

JOHNSONIAN

AS A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR at Scranton Prep who loved both computers and cooking, Salvatore Zaydon was torn on what he wanted to do after graduation. However, after seeing a Johnson College Open House banner and deciding to attend the event, he knew he belonged on campus. "As soon as I met Mr. Polinsky, I said 'Alright, I know I want to go to Johnson,'" the 24-year-old Dickson City native says. "He was a fun, bubbly guy who you could tell had a bunch of knowledge but also had a lot of fun while teaching it."

Zaydon graduated in 2013 with an Associate of Science degree in Computer Information Technology. After Johnson College, he moved on to SUNY Polytechnic Institute where he earned his Bachelor's in Computer Information Systems in 2015. He now works as a Software Engineer for Learning Services at IBM Security where he helps customers and business partners learn how to best utilize their IBM Security software.

"Johnson College gave me a focus," explains Zaydon, "It helped me figure out what I enjoyed and what I actually wanted to do. I knew I liked computers but I didn't know what aspect I enjoyed. It was nice to be able to get that foundation and figure out what I wanted to build upon in the future."

His interest in computers and technology started at a very young age. He recalls fondly that when the computer in his family home would break, he was the one who would fix it as his siblings stood by baffled. "[Fixing computers] surprisingly came fairly easily to me, and I enjoyed doing it. I figured, I wanted to go online and play a game so, I may as well try and fix the problem," he says.

Finding solutions to technological problems is something that he continues to do in his career today. Zaydon says that he loves his job because it allows him to find solutions to one of the computer industry's

biggest roadblocks- security. "It's pretty cool because you see a vulnerability that comes out and someone, like a bank, gets hacked and you're sitting there saying 'we could have avoided that,'" he says.

Zaydon's passion for and extensive knowledge of computers has also allowed him to give back to organizations that have made an impact on his life. As an Eagle Scout, Zaydon now tries to stay active with his former Troop 322 (chartered by the Dickson City Community Ambulance Association) as a troop leader and the troop's Webmaster.



Salvatore Zaydon

When discussing what values and advice he would share with Johnson College students today, Zaydon recalls something he was taught by Johnson College's Computer Information Technology Department Chair and Instructor, Joe Polinsky, "If you get to the end of a project or have a problem and hit your solution, but there is still a little bit more that you can do to make it even better- do it. It'll look better, and you're doing a disservice to yourself if you do the bare minimum." These values have certainly benefited him as he began his professional career, first in Philadelphia and now in Austin, Texas.





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2017-2018 academic year has been one of exciting change. As I begin my tenure as President & CEO of the College, I have had the opportunity to connect with students, alumni, and industry partners to gather information that will help shape the future of Johnson College. One priority of mine this spring was to get out into industry and really connect with the employers who hire our students. The more we can collaborate, the more valuable a Johnson College degree becomes and the more industry thrives! We have always valued the perspective of our industry partners; it guides our curriculum and introduces students to the world of work. As we progress into the new academic year, we will be connecting our industry partners to students and faculty even more. Professional involvement on campus prepares us in a way that makes us knowledgeable not only about the jobs of today, but also about the jobs of tomorrow. I am honored to lead Johnson College towards this bright future!

Katie Cornell



PAINTBALL

This spring, the student engagement department hosted a free paintball outing for students. More than 20 students spent the day at Skirmish Paintball in Albrightsville.



ANDREW MAZZA DIESEL JAM

Johnson College and The Andrew Mazza Foundation hosted the Andrew Mazza Diesel Jam on Sunday, June 10th. Diesel Jam was a celebration of the diesel truck community, featuring a truck show, mobile dyno runs, vendors, food, and live entertainment. The Andrew Mazza Foundation, started in 2016, supports and enriches the community through Andrew's passions and hobbies. Proceeds raised from Diesel Jam will enhance and expand the diesel truck technology program at Johnson, provide students with scholarships, and serve the community in which Andrew called home.



