# Villanova Women’s Professional Network

**Profile 2018**

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## Mission

The Villanova Women’s Professional Network (VWPN) connects Villanova women, encourages their professional growth and development, and inspires them to succeed. Our programming enlightens the community about issues and challenges women face today. Led by faculty, staff, students, and alumnae from across campus, the VWPN wants Villanova to be known as an institution where women thrive, on our campus and beyond.

## Goals

- Provide opportunities to connect Villanova women from diverse backgrounds across disciplines, both on and off campus
- Advocate for the advancement of Villanova women
- Sponsor and champion Villanova programming that educates the community about how we can work together to enhance the quality of life for women

## Key Information

**VWPN Steering Committee 2018**
- 25 committee members
- 5 out of 6 Villanova colleges and VU Alumni Association represented
- Began work in 2011-12 academic year
- Currently based at Villanova School of Business

Divided into Subcommittees focusing on:
- Service
- Wage negotiation workshops
- Alumni Outreach
- Programming/Advocacy

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- Facilitated on-campus Wage Negotiation Workshops
- Co-sponsoring Women’s Networking Lunch in NYC as part of Big East week of events
- Workshop presented by Nancy Ancowitz on September 7, 2017
- Co-sponsored Brazen online networking
- Co-sponsored a panel discussion of the movie “Equity”

Sponsored community service events:
- Drive for supplies for “Cradles and Crayons”
- Ronald McDonald House dinners

## Target Audience

- All women in the Villanova community
  - Undergraduate and Graduate Students*
  - Faculty and Staff*
  - Alumnae*
  - Parents

- From all Villanova colleges
  - Villanova School of Business*
  - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*
  - College of Nursing*
  - College of Engineering*
  - Villanova School of Law
  - College of Professional Studies

*Represented on 2015-16 VWPN Steering Committee

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## Upcoming Events

**Events in Spring 2018**
- Panel discussion: Caring Work: Who and at What Cost
- Screening of “Zero Weeks” and discussion on paid family leave insurance in Pennsylvania
- Wage negotiation workshops

**Working on for Fall 2018:**
- Financial literary workshop
- Panel discussion on Careers for Women in Male-dominated Industries
- Keynote speaker event
- *NEED: Speakers for series on Careers for Women in Male-dominated Industries. Interested? Contact Cheryl Carleton at wpn@villanova.edu

## Want to Learn More?

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