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## Historic Visit

**Villanovans Play Key Roles in Welcoming Pope Francis and World Congress**

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The mission of Villanova University and its Augustinian traditions is central to who I am as a person, educator and administrator. My intellectual development has been guided by our core values and is reflected in the roles in which I serve.

—**Angelina Arcamone, PhD, RN, '82 CON, '86 MSN, assistant dean and director, Undergraduate Program, and clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing,** commenting on what being at an Augustinian institution means to her

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

Villanova University and the Philadelphia region are preparing for a historic, global, once-in-a-lifetime experience. More than one million people are expected to fill the city Sept. 22–27 for two inaugural events in the US: the 2015 World Meeting of Families (WMOF) and a visit by Pope Francis. The theme of the WMOF, “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive,” emphasizes the importance of family life and love in our society.

*Caritas*—love—is an integral value at Villanova, and we incorporate it into all aspects of University life. One of the powerful ways Villanovans are living this value is by participating in the WMOF and papal visit. Whether our faculty, students and alumni are invited speakers, industry leaders, committee members, organizers, musicians, volunteers or attendees, I am proud of the volume and reach of their contributions. (See the story on Page 26.)

When Villanovans pool their talents, they provide a vibrant example of how the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts. In fact, the magazine’s cover captures this synergy. It was created by melding more than 5,000 images of Villanovans.

In May, we bid farewell to the Class of 2015 and, only weeks later, welcomed back alumni of all ages for Reunion Weekend. At such occasions, I am awed by how many impressive representatives living and working around the world not only tell the Villanova story but bear witness to it. The success, leadership and example of these men and women help distinguish Villanova among its peers;

create opportunities for Villanova to be seen as a thought leader; and further enhance our national reputation.

Over the past several years, Villanova has been on an upward trajectory rivaled by few in higher education. As we continue to build upon that positive momentum, it is essential that the University be well-positioned to address the challenges and opportunities of the future.

To achieve this goal, I recently restructured our leadership team to provide even more streamlined, strategic oversight of the University. With the support and vision of the President’s Cabinet, the six academic deans and the newly created Executive Council, I am confident that this leadership team will expertly guide the institution. It also will enable me to focus more on enhancing Villanova’s external reputation, development initiatives and global presence. Villanova’s leaders take seriously our responsibility to this great university, and we will all work diligently to ensure that it continues to thrive and grow.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS  
President

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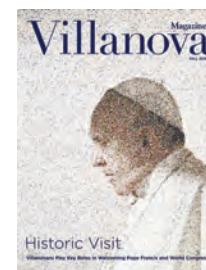
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## ABBREVIATIONS OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

- CLAS:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- COE:** College of Engineering
- CON:** College of Nursing
- CPS:** College of Professional Studies
- VLS:** Villanova University School of Law
- VSU:** Villanova School of Business

## VILLANOVA LEADERS TAKE ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES



Three distinguished members of the Villanova community have been appointed to new posts. **Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD**, formerly The Helen and William O'Toole Dean of

the Villanova School of Business, assumed his position as Villanova's first provost Aug. 1. As provost, he is the University's chief academic officer and second-ranking officer. (See Page 14.)

**Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD**, was appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. An internationally known expert



in modern Russian history and culture, Dr. Lindenmeyr is a distinguished teacher-scholar with impressive achievements in administration as well. She most recently served as interim dean of the College.

Dr. Lindenmeyr previously served as dean of Graduate Studies for CLAS and chair of the History Department.

With the elevation of Dr. Maggitti to University provost, **Daniel Wright, PhD**, who had been named the vice dean of



VSB in 2013, is serving as interim dean. As vice dean, Dr. Wright provided oversight and strategic vision on matters related to faculty, academic programs and professional accreditation. ■

## Villanova Reigns as Top Fulbright Producer



Nine CLAS students received 2015-16 Fulbright grants: Bridget Kiley '13, '15 MS; Tiffany Ferrette '15; Cristina Rocca '15; Brigid Connolly '15; Richard Packer '15; Rachel Finkelstein '15 MA; Shondaray Ducheine '15; Janine Perri '15; and Savannah Trifiro '15.

For the second year in a row (2013-14 and 2014-15), Villanova is the nation's top producer of Fulbright students in the Master's Institutions category. Nine Villanovans, all from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, were selected to receive 2015-16 Fulbright U.S. Student Grants.

The Fulbright Program also honored faculty. A Fulbright Association Senior Scholar Research Grant is sending Paul Steege, PhD, associate professor, History, to Berlin. Susan Mackey-Kallis, PhD, associate professor, Communication, received a Fulbright Award to teach in Tokyo. Thanks to a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant, Kim Cahill, director of the Villanova School of Business' Center for Global Leadership, will participate in a seminar on international education in Germany. ■

## Father Donohue Receives National Award

University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor May 9 on Ellis Island. Sponsored by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO), the medals are awarded to distinguished Americans who exemplify a life dedicated to community service. Fellow recipients included Sandra Day O'Connor, retired Supreme Court justice; and Mariano Rivera, retired New York Yankees pitcher. ■



Nasser Kazeminy, chairman, NECO, congratulates honoree the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president.

## CPS Offers Online Undergraduate Degree

The College of Professional Studies launched its online undergraduate degree completion program in March. These degrees meet the needs of adults around the world who want to complete their undergraduate degrees in a flexible, online format. The inaugural class had students from California to New York. In May, CPS unveiled its fourth online degree: a bachelor's in Public Service and Administration. ■



## Media Tout Nova Robot

Since 2012, Mechanical Engineering students have worked with Golden West Humanitarian Foundation in Cambodia to develop an effective unexploded ordnance disposal response robot with a price tag under \$10,000. Millions of volatile munitions litter countries with a history of conflict, and many of those most affected cannot afford the available means of clearing them. Now the robotic platform is ready to be redesigned for production. *The Guardian* and *National Geographic's* Voices blog publicized the news. ■

## Church Management Center Attracts Collaborators Worldwide



Monsignor Enrico Dal Covolo, rector of the Pontifical Lateran University (right), and Charles Zech, PhD, professor, Economics, and faculty director for the CCMBE, sign a partnership in Rome.

The Villanova School of Business' Center for Church Management and Business Ethics (CCMBE) has created several new partnerships. The first is a unique offering of the Master of Science in Church Management degree to business managers in the Archdiocese of New York. The second partnership provides students from the International School of Pastoral Management at Rome's Pontifical Lateran University with classroom instruction, online training and a weeklong program at Villanova. Finally, the center teamed with the Diocese of Trenton, N.J., to develop the Summer Seminarians program, which provides instruction in parish and business management.

The CCMBE also hosted the Transformative Consumer Research Conference May 31-June 2. More than 200 participants from 123 educational institutions around the world attended. The conference included topics related to social justice, the environment and gender relations. Associated Press reporter Jesse Holland moderated "A Frank Conversation on Race." ■

## New Master's Degree Will Prepare Environmental Leaders

Beginning fall 2016, a new Master of Science degree program in Environmental Science will prepare leaders who can address and solve environmental challenges. Housed within the Department of Geography and the Environment, the program is designed for professionals and for students moving on to graduate study. It will build on the department's strengths in wetlands and coastal zone studies, and also will offer classes in areas such as environmental planning and law, geospatial topics, and geographic information systems. ■

## Innovation and Creativity Lauded



The annual Meyer Innovation and Creative Excellence Awards, endowed by Patrick Meyer '74 VSB in honor of the Meyer family (Patrick, Edward '86 and C. Paul '30), were presented to Villanovans who exhibit a spirit of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship. Pictured: Edward Meyer; Stephanie Rozalski '15 VLS; Hezekiah Lewis III, MFA, '99 CLAS, '02 MA, assistant professor, Communication; Sergio Rizzuto-Flanbaum '15 VSB; Teresa Yang '15 CON; Alyssa Nazar '15 CLAS; Joanna Schaff '15 COE; and Patrick Meyer. ■

## Villanova Hosts Engineering Deans From Catholic Institutions



Villanova University and the College of Engineering hosted the third annual meeting of Engineering Deans of Catholic Colleges and Universities. The 22 member schools range in student enrollments—undergraduate, master's and doctoral—from about 100 to nearly 2,500. The group's national meeting offers a forum for discussing issues, challenges and trends unique to engineering education in Catholic institutions.



## VILLANOVA RENEWS CRS PARTNERSHIP

Since 2005, Villanova and Catholic Relief Services have partnered to advance global solidarity through education, research, advocacy and service. To mark this 10-year anniversary and solidify the partnership's future, University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS; and Joan Rosenhauer, CRS executive vice president for US Operations, re-signed the memorandum of understanding April 14. ■

## ACADEMIES HONOR NURSING FACULTY

Three College of Nursing faculty are being inducted into nursing academies in honor of their scholarship and contributions to the profession and health care.

Professors Mary Ann Cantrell, PhD, RN, CNE, '89 MSN and Helene Moriarty, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, '77 CON, the Diane L. and Robert F. Moritz, Jr. Endowed Chair in Nursing Research, will become fellows of the American Academy of Nursing at its annual conference in Washington, D.C. Dr. Cantrell was selected for her contributions to psychosocial cancer nursing research and care. Dr. Moriarty is being recognized for her pursuit of quality care for veterans and their families.

Suzanne Smeltzer, EdD, RN, FAAN, professor and director of the Center for Nursing Research, will be inducted into the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education in honor of her decades-long work to address the health issues of people with disabilities through education, research and advocacy. ■

## Scarpa Gift Supports Law and Entrepreneurship



John F. Scarpa, former co-chairman and founder of American Cellular Network Corp., and his wife, Jana, committed \$5 million for the naming of Villanova University School of Law's John F. Scarpa Center for Law and Entrepreneurship. The center serves as a vital resource for students to gain academic and practical experience at the intersection of law and business. "Through this center and its initiatives, Villanova Law is creating a new generation of lawyers

who will further integrate these two vital and interrelated fields," Scarpa says. "The work of these future lawyers will support and inspire a more dynamic business landscape." ■

## Nursing Selected for Inglis Award



The College of Nursing received the 2015 Inglis Award for Continuing Excellence at a ceremony at Philadelphia's Inglis House May 20. The College was recognized for its inclusion of disability-related care in its curricula and for its disability-related research. Nursing faculty have developed and implemented a program that uses standardized patients with disabilities to teach nursing students about disability. The cash award will support the College's leadership role in taking this issue to the national level in collaboration with the National League for Nursing. ■



## CLIMATE MARCH

Villanovans took part in the Campus Climate March to highlight the links between climate change and faith, food choice, global politics, culture, careers and areas of study. The April 23 event included opening remarks from Ted Miles, Catholic Relief Services' representative to the Catholic Climate Covenant; faculty talks at each college; and closing comments from Joseph Robertson '97 CLAS, '00 MA, director, Global Strategy, Citizens' Climate Lobby. Villanova's CRS Ambassadors, the President's Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Student Sustainability Forum helped organize the march. ■

## Law Center Welcomes Ridge



The David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo Center for Ethics, Integrity and Compliance at Villanova University School of Law welcomed former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge April 15. Ridge shared insights on ethics in government.

## STUDENTS EARN ELITE SCHOLARSHIPS



Keith Martinez '16 CLAS (pictured) received a 2015 Harry S. Truman Scholarship in recognition of his exceptional leadership potential and commitment to making a difference through public

service. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi named Brian Emmert '15 CLAS a Marcus L. Urann Fellow. The award will help fund Brian's medical studies. ■

## DESTINATION LAW SCHOOL

In its 2015 rankings, *The National Law Journal* listed Villanova University School of Law as the No. 34 "go-to" law school. This report identifies the top 50 law schools with the highest percentage of 2014 juris doctor graduates hired as associates at the nation's largest firms. ■

## JOINING FORCES TO SHOWCASE PROGRAMS

Last spring, attendees flocked to the first College of Professional Studies Open House, held jointly by the divisions of Part-Time and Continuing Studies. The inaugural event offered one-on-one counseling for prospective students, and introduced them to the depth and breadth of options in both divisions. CPS plans to offer more joint ventures in the future. ■



## CLAS Honors Its Faculty



At the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Year-End Meeting and Recognition Luncheon in May, Dean Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD (center), awarded the Veritas Research Award to Jesse Frey, PhD, associate professor, Mathematics and Statistics (left); the 2015 Tolle Lege Teaching Award to Alice Dailey, PhD, associate professor, English (second from left), and Vikram Iyengar, PhD, associate professor, Biology (right); and the Tolle Lege Award for Adjunct Instructors to John Groch '73 MA, '89 MS, Theology and Religious Studies (second from right). ■



## Scholarship Recipients Meet Donors

Jacquelyn Korca '16 CON (left) spends time with scholarship benefactors Mary Anne '10 MA and Richard J. Francisco Jr. '66 CLAS at the fourth annual Endowed Scholarship Dinner April 13. This year, 597 students benefited from nearly 310 endowed scholarships. ■

## 1842 Heritage Society Mass and Brunch



The Office of Planned Giving hosted its annual 1842 Heritage Society Mass and brunch May 3. The society recognizes donors who support Villanova through estate gifts, life-income gifts and the transfer of assets. Greg Hannah, assistant director of Disability Services (pictured), spoke at the brunch. To learn more, visit [villanova.edu/plannedgiving](http://villanova.edu/plannedgiving). ■

## Tackling Hot Topics in Sports



Panelists at the 2015 *Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal* Symposium discussed "Game-Changers: An Insider Look at a Volatile Year in Sports." Moderated by Jeffrey Moorad '81 JD, chairman and CEO, Moorad Sports Partners (left), and Andrew Brandt, director, the Jeffrey S. Moorad Center for the Study of Sports Law (right), the symposium included former NFL player Brian Westbrook '01 VSB, commentator, Comcast SportsNet Philly; David Dunn, CEO, Athletes First; former NFL head coach Dick Vermeil; former NFL player Warrick Dunn, limited partner, Atlanta Falcons; and Jane McManus, NFL columnist, ESPN. ■

## FY 2015 a Banner Year



Tricia Hartner '84 CLAS, Edward McCarthy '65 COE and Engineering Campaign Committee Chair John Hartner '85 COE joined in the College of Engineering campaign celebration April 15.

In fiscal year 2015, For the Greater Great®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change raised \$107.5 million, the second consecutive fiscal year in which gifts exceeded \$100 million. These gifts helped to establish 38 new endowed scholarships and three endowed professorships, as well as name two centers of excellence. The colleges of Nursing and Engineering each hosted campaign celebration receptions, while regional campaign events were held in Florida, California, Texas, Dublin and London. Additionally, Villanova was one of 15 institutions in the country to receive the 2015 Sustained Excellence in Educational Fundraising Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. ■

## Villanovans Make Giving History

Alumni gave back at unprecedented levels in fiscal 2015. The University reached 26 percent undergraduate alumni participation, a new record for Villanova. Alumni giving has increased substantially over the past six years, growing from 19 percent in fiscal 2010. Inspired by the philanthropy of Villanova alumni, graduating seniors left their mark as well. The Class of 2015 reached a record 60 percent Senior Class Gift participation, with more than 900 seniors giving nearly \$40,000 to 90-plus areas of campus. ■

## Construction Company Builds Opportunities

This past spring, Villanova Engineering alumni from Turner Construction Co. returned to campus to provide freshman Civil Engineering students with an inside look at two of the company's projects and to introduce the new Villanova University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Construction Portal. The latter will provide students with access to designated resources in Turner's vast library of online courses. This valuable tool will help prepare students for careers in the construction field and exemplifies the College's commitment to bringing real-world engineering into the curriculum. ■

## College of Professional Studies Students Inducted Into Honor Society



In May, seven CPS Part-Time Studies students were inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society. Criteria for induction includes ranking in the top 20 percent of students who qualified, earning at least 24 credits, and maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or higher.

