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Bruce Brown, President of B&S Refrigerated Transport, Inc. first became connected with Johnson College in 2003 because of his longtime friendship with Mike Novak, Director of Industry and Diesel Truck Technology Department Chairperson. Since then, Mr. Brown has been providing the College's students with unparalleled opportunities that will prepare them for their career.

The Diesel Truck Technology program often simulates the problems students are trained to address and fix, but Mr. Brown gives them an opportunity to experience more than just those simulated inconsistencies. "I provide the students with live work," explained Mr. Brown. "Sometimes there is an issue with a truck that cannot be easily found, so I bring in the trucks from my business and allow the students to work on them." He explained "There is no substitute for live work." Mr. Novak explains that Mr. Brown is an asset to his classroom, "He allows us to work on all areas of his trucks and trailers, from basic services to engine overhauls. He also gives the students a customer perspective"

There are many reasons Mr. Brown and B&S Refrigerated Transport, Inc. have continued to support the College for eleven years. "The facilities at Johnson College have endless potential, placement rates are phenomenal, and these students have so much to offer the community," he said. Mr. Brown believes the administration at the College has a great vision and he believes in the progress that has been made as well as the upcoming changes including the board directives. Mr. Brown also serves on the Diesel Truck Technology Program Advisory Committee. This committee is comprised of people from industry who meet twice yearly to share their thoughts on how programs can be improved or what is new in the industry. "I enjoy being a go-to person from the industry. I know how valuable outside perspective is to the students and Mr. Novak," said Mr. Brown.

In fall of 2014 Mr. Brown made another contribution to Johnson College and its mission. He pledged \$25,000 toward the new Strategic Opportunity Fund. The recently developed fund aims to support the Board Directives. The Board Directives are an institutional call for action that aims to serve students and industry better. The directives spur systemic change and growth that can be sustained throughout the College. At its core, the Board Directives are about enhancing the quality of Johnson College's programs and creating a more flexible delivery model. The goal of the Strategic Opportunity Fund and contributions from industry partners such as Mr. Brown ensures that Johnson College will be around, delivering its unique brand of education to students and industry for years to come.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I started my career at Johnson College 25 years ago and I am amazed by the growth in this short amount of time. Throughout my presidency community support has been impeccable, our board members continue to inspire change, our relationship with industry has grown and flourished, our alumni engagement is on the rise, and our faculty and staff remain dedicated to our mission and long term vision. The landscape of the campus has grown with the construction of new buildings and equipment advancements. These additions have paved the way for new programs, providing the College with increased enrollment and strategic industry partners. It has been an honor to serve Johnson College for the past 25 years and I look forward to watching the progress of our students, alumni, industry, and the entire College community for many more years to come!









JPOW has worked to fundraise and renovate the student lounge area in the Moffat Student Center since the fall of 2013. The group of students involved wanted to give back to current and future students by providing a space on campus for meetings, study time, and recreation. The renovations are the Senior Class Gift from the classes of 2014 and 2015.



Throughout December, Social Force collected presents for over 100 children in the Scranton area. The students sponsored a giving tree in the Moffat Student Center with the names of local children in need. Students, faculty, staff and alumni donated gifts to fulfill the wishes of every child. Johnson College has provided local children with presents for the last ten years.



- The Jaguars set a new single game scoring record of 120 points with their win over Christendom College 120-77
- Mark Gilliam, a sophomore in the logistics and supply chain management program, is ranked 15th in the NJCAA for minutes played and 21st in the NJCAA with 85 assists
- Chris O'Connor, an electrical construction and maintenance technology sophomore, is ranked 17th in the NJCAA with 37 blocks
- Shakur "Pac" Burton, a 2014 graduate of the heating ventilation and air conditioning technology program, continued his education and basketball career as a junior at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford for the 2014-15 season
- The Johnson College Men's Basketball team is participating in Coaches vs.
 Cancer NEPA this year. Coaches vs. Cancer is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

SKILLS USA HOLDS DISTRICT COMPETITION ON CAMPUS









Johnson College hosted 174 high school students to compete in 34 areas for the district SkillsUSA competition on November 19, 2014. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. "The benefit for Johnson College is allowing the students of these programs to explore all that the College has to offer to those pursuing a technical education," said Joseph Musheno, Johnson College Planning Manager and Construction & Design Division Chairperson who played a large role in organizing this event.

GRAINGER FOUNDATION DONATES TO JOHNSON COLLEGE

The Grainger Foundation, an independent private foundation in Lake Forest, Illinois, has donated \$10,000 to Johnson College, in support of industry-focused learning. "This grant will be used to support students through scholarships as they pursue their academic goals," said Katie Leonard, Senior Vice President of College Advancement, Johnson College. "The scholarships will serve students from the College that excel in their studies and have a financial need. We are grateful to The Grainger Foundation for its generosity." This donation was recommended by Mindy Cronk, Market Manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s Dunmore location.

From left to right: Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO of Johnson College; Mindy Cronk, Market Manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.; Katie Leonard, Sr. Vice president of College Advancement at Johnson College; and Bill Piccolo, District Director for W.W. Grainger. Inc.



C&G CUSTOM TRUCK PARTS GIVE BACK



Johnson College received a donation from C&G Custom Truck Parts, a Scranton business owned by alumni brothers Chuck and Gerald Garvey. These graduates and business owners provided their alma mater with over \$1,400 to go toward the Diesel Truck Technology Program. "We are happy to support the students of Johnson College and hope to continue our contributions in the future," said Chuck Garvey. The donation included cash for a scholarship and an in-kind donation of equipment to help start the College's Compressed Natural Gas curriculum.

From left to right: Gerald Garvey '78; Katie Leonard, Sr. Vice President for College Advancement at Johnson College; Chuck Garvey '73; Michael Novak, Director of Industry and Diesel Truck Technology Department Chairperson

JOHNSON COLLEGE ALUMNI COME OUT TO SEE THE PENGUINS

Thirty-three alumni and their families attended the College's winter alumni event at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins game at the Mohegan Sun Arena on January 31, 2015. As part of the event, alumni were invited to a pre-game tailgate at Lucky's Sporthouse prior to the game.









UPCOMING EVENTS

Career Fair March 11, 2015

Golden Alumni Reunion April 18, 2015

Commencement May 9, 2015

Summer Alumni Event at Knoebels Amusement Resort June 6, 2015

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