Welcome to the Spring 2016 issue of the CLAS Dean's Desk! We have great news to share, from the announcement of our nine CLAS Fulbright Scholars (out of 13 for the University) to our 56 CLAS students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Two faculty members, Irene Kan, PhD (Psychology) and Adriano Duque, PhD (Romance Languages and Literatures) have also been awarded Fulbright faculty fellowships for 2016-17. And we can't fail to mention that two CLAS senior student-athletes, Ryan Arcidiacono and Daniel Ochefu, led our men's basketball team to a NCAA Championship! For the very latest news and happenings in the College, connect with us on the Web, Facebook and Twitter.

Sincerely,
Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD
Dean

Thirteen Villanovans Awarded Prestigious Fulbright Scholarships

Villanova's reputation as one of the top Fulbright producers in the nation continues. Thirteen Villanovans have been selected to receive 2016-17 Fulbright US Student Grants, including nine from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The grants allow recipients to serve as international ambassadors by performing research or teaching English in foreign countries. Additionally, Mackenzie Niness '18 (Criminology) and Rachel Schlegel '19 (Cognitive Behavioral Neuroscience) were chosen to attend Fulbright US-UK Summer Institutes.
CLAS Dean Emeritus Honored by Ellis Island

The Rev. Kail C. Ellis, OSA, PhD, Villanova University special assistant to the President and dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

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CLAS Celebrates Class of 2016

On May 14, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences held its Class of 2016 Undergraduate and Graduate Convocations. Adetola Ajayi ’16 CLAS (Philosophy) offered the Invocation at the undergrad ceremony, and Heidi Rose, PhD, director of Graduate Studies in Communication, spoke at the graduate festivities.

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UVA Medical School Dean and CLAS Alum Returns to Campus

David Wilkes, MD ’78 CLAS (Biology), dean of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, recently returned to campus to meet with pre-health professions students.

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$1.1 million in gifts for Irish Studies Center, Education in Ireland

Student Research Team Works to Protect Watershed
The Connelly Foundation has made a $1 million gift to establish the Center for Irish Studies. Additionally, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick (represented by Joseph Heenan, president, and his son, Michael for its Scholarship Committee) presented Craig Bailey, PhD, acting director of Irish Studies, with $100,000 to establish the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Endowed Fund for Experiential Education in Ireland, in memory of Stephen P. Stanton.

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Environmental Science researchers are partnering with Victory Brewing Company and a local non-profit to protect the Brandywine River Watershed.

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Fifty-Six Students Inducted into National Honor Society

CLAS students whose academic achievements reflect the goals of Phi Beta Kappa were inducted into the National Honors Fraternity.

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CLAS Faculty Honored by University and College Awards

CLAS Faculty received four of seven 2016 University awards, and three others were honored by the College.

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From Audience with the Pope to Master's Student

Elliot Williams ’16 CLAS, a Presidential Scholar and Vatican Intern, is headed to the SI Newhouse School of Public Policy at Syracuse University.

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Assistant Dean Accepts New Post

Philly's loss is Chicago's gain. The Rev. Paul W. Galetto, OSA, PhD, whose energetic leadership brightened the Office for Undergraduate Students these past two years, will take on the role of principal for St. Rita of Cascia, an Augustinian prep school in the Windy City. We wish him well!

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Longtime Assistant Dean Retires

A familiar face to many, Robert Blanchard '70 CLAS, assistant dean, CLAS External Relations, for the past ten years, recently retired from the University. Prior to CLAS, he served as assistant dean to the Villanova School of Business and as director of Development for Major Gifts and Planned Giving for the University.

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How to Hire a CLAS Intern

CLAS students are excellent communicators, critical thinkers and
problem solvers who can be assets to your organization.

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