



University of Scranton A Comprehensive Technology Plan

Founded in 1888, Scranton is a nationally recognized Catholic and Jesuit university in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains region. The University offers 61 undergraduate and 25 graduate programs to approximately 6,000 students. The Loyola Science Center is designed to serve as the new home for all the natural sciences research and instruction at the University of Scranton. While its primary purpose is to house the existing Biology, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics/EE departments and programs currently associated with these departments, it is designed to serve as a center for collaborative learning for all members of the campus and community. Vistacom worked very closely with both the University and the design team in developing systems to support the goals of the new Sci-

ence Center which was to be built in two phases. The University was very concerned with providing the appropriate technology to meet the staff and curriculum needs, while also having a plan that could clearly lay out the 5 year operational costs to manage these systems. Vistacom provided the design and a room mock up within their Allentown facility that enabled numerous staff members from Scranton to evaluate a simulated room over a 3 day period. The feedback from these sessions provided valuable guidelines in solidifying the final configuration of various rooms. During the construction phase of the project, Vistacom provided a weekly walk through of each room to evaluate infrastructure and provide full reports to the University to capture any issues that may impact the integrity of

the AV system. The University relied heavily on these reports to ultimately keep the AV project intact and on track. "We have continued to maintain this same level of hands on management within phase 2 and this has once again proven to be successful in mitigating project risk," stated Jim Ferlino, Vice President of Vistacom "The end result was a well thought out plan to provide comprehensive coverage of all spaces with both better response time and lower overall cost."