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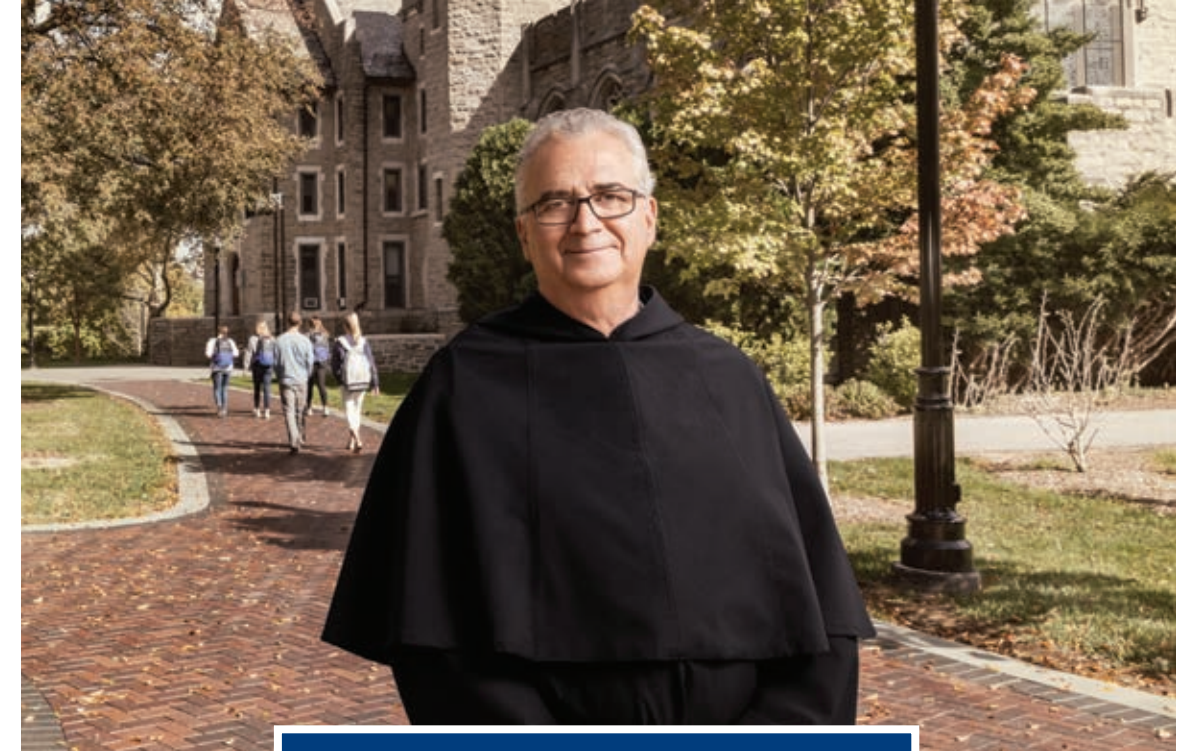
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Pedestrian Bridge Set in Place
Across Lancaster Avenue





FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

Villanova is in the midst of a transformative period in its history.

Progress is evident throughout the University. Villanova has again distinguished itself as one of the most highly regarded universities in the nation. Our applications are increasing, and we are admitting a higher-achieving student population than ever before. We are attracting internationally recognized faculty—scholars who are shaping the academic experience for our students and further elevating our academic profile. A new pedestrian bridge spans Lancaster Avenue, and soon new residence halls and community spaces will be added to our campus landscape. And our campaign—For the Greater Great: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change, which has exceeded \$680 million in gifts and pledges—is providing the financial resources to help us realize our vision.

Our national prominence and continued advancement are possible only because of the outstanding contributions of Villanovans—students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents—who ignite change each day on campus and around the world. The University recently lost two such Villanovans with the passing of longtime College of Nursing Dean M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, and former Men's Basketball Head Coach Roland "Rollie" Massimino. Through their leadership and mentorship, both Dean Fitzpatrick

and Coach Massimino contributed greatly to Villanova and helped make it the institution that it is today.

Being a leader and a Villanovan also calls us to put our core values into action. I have been extremely pleased to hear that so many have answered the call for aid after the recent hurricanes and other natural disasters. Their service and courage have reached people in desperate need. Their spirit and compassion highlight our common humanity.

In all ways, bound by faith and love, we are united in our Villanova values. As a community, we strengthen each other, and we carry that unity of purpose out into the world.

Together, as the Villanova community proves time and again, we are capable of powerful transformation. And, together, we will lift our University—academically, intellectually, spiritually—to ever greater heights.

Sincerely,

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

“ [A person] does not learn for himself, nor become wise for himself alone, but for all whom he may benefit by his skill or knowledge. ”

—St. Thomas of Villanova
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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
- CWSL: Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- VSb: Villanova School of Business



IN MEMORIAM | DEAN M. LOUISE FITZPATRICK

EMBODYING THE SPIRIT OF VILLANOVA NURSING

BY SUZANNE WENTZEL

DEAN M. LOUISE FITZPATRICK, A VISIONARY AND PIONEER, DEFINED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A VILLANOVA NURSE



For nearly 40 years, M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, faithfully fostered, shaped and nurtured her passion, the Villanova University College of Nursing, into a premier, nationally recognized school. To create her legacy, the Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor did more than rely on evidence-based practice. As an educator and an administrator, she provided new evidence—through her keen vision, independent thinking and pioneering leadership.

Members of the College, Dean Fitzpatrick's peers and people outside the nursing profession returned her affection and held her in the highest regard. As soon as University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS announced the news of her death Sept. 1, tributes, condolences and recollections from admirers around the globe poured in.

CELEBRATING AN EXTRAORDINARY EXAMPLE

Five days later, faculty, staff, alumni, colleagues, relatives, friends and students filled St. Thomas of Villanova Church for the Mass of Christian Burial, while countless more watched via live stream from around the world. In his homily, Assistant to the President the Rev. Kail Ellis, OSA, PhD, '69 MA, dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, described his longtime colleague as both a "consummate academic" to whom everyone listened and a "sister in Augustine," devoted to Villanova's mission and to the province, and affiliated with the Order of St. Augustine.

Near the end of the liturgy, Madeline Bell '83 CON, president and CEO of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a member of the College's Board of Consultors, reflected on the influence that Dean Fitzpatrick, who

Parents, too, appreciated Dean Fitzpatrick's personal attention to their children. When they heard that she had died, Robert Biese '66 COE and his daughter Whitney '97 CON reminisced about what a blessing it had been to be in the dean's presence. "The knowledge, mentoring, understanding, compassion and love that she bestowed on every student and staff member—individually—eclipsed all else," the father said in an email. "Remembering that God does not take life but gives life makes us understand that through Him, Dean Fitzpatrick gave life in the grandest sense to Villanova Nursing programs and all she touched."

