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Among 247 in the nation

#### By The Numbers

Founding Date: 1888 Enrollment: 5,645 total from 48 states and 16 countries All Undergraduates: 4,102 Graduate Students: 1,545 Freshman Class: 1,600 Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1 Average Class Size: 23 Average Graduation Rate: 80% Average Freshman Retention Rate: 88% Alumni: 40,000 Major Programs: 60 Minors: 44 Master's Degree Programs: 22 Doctoral Degree Programs: 1 Continuing and Professional Education Courses offered

annually: 325



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For Immediate Release University of Scranton Sponsors Students to Attend NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

The University of Scranton's Office of Equity and Diversity sponsored six of its own students, as well as six high school students from local area schools, at the Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.

The University of Scranton students were sponsored at the banquet for writing an essay on the importance of diversity in education and the workplace. Scranton students Christopher Mangubat, Khalid Aitmansour, Cynthia David, Peter Emker, Thomas Taras, and Efosa Guobadia were selected to attend.

Area high school students were selected based on their volunteer and extracurricular activities and academic excellence. High school students sponsored by The University of Scranton were Jonathan Schall, Wyoming Area; Nathan Saunders and Amy Salahedin, Wyoming Valley West; Kelly Zaccheo, West Scranton; Lasha Wyman, Scranton; and Jasmine Tabron, Myers.

The keynote speaker for this event was Coach David I. Owens from St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, Maryland. Coach Owens spoke of his belief that "each time an elder in the family dies, a library is burned." He encouraged families to spend time together, to relate anecdotal family history and to nurture each other. He also stressed that higher education is essential to raising not only a healthy family, but a healthy community.

#### Photo A:

The University of Scranton's Office of Equity and Diversity sponsored six of its own students, as well as six local high school students, at the annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. University of Scranton students attending the banquet are, from left, Khalid Aitmansour, Cynthia David, Thomas Taras, Rosette Adera, director, Office of Equity and Diversity; Efosa Guobadia, and Peter Emker.

### Photo B:

University of Scranton sponsored area high school students attending the banquet are from left, Amy Salahedin and Nathan Saunders, Wyoming Valley West; Lasha Wyman, Scranton; Jasmine Tabron, Myers; Kelly Zaccheo, West Scranton; and Jonathan Schall, Wyoming Area.