## CLAS Professor Retires After 56 Years at Villanova

Robert Langran, PhD, associate professor of Political Science, taught his final Villanova class in May. Hired Sept. 1, 1958, he holds the record for professorial longevity at the University. He also coached the Men's and Women's Tennis teams, and is a member of Villanova's Varsity Club Hall of Fame. ■



## Accomplished Engineering Seniors Saluted

These nine Engineering students were among those honored at the 40th annual Dean's Awards Dinner April 16. Gary Gabriele, PhD, Drosdick Endowed Dean of Engineering, recognized 87 graduating seniors for academic excellence and presented 11 students with Meritorious Service Awards. Families of the honorees also were invited to attend the ceremony, held at nearby Overbrook Country Club.



## Expert Testifies Before Senate

At a Senate Committee on Finance hearing on tax reform March 10, Keith Fogg, professor of Law and director of the Federal Tax Clinic at Villanova University School of Law, spoke about the tax system's impact on low-income taxpayers. ■

## Increasing Youth's Tech Know-How

Several College of Professional Studies students completing independent study projects worked with a technology club in a Philadelphia middle school. The project aimed to teach the young people introductory computer science topics, such as hardware, software and Internet safety. ■

## Diane and Howie Long Make Commitment to Campaign



Michael J. O'Neill, senior vice president for University Advancement; the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president; Diane T. Long; Andy Talley, head coach, Villanova Football; and Howie Long

Alumni Diane T. Long and Howard M. "Howie" Long, NFL Hall of Famer and Fox Sports analyst, have made a \$1 million commitment to Villanova. To recognize their gift, the University will name a new weight room in Villanova Stadium "The Howie Long Strength Training Center." The room is part of a building project that will create a new home for Villanova's FCS Football program and a state-of-the-art training center to benefit the University's 24 varsity sports. ■

## Stellar Report Cards for Wildcats

Student-athletes' classroom successes continue to place Villanova among the top schools for academic performance, according to the Academic Progress Rate data released by the NCAA in May. The Wildcats had a record 12 teams with multiyear APR scores that ranked among the top 10 percent in their sports nationwide. Nine teams registered perfect multiyear scores. ■

## Footballer Recognized for Service

Defensive lineman Patrick Williams '15 CLAS (center) received the Thomas J. Mentzer Award for his dedication to improving the lives of children in poor areas. He volunteered at ECS St. Barnabas Mission, which serves homeless women and children, never missing a week in four years. Williams donated the stipend that comes with the award, named in memory of a 1955 alumnus and faculty member active in social issues, to the shelter. Mentzer's daughter and grandson attended the ceremony. ■



## Coyer Competes in Pan Am Games



Guard Caroline Coyer (kneeling, second from right) was a member of the 2015 USA Pan American Women's Basketball team, which won the silver medal at the Pan American Games in July in Toronto. In 2014-15, Coyer led Villanova in scoring, assists, steals and minutes played. For her efforts, she was a first team All-BIG EAST honoree and the Philadelphia Big Five Player of the Year.

## Senior Student-Athlete Standouts



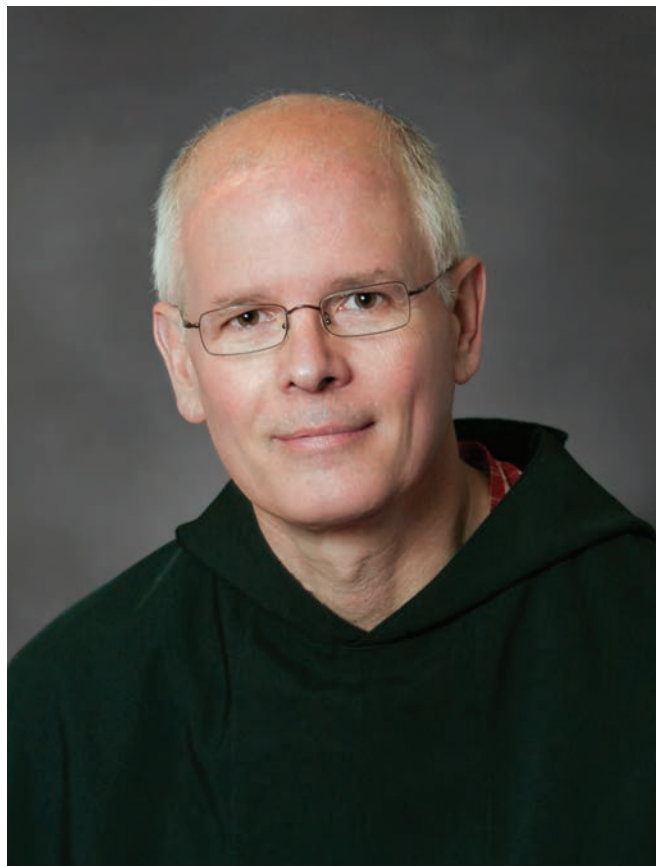
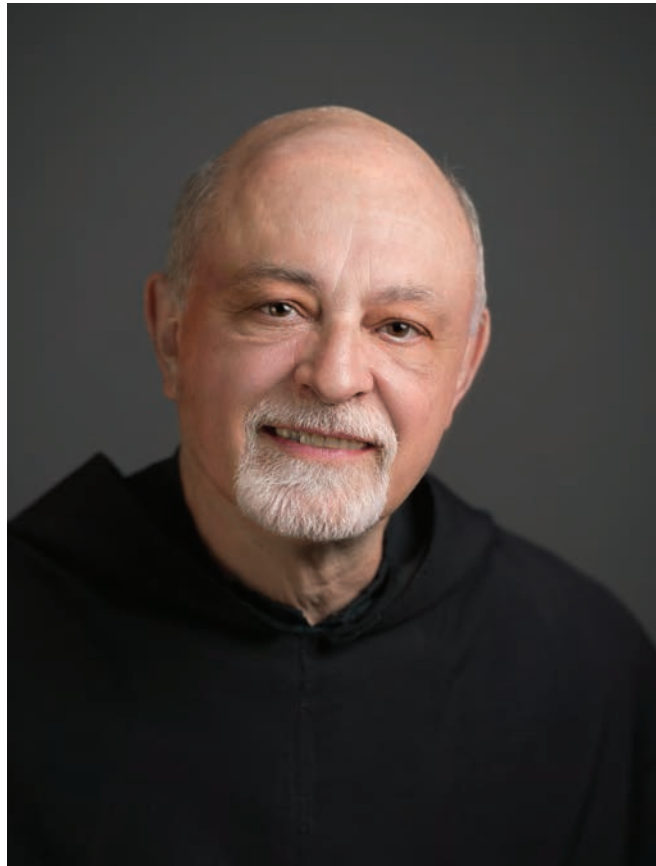
Quarterback John Robertson and swimmer Katrin Heider received, respectively, the 2014-15 Male and Female Senior Athlete of the Year Award. Robertson, an Economics major, was the 2014 CAA Offensive Player of the Year and received the Walter Payton Award. Heider, a Biology major, helped her team win back-to-back BIG EAST championships and was a 10-time BIG EAST medalist.



# Profiles in LEADERSHIP

Three distinguished new members of the Board of Trustees ensure that the Augustinian character of Villanova University is preserved and enhanced.

By Victoria Parente



Clockwise from top right: The Rev. Michael F. Di Gregorio, OSA, '70 CLAS; the Rev. James R. Halstead, OSA, PhD, STD; and the Rev. Francis J. Horn, OSA, JCD, '72 CLAS

**The Rev. Michael F. Di Gregorio,  
OSA, '70 CLAS**  
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“The year has been very good. I’ve really enjoyed my time,” says the Rev. Michael Di Gregorio, OSA, reflecting on his first anniversary as prior provincial of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. Father Michael has relished the exposure to new issues, experiences and opportunities, including his appointment to Villanova’s Board of Trustees.

As a young man, Father Michael was influenced by the friars at Augustinian Academy on Staten Island, N.Y., and entered the novitiate from high school. After graduating from Villanova in 1970, he received a master’s from Washington Theological Union in 1973 and was ordained.

Father Michael likens his experiences as an Augustinian to a mosaic: “The people I’ve encountered have given me a different perspective on life. Each adds something special.” His mosaic includes parish work in Massachusetts and New York, an assignment as director of Communications for the Order’s General Curia in Rome, and an appointment as director of the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia in Philadelphia.

In 2007, Father Michael was elected assistant general—a member of the General Council of the Order—and vicar general in 2009. In June 2014, he was installed as prior provincial. Along the way, he wrote biographies of St. Rita of Cascia, St. Nicholas of Tolentine and Blessed Stephen Bellesini, his “heroes of the Augustinian Order.”

Father Michael wants “to be attentive to the University’s Catholic, Augustinian identity” and ensure that the friars maintain an effective presence on campus. On his desk, a quote from St. Augustine reminds him how Augustinian spirituality should touch people’s lives: “Set love as the criterion of all that you say and whatever you teach; teach in such a way that the person to whom you speak, by hearing may believe; by believing, hope; and by hoping, love.” ■

**The Rev. James R. Halstead,  
OSA, PhD, STD**  
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The Rev. James Halstead, OSA, PhD, STD, enjoys sharing the story of his call to the priesthood. When the Grand Blanc, Mich., native went to confession during a high school retreat in 1966, the vocation director for the Midwest Augustinians heard his confession and gave him a unique penance: think about becoming an Augustinian friar. “I was intrigued by Catholic rituals and the language of theology, so I thought about it. In my senior year, I applied to join the Augustinians. That was quite a penance!” Father Halstead says, laughing.

After completing studies at Tolentine College in Olympia Fields, Ill., and Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Father Halstead earned a doctorate in Theology at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. When he left, he took with him the words of the Augustinian prior who had chided him for his reluctance to attend a farewell celebration: “This party is not for or about you. It’s about the passing on of knowledge. To you is entrusted knowledge for 40 or 50 years. That’s a wonderful thing.”

Father Halstead has shared that knowledge as a parish priest, the prior of St. John Stone Friary in Chicago and, from 2002 to 2014, the chair of the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University, where he teaches today. “I love engaging others in conversations about human life, the mystery of ultimacy, good and evil, and right and wrong,” he says. He encourages discussion across religious, ethnic, racial, economic and sexual lines in the classroom and through DePaul’s Catholic Salon Series.

As a Villanova trustee, Father Halstead hopes to “find a language to talk about God and the goodness of creation that speaks to educated people in 21st-century America, and further develop a curriculum that integrates the Catholic Augustinian vision of life with contemporary American culture.” ■

**The Rev. Francis J. Horn,  
OSA, JCD, '72 CLAS**  
TRUSTEE

From an early age, the Rev. Francis Horn, OSA, JCD, had two vocations. “I’ve always wanted to teach,” he says. “I enjoy being with the students and communicating to them a joy for life.”

Father Horn also felt the call to be a priest. He knew there was something special about the Augustinian friars who ran Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, Pa., where he was a student. “The spirit there clicked with me,” he recalls.

What Father Horn didn’t know when he entered the Augustinian Order after graduation was that his first assignment would take him back to his beloved high school. “I enjoyed my 12 years at Bonner and was excited about giving back. I was asked to be principal when I was only 30 years old. I was kind of shocked, but I had a lot of great people working for me and with me.”

One of those people proved to be the most influential friend in Father Horn’s life: the Rev. Bill Atkinson, OSA, the first quadriplegic to be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church. “Although he was physically dependent on others for everything, he was an outstanding person and had a lot to give,” Father Horn says. Father Bill died in 2006, and the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova is proceeding with his cause for sainthood.

After Father Horn earned his doctorate in canon law at The Catholic University of America in 1998, he taught that ecclesiastical subject at Washington Theological Union until 2004. He then served as headmaster of St. Augustine Prep in Richland, N.J., from 2004 to 2012. He also has held many administrative positions in the province and currently serves as the treasurer.

His new role as a University trustee is “both a privilege and a responsibility to make sure Villanova keeps to its Augustinian mission and values,” says Father Horn. “I think we’re on a strong path in that way.” ■



Members of the President's Cabinet include (clockwise from right) the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president; the Rev. Kail Ellis, OSA, PhD, '69 MA, assistant to the president; Ann E. Diebold, vice president, University Communication; Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, provost; the Rev. John P. Stack, OSA, '71 CLAS, '77 MA, vice president, Student Life; Michael J. O'Neill, senior vice president, University Advancement; Kenneth G. Valosky '82 VSB, executive vice president; Stephen W. Fugale '81 VSB, vice president, Technology, and chief information officer; Vincent P. Nicastro, director, Athletics; Neil J. Horgan '99 MT, vice president, Finance; Debra F. Fickler, JD, vice president and general counsel; and Robert H. Morro, vice president, Facilities Management. Not pictured: Barbara E. Wall, PhD, vice president, Mission and Ministry.

# University on the Move

Restructured leadership builds on Villanova's national momentum

By Dave Seminara

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY'S leaders gather around the conference table in the office of the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president, on Monday afternoons to discuss business, strategize and, if they like, indulge in candy-coated peanuts—Father Donohue's favorite—and other chocolates placed within reach.

Framed photos of couples Father Donohue has married are a reminder that the Villanova experience doesn't end on graduation day. The room's Japanese accents—

from a kimono to a Japanese doll that was a character in a play in which Father Donohue acted—show that his doctoral thesis on Kabuki and his theatre background influence his leadership style.

"Theater is a collaborative art form. You deal with a lot of different people, and they all contribute," says Father Donohue, who began his 10th year as Villanova's 32nd president June 1. "When you direct a musical, you're dealing with a music director, a set designer, a choreographer and a lighting designer. They

feed you various ideas. You take those ideas and shape the vision of the play."

The president has organized his recently restructured leadership in the same fashion, recruiting a dynamic mix of leaders who help shape his vision for the University as it moves forward with exciting academic and operational initiatives.

### Assembling the team

In February, Kenneth G. Valosky '82 VSB, a Philadelphia native, was named Villanova's executive vice president.

He has full responsibility for the institution's operations. He most recently held the position of vice president for Administration and Finance. Valosky's wife, Lisa, worked at the University for 17 years, and their twin daughters, Kristen and Kathryn, graduated from Villanova in 2012.

In April, Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, then The Helen and William O'Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business, was appointed the University's first provost and chief academic officer—Villanova's second-ranking officer, after the president. A committee led by faculty, trustees, students and administrators had conducted a national search to fill the position and presented Father Donohue with three highly qualified finalists. He chose Dr. Maggitti because of his record of achievement at VSB and his ability to "hit the ground running."

Dr. Maggitti, who took office Aug. 1, has a Master of Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate in Strategic Management from the University of Maryland. He earned his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from St. Joseph's University and still supports its basketball team.

"I root for both teams, but my sons, Sean and Patrick Jr., are definitely Wildcats fans," says Dr. Maggitti, an Allentown, Pa., native who founded two companies before transitioning to academia.