TRANSFORMING A COLLEGE

Intellect, integrity and compassion were hallmarks of Dean Fitzpatrick's tenure, which began in 1978. She expanded the College's academic programs, including new master's and doctoral programs, and developed distance

officials in the sultanate's Ministry of Health.

Rose O'Driscoll, MSN, RN, '64 CON, who recently retired as assistant dean for Administration, summed up these successes at Commencement in 2015, when the University bestowed on Dean Fitzpatrick an honorary doctorate. "She invests much personal and professional time in developing partnerships, programs and initiatives that educate all students in a forward-thinking way," O'Driscoll extolled, "while meeting the future needs of this country, including endeavors related to graduate education, cultural diversity and global perspective."

Before becoming Villanova's third dean of Nursing, Dean Fitzpatrick taught at Columbia University, where she had earned two master's degrees and a doctorate, and began building her reputation as a trailblazer in nursing education. She advised graduate students in curriculum development and community health nursing,



Dean M. Louise Fitzpatrick valued above all her relationships with others, including students, Augustinians and College of Nursing alumni. From left: With Teresa Holman '07 MSN at the College's Convocation; with the Rev. John M. Driscoll, OSA, PhD, '48 CLAS, the former Villanova president for whom the College's building is named, at Driscoll Hall's dedication in 2008; and with Nursing alumni who had participated in a partnership between the College of Nursing and the Ministry of Health in Oman to educate Omani nurses for academic and administrative leadership roles in their country.



continually raised the bar for herself, had set for her "disciples." Bell expressed the sentiments of fellow Villanova nurses when she recalled how the dean would "beam with pride at the achievements of students and alumni."

Stephanie Connors, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, '93 CON had seen that look of pride on her mentor's face when she ran into the dean at a conference at which Connors was presenting. As she related in the email that Father Donohue read at the funeral, Connors, the senior executive vice president, hospital chief operating officer and chief nursing officer at Cooper University Health Care, attributes her success to the support that Dean Fitzpatrick showed her as an undergraduate.

"That's what we remember most about Louise," Father Donohue added at the end. "She embodied everything Villanova constantly speaks about. She looked after the individual."

learning strategies and clinical simulation laboratory initiatives. During her deanship, the Center for Nursing Research, the Center for Global and Public Health, and the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education were established. The College was one of the inaugural schools designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing in 2004, and it has maintained that distinction ever since.

Dean Fitzpatrick globalized the College of Nursing community through study abroad and health promotion opportunities in such countries as Poland, Japan, South Africa, Peru and Nicaragua. In addition, she emphasized multicultural experiences in underserved areas in the United States. Dean Fitzpatrick also forged relationships that brought international students to Villanova. Since 1993, for example, the College has been a pipeline for Oman's institutional and academic leaders, including top

directed doctoral study in nursing history and nursing education, and worked extensively with international students. The New Jersey native began her education at Johns Hopkins University and completed her bachelor's degree at The Catholic University of America.

Among the prestigious accolades Dean Fitzpatrick received for her influential career were the 2016 Leader of Leaders Award from the National Student Nurses' Association and the NLN Award for Outstanding Leadership in Nursing Education. But the tributes that likely mattered most to her are the contributions of those who studied and taught in St. Mary's and Driscoll halls.

"I owe so many of my career decisions to Louise," wrote Jocelyn Besette Gorlin, PhD, '80 CON, a faculty member at St. Catherine University in Minnesota. "She was a pioneer in nursing and my friend, and I will miss her dearly." ■

Fulbright Students Excel Abroad



Twelve Villanovans—11 from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and one from the College of Engineering—were awarded 2017-18 Fulbright U.S. Student Grants to perform research or teach English in foreign countries. Pictured: doctoral student Amanda Holmes '15 MA, Karla Guadron '15, James O'Donnell '17, Melissa Madden '13, Christine Butchko '17, Brendan Carchidi '17 and Meghan Cullinan '17. Not pictured: Nora Doherty '15, Ellen Moxley '17, Payal Shah '17 COE, Briana Taylor '15 and Linda Nguyen '17.

Program Offers Capital Experience

Selected as the inaugural cohort of Villanova on the Hill, the University's newest immersive experience program, 15 graduate and undergraduate students explored the policymaking and political ecosystem of Washington, D.C., and connected with highly placed alumni, including members of the Villanova Public Policy Society. One highlight of the weeklong program was an Oct. 11 reception uniting alumni, parents and friends in Washington with the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president, and Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The keynote speaker was retired Navy Adm. William Fallon '67 CLAS (left, talking with Catherine Wilson, PhD, '94 CLAS, chair, Public Administration; and John Vernon '19 JD, student leader, Villanova on the Hill). Robert Murphy '83 JD hosted the event at the Metropolitan Club. ■



President Takes Higher Ed Lead

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS is among the first college presidents to sign the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ Pledge, the largest CEO-driven business commitment to advance diversity and inclusion within the workplace. Father Donohue also has been appointed to the board of directors of the American Council on Education, the major coordinating body for the nation's colleges and universities. During his three-year term, he will represent the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. ■

Expert Steers McNulty Institute



Teresa "Terri" Boyer, EdD, '95 CLAS has taken the helm as founding director of the Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women's Leadership. A leader in economic and social equity for women, Dr. Boyer previously worked as executive director of the Center for Women and Work at Rutgers University. At the McNulty Institute's official launch Oct. 26, Anne-Marie Slaughter, JD, DPhil, president and CEO of New America, delivered the keynote. ■

Words and Deeds Build Hope



The University's 2017 St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration, Sept. 19-24, kicked off with a lecture on the power of interfaith cooperation by Eboo Patel (left), the author of the 2017-18 One Book Villanova selection, *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*.

For the celebration's Day of Service (below), more than 5,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni volunteered at 138 service sites throughout Greater Philadelphia, as well as in locales nationwide. ■



Engineers Address I-95 Runoff

Civil and Environmental Engineering faculty and students teamed up with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to improve stormwater runoff from I-95, one of the country's most congested interstates. Guided by Robert Traver, PhD, PE, DWRE, FEWR, FASCE, '82 MS, the Edward A. Daylor Chair in Civil Engineering (pictured), students are exploring how the use of green infrastructure such as rain gardens and swales can make I-95 more sustainable and reduce pollution of the Delaware River. ■



LAW FACULTY ASSUME PRESTIGIOUS POSTS

Two faculty in the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law received one of Villanova's highest academic honors: appointments as University professors. This distinction recognizes faculty whose extraordinary scholarship crosses disciplines and colleges.