3D PRINTER CAPSTONE

This spring, the seniors from the advanced manufacturing engineering technology program decided they wanted their capstone project to be something big. The 4x4x4 foot 3D printer, built completely from scratch, is the first of its kind in our region. Cole Goldstein, instructor in the advanced manufacturing engineering technology program said it is the "largest in the region by far." The students and Mr. Goldstein will travel to the East Coast RepRap Festival this spring to do a presentation on large format 3d printing.



VETERAN CONFERENCE

Members of the Veterans Task Force presented on Green Zone Training at the College/University Regional Veterans Education Representative Conference at the University of Scranton this spring. The day-long conference, which included presentations by notable speakers, workshops and breakout group sessions, was aimed toward both student veteran leaders and those in higher education who serve student veterans. The conference was supported through a grant from Lockheed Martin Corporation.



ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

In the spring of 2018, seniors from the architectural drafting and design technology program had the opportunity to put their skills to work. The first project was to assist the Riverside School District to come up with a concept for renovating their concession stands and ticket area at the school's football stadium. The drawing would then be utilized by Riverside Superintendent, Paul Brennan to seek a grant to fund the project. Nikolai Pritchky, '18, led the design project. He said this community service helped him to understand how to take a client's request and put it to work. "For this project, we received only the size of the space and some ideas from the administration, then it was up to us to work on a few design concepts," he said. "As a former high school football player, I had been to the Riverside stadium before, so it was exciting to get to work on a site that I had been to as an athlete." Pritchky enrolled in Johnson College after spending two years at a private college studying digital communications. The architectural drafting and design

technology program complimented his prior studies and will allow him to get right into the workforce this summer.

The second project that the seniors worked on this spring was a design concept for the Chrysalis Counseling Center space in the Marketplace at Steamtown. This project was led by Matthew Fornes, '18 and Andrew Sledzinski, '18. The owner of the counseling center, Dr. Jeanie Pavlovich, reached out in January requesting advice and suggestions as to how to design her new space in downtown Scranton which will consolidate a variety of mental health services into one location. She gave the students the dimensions of the space and after a visit to the Marketplace at Steamtown, they began the design work. "We were given a rough sketch of office space, conference rooms, and a break area to design," said Fornes. "It will be really exciting to see if our design is chosen. It is great to be able to see your work in the community."



ADVOCACY DAY

Becky Place, '18, of the radiologic technology program, traveled with Emily Holmes, counselor and manager of disability services, this April to advocate for financial support of private education with the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities (AICUP). While at the state capitol, Becky and Emily participated in a rally and had meetings with legislators who represent districts relative to Johnson College.



NEIGHBORWORKS

Electrical construction and maintenance, heating ventilation and air conditioning, and carpentry and cabinetmaking students spent the spring semester working on a live project for NeighborWorks Northeast PA. Under the direction of NeighborWorks staff and their Johnson instructors, they contributed to a range of construction work at the property, located in Clarks Summit, PA. This project is a combination of community service and live lab work where class curriculum is brought to an ongoing project.



JOHNSON COLLEGE OPEN

On Friday, May 18th, Johnson College hosted its annual golf tournament at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club to raise funds for the Presidential Scholarship Fund. The tournament was sold out with 148 golfers registered and raised over \$45,000 for student scholarships.



Joseph Polinsky, Computer Information Technology Department Chair; James Davis; President Katie Leonard; Luke Zalewski; and Richard Fornes, '94, Director of Innovation and Electronic Engineering Technology Department Chair.

On May 12th, Johnson College awarded degrees and certificates to over 140 graduates at The Theater at North. Among the graduates were the recipients of the Johnson College awards for academic excellence in both science and applied science disciplines. This year's recipients were James Davis from the computer information technology program and Luke Zalewski of the electronic engineering technology program.

OPEN HOUSE

July 18

anytime between
5PM-7PM

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