

**F.I.R.S.T.:**  
**Freshmen Involved in Reflective Service Together**

**There are a limited number of slots for this service opportunity for new students.  
Acceptance will be on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Dear Member of the Class of 2012,

Welcome to The University of Scranton! In keeping with our Jesuit identity, we work toward incorporating the values of St. Ignatius Loyola in all aspects of daily life. Living up to this goal gives us a desire to be “men and women for and with others,” which fosters a yearning not only to help those in need but also to be an agent for change.

With this in mind, we would like to invite you to take part in an exciting program — F.I.R.S.T.: Freshmen Involved in Reflective Service Together. Thirty incoming freshmen will be given the opportunity to participate in four days of service in the Scranton community immediately preceding Fall Welcome. Types of service include working with elementary school children, nursing home residents, and Head Start. Through basic meals and activities centered on being with each other, you will receive a small taste of what “simple living” entails. A team of eight upperclassmen will lead F.I.R.S.T.; a staff chaperone will be present, with dinner and reflections involving faculty and staff.

You will spend Monday, August 18, through Saturday, August 23, at Chapman Lake, the University’s Retreat Center, approximately half an hour from campus. If you will be living on campus, you will move into your residence hall on Monday afternoon and go directly to Chapman Lake. Everyone will return to campus on Saturday morning, in time for Fall Welcome activities.

Room and board for the experience are \$50.00 per person. **If you are interested, please send an e-mail message to Pat Vacarro at [vaccarop1@scranton.edu](mailto:vaccarop1@scranton.edu) by May 30, 2008.** We will send you a confirmation response with payment instructions and additional information.

We look forward to meeting you as the beginning of your college experience grows near!

**Sincerely,**

**Pat Vaccaro**

*Director, Community Outreach Office*

**Shannon Murphy**

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