Brett Frischmann, JD (left), was named the Charles Widger Endowed University Professor in Law, Business and Economics. Professor Frischmann excels at intellectual property and internet law, and is furthering Villanova's programming at the intersection of law and business.

Michael P. Moreland, JD, PhD (right), was appointed University Professor of Law and Religion. A scholar of constitutional law, torts, bioethics and religious freedom, Dr. Moreland also serves as the director of the Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy. ■



MEDAL HONORS PIONEER IN CANCER GENETICS



To recognize her work in developing strategies for cancer risk assessment and prevention based on an evolving understanding of genetic and nongenetic factors in patients, Villanova awarded its 2017 Mendel Medal to Olufunmilayo Olopade, MD, FACP, OON. Dr. Olopade is the Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Human Genetics, and director of the Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics at the University of Chicago. ■



Faculty Share Expertise in Disability Care

College of Nursing faculty and the National League for Nursing's Center for Excellence in the Care of Vulnerable Populations launched a free online program that gives nurse educators nationwide the tools to teach students proficiency in disability care. "Advancing Care Excellence for Persons With Disabilities" is the newest curriculum to be added to NLN's educational modules. It expands on strategies and materials that have been used to teach Villanova's nursing students about caring for individuals with disabilities. ■



Enhanced Master of Accounting With Data Analytics

In fall 2018, the Villanova School of Business will offer its Master of Accounting With Data Analytics in a full-time, yearlong format. Redesigned with input from the Big 4 and other firms, the curriculum will integrate data analytics, build leadership and negotiation skills, and offer more specialized elective courses. These enhancements will continue aligning students' skills with evolving market demands. ■



National Distinction for College of Nursing

The National League for Nursing has again designated Villanova's College of Nursing a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. The College has held this honor since 2004, when it was one of three inaugural designees. It was recognized at the NLN's 2017 Education Summit in San Diego. During the summit, three faculty members were inducted into the NLN Academy of Nursing Education: Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, professor; Bette Mariani, PhD, RN, ANEF, '82 CON, associate professor; and Colleen Meakim, RN, CHSE, ANEF, '84 MSN, director, Simulation and Learning Resource Center. ■



Marketing Professor Holds Naclerio Chair

Award-winning teacher-scholar Jeremy Kees, PhD, was named the Richard J. and Barbara Naclerio Endowed Chair in Business. The faculty director for the Center for Marketing and Consumer Insights in the Villanova School of Business, Dr. Kees has authored more than 30 publications in some of the most prestigious business journals. ■

Dr. Perry Named Interim Dean

Lesley A. Perry, PhD, RN, who most recently served as the associate dean of the College of Nursing, is filling the role of interim dean for the College. Dr. Perry, who came to Villanova in 2006, has provided critical leadership for the College's academic programs, strategic planning, daily operations, and faculty recruitment and development. She played a central role in the College's reaccreditation, was integral in the planning and design of Driscoll Hall, and has obtained funding for College initiatives. ■



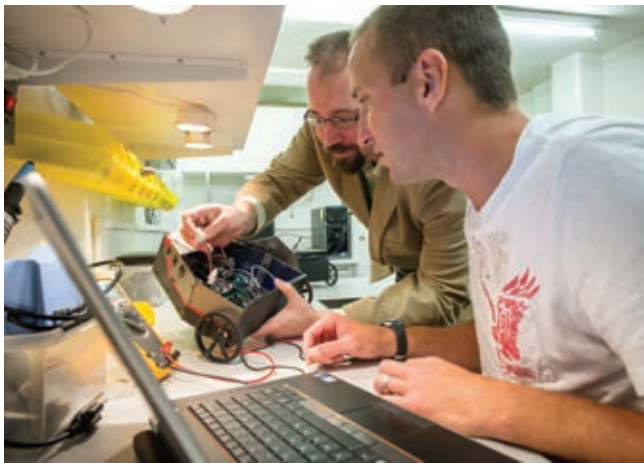
1842 Day Unites 4.7K Villanovans

Villanova held its first-ever giving day Sept. 19 and 20, raising \$6.6 million, including a \$1,842,000 challenge gift from the Board of Trustees. Named in honor of the University's founding year, 1842 Day united alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends, surging past its goal of 1,842 donors in 1,842 minutes. More than 4,750 donors from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and nine countries contributed to 150 areas across the University. Villanovans were also encouraged to contribute photos to the 1842 Day mosaic (pictured). ■



Real Deal on Fake News

Jason Steinhauer, director, Albert LePage Center for History in the Public Interest (left), welcomed Jonathan Zimmerman, professor of History of Education, University of Pennsylvania; Cristina Soriano, associate professor of History, Villanova; and Bill Marimow, vice president and editor-at-large, Philadelphia Media Network LLC, to the center's debut event, "Fake News and Fake History," held Sept. 18. Panelists took a critical look at recent news distortions and falsifications of the past. ■



Fulbright Takes Engineer to Cambodia

Garrett Clayton, PhD, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering (left), was awarded a Fulbright Scholar research and teaching grant to continue work on robotic solutions for minefield-area reduction in Cambodia. During his four-month stay, which begins in April 2018, Dr. Clayton also will teach mechatronics at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia. ■



CLAS Salutes Alumni

At a celebration Oct. 4, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences presented its Rev. Kail C. Ellis, OSA Alumni Medallion to Joseph McCarthy '84, P '17 and the Rev. Robert Hagan, OSA, JD, '87. Other honorees were Graduate Alumni Medallion recipient Sue Franz '89 PhD (not pictured), and Young Alumni Medallion recipients Kelly Stoner '08 and Elise K. Scioscia '08, '10 MA. ■

FY2017 GIFTS SET RECORD

In fiscal year 2017, more than 21,700 undergraduate alumni, including 951 seniors from the Class of 2017, made gifts to Villanova. Overall undergraduate alumni participation reached a record 28 percent, while senior class giving reached a record 63 percent. Gifts and pledges from all constituents totaled more than \$108 million—marking the fourth consecutive year Villanova surpassed \$100 million in support. ■

RESEARCHERS AWARDED MAJOR GRANTS

Several Villanova professors in science fields recently have been awarded grants from national organizations:

