



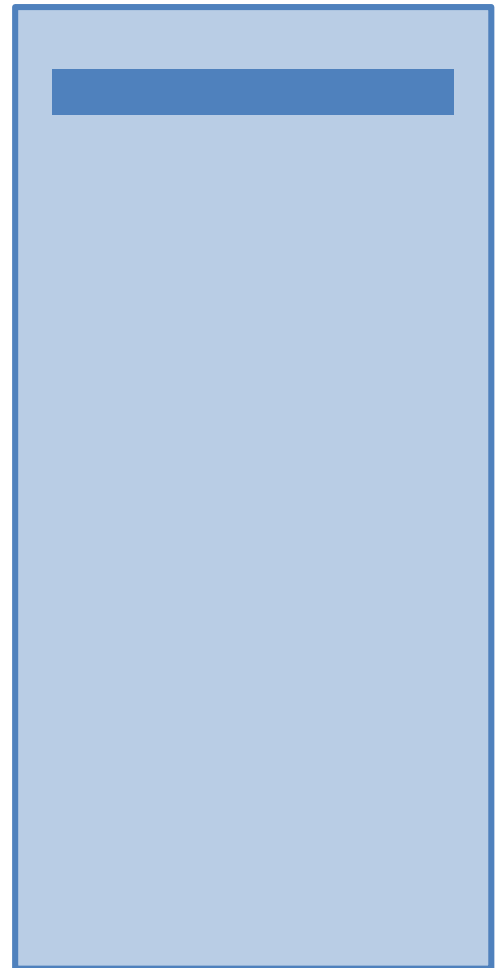
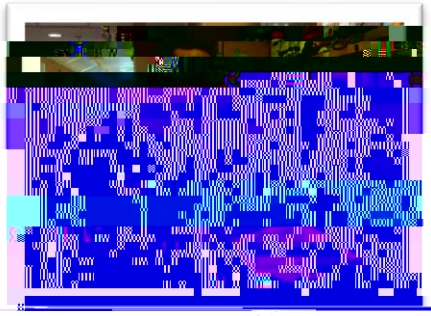
## THE EDWARD R. LEAHY CENTER

... is dedicated to the dual purpose of identifying and meeting the health and wellness needs of underserved individuals in the greater Scranton community while providing a place where faculty guide students in a practical educational experience.

I began volunteering at the Leahy Center soon after entering my freshman year here at Scranton. Initially intrigued by its health care setting and the chance to practice my Spanish, I've come to take part in many aspects beyond just the Clinic. Apart from office work and interpreting during clinic hours, I've helped out at the Food Pantry and contributed during the past year as a member of the Student Advisory Board. Last spring I was also fortunate to chance upon the group called Peacemakers, whose mentors and young mentees learn a lot

from one another during their time together.

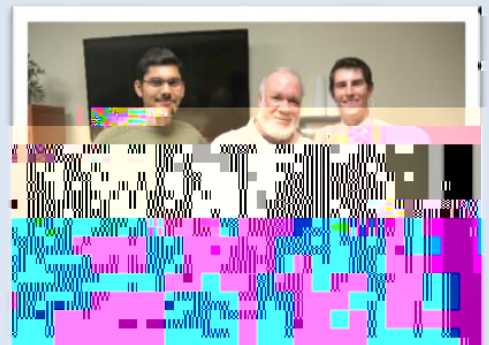
Some of the things I'm grateful about Leahy Center are the greater respect it has instilled in me for all kinds of people, along with a broader perspective of the challenges faced by the people we serve. I remember one encounter with a woman at the Food Pantry who expressed her sincere gratitude to me—



At first glance, the Leahy Clinic appears to be just another free medical clinic. However, in addition to the incredible services it provides for the patients, the clinic is a giant classroom.

Cristen Walker, MSN, CRNP and faculty specialist in Nursing, rarely has a spare moment during clinic. When she's not attending to a patient as a practitioner, she's presiding over a group of rotating nursing students. With a meticulous eye, Cristen examines each note and guides her senior students on

: Leahy Student Advisory Board members Jenil Shah '16 and Zachary Dyer '15 with beloved volunteer physician, . We would like to thank him for years of commitment and service to the community, and we wish him well on his relocation to Texas.



The Leahy Student Advisory Board includes two-dozen committed graduate and undergraduate students. Together, they are in charge of various roles intended to ensure that the Leahy Community Health and Family Center is the best asset to the community that it can be. In the Fall of 2015, the students were able to organize multiple fundraisers that benefited the Center.

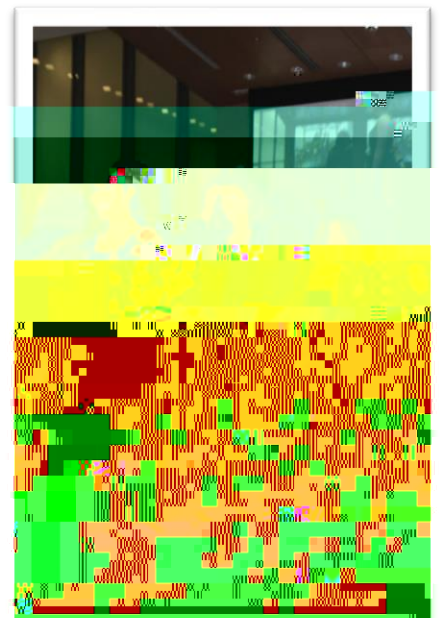
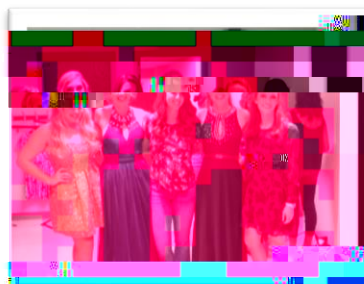
The Fashion Show on November 6, 2015 featured clothing from several local businesses, including Friedman's, Pop It! and MODISH. Student models strutted down the runway in front of friends and family who paid an admission fee for the event. Attendees were encouraged to dress up and participate in gift basket raffles. There were also performances by DJ SKinny MAtt, Max Caci, University a-cappella groups the Royal Octaves and Royal Harmony, as well as the dance team, Urban Beats.

Later in the semester, the Board catered to hungry faculty, staff and students with a Pasta Dinner at La Trattoria in Dickson City. Board members sold tickets for a ready-to-eat meal, provided by the restaurant.

Finally, on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, a fundraiser at Nosh, a small plate restaurant and bar in Dickson City, took place. It featured a celebrity bartender, Father Richard Malloy, a wine pull, silent auction, gift card tree and amazing food and drinks. Members of the community had a wonderful time supporting the center on the beautiful Sunday afternoon. ( .)



All of the fundraisers were a large success. The events were not only able to generate funds for the clinic, but increased awareness of the Center to the community. Everyone involved is grateful for the efforts of all who planned the events and the generosity of those who supported the center.



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