The naming of a new executive vice president and hiring of a provost relieved some of the workload so ably carried by Father Donohue. The president now has fewer direct reports and can focus more on Villanova's global presence and development initiatives.

Father Donohue, Dr. Maggitti and Valosky make up the newly created Executive Council. It will give its attention to the continued strategic, focused and streamlined oversight of the University, as well as provide critical leadership. "We are at an extremely important juncture in Villanova's history," Valosky says. "The evolution of the University's organizational structure aligns with the evolution and progress of the University."

The University also introduced two new members to the President's Cabinet, a leadership advisory body created by Father Donohue and comprising officers from every area of the University, such as student life, mission and ministry, and technology. As part of the restructuring,

Neil Horgan '99 MT was promoted to vice president for Finance, and Robert Morro was promoted to vice president for Facilities Management. In addition, Michael J. O'Neill, a New Yorker who arrived at Villanova in 2008, was elevated to senior vice president for University Advancement.

### New classification and ranking

Together, the council and cabinet manage many strategic priorities. One of the highest is Villanova's reclassification as a doctoral university, as defined by the Carnegie Classification™ and based on the number of doctoral degrees an institution awards in a year. Villanova crossed an important threshold in 2014, granting 20 doctoral degrees (and 23 in 2015). As a result, it expects to be placed on the national, rather than the regional, list by the *U.S. News & World Report* undergraduate rankings—alongside other top universities in the country—as early as fall 2016.

"Villanova has been a national university for decades, but we haven't been ranked on the *U.S. News* national list," Dr. Maggitti says. "We're making this purposeful shift to be on the same list of schools as the ones we compete with—schools like Boston



The newly created Executive Council, which provides streamlined institutional oversight, comprises Dr. Maggitti, provost; Father Donohue, University president; and Valosky, executive vice president.

College, Georgetown and Notre Dame.” Villanova has nationally prestigious academics, nationally funded research, a national basketball program, and a national reputation and reach. Such a pivotal opportunity will allow Villanova to enhance its reputation and create a new model as a doctoral-granting institution that has a select number of PhDs, expertise in niche areas and an unwavering commitment to undergraduate education.

#### All according to plan

Another momentous work in progress is the achievement of the fundraising goals laid out in 2013 in Villanova’s \$600 million comprehensive capital campaign. Under Father Donohue’s watch, the school’s endowment

has grown from \$300 million to \$552 million as of June 30, and the donor participation rate has doubled from 13 to 26 percent of undergraduate alumni. Such figures assure leaders that Villanovans support this historic endeavor and the vision outlined in the University’s 2010 Strategic Plan.

As a university on the move, Villanova also developed a Campus Master Plan. The latest phase in this road map for the construction, renewal and maintenance of campus is the \$300 million Design Concept for Lancaster Avenue project. It will transform the main parking lots into an attractive living and learning environment, with housing (campus will be able to accommodate 85 percent of undergraduates), retail, a Performing Arts Center, a

parking garage and a pedestrian bridge.

“This significant project will complete the campus,” says Valosky. “You’ll come through the University rather than drive past a vast parking lot.”

Father Donohue is confident that the expertise of the restructured leadership team will propel Villanova to new heights. The key to the group’s success, he says, rests in the members’ varied skill sets and willingness to approach him with ideas. The mood is collaborative, professional and optimistic. United in mind and heart, leaders embrace their mission to preserve, promote and grow this uniquely Augustinian institution. ■

## Still Making *His Mark*

Father Ellis legacy continues to grow

Since 1958, when he first traveled to Lebanon, his ancestors’ homeland, the Rev. Kail Ellis, OSA, PhD, ’69 MA has had an insatiable curiosity about the histories, cultures and languages of peoples worldwide. He came to Villanova in 1979, holding a doctorate in International Relations from The Catholic University of America. As an associate professor of Political Science, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and vice president for Academic Affairs, he achieved a number of milestones, many of which reflect his work to internationalize curricula and integrate Villanova’s Augustinian heritage.

In 1983, Father Ellis helped conceive—and served as director of—one of the country’s first university Arab and Islamic Studies programs. During his 25-year tenure as dean of Villanova’s oldest and largest college, more area-studies programs took root, as did courses in less traditional languages. To encourage students to study in other countries, the dean helped formalize what is now the Office of Education Abroad.

Father Ellis is proud of these efforts. “Studying another country’s history, as well as learning its language, shows respect for the culture.”

Driven by mission, Father Ellis oversaw the creation of what now is the University’s signature Augustine and Culture Seminar Program. It immerses every freshman in Augustinian inquiry through the critical reading and discussion of great texts.

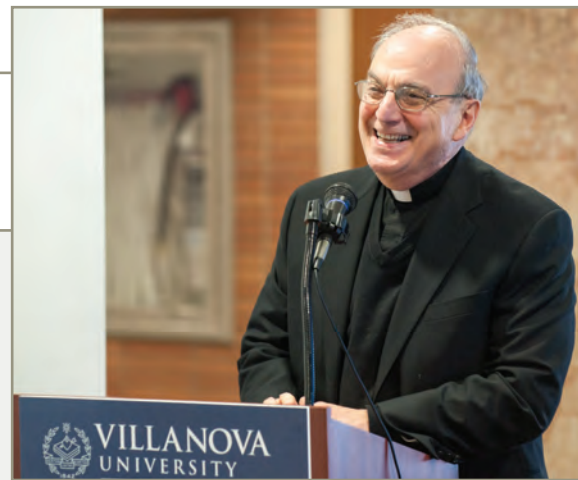
Passionate about the mutuality of faith and knowledge, Father Ellis helped re-establish the Mendel Medal. This University award, named after the Augustinian “father of genetics,” recognizes the accomplishments and religious convictions of pioneering scientists.

From June 2010 to August 2015—when Villanova’s first provost took office—Father Ellis served as vice president for Academic Affairs. He played key roles in developing Villanova’s strategic plan for comprehensive internationalization, establishing the Office for Research and Graduate Programs,

launching the College of Professional Studies, and leading other initiatives.

Now as assistant to the president, Father Ellis, who also has been named dean emeritus of CLAS, will coordinate Mendel Medal celebrations, organize conferences on genetics and help with hiring for mission initiatives. The editor of the *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*, he will plan symposia on issues relating to these regions.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS, University president, expressed the thoughts of many when he said that Father Ellis’ “legacy is one of selfless commitment, loyalty, and genuine contribution to the success and growth of this University”—a legacy that continues to grow.



## DEAN *DREAM TEAM*

The success of the plans of visionaries at the university level depends on the caliber of deans at the college level. No wonder Villanova is confident about its future.

The men and women at the helm of its six colleges and schools are respected experts, collaborative administrators and innovative thinkers, integral to the development and implementation of strategic initiatives. The deans hire outstanding teacher-scholars; encourage curricular innovation; support fundraising efforts; integrate Villanova’s Augustinian identity; and ensure that faculty, students, teaching and research thrive.

They do it all with a sense of shared mission. The deans—four of whom were appointed after the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS took office as University president—connect administration with academics, and disciplines from one end of campus to the other.

“We’re all quite different, but what’s surprising is what brings us together,” says Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “Rather than compete against each other for resources, we work with each other to move forward.”

Their strides have been impressive, as the following examples show:

- This year, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences unveiled a doctoral program in Theology and a master’s degree program in Environmental Science. Among its scholarship and fellowship recipients in 2013-14 were 14 Fulbrighters and one Rhodes Scholar.

- The Villanova School of Business earned the No. 6 spot in *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Online Degree Programs: Graduate Business” ranking. Within six months of graduation, 99 percent of job-seeking undergraduates from the Class of 2014 secured full-time employment, at an average starting salary of \$57,000.

- Nationally funded, groundbreaking research has kept the College of Engineering in the forefront of niche areas of expertise. The College also offers one of the nation’s top-ranked undergraduate programs.

- The College of Nursing continues to be designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing. In addition to the College’s stellar undergraduate program, its master’s and doctoral pro-

grams address pressing health care needs and prepare leaders in nursing education, administration and nursing research.

- Created in 2014, the College of Professional Studies provides rigorous undergraduate degree and non-degree programming for today’s adult learners. Its on-campus and online options are innovative and flexible.

- Villanova University School of Law’s redesigned curriculum emphasizes the more sophisticated, hands-on approach that the industry demands. Since 2012, centers focused on sports law, ethics and compliance, and law and entrepreneurship have been created.

The deans’ energy, talent and collegiality enrich academic life, foster interdisciplinary research, and create an environment in which students want—and love—to learn.



M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of Nursing; Gary A. Gabriele, PhD, Drosdick Endowed Dean of Engineering; Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Deborah J. Tyksinski, PhD, founding dean, College of Professional Studies; Daniel Wright, PhD, interim dean, the Villanova School of Business; and John Y. Gotanda, JD, The Arthur J. Kania Dean and Professor of Law

# BOLDLY GOING Forth



During a moment of silence, graduates held up “V”-shaped fingers to remember deceased classmates.

Every football season, Wildcats fans cheer when a player scrabbles to gain yardage, even as he is pushed back. The reward for this “forward progress” is a better spotting of the ball. But this shining moment is not his alone. The teammates who passed, handed off or blocked share in the glory, too.

It is fitting, then, that parents, relatives and friends joined faculty and the members of the Class of 2015 on the field of Villanova Stadium, rather than sit only in the bleachers. For while the 172nd Commencement Ceremony May 15 honored graduates for their impressive academic progress, it also affirmed, in a visible way, the team effort—the love and support of the people who had helped them come this far.

Student speaker Kathleen Ayuk, a Chemical Engineering major, reminded classmates that although they will face obstacles in life, skills honed at Villanova will empower them to go the distance. “Create bold resolutions,” she said, “and don’t be dismayed by the ambiguities of the journey ahead. We are capable of profound greatness.”

Three distinguished guests who have shown such greatness received honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Villanova’s M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of Nursing, was cited for her unparalleled leadership, commitment to advancing health care and advocacy for students.

Also recognized was Monsignor Paul Tighe, secretary for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, for his role in the Holy See’s efforts to promote justice through digital media and in the creation of unique Vatican internships for Villanova students.

Finally, the University honored Commencement speaker Madeline Bell ’83 CON, president and CEO of the prestigious Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, for her achievements in health care administration. Bell shared her professional wisdom with graduates. “Have perspective on what’s important in life,” she said. “Be tolerant of others. Have empathy.”

Commencement wrapped up May 16 with college recognition ceremonies and Baccalaureate Mass. Officially alumni, the graduates left campus with the words of University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS echoing in their hearts: “You are ready to move to all parts of the world and tell others what it means to discover truth, to live in unity and to live in love.” ■



Distinguished guests in the stage party included Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient Madeline Bell ’83 CON, president and CEO of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; Professor of Philosophy John Immerwahr, PhD, winner of the Lawrence C. Gallen, OSA Faculty Service Award; and student speaker Kathleen Ayuk, a Chemical Engineering major.

# A Focus — ON THE — Whole Person

Educating the next generation of Villanova nurses

BY TOM NUGENT

Health care and higher education are undergoing incredible transitions, creating challenges for institutions and governments. However, in times of uncertainty and challenge, there exist opportunities to respond and thrive. Villanova University College of Nursing will continue to play a crucial role in health care education on campus and beyond—locally, across the nation and around the world.

With its commitment to academics, research and community service, the College continues to bolster teaching, inspire state-of-the-art nursing research, and support regional and international community-based health care service programs. Moreover, the College has earned the respect of the profession and is viewed with distinction as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing.

“We aren’t just educating nurses at Villanova; we are educating the whole person,” says Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of

Nursing M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN. “We are committed to educating the minds and hearts of nursing students who are deeply ethical and compassionate, shaped by the liberal arts and the Augustinian vision.”

During her nearly four-decade tenure, Dean Fitzpatrick has led the College’s expansion of its undergraduate curriculum and, in 1980, the creation of master’s degree and continuing education programs. With more than 900 enrolled undergraduate and graduate students today, the College of Nursing includes such high-profile offerings as the Master of Science in Nursing for advanced practice nurses, a Doctor of Nursing Practice and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing degree, and Continuing Education courses.

“Our PhD program is clearly focused on preparing outstanding teacher-scholars who can help alleviate the national nursing shortage,” says Associate Dean and Professor Lesley A. Perry, PhD, RN.

## FLEXIBILITY AND EXPERTISE

Successful generations of Villanova nurses are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to adapt to a changing world, one in which nurses will work less often in acute care settings and increasingly in community-based ambulatory centers and in home care as primary care providers. This requires flexibility and expertise to balance high tech with “high touch” care.

Dean Fitzpatrick, her leadership team and the faculty advance Villanova nurses as health care advocates in the community and around the world. This focus on global education has been supported by a portion of a \$4 million Connelly Foundation endowment, which annually offers dozens of nursing students the opportunity to learn and practice nursing in such locations as Native American reservations, Ireland, Poland, Japan, Panama, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Peru, South Africa and Ghana.

Global education is a two-way street at Villanova, as the College has cultivated long-standing relationships that bring international



Above: Driscoll Hall, home to the College of Nursing, provides state-of-the-art simulation labs and classrooms. Below: Faculty and students serve local communities, including the Unity Clinic project based in Philadelphia.

students from Africa, China and the Middle East to Villanova for study. More than 20 years ago, students from the Sultanate of Oman first began their bachelor's and master's degree studies in the College. In the years since, they have become health care leaders in their country.

Closer to home, nursing faculty and students dedicate themselves to serving local communities, including the Unity Clinic project. Based in Philadelphia, this free health care clinic for the uninsured was founded by the Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor in 2006, and is staffed by Villanova nursing alumni and professors, who frequently are assisted by their students. These experiences provide students with the opportunity to care for those who are marginalized, gain valuable insight into primary care settings and work with patients for whom English is likely a second language.

## First Endowed Faculty Nursing Chair Brings Focus on Research and Patient Care

Ask Helene Moriarty, PhD, RN, '77 CON why she is so passionate about improving health care for America's military veterans, and the accomplished nurse researcher will say she simply wants to "give back to those who have given so much to this country with their enduring sacrifices." She means it, too.

During an impressive nursing career that spans more than three decades, Dr. Moriarty has frequently been recognized for her ongoing research on the complex health challenges experienced by veterans and their families. Over the last three years, for example, Dr. Moriarty has been a principal investigator on an NIH-funded study that evaluates the impact of an innovative in-home intervention for veterans with traumatic brain injury and their families. The intervention is designed to assist veterans and their family members to manage the diverse symptoms of brain injury.

Recognizing the huge importance of Dr. Moriarty's research on veterans' health, the University named her the Diane L. and Robert F. Moritz, Jr. Endowed Chair in Nursing Research in 2013. The endowed faculty chair position is the first in Villanova's College of Nursing.

"Her work will have a lasting impact on the health of our veterans," says M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of Nursing. "Thanks to the generosity of the Moritz family, that positive impact seems likely to continue far into the future."



Senior nursing students perform home visits in Chulucanas, Peru, as part of the global health experience.

### EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Since the enrollment of the first women full-time students in 1953, the College has continued to break new ground, growing in reputation and stature. Over the course of 62 years, it has developed programs that position it as a powerhouse in the academic and health care fields, and that respond to demonstrated opportunities in nursing education.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program, created in 2003, was developed with a special focus on the preparation of nursing faculty for the future. The same year, the accelerated bachelor's degree program was started. It is designed for students who have earned a minimum of a bachelor's degree in another field and adds academic flexibility to the curriculum for adult learners planning a transition into a nursing career. June 2012 saw the launch of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, which gives nurses with master's degrees in advanced practice and administration of health care services the opportunity to study health policy and trends, and to develop leadership acumen and strategies for innovative models of health care delivery.

The College serves as an intellectual epicenter for important nursing-focused initiatives that strengthen research, enhance global and public health, and promote obesity education. To focus on these important areas, the College has founded three corresponding centers: the Center for Nursing Research, the Center for Global and Public Health, and the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education. Each incorporates scholarly endeavors, multidisciplinary partnerships and a community-minded approach.

To help it achieve its long-term goals, the College has received unprecedented levels of support through For the Greater Great®:

The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change. Robert '51 VSB and Diane Moritz have endowed the College's first faculty chair, which supports nursing research. Most recently, Richard J. Kreider '83 VSB, retired director in Business Operations at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., and Marianne, his wife, designated a gift to establish The Richard and Marianne Kreider Endowed Professorship in the Nursing of Vulnerable Populations.

Richard was an inaugural member of the College of Nursing's Board of Consultors and served as its chairperson. The Board of Consultors advises the dean, and provides an external perspective on matters that affect the nursing profession, the College and its strategic direction. Members of the board include College and University alumni, parents, and leaders in nursing, health care and business.

The strength of the College's education, grounded in the Augustinian intellectual tradition, empowers Villanova nurses to make an impact as researchers, administrators and leaders—at the bedside, in boardrooms and at universities. Among these many outstanding professionals are CEOs, chief operating and chief nursing officers, university presidents, deans, endowed chairs and high-ranking military officers.

The abilities and leadership of these and other alumni show that, no matter how health care evolves, the education offered in the College of Nursing prepares Villanova nurses to meet any challenge. "The College of Nursing and its alumni are well-positioned to make significant contributions to the future of health care," Dean Fitzpatrick says. ■



Above: Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of Nursing M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, has led the College of Nursing since 1978. Below: Students from the Sultanate of Oman have become health care leaders in their home country.

## The Heart of a Future Villanova Nurse

More than 1,500 miles away from Villanova, Annie Fazio, a rising senior in the College of Nursing, was suddenly confronting the cultural gap between the middle-class American world in which she'd grown up and the reality of a Caribbean sugar plantation. The experience left an indelible mark on the 21-year-old.

Annie was talking with a patient experiencing gastric distress. Just as she was suggesting talking to the nurse practitioner about a medication for his pain, the man told Annie it was an affliction caused by evil spirits.

As a Villanova nursing student trained to respect a patient's culture, she shifted her approach. Annie suggested he discuss medication to ease his pain with the nurse practitioner, as well as meet with one of the local healers.

"It reminded me that cultural differences are very deep and

very real. It's crucially important to respect them," she says.

Assistant Professor Tamara M. Kear, PhD, RN, believes Annie's experience is a compelling example of how caring for patients in a foreign country can teach students the essentials of holistic care.

"Learning how to appreciate and respect cultural differences is vitally important for effective nursing," says Dr. Kear, a health care researcher who served as both educator and mentor to Dominican Republic-based student-nursing teams from 2011 to 2014.

"The great thing about that kind of global experience, from a teaching standpoint, is that the students have to rely on their nursing assessment skills to help the local health care providers care for their patients," she says. "Students learn about the importance of respecting cultural differences between different patient populations."

This approach to patients defines and guides Villanova nurses, wherever their careers take them, says Annie. "When it comes to health care, compassion crosses all borders."

# SHAPING HEALTH CARE for TOMORROW



## VILLANOVANS LEADING THE WAY AT 2015 VUAA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

■ BY SHAWN PROCTOR

**H**EALTH CARE IN AMERICA and around the world sits at a great intersection of possibility. It is an era of incredible advances, when leaps forward in technology converge with innovation and research. It is equally a time of uncertainty and challenge, as policies and legislation shift access to health care and the ways that care is delivered. With these forces in flux, April's 2015 Leadership Summit, a signature event for the Villanova University Alumni Association, provided an ideal opportunity for Villanova faculty, alumni and friends who are thought leaders in health care to forge visions for its future.

Bound by their shared Augustinian Catholic values and ethics, attendees contributed their expertise and leadership, acquired in academic as well as clinical settings, to solve this critical issue. The summit underscored the Villanova truism that working together—engaged in dialogue and side-by-side in action—Villanovans can accomplish anything.

"Health care is forefront in our culture right now, and Villanovans make a positive impact in health care, from liberal arts to science to engineering to business," said the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, Villanova University president. "We continue to help solve the problems of our common good in our own country, in our own cities, in our own world."

In the keynote, Paul A. Tufano '83 VSB, '86 JD, chairman and CEO of the AmeriHealth Caritas family of companies, and chair of Villanova University's Board of Trustees, discussed the role of Villanovans in elevating health care for the less fortunate.

Villanovans who lead in the health care community have a responsibility to act as strong business leaders, as well as caring stewards, he said. They have a responsibility to do good while doing well, bringing all of the gifts that health care can bestow—the power to heal, the power to nurture and grow, and the know-how to reverse lifelong afflictions—to everyone, but especially to the disadvantaged.

As the head of one of the nation's leading Medicaid Managed Care organizations, Tufano invoked the wisdom of St. Augustine, who said to never be satisfied with what you already are, if you want to be what you are not yet.

"We have so much power to make a profound and meaningful impact for a large part of our society that is often forgotten. In my mind, this is a glorious opportunity," Tufano explained.

Experts and leaders continued the conversations during special networking breaks and panels featuring distinguished speakers, including the deans from five of Villanova's colleges; Madeline Bell '83 CON, now president and CEO, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Rohan Udeshi '09 COE, co-founder and chief operating officer, Health Recovery Solutions; and other esteemed alumni. ■

Opposite page: Michael O'Neill, senior vice president, University Advancement (left); Maryalice Morro, RN, MSN, '83 CON, director of Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, member of the VUAA Board of Directors and member of the College of Nursing's Board of Consultors (center); Paul Tufano '83 VSB, '86 JD, chair, Villanova University's Board of Trustees (right)

### ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA ALUMNI MEDAL

At the Leadership Summit, the Villanova University Alumni Association presented two awards to alumni. **Richard Kreider '83 VSB** received the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal, which recognizes an alumnus or alumna who best symbolizes the spirit and legacy of St. Thomas. Alumni selected for the honor have achieved a level of distinction within their chosen fields or professions, and have brought extraordinary benefit to the University and the community.

"This award is not about me. It is about the people here at the University who are dedicated to making Villanova the best it can be," Kreider said.

Kreider has demonstrated a deep and lasting commitment to the University and Long Island Alumni Chapter, ensuring that future generations have access to an education at Villanova. He has served as a member of the VUAA's Board of Directors, and is a member and former chair of the Villanova Financial Club.

Kreider distinguished himself in his career at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. LP (KKR), one of the largest international asset management companies in the world. He retired in 2014 from KKR as the fund controller and principal after 28 years.

He and Marianne, his wife, are the proud parents of five children, including two Villanova University graduates: Kristen Kreider Triesch '05 and Kelly '09. Currently, their son Brian '18 is enrolled in the Villanova School of Business.

### VILLANOVA YOUNG ALUMNI MEDAL

The Villanova Young Alumni Medal is awarded to an alumnus and alumna who have reached a significant level of achievement in their professions, and who are a model of the quality and caliber of today's Villanova student.

This year's recipients were **Matthew Baldwin '06 VSB** and **Megan Evans Baldwin '07 VSB**. They met while attending Villanova University and married in 2012. The Baldwins' passion for Villanova has inspired them to support the University, and assume leadership roles within student and alumni programs.

Megan is vice president of Private Wealth Management at Goldman Sachs in San Francisco. Matt is vice president of Foreign Exchange Corporate Advisory of Bank of America Merrill Lynch, based out of San Francisco.

The couple are active members of the Northern California Chapter, and have hosted several events in New York City and on the West Coast. In addition to their membership in the President's Club and the Young Alumni Circle, the Baldwins serve as members of the Far West Campaign Committee and the President's Advisory Council.

Megan is a mentor within the Villanova School of Business Mentor Program. Matt, a member of the Villanova Financial Club, has helped facilitate several events, including Working on Wall Street.

# ON THE WORLD STAGE

VILLANOVANS PLAY *KEY ROLES* IN HISTORIC CONGRESS AND PAPAL VISIT

■ By Suzanne Wentzel



**CONNECT THE DOTS OF SOME KEY PLAYERS** in the World Meeting of Families (WMOF)—a triennial congress started by Pope John Paul II and sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Family—and the related inaugural US visit of the beloved, bold, charismatic Pope Francis, and what will you see? The letter “V.”

Villanovans have had integral roles in the preparations for—or will have in the execution of—this unprecedented event, taking place Sept. 22–27, mostly in Philadelphia. They represent different colleges and offices on campus. They have diverse skills and résumés. Many have not even crossed paths.

What unites these men and women is their particular blends of talent, experience, civic spirit, vision and moxie, enabling them to fill critical niches. With the eyes of the world watching, they are



Danielle McMonagle '14 CLAS, Stefan Johnson '14 CLAS and Cathy Peacock '78 VSB, '15 MA pool their talents to help the Archdiocese of Philadelphia prepare for the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis.





Left: Rosalie Mirenda, PhD, '59 CON, president of Neumann University (center) serves on the WMOF's Board of Directors. Right: Pepper Hamilton LLP partners Dan McDonough '95 CLAS, '99 JD and Joseph Del Raso '74 VSB, '83 JD attend to the complex legalities of the WMOF and papal visit.

helping to pull off an endeavor the likes of which Philadelphia has never seen. With the confidence of Villanovans, they are determined to succeed. Below is a glimpse of how some of the many members of Nova Nation involved both up front and behind the scenes are sharing their gifts.

## READY TO LEAD

Partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP, Joseph Del Raso '74 VSB, '83 JD navigates the legal mazes of huge events. He headed the team when his firm represented the Republican National Committee at the 2000 convention, and since 2014, he has worked pro bono as lead counsel for the WMOF-Philadelphia. Del Raso liaises between the WMOF and Pepper Hamilton, the counsel for the congress and papal visit.

On the firm's side, partner Dan McDonough '95 CLAS, '99 JD oversees the lawyers who handle the legalities of all things WMOF. Paul Kennedy '83 JD belongs to the team addressing issues of intellectual property. "We always want to get it right," McDonough says, "but with such a unique event, there is tremendous pressure to make sure everything goes off without a hitch."

Neither he nor Del Raso worries. "Villanova builds leaders," Del Raso says. "We're taught to drive the bus, not ride on it."

Rosalie Mirenda, PhD, '59 CON, the president of Neumann University, is used to being at the wheel. When Philadelphia's Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap, DD, asked her to join the WMOF's Board of Directors, she was "humbled by the privilege."

In addition to helping with the board's challenge of organizing an epic occasion, Dr. Mirenda has worked with the presidents of Catholic colleges and universities to assist the fundraising and volunteer efforts for the WMOF. For her, such work is "a labor of love."

## HOW TO WELCOME THE WORLD

On the WMOF website, a clock counting down the minutes to the start of the congress rules the lives of Villanovans working at the archdiocesan headquarters—or these days, the WMOF command center.

Truman Scholar Stefan Johnson '14 CLAS is not new to the place. In 2011, he interned for Donna Farrell, then archdiocesan director of Communications. When Farrell was named executive director of the 2015 WMOF, she tapped Johnson to be special assistant.

With that tap came lots of duties. Johnson oversees 14 advisory committees, prepares Farrell for meetings and events, and

is in charge of planning and executing Francis' Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. "It's a demanding role, but I feel fortunate to be in it."

Being a Vatican intern when Francis was elected gave Danielle McMonagle '14 CLAS the opportunity to be interviewed by Matt Lauer and Anderson Cooper. It also led to her getting the job of managing WMOF communications: website content, marketing plans, presentations and more.

"Donna said that each day would bring something new," says McMonagle, who gained event-planning experience on Villanova's Special Olympics Committee. "That sounded perfect to me."

Special Projects Coordinator Cathy Peacock '78 VSB, '15 MA, a veteran CPA with a master's in Theology, coordinates housing for members of the clergy and religious, helps people register to host families from around the world and assists with the Spirituality Center section of the WMOF's website. "It's a joy to use my passion for my faith to help others become spiritually involved."

Covering the WMOF and the pope is familiar ground for broadcast journalist Lauren Dugan '15 CLAS, '16 MA. In fall 2014, she doubled as an intern with the Catholic News Service's Vatican bureau and as a Vatican correspondent reporting on the WMOF buzz for Philadelphia's Fox 29.

Dugan continues these relationships stateside. She finds local WMOF stories for Fox, and will shoot video of the congress and

papal visit for CNS and the archdiocese. "It's exciting to have a hand in a piece of history."

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE CITY

For the first time, the WMOF is being held in the United States, and one of Philadelphia's competitive edges in being selected to host it is the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The PCC's 2 million square feet and high-tech capabilities make it the perfect venue for the congress, and the ideal hub for 7,000-plus domestic and international media.

"It's unique that we'll have a media pool broadcasting to the world not only what happens here, but also papal events in New York and Washington," says John McNichol '85 CLAS, the PCC's president and CEO. "We're up to the challenge."

Tens of thousands will attend the WMOF, and more than a million will turn out for the Festival of Families Sept. 26, the day Francis arrives, and for his celebration of Mass Sunday on the city's famed Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Ensuring that these massive crowds know what to see and do is Job One for Paula Butler '75 CLAS, vice president for Communications at Visit Philadelphia®, the region's tourism and marketing agency. Butler and her colleagues also will provide photography, video and other content about the City of Brotherly Love for consumers and for the media to share globally.



Former Vatican intern Lauren Dugan '15 CLAS, '16 MA is covering the congress and papal visit for Philadelphia's Fox 29, the archdiocese and Catholic News Service.



“The world’s spotlight will be on Philly,” she says. “It’s an incredible opportunity to show off our city and make sure everyone’s experience is wonderful.”

Also helping the city make the most of that spotlight are leaders of iconic businesses. Gerard Cuddy ’81 CLAS is president and CEO of Beneficial Bank, which was founded by Bishop (St.) John Neumann to serve Irish immigrants, and is the oldest and largest bank headquartered in Philadelphia. Chris Gheysens ’93 VSB is president and CEO of Wawa Inc., a chain of more than 690 convenience retail stores. Both men belong to the WMOF’s Executive Leadership Cabinet in recognition of their corporate sponsorship.

“We wanted to support the WMOF financially,” says Gheysens, whose company also is donating food and drink products, “because it is right for hometown businesses to step up and make Philadelphia shine.”

#### WORDS OF WISDOM

During the congress, one alumna and three faculty members will have their turns in the spotlight. Helen Alvaré, JD, ’81 VSB, a professor at George Mason University School of Law, is a renowned expert on family law, and law and religion. Her many roles include consultant for the Pontifical Council for the Laity, and representative of the US Catholic bishops and the Holy See before Congress and the United Nations.

