

# Articulation Announced

## Johnson & Keystone Colleges Sign Agreement

Johnson College and Keystone College have formulated a transfer articulation agreement whereby Keystone will accept the credits of Johnson graduates who choose to pursue a bachelor's degree at Keystone in one of three programs included in the agreement.

The agreement links the Johnson Computer Information Technology and the Keystone Information Technology programs, the Johnson Distribution & Supply Logistics Technology and the Keystone Business Management programs, and the Johnson Veterinary Technology and the Keystone Biology programs.

Under terms of the agreement, students who satisfactorily complete associate's degree requirements at Johnson College and meet the articulation criteria will be granted admission to the related program at Keystone College.

Upon signing the agreement, Johnson College President Dr. Ann L. Pipinski commented, "We are proud to join with Keystone College in providing career and educational opportunities for our graduates."

"As we expand our baccalaureate offerings, we're very pleased to continue to welcome Johnson College graduates to our campus," said Keystone College President Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. "We realize the importance of offering students the opportunity to

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**Officials from Johnson College and Keystone College sign an articulation agreement. Sitting, from left, Keystone College President Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. and Johnson College President & CEO Dr. Ann L. Pipinski. Standing, from left, Dr. Robert F. Scott, Keystone College Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College; Jennifer L. Garnecki, Keystone College Associate Director of Admissions; Melissa A. Ide, Johnson College Director of Enrollment Management; Dominick A. Carachilo, Johnson College Vice President of Academic Affairs.**

## Tobyhanna Receives Community Partner Award

### Chris Haran, Keynote Speaker

Tobyhanna Army Depot was honored at Johnson College's second annual Community Partners Recognition Dinner at Genetti Manor in September. The award was presented by Patrick A. Fricchione, Jr., President & CEO of Simplex Industries, Inc., and recipient of the inaugural award last year.

The Depot was selected in recognition of its support of Johnson, primarily through its Student Career Experience Program (SCEP). As of May, 2006, 77 Johnson graduates had completed the program and acquired permanent employment at Tobyhanna.

In addition to SCEP, several Tobyhanna employees serve as members of the College's Program Advisory Committees (PACs) and approximately 200 Johnson alumni are currently employed at Tobyhanna.

Christopher J. Haran, President & CEO of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Institute, gave the keynote address at the dinner. As a member of one of the College's PACs, Mr. Haran recognized the importance of PAC input to the success of the College's technical programs. "Continue to give as much advice and guidance as to the future of your industry as you can afford. I assure you that it will someday pay dividends



**Tobyhanna Army Depot accepts Community Partners Award. Pictured from left are Ann L. Pipinski Ed.D., President & CEO of Johnson College; Patrick A. Fricchione, Jr., President & CEO of Simplex Industries, Inc.; Col. Ronald P. Alberto, Tobyhanna Commander; and Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Johnson College.**

when the students who benefit from your advice are your employees – your enterprise's future."

**Alumnus Ideal T. Saldi Receives O.S. Johnson Award at Community Partners Dinner - See Page 3**

## Vistage Awards Scholarship

Dr. Ann L. Pipinski has been selected as the first recipient of a newly-created scholarship offered by Vistage, the world's largest CEO membership organization.

A Vistage group spanning the Lehigh Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania initiated the scholarship in honor of its former Chair Jim Pilversack who moved to Virginia in June. The scholarship was funded by current members of the local chapter with the objective of bringing a CEO of a non-profit organization into the group.

Dr. Pipinski was nominated by Patrick A. Fricchione, Jr., President & CEO of Simplex Industries, Inc., and was selected from a number of applicants.

Vistage members meet in peer groups of up to 16 CEOs to share business advice and expertise with no vested interest beyond helping each other succeed. Edward B. Yarrish, a Wilkes-Barre native, currently chairs the local group. The monthly meetings are facilitated by a group Chair who also provides individual executive coaching sessions to each member. The day-long seminars encompass topics ranging from being an "employer of choice" to computer system security based on the members' interests. Members also bring to the group specific issues or opportunities for discussion in order to benefit from the perspective of peers who may have dealt with similar issues previously.

## Annual Fund Campaign Well on Its Way to Success



Pictured from left to right are Division Chairs Peter F. Moylan, Major Gifts; Devon Fawcett, Employee Co-Chair; David J. Price, Business & Community Co-Chair; John P. Sweeney, Sr., Board of Directors; William P. Toman, Alumni; Joan Bonczek, Employee Co-Chair; and Nancy Jackson Matthews, Business & Community Co-Chair.

enhancement and expansion of the College's educational programming may be obtained through the Office of Institutional Advancement, (570)342-6404, ext. 121.

