Greetings from Park Avenue!

I hope your 2013 is off to a great start. Our students are back for their spring semester, and it is an exciting time for the University's academics. Villanova has once again been named a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students. You can read more about this award below, as well as the University's Take a Wildcat to Work Day program, Citi's recent VCAP event, and our volunteer spotlight on Jackie Lebowitz '06. In addition, you can now check out back issues of this newsletter on the redesigned University Advancement web pages. Don't forget to visit the alumni calendar for the latest information on upcoming events happening in the New York region.

With warm regards,

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JACKIE LEBOWITZ '06

Jackie Lebowitz is a wonderful example of a young alumna who is passionate about her alma mater. As a student at Villanova, Jackie was actively involved on the Special Olympics committee and was a member of the Villanova Sailing team. She also wrote for The Villanovan and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

Since graduating from Villanova, Jackie has become a lead volunteer in NYC. She has been a member of the Manhattan Chapter since 2010, and has taken on leadership roles within the chapter. Jackie currently serves as the Chapter's Vice Chair of Professional Development and the Media Chair. She was also a member of her 5 year reunion committee.

"The Manhattan Chapter has grown incredibly over the past few years, and I think the creation of our networking and professional development committee is just one of the many ways we are connecting regionally. With so many talented people in the New York City area, we strive to connect alumni with an educational goal in mind," shared Jackie.

Big East Tournament in NYC

The Big East Tournament will once again come to NYC in March! The tournament begins on Tuesday, March 12 and runs through Saturday, March 16. During the week, Villanova will be hosting many events for a variety of audiences within the University. Father Peter will host his annual Big East Celebration at Stout for all alumni, parents and friends of the University. Look out for invitations in the coming weeks!

If you are interested in securing a private suite for any one of the sessions during the tournament please call the MSG Suites Team at 212-465-6771 or email msgsuites@msg.com.
Villanova Named a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students

Villanova University is one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright Students, according to an announcement made by The Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. Five Villanovans were awarded Fulbright awards for 2012-2013, maintaining the University's record of having at least one student selected for the coveted scholarships each year since 1994. Villanova has also placed on the list of Top Producers of U.S. Fulbright Students among Masters Institutions every year since 2004 - a list highlighted annually by The Chronicle of Higher Education. To read the full release, click here.

Take a Wildcat to Work Day

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

The program, which is in its third year at Villanova, is open to sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students from all colleges. This year, approximately 150 students participated, with over 40 in Manhattan alone!

Villanovans Helping Villanovans

I would like to thank Jerry Schretter '86 for hosting a Villanova Corporate Alumni Partners (VCAP) event at Citi on November 29. Over 50 Villanova alumni and parents attended a presentation and reception with Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, '75. Please click here for a photo gallery of the Villanova-Citi event.

President's Report: Wisdom to Shape the World

I am pleased to share with you the digital version of Villanova’s 2011-2012 President's Report.

The content demonstrates how knowledge, combined with our Augustinian principles and tradition, leads us towards wisdom to shape the world. Stories feature students, faculty members and alumni from all of our Colleges. Please click here to view an electronic copy of this year's Report.