- Samantha Chapman, PhD, associate professor of Biology, received a National Science Foundation grant for her research on how mangroves may provide an economic and ecological solution to coastal wetland protection. Collaborators include department colleague Adam Langley, PhD.
- As principal investigator of a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration grant, Stephen Strader, PhD, assistant professor, Geography and the Environment, will study how to reduce vulnerabilities and improve capacities among mobile-home residents in the path of tornadoes.
- An NSF Major Research Instrumentation award will support the acquisition of an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer system for ecological and environmental research. ■

CPS CRAFTS NEW MAJOR

The College of Professional Studies has a new major for adults seeking to earn or complete an undergraduate degree. The BIS in Administration and Management for Professionals, launched this fall, provides students with the essential knowledge, understanding and tools they need to succeed as administration and management professionals. As with many CPS programs, industry demand drove the inception of the major. ■

RISING HUMANITIES STAR

Associate Professor James Matthew Wilson, PhD, received the 2017 Hiatt Prize in the Humanities from the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture. The award identifies early-career candidates whose work shows great promise and has a strong public component related to contemporary culture. ■



CRS Partnership Soars

Villanova’s partnership with Catholic Relief Services was especially active this past summer. Students from across the University spent eight weeks with CRS in Madagascar, helping with projects related to clean water and sanitation, health promotion, business planning, document translation, and GIS mapping.

Meanwhile, CRS professionals worldwide gathered at Villanova for CRS’ first “Perfecting Partnership” workshop. The six-day training helped CRS staff to hone their skills in partnership and capacity strengthening, and gave them access to Villanova’s expertise in church management and other areas. ■

HEADING US COMMISSION



In June, Daniel Mark, PhD, assistant professor, Political Science, was elected chairman of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom. Dr. Mark previously served as vice chairman of the independent, bipartisan body, which assesses violations of religious freedom worldwide and makes policy recommendations to the president, the secretary of state and Congress. ■



Professor Elected to Executive Roles

Professor Quinetta Roberson, PhD, the Fred J. Springer Endowed Chair in Business Leadership, has been chosen as vice president-elect and program chair-elect of the Academy of Management, the preeminent professional association for management and organization scholars. Dr. Roberson teaches and researches human resource management and organizational behavior, specializing in diversity and inclusion, talent management, managing global teams, and leadership. ■

Best Paper Tackles Corporate Crime

A recent article by Josephine Sandler Nelson, JD, associate professor of Law, has been recognized with two top awards—the Holmes-Cardozo Award for best submitted conference paper and the Distinguished Proceedings Award—by the Academy of Legal Studies in Business. In her article ““Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ Corporate Crime,” Nelson discusses the way large-scale corporate crime is driven and shaped by incentives centered on policing what corporations say, rather than what they do. ■



Public Affairs Study Earns Top Honors

Christine Palus, PhD, dean, Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, won this year’s Beryl Radin Award for Best Article in the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. In their paper, Dr. Palus, an associate professor of Public Administration, and co-author Susan Webb Yackee, PhD, of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, challenge the perception that being politically aligned with elected leaders gives government agency officials more discretion. ■

VSB Professors' Book Wins Award

Mike Castrilli and Charles Zech, PhD, both of the Villanova School of Business' Center for Church Management, won second place in the 2017 Catholic Press Association Awards for their book *Parish Finance: Best Practices in Church Management*. The CPA awards recognize the meaningful contributions of authors and publishers of Catholic work. ■

Legal Fellow Represents Veterans



Richard Prebil '17 JD is one of a select group of law graduates chosen as 2017 Equal Justice Works Fellows. Through this public-interest fellowship, Prebil will spend two years with the Military Assistance Project, a nonprofit that provides pro bono legal services for active-duty, reserve and veteran military personnel. ■



CPS Builds Leadership Skills

College of Professional Studies students and University staff, including Monica Allen, manager, Marketing, in the Villanova School of Business (center), had the opportunity to strengthen their leadership education and professional skills development at CPS' 2017 Leadership Series. The June event focused on the topics of dispute resolution and leading through disruption. Presenting the workshops were Gerry McGuckin and Mike Tosi, both of the National Mediation Board; and Sean Branagan, PhD, director, Center for Digital Media Entrepreneurship, at Syracuse University, and founder and president of Communigration Inc. ■

Engineering Presentation Impresses

Mechanical Engineering junior Andrew Lee spent his summer in France at the Grenoble Innovation for Advanced New Technologies campus, where he worked on nanomaterial research. At the final symposium of the 10-week GIANT International Internship Programme, Andrew received the award for best presentation. ■



Football Head Coaching Position Endowed

At a Sept. 15 dinner, Thomas Treacy, EdD, '69, '71 MA and Diane Treacy '82 MS, along with Mark Jackson, Director of Athletics (right), celebrated the naming of the Thomas and Diane Treacy Endowed Head Football Coach. The Treacys are members of the 1842 Heritage Society and the Matthew Carr Society, and are involved in the Villanova Club of Naples, Fla. Mark Ferrante is the inaugural holder of the endowed position. ■

Province Honors the Wrights



The Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova honored Patty (Reilly) Wright '83 CLAS and Jay Wright, the William B. Finneran Endowed Head Coach for Men's Basketball, with the inaugural Saint Augustine Medal April 27 in New York City. The medal was instituted to recognize individuals who have promoted and exemplified Augustinian values, and served the community.



Dinner in Blue and White

Guests dressed in shades of Villanova to celebrate the University's 175th anniversary at the "Dinner in Blue and White" Sept. 9. The unique outdoor experience included Mass in the Grotto, followed by cocktails and dinner on the Riley Ellipse, with live performances chronicling important figures in Villanova's history.

Fan Fare

Attendees at the football home opener this fall not only saw the Wildcats pounce to victory but also enjoyed an enhanced game-day experience, thanks to several Villanova Stadium updates and new amenities. Highlights include the Fan Fest in the west end zone (pictured), the pregame Wildcat Walk in the A-2 parking lot and the relocated Kids Zone. ■





Major Moments

Four Wildcats caught the attention of pro organizations last spring. In the NFL draft, the Kansas City Chiefs picked defensive end Tanoh Kpassagnon '16 VSB (pictured) in the second round, and the Tennessee Titans took offensive tackle Brad Seaton '16 CLAS in the seventh. In the MLB draft, the Tampa Bay Rays selected left-handed pitcher Hunter Schryver '17 COE in the seventh round. The Colorado Rockies chose second baseman Todd Czinege '17 VSB in the 29th. ■



Coach DiBernardi to Retire After 2018 Softball Season

Softball Head Coach Maria DiBernardi, the winningest coach in the Villanova program's history, will retire after the 2018 season. DiBernardi will enter her 34th year with an all-time record of 853-734-10. Her dedication to her players on the field and in the classroom has produced 303 Big East Academic All-Stars, 77 All-Big East honorees, four Big East Pitchers of the Year, one Big East Rookie of the Year, 28 All-Region players and 11 CoSida Academic All Americans. ■



