Greetings from Park Avenue!

With a new semester well under way, it is finally starting to feel like fall on campus! As always, there are many exciting events and programs happening for members of the Villanova community - on campus and right here in New York. Please make sure to check the alumni calendar for upcoming events.

This month, I want to share some exciting news, events and stories about the Women of Villanova. I encourage you to read about some of the amazing female professors we have and the important work they do. You can read about the presentation sponsored by the Villanova Women's Professional Network, "How Women's Networks Are Shaping Business" featuring journalist and author Pamela Ryckman. Lastly, please consider attending the Connie Dwyer Breast Center Harvest of Hope event, which honors three Villanova alumnae.

I hope to see many of you at this year's Homecoming Weekend, which will truly be a historic moment for the University!

With warm regards,

Homecoming 2013- You Won't Want to Miss This!

Join us for Homecoming Weekend 2013 and don't miss this historic opportunity to be a part of the future of Villanova as we officially launch the comprehensive Campaign. Visit the events page to see the full list of Homecoming and Campaign Launch Weekend activities. Click here to make your travel plans for Homecoming Weekend!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, based in New York City, selected Villanova University Chemistry professor Amanda Grannas, PhD as a 2013 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar. Dr. Grannas, a faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is one of just seven faculty members nationwide to receive the award.

The Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program supports the research and teaching careers of talented young faculty in the chemical sciences at undergraduate institutions. The award recognizes accomplishments in scholarly research with undergraduates as well as a compelling commitment to teaching. To read the full press release, click here.
Upcoming Events

October 9- Morris/Somerset VU Men's Soccer Tailgate

October 14-18 - Greater NYC Take a Wildcat to Work Fall 2013

October 15 - Hoops on the Hudson
Join the Villanova Athletic Fund in honoring the rich history of the Villanova Men's Basketball program while celebrating the start of a new season at Hoops on the Hudson.

November 5 - Save the Date: Manhattan Chapter Networking Event at the New York Athletic Club

Villanova Women's Professional Network presents Pamela Ryckman, Author of Stiletto Network

On September 18, The Villanova Women's Professional Network sponsored an event that brought author Pamela Ryckman to campus. More than 350 people registered for the event, including students from all five colleges, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends.

Stiletto Network is a tale of women banding together to improve lives, companies and communities, to achieve their dreams and change the world.

During the past few years, women's groups have been coalescing in every major American city. Formidable ladies across industries are convening at unprecedented rates, creating salons, dinner groups and networking circles, and collaborating to achieve clout and success. Each group may have no more than 10 women, but in aggregate they number in the tens if not hundreds of thousands of women nationwide. A new girls' network is alive and set to hyper-drive, and Stiletto Network is the first book to shed light on this groundbreaking movement.

Villanova Women to be Honored at Harvest of Hope Benefit

On October 18, the Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center is hosting the "Harvest of Hope Dinner Dance - Hope for the Women of Newark". The evening of dinner and dancing will take place at The Park Savory in Florham Park, NY. Money raised over the years has allowed the Connie Dwyer Breast Center to provide patients with the very best equipment and services available - from early detection to advanced treatment - in a compassionate caring environment.

This year's honorees are all Villanova University alumnae- Patricia Devaney Gargiulo ’83, Barbara Abraham Dugan ’88, and Rebecca Dwyer Morano ’88. These extraordinary women embody Villanova’s motto of Veritas, Unitas, Caritas - Truth, Unity, Charity. Despite the demands of their busy families, they have helped raise over $2.5 million in support of the Center's mission to provide top-quality breast care for all women, regardless of their ability to pay. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Janet Lesko at (973) 877-2624.
### Dr. Linda Copel Inducted Into NLN Academy of Nursing Education

An exemplar for both undergraduate and graduate students, Professor Linda Carman Copel, PhD, RN, PMHCNS, BC, CNE, NCC, FAPA, ANEF was inducted into the National League for Nursing (NLN) Academy of Nursing Education on September 20, 2013. She is one of the 28 distinguished nurse educators selected for the prestigious honor as the seventh class of fellows. The induction was in Washington, DC at the 2013 NLN Education Summit.

Dr. Copel is well known for her research in domestic violence and more recently with issues affecting veterans and their families. She is successful in interdisciplinary efforts as well, a proponent of inter-professional education and described by colleagues as an "architect of community partnerships.” To read the full release, [click here](#).

### Villanova Ranked #1 in the North

Villanova University has once again earned the top spot in the Regional University-North category in U.S. News & World Report's annual "America's Best Colleges" rankings. This marks the 21st consecutive year that the University has placed #1 in that category. The publication's "America's Best Colleges" issue hit newsstands Sept. 24. [Click here](#) for the full release.

### St. Thomas of Villanova Day Recap

Service is at the core of Villanova University's ethos, 365 days a year. But, on one particular day each September the University community comes out in force, partnering with local service organizations and neighborhood agencies throughout the Greater Philadelphia region to celebrate St. Thomas of Villanova "Day of Service." One of the largest single-day service events in the region, the St. Thomas Day of Villanova Day Celebration honors the University's patron saint - the 16th century Augustinian bishop of Valencia, Spain - known for his great charity to the poor and marginalized.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, thousands of students, faculty, staff, alumni and their families participated in the eighth-annual event, fanning out to more than 150 sites to pitch in on projects ranging from neighborhood cleanups to working on an urban farm.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity each year on the St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service to join together with our community partners as one unified force devoted to helping our neighbors in need in the Greater Philadelphia region do the work they need to do," said the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, Villanova University President. "Participating in this great event expands and strengthens our community partnerships and reinforces Villanova's commitment to service. It is a day that Villanova students, faculty, staff and alumni look forward to as an energizing starting point for another year of volunteerism."

"The Day of Service provides Villanovans with a great opportunity to embrace the Catholic roots and Augustinian principles that our University was founded upon," Dillon Insalaco, student chair of the Day of Service said. "In joining together and giving of their time as one dedicated unit, members of the Villanova community are able to contribute to a diverse group of service sites that promote a multitude of causes."

Alumni far from Villanova's campus also participate nationwide in regional events throughout September and October in support of the St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration.