The 16th Annual Johnson College Open on May 16 raised a record $24,500 for the College’s Presidential Scholarship. Pictured below are Director of Development Katie Leonard, Tournament Coordinator Tami Pease, scholarship recipients Garrett Schneider and Selena Strausser, Vice Chairman of the Board Don Kalina, representing Presenting Sponsor Highland Associates, Dr. Pipinski, and Tournament Co-Chair Tom Browning. Missing from photo is Co-Chair John Kearney.

The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce was honored as the 2007/08 Johnson College Community Partner at a dinner on April 29. Upon accepting the award, Chamber President Austin J. Burke stated, “Johnson College provides a unique kind of education to our area and The Chamber is proud to be its partner.” Pictured left to right are keynote speaker Virginia A. Turano, Executive Director of the Lackawanna County Workforce Investment Board; Mr. Burke; President & CEO Dr. Ann L. Pipinski; Board Chairman John P. Sweeney, Sr.; Board Member Deborah A. Kolsovsky, representing dinner sponsor PNC Wealth Management; and Dominick A. Carachilo, Vice President of Academic Affairs. The award was presented by Col. Ronald P. Alberto, Commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot and recipient of last year’s award.

DOMINICK A. CARACHILO, Johnson College Vice President of Academic Affairs, announced that Johnson will offer a new associate's degree program in Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technology. Approval for the new program was received recently from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT), Johnson’s main accrediting agency.

Granting of ACCSCT approval is the culmination of more than three years of planning for the program. The process of introducing the new program began in 2004 with a survey to determine whether a need exists for HVAC technicians. With responses from more than 50 regional companies and contractors indicating there will be jobs for graduates of the program, an application was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. After receiving preliminary approval from the Department in the early part of 2007, construction of new instructional space was begun in the fall of 2007.

Recruitment of students for HVAC Technology will take place during the 2008/09 academic year and classes will begin in the fall, 2009 semester. Graduates will earn an Associate in Applied Science degree and the program will be housed in the recently completed addition to the campus’s Woolworth Building.

In addition to courses in heating, ventilation and air conditioning, the program curriculum includes refrigeration, electricity, and business courses such as Microcomputer, Introduction to Business, and Communications. The program ends with an internship in the final semester and graduates will qualify for entry-level positions with contractors, manufacturers and retail businesses.

HVAC Technology is the third new program Johnson College has introduced since 2000 and reinforces its position as the provider of quality technical education to the NEPA region. The other new programs are Radiologic Technology and Distribution & Supply Logistics Technology. The College now offers 13 technological programs.

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The new program will be the only degree program in HVAC in the region. According to Melissa A. Ide, Director of Enrollment Management, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates a 9% national increase in HVAC related jobs over the next ten years. She encouraged interested individuals to attend an Open House on campus on August 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Moffat Building. Potential students and their family members or friends may register for the Open House by contacting the Admissions Office at (570) 702-8900. Individuals who are not able to attend the event or who would like further information on admissions requirements, program curriculum, financial aid or a campus tour may contact the Admissions Office or e-mail admissions@johnson.edu.

During the month of June, the billboard pictured above was posted on Wyoming Avenue in Wyoming, Keyser Avenue in Scranton, and on the electronic billboard on Route 81.

THE RADIO CRAZE

On May 10, 2008 Johnson College conducted its 89th commencement ceremony. Keynote speaker at the graduation was John P. Blake, Executive Deputy Secretary of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, who congratulated the graduates and spoke about the importance of technical education. A history of Johnson indicates that the first commencement speaker was also part of the Commonwealth’s governmental structure and his remarks bear more than a passing similarity to Mr. Blake’s.

Clifford B. Connelley, Commissioner of the PA Labor and Industry Department, gave the first commencement address in 1920. Part of his address is as follows: "The development of radio in recent years through the uncertain stages to its present popularity is an example of the continued advance of science and mechanical progress. The radio craze has come over the country like a storm, and yet not longer than a year ago we heard in engineering circles the pessimistic view that mechanical progress is rapidly approaching its limit. The fact is that during the last decade, industrial inventiveness, for the most part, has been directed toward improving existing processes. We have scarcely scratched the surface of industrial education. The burden is still upon schools that will produce workers who recognize industry as a field of science rather than merely an opportunity to earn a living."

If engineering circles of Mr. Connelley’s day thought that mechanical progress was approaching its limit, imagine how they would react if they could see what has taken place since then. Although he could not have foreseen such things as advanced manufacturing, the digital age, or electronics, Mr. Connelley’s vision that the potential for progress must inform the educational system is a value that still guides Johnson in its current programs, curricula and policies.

Many thanks to George J. Hallesky, Ed.D., Director of Student Support Services and Department Chairperson for English and Reading & Study Skills, who provided the information above in the history of the College that be compiled for its 75th anniversary.

