OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES, FOR 90 YEARS

During 2008 and 2009, Johnson College is celebrating 90 years of ‘opening doors and changing lives.’ Over the course of its history, more than 6,000 students have graduated from Johnson and fulfilled O.S. Johnson’s vision of “making an honorable living and becoming contributing members of society.” Ninety years later, Johnson College is still providing our region with technically-educated employees who contribute to the economic and civic well-being of our area.

The Johnson Manual Training School was founded with a bequest from Orlando Spaord Johnson upon his death in 1912. An article in the Scranton Times on February 18, 1918, opening day of the new school, indicated that “the present school, it is expected, will be the forerunner of a great educational institute, which will provide local young men and young women with an opportunity for a higher education.”

Our special 90-year commemorative logo will be used over the course of 2008 and 2009. During that time, The Johnsonian will feature articles on different aspects of our history. We hope you find them interesting and we would enjoy hearing from our alumni or other individuals who have been connected to Johnson with memories of their experiences or historical information they would like to share.

Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO

JOHNSON INCLUDED IN JAMES SWIFT SCHOLARSHIP

James Swift, a resident of Lackawanna County, established a scholarship fund at the Scranton Area Foundation in 2003 and left a bequest of more than $8 million for the fund upon his death in 2006. Johnson College is included on the roster of eligible institutions of higher education that scholarship applicants may select. Scholarships will be awarded to high school students from Lackawanna County, with preference given to those who plan to attend one of the seven colleges or universities in the County.

Attending the luncheon are, seated left to right, P.L. Schroeppele, Executive Director, NY Dollars for Scholars; Dr. Mary-Beth Krog-Jespersen, Chancellor/CEO, PSU, Worthington Scranton; Judy Graziano, SAF board; Barb Weber, Asst. VP, Scholarship Mgt. Services; and Austin Burke, SAF board. Standing, left to right, are George Lynett, SAF board chairman; Dr. Ann Pipinski, President/CEO, Johnson College; Dr. Peter CIMbolic, VP for Academic Affairs, Marywood; Jim Jeffery, President, Baptist Bible College; Dr. Ned Boehm, President, Keystone College; Rob Farrell, Director of Community Relations, University of Scranton; Rev. Scott R. Pilzar, SJ, President, University of Scranton; David Hawk, SAF Board; Bill Calpin, SAF board secretary; and Jeanne Bovard, SAF CEO.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

John P. Blake, Executive Deputy Secretary of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, will address the Class of 2008 and their guests at the College’s 89th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 10.

A life-long resident of northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Blake served as Director for the Northeast Office of Governor Edward G. Rendell prior to his appointment to the DCED position. His career includes more than 25 years experience in housing, community development and economic development in both the public and private sector.

Mr. Blake’s community and professional affiliations include the PA Downtown Center, the Great Valley Technology Alliance, and the Executive Committee for the Wall Street West/WIRED initiative. He was a founding partner for the nationally acclaimed Steamtown Marathon and has completed three marathons since 1996.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from Villanova University and has a master’s degree in Social Work from Marywood College as well as an MBA in Finance from the University of Scranton. He also completed the Executive Education in Public Management program at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Blake resides in Archbald, PA with his wife Louise and their two children.

SUMMER YOUTH WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Early Bird Discount until May 1

Children aged 8 to 12 years old are invited to participate in JC’s Summer Youth Workshops for an exciting week of technical workshops that include Math-magic Land, Carpentry - for the Birds!, Wheel of Fortune, Good under the Hood, Bicycle Mania and Ten Minutes of Fame. The program will be held on the JC campus from June 23 to 27. Hot lunches and a camp shirt will be provided to all participants. Registration is $225 per child but an early bird registration fee of $200 is available for those who register by May 1 and for children of Johnson College alumni.

Registration forms may be downloaded from the College website www.johnson.edu. Registration deadline is June 1.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Marie Allison at (570) 702-8924 or mallison@johnson.edu.

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

The PA Department of Education has awarded Johnson a grant in the amount of $33,750 to fund the purchase of new computers, specialized printers and copiers, and software updates for the Architectural Drafting & Design Technology program. The equipment will be available for the Fall, 2008 semester.

The Drafting program is the latest department to receive new technical instructional equipment. Over the last few years, the College has invested approximately $800,000 in new technical instructional equipment as part of its mission to educate students on equipment that is comparable to what they will find in the workplace.

The Scranton Area Foundation approved JC’s grant application in the amount of $7,875 to partially fund the attendance of members of the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania chapter at the 2008 Summer Youth Workshops. (See article on Page 2, “Summer Youth Workshops Scheduled.”)

