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CLASS OF 2009 GRADUATES AT SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER

Scranton, PA – May 9, 2009 – Johnson College, a two-year technical college founded in 1912, conferred degrees on 148 graduates at commencement exercises held at the Scranton Cultural Center on Saturday, May 9. Graduates were awarded either an Associate in Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) or an Associate in Science degree (A.S.).

Congressman Christopher P. Carney, representing the 10th District of Pennsylvania delivered the commencement address. Degrees were presented by Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, president & CEO of Johnson College, and Don Kalina, chairman of the board of directors.

Selena C. Strausser, a graduate of the Radiologic Technology program, earned the Johnson College Award for Academic Excellence in the Associate in Science programs. Barbara R. Tibus, a graduate of the Architectural Drafting and Design Technology program, earned the Johnson College Award for Academic Excellence in the Associate in Applied Science programs. These awards recognize the student with the highest grade point average in each area.



Radiologic Technology students Gina Michelle Mastroianni of Lakeville helps Christina Marie Roche of Olyphant prepare for the commencement ceremony.



Michael Shane Fitzpatrick of Uniondale, Recipient of Precision Machining Technology Departmental Honors and President of Student Government Association, presents Congressman Christopher P. Carney with gift from the Class of 2009.



Nicholas T. Benuska of Dalton, 2009 Class Ambassador, Recipient of Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology Departmental Honors, graduating *summa cum laude*, receives his diploma from Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President and CEO Of Johnson College.

Following is a list of graduates:

Associate in Science Degrees

Computer Information Technology

- Cindy L. Astleford, *magna cum laude*, Peckville
- Matthew Paul Cirba, *summa cum laude*, *top departmental honors*, Archbald
- Justin Cummings, Dunmore
- Joseph M. DeCicco Jr., Susquehanna
- Annie A. Dejesus, Scranton
- Eric J. Detwiler, Nicholson
- Evan Hampton, Tunkhannock
- Michael S. Heal, Duryea

Keith Michael Heimbuch, *cum laude*, Olyphant
John Joseph Husosky, Dunmore
Joshua Marion, Archbald
Vincent A. Miesse, Archbald
Lenny C. Novojoski, Dickson City
Svitlana Skirpan, *cum laude*, Scranton
Michael Alan Slate Jr., Hawley
David Edward Townsend, Dalton
Michael Trotta, Scranton

Radiologic Technology

Jolen F. Brennan, Dunmore
Cheri Chura, *magna cum laude*, Hazleton
Laura K. Collins, Honesdale
Halea Mae Kaplan, Tunkhannock
Jillian Demkovich, Dickson City
Kimberly Ann King, Dickson City
Megan Marie Marsh, Avoca
Gina Michelle Mastroianni, Lakeville
Marissa May, Peckville
Ryan McLain, Scranton
Alex David Priblo, Olyphant
Christina Marie Roche, Olyphant
Katherine Searfoss, Pittston Township
Jamie Lee Setta, Moscow
Amy Elissa Stephenson, Scranton
Selena C. Strausser, *summa cum laude, top departmental honors, **, Scranton
Christopher John Szymanski, Dickson City

Veterinary Technology

Kasondra Ann Banghart, *magna cum laude*, Muncy
Kara Lynn Bellissimo, East Stroudsburg
Elizabeth Ann Campbell, Matamoras
Nicole M. Desjadon, Montague, NJ
Danielle Lynn Lloyd, Carbondale
Rachael Marie Macking, Kingston
Melinda Sue Minick, Nicholson
Annette Palumbo, Moscow
Kimberly Ann Petros, Larksville
Amanda T. Shaffer, Mountaintop
Mackenzie Thomas, Reading
Elizabeth Marie Titman, *magna cum laude, top departmental honors*, Orangeville
Elizabeth Jean Wademan, Tunkhannock
Christina Louise Winter, Waymart

Associate in Applied Science Degrees

Architectural Drafting & Design Technology

Christopher D. Arndt, *summa cum laude*, Scranton
Christopher Foersch, Harding
Christopher J. Garges, Warren Center
Michael Kornhoff, *summa cum laude*, Dingmans Ferry
Jeff Kushmerick, *cum laude*, Archbald
Jeremy David Kuzmiak, Jermyn
Mikael Thomas Mead, *summa cum laude*, Kingsley
Ryan P. Schofield, Scranton
Matthew D. Sinibaldi, Dalton
Barbara R. Tibus, *summa cum laude, top dept. honors, ***, West Wyoming

Automotive Technology

Kerryn Aileen Arnold, Old Forge
Robert Bird, Spring Brook Township
Gary S. Cox Jr., Lake Ariel
Daniel J. Hauenstein, Prompton
Ramzy Joseph Kaddis, Tobyhanna
Ronald Matthew Koytek Jr., *cum laude, top departmental honors*, Duryea
Matthew Stanley Kwiatkowski, Mehoopany
Brandon Michael Perles, Scranton
Aaron Michael Srebro, Dickson City
Christopher P. Zdaniewicz, Falls