NEW MOBILE APP FOR NOVA NATION

Villanova Athletics launched a new mobile app that gives fans access to sweepstakes and other exclusive content, in addition to containing the scores, schedules and stats available on the official website of the Wildcats. Powered by Hopscotch and integrated with the redesigned villanova.com hosted by CBSi Advanced Media, the app can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play. ■

HONORING VILLANOVA'S 2016-17 GRADUATES

As it continued its celebration of its 175th anniversary, Villanova welcomed family, friends and loved ones to campus for 2017 Commencement Weekend, May 19-20. At college convocations, joy-filled receptions and inspiring ceremonies, the University saluted the 3,180 bachelor's, master's and doctoral students who earned diplomas in the past academic year and are now among the University's 123,000-plus alumni worldwide. ■



Selected by his classmates, speaker Simeon S. Poles, who received his Juris Doctor, gave an alternately poignant, humorous and rousing speech at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law's Commencement.



Student speaker Mary Snyder, a Nursing major, expressed her gratitude for Villanova's 175-year tradition of instilling the Augustinian principles of *Veritas*, *Unitas* and *Caritas* into its community.



University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS presided at the Baccalaureate Mass on the Campus Green. During his homily, he encouraged graduates to "take Villanova to every part of the world, and use your abilities to open the minds and hearts of others."





WHAT LIES AHEAD

RENOVATION NATION

A new pedestrian bridge and many other projects
signal historic transformation on campus

BY MARIAN BUTCHER

The moment was highly choreographed and eagerly anticipated: In a series of smooth motions, a crane plucked three 34-ton beams, one after the other, off a flatbed truck, hoisted them into the air, and set them gently and securely onto concrete pillars.

As the beams were placed, a cheer went up from the small crowd of students and community members who had assembled to witness the milestone. Just like that, on a cool August night, the pedestrian bridge across Lancaster Avenue went from long-held dream to exciting reality.

The new span will offer more than a safe way for Villanova students, faculty and staff, and visitors to traverse the busy, four-lane road that cuts through campus. It's also a highly visible symbol of the University's remarkable progress and ongoing physical transformation, and of the goal of every phase of the campus renewal project: to build community by enhancing the physical spaces in which Villanovans live, gather and work.

Beyond the bridge, numerous other projects are proceeding at a steady pace. A new residence hall community is rising on the former site of the main parking lots along Lancaster Avenue; the Finneran Pavilion is in the midst of a complete overhaul; Mendel Field has been cordoned off as new walkways, terraces and patios are added; plans are moving forward for a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center; and the newly renamed Inn at Villanova University recently reopened after extensive remodeling.

Construction equipment and chain-link fencing have become a common sight on campus, but the progress is clear, and the results will be spectacular.

"We appreciate the patience of our community as these projects progress. When you look around, you have moments of amazement at all that is being accomplished," says Ken Valosky '82 VSB, executive vice president. "The work sends a great message that Villanova is moving forward in a way that's consistent with our national stature and that will enhance the experience of our students and strengthen bonds with our alumni." »



The pedestrian bridge in front of St. Thomas of Villanova Church takes shape as workers lower the center beam into position.

BRIDGE TO LIVING AND LEARNING

The biggest upcoming milestone is the opening of the new pedestrian bridge, anticipated for early 2018. The elevated walkway will extend from the Villanova Station on SEPTA's Norristown High Speed Line to the newly expanded plaza in front of St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The orchard of crab-apple trees lining the path, which had reached the natural end of its life span when it was removed during construction, will be replanted. The pillar caps that had stood at the entrance to the church walkway also will be reincorporated into the path.

The new residence halls along Lancaster Avenue will open about 18 months later, in time for move-in at the start of the fall 2019 semester. The complex will include apartments, suites and single rooms with 1,135 beds for upperclass students, allowing 85 percent of undergraduates to live on campus.

"Being able to offer four years of housing for a larger portion of our upperclass population will strengthen our ability to attract students," Valosky says. "We know that prospective students and their parents are looking for this as they consider schools."

Student-centered amenities in the new halls will include two fitness centers and collaborative workspaces. There will also be

a market/café, and a full-service restaurant and bar that will be designed as a gathering space for the entire community, including students, faculty and staff, alumni, and visitors.

In 2018, construction will also begin on the final piece of the complex: a Performing Arts Center at the corner of Ithan and Lancaster avenues. The facility, scheduled to open in 2020, will offer much-needed classroom, studio and performance spaces for both academic and student-run performing arts programs in music, theatre and dance.

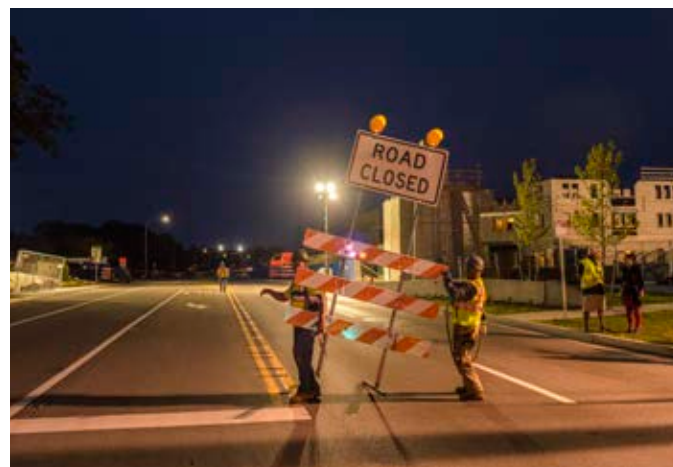
"This complex of residence halls and Performing Arts Center is going to be a real showpiece for the University," says Marilou Smith '84 COE, senior project manager in the Department of Facilities Management, who is overseeing the entire project. "The design, the features, the high-quality materials used in the construction and the location will make a positive statement about Villanova to anyone who visits or drives through campus."

PROGRESS TO CHEER ABOUT

To those accustomed to the Pavilion teeming with the energy of crowds assembled for basketball games and other events, the atmosphere is decidedly different these days, several months into a massive renovation. Over the summer, the building was stripped clean of every seat, sign, fixture and floorboard, leaving behind an arena that was empty, yet full of opportunity.

Next year, the arena will reopen as the Finneran Pavilion, named for William B. Finneran '63 VSB, whose \$22.6 million leadership gift kick-started the \$60 million project. Everything inside will be new, from the scoreboards overhead to the seats along the sidelines.