In addition to providing an educational and exciting summer experience for the participants, the program will create a greater understanding of technology-based careers and expose the girls to careers in areas such as mathematics and electronics that are traditionally filled by males. It will also introduce participants to a college campus and the educational opportunities of a two-year degree program.

The funding is intended to address the lack of technologically proficient workers that will be needed to fill positions in industries that have been identified as vital to the economy of Pennsylvania as well as educate young women and their parents to the benefits and opportunities of a technical career.
**Johnson Board Member - Donald A. Kalina**

Don Kalina, Vice Chairman of the Johnson College Board of Directors, says that his favorite part of being a director is seeing the future of the College actualized as plans are implemented and students benefit from the growth and changes.

Don joined the board almost ten years ago and currently chairs the Property Committee and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. The combination of objectives that are developed by these two committees is an integral part of planning for the future of the College and meeting the need for technical education in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Born in Scranton and a product of the Scranton public school system, Don completed his education at Penn State where he earned an associate’s degree in Architecture. He is a founding partner of Highland Associates, Ltd, an architecture, engineering and interior design company. The firm has grown from its inception in 1988 to a staff of more than 175 professional and support personnel with offices in Clarks Summit, PA, Bedminster, NJ, and New York, NY. Don is also a partner in Highland Real Estate Development Corporation in Clarks Summit.

Don is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects and has been active for many years in the United Way of Lackawanna County, the Scranton Business Card Exchange and local Chambers of Commerce. He resides in Dalton with his wife Elizabeth and children Kara and Christopher.

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**Johnson Alumnus - Joseph A. Glynn**

Joe Glynn graduated from Johnson’s Electronic & Fluidic Technology program in 1976. As the Vice President of Engineering at WVIA-TV & FM, the region’s public television and radio stations, he is responsible for broadcast operations and engineering in addition to having oversight of all WVIA technical facilities. Joe led the engineering team that gave America its 26th DTV (digital television) PBS station in January of 2001 and northeastern Pennsylvania’s first regional HDTV (high definition television) broadcast in April of 2007. Throughout the 1980s Joe also served as Chief Engineer for WCLH-FM, Wilkes University’s radio station.

Joe has been a member of the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) for the College’s Electronic Technology department for over a decade. PACs meet regularly to provide guidance to each technical program on appropriate curriculum and current standards in the industries served by the particular technical area.

Joe is certified by the Society of Broadcast Engineers as a Professional Broadcast Engineer and is Chairman of its local chapter. He also serves on the Program Advisory Committee for Luzerne County Community College.

After almost three decades in broadcast engineering, Joe attributes his success to the excellent education in electronics he received at Johnson College. Joe and his wife of thirty years, Mary Glynn, reside in Old Forge, Pennsylvania and have three children and one granddaughter.
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS TRAINING

Johnson College’s Continuing Education Department will host a training program for alumni and other individuals who would like to learn of opportunities to join the College faculty as adjunct instructors. It is open to anyone with a minimum of an associate’s degree in a technical area and four years of on-the-job experience in the same technical area.

Training classes will consist of three-hour sessions twice a week in the evening for four weeks. After successfully completing the 24-hour course, applicants will present a videotaped mock teaching lesson for evaluation by a review panel of faculty and staff. Successful candidates will be included in a roster of qualified adjuncts and will be contacted as position openings occur; completion of the course does not guarantee employment.

According to Marie Allison, Senior Coordinator of Continuing Education, the College would like to develop a pool of adjunct instructors for credit, non-credit and industry training classes. Applications for the training program may be obtained by contacting Ms. Allison at mallison@johnson.edu or 702-8924 or Carol Y. Snyder, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Fund at csnyder@johnson.edu or 702-8919. Information is also available on the College’s website, www.johnson.edu.

Classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 20 and ending June 17. The registration fee is $250 and includes all classes and training materials.

RAD TECH PROGRAM GRANTED EIGHT-YEAR ACCREDITATION

January’s edition of The Johnsonian noted the five-year renewal of programmatic accreditation for the Radiologic Technology program by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Subsequent to that, the JRCERT officially notified the College and the Rad Tech department that the accreditation has been extended to an eight-year term, the maximum number of years for which a program may be accredited.