A WMOF keynote speaker, Alvaré will explore why relationship is the heart of Christian identity and how that truth is lived out in the family, “the privileged place where we learn to love the people God strews across our paths.”

The holder of a doctorate in Economics from Harvard University and another in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, Mary Hirschfeld, PhD, an assistant professor in Villanova’s Humanities Department, will lead a breakout on a question that nags many consumers: How much is too much? “Theological tools can help us think about how to achieve a good standard of living without having to go live in the desert, on the one hand, or buy the latest flat-screen TV, on the other.”

Daniel Mark, PhD, assistant professor, Political Science, will offer a session on the role of forgiveness in family life. Appointed to the US Commission for International Religious Freedom in 2014, Dr. Mark is eager “to share my understanding of family—one shaped by my own Jewish experience.”

Finally, Anna Bonta Moreland, PhD, an associate professor in the Department of Humanities, will participate in a special evening session. An expert in Thomas Aquinas, theology of religious pluralism and comparative theology, Dr. Moreland, along with Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, will respond to a talk titled “Family: The Home of Holy Anarchy,” by Fabrice Hadjadj, a French philosopher, convert and member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity.



Left: Business leaders such as Paula Butler ’75 CLAS (top); John McNichol ’85 CLAS (middle, left, with the Rev. William G. Donovan, PhD, liaison, Pontifical Council for the Family); and Chris Gheysens ’93 VSB (bottom, center) will make the Philadelphia experience memorable. Above: Helen Alvaré, JD, ’81 VSB, a professor at George Mason University School of Law, will be a WMOF keynote speaker; Kiera Brady ’14 COE is a project engineer involved in the restoration of New York’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral—one of the stops on Pope Francis’ US visit.

#### EAST COAST CONNECTIONS

Sept. 24 will be busy for Francis and unforgettable for several Villanovans. That morning, on Capitol Hill, he will make history as the first pope to address the US House and Senate. In the audience will be Rep. Ryan Costello ’02 JD of Pennsylvania and Sen. Kelly Ayotte ’93 JD of New Hampshire.

“I join with many alumni in expressing my excitement that His Holiness is coming to Washington, D.C.,” Costello says.



Rep. Ryan Costello ’02 JD looks forward to hearing the message of the first pope ever to address Congress.

“We are grateful that he will visit our nation’s capital and share his message before a joint session of Congress.”

By nightfall, Francis will be in New York. As he leads Evening Prayer in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Kiera Brady ’14 COE will be hugging her hard hat. Brady is a rotational project engineer with Structure Tone Inc., the construction management firm in charge of the landmark’s restoration. When Brady and fellow engineering students went to Italy in 2012 to evaluate historic structures, she never dreamed that she would be helping to manage stained glass restoration, interior painting, and plaster and stone work at this stunning church—projects with pre-pope deadlines.

“The Villanova trip gave me a great foundation for what I do today,” says Brady, who was interviewed by CBS News’ *Sunday Morning* in December. “The fact that I’m part of the effort to restore St. Patrick’s original beauty is beyond words.”

Being “part of the effort”: That is the privilege and thrill of every Villanovan, including volunteers, involved in this epochal moment. Del Raso attributes this attitude to “the magic of an Augustinian education. It gives you the intellectual tools to move to the top and the lifelong desire to serve.” ■

## IGNITING CHANGE

Villanovans contributing to the community



Jack MacDonald '17 (lower left) and VSB classmates (clockwise from top left) Peter Sollecito, Patrick Rourke, Brendan Ahern and Dennis Grace have grown the GI Tickets Foundation into a thriving charity that includes support from faculty and alumni.

## Saluting Those Who Serve

Student-run foundation provides event tickets for service members

By Yasmine Iqbal

Jack McDonald '17 VSB came to the Villanova School of Business to study accounting and finance, prepared to immerse himself in the minutiae of balance sheets, cash flow reports and the other tools that businesses use to measure their effectiveness. But he knew that for any organization to succeed, passion had to drive performance.

In 2011, as a 16-year-old high school student, Jack had started the GI Tickets Foundation, which sent active-duty soldiers to premier sporting events and concerts to thank them for their service. Inspired by his grandfathers, who had served in the military, as well as a Vietnam veteran he had met while caddying, Jack solicited donations, connected with Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in

New Jersey to find recipients and filed as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. From 2011 to 2013, the foundation awarded \$40,000 worth of top-quality tickets to events, including New Jersey Devils, New York Yankees and Cincinnati Reds games.

When he started at Villanova, Jack stepped back from the foundation to focus on his studies and take a walk-on position on the Men's Track and Field team. But the foundation was never far from his mind. He was thinking about it, in fact, in November 2014, while pulling an all-nighter with friend Peter Sollecito '17 VSB. During a study break, Jack mentioned the foundation and his desire to start it up again someday. Peter, an Eagle Scout whose grandfather also was

a veteran, was intrigued. "Why aren't we doing this right now?" he asked.

Jack and Peter reached out to VSB classmates Patrick Rourke, Dennis Grace and Brendan Ahern. This hand-picked team shares much more than studies in business. "We have a deep interest in helping the military and thanking them for their service to our country," Jack says.

### Finding expert help

With the core team in place, Jack and Peter looked for professional guidance. They went first to Stephen Liedtka, PhD, an associate professor of Accounting and Information Systems. Dr. Liedtka was impressed by the students' thoroughness.

"They had a straightforward mission and an incredible knack for communicating it," he says. "They also knew that in the early stages of any organization, success is about ambition and interpersonal skills. But as you grow, you need to start thinking about things like establishing a board and bylaws, expanding at the right speed, and staying transparent to donors."

Dr. Liedtka, along with Rosario "Bud" Drago, a visiting instructor in Marketing, agreed to serve on the advisory board, providing input as the students relaunched the GI Tickets Foundation in March.

### Generous alumni network

The students also reached out to alumni, including Chuck Schappert '83 VSB, a regular contributor to military charities, who met the foundation's team for dinner in April. "The students put together a professional presentation, complete with

"We have a deep interest in helping the military and thanking them for their service to our country."

—Jack McDonald

the history and mission of the organization, as well as logistical and operational details," he says. "I don't recall being that savvy when I was their age." Schappert donated tickets to Flyers, Eagles and Army-Navy games, and agreed to help the students grow their network and provide ongoing advice.

Other alumni were quick to respond. "When we sent out emails to the regional chapter heads, 80 percent got back to us the next day," Jack says. "It made us appreciate how committed Villanova alumni are to giving back to the community."

### Making soldiers smile

A key strength and differentiator of the foundation is its ability to procure high-end tickets. "The average soldier might not have the resources to pay for center-court or first-row seats," Jack says. "We aim to give them a memorable experience."

Army Sgt. 1st Class Brent Brell, who received tickets for a Philadelphia Phillies-New York Mets game, has been to many games at Citizens Bank Park. "We usually sit in the nosebleed section, so I didn't

expect anything luxurious," he says. "Then I realized, holy cow, we're in a suite!"

Brell took his wife and daughter to the game, where they were joined by fellow soldiers and their families. In all, the law firm Reed Smith LLP had donated 16 tickets. "It was an awesome experience to be able to come together and do something we don't otherwise get to do," Brell says.

The students go the extra mile to personally thank donors. After Dr. Liedtka donated six tickets for the 2015 BIG EAST Tournament at Madison Square Garden, he received a text message with a photo of the GIs holding the tickets. "Seeing the soldiers' faces makes you want to do even more," he says.

### Next steps

The GI Tickets Foundation has formed relationships with many sports teams, including the Phillies, Philadelphia 76ers, Devils and Mets, as well as major corporations, including Goldman Sachs and Comcast. Since March, the foundation has raised nearly \$20,000 and distributed 164 tickets to sporting events and concerts. The students cover almost all overhead costs out of their own pockets.

Jack's vision for the foundation includes expanding to other campuses, a process he already has started. In May, the foundation had another big win: Jack received the New Jersey Hero Award, which came with a \$7,500 grant. "This reflects the dedication of our team, friends and families, who spent countless hours to help us win this award," Jack says. "We are in a position to do something truly special for military families this fall and are exploring how to best exercise our efforts." ■

For more information, visit [www.giticketsfoundation.org](http://www.giticketsfoundation.org).



Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Spencer, Sgt. 1st Class Dion Thompson, 1st Sgt. Herbert Kelley and Capt. Matthew Saville, now stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, show off tickets supplied by the foundation.

# Perfect PhD Match

Jasmine Wallace thrives in Philosophy doctoral program

Coming from a large, politically conscious family in Lexington Park, Md., Jasmine Wallace was accustomed to thoughtful, sometimes heated, discussions from an early age. “I’m biracial, and my family always has had to navigate systemic racism,” she says. “In addition, we had different racialized perspectives within the same house. We joked about racism, argued about it and questioned it. This trend led to my concern with gender, sexuality, disability and other themes.”

The trend also led to a pivotal discovery in college. As an undergraduate at Salisbury University, Wallace took an elective Philosophy of Feminism course and realized that she was drawn to philosophical thought. She completed a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy and then a master’s at the University of Memphis.

## CHANGING PATHS

Wallace was enrolled in a doctoral program at another university when she had a second epiphany. Attending her first national philosophy conference, Wallace was so impressed with the keynote speaker, Gabriel Rockhill, PhD, associate professor of Philosophy at Villanova, that she decided to switch schools. “I realized that the kind of philosophy I was interested in was better represented at Villanova,” she says. “Its Philosophy Department is prestigious, highly respected and recognized in the field.”

Wallace and Villanova proved to be a perfect match. Here, Wallace transitioned from privately researching critical theory to engaging in this work on a professional level. The department’s depth has expanded her horizons and “helped me to sculpt my own philosophical identity,” she says. “Villanova is an ideal learning environment for me. My philosophical development has skyrocketed in the two years I’ve been here.”

So have her accomplishments. She recently won a prestigious award for the best graduate paper submitted to the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). Such a feat, says, Dr. Rockhill, is extraordinary.

“SPEP is the most important national conference in the field of Continental Philosophy. In

fact, SPEP has a growing international presence, so it is arguable that this prize represents the best graduate-student paper in the English-speaking world. This constitutes a major contribution to our graduate program, and its national and international visibility,” he says.

Wallace’s winning paper explored the late Uruguayan novelist Eduardo Galeano’s efforts to discuss tragedies like genocide and mass disappearances from a Latin American perspective. The award includes cash and a travel grant to SPEP’s annual conference. “The prize is a testament to the education, resources and support I’ve received at Villanova,” Wallace says.

Those resources include funding for her to attend symposia and expand her network. For example, she recently presented a paper on genealogy and border-thinking at a conference at Cambridge. While Wallace readily admits that “I do philosophy because I love it,” the department, she says, does a great job of making students “marketable” in an “increasingly competitive field.”

## PHILOSOPHY IN ACTION

Wallace has applied her learning in ways that add even more distinction to her résumé. This past year, she participated in a tutoring program run by Noreen Cameron ’90 MS, director of Service Learning in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at a state correctional institution. “The prisoners have such wide-ranging experiences and educational backgrounds,” Wallace says. “I’ve learned so much working alongside them. The environment makes concrete what can at times be abstract discussions.” Wallace also served as co-chair of the Philosophy Graduate Student Union and as co-editorial assistant for *Hypatia*, a journal of feminist philosophy.

Wallace expects to complete her degree in 2019. She is considering working as a professor or with a foundation for philosophical education in prisons. Whatever the direction, Wallace says the Villanova program allows her to pursue a field she loves and gives her the tools she needs to succeed. ■

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—JASMINE WALLACE

BY BETTY RUSSELL





# Putting People First

Parent and former Wildcat Craig Norton '92 CLAS stays invested in a Villanova education

For Craig Norton '92 CLAS, P '17, relationship-building is not a business strategy. Honesty, trust and good humor—traits that align with the values instilled in him at Villanova—are the focal points around which he has created a network of fruitful business partnerships and lifelong friendships. They are the groundwork upon which he has built his 23-year career at Morgan Stanley and the foundation of his leadership as the regional director for the southeastern United States for Morgan Stanley Wealth Management.

Norton started working at Morgan Stanley (then Dean Witter) a week after graduation. Initially serving as a financial adviser in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., he rose steadily through a series of leadership positions, becoming a regional director in 2006 and a managing director in 2007. His family relocated from Florida to Atlanta in 2014, when he assumed his current position.

“No matter what my role has been, the most satisfying aspect of my job is staying close to the client,” Norton says. “The last 23 years have been anything but boring in financial services, but throughout it all, we try to help clients—and we have. That’s fulfilling.”

Peter Zeuli '91 CLAS, chief information officer and head portfolio manager at Philadelphia Investment Partners LLC, and Norton’s cousin, reflects upon a characteristic that has contributed to Norton’s success: “He just makes people feel good about themselves,” says Zeuli. “He’s an honest individual, and you can tell by how he treats people that he means what he says and acts upon what he tells you. He follows through with things. He always has.”

## FOLLOW-THROUGH ON THE FIELD

One night midway through Norton’s junior year, he and Zeuli were up late talking Villanova football. Norton floated what he calls “the wild idea” to walk onto the team, and Zeuli, a four-year varsity athlete in football and wrestling, encouraged him. Norton ended up playing spring football that year and continuing on the team through his senior year.

His season on the gridiron proved to be a thrilling one—the team won the 1991 Yankee Conference Championship—and Norton built lasting relationships. “I played six seconds that season,” he recalls, “but playing time aside, that season had a huge impact on my life.” His football experience, he says, is emblematic of why Villanova is a special place. Head Coach Andy Talley and his staff cared deeply about Norton and did everything they could to make him feel like an essential part of the team. “My wife calls me ‘the Rudy of Villanova,’” Norton says, laughing.

Zeuli was not surprised that the team embraced his cousin. “Craig was there to help out the team and make everyone around him better. Ultimately, I think that’s what he does.”

## HONORING CONNECTIONS

Norton supports Coach Talley and the Football program through the Villanova Football Club and the Villanova Football Advisory Board. He also has volunteered for the Office of University Admission, helping to recruit potential students in Florida. Having two of his three children, Joe '17 and Mary Pat '17, enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has only strengthened Norton’s commitment to Villanova.

“Villanova has afforded me, my children and my wife, Trudy, invaluable opportunities,” he says. Norton serves on the Campaign Executive Committee in support of For the Greater Great®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change. Additionally, he is a member of the President’s Advisory Council. “Villanova is on the precipice of breaking out at a national level. We need to continue building the financial resources consistent with that vision,” Norton reflects. “What Father Peter, Mike O’Neill and the team have accomplished is incredible, and it is just a start.”

Norton stays invested in Villanova because its education makes a human impact. The University graduates “ethical, well-rounded people,” he says. “It’s much more than a four-year experience.” ■

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—CRAIG NORTON

BY MEG MAXWELL



Marking the 50th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday,” crowds cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., March 8.

## FROM VILLANOVA TO SELMA

### Pilgrimage immerses students in civil rights struggle

>> By Suzanne Wentzel

Richelle Hurley '17 CLAS doesn't believe in ghosts, but as she and fellow Villanovans crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., she felt the spectral presence of those whose steps they were retracing. Rubbing away goosebumps, she imagined the events of “Bloody Sunday,” March 7, 1965, when hundreds of marchers began the 54-mile trek from Selma to Montgomery to demand that black people's right to vote be protected. When the protesters reached the other side of the bridge, however, state troopers and a posse armed with clubs and cattle prods blocked their path. The men chased, beat and tear-gassed the marchers back.