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

Johnson College was awarded a grant to send three faculty members and a student to a Solar Scholars Conference this summer. Grant funds are being provided by the Sustainable Energy Fund, an organization that promotes energy conservation and education. Conference participants will learn how to integrate renewable energy concepts and technology into program curricula. Completion of the conference will qualify Johnson College to apply for a $15,000 matching grant from the Sustainable Energy Fund to design and install a solar photovoltaic system on campus.

Richard P. Fornes, Electrical Division Chair and Electronic Technology Department Chair; Douglas D. Hampton, Biomedical Equipment Technology Department Chair; and David P. Skoniecki, Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology Department Chair; along with Richard Aston, a second-year student in the Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology program, will attend the conference.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS WELCOMED

Board officers for the 2008/09 year were appointed at the recent annual meeting of the Johnson College Board of Directors. John P. Sweeney, Sr. will serve as Chairman and Donald Kalina will serve as Vice Chairman. Ann L. Pipinski, Ed.D., will continue as President & CEO, Jeffrey J. Novak, Chief Financial Officer, will serve as Treasurer, and Lisa Feola Toole, Assistant to the President, will serve as Secretary to the Board. Also, the number of seats on the Board was expanded to 23.

At left, Dr. Pipinski greets newly-appointed board members Richard Scheller, President, Geo-Science Company, Inc.; Atty. Robert P. Shiels, III, Associate, Sheils Law Associates, P.C., Eugene DeNaples, Partner, DeNaples Auto Parts, Inc.; Deborah Milliron, Communications Director, Milliron Associates; Sharon Lynett, Legislative Correspondent for Sen. Robert P. Casey; Nancy Luciani Nealon, President, Concrete Step Units, Inc.; and Board Chairman John P. Sweeney, Sr.

KANE IS ABLE DONATES FORKLIFT

“As a company with a professional interest in advancing the study of Logistics in northeastern Pennsylvania, we’re delighted to support Johnson College’s efforts to provide technologically educated workers to our industry,” said Dick Kane upon presentation of a new forklift to the College.

Mr. Kane, President & CEO of Kane is Able, Inc., has been enthusiastically following the progress of the new Distribution & Supply Logistics program since it was announced in 2006.

Kane is Able, Inc. and Action Lift, Inc. recently joined together to donate a forklift to Johnson. The donation supports one of the College’s primary educational objectives of providing students with hands-on experience using equipment currently found in the workplace. Students in several technical programs including Diesel Truck, Carpentry & Cabinetmaking, and Distribution & Supply Logistics Technology will benefit by being trained in the proper use and handling of this type of equipment.

Bill Medico, President of Action Lift, added, “I’m very pleased to participate in this donation and assist Johnson College and its students.”

Pictured left to right are Richard P. Kane, President & CEO of Kane Is Able, Inc.; Dr. Pipinski; William F. Medico, President of Action Lift, Inc.; Dominick Carachilo; and Katie Leonard.
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**FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

With so many recent headlines about the “financial aid crisis,” Johnson College would like to reassure its students, potential students, and their parents or families that financial aid programs are still available.

Although some lenders have restricted their participation in federal student loan programs, Johnson College students will be able to access the programs and funds that have always been available, according to Edward M. Moyer, Director of Financial Aid.

“We want to advise our students and applicants that Johnson College has taken the steps necessary to ensure the availability of Stafford and PLUS Loan funds for our students and their parents for the 2008/09 academic year,” Mr. Moyer said. Both incoming and returning students will be advised of their options and how to secure funds from these programs. “I encourage anyone with questions or concerns regarding this issue to contact me or Judith D. Telechowski, our Assistant Director of Financial Aid,” said Mr. Moyer.

Mr. Moyer may be reached at (570)702-8914 or emoyer@johnson.edu; Ms. Telechowski may be reached at (570)702-8915 or jtelechowski@johnson.edu.

A small graphic of a man and woman is shown with the text: Ed Moyer advises a student on financial aid issues.


Ed Moyer advises a student on financial aid issues.

Allentown Area Alumni
SAVE THE DATE - August 14
Matt Michalek, ‘85, will host an alumni get-together. Watch for more information and don’t miss this chance to re-connect with classmates and friends!

Twelve alums endured a very rainy but fun golf tournament at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in May. Their support is very much appreciated! Ray Bartolai, Dave Boniello, Dom Carachilo, Kevin Cooican, Dennis Dench, Ryan Harrison, Matt Michalek, Charles Niemotka, Herb Sands, Bill Toman, Joe Yusinski and Andy Zwanch all came out to support the College.

Seven of eight participants in the recent training session for adjunct instructors were alums. All successfully completed the course - congratulations!

