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King's Honors Retirees

At right, retiring members of the King's College community, seated front left: Joan Michalow, Frances Gronkowski, Barbara Piestrak, Philomena Conrad, Robert Sipple, and Chester Shiner. Standing: Daniel Sobashinski, John Smolko, Edward Price Jr., Steven Seitchik, Gordon McFadden, Edmund Napieralski, Mary Jane Donnelly, Vernon Crispell, and Sam Azimov.

Below: Joan Michalow and Frances Gronkowski catch up one more time.

Bottom: From left, retiree Vernon Crispell, Robert Blakeslee, and retirees Joan Michalow and Edward Price Jr. chat.



King's held a reception in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center on May 13, to honor our retiring colleagues and to wish them well in their future endeavors. We thank the following retirees for their commitment and service to the King's College community: Sam Azimov, Karl Burke, Philomena Conrad, Vernon Crispell, Ann Curley, Mary Jane Donnelly, Bernard

Flasser, Rudolph Giuliarelli, Jennie Grasso, Frances Gronkowski, Ann Marie Madrak, Patricia Makowski, Gordon McFadden, Joan Michalow, Dr. Edmund Napieralski, Barbara Piestrak, Judith Plummer, Edward Price Jr., Dr. Louis Rader, Steven Seitchik, Chester Shiner, Robert Sipple, John Smolko, Daniel Sobashinski, Yvonne Witkowski, and Barbara Wren.



King's Recognized with 'Pride of Place' Awards

King's College was honored with two Pride of Place awards at the 2004 Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry Awards luncheon on June 16 at the Waterfront Banquet and Convention Center. Pride of Place recognizes local businesses and organizations whose recent construction and design projects are enhancing the local area.

Of five different Pride of Place award categories, King's College was recognized for its achievements in two: Monarch Court won the Environmental Enhancement award and Alumni Hall won a special Community Award for a renovation project involving the cooperative efforts of a number of community and state agencies and community development organizations.

Do You Have Something You Would Like To Share With The King's Community?

We would love to share your news!
Please e-mail your information to the public relations office at:
jrgiombo@kings.edu or
call Public Relations Assistant Joseph Giomboni at 5957.

John Rakowski — 1939–2004

The King's College community notes with sadness the passing of John Rakowski, associate professor of physics and computer science, on May 13. This past October, he celebrated the 40th anniversary of his employment at King's. Rakowski worked to provide his students with information on recent advances in computer technology and was interested in technological growth at King's and in the Wyoming Valley. We extend our sincere condolences to the family of John Rakowski.

Volunteers Needed

King's CitySERVE Project, in its sixth year, introduces all first-year students to the importance of volunteering and service. CitySERVE 2003 had nearly 450 students, 42 faculty/ staff leaders, and 45 students leaders serve at 43 sites throughout the Wyoming Valley last year.

CitySERVE is in need of faculty and staff leaders on Friday, Aug. 27, from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Each faculty/ staff leader will be placed with a student leader, and an orientation assistant will help lead the group of new students at the different sites and assist with the short period of reflection that follows. Leaders are asked to be present for the leader training session on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. in the Burke Auditorium.

In addition, the Office of Volunteer Services is looking for women of the King's community to take part in the **First Ladies Build** with the Luzerne County Habitat for Humanity on Wednesday, July 21, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information on Ladies Build or CitySERVE, contact Dawn Morton, Office of Volunteer Services, ext. 5810.

The Commission on Economic Opportunity needs volunteer drivers to pick up prepared meals and deliver them to distribution sites within the Luzerne County. Volunteers pick up meals at Heights-Murray Elementary, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Further information, contact Lisa Staub at 826-0510, ext. 215.

Special Interest Fair

The special interest fair for new students orientation is Thursday, Aug. 26, from noon-1:15 p.m., outside the Scandlon Physical Education Center. The fair is an opportunity to give parents and students a sense of what departments or organizations have to offer students at King's.

If your department or organization would like to have a table at the special interest fair, please contact Sean Cryan, Campus Activities, by July 16 at ext. 5802.

Tuition Remission

Tuition Remission applications must be filed with the Human Resources office every semester the benefit is utilized. If it is a child or spouse using the benefit, the application must also include the top portion of your most recent tax return listing the person as a dependent. Tuition remission covers tuition only, and any additional fees are the responsibility of the student.

For further information or to request the necessary forms, contact Human Resources at ext. 5925.

King's Welcomes

Beth Danner, residence life
Thomas Landon, admissions

Tammy Manka, admissions
Maria Zangardi, admissions

Faculty Updates

Frances A. Feudale, D.O., director of the physician assistant program, spoke at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Board of Medicine in Harrisburg, and also represented the P.A. Program for EMS Appreciation Week.

Dr. William Irwin, associate professor of philosophy, has been named to the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division's program advisory committee. In addition, Dr. Irwin's article, "Against Intertextuality" will be published in *Philosophy and Literature*. Dr. Irwin recently appeared on the Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC – New York National Public Radio, discussing philosophy and popular culture.

The International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England, selected **Dr. Joseph V.**

Krawczeniuk, professor of foreign languages and literatures, as one of the "2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century." Dr. Krawczeniuk also appeared in *Who's Who in America*, for 2004.

Dr. Elizabeth Lott, director of graduate programs, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Pennsylvania Association of Graduate Schools for her "outstanding contribution to promoting and advancing graduate studies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Dr. Terrence F. Mech, director of the D. Leonard Corgan Library, presented "The New Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education: Assessment and Information Literacy" at Standards, Competencies, and the Search for Strategies Symposium on May 6 at Rutgers; "Middle States Expectations for Information Literacy for College Students" at the Information Literacy Workshop for Faculty in the State System of Higher Education at West Chester University on May 20; and a workshop entitled, "Integrating Information Literacy in the Curriculum: The First Steps in Building a Secure Foundation for Assessment" at the American Association for Higher Education conference in Denver.

Brother Jim Miller, C.S.C., associate professor of theatre, presented "From Page to Stage" to the theatre group at the Eckley Miner's Village and provided technical knowledge for their upcoming theatrical endeavor.

Dr. Brian A. Pavlac, associate professor of history and director of CELT, is participating in the King's College Study Abroad Program in Austria this summer where he is teaching at Webster University's Vienna campus.

Dr. Robert A. Paoletti, professor of biology, presented "Assessment in the Class, the Course, and the Curriculum" at a workshop for the Natural Science, Mathematics, and Nursing faculty of Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa.

Dr. Ryan Sheppard, assistant professor of sociology and director of the public policy and social science research institute, presented, "Communicating Assessment Data to Faculty to Foster a Culture of Improvement" at the American Association for Higher Education conference in Denver, Colo.

Dr. James Slock, professor of biology, is slated to speak at the Friday Harbor Labs Centennial Symposium on Calcium-Regulated Photoproteins and Green-Fluorescent Proteins on Aug. 29-Sept. 3 at the University of Washington on: "Use of GFP in Molecular Biology Teaching Laboratories."

Dr. Ann Yezerski, assistant professor of biology, was awarded a grant from the Association for Biology Laboratory Experience and attended the association's conference at Bowling Green University.

Dr. William Young, assistant professor of theology, published, "Otherwise than Being John Malkovich: Incarnating the Name of God" in *Literature and Theology*.