A kick-off reception for the 2006/07 Annual Fund Campaign was held at Glenmaura National Golf Club in November. Board Chairman Jack Sweeney encouraged the Campaign team to reach out to the community for their support. As of mid-January, the Campaign had reached almost 70% of its goal and donations are still actively being sought. Information on making donations that support the

## Leadership Lackawanna



The 2007 Class of Leadership Lackawanna held its monthly meeting on campus recently with a day-long session highlighting various aspects of the local higher education community. Lisa Feola Toole, Assistant to the President, and Melissa A. Ide, Director of Enrollment Management, are members of the 2007 Class.

Pictured front row, left to right, are seminar planners Lisa Hall, Coordinator, Center for Excellence & Leadership, Keystone College; Sr. Mary Reap, IHM, President of Marywood University; Sandra Feather, Associate Director of Enrollment Services, PSU/Worthington Scranton.

Back row, left to right, are Christopher S. Eboli, Financial Supervisor, TMG Health; Ram Sathyamoorthy, IT AD Manager, MetLife; Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Johnson College; Raymond Angeli, President, Lackawanna College; Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., President, Keystone College; Patrick F. Leahy, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, University of Scranton; Dr. Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen; Chancellor, PSU/Worthington Scranton.

## Board Honors Retirees

Spring 2006 marked the retirement of two long-time Board members. F. Warren Breig, Jr., who most recently served as Chairman of the Board, served 15 years, and Kenneth G. Reinheimer, Jr. served 22 years. They were presented with the traditional gift of a chair inscribed with the college seal and both will continue to be active with the Board as honorary members.

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continue their educational goals in an environment that fosters personal and career growth."

There are currently nine Johnson graduates in bachelor's degree programs at Keystone. In addition to already completing internships in their respective fields, the students were admitted to Keystone with a 3.1 cumulative grade point average.

The articulation agreement is effective immediately so members of the Johnson College Class of 2007 are eligible to take advantage of the educational opportunities at Keystone College.

## Ideal T. Saldi Receives O.S. Johnson Award

The Johnson College Alumni Association presented its O.S. Johnson Award to Ideal T. Saldi, '49, at the 2006 Community Partners Dinner in September.

The award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the values of founder Orlando S. Johnson and the mission of Johnson College.

Mr. Saldi, known as Tom, was a member of the Machine Trades program at the Johnson Trade School, as the College was known at the time. He completed his high school graduation requirements at Jessup High School, then worked as a machinist at the Frankfort Arsenal in Philadelphia.

Graduating at the top of his class in Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, Tom joined General Electric Corporation, where he was selected for graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Finishing from MIT with honors, Tom returned to GE where he worked primarily in research and development. He is credited with 18 patents while at GE and was responsible for development of the Vidicon, the electronic eye for the Maverick missile system used during the Gulf War.

Tom's entrepreneurial activities during the last 30 years have resulted in numerous business ventures, ranging from digital watches to computer software, and electronics to real estate. He is currently a resident of Doylestown, PA and the proprietor of Bucks County Roses, where he raises and sells long-stemmed roses.



**Carol Y. Snyder, Director of Career & Alumni Services, left, and Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO, center, present the O.S. Johnson award to Ideal "Tom" Saldi, Class of 1949.**



**Benefactors Jean and Jack Sweeney, left and right, congratulate Bryan Causer, '08, center, first recipient of the Blackledge Memorial Scholarship. Bryan is a first-year student in the Architectural Drafting & Design Technology program.**

## Sweeneys Endow New Scholarship Scholarship Donors & Recipients Honored at Luncheon

Johnson College recently honored scholarship donors and recipients at its annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon. Almost \$100,000 of scholarship assistance was awarded to 46 students for the 2006/07 academic year.

At the luncheon, Dr. Ann L. Pipinski announced that Johnson's Board Chairman, John P. Sweeney, Sr., and his wife, Jean, have endowed a new scholarship in memory of Mrs. Sweeney's parents, John K. and Mary E. Blackledge. Mr. & Mrs. Sweeney have made a five-year commitment at a level of \$20,000 a year to endow the new Blackledge Memorial Scholarship for \$100,000.

