Staff Spotlight:
Christie Vuoto, Assistant Director of Employer Relations in the Villanova Career Center

This interview series brings you inside the world of Villanova staff and explores how they provide resources for the campus community to reach a sustainable future. In this issue we hear from Christie Vuoto, an assistant director of employer relations in the Career Center.

What is your academic and career background?
I am proudly from Bucks County, PA, and recently moved back to the area. My undergraduate degree is in psychology from Loyola University Maryland, which sparked my social and environmental interests. After college, I moved to New York City and completed a year of service at a non-profit community agency. I completed my master’s degree in Counseling for Mental Health and Wellness from NYU. It was here that I developed my passion for career development. My first opportunity to explore this passion was at Fordham University’s Career Services in employer engagement and career counseling, specifically working with public sector employers and students.

In your own words, how would you define sustainability and why is it important to you?
Sustainability is often tough to grasp because it can be used in so many different domains – agriculture, corporate business, environment (wind, solar, water), engineering, etc. For this reason, I view sustainability more as a mindset than an industry. Sustainability is relevant and transferable to all industries. It is dynamic and progressive and all inclusive.

How does your role support a sustainable future?
My role in the Career Center was created, in part, to work more closely with organizations that have a social impact. That includes non-profit and government agencies and environmental and corporate sustainability organizations. With the help of excellent campus partners and resources, I am continually learning about sustainability and am able to get more of these opportunities posted on our job board, Handshake. As a result, students have more immediate access to these types of positions.
What resources exist to support students interested in sustainable careers?
Students can absolutely use the Career Center as a resource. We have a team of Career Counselors that are knowledgeable on the job/internship search process, resume and cover letter reviews, and just general career exploration. As I mentioned, we are continually working to bring these opportunities to our students through Handshake and employer relationships.

What advice do you have for students just finishing their freshman year and students who are getting ready to graduate?
I am a big believer in the power of discernment. College can be a very transformative time full of self-discovery, so it is good to be aware of these changes and reflect upon their meaning.

At the end of a student’s first-year of college, I encourage them to look back on the activities they got involved in inside and outside of the classroom. What did they learn about themselves? Continue being curious and involved and start to reflect on how to translate those curiosities into passions.

For students about to graduate, reflect upon their years at Villanova. Hopefully they have developed new interests, can identify what they are good at, and have steadfast values. Maybe they can even take it a step further and can translate that into a fulfilling job or career. If not, no worries, come talk it out with us at the Career Center!

What are your favorite hobbies outside of work?
I recently moved to Center City Philadelphia so love exploring the area and going to different restaurants and concert venues. I am also a huge “Rocky” fanatic so you can often find me running up and down the Art Museum steps.
Villanova University Presents

EARTH WEEK 2017

TUESDAY
April 18  Clothing Swap  10:00-2:00 I Oreo
           Tree Tour      11:30 I Corr Hall Arch
           Day of Action Training  6:00 I Driscoll 221

WEDNESDAY
April 19  Tree Tour  10:00 I Corr Hall Arch

THURSDAY
April 20  Sustainability Fair & Farmers Market  11:00-2:00 I The Oreo
          Keynote  6:00 I Driscoll Auditorium
          “Working for a Just and Sustainable Future Beyond Campus”
          Dominic Frongillo

FRIDAY
April 21  Day of Action  11:00 I Nova Tix
          Poster Creation Party  2:00 I Bartley 32
          Kilometers for Climate  5:00 I Corr Lounge

SATURDAY
April 22  March for Science  11:00 I Center City

SUNDAY
April 23  Earth Day of Service  8:30 I Nova Tix

For more information go to the Earth Day website at Villanova.edu/Sustainability

Sponsors: The Office of the President, Mission and Ministry, Associate Vice Provost for Research, The President’s Environmental Sustainability Committee, Villanova Environmental Group, Office of Student Life, Dining Services, Environmental Health and Safety, Grounds Staff and the Recycling Coordinator, The Ethics Program, The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, The College of Engineering, Villanova Center for Liberal Education, The Villanova Center for the Advancement of Sustainability in Engineering, The Center for Peace and Justice Education, The Center for Global Leadership, Department of Geography and the Environment, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Department of Political Science
We Resist.
We Build.
We Rise.

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to secure your seat on the bus.