This fall, progress toward that goal was visible and impressive. The new 360-degree concourse began to take shape, and sunlight streamed in through walls that had been opened to add windows and create a new entrance for the arena.



Lancaster Avenue is closed to traffic as crews work through successive nights to complete the placement of the beams for the pedestrian bridge.



A plaza will expand the walking area in front of St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery and lead to a brick-paved walkway around Mendel Field.

IMPROVING WALKABILITY

In 2011, the University launched an ambitious project to create a vehicle-free, pedestrian-friendly campus core. Over the next three years, driveways were transformed into brick-paved walkways with bluestone borders. This past summer, attention turned to Mendel Field for the latest phase of the initiative.

By the end of the project in fall 2018, there will be new patios in front of Old Falvey, John Barry Hall and St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery, and the now-familiar brick pavers will wrap around Mendel Field.

"This area is in the heart of our campus, close by the church, Falvey Library and many academic buildings," says Robert Morro, vice president for Facilities Management. "It's important that we make these spaces accessible and open for the entire campus community."

“Villanova is moving forward in a way that’s consistent with our national stature.”

—KEN VALOSKY '82 VSB, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

VILLANOVA-STYLE SERVICE

From its beginnings as an early 20th-century, high-society estate to its current iteration as a high-end hotel and conference venue, the Inn at Villanova University has a long tradition of hospitality.

That tradition has been elevated further through a recently completed renovation. Over the course of eight months, the facility's interior was remodeled entirely, upgrading 56 guest rooms, 20,000 square feet of meeting space, and the ballroom, as well as the grounds and gardens. Outside, a revamped entrance gives a welcoming first impression.

Montrose Mansion, the 103-year-old original home on the property, also received a minor facelift, with a new sound system, lighting and a patio in the bar area, which is used for special events.

"The Inn's staff are all committed to providing the highest standard of service and professionalism, in keeping with the practices of premier hotels and with the mission of Villanova," says Kathy Welsch, director of Sales and Catering.



The Finneran Pavilion is "under wraps" as ongoing renovation transforms the popular athletics and event venue.

A CAMPUS RENEWED

With every project, there is progress you can see, and there is also much happening below the surface and behind the scenes. Innovative stormwater management systems have been designed, installed and managed by a team led by stormwater expert Robert Traver, PhD, PE, DWRE, FEWR, FASCE, '82 MS, the Edward Daylor Chair in Civil Engineering, at the site of the new residence halls and at Mendel Field. Underground utilities are being upgraded, and all new buildings are being constructed to be rated LEED Silver or higher by the US Green Building Council, attesting to the achievement of high standards of efficiency and sustainability.

"We've never had so many simultaneous construction projects as we do today," Morro says. "This is such an exciting time to be at Villanova, during a tremendous period of growth that is unprecedented in the University's history." ■



The Inn at Villanova University, formerly known as the Villanova Conference Center, has reopened after extensive renovations.

2017 MODEL

BY COLLEEN LYNN

Four outstanding examples of the Villanova ethos receive honorary degrees

During Villanova's 174th Commencement, honorary degrees were bestowed upon four individuals whose character and achievements presented to the Class of 2017 a shining illustration of how the values inherent to a Villanova education can shape one's life and impact the lives of others.

Michael R. Bloomberg, philanthropist, former New York City mayor and CEO of Bloomberg LP; **Anne Welsh McNulty '75 CLAS**, former Villanova trustee and co-founder and managing partner of JBK Partners; Panama-based Capuchin missionary the **Rev. Walter "Wally" Kasuboski**; and longtime Villanova student **Irwin Medway** have shown that pursuing goals with dedication, compassion and integrity leads to the kind of success that extends beyond personal fulfillment.



V

SERVICE

MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

"The challenge we face is not restoring a mythical past, but building a brighter future—so that all people, in all regions of the country, of all backgrounds, have a fair shot at living out their American dream. ... As the beneficiaries of a great university ... you have a particular responsibility to be first in line to do so."

—Michael R. Bloomberg, Villanova Commencement Address

Elected mayor of New York City less than two months after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Bloomberg spearheaded many achievements, including initiatives to improve public health; reductions in the city's crime rate and carbon footprint; an increase in high school graduation rates; and new economic policies supporting small businesses and emerging industries.

Bloomberg's record as an entrepreneur and a philanthropist is equally impressive. His technology firm, Bloomberg LP, which brings financial data and analysis to Wall Street professionals, started with four employees in 1981. It now has 19,000 employees across 73 countries.

He has also donated billions to causes related to education, the environment, public health, government innovation and the arts.



V

LEADERSHIP

ANNE WELSH McNULTY '75 CLAS
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

A former managing director at Goldman Sachs, McNulty is co-founder and managing partner of JBK Partners, which includes investment management and a private philanthropic foundation focused on leadership development and social change.

Along with her late husband, John, she established the McNulty Foundation, which supports individuals making a difference around the world.

A former member of the University's Board of Trustees, she also generously provided funds to create the new Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women's Leadership at Villanova, which centers on research, skills development, networking and advocacy.

"As a trailblazing leader in her own field, Anne is an enthusiastic advocate for women's leadership, and actively supports initiatives that increase the representation of women in leadership positions and build inclusive environments that enable women to flourish."

—Amy Fleischer, PhD, '91 COE, '96 MS, professor and chair, Mechanical Engineering, and chair, steering committee, Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women's Leadership



V

FAITH

THE REV. WALTER "WALLY" KASUBOSKI, OFM CAP.
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Father Kasuboski, known as Father Wally or Padre Pablo, has served as a Capuchin missionary priest in rural Panama for 28 years.

The construction company Father Kasuboski organized brings drinkable water to thousands of villagers via the largest rural water system in Central America. It has changed lives, created jobs and led to the construction of a new high school, a hospital, churches, and bridges and roads across the region.

Since the 1990s, College of Engineering students and faculty have traveled to Wacuco, Alto Bayano, to collaborate on building projects tied to Father Kasuboski's mission.

"Father Wally ... demonstrates the principles of Catholic social teaching by living in solidarity with the communities that he serves, and is an inspiration to all Villanovans for how one can live out his or her faith in their daily lives."

—Frank Falcone, AP, PE, '70 COE, '73 MS, director, Professional Development and Experiential Education, College of Engineering



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LIFELONG LEARNING

IRWIN MEDWAY
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

The longest enrolled member of Villanova University's Senior Citizen Personal Enrichment Program, Medway has taken a class or two every semester for more than 24 years.

Medway, a World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient, has shared with fellow students his experiences, including how he earned a Bronze Star medal by leading a group of servicemen to safety—without his helmet or rifle—after his lieutenant was killed beside him.

