Summer 2012

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE CELEBRATED AT COMMENCEMENT

Ed Ruskus ’77 delivers Johnson College’s 93rd Commencement Address.

in their careers. This year, Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, the College’s President & CEO, and Louis A. Costanzo, Chairperson of the College’s Board of Directors, presented degrees to 173 graduates, who are now ready to make a significant mark in their prospective fields.

Ed emphasized, “By sitting here, it shows that you are the best of America. Johnson College is not Rutgers or Yale, but Johnson College is an elite school for working America. You have earned this ticket as your key to the world. Where you go and what you do is entirely up to you.”

Ed Ruskus ’77 shows off his diploma.

“What is your dream?” Ed Ruskus ’77 asked the Class of 2012 on May 12, 2012. “You have the ability – you know you do. Now go do it.”

Hundreds of graduates, faculty, staff, family, and friends filled the Scranton Cultural Center and listened as Ed, Senior Mechanical Technician at Ball Aerospace in Colorado, delivered his address at Johnson College’s 93rd Commencement. Ed, a 1977 graduate of the College’s Machine Trades Program, was chosen as commencement speaker in order to celebrate the College’s 100th Anniversary since its founding in 1912.

Ed, having gained the ability at Johnson College, set off to make his dreams a reality. He landed his career job at Ball Aerospace in 1980. Since then, Ed has worked on such influential projects as the Hubble Space Telescope Corrective Optics Program, the first Commercial American Launch from Plesest, Russia, Google Earth, and much more.

For 100 years and counting, Johnson College has provided students like Ed with opportunities to enter into and advance in their careers.
COMING THIS FALL

TEEING OFF FOR TECHNOLOGY

On May 18, 2012, 120 golfers, which included a record 26 alumni, gathered at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top, PA for the benefit of Johnson College students. The 20th Annual Johnson College Open raised over $35,000 – the most money to date for the Presidential Scholarship Fund!

Nancy Nealon, of Concrete Step Units, Inc. and Johnson College’s Board of Directors, takes a swing.

Ground was broken in September 2011 and less than a year later, Johnson College’s Health Science Technology Center is nearly complete! A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place this Fall. In the meantime, enjoy this sneak peek at the new building.

CARS ON CAMPUS SET FOR SEPTEMBER

Cars on Campus 2012 is set to rev some engines on Sunday, September 9, 2012. Proceeds go to the Cars on Campus Scholarship Fund, which directly benefits deserving Johnson College students.


If you are interested in a sponsorship or would like to pre-register your vehicle for the event, please contact Heather Stuart, Advancement Services Administrator, at 570-702-8963 or hstuart@johnson.edu.

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THANK YOU

As Johnson College prepares to welcome another class of talented young men and women to campus, we look back at the past fiscal year and want to offer our most sincerest thank you to all those who have donated to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund!

Contributing to the Johnson College Annual Fund ensures campus projects and general operating budget items are completed, creating a better working environment for our faculty and staff and an even better learning atmosphere for our students.

Every gift matters and through your generosity and support, we are able to move into our next century of providing high-quality, technology-driven education in a caring environment to our students! THANK YOU!

MAKING YOUR MARK

Although all of the donations received through the College's Annual Fund directly impact the general operating budget, there is an opportunity to restrict your gift to a specific cause, such as a scholarship. By creating your own scholarship, your donation will be designated to a specific fund that will directly impact a student’s life, as you will be offering financial support to their education.

Creating a scholarship is very easy and can be invested as an annual or endowed scholarship. When you set up a scholarship through Johnson College, you have the opportunity to honor someone’s memory, or you can name a scholarship after a loved one who has made an impact on you or someone else’s life. As the creator of the scholarship, you have the opportunity to design specific guidelines and criteria you would like to see followed by the students who are eligible for the scholarship.

Every October the College holds the Scholarship Recipient and Donor Recognition Luncheon. As a donor, you will be able to meet the student whose life you impacted through the scholarship. It is a great way to directly be involved with the College and our students.

Please consider creating your own scholarship through Johnson College today! For more information, please contact Stephanie Orzalek, Coordinator of Institutional Advancement, at 570-702-8908.

GIVING NOW!

As we look toward our next 100 years, we want to remind our generous donors that we are only halfway through our 100th birthday, so if you did not make your birthday donation to the College - there is still time!