In addition to acknowledging the quality of the program, this extended accreditation term makes everyone at Johnson especially proud because this is a relatively new program and the first time application was made for re-accreditation. The first class of 12 Rad Tech students graduated in May of 2006 and graduates of the program have enjoyed a very high employment rate since then. A requirement of the program is that each student must have a one-on-one clinical experience in a hospital setting. The partnership with clinical instructors in these hospitals has contributed greatly to the success of both the program and individual students.

Joan M. Bonczek, R.T. (R), Clinical Coordinator in the Radiologic Technology program, was named 2008 Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year by Misericordia University where she is pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Professional Studies.
BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Board Chairman Jack Sweeney has announced the appointment of two new board members, Marcia A. Dion, Vice President of Manufacturing & Distribution at Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Inc., and David F. Boniello, a 1984 graduate of Johnson and currently Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Simplex Industries, Inc.

Ms. Dion earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Springfield College in Springfield, MA as well as an MBA from the University of Hartford. She is a member of the North Scranton Rotary Club and serves on the board of Planned Parenthood in Syracuse, NY. She is also president of the Springfield College Alumni Council and is a resident of Clarks Summit.

Mr. Boniello earned an associate’s degree in Building Construction Technology from Johnson. He is a resident of Dunmore.

MODULAR HOME TO BE SOLD

With Simplex Industries, Inc. as technical advisor, JC students have built a number of modular homes on campus over the past few years.

The project begins with the identification of a buyer of the house, then students from Architectural Drafting & Design, Electrical Construction & Maintenance, and Carpentry & Cabinetmaking Technologies work as a team constructing the house literally from the ground up. The house is completed according to industry standards, including details such as electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work, framing, drywall, drywall finishing, primer paint on all walls, cabinets, vanities, doors, windows, and trim.

Upon completion, the house is transported and set on the buyer’s foundation.

The selection of a buyer for the 2008/09 academic year will begin shortly. Anyone who is interested in purchasing a home or learning more about this process may contact Dominick Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, at dcarachilo@johnson.edu or (570)702-8904

ON THE ROAD SHOW

The Northeast PA Logistics and Transportation Industry Partnership (LTIP) will present a series of “On the Road Shows” throughout northeastern Pennsylvania during the month of May to publicize career opportunities in the logistics and transportation industry. Students, parents and individuals interested in learning more about the industry are encouraged to attend.

The events will be held on five successive Thursdays, with the May 22 event taking place on the campus of Johnson College from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Planners anticipate drawing approximately 250 attendees from Lackawanna, Wyoming, Susquehanna and Wayne Counties. Information on careers and educational requirements will be provided as well as demonstrations of technical equipment. Johnson will highlight its programs in Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology and Distribution & Supply Logistics Technology.

The event is open to the public, free of charge. Further details may be obtained by contacting Marie Allison, Johnson’s Senior Coordinator of Continuing Education, at (570)702-8924 or mallison@johnson.edu.

The LTIP was formed in 2006 and is a joint initiative of the Lackawanna, Luzerne, Schuylkill, Pocono and Northern Tier Workforce Investment Boards.
JOHNSON STUDENTS PLACE THIRD IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION

Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology students Nick Sutton and Tim Rickert attended the 2008 Entrepreneurship Institute in February and were awarded third place for their initial plan. They will go on to compete in the Great Valley Technology Alliance Business Plan Competition for a grand prize of $20,000. The Competition provides talented college and university students with opportunities to succeed in northeastern Pennsylvania by supplying start-up capital and over $40,000 worth of in-kind services such as printing, payroll, and legal.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ELECTED

Student Government Officers for 2008/09 were elected recently. Seated from left to right are Forrest Green, Vice President; Bill Hurt, Immediate Past President; and Michael Fitzpatrick, President. Standing from left to right are Courtney McDonald, Public Relations; Jeremy Kuzmiak, Secretary; and Danielle Lloyd, Public Relations. Absent from the photo is Jeremy Truckenbrod, Treasurer.

SOCIAL FORCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Members of Social Force, JC’s student organization for community service, elected Doreen Price as President and Matt Carlson as Vice President. Absent from the photo are Danielle Lloyd, Secretary, and Courtney McDonald, Photographer/PR.

ATHLETES WIN AWARDS

Dr. Ann congratulates members of the JC cross-country team. Michelle Deighton (standing, center) was named All-Tournament in the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference (EPCC). Bridgette Teed (seated, right) and Rami Ayad (standing, left) were named All-Tournament in the EPCC. Bridgette and Rami were also named All-State in the Pennsylvania Collegiate Athletic Association. Coach Dave Coassolo is standing, right.
Have you seen us around lately?

Johnson College can now be seen on electronic billboards along the Interstate 81 corridor.