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**HEADLINE:** Johnson College Alumni from Ball Aerospace to Speak on Campus

Johnson College, Scranton, PA, will host alumnus Ed Ruskus on campus on Friday, October 17, 10:00a.m. Mr. Ruskus is a 1977 Machine Trades graduate of the College and currently works for Ball Aerospace in Boulder, Colorado. Ruskus is a Senior Mechanic Technician in Ball's Aerospace Division. He focuses his work on space-based instruments and sensors, aerospace technology and components and has done extensive work on the worldview satellite.

Ruskus will speak to current students about his career path, his work at Ball Aerospace and how his Johnson College experience prepared him. Says Ruskus, "the thing that opened the door for me was the little piece of paper that I earned from Johnson College."

Ruskus started at Ball in the main machine shop but found his real home within Flight Assembly of the Aerospace Division where he has been for over 18 years. His work took him to Russia twice as part of a team that worked on the first commercial launch from Plesetsk Cosmodrome, the premier launch base in Russia. He has traveled extensively, participating in five launch campaigns. Ruskus has built instruments that observe deep space and have collided with comets! His work entails a lot of earth observation from space and he has participated in studies on the effects of global warming.

Dominick Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, is ecstatic to host alumni back on campus. He states, "We are all looking forward to hearing from Ed. Our students always connect best with our alumni and I know they will get a lot out of his presentation. Ed's experiences and success make us all proud."

The event will include a welcome by Carachilo and the program by Ed Ruskus. It will take place in the College's new Flex Space Building.

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