

The University Dedicates Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall



The University dedicated Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, its new, state-of-the-art, eight-story building on Linden Street and Jefferson Avenue, at a ceremony on Sept. 18. The building, the new home of the Panuska College of Professional Studies (PCPS) departments of physical therapy, occupational therapy and exercise science, is named in honor of the late son of long-time University benefactors Patricia and Edward Leahy '68, H'01.

"The spirit of Edward Jr., for whom this building is dedicated, will inspire students at The University of Scranton to demonstrate such compassion," said University of Scranton President Kevin P. Quinn, S.J. "Let us pray that the many lives Edward Jr. touched in his life will remind us of our responsibility to have a positive impact on others."

Edward Leahy said that he and Patricia were deeply honored that some of the good work that would be done in the building would be in memory of their son.

"In the memory of a child, who was set in the midst of us, we are dedicating this magnificent building, not for its brick and mortar, but as a new center for the physically disabled, the accident victim, someone who suffered a stroke, someone needing occupational

therapy or counseling, who are poor and underserved, who can be helped by the students and professionals in the health sciences here at The University of Scranton," he said.

"This facility exemplifies our Catholic and Jesuit identity and mission," said Larry Lynch '81, chair of the Board of Trustees. "We are teaching students to help people in the most critical and challenging days of their lives. That's powerful."

The dedication officially began a yearlong series of events, titled "Embracing the Call to Care," to give the Scranton community an opportunity to experience firsthand the facility and programs offered through PCPS.

According to Debra A. Pellegrino, Ed.D., dean of PCPS, "Embracing the Call to Care" is designed to "perfect our quest to be a model for the helping professions." She noted it "recognizes the need to act on continuous improvement, implement diverse opportunities for students to be engaged in transformative and reflective experiences and provide substance to our University's strategic mission and values through a continuous assessment plan."



LEFT: Scranton dedicated Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, in honor of the late son of University benefactors Patricia and Edward Leahy '68, H'01. CENTER: Board of Trustees Chair Larry Lynch '81 speaks at the dedication. RIGHT: University President Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., speaks at the dedication.



See more photos, watch the video and hear what each speaker had to say at the dedication at scranton.edu/scrantonjournal.