Dr. Pipinski observed, "The Sweeneys are a very generous couple and their commitment to education reflects the values that have been passed down from Mr. & Mrs. Blackledge to Jack and Jean, to their children, and, now, to the students of Johnson College."

William J. Calpin, Jr. a member of Johnson's Board of Directors and Representative of the Margaret Briggs Foundation Scholarship, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Richard Cease, a second-year student in the Precision Machining Technology program and recipient of the Dr. Islyn Thomas, O.B.E, Fund for Manufacturing Excellence Award, spoke on behalf of the scholarship recipients.

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# Alumni Connections

## Alums Greet Prospective Students

The Department of Enrollment Management welcomed two Johnson graduates at recent Open House events. Both alumni spoke about how their career development was shaped by the education they received at Johnson and provided moving tributes to the impact of the personal attention they received as students.



Pictured with Melissa A. Ide, Director of Enrollment Management, David F. Boniello is a 1984 graduate of the Building Construction Technology program and is currently Vice President of Marketing & Development at Simplex Industries, Inc. in Scranton. He was the guest speaker at the August Open House.



Ray J. Bartolai is a 1983 graduate of the Automotive Technology program; he is currently Operations Manager at Kost Tire & Automotive Service, Inc. Mr. Bartolai addressed Open House attendees in October. He is pictured with Carol Y. Snyder, Director of Career & Alumni Services.

## ALUMNI APPEAL BEGINS

The alumni phase of the 2006/07 Johnson College Annual Fund Campaign began recently with the mailing of an appeal letter and Alumni Update.

According to Division Chair Bill Toman, '77, "The Alumni Division of the Annual Fund Campaign gets stronger every year. I would encourage all former students to consider a donation to Johnson College that will help current students achieve their educational goals."

Campaign information may be obtained by calling the Institutional Advancement Department at (570)342-6404, ext. 121.

Johnson College's new Alumni Ambassadors have assisted with recent Open House events on campus. Any alumnus interested in being an ambassador or getting involved in other ways may contact Carol Y. Snyder, Director of Career & Alumni Services, at (570)342-6404, ext. 127, or [csnyder@johnson.edu](mailto:csnyder@johnson.edu).

John Arigot, '06  
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Joe Wachilla, '06  
Val Widaman, '06

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

## Grant Awards Fund Purchase of Instructional Equipment



Josh Tedesco, '08, Precision Machining Technology, looks up from his work on one of the new mills he helped assemble earlier in the year. Four new mills were installed during the fall semester and four new lathes will be delivered during the spring. All of the machines were purchased with the assistance of grant funds.



The Margaret Briggs Foundation awarded Johnson College \$25,000 toward the purchase of technical instructional equipment. Pictured at the check presentation are Dr. Ann Pipinski, William J. Calpin, Jr., Secretary of the Briggs Foundation and Johnson College Board Member, Jane M. Maas, R.T. (R), Chairperson of the Radiologic Technology department, and Dominick A. Carachilo.

Johnson College has received almost \$135,000 in grant awards, with the majority of the funds being used for the purchase of instructional equipment.

The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund and the Margaret Briggs Foundation each provided \$25,000 to be used as matching funds toward last year's grant award of \$113,180 from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry. The balance of the match was provided by the College for a total project of \$226,360.

The Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development awarded the College \$25,000 for equipment for the Radiologic Technology program and the Robert Y. Moffat Family Charitable Trust awarded \$24,000 for Automotive Technology equipment. \$3,600 for related automotive equipment came from the Margaret Briggs Foundation.

Academic needs were addressed by a \$10,000 scholarship award from the Wachovia Foundation and \$7,500 from the Willary Foundation to fund a lending library of textbooks.

The Northeast Pennsylvania Department of Urban and Community Forestry provided a grant of \$17,400 to remove or prune trees on campus. The grant requires that new trees be planted to replace trees that are taken down.