“I felt like I was watching the march as it happened,” Richelle says. “I could see mounted police with nightsticks—and all the bodies. It was powerful and eerie.”

#### PILGRIM PEOPLE

For the 11 students on Campus Ministry's “Civil Rights Pilgrimage,” crossing the bridge was one of many unforgettable moments that opened eyes, wrenched hearts and inspired accountability. Of course, the students had known what was at stake when they signed up for this unique break experience.

“They were ready to be uncomfortable,” says Teresa Nance, PhD, assistant vice president, Multicultural Affairs; associate

professor, Communication; and one of two faculty members on the trip. “They were ready to go into that space and say, this will be hard to hear, but I want to hear it. This will help me make changes.”

Part of “that space” comprised the historical sites in Selma, Birmingham and Montgomery where events in the civil rights movement played out or are commemorated. The students toured interactive museums, including one in which they role-played being slaves. At another, a figure dressed as a Ku Klux Klan member holding a whip overwhelmed Morgan Reid '18 CLAS. “When I saw the display, I started to hyperventilate. I had to walk out.”

The students visited churches that had served as movement headquarters, starting points of marches, refuges from violence and targets of violence. They took part in mass meetings, attended performances, and were roused by preachers and activists.

The pilgrimage culminated on the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. As the Villanovans departed, President Barack Obama and other dignitaries gathered for the Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee to mark this tragic chapter and the victorious one that followed. The afternoon of March 25, 1965, tens of thousands marched into Montgomery, where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke on the capitol's steps. The march helped motivate President Lyndon Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act of 1965, outlawing discriminatory election practices.

#### EMPHASIS ON LEARNING

The purpose of the pilgrimage was to learn about what happened half a century ago and the ongoing struggle for civil rights. In 2013, the Supreme Court declared part of the Voting Rights Act unconstitutional, and recent racially charged events in the nation show that issues of inequality persist.

Much of the learning occurred through conversations with “foot soldiers,” men and women who had participated in the civil rights movement. From chatting with

locals to attending a poverty workshop, the students heard eyewitness accounts of life then and now. “We wanted them to talk to people who had lived through this history,” says Lawrence Little, PhD, associate professor, History, and the other faculty expert on the trip, “and to hear their perspectives on the consequences of the movement and how people are living in the South today.”

When it came to seeing how people live in Mosses, a town 30 miles from Montgomery, the Villanovans didn't need anyone else's perspective. They saw for themselves—and were shocked that such poverty exists in this country. Many of the 1,000 residents have no electricity or running water. Tirelessly serving their needs is Sister Rosemary Fonck, OSF, director of the Good Shepherd Catholic Center, where the visitors camped out. Sister Rosemary's dedication, the townspeople's hospitality and the children's hopefulness made an indelible impression.

“We were moved when the kids in the center's after-school program told us their career aspirations,” says Katharine Freudenberg '17 CON. “They live in conditions in which they have nothing, yet they have no sense of anything holding them back.”

At night, the group discussed their experiences and watched such programs as *Eyes on the Prize*. Reflections led to the



Villanovans link arms for their own “march” across the landmark bridge.

compelling question: What now? “The students' intellectual curiosity and desire to act upon what they were learning were incredible,” says Center for Service and Social Justice Director Irene King '82 CLAS, the trip's adviser. “They realized, wow, this implicates me. I feel a responsibility to do something.”

#### TRANSFORMED TRAVELERS

The Villanovans are taking that responsibility seriously. They connect through group chats, are more politically aware, follow the news, empower others by sharing their experiences and discuss ways to raise money for Mosses. Some are rethinking what they want to study at Villanova and pursue as a career. All have realized that they can and should help root out injustice.

For Boratha Tan '16 COE, Selma inflamed a passion to improve the conditions of Cambodian-Americans. He hopes to achieve a professional position from which he can be a role model and live up to Villanova's challenge. “I want to be that change. I want to be that ignition for my community.”

Having walked in others' footsteps, these pilgrims are ready to follow their own paths to promote equality. They will cross whatever bridge is necessary—and face whatever awaits on the other side. ■



Lawrence Little, PhD, instructs students at the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute.

# TEAM-MINDEDNESS PROPELS WILDCATS TO THE TOP

Wildcats are a dominant force in the BIG EAST

By Christopher Graziano

Villanova student-athletes always pursue something greater, on the field, in the classroom and in the community. It is a common purpose that has withstood the changing landscape of college athletics. They also motivate each other in their quest, which contributed to the collective results the Wildcats enjoyed in the BIG EAST Conference in the 2014–15 academic year. Their performances positioned Villanova as a heavyweight in the new era of the conference, which officially began July 1, 2013.

Villanova competes in 21 of the 22 sports offered by the BIG EAST, and in 2014–15 conference postseason action, it

was crowned team champion seven times. Adding its six titles from the previous year, Villanova has won 13 BIG EAST postseason team championships in the first two seasons of the restructured conference.

The Cross Country, and Track and Field programs delivered five titles in 2014–15. The men won their second consecutive “triple crown”—team championships in cross country in fall, indoor track and field in winter, and outdoor track and field in spring. The women won their second consecutive indoor and outdoor championships. The other titles came in women’s swimming and diving—also back-to-back—and men’s basketball.

### Team thinking

Success in the BIG EAST is not new to Villanova, particularly in its perennially strong Cross Country, Track and Field, and Men’s Basketball programs. However, runner Sam McEntee, a Mathematics and Economics major from Perth, Australia, who was part of two 2014–15 championships, noticed the difference between the new BIG EAST and the old.

“When the BIG EAST changed, our coaching staff stressed it was an opportunity for us,” he says. “Last year we took everything one at a time. This year, winning the triple crown was the goal.”

As Villanova Athletics pursues a higher level of victory, conference team championships are one way to gauge success. Another is prestigious academic recognition, and in that sense, Sam again is a representative of Villanova’s 2014–15 achievements, as he was named the BIG EAST’s Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Stephanie Schappert, also a standout in Track and Field, and Cross Country, was chosen as the *Philadelphia Inquirer* Academic All-Area Overall Women’s Performer of the Year. A four-time All-American and eight-time BIG EAST champion, she was the second Villanova student-athlete to receive the honor.

### Racking up titles

The first of Villanova’s BIG EAST running titles came in October 2014 at the Men’s Cross Country Championship in Carmel, Ind. The Wildcats defended their 2013 title, sweeping the top three positions. Patrick Tiernan won his second straight conference individual championship, and Villanova had six runners selected as All-BIG EAST. Marcus O’Sullivan ’84 VSB,



Sam McEntee, Men’s Track and Field

’89 MBA, the Frank J. Kelly Endowed Track and Field Coach, and his staff were named Coaching Staff of the Year. The Men’s Indoor and Outdoor teams not only completed the triple crown but set BIG EAST Championship records for high team scores.

### Legacy continues

The BIG EAST Conference was built upon a vision of elite basketball in 1979, and it didn’t take long for that dream to become a reality. In 1985—in just its sixth season of existence—the BIG EAST had three men’s basketball teams reach the Final Four, culminated by the Wildcats’ magical run to the national championship. It was this similar vision of elite basketball that led seven existing conference members and three new members to usher in a new BIG EAST era in 2013.

The Villanova Men’s Basketball program was again a force to be reckoned with in the BIG EAST and on the national scene in 2014–15. After winning the BIG EAST regular-season title, the Wildcats maintained that momentum at the BIG EAST Tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York in March. Following victories over Seton Hall and Providence, Villanova routed Xavier, 69–52, in the BIG EAST Championship. Double-digit scorers Dylan Ennis, Josh Hart and Darrun Hilliard led Villanova to its second BIG EAST Tournament title and first since 1995. Darrun and Dylan were named to the All-Tournament

Team, while Josh won the Dave Gavitt Trophy for Most Outstanding Player.

The Wildcats also won the BIG EAST regular season for the second straight year, with Ryan Arcidiacono named Player of the Year (one of two BIG EAST honorees) and Jay Wright named Coach of the Year. Josh was the league’s Sixth Man of the Year, exemplifying Villanova’s determination and competitiveness.

The titles on the hardwood followed a red-hot winter that started in February in a pool in Ithaca, N.Y., where the Women’s Swimming and Diving team captured its second straight BIG EAST title. The Wildcats won 14 of the 18 swimming events and swept all five relays.

Junior freestyle swimmer Kaisla Kollanus of Hyvinkaa, Finland, was named the BIG EAST’s Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet as she won three individual events and swam in another four relay victories. She set a new program record in the 100 freestyle and tied another record in the 50 freestyle.

“The team is like a family, especially for people like me who are far away from home. I love the coaches and team—I am truly grateful to them,” she says.

Senior swimmer Katrin Heider was honored as Villanova’s Female Senior Student-Athlete of the Year. She garnered

10 BIG EAST medals and was named to the All-BIG EAST Team each year during her career. Katrin, a native of Bergisch Gladbach, Germany, aspires to work in medical research.

This year, Villanova seeks to reach even greater heights, building on its legacy of excellence in the BIG EAST and beyond. ■

## WILDCAT PRIDE IN ACADEMICS AND IN BIG EAST

Whether studying for tests or testing themselves in competition, student-athletes recorded high marks in the past year. A record 12 Villanova teams were cited publicly for having multiyear Academic Progress Rate scores among the top 10 percent within their sports nationwide. Villanova was one of only 19 schools to accomplish this feat.

Villanova Athletics reached other benchmarks of success as well:

- Student-athletes as a group have registered a GPA higher than a 3.0 for 24 consecutive semesters.
- Villanova maintains a 93 percent student-athlete graduation rate.
- Men’s Basketball won 33 games, the most in program history.
- Water Polo recorded 19 wins, the most in program history.
- Women’s Lacrosse qualified for the BIG EAST Tournament for the first time in program history.
- Softball qualified for the BIG EAST Tournament for the first time in five years.



The Women’s Swimming and Diving team



Josh Hart, Men’s Basketball

New VUAA board members Taylor Henderson '05 COE; Lynn Constandy-Albers '85 VSB; Jerry Quinn '87 VSB; and the Rev. Francis Chambers, OSA, DMin, '73 CLAS, '77 MA



## Stepping Up

New members bring their ideas and expertise to the VUAA board

BY JOANN GRECO

The Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors elected four new members. Each will work to support the VUAA's efforts to strengthen the connection between alumni and the University.

**THE REV. FRANCIS CHAMBERS, OSA, DMin, '73 CLAS, '77 MA**

The varied career of Father Francis Chambers has ranged from serving as team chaplain for the Miami Dolphins to ministering at Klaster Sv. Tomase in Prague. But much of it has unfolded at Villanova, beginning with Father Chambers' student days and extending for nearly three decades with his roles as teacher and administrator. Most recently, Father Chambers has been an associate director in the Office of University Admission. His responsibilities include recruiting international and transfer students. He has spent so much time with students that he wrote his doctoral thesis, completed at Washington Theological Union in 2013, on their spirituality. With his new appointment as VUAA chaplain, Father Chambers hopes "to expand my experience in serving the alumni." Because he hasn't often gotten the chance to build long-term relationships, Father Chambers looks forward to establishing "ongoing contact with such a fine group of people."

**LYNN CONSTANDY-ALBERS '85 VSB**

When Lynn Constandy-Albers, a senior vice president at JPMorgan Chase Bank, recalls her "wonderful years" at Villanova, one of her fondest memories is the 1985 NCAA championship game. When she recently served on the 30th Reunion Class Committee, that unforgettable bas-

ketball season proved to be a big draw. "We were especially optimistic about the number of attendees," she says. Constandy-Albers also has been involved in the Long Island Chapter's annual golf outing for more than 10 years, and she has participated in the Alumni Interview Program for five years. As part of her board service, Constandy-Albers will liaise with Daniel Wright, PhD, the interim dean of the Villanova School of Business; and Deborah Tyksinski, PhD, the founding dean of the College of Professional Studies. "It will be enlightening to see what their goals will be in their new roles," says Constandy-Albers, whose daughter is a sophomore in VSB.

**TAYLOR HENDERSON '05 COE**

As a student, Taylor Henderson was committed to volunteering and extracurricular activities. He co-founded the College of Engineering's PEERS (Peers Enhancing Educational Resources for Students) program; was president of the Club Lacrosse team and helped it earn University recognition; traveled to South Africa for a Habitat for Humanity project; and received the Dean's Award for Meritorious Service. Since graduating, the Denver-based Henderson has worked in the wind- and solar-energy industries. He has held leadership positions in two VUAA chapters, and been honored with the University's Young Alumnus Environmental Leadership Award and the VUAA's Young Alumni Medal. Henderson "jumped" at the chance to join the board. "With the campaign's dynamic impact, Villanova is even more visible on a national and international

stage," he says. "I urge alums who haven't been back in a while to come home to see what all the excitement is about."

**JERRY QUINN '87 VSB**

During his career in information technology and business processes, Jerry Quinn has learned that "successful teams need to leverage the talents and skills of all of their members." Having worked with VUAA chapters in central New Jersey and Washington, D.C., he looks forward to his board service and "being surrounded by passionate Villanovans." Quinn, who is based in Bethesda, Md., and whose daughter Hanna

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—Jerry Quinn

is a senior in the College of Engineering, has noticed that students "want to connect with alums so they can develop networks, get feedback on internship opportunities and seek guidance for full-time positions." Enhancing the Nova Network, he says, "is critical to moving the VUAA forward." Quinn also hopes that the alumni network will continue to grow as recent graduates volunteer with their local chapters. "Engaging with the VUAA is a great way to reconnect; create friendships; and give back time, talent and treasure." ■



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## Villanova University Alumni Association unveils new platform for alumni engagement

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

**Villanovans are part of a powerful community**, united by Augustinian values and driven by academic excellence. They take on incredible challenges and succeed, while inspiring and leading others.

The great work of the University's alumni, parents and friends creates momentum for all Villanovans, connecting them to each other and creating opportunities to make a difference around the world. Together, they ignite change.

This relationship between alumni and the University is robust, and the Villanova University Alumni Association has created an easy way for alumni, friends and family to talk about all of the ways to engage the University.

It's as simple as the acronym NOVA. Each letter represents an aspect of the VUAA's initiative and defines how it relates to alumni. Through the examples and stories shared by fellow Villanovans, alumni will understand how each of the four components of NOVA strengthens their ties to the University and how they can maximize the resources alumni receive through the VUAA.

**N** NETWORKING: Alumni receive expanded professional and social opportunities online and in person.

Grounded in the Augustinian intellectual tradition, Villanovans are naturally inclined toward meaningful dialogue. Networking speaks to the powerful ways that Villanovans, in essence, hold the door for one another. Whether they are students seeking internships, new graduates looking for critical entry-level positions or alumni exploring ways to further careers, Villanovans know that, by working together, everyone achieves more.

Through the robust Nova Network, alumni have even more chances to connect socially and professionally online or in person. For instance, the VUAA has created affinity groups, defined by clubs or careers, to help connect alumni who have shared interests.