Both prior to his deployment and after the war, while working in sales for Columbia Records, Medway took college courses, but he never earned a degree—until receiving his honorary doctorate from Villanova.

"If you've ever had class with Irwin, or have been privileged enough to teach him as I did when I was in the Theatre Department, you know that he is not a passive attendee in class staying under the radar. Rather, he is an active participant, wanting to get the most out of each class and enthusiastically engaging in discussions."

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



For 38 years, John Dunphy has “faced the music,” directing bands at every major Villanova event, including Commencement this past May.

STRIKING A CHORD

OVER FOUR DECADES, JOHN DUNPHY USED THE PERFORMING ARTS TO BUILD COMMUNITY
BY MEG MAXWELL



John Dunphy started his musical education on piano before picking up trombone at La Salle College High School. Later, he pursued Music Education at West Chester University, studying vocal music, brass, percussion, composition and more. He has taught music at every level from elementary school to college and has a long résumé as a liturgical musician. At a youthful 81 years old, Dunphy still plays tuba every Sunday with a neighborhood quintet, the Wyncote Brass. He believes that music education is about more than just notes. It’s about learning to love what you do and caring for the people with whom you do it. When Dunphy was hired as Villanova’s band director in 1979, there were three music organizations on campus: the Villanova Singers, the Villanova Women’s Glee Club (now the Voices), and a combination pep-scramble-concert band that played mainly at basketball and football games. “I reported to the director of Student Activities, who was in charge of everything from the hiking club to the cigar-smoking club,” recalls Dunphy, with his characteristic wry wit. “There wasn’t a specific focus on music, but the kids wanted the outlet. So year by year, I’d say, ‘What don’t we have?’ We started inventing groups as we went, growing where the need was.”

By the time he retired this past summer, Dunphy had built an entire Office of Music Activities within the Office of Student Life, encompassing some 30 recognized student performing groups with more than 600 students participating each year. Villanova now has the multipurpose band (members call it “a Swiss army knife of a band”), 10 dance companies, seven a cappella groups, two theatre groups and a stage crew, twirlers and other band auxiliary groups, an orchestra, a gospel choir, and a jazz ensemble. They perform at sporting events, concerts and programs across campus, throughout the Philadelphia area, around the country and at international venues. Though it doesn’t offer an undergraduate performing arts major, Villanova has always attracted a significant number of students who have backgrounds in music, dance and theatre. Dunphy saw that those students had a passion for performing, but they also craved a sense of belonging. According to Vice President for Student Life the Rev. John Stack, OSA, ’71 CLAS, ’77 MA, Dunphy has a gift for fostering a sense of community among students. He says, “We speak about it a lot, but John makes it happen. He works at it in a way that seems

“Each of us has a short list of the people who have had a major influence and impact on our lives, and for many of us, that list starts with John Dunphy.”
GEORGE MORONEY ’85 COE



Through his love of the performing arts and his confidence in young people, Dunphy has nurtured the growth of a variety of talented student groups.

effortless. Over the years, the kids have known that he cares about them. They really look up to him.” Dunphy developed a bottom-up philosophy for Music Activities, stressing student ownership of their organizations. The staff of the office still empower students to make decisions about scheduling, travel, budget and repertoire. In making art together, the students learn to collaborate, gain leadership experience and, of course, have fun. Dunphy’s most visible role was with the band. He traveled to so many road games and tournaments that he jokes that his youngest daughter grew up on a band bus. Dunphy had one of the best seats in the house for both of the historic Men’s Basketball NCAA championships, in 1985 and 2016. Band alumni still refer to him affectionately as “Aldo,” a nickname he was given in 1979 after a character in a popular series of commercials. George Moroney ’85 COE served in a variety of leadership positions during his four years in the band and says that the experience served him well on his career path toward his current position as senior manager for Mission Application Development at Lockheed Martin. “Aldo gave me leadership opportunities that have affected

my whole professional career. He helped us by setting guidelines, establishing rules, and then backing out and letting us see how things would go.” The de facto leader of the band alumni, Moroney forged lifelong friendships among band members (he even met his wife through a band connection) and says his relationship with Dunphy has only deepened through the years. “Each of us has a short list of the people who have had a major influence and impact on our lives, and for many of us, that list starts with John Dunphy.” Mark Bowers ’17 CLAS, who was president of the band in 2016–17, stresses that the welcoming, inclusive tone Dunphy set for the band made it a respite from the rigors of academic life. “Aldo wanted us to work hard, but not to take ourselves too seriously,” he says. He recalls the time in 2013 when the band traveled to Buffalo, N.Y., to support the basketball team in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The team was scheduled to leave their hotel at 8 p.m., and alumni and fans were assembled in the lobby to offer a rousing send-off. As they waited, band members suddenly spotted their director riding the escalator up to the mezzanine level and then descending with a mischievous look. “He said, ‘I have an idea,’” recalls Bowers. “And the next thing you know, we’re all on the escalators going up and down playing pep music before the team shows up. It was very spur-of-the-moment and very witty, and it was that kind of thing that helped define the character of the band.” Though Dunphy hasn’t made any grand plans for his retirement, he is looking forward to spending time with his eight children, 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He will also, undoubtedly, stay involved through the band alumni events that Moroney organizes. Every year, when the basketball team has games that fall during holiday breaks, Moroney pulls together willing alumni to get the horn out of the attic and play in support of one of the best basketball teams in the nation. If you happen to have a ticket to one of those games, look closely at the brass section. You might just see a veteran tuba player with a twinkle in his eye who is up to a little mischief. ■

BY SUZANNE WENTZEL

EVERYWHERE YOU TURN

SEARCH FAR AND WIDE, OR JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND YOU WILL FIND VILLANOVANS DOING EXTRAORDINARY WORK

A TV commercial features the CEO of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. You nudge your spouse. "That's a Villanova nurse." A friend posts photos of the new Shanghai Disney Resort. After liking, you comment, "BTW, designed by a VU engineer." Your phone chirps with a breaking headline from a global news service. You read it to your co-worker, adding, "A top producer at this network is a Nova grad."

These did-you-know remarks are increasingly common. Alumni turn up in a plethora of places and professions. They thrive in jobs traditional and exotic, along paths linear and winding, with titles significant and singular. They fill positions that are often prominent, yes, but also offbeat, risky, hard to find, hard to get or hidden from the limelight.

For Villanovans, accomplishment is not a matter of wealth, fame or power, although these outcomes often ensue. Alumni succeed because, by uniting mind and heart, they find meaning in their lives and purpose in the world. They use their gifts, embrace their journeys and trust in the rightness of their callings.