NOVA TIX
Villanova CRS Ambassadors

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FRI APRIL 21ST
5:00PM
CORR HALL STEPS
ACS APPROVED

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$20 REGISTRATION INCLUDES A REUSABLE MUG.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CLIMATE CHANGE RELIEF EFFORTS IN MADAGASCAR
Thursday, April 6

**Climate Change and Its Impact on Health**

Laura Anderko, PhD, RN

*What is the impact of climate on your community? What aspects of health are at-risk and who is most vulnerable? Nurses can be the sentinels in identifying climate change concerns found in individual patients or populations. Be better prepared for your role with an increased understanding of the scope of the issue and a deeper appreciation of the relationship between health and the environment.*

5:30-6:30PM | Driscoll 132

Friday and Saturday, April 7-8

**Just Transition Conference:**

**Communicating Power in an Age of Climate Change**

*Communication is central to the creation of positive social change. The Waterhouse Family Institute is focusing this year’s series on climate justice, environmental racism and just transition advocacy.*

Science, Expertise & Environmental Justice

Friday, 2:30-4:00PM | Driscoll 134

Environmental Justice Tour

Saturday, 10:00-3:30PM | Departs from Villanova Campus

Public Forum: Just Transitions: Communicating Power in the Era of Climate Change

Saturday, 4:30-6:00 | Driscoll 134

Wednesday, April 12

**Webinar:**

**Empowering the New Energy Workforce: Best Practices for Campus Energy Education & Internships**

3:00-4:30PM | Register Online
Wednesday, April 19
**Webinar:**
Leveraging Sub-Meter Data as Feedback to Engage Community Members and Save Energy on Shoestring Staffing and Funding
3:00-4:00PM | Register Online

Friday Through Sunday, April 21-23
**Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival**
*This first annual Festival will bring the planet to Philadelphia through the power of environmental films.*
Multiple Shows | Website

Tuesday, April 25
**Guest Speaker: David Thoreson**
Senior Advisor for Geospatial Exploration for the Geoversiv Foundation
2:30PM | Bartley 1011

Thursday, April 27
**The Business of Energy- Career Panel**
*Learn more about the career in Energy from VSB alumni who are leaders in this field.*
**Panelist:**
Chuck Maser, VP, Business Development, Sunoco Logistics (’98 MBA)
Nora Swimm, Senior VP, Corporate Climate Services for PJM (’86 VSB & ’05 MBA)
Bill Stewart, CFO of KDC Solar (’88 VSB)
6:00-7:00PM | Bartley Hall, Curley Exchange

Wednesday Through Saturday, June 7-10
**Citizens' Climate Lobby Advanced Climate Policy**
*Become fluent in climate policy and dig deeper into the intricacies of carbon pricing, emissions mitigation strategies and the structure of the electrical power industry.*
American University, Washington DC | Register Online
WHAT IS A CSA?
Community Supported Agriculture, or “CSA,” is a mutually-beneficial arrangement between community members and local farms in which the farmers provide produce and other farm products during the growing season in exchange for payment before the season begins. Each week, the farmer harvests the mature crops and divides the offerings into “shares,” which typically is one share for each member of the CSA program.

Villanova Dining Services has teamed up with Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative to bring the CSA to the Villanova community. Villanova’s CSA is coordinated through the 2nd Storey Market in St. Mary’s Hall. All Villanova students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to purchase and support a sustainable food system.

SHARES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Vegetable Share  Flower Share  Herb Share  Medicinal Herb Share

Bread Share  Fruit Share  Chicken Share  Meat Share  Egg Share  Cheese Share

WEEKLY DELIVERIES JUNE 5 THROUGH AUGUST 7

HOW CAN I SIGN UP?
Please Note: Villanova Shares are password protected: villanova
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 25, 2017
AASHE Resources Intern

The Resources Intern will work from a virtual home office up to 40 hours per week during Summer 2017 providing administrative and technical support related to the development of AASHE resources. The ideal candidate is a student at an AASHE member institution and has experience with data collection for AASHE’s Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

Apply Online

Second Nature Internships

Second Nature is seeking diverse and exceptional candidates for various paid internships and 1 fellowship position. All internships are located in Boston.

Apply Online

Put a Price on It Fellowship

Our Climate mobilizes young people to advocate for fair and effective carbon pricing policy through the Put a Price on It campaign. Our Fellowship Program is a structured program in which participants lead a campaign for carbon pricing in their communities. Fellows give 5-10 hours/week, in which they gain experience organizing and training other students, rally public support for a national and state carbon pricing policy, and directly engage with elected officials. Fellows receive support from Our Climate and Citizens’ Climate Lobby staff as they work to achieve the goals of the campaign. Fellowship applications are accepted until May 1 for the Summer, June 18 for Fall, and December 15 for Spring. Stipends are available for the Fall and Spring positions, amount depending on fundraising outcomes.

Apply Online