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Board Member - Peter J. Moylan

Johnson College is proud to salute Peter F. Moylan who is marking 30 years of service on the College’s Board of Directors.

Johnson has been the beneficiary of Peter’s extensive educational, professional and community experience. His education includes degrees from Keystone College, New York University and the University of Scranton as well as completion of the National Graduate Trust School of the American Bankers Association at Northwestern University.

After beginning his banking career at Chemical Bank/New York Trust Company and serving in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant, Peter returned to NEPA and joined Northeastern Bank of PA (now PNC Bank) where he rose to the position of Executive Vice President and Market Manager. After 29 years, he joined Penn Security Bank and retired from there last year as Executive Vice President and Manager of Non-deposit Services.

In his retirement, Peter is Managing Director of the Penn Security Charitable Foundation, a position that will be well served by his many years of board service to a variety of local non-profit organizations including Moses Taylor Hospital, Moses Taylor Health Care System, Physicians Health Alliance, Keystone College, Boys & Girls Club of NE PA, and the University of Scranton.

Peter and his wife Maureen have been married for 36 years and split their time between their homes in Dunmore and New Smyrna Beach, FL; they are the parents of Peter, Kathleen and Kevin.

Reflecting on his long association with Johnson, Peter has been impressed with the continuity of Orlando Johnson’s vision throughout the institution’s ninety-year history. “While the mission of Johnson College has been restated in modern terms, O.S. Johnson’s purpose was clearly established in his last will and testament,” Peter indicated. “The skill sets required in our economy continue to change, but we have been able to identify those changes quickly and respond in a timely fashion. As long as we do so, we will continue to play a critical role in the educational and business communities of our region.”

Johnson Alumni - Joseph A. Yusinski, ’93, & Teri L. Talarsky, ’04

Joe and Teri did a great job co-chairing the Alumni Division of the 2007/08 Annual Fund Campaign. Due to their efforts, the Alumni Division reached 100% of its goal.

Teri Talarsky attended Johnson as an adult student, coming to NEPA from Dallas, Texas where she had had a career with Southwest Airlines. On campus, she was active in the Social Force Club and Student Government Association. She graduated summa cum laude in 2004 from the Biomedical Equipment Technology program, having been accepted into two honor societies and listed in Who’s Who in American Junior Colleges. She is currently employed as a Production Controller at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Teri resides in Scranton, PA with her husband Kim and their three dogs. Kim is also a Johnson grad, Class of 1992 in the Building Construction Trade program and he also works at Tobyhanna as a Production Planner.

Joe Yusinski earned two degrees from Johnson, one in Building Construction Trade Technology in 1993 and the second in Architectural Drafting & Design Technology in 1994. He is currently a Project Superintendent/Estimator at L.R. Costanzo Co., Inc. He is also the current president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Union, Local 645, based in Scranton. The local encompasses 16 counties in the northeast and has a membership of 1,500. Joe is a resident of Clarks Summit and is engaged to Shannon Roe. According to Joe, “There is a new sense of energy at Johnson and it is an honor to be a part of the movement of getting the new and old together as a great community. The efforts are really starting to show fruit and I look forward to seeing more growth in the future.”

To our readers: If you know of someone (even yourself!) who would be a good subject for our Alumni spotlight, please contact us at mlmiller@johnson.edu.
Bryan Causer, center, thanks Board Chair Jack Sweeney, left, and his wife Jean, right, benefactors of the Blackledge Scholarship which Bryan received during his years at Johnson.


Veterinary Technology grads Angela Chiara, Rachel Bradley and Jessica Arters.

Veterinary Technology grad Krysta Lutz, VetTech, and her brother Trevor Lutz, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Judy Fedor, Rad Tech, and her son Matt Fedor, Electronics; David Kimble, Drafting, and his brother Aaron Kimble, Electronics; and Gerald Manley, Electronics, and his sister Kristen Manley, Rad Tech.

Automotive Technology grads Bill Brothers, Adam Leonard and Robert Jones.

Dr. Pipinski congratulates Student Government Assn. President Bill Hurt, left, and Vice President Molly Neary, right.
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It’s not too late to register for the Fall, 2008 semester.
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SUMMER ON CAMPUS

Campers Grace Woelkers, Nina Grattolino & Allie Rainey attend St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School in Dunmore. Jonathan Sileo, Chris Haudenschild, Duncan Breig, Alex Mondro, Trey Lipski & Josh Wagner had a great time at camp.

Joe Fedor, Casey Brew & Mark Klinkel are enrolled in the CNC program.

The Continuing Education Department has a number of exciting programs going on. Summer Youth Workshops are attracting young students interested in technology while training programs attract mature students and meet the needs of various industries for training and testing.

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