The Villanova University Public Policy Society in Washing-

ton, D.C., is a shining example of an alumni-driven networking initiative. It is designed to support current students through internships, job placement and professional development, and to connect Villanovans working in public policy through formal events in Washington, D.C., and on campus. The society gives students the opportunity to explore the many careers available, while building an active, engaged alumni network in this field.

"This creates a centralized, inclusive way to connect alumni, faculty and students," says Alex DelPizzo '98 CLAS, partner at Thorn Run Partners and one of the founders of the Public Policy Society, an alumni-led effort.

Additionally, the society is housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, providing a strong academic foundation. Faculty from the College and throughout campus with expertise in areas like political science, public administration, criminal justice and law have led interactive panel discussions on current topics in legislation and reform—deepening the dialogue the society fosters between Villanova students, faculty and alumni.

"The society is more than just networking. Our goal in creating it was to extend and connect the Villanova community, while carrying out the school's mission in the capital," DelPizzo says.



Alex DelPizzo '98 CLAS, partner at Thorn Run Partners; John Emling '91 CLAS, managing director and head of Federal Government Affairs, Citi; and Matthew Kerbel, PhD, professor and chair, Political Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, speak at the Villanova University Public Policy Society.

**ONE VILLANOVA:**  
All parents, students, graduates and friends are welcome as part of the University's greater alumni community.

Whether alumni spent four years on campus earning an undergraduate degree, came to campus to engage in graduate research or studied online, they all share a common bond: an exceptional Villanova experience.

And the University recognizes that every person's touch point to Villanova is equally important in the fabric that makes up the alumni community. Although they may have different experiences and memories of the University, Villanovans are united by a common spirit and pride.

Consider current Villanova student Amy Ross '16 CPS, founder and CEO of HumanKind HR, who attended a campaign event in Dallas in the spring. A native of upstate New York, Ross had never visited the University's physical campus. She came to understand Villanova through her online course and College of Professional Studies faculty, as well as at the campaign event, where she met University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS.

"Everyone was so welcoming. They were truly interested to learn about my experiences," says Ross, who is pursuing her master's in Human Resource Development. "I was so impressed to hear even more about the heritage of Villanova. I feel proud to be a member of the Villanova community."

**VALUE OF VILLANOVA:**  
The value of a Villanova degree continues to grow, benefiting all alumni.

When Matthew Baldwin '06 VSB and Megan Evans Baldwin '07 VSB relocated from New York City to California, they discovered that alumni connections can be found even in unfamiliar places. They openly display their love for Villanova and have found that passion in so many other alumni they have met.

"Villanova has fantastic alumni, and it is truly an honor for us to be a part of this community," Matthew says.

During their first holiday season away from the East Coast, the local alumni chapter leaders welcomed the Baldwins into their celebration. It was a big first step toward making the couple's new community feel more like home.

"We always run into fellow alumni in California who have the same Villanova pride," Megan says.

Being counted among Villanova's alumni has advantages that endure long beyond graduation. That value takes the form of the academics and education that allow alumni to chart their



Steve Rado '94 VSB, partner, M&A Advisory, EY; Amy Ross '16 CPS, founder and CEO, HumanKind HR; and Tom Klein '84 VSB, president and CEO, Sabre Corp., network at a campaign event in Dallas.

careers, as well as the alumni network, which strengthens Villanova's foothold in communities across the country.

As Villanova's reputation as a prestigious university, strengthened by its foundation on Augustinian tradition and academic excellence, grows stronger, it creates an ever more solid platform for graduates' success. Its distinctive identity yields increasing value for Villanova's alumni.

**ALWAYS A WILDCAT:**  
Wherever Villanova's alumni are around the world, they are always connected to the University.

The connection alumni feel to Villanova is strong and lasts their entire lives. To help alumni stay connected, the VUAA hosts more than 500 events each year locally, nationally and even internationally. For those who are able to travel back to campus for Reunion and Homecoming, in particular, those events allow alumni to reconnect with the campus and all of their fond memories of Villanova.

During Reunion Weekend in June, graduates had the opportunity to listen to the college deans discuss Villanova's academic programs and learn about plans for the campus' future. Whether they were flashing a "V" sign for the camera or dancing under the electric stars at the Supernova Dinner Dance, alumni celebrated all things Villanova.

Although it's not always possible for alumni to attend an event on campus, the University's 118,000 alumni around the world still remain important members of the community, always connected and always welcome.

"The pride and affection for Villanova span every generation of our alumni. It's a community of shared values and will always be an inviting place for all Villanovans," says Tracy Setlock Brala '90 VSB, VUAA president. ■

# REUNION 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



# Class Notes

VILLANOVA GRADUATES SHARE THEIR NEWS & UPDATES • IN MEMORIAM • FACULTY • STAFF

## 1950s

**CLASS OF 1951**  
**65th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**CLASS OF 1956**  
**60th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**Anthony Esgro '57 VSB** retired after 41 years in the Glassboro, N.J., school district. For 26 years, he served as assistant superintendent of schools in the central office, overseeing supportive services, maintenance, transportation, cafeteria and central inventory.

**Selma Koury Wunderlich '58 MS** was honored by the Executive Committee of the Villanova University Senate for her ongoing service to the University Senate. She was formally recognized at the Executive Committee Annual Dinner and invited to represent the Senate in Villanova University's graduation May 15 by participating in the procession and sitting on the stage for the ceremony.

## 1960s

**CLASS OF 1961**  
**55th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**CLASS OF 1966**  
**50th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**Thomas S. Higgins, Esq., '62 VLS** was inducted into the Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame in Cherry Hill, N.J.

**J. Edmund Mullin, Esq., '63 CLAS, '66 VLS** was named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list in the area of land use and zoning.

**Tim Flanagan '65 VSB** presented his vision for the future of the Catholic Church in the United States in a speech Feb. 21 at Oxford University. Flanagan is the founder of the Catholic Leadership Institute, which provides leadership formation to bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders throughout the US.

**John A. Janitz '65 COE** has been named to the board of directors for LoJack Corp., a leading provider of tracking, recovery systems, equipment and fleet telematics. Janitz is the chairman and co-founding partner of Evergreen Capital Partners, a financial adviser and investment manager.

**Earl W. Horner Jr. '66 VSB** was inducted into the Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame in Cherry Hill, N.J.

**George F. Camerlengo, Esq., '67 CLAS** has been named a partner at Gray Duffy LLP in its Redwood City, Calif., office.

## 1970s

**CLASS OF 1971**  
**45th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**CLASS OF 1976**  
**40th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**Michael H. Cook '73 VLS** was appointed by Virginia Gov. Terry

McAuliffe to the Virginia Board of Medical Assistance Services, which oversees the state's Medicaid program.

**Michael T. Doyle '75 CLAS** was promoted to vice president in Treasury Payments at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

**Jeffrey Fick '75 VSB**, vice president of Fick Brothers Roofing & Exterior Remodeling Co. in Baltimore, Md., won the National Roofing Contractors Association Gold Circle Award for outstanding workmanship.

**William A. "Bill" Carpou '76 VSB** was named president and CEO of the Orange County Technology Action Network.

**Lynne Z. Gold-Bikin '76 VLS** received the Lynette Norton Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession. She is a partner in the Norristown, Pa., office of Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby LLP and specializes in family law.

**Thomas Kelly '76 VSB** was named CEO of Gold Canyon, a leading candle and home decor direct sales company.

**Richard Mondschein '76 CLAS** raised funds for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity committed to funding childhood cancer research.

**Douglas Weiner '76 VLS** joined the Long Island office of Lipman & Plesur LLP on an Of Counsel basis.

**Marc P. Weingarten '76 VLS** recently presented on the highs and lows of cross-examination.

Weingarten has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for nine consecutive years and is a partner with Locks Law Firm.

**Joan Arnold '78 VLS**, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP and chair of the firm's Tax Practice group, was elected president of the American College of Tax Counsel (ACTC), the preeminent professional association of tax lawyers in private practice. Arnold is the first woman to hold this office in the 33-year history of ACTC.

**Joseph Bubba '78 CLAS** was honored by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation with the Harris Weinstein Philanthropic Commitment Award for his dedication to community and philanthropy.

**Patrick T. Higgins '79 CLAS** is president and CEO of Tekmira/Oncore Inc., a company dedicated to discovering a cure for hepatitis B, which chronically infects an estimated 240 million people worldwide.

**David Itkoff '79 VLS** published his second article in the online edition of *The Legal Intelligencer* in the "Expert Columns" series on Asset Management.

**Marc S. Raspanti, Esq., '79 CLAS**, a partner with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP, presented at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers March 21. He was also the featured presenter at the American Bar Association's 25th annual National Institute on Health Care Fraud May 14 in Miami Beach, Fla.

## 1980s

**CLASS OF 1981**  
**35th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**CLASS OF 1986**  
**30th Reunion**  
June 9-12, 2016

**Leeanne Hay '80 CLAS** accepted an appointment with the US judiciary in the area of Finance.

**Joseph J. McGrory, Esq., '80 VSB** was named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list in the area of land use and zoning.

**James Seaman '80 VSB** was appointed to the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

**Deirdre A. Flanagan Ward '83 CLAS** was presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the 37th annual West Bergen Mental Healthcare Brunch in Washington Township, N.J.

**Marylalice Morro, RN, MSN, '83 CON** was appointed director of the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, Ga. Morro will oversee health care delivery to more than 34,500 veterans with a workforce of 1,200 employees.

**James R. Wells '83 VLS** is general counsel for ARI, a global fleet services provider specializing in complex car and truck fleets.

**Dawn Marie Addiego '84 VSB** was inducted into the Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame in Cherry Hill, N.J., for her involvement in academics and arts.

**Michael P. Gallagher '84 VLS** was elected to the board of directors of the American Ireland Fund, a nonprofit organization that assists Ireland and Irish-related

causes in the US. A partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP and based in Berwyn, Pa., Gallagher practices in the areas of corporate finance, private equity, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate matters.

**Gregory R. Gifford '84 VLS** was elected secretary of the Montgomery Bar Association. Gifford, a partner with Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford PC, practices personal injury, criminal and municipal law.

**Thomas J. Gravina '84 VSB** has been named vice chairman of the board of trustees for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). He has served on PCOM's board since 2003, and previously was chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee. He continues his role as chairman of the Foundation Committee.

**Mark A. Kearney '84 CLAS, '87 VLS**, a federal judge, received the Montgomery County President's Award for his lifetime of contributions, as a lawyer, to the Montgomery Bar Association.

**Carolyn Mullin Segreto '84 CLAS**, a computer science teacher, was named Brick Township High School Teacher of the Year for 2014-15. She has expanded the Computer Science Department at the New Jersey school from one course to four, two of which she wrote herself.

**Louis Salerno '84 VLS** has joined FUJIFILM Holdings America Corp. in Valhalla, N.Y., as counsel in charge of all government and commercial contracts for the biological company FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies Texas LLC.

**Joseph F. Donahue '85 CLAS** accepted a position as senior vice president, Commercial

## WILKES NAMED DEAN OF UVA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



**David S. Wilkes, MD, '78 CLAS** has been named the next dean of the University of Virginia's School of Medicine, a five-year appointment starting Sept. 15. A board-certified specialist in pulmonary disease and critical care medicine, Dr. Wilkes has been serving as executive associate dean for Research Affairs at the Indiana University School of Medicine and as a member of the faculty since 1992.

He is the co-author of more than 100 research papers, holds six US patents and is co-founder and chief scientific officer of ImmuneWorks Inc., which researches and develops treatments for immune-mediated lung diseases, including lung transplant rejection and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

"My goal is that we excel in all three areas of our mission—research, education and patient care," says Dr. Wilkes. "I want us to be the place to be among academic medical centers."

Wilkes' commitment to education includes serving as national director of the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation since 2013 and earning the Alvin S. Bynum Mentoring Award from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis for his work in mentoring students outside the classroom.

Collaborations and Innovation, at BioReference Laboratories, located in Elmwood Park, N.J.

**James J. Kelly III '85 CLAS, '06 MA** was promoted to chief inspector in the Philadelphia Police Department and assigned as chief of the Detective Bureau. This command includes the six regional detective divisions along with the Homicide, Major Crimes and Special Victims divisions.

**Catherine Lovecchio, RN, '85 CON, '09 PhD** was named the University of Scranton's CASE

(Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Professor of the Year in recognition of her outstanding performance as a member of the faculty.

**John Zabinski '85 VSB** was named senior vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the Rowan University Foundation.

**Howard P. Dwoskin '86 VLS** has been named director of the Casualty Department at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.



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**ALUMNUS CHAIRS  
\$1.2M FUNDRAISING  
DRIVE**

In March, **Joe Allen '89 VSB**, general manager, General Electric's US Global Operations Center, served as the 2015 Cincinnati March for Babies chair. He focused on recruiting new companies to partici-



participate in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky March for Babies, part of a \$1.2 million fundraising drive. "The March of Dimes campaign provides our employees with a terrific opportunity to help us reduce premature birth and infant mortality rates," says Allen. "We're proud of our years of support and gratified that our efforts are helping our employees and others in our communities have stronger, healthier babies." The event, which raises money to help prevent premature births, birth defects and infant mortality, had 12,000 participants in March, its 45th year.

**CLASS OF 1991  
25th Reunion  
June 9-12, 2016**

**CLASS OF 1996  
20th Reunion  
June 9-12, 2016**

**James R. Fitzgerald '90 CLAS**, a retired FBI profiler and forensic linguist, has published the first book of his three-part memoir, titled *A Journey to the Center of the Mind, Book 1*.

**Carreen Winters Longo '90 CLAS** was included on PR News' first-ever Top Women in PR list. She is executive vice president and global corporate reputation practice leader at MWWRP.

**Anson H. Asbury '92 CLAS** attended the US Tax Court Judicial Conference May 20-22.

**Allison Romeo Gottfried '93 CLAS** was promoted to director of Guidance at Great Neck South High School in New York after being a counselor at the school for 20 years. She also coaches the girls' badminton team.

**Nigel Furlonge '94 CLAS, '99 MA** is associate head of the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H.

**Gwen E. Metz '94 CON** married Randall L. Fillmore. The couple welcomed a girl.

**Jim Wittmer '94 VLS** was elected to the partnership board at Grant Thornton LLP. He is the Northeast region leader of the Strategic Federal Tax Services practice.

**Jennifer Platzkere Snyder '95 VLS** was promoted to equity partner at Dilworth Paxson LLP.

**Kimberly Boller, PhD, '87 CLAS, '88 HON**, senior fellow at Mathematica Policy Research, has been named to a committee aimed at conducting a study to support parents of young children.

**Karen Buck '87 VLS** was presented with the Philadelphia Bar Association's Public Interest Section's Andrew Hamilton Award.

**Robert Corrigan '87 CLAS** was appointed deputy commissioner of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

**Michael P. Menz '87 CLAS** passed the American Board of Industrial Hygiene examination to become a certified industrial hygienist. He currently works at EMSL Analytical as an environmental safety and training manager.

**Jeffrey Lalloway '89 VLS** was elected chairman of the board of directors for the Orange County Transportation Authority in California.

**Bruce Mitez '89 VLS**, a partner at Borger Mitez, was named to the 2014 Awesome Attorneys list by *South Jersey Magazine*.

