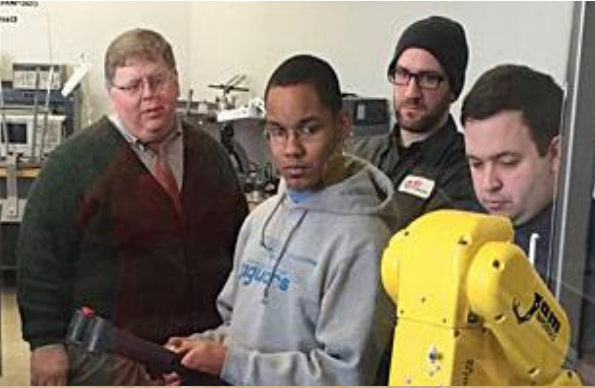


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Alderly Rodriguez, Electronic Engineering Technology (EET), '15, chose Johnson College because of a recommendation by the parents of a friend. After looking into a four-year electronic engineering degree at the University of Scranton, Rodriguez saw Johnson College as a way to finance his own education and to attend school for just two years before entering the electronics industry.

Rodriguez chose EET because during high school, his favorite class was tech shop. "My favorite things to do in tech shop were finding ways to accomplish a goal, like building something out of select materials that can make it from point A to point B the fastest," he said. What most interested him in pursuing this type of degree was learning how to write and utilize programs to make a robot arm pick up an item and place it on a conveyor belt as well as creating battery-powered cars. Rodriguez thought of these projects as a future career and began considering the growing field as well as how much fun he could have in the electronics industry.

In the fall of 2014, representatives from Lutron Electronics, Inc. came to speak to electronics students at Johnson College. The representatives from Lutron's Coopersburg location talked about job opportunities at the lighting-control company. The students were able to submit résumés at the end of the visit and speak with the Lutron representatives more in-depth. After this class visit, Rodriguez put an application in for an electronic technician position. Rodriguez was interested in Lutron from the very beginning. "What interested me the most about Lutron was how far they went to care for their employees and how they really try to make working for them a very positive experience," he said.

LUTRON ELECTRONICS, INC. SPARKS CAREER IN LIGHTING CONTROL INDUSTRY



"Alderly Rodriguez is the first person I have ever met who said he had never really been off of Main Avenue in Scranton, and I am lucky he was able to find himself pursuing a degree at Johnson College. He always maintained great enthusiasm no matter what he was involved in."

Rick Fornes, '94, Director of Innovation and Electronic Engineering Technology Department Chair

A few weeks after submitting the online application, Lutron representatives contacted Rodriguez about coming to the Coopersburg office for a day-long interview. Once that interview was complete, the representatives informed him of a position in the tech support department. After another round of interviews, Rodriguez was hired as an electronic technician in the tech support department in March of 2015. The offer allowed him to secure the position prior to graduation and he began working in June.

Rick Fornes, '94, Director of Innovation and EET Department Chair had wonderful things to say about the company that has hired Rodriguez. He said Lutron has been progressively evolving since the 1950's. "The opportunities that Lutron presents to a student are vast. This company is not just on the cutting edge of their technology, but they are pushing their technology forward," he said.

Rodriguez appreciates all of the help from Fornes throughout his two years of study. "He was always that nudge in the right direction and what really guided me to where I am. I really believe that without him being there for me and pushing me the way that he did, I might have never made it this far in my career. I am more than thankful for everything he has done for me and all of the help he has provided me. He really is an amazing man." Likewise, Fornes is happy to have built a great relationship with a graduate. "Alderly is now off of Main Avenue in Scranton and is presented with the opportunity to experience a new region in our state and possibly locations throughout the country. How cool is that?" Fornes said.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2015-16 academic year is one the College has been anticipating for a very long time. From curriculum changes to our abundance of new students, the year is proving to be the success we hoped it would be. The semester-based class schedule has taken off and new programs are filling up. The board directives are at work every day ensuring our students receive the best hands-on education to prepare them for a successful career.

Ann L. Pipinski

Ann L. Pipinski, Ed.D.
President & CEO



Dr. Ann with Anthony Catalano, '13.

WELCOME WEEK

The Student Life Department hosted many activities during the first week of class including an ice cream social, tie-dye cookout and the club fair!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

On October 29th, the College hosted its second Halloween Trunk-or-Treat for the community. More than twenty participants decorated trunks and handed out treats to local children. The annual student tug-of-war competition was also held at the event. This year the Welding Technology students earned first place!



MAKER FAIRE

On October 3rd, the College hosted the second Scranton Mini Maker Faire on campus. Over 400 people attended this family friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and celebration of the Maker Movement. Johnson College raised over \$9,000 for the Strategic Opportunity Fund which supports innovative advances for students and faculty. The more than 30 presenting makers were of all ages and backgrounds. They displayed projects that range from crafts and art to science and invention.



SPIRIT OF GIVING

On August 13th, Johnson College held the annual President's Spirit of Giving Reception at The Colonnade in Scranton. Donors were celebrated for another successful year of giving to the annual fund, strategic opportunity fund and scholarships.



Above: Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, Ideal T. Saldi '49, Frances Saldi, Katie Leonard. Left: Jeff Novak, Mary Ann Novak, Bill Stevens, Michelle Boniello, and David Boniello '84.



STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

This fall, students took part in local community projects. Carpentry and Cabinetmaking Technology students created cutting boards to be raffled off at a NeighborWorks event and Physical Therapist Assistant students sponsored a Junior Achievement Day at Robert Morris Elementary School in Scranton.



INAUGURAL AMET CLASS

The College welcomed the first class of Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Technology (AMET) students this fall. AMET is designed to prepare students for the modern manufacturing environment. Graduates can pursue entry level positions within companies that have implemented team oriented design, production, quality, and maintenance systems within the manufacturing environment.



SUMMER ALUMNI EVENT

On June 6th, the Johnson College Alumni Association held their summer alumni event at Knoebels Amusement park in Elysburg, PA.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Event
Wilkes-Barre
Scranton Penguins
February 13th

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February 27th

Golden Alumni Reunion
April 16th

Johnson College Open
May 20th

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