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HEADLINE: Johnson College Receives Pride & Progress Award

Johnson College, Scranton, PA - Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO of Johnson College attended the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Luncheon on October 28, 2008 to receive the Pride and Progress Award. The College was acknowledged for its Woolworth Building Enhancement Project in the category of exterior renovations.

Beginning in the fall of 2007 Johnson College embarked on updating the Woolworth Building, one of the most prominent buildings on campus. The structure had not seen renovations in over 15 years. The building houses three of the College's 13 programs – Carpentry and Cabinetmaking Technology; Computer Information Technology; and Precision Machining Technology. The building sits up high on campus and is visible to the College' 400 full-time students and 80 faculty and staff members and to the thousands of drivers that pass the campus along Main Avenue every day.

The project was truly a collaborative effort. Led by Dr. Pipinski, the Woolworth Enhancement Project is Phase I of the College's long-term Master Plan. It was important to the College that the renovations blend in with the existing landscape of the College while enhancing the surroundings.

As the contractor, L.R. Costanzo not only provided leadership and guidance to the project but six Johnson College alumni from L.R. Costanzo worked on the renovations. The pride that the alumni showed towards the progress of the College was a wonderful reflection on the kind of impact the College has on its students and the kind of impact they go on to have in the community as graduates.

As part of the College's Master Plan the goals of the Woolworth Building Enhancement Project were to:

1. Increase the visibility of each program area from on and off campus.
2. Beautify campus and add to the attractiveness of the surrounding neighborhood.
3. Make access to the building more user-friendly for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Dr. Pipinski was ecstatic to accept the award on behalf of the College. She states, "I am so pleased that our campus project has had such a wonderful impact on the community. I am even more thrilled that it was our own alumni that were so involved in bringing this project to fruition."

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