The Forum for Ethics in the Workplace brings together local business professionals and university scholars to provide for study, reflection, and public dialogue about ethical issues in various workplace settings.

The Forum sponsored four public breakfast meetings:

“Sub-Prime Values? Ethical Issues and the Business of Owning a Home” - with presentations by Doug Patt, president of Prudential Patt White Realtors (pictured), and Alan Jennings, executive director of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley [87 participants]

“Absorbing the Shock! Ethical Issues Connected to Energy Deregulation” – with presentations by Terrance Fitzpatrick, general counsel for the Electric Power Generation Association, and the Hon. Karen Beyer, representing the 131st district in the PA House of Representatives [58 participants]

“A Fiscal Tsunami: Clear and Present Dangers of America’s National Debt” - with presentations by Christine Hovde, northeast regional director of The Concord Coalition, and the Hon. Charlie Dent, representing the 15th district in the U.S. House of Representatives [75 participants]

“A Failure in Waiting? Analyzing a Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth” – with presentations by Matthew Sorrentino, President of Communities in Schools Lehigh Valley, and Ron Yoshida, Professor of Educational Leadership at Lehigh University [91 participants].

The Forum also sponsored two special events:

A panel discussion [43 participants] on “From Wall Street to Main Street: How the Financial Crisis Affects Us All” – featuring Christopher Cocozza, chair of the Business Dept. at DeSales University, James West, chair of the Dept. of Economics at Moravian College, Tom Scalici, CEO of Cornerstone Institutional Investors, and Joe Svetik, President of First Star Bank, and moderated by Sam Torrence, executive-in-residence at DSU (pictured, left to right: Svetik, West, Cocozza, Scalici)
a screening and discussion [89 participants] of a documentary entitled “I.O.U.S.A., One Nation, Under Stress, In Debt” – featuring AMY SCOTT, assistant professor of economics at DeSales University, and TOM CICHOCKI, vice president for wealth management with CitiGroup/Smith Barney, and moderated by BRIAN KANE, professor of theological ethics at DeSales University

Members of the Forum’s board of directors were featured in several venues:

Fr. DAILEY, TOM GARRITY, and MIKE SWEETANA joined in a presentation about the Forum to the Small Business Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

DENNIS MORTON lectured on “Ethics Under Duress” to the Lehigh Valley chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management.

Fr. DAILEY was a studio guest and Tom Garrity was interviewed for the Tempo Public Square television show about youth and ethics, broadcast on WLVT-TV (PBS 39).