so many different animals one day and then you treat a whole new group the next," Ms. Lawler added.



Jolynn Lawler

JOHNSON AWARDED L & I GRANT

Johnson College has been awarded a Job Training Fund Equipment Grant in the amount of \$127,160 by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. The grant requirement of 100% matching funds means the College will be investing \$254,320 in new technical instructional equipment. The primary objective of the grant is to ensure that students are trained on equipment that is found in competitive industries. The largest portion of the grant, \$99,500, will be used to purchase industrial

hydraulic systems and industrial motor control trainers for the Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology program. The Diesel Truck Technology program will utilize \$53,000 for an emissions engine and an automatic brake system trainer. The Biomedical Equipment Technology, Electronic Technology, and Veterinary Technology programs will each receive approximately \$27,000 and the balance of \$19,000 will be used by the Automotive Technology and Carpentry & Cabinetmaking Technology programs.

OPEN HOUSE

**Prospective students,
families and friends,
please join us**

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 1, 2007**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00 PM
Registration
Moffat Building

5:15 PM
Welcome

5:30 PM
Greeting and Overview

5:45 PM - 6:30 PM
Technical Area Tours

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Information Sessions
- Admissions Process
- On Site Application
- Financial Aid
- Student Services



**Please call to register for the Open House (570) 342-6404 ext. 125
or visit our website at www.johnson.edu to register**

2007 SUMMER YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Johnson College is accepting registrations for its 2007 Summer Youth Workshops. During the exciting week at Johnson, students will rotate through a variety of workshops, including Photo Magic, the Science of Racing, Carpentry for Kids, Architecture Can Be Fun, Electricity & Electronics, and Sockets, Sprockets, Pliers & Tires. The workshops are open to children ages 9 -14 years and

will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students can choose to attend either the week of July 16 or the week of July 30. Total cost per student is \$200 which includes all workshops, daily lunches, t-shirt and additional hours of supervision from 8 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Enroll now by calling (570)342-6404, ext. 120, or visit the College's website at www.johnson.edu for more information.