July 1, 2012 marked the start of our new fiscal year, so we ask all of our supporters to please consider pledging your donation to the 2012-2013 Johnson College Annual Fund today! Be a part of the Johnson College Family, the Johnson College Difference and the Johnson College Giving. Remember - Each Student, Every Year, Be a Part Of It All!
In April, the Senior Class Leadership Committee unveiled the Class of 2012’s gift to Johnson College - a special water feature marking the College’s first Century of Excellence (above).

Each year, Johnson College’s Radiologic Technology Program (top right) and Veterinary Technology Program (bottom right) honor their graduating seniors with special pinning ceremonies. Radiologic Technology students gathered on May 3, 2012 and Veterinary Technology students came together on June 14, 2012 to celebrate their successful completion of degree requirements.

On May 11, 2012, graduates were inducted into the Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society (above) and the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society (right).
On May 11, 2012, Johnson College held its annual Awards Night. Members of the Class of 2012 were honored for receiving honors, competing in athletics, partaking in extracurricular activities, serving the College through community service, and displaying dedication to their field.

Johnson College celebrated its 93rd Commencement on May 12, 2012 at the Scranton Cultural Center in Scranton. 173 graduates received either an Associate in Science degree (A.S.) or an Associate in Applied Science degree (A.A.S.). Degrees were presented by Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO, and Louis A. Costanzo, Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
On April 14, 2012, Johnson College held its Annual Golden Alumni Induction Ceremony. Over 60 alumni, who graduated 50 or more years ago, attended the event.

Past inductees came back to campus to welcome the Class of 1962 into the Golden Alumni Society as well as welcome those who could not attend last year’s induction. Alumni had the chance to mingle with old classmates and share memories from their time at Johnson College. The ceremony included a trip down memory lane, remarks from the College’s President & CEO Dr. Ann Pipinski, and a tour of campus.

Jack Skumanich ‘61 shares, “To me being a part of the Golden Alumni Society is important because I am a part of the Johnson College family. The Golden Alumni Induction is a great way to meet new friends and re-unite with old friends. I wouldn’t be able to do so without this opportunity.”

If you would like to be more involved with the Golden Alumni Society, or the Alumni Council, please contact Stephanie Orzalek at 570-702-8908 or Janine Tomaszewski at 570-702-8909.

Alumni Calendar
Contact Stephanie Orzalek for more information:
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2012 GOLDEN ALUMNI INDUCTION

GENERATIONS AT JOHNSON COLLEGE

Johnson College is fortunate to have multiple generations of family members as alumni. From fathers and sons to grandparents and grandchildren to sisters and brothers, these individuals give new meaning to the term ‘Johnson College family!’

Anthony Luongo ’12, Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology (left) with his grandfather and Golden Alumnus Joseph Kasazcon ’61, Machine Trades (right) at Johnson College’s 93rd Commencement
THE JOHNSON COLLEGE JOURNEY

This year’s Orientation theme focuses on the Johnson College journey.

In July, new students prepare for the voyage at Program Orientations Days, which serve to introduce them to their program areas and familiarize them with student life at Johnson College. Then, on Welcome Day – Friday, August 24, 2012 – students are officially invited to hop aboard the O.S.S. Johnson for some fun and games. The following week is Welcome Week – Monday, August 27 - 31, 2012 – with even more exciting activities planned for all new and returning students as they travel toward their futures.

WELCOME ABOARD, Class of 2014!

“A Journey Into the Next 100 Years”

WELCOME DAY ITINERARY
Friday, August 24, 2012

Registration
Moffat Building
1:30pm-1:45pm

Welcome
Moffat Gym
1:45pm-2:00pm

Campus Policies
Moffat Gym
2:00pm-2:30pm

Hypnotic Intoxication
Moffat Gym
2:30pm-4:00pm

All Aboard Party
Weaver Building Lawn
4:00pm-5:00pm

WELCOME WEEK ITINERARY
Monday, August 27 - Friday, August 31, 2012

Activities will take place each day in the Moffat Building from 11:00am-1:00pm.

MAY THE BEST BAND WIN!

Local colleges and universities will battle it out on stage at the Lackawanna County College Battle of the Bands! The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012.

Representing Johnson College is Aaron Bernatovich ‘13, a student in the Electronic Technology Program, along with his band Sage Grass Drifters. Their unique and versatile bluegrass inspired music entertained the crowd at the College’s first-ever First Friday exhibit in October 2011. Now, they will compete for the honor of being named Lackawanna County’s best college band and could win a prize package that includes a cash gift, studio recording time, and more.

Come out on September 15th to cheer on Aaron and the Sage Grass Drifters and share your Johnson College school spirit with Lackawanna County!