**Michael O'Keeffe '89 CLAS** has been performing and teaching improvisational comedy for over 25 years, and has appeared in more than 6,000 comedy shows internationally. He has toured with Wayne Brady in support of his television show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*

**Norman Powell '89 VLS, '89 MBA** was appointed adjunct professor at Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law, where he teaches Secured Transactions. In addition to his ongoing work with the Uniform Law Commission's Drafting Committee on Series of Unincorporated Business Entities, his latest article, "Secured Lending to Series of LLCs: Beware What You Do Not (and Cannot) Know," has been published by Thomson Reuters.

**WHY I GIVE**  
**Robert Nydick, PhD**  
Professor, Villanova School of Business

"After 28 years of teaching, I feel privileged to be in the classroom, interacting with students, and I take that privilege very seriously. Villanova's future is bright, and my family is excited to be part of that."

**Dr. Nydick and his family made a transformative gift to VSB, supporting business analytics education and a new common space for students. Learn more about Dr. Nydick's story:**  
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**Honore Voorman Kotler '95 CON** was awarded the Zifkin Family 2015 Nurse of the Year Award at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, in addition to the Brawerman PhD Scholar Award.

**Brian K. Perry '96 VSB** published the book *The Holiday Party*.

**Cmdr. Nicholas Ferratella Jr. '98 CLAS** was promoted to the rank of commander in the US Navy and recently completed a deployment to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa, as the Regional Engagements Branch Chief and Deputy Director for Theater Security Cooperation, Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa.

**Rhiannon Kelty '98 CLAS** welcomed a girl.

**John Kennedy, Esq., '98 CLAS** formed the law firm of Grace & Kennedy PC, a Pennsylvania and New Jersey practice. Kennedy also recently welcomed a boy.

**Dan Lamot '98 CLAS**, founder and president of roundCorner, which provides constituent relationship management solutions for nonprofit organizations, has been selected by *Philadelphia Business Journal* as one of its 2015 40 Under 40 top businesspeople in the region.

**2000s**

**CLASS OF 2001  
15th Reunion  
June 9-12, 2016**

**CLASS OF 2006  
10th Reunion  
June 9-12, 2016**

**Kevin B. Gallen '00 COE** is the owner of Gallen Engineering, which provides mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection engineering design and consulting services for building renovation and construction projects in the New York City and Philadelphia region. Gallen, the former president of the New

York Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), serves on the ASHRAE Conferences and Expositions Committee, planning events for the 55,000-member professional organization.

**Joyce Garczynski '00 CLAS** has served as the librarian for Communications and Development at Towson University since 2009, and was recently awarded tenure.

**Matthew Gaudet '00 COE** completed his doctorate in Ethics and Social Theory at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif.

**Eileen K. Keefe, Esq., '00 CLAS, '04 VLS** was named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Rising Stars list.

**Cynthia Nikolai '00 CLAS** received her doctorate in Computer Science from the University of Notre Dame.

**Rebecca Waddell '00 VLS** joined Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman PC, the largest health care-focused law firm in the country. She focuses her practice on general counsel services with emphasis on litigation and risk management.

**Margaret A. Ziemianek '00 CLAS, '00 HON, '04 VLS** was promoted to partner at Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman LLC. She is part of the Commercial Litigation and Insurance Recovery practices in the firm's San Francisco office.

**Claire Darmanin Moore '01 CLAS** was named one of USAE and the Association Forum's Forty Under 40 for association and nonprofit professionals. She also recently welcomed a boy.

**Michael Friedman '01 VLS** has been selected as a recipient of *SNJ Business People's* 2015 Forty Under 40 list. He is an attorney with Jackson Lewis PC and concentrates his practice in workplace and employment issues.



**AMERICAN-MADE RACING**

Villanova's Society of Automotive Engineers team has taken to the track since 2008 to design a new prototype for the Formula SAE competition, held each May at Michigan International Speedway. It provides a real-world experience for students who must design, race and finance their projects.

A relationship between Villanova SAE and manufacturing company MK Precision, begun in fall 2014, has put Villanova's students in the fast lane to learn about advanced manufacturing. **Kevin Danielsen '98 COE**, vice president and general manager at MK Precision, says the company helps students on the racing team create some of the custom parts for the prototype and advises them in design development. "This has been such a great match. We continue to grow this relationship every day," Danielsen says.

The partnership will be featured on *Titan—American Built*, a show on MavTV, which champions state-of-the-art American manufacturing. The company will also feature Villanova SAE students during Villanova's Parents Weekend game, for which it is the titled sponsor.

**Edward Goldis '01 VLS** was named a partner in the personal injury law firm of Feldman Shepherd Wohlgerlenter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig LLP. Goldis specializes in the fields of auto defects, product liability, construction and workplace accidents, and medical malpractice.

**John J. Iannozzi, Esq., '01 CLAS, '04 VLS** was named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Rising Stars list in the area of land use and zoning.

**Brent A. Lewis '01 VLS** was promoted to partner at Hunton

& Williams LLP. Lewis represents issuers, underwriters, servicers, originators and other market participants in public and private securitizations involving residential and commercial mortgage loans.

**Ryan E. Maguire '01 COE** is chief technology officer at Homefinder.com in Chicago.

**Anthony S. Rachuba IV '01 JD, '04 LLM** became a shareholder in the law firm of Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba PC in Center Valley, Pa. He is a member of the firm's Estate Planning and Administration group.

**THE LETTER THAT CHANGED TWO LIVES**



The friendship began in 1997 when a Pennsylvania middle school student named Caitlin Stoicsitz (now Alifirenka) sent a letter to **Martin Ganda '07 CLAS**, an adolescent living in Zimbabwe. The two became pen pals, and their correspondence, which spanned six years and bridged two cultures, ultimately brought Ganda to the US, where he earned degrees in Mathematics and Economics at Villanova University, and a Master of Business Administration at Duke University. Their letters, close friendship and transformative journey are captured in the dual autobiography, *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*. Ganda is president and co-founder of the Seeds of Africa Fund, a publicly supported nonprofit that helps primary and secondary school students in Zimbabwe. He also is a member of the Milken Institute Young Leaders Circle and works as an Africa investor, adviser and strategist.

**Joseph J. Russell Jr., Esq., '01 CLAS**, a shareholder at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer PA, was named co-chair of the law firm's Family Law Department. The firm has over 130 attorneys with offices in New Jersey, Philadelphia and New York City.

**H. David Seidman '01 VLS** was admitted to partnership in the Litigation Department of the law firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP.

**Alanna P. Strohecker '01 COE** has been named a 2015 Rising Star by *Progressive Rail-*

*roading* magazine. She currently works as a project manager in the Transit/Rail group at AECOM in Philadelphia. She also recently welcomed a girl.

**Jessica Haile Bagge '02 CLAS** welcomed twins.

**Jean Marie Bellotti-Westervelt '03 CLAS** was selected as Teacher of the Year at Bergen Boulevard School in Ridgefield, N.J.

**Steven R. Bergman '03 COE** was named vice president of Mannik & Smith Group's Ohio Transportation group.

**Allison Dziubinsky Prior '03 CLAS** and **John J. Prior IV '04 VSB** welcomed a boy.

**Sandra B. Gotiangco '03 CON** welcomed a girl.

**Christina Beaulieu Biele '04 CLAS** and **Christopher Biele '04 COE** welcomed a boy.

**Matthew B. Ginsburg '04 VLS** was promoted to partner at the Philadelphia office of Dechert LLP.

**Jonathan Greechan '04 CLAS** is co-founder and head of Marketing at the Founder Institute, the world's largest startup launch program with over 1,500 graduate companies across more than 100 cities and six continents. He is also the executive producer of the Founder Showcase, a Silicon Valley startup conference, and a partner of TheFunded.com, a website for startup founders to rate and review venture capitalists and share tips on startup financing.

**Marina Karp '04 MA** recently was made associate director of Navigant's Center for Healthcare Research and Policy Analysis. She will lead the center's primary research and trend analysis initiatives.

**Andrew Maguire '04 VLS** has been named a shareholder with the firm of McCausland Keen & Buckman, based in Radnor, Pa.

**Heather H. Munoz '04 VLS** welcomed a boy.

**Laura Quilty Vultaggio '04 CLAS** welcomed a girl.

**Adam Belletti '05 CLAS** was elected president of the board of

directors of Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services.

**Adam L. Fernandez '05 VLS** was elected partner at Wisler Pearlstone LLP.

**William Bucciarelli '06 COE** is chief technology officer of TheBathOutlet.com, based in Montgomery County, Pa.

**Edward J. Easterly '06 VLS** was named a member of the firm of Norris McLaughlin and Marcus PA.

**Gailynne Ferguson '06 CPS** has published two articles in the magazine *Law Officer*. "Eye in the Sky" focuses on the use of unmanned aircraft vehicles. "Police Divers & Underwater Investigations" describes the standards and procedures of this specialized work.

**Joseph P. Gushue '06 VLS** was named a shareholder in the Intellectual Property group with the law firm of Volpe and Koenig PC in the firm's Philadelphia office.

**Jeffrey W. Lesovitz '06 VLS** was elected to partnership at the law firm of BakerHostetler in the Philadelphia office. He is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property group.

**William G. Roark '06 VLS** co-led the Montgomery Bar Association Young Lawyers Section's Dress for Success efforts. An estimated 600 pounds of women's professional clothing was donated through Dress for Success Philadelphia, an organization dedicated to promoting the economic independence of disadvantaged women. Roark is an attorney in the Litigation

Department of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin.

**William Shuhaibar '06 COE, '09 MCE** is CEO of TheBathOutlet.com, based in Montgomery County, Pa.

**Steven Burda '07 VSB** welcomed twins.

**Jacquelyn Frazier-Lyde '07 VLS**, a municipal court judge, spoke at the Philadelphia Bar Association's Chancellor's Forum, "Champions of Negotiation," Dec. 17, 2014. She practiced law and served as in-house counsel for her father, former heavy-weight boxing champion Joe Frazier, at Smokin' Joe Frazier Inc. Frazier-Lyde is a member of the professional and amateur Sports Hall of Fame as a former five-time champion boxer.

**John F. Walko '07 VLS** presented a workshop on Pennsylvania's criminal homicide laws to attorneys serving as mock jurors for the annual High School Mock Trial District Competition held at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Pennsylvania. He recently joined the law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC as an associate in the Municipal Law, Real Estate Law and Criminal Defense departments.

**Mark C. Wyand '07 VSB** has been promoted to the ownership team at Council Rock Wealth Advisory Group, a financial

advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services Inc.

**Matthew Calabro '08 VSB** married **Margaret Ann Jefferson, Esq., '08 CLAS**.

**Mary Cubit Quilter '08 CLAS** retired from Villanova University after 29 years.

**Erin Diamond '08 CLAS** married Tucker Schenk '09 VSB.

**Marie K. McConnell '08 JD, '09 LLM** became a shareholder in the law firm of Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba PC in Center Valley, Pa. She serves as an attorney in their Corporate, Business and Banking group.

**Patrick Bickard '09 VSB** and **Kristen O'Neill Bickard '09 VSB** welcomed a girl.

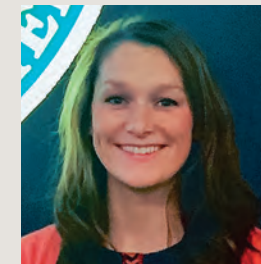
**Evan Fisher '09 VSB** was promoted to vice president at Barons Financial Services in Geneva. He serves as a specialist in international and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, fundraising, and strategic advice, with a focus on aviation and digital media.

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**Siobhan D'Angelo '10 CLAS** is an innovation producer at

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**Meadow Hackett '15 VSB** has been selected to represent the US at the 2015 One Young World Summit for her leadership and global work related to climate change over the past six years.

The summit, which will be held Nov. 18-21 in Bangkok, is the preeminent global forum for young leaders aged 18-30 and gathers the brightest young leaders from around the world, empowering them to make lasting connections and develop solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. About 1,250 delegates from more than 190 nations will hear from, and be heard by, a wide range of high profile experts.

A native of Lake Placid, N.Y., Hackett plans to relocate to Philadelphia and begin her career at Deloitte in the Audit practice. "Through the marriage of my work related to climate change and my Villanova education in Accounting and Finance, I plan to work for climate justice in the corporate sector," she says, adding that she wants to focus on the growing field of sustainability and climate change services. "It will become increasingly critical, since climate change will impact many companies."

Walt Disney Co., located in Anaheim, Calif.








**Andrew P. Grau '10 VLS**, an attorney with the law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, moderated a

session of the fourth annual Small Business University, a half-day education program on business transitions and decisions.

**Maria C. Beahan '11 MS** welcomed a boy.

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# MIKE McCULLOUGH

*Walt Disney Imagineering's Mike McCullough '76 COE talks to Villanova Magazine about his role in creating places around the world where dreams come true.*

## What exactly does your job at Disney involve?

I am the Environmental Design and Engineering Studio executive for Walt Disney Imagineering. WDI dreams up, designs and builds our theme parks, resort hotels, cruise ships and other amazing places for families to have fun together. I lead a team of architects, engineers, designers and other talented folks who take the concepts of our creative teams and bring them to three-dimensional life.

## Do you find the work exciting?

Very. I can be in a meeting with architects discussing the castle at the park we're building in Shanghai, and the next hour I'm talking to structural engineers about how to design a structural system for a mountain range for the backdrop for Cars Land in Disney California Adventure.

## How did a Villanova degree prepare you?

Villanova provided an excellent foundation, not only in the fundamentals of engineering, science, business and the humanities, but also in understanding people and how to work in a team environment. As a leader, you realize the importance of collaborative efforts.

## What made you choose Villanova?

Both my father and brother had attended Villanova. When it was time to pick a school, I was leaning toward Villanova because it offered a broad range of programs.

## What was it like to go from NASA rocket science to Disney parks and resorts?

Like the space program, designing Disney's theme parks and resorts requires lots of innovation, collaboration and teamwork, and pushing the limits of what is possible. We pride ourselves on creating guest experiences that are authentic to the story we are telling. We spend an incredible amount of time researching—whether it's the architecture of a specific time period, rockwork or landscaping found in a unique area of the world, or music to emphasize a particular emotion.

## How has the Imagineering business changed?

When I started we had only two theme parks: Disneyland in California and Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Florida. Today, WDI is responsible for creating experiences for a global market and a more diverse guest composition, with parks and resorts in Paris, Tokyo, Hong Kong and, soon, Shanghai. Plus, our cruise ships sail to itineraries around the world. This requires us to connect with many cultures to create magical experiences that resonate with our guests, wherever they come from.

## How is designing in Shanghai different?

In the US, Europe and Hong Kong, generations have grown up on Disney stories and played in our parks. We don't have that advantage in mainland China, so we are being diligent about how we introduce guests to Disney's beloved stories at Shanghai Disney Resort. ■



## SNAPSHOT

A native of Bellmawr, N.J., Mike McCullough earned a bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Villanova and a master's in the field from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Tori, his wife of 30 years, and their daughter, Kelsey, also work for The Walt Disney Co.

### EARLY CAREER

Stress analyst, General Electric Space Center;  
guidance and controls analyst in flight operations,  
NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratories

### DISNEY CAREER

Has managed the engineering and architectural designs for many domestic and international projects; currently leads a studio at Walt Disney Imagineering, which is responsible for the design and engineering of the built environments for all Disney parks and resorts worldwide

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