



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.

## UNIVERSITY OF SUCCESS

BY: KELLY JUDGE

The University of Success is a pre-college program for high school students in the Scranton area. The Success program assists students to successfully complete high school and attend a college or university. Twenty 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are individually selected each year by their teachers, counselors and principals based on certain criteria. These factors include their family's economic status, their cultural background that may be

underestimated in colleges, their giftedness in certain academic areas, and also being the first family member



to attend higher education. The University of Success students meet once a month on Saturdays for all of all four years of their high school careers. Each monthly meeting has a certain

theme that is geared towards helping students better prepare for college. Some of these themes consist of bettering study habits, college preparation, financial aid application process, SAT preparation, healthy living, online safety, and volunteerism. I have been an active member of the University of Success team for three years as a counselor and a work-study student. This program has really showed me that regardless of a student's home life, finances, or struggles, achieving academic success is always possible.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

Q: Where is the Leahy Center?

A: While the name may seem to suggest that the Leahy Center is located in Leahy Hall, this is actually not the case! The Leahy Center is so named because the Center is dedicated to the memory of Edward R. Leahy Jr., son of Edward and Patricia Leahy. The Center is, in fact, is located in McGurkin Hall and may be accessed by the McGurkin stairs or elevators, except during clinic hours. During clinic hours, the Center may be accessed by a back entrance off of Kressler Ct.





**Michelle Steinmetz**

For the past two years Michelle Steinmetz has been a dedicated community volunteer at The Leahy Community Health and Family Center. Within these past two years, Michelle has been a vital role in coordinating the Clinic's discharge area and implementing the electronic medical record system. Not only has she helped to strengthen these procedures but has worked hard to educate students to successfully execute these systems. Aside from volunteering, Michelle received Bachelor Degrees in Chemistry and Biology from Loyola University in 2011 and currently attends Penn State where she will receive a Master's in Public Health this December. Michelle serves as a pure example of the Ignatius spirit. On many occasions when the center is in need of assistance, she calls out of work to help serve the members of her community. Many do not know that Michelle is the daughter of the University's Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ed Steinmetz, but it becomes apparent through her work of serving "men and women for others". Showing up with a big smile, Michelle brightens everyone's day as she prepares to help many individuals that seek assistance each week here at the Center. As Michelle moves on to start a new chapter in her life, there will always be a special place for her here at The Leahy Community Health and Family Center.

## GIVING BACK TO MY COMMUNITY

BY: JESSICA HATALA

Last Fall, I became a volunteer at the Leahy Community Health and Family Center, and it was probably the best decision I have ever made during my stay here at the University of Scranton. I am a sophomore Biology major with the hopes of getting into Dental School. I was always interested in pursuing a career in the health field, and I thought volunteering at the clinic would be a great experience to become familiar with a health setting. Being a resident of Lackawanna County, I also wanted to give back to my community by making a difference in someone else's life. In the fall, I only volunteered about once a week, but during intersession of this year, I started volunteering more and more during office and clinic hours. This has helped me become more familiar with the center as well as its staff. Being at the center almost every day of the week, I began to see just how amazing the Leahy Center really is. I began to see how grateful people are to receive our services, and I

witnessed firsthand the lives that have been improved due to the Leahy Center. After seeing how this center can make a difference in so many lives, I knew that I wanted to continue volunteering at the Leahy Center for the remainder of my college career.

After being approached by staff who encouraged me to apply to become a member of the Student Advisory Board, I immediately knew that I wanted to become more involved in the Leahy Center and, therefore, I decided to apply for a position. I am so passionate about working at the center, and I feel that I can be an asset to the Board. The Student Advisory Board is an integral part of the Leahy Center making sure everything runs smoothly and ensuring that the best services are given to our community to improve their health and wellness. Because of this, I would love to contribute what I have to offer to their mission to help improve our services here at the Leahy Community Health and Family Center and be of service to the people in my community.

## ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS AT THE LEAHY CENTER

BY: HAYDEN STRICKLAND

This school year, The Leahy Health and Family Center will be very hard at work implementing the use of Electronic Medical Record (EMR). Bringing the EMR system to life is just one of the major initiatives that the EMR implementation team will be working on. The team consists of a faculty mentor, Mr. Joseph Fisne, three graduate students who are pursuing their Masters in Health Administration (MHA), Charles Murray, Kendrick Monestime, and Robert "Rocky" Sawyer, along with myself, Hayden Strickland, an

undergraduate Health Administration major. All participants are very hard at work with creating policies and procedures along with entering the current patients into the EMR system. This is a very exciting, new initiative that will be taken on by the Leahy Center and its dedicated student volunteers. We have strong desire to improve our center's patient safety, reduce medical errors, and improve our overall medical organizational efficiency. Implementing the EMR system will be very beneficial in three main ways: (1) improved quality, outcomes, and safety; (2) improved efficiency, productivity, cost reduction; and (3) improved service

and satisfaction. Bringing this new initiative to The Leahy Health and Family Center shows our devotion to the Jesuit ideals, specifically the ideal of "Magis" which focuses on the idea of "doing more". In accordance with this Jesuit ideal, we will go above and beyond to serve the Scranton community in as many ways as we can. With the increasing number of patients the Leahy Center is receiving each year, we must abide by "Magis" and do more to serve them. The EMR system will be a very important factor in keeping the center organized and efficient. The future is very bright for The Leahy Health and Family Center!

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## A PATIENT'S TESTIMONIAL

Immigrating from India 3 years ago, I have worked hard to try and make a living for my wife and I in the US. Working labor-intensive jobs became physically strenuous on my body, which led to many of my complications such as chronic back, shoulder, and foot pain. Once loosing my job, having no medical insurance, and my pain escalating, I did not know where to turn. Speaking to a friend about my situation, he recommended The Leahy Center. When walking into the center, everyone was very welcoming and respectful. The volunteers made me feel comfortable by providing me with a translator to help me better understand my circumstances. Once seeing the physician, he recommended Physical Therapy, which is a service I had never had before. When attending my first appointment Dr. Kosmahl, who is a very generous and intelligent man, greeted me. He explained his services thoroughly and put me at ease knowing that he could help relieve my pain. Now, seeing Dr. Kosmahl for over a year and a half, my pain has stayed at a tolerable level to where I am currently able to search for work. Not only does the Center provide my family with medical services, but I also feel like I help the physical therapy students in return by giving them hands on experience. Through having such a positive experience at the Center, I hope to one day receive my US citizenship, and open up a Center like this one to help others who are Hindi coming to America.