Biomedical Equipment Technology

Edward T. Bodzio, *summa cum laude, top departmental honors*, Lake Ariel
Jason Andrew Cecchine, Hawley
Erich D. Drexler, Scranton
Eric Florance, *summa cum laude*, Honesdale
Meagann K. Grabko, Wilkes-Barre
Jerome J. Henehan, Scranton
Christopher G. Snouffer, *summa cum laude*, Simpson
Jonathon L. Verdetto, Wilkes-Barre

Carpentry & Cabinetmaking Technology

John Cruz, Clarks Summit
Forrest L. Green, Clarks Summit
Caleb J. Holocher, Matamoras
Brandon S. Muir, Lake Ariel
Joseph R. Nagy, Scranton

Kevin Pembridge, Dunmore
Bryan Scott Prisco, *magna cum laude*, Highland Lakes
Garrett B. Schneider, *summa cum laude*, *top departmental honors*, Montrose
Ryan J. Sopp, Old Forge
Kyle Joseph Turbessi, Tunkhannock

Diesel Truck Technology

Melissa Lynn Belavitz, *summa cum laude*, *top departmental honors*, Waymart
Aaron S. Callender, *summa cum laude*, Thompson
Michelle M. Deighton, *magna cum laude*, Damascus
Christopher Greene, Carbondale
Sean Kelly, Carbondale
William T. Kelly, Blakely
Zachary Paul Loriz, *cum laude*, Lackawaxen
Stephen M. Prestosh, Scranton
James G. Richards III, Moscow
John Edward Romano, Pocono Summit
Anthony J. Summa, *magna cum laude*, Lake Ariel
Michael Wolfe, Tobyhanna

Distribution & Supply Logistics Technology

Patricia Anne Hill, *magna cum laude*, *top departmental honors*, Dunmore
Jonathan Machiesky, Carbondale
Sherry L. Towarnicki, Duryea
Patrick Urso, Dickson City

Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology

Richard J. Aston, Pittston
Rami Fawzy Ayad, *magna cum laude*, Scranton
Nicholas T. Benuska, *summa cum laude*, *top departmental honors*, Dalton
John William Brooks III, Hop Bottom
Justin C. Castellano, Scranton
Alan W. Dakin Jr., Dunmore
Cole R. Gable, Nicholson
Ian F. Hazus, Nanticoke
Michael Brandon Joyce, Scranton
Michael John Lacek, *summa cum laude*, Pleasant Mount
Michael Eugene Marinchak, Scranton
Kristopher Matala, Jermyn
Kyle David Miller, *summa cum laude*, Pittston
Jonathan Mark Misiura, Lake Ariel
Brian Joseph Raniella, Dunmore
Robert Reedy, Exeter
Justin D. Savignano, Scranton

Colin Christopher Striefsky, Jermyn
Matthew Dean Stuart, Old Forge
Roderick S. Young, Dunmore
Robert John Yusinski, *magna cum laude*, Scranton

Electronic Technology

Brian Bennie, Dunmore
Vincent Burney, Lake Ariel
Matthew J. Carlson, *magna cum laude*, Scranton
Tuan Anh Do, *summa cum laude*, Scranton
William Fobes, Jermyn
Kyle Arthur Gensel, Springville
Christopher Michael Helcoski, Jessup
Martin Hogan, Taylor
Devin Patrick Hudachek, Clarks Summit
James P. Igoe, Scranton
Brad Mullen, Archbald
Amanda N. Oziemblo, Greentown
Gary David Satunas, Uniondale
Doreen Marie Scott, *magna cum laude*, Lake Ariel
Jonathan Silva, Dunmore
John Charles Stemrich, Dalton
John J. Tech, Scranton
Jonathan Maxwell Terry, Scranton
Joshua C. Wolk, Scranton
Justin J. Zahornacky, *summa cum laude*, *top departmental honors*, Moosic
Ross A. Zanghi, Scranton

Precision Machining Technology

Michael Shane Fitzpatrick, *top departmental honors*, Uniondale
Kenneth John Krouchick Jr., Dickson City
Preston Joseph Propes, Dickson City
Frank Shimkus, Clarks Summit

All graduates are from Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

summa cum laude: GPA of 3.90 or higher

magna cum laude: GPA of 3.80 and equal to or less than 3.89

cum laude: GPA of 3.70 and equal to or less than 3.79

* Johnson College Award for Academic Excellence, Associate in Science

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Honors recognition based on academic achievement to December, 2008

[Johnson College](#) was founded in 1912, and is the region's premier technical college, offering associate degrees in 13 programs. An emphasis on hands-on instruction is supported by a low student-to-teacher ratio. Located in Scranton on a 44-acre campus, Johnson is an accredited, private, non-profit, co-educational institution with a strong tradition of working with regional business and industry to ensure a skilled and qualified workforce.

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