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Linking Seton Hall University and the Community

Using Technology to Build Partnerships

Seton Hall focuses efforts to incorporate technology for the benefit of students and the community

It was Bill Gates who said, “Never before in history has innovation offered promise of so much to so many in so short a time.” Communicating across the world takes only a click and the global market has created the modern economy. The incorporation of technology is no longer an ideal, it is a requirement. Here in South Orange, Seton Hall University has embraced technology to create new opportunities for students, faculty, and local residents.

Every undergraduate student at the University receives a laptop computer. These laptops include the software needed to keep students up-to-date with today’s academic standards. Students are able to create presentations, e-mail professors and communicate with their peers with an ease never seen before. All members of the Seton Hall community can access a wireless internet connection throughout the entire campus. The University library also offers students hundreds of online research databases and journals. As the technology advances, so do the opportunities available to students.

The effects of technological advances at Seton Hall are seen in the community. Every student receives a student identification card that can be used for a variety of purposes. Beyond a security mechanism allowing students to swipe in and out of the University’s gates, the IDs act as debit cards for use at participating local businesses. The program, known as Pirate’s Gold, makes it easy for students to purchase local goods and brings hundreds of thousands of dollars to business areas.

Seton Hall has also partnered with the Village of South Orange Township to create a web portal for residents and nonprofit organizations. The Web site, somacommunitylink.org, is an interactive and media-friendly portal that brings community organizations together to promote events, alert residents of

community notices, coordinate volunteer efforts, empower groups to work together and continually communicate with the residents of the South Orange and Maplewood.

In coordination with somacommunitylink.org, Seton Hall has partnered with the South Orange and Maplewood cable station to bring some of their programming to the web. The University has also used online photo-sharing technology to begin a showcase of images of the two towns. Both the programming and images can be previewed on the Web site.

The opportunities to use technology both in and outside of the classroom are endless. The University is even beginning to use mobile devices, such as cell phones, for surveying, capturing media and bringing the internet to students wherever they are. Students entering Seton Hall this fall will be introduced to the University’s technology with a high-tech scavenger hunt that will use cell phones and computers, along with their intellect, to locate clues hidden around town.

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Notable Neighbor



Catherine Sullivan

*South Orange Resident and
Community Volunteer*

"I feel that those who love both town and gown can have impact on both communities as they move closer together." These are the words of Catherine Sullivan, a 41-year-resident of South Orange, mother of 6, and dedicated community volunteer. She serves on the Community Relations Committee of South Orange, the Domestic Violence Resource Team, Montrose Park Historic District and Vosenet (Scotland Road and Vose Ave. neighborhood network). For 25 years, Catherine worked as Head of Reference at the South Orange Public Library and worked weekends at the Seton Hall library.

Catherine moved to South Orange because her husband was a professor at the University and has continued to stay involved with Seton Hall. She works with the Sports Polling group at the Stillman School of Business and even takes advantage of the program for seniors to take classes.

As Catherine puts it, the relationship between South Orange and the University is not a "one-way street." She has seen a drastic change in the atmosphere of the two communities. "There is a far greater cooperation between the two..As Seton Hall continues to provide volunteer help to South Orange, the college's presence in the community becomes more important." Catherine volunteers daily to make sure that students feel welcome in town and that residents feel welcome on campus.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



Monsignor Sheeran to Step Down as President of Seton Hall

Monsignor Robert Sheeran, 63, will step down from the presidency of Seton Hall University in June 2010 after serving 15 years at the helm of the South Orange institution. He explained that this was a "deeply personal and spiritual decision." Sheeran summed up his presidency at Seton Hall as "serving the mission of creating an environment where everyone can flourish—where undergraduate and graduate students alike are 'servant leaders' who know that those to whom much is given, much is expected." For more information on the University Presidential Transition, please visit Seton Hall's website at www.shu.edu/presidentialsearch.

YOEC Visits the University

The Youth Orchestras of Essex County (www.yoec.org) played a Bon Voyage Concert in Jubilee Hall on Sunday, June 14, before leaving for a performance tour of Austria. The traveling orchestra includes young musicians from South Orange, Maplewood, West Orange, Short Hills, Livingston, Glen Ridge, West Caldwell, Union, Summit, Montclair, Verona and Nutley. Musical highlights included works by Austrian masters Mozart and Haydn as well as American composers Scott Joplin and Leroy Anderson.



University Day: Oct. 3

All are welcome at Seton Hall's annual University Day! Activities this year include the a 5K run, WSOU live bands, BMX Big Air Show, athletic events, faculty workshops, family theatre and much more. The day will also include a can castle competition between the University, South Orange and Maplewood. Seton Hall's club team and Columbia High School's club team will stage a Frisbee exhibition game. Come see all that Seton Hall has to offer while enjoying a day full of fun in your own backyard. For a complete schedule of events and for information, please visit universityday.shu.edu.

Home Away from Home

The Home Away from Home program will enter its second year when students return in the fall. Last year, over 15 families in South Orange and Maplewood and 30 students participated in the program, which matches up the students with families, for home cooked meals and dinnertime conversation. Families and students alike enjoyed the opportunity to have met people from all over the country and the world. This year, the program is looking to expand and more families are needed to host students. If you are interested in participating, please email Seton Hall's Office of Community Relations at communityrelations@shu.edu or call 973-378-9816.



Seton Hall Students Make Positive Impact in Town

A growing number of students stay in town to work and volunteer in the community

Seton Hall University is home to 5,300 undergraduate students and 4,500 graduate students. Close to 10,000 students walk the 58-acre campus on a regular basis. While some students travel great distances to get to school, a growing number of students live on campus or in the South Orange and Maplewood area. These students stay local to eat, play, work and volunteer in South Orange and Maplewood and, in many cases, residents have no idea they are Seton Hall students.

Kelsey Coolidge is a current sophomore at the University. Although once an on-campus housing student, Kelsey decided that living in the community she enjoys so much was more for her. After looking for on-campus work, she expanded her search into South Orange. Kelsey currently works for Sparkhouse Kids on Scotland road. "I looked to South Orange and saw an adorable business section that was teeming with job opportunities for a bright-eyed, bushy tailed college student like myself. It's a great business and it really helped introduce me to the other small businesses in town."

Kelsey's work at Sparkhouse introduced her to other opportunities in town as well. "Being in town on a regular basis gave me a better 'feel' for the Village and my nervousness for moving away from my hometown diminished...I work with Main Street South Orange as the market manager at the Farmer's Market. I love the job! I

work with some great people from Main Street and I'm outside all day munching on fresh fruits from the different vendors."

Many students also find that living in the area opens them up to a wide range of volunteer opportunities. Students were seen at tables at Celebrate South Orange, running children's events at Maplewood Green Day, and sitting on township boards and committees last year. Kelsey is a current member of the Neighborhood Association and Civic Life Committee of the Community Coalition on Race.

Adam Loehner, Seton Hall's Director of Community Relations, states, "Seton Hall prepares our students to become servant leaders in a global society. The learning that first begins in a classroom is often put into practice in South Orange. Part of the Seton Hall college experience takes place in the Village with its social and arts opportunities and cultural diversity."

Students are not always wearing the blue and white Pirate apparel that tags them as Seton Hall students, but take the time to look around town and you will see the positive impact they make here. You rent videos from them at Blockbuster, are served by them at local restaurants and a few are even the crossing guards that keep your children safe. What were once two separate communities, South Orange and Seton Hall, are now becoming unified and the students have been quick to embrace the integration.



Join Our E-Mail List - Newsletter Going Green

Seton Hall University has long understood the need for a cleaner and more sustainable planet. As a result, the University has taken great strides to become a more "green" campus. One initiative is to actively reduce the amount of paper used by the University. In maintaining that goal, the Office of Community Relations has decided to take the Neighbors Newsletter online. This will be the last printed issue. In addition to the current bi-annual newsletter, the Neighbor's Newsletter will have a monthly edition with information on Seton Hall events open to community members during that month. In order to receive the newsletters, the Office of Community Relations is requesting you send in your email address so that we can create an e-mail list to send out future editions. **Email addresses can be sent to communityrelations@shu.edu. Your address will only be used for Seton Hall news pertaining to the community.**

Seton Hall Calendar of Events

For more information about events at Seton Hall check our Web site at www.shu.edu or call the Office of Community Relations at (973) 378-9816

August

- 18 W Soccer vs. Lehigh
- 19 M Soccer vs. Army
- 22 W Soccer vs. Montreal
- 24 W Soccer vs. Delaware
- 27 M Soccer vs. Saint Peter's
Freshmen Move-In
- 31 W Soccer vs. Fairfield
Classes Begin

September

- 06 W Soccer vs. Fordham
- 07 M Soccer vs. Princeton
- 08 W Volleyball vs. LIU
- 11 M Soccer vs. Virginia
Commonwealth
- 14 - Oct. 16 Art Exhibition:
Windows to Heaven
- 18 W Volleyball vs. NJIT
SHU Tournament
- 19 W Volleyball vs. Hofstra
SHU Tournament
- 19 W Volleyball vs. Yale
SHU Tournament
- 24 Neighbors Community Meeting
- 28 Film: Incident at Oglala

- 25 M Soccer vs. Rutgers
- 26 W Volleyball vs. Georgetown
- 27 W Volleyball vs. USF
W Soccer vs. Georgetown
M Soccer vs. Villanova

October

- 01 Poetry: Nathan Oats
- 02-04 Family Weekend
- 03 Seton Hall University Day
- 07 M Soccer vs. Georgetown
- 10 M Soccer vs. Marquette
- 11 W Soccer vs. Notre Dame
- 12 Film: Night of the
Shooting Stars
- 15-18 Fall Break (No Classes)
- 16 W Soccer vs. St. John's
- 17 W Volleyball vs. Louisville
- 18 W Soccer vs. Syracuse
W Volleyball vs. Cincinnati
- 19 Film: The Gospel According to
St. Matthew
- 20 Concert: Luis Bonilla,
Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz
- 21 Poetry: John Ashbery
- 22 Neighbors Community Meeting

23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Nov. 1

- SHU Theatre: You Can't
Take With You
- 24 W Volleyball vs. Rutgers
M Soccer vs. Connecticut
- 26 Film: How Green Was My
Valley
- 29 Concert: Chamber Orchestra
Kremlin
- 31 M Soccer vs. West Virginia

November

- 02 - Dec. 11 Art Exhibition:
Uncommon Threads
- 06 W Volleyball vs. St. John's
- 08 W Volleyball vs. Connecticut
- 09 Film: El Norte
- 10 Concert: The Vanguard Jazz
Orchestra
- 12 Poetry: Pam Laskin
- 16 Film: Do the Right Thing
- 19 Neighbors Community Meeting
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Recess
- 29 Concert: The Daedalus String
Quartet

December

- 4-6 SHU Theatre: A Few Good
Men
- 19 Winter Recess Begins



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