Greetings from Park Avenue!

I hope your 2014 is off to a great start! The spring semester is in full swing and Villanova students are hard at work on campus in spite of the few snow days we've had here in the northeast.

Here in New York, we are busy sharing the vision for the University's most ambitious campaign to date, For the Greater Great: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change, with alumni, parents and friends of the University. Be sure to mark your calendars for the NYC Campaign Launch event on April 3 at the Hammerstein Ballroom. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early.

With conference play heating up, I invite you to read below to learn more about Villanova's exciting plans for this year's Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden. We have a number of new events planned to compliment the exciting tournament play we are all anticipating, as well as Father Peter's annual Big East Celebration at Stout. In addition, I am pleased to share news about the University's Take a 'Cat to Work Program--now in its third year in NYC.

As always, please visit the alumni calendar for the latest information on upcoming events happening in the region. GO CATS!

Villanova University Announces Election of Two New Board of Trustee Members

Villanova University has announced the election of two new members to its Board of Trustees. Robert F. Moran, retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PetSmart, Inc., and Thomas A. Wagner, III, Founding Partner and Managing Member of Knighthead Capital Management, joined the University's 34-member Board, effective Jan. 1.

"We are delighted to welcome these two distinguished business leaders to our Board of Trustees," said the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, Villanova University President. "Their acumen and experience will be a valuable addition as the Board works to chart the future direction of the University." Click here for the full release.

Donor Spotlight: Colleen Griffin Wagner ’84

Colleen Griffin Wagner CLAS ’84 is an active alumna in New York. She is a passionate volunteer for Villanova, as well as many other non-profit organizations in the region. This past year, Colleen joined the New York City Campaign Committee and is working with the New York Advancement Office to help Villanova achieve its campaign goals. Colleen has been very generous to the University for many years, but recently she decided to personally support the Campaign in a significant way. Along with her family, Ms. Griffin Wagner made a gift in support of the College of Engineering. Her gift will provide resources for the expansion of the Center for Engineering Education and Research (CEER).

The top campaign priority for Villanova's College of Engineering is the expansion of CEER, the hub for the College. This expansion will provide space for the innovative teaching methods and new experiences in place today. The addition of a student learning
commons will support the College's emphasis on collaboration, teamwork and community. Students will use the space to work on multidisciplinary team projects and attend seminars, lectures and other functions.

**Upcoming Events**

- **February 22**: Northern New Jersey Chapter Game Watch: Villanova vs. St. Johns
- **February 27**: Manhattan Chapter Class of 1995-2005 Happy Hour
- **March 8**: Manhattan Chapter comes to Philadelphia: Georgetown vs. Villanova
- **March 11-15**: SAVE THE DATE: Big East Experience including Stout (no registration required), Power Breakfast and Pub Night!
- **April 3**: NYC Campaign Launch Event

**Big East Tournament in NYC**

The Big East Tournament returns to the Garden in March! Following one of Villanova's most exciting seasons, the University is anticipating an explosive week of basketball from the 10 teams that represent the re-formed Big East Conference. The tournament begins on Wednesday, March 12 and will culminate with the championship game on Saturday, March 15. Father Peter will host his annual Big East Celebration at Stout for all alumni, parents and friends of the University.

In addition to the event at Stout, the University will host a Power Breakfast and Panel Discussion exploring the economic impact of the Super Bowl the morning of Thursday, March 13 as well as Young Alumni Pub Night at the Mason Jar Thursday night.

Look out for invitations in the coming weeks!

**A Visit to the Ireland House with Eamonn Coghlan '76**

Villanova and Ireland have a storied history, dating back to the founding of the University by the Augustinians for the purpose of providing a college education to the children of Irish Immigrants in the northeast. That story continues today thanks to Villanova’s Irish Studies program, The Abbey Theatre's residency program at Villanova and countless Irish families represented in Villanova's alumni, parent and friend communities.

In January, Peter Ryan, Deputy Consul General of Ireland and Joseph Lennon PhD, Associate Professor and Director of Irish Studies at Villanova University, hosted Villanova alumni, parents and friends at Ireland House to commemorate the visit of Senator Eamonn Coghlan '76. A crowd of more than 200 were present for remarks from Professor Lennon about the Irish Studies Program and the Senator about his time at Villanova and his success with Villanova Track and Field.
Take a 'Cat to Work Day

In early January, The Manhattan Chapter and the University Career Center sponsored "Take a 'Cat to Work Day". This program connects current students with alumni and parents, allowing the students to experience a day in the life of their chosen career field.

Over 150 students participated in the program, 75 of which were in New York! The program is open to sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students from all colleges. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the career center.

Class of 2013 Placement Statistics

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The Clock is Ticking - Vote EVERY DAY for Coach Jay Wright!

Join the Infiniti Challenge and vote for Coach Jay Wright at www.espn.com/infiniti.

The nation's top coaches will be counting on fans to vote for their favorite charities! Coach Wright has already made it past the first round in support of his favorite charity - The Augustinian Fund. Second round voting ends February 16; increase his chances by sharing with your friends. The coaches receiving the most votes will continue on, and the winning coach will receive $100,000 toward his charity (each coach will get at least $1,000 for his favorite cause). Vote now!

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