### New Scholarships

In addition to the Blackledge Memorial Scholarship (*see Page 4*), other new scholarships include:

Sean Calpin Memorial Scholarship at the  
Scranton Area Foundation  
Econoco Corporation Scholarship  
Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. Scholarship  
Anthony & Irene Ploskonka Memorial Scholarships  
Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter II Scholarship

### It's Tee Time!



Save the date for the  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Johnson College Open

Friday, May 18, 2007  
Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club

For more information, contact Marie Allison  
at (570)342-6404, ext. 184

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

## Employees on the Move

- Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, was appointed to the Perkins Advisory Board at the Lackawanna County Career Technology Center.
- Stephen R. Cheskiewicz, Director of Database Management, earned a master's degree in Education/Instructional Technology from Wilkes University.
- Rosemary M. Cook, CVT, Ph.D., was named chairman of the College's Veterinary Technology program and Director of the program's Animal Care Center, an on-campus pet wellness facility.
- George J. Hallesky, Ed.D., Director of Student Support Services, will serve as Chair-Elect for the PA Act 101 Directors Association; he is also a member of the Act 101 Steering Committee that will make recommendations for revising the Act101 program.
- Mary Lou Miller, Director of Institutional Advancement, was elected to the board of the Greater Pocono Northeast Chapter, Association of Fundraising Professionals, and will serve as Assistant Treasurer.
- Ann L. Pipinski, Ed.D., President & CEO, was appointed to the Lackawanna County Workforce Investment Board for a two-year term.
- Lynn A. Volk, Director of Finance, graduated from the 2006 Leadership Lackawanna program.

## JC Student Activities

Members of Johnson College's Student Government Association and Social Force Club were active this fall, providing various forms of assistance to local community organizations.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive** - Students organized, collected, and delivered a pick-up truck load of food to St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton.

**Giving Tree Project** - Students collected 173 donations from fellow students and employees for 70 children in the Lackawanna Head Start Program.

**UNICEF** - Social Force raised over \$100.00 in loose change to donate to UNICEF-USA during the October Trick or Treat Campaign.

**American Red Cross, Scranton Chapter** - Students assisted in holding two blood drives in the Moffat Building.

**Wrapping for Charity** - Students held a holiday gift wrapping event with proceeds benefitting the Lackawanna County Holiday Bureau.

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**Be sure to take a look and post a comment.**

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## A Friend in Need...



The Johnson College Animal Care Center of the Veterinary Technology program recently hosted the Animal Emergency Clinic of Wyoming Valley at its facility on campus. Department Chair Rosemary M. Cook, CVT, Ph.D., called Hospital Administrator Chris Rappolt to offer help when the roof of the Animal Emergency Clinic collapsed. As the only facility in the area offering round-the-clock emergency services for animals, it was essential that the Clinic find temporary quarters. Dr. Cook's offer resulted in the Clinic temporarily operating out of the College's Animal Care Center until its new facility in Pittston is ready in February. Pictured behind the table, from left, Chris Rappolt, Hospital Administrator; Melissa Potocki, Johnson College student; Dr. Rosemary M. Cook, Veterinary Technology Department Chairperson; Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs. In front of the table, left, Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO of Johnson College and, right, Jane Harris, Animal Emergency Clinic receptionist.

# Community Connections



## Johnson United Way Pacesetter

Above: Johnson College employees raised \$4,461, 139% of their goal of \$3,200 for the 2006/07 Annual Campaign for United Way of Lackawanna County. The College was a "Pacesetter" in the campaign – one of a group of organizations that solicited contributions prior to the start of the community-wide appeal. At the kick-off reception, Dr. Ann Pipinski greets Gary Drapek, President of United Way, and Campaign Co-Chair Toshia L. Upshaw-Williams, Financial Aid Advisor. Absent from the photo was Campaign Co-Chair Matthew P. Sleboda, Technical Instructor.

## Economic Development Committee

Below: The Lackawanna County Economic Development Implementation Committee recently met at Johnson. The Committee is sponsored by sanofi pasteur and comprised of citizen volunteers from the local business, non-profit, education and health care sectors. The Committee is looking to spur economic development in Lackawanna County and will work to implement outcomes from the 2005 Economic Development Summit.



## SkillsUSA Competition

Johnson College and the Carbon Career & Technical Institute recently hosted the District I Skills Competition for SkillsUSA. The competition tests the trade skills of students who attend the ten vocational schools in District I of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Competitions were held in Automotive, Diesel and Precision Machining Technology. Above, Chris Casey, a student at the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School, concentrates on his entry for the Diesel Equipment Technology competition.

Above: Instructors and judges supervising the competition include, front row from left: Andrew V. Zwanch, Precision Machining Department Chairperson, Johnson College; John Arigot, '06, Machine Tool Operator, Tobyhanna Army Depot; and back row from left: Ethan Cannella, '06, CNC Machinist, Flo-Serve; Rich Bidwell, '73, retired machinist; Dave Zaykoski, Industrial Machine Technology Instructor, Lackawanna County Career Technology Center.

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