Here are glimpses of a few of the many alumni who inspire the reaction, "Wow. You're a Villanovan?"

MARK REDMOND '79 VSB

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPECTRUM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
Master of Public Administration, New York University



After 36 years as an advocate for young people traumatized by homelessness, substance abuse and domestic violence, Mark Redmond, the executive director of Spectrum Youth and Family Services, a nonprofit based in Burlington, Vt., still learns as he goes.

A recent epiphany came courtesy of a 19-year-old woman excited at the prospect of working at a small business

that Spectrum was launching. Speaking on behalf of fellow youth at Spectrum, she told Redmond, "This is our first chance to do something that will let people believe in us."

Her words opened for Redmond another window into the way life is for the several thousand teens and young adults who come to Spectrum each year for a meal, a place to sleep and the

skills to embark on the way life can be. "It really hit me," Redmond says. "I've had tons of people believe in me. These kids have had no one. It's so important to believe in people's goodness and potential, and to communicate that."

Redmond has been gaining and sharing similar insights since a pivotal weekend in 1980, when a Villanova friend took him to a campus fair on postgraduate volunteer opportunities. Within a year, Redmond left his Madison Avenue job and salary to put his degree in Business Administration to work in a series of directorial positions at agencies serving at-risk youth. In addition to authoring *The Goodness Within*, in which he shares advice on outreach to troubled teens, Redmond has published articles on youth and family issues in *Forbes*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, and been featured on "The Moth" podcasts.

The heartaches of the job—recidivism, violent crime and senseless death—don't deter Redmond. "God called me to work with those who are poor, broken and homeless," he says. "I believe that is why I was put on this earth."

HEATHER WEST '10 CLAS

PUBLICITY ASSISTANT, LUCASFILM
Master of Fine Arts, Emerson College

Heather West is a self-professed Star Wars nerd. While countless fans share her devotion to the mythic film series, few get to work for the company that created it.

West moved to San Francisco to join Lucasfilm in 2016, just in time to organize screenings ahead of the release of *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Soon she had her first Star Wars convention under her Jedi belt; was helping to plan a tour of Lucasfilm for the *Hamilton* cast; and was fielding business, press, licensing and fan inquiries.

Although intrigued as a child by what happens off-screen, West never considered the movie industry as a career until she studied film analysis at Villanova. "With that course, I realized that my hobby could be my profession," she says.

Majoring in English and Communication, West seized opportunities Villanova offered to learn about film-making. She was on the crew of the first social justice documentary produced by students. She interned at the Vatican, spending many a night on her back holding a camera in the Sistine Chapel doing a virtual reality shoot. She was immersed in the rhetoric and performance of the classical world during a summer session in Greece.

After graduating summa cum laude, West moved to Boston to pursue a master's in Media Art. She continued the habit begun at Villanova of landing internships that expanded her repertoire. She edited rough cuts for a PBS show, analyzed scripts for the indie Goldcrest Films and worked as a postproduction temp at HBO in



Los Angeles. That gig morphed into full-time work, and she stayed at HBO until 2016.

West is living and loving the dream. "Getting my first job at a top TV network was almost too good to be true," she says. "Then again, so is being at Lucasfilm."

JOHN SPITZER '78 CLAS, '86 MS, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MANAGING DIRECTOR, EQUIPMENT STANDARDS, US GOLF ASSOCIATION

Each year, thousands of pieces of equipment—and tens of thousands of golf balls—undergo measurement, testing and evaluation at the US Golf Association's premier Research and Test Center in Far Hills, N.J. From a ball's initial velocity to the size of the grooves on a club face, no detail eludes the inspection of research engineers and technicians.

Overseeing them is John Spitzer, who blends his love of golf with his engineering expertise. Spitzer and his staff in Equipment Standards develop and apply state-of-the-art methods to determine if equipment, especially as it becomes technologically more advanced, conforms to the rules set by the USGA, one of the two bodies that govern the game worldwide.

"The USGA is not against these advances," says Spitzer, noting that innovations can lead to rule revisions. "But it doesn't want them to de-skill the game or destroy its historic traditions." Spitzer and colleagues also



study player performance, analyzing statistical data gathered from tours. "For example, today's golfers are driving the ball farther," he says. "Is that due to skill or a disruptive technology?"

The lead inventor on two USGA test-procedure patents, Spitzer brings to his current position the same passion for problem solving he showed in previous ones. At General Dynamics Electric Boat, which builds subs for the US Navy, Spitzer did research and development in structural acoustics. He then moved

to the Department of Energy's Princeton Plasma Physics Lab, a national center for researching fusion energy as a source of power. There, his many projects included verifying the seismic capability of a test reactor.

"My education has been a blessing," says Spitzer, whose fondest memory of campus is meeting his wife, Kathleen Hickey '79 CON. "Villanova made me think critically. It enabled me to adapt to the different challenges I have faced throughout my career."

SISTER JOCELYN EDATHIL, SIC, '00 CLAS

INTERNIST, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
MD/PhD, Penn State College of Medicine

The inquiry from friends and clergy echoed through the first two decades of Jocelyn Edathil's life. "Do you feel called to be a sister?" She did, and by the time the Presidential Scholar and Chemistry major graduated from Villanova, she knew her answer. But 13 years would elapse before she began her formation in India with the Sisters of the Imitation of Christ. Other vocational business needed tending to first: the completion of a double doctorate and an internal-medicine residency.

The journey through an MD/PhD program covered deserts and mountaintops. "I used to go to bed crying, wishing I could take my vows," Sister Jocelyn recalls. "But I'm also scientific, so I loved doing my research on antiviral drug design. Now I have the greatest joy—being a physician and a sister."

At Temple University Hospital, Sister Jocelyn treats admitted patients. Clad in her habit, veil and

lab coat, she shows in word and deed that she is as dedicated to her charges' spiritual well-being as she is to their physical. "I treat them medically, but I also pray with them and listen to their stories. Therapeutic listening is crucial." Her approach earned her an award for humaneness in medicine from the Philadelphia County Medical Society.

Sister Jocelyn also pours herself into her congregation of sisters, an order affiliated with the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. She is the first American-born woman to profess vows in this Eastern Church, which is in full communion with Rome, while her brother Father Michael '06 VSB is its first American-born priest. When not at the hospital, she travels extensively promoting vocations and serving the needs of women, especially Indian-Americans.

The schedule would daunt many, but not Sister Jocelyn. "Whatever Jesus calls me to, he will give me the grace to do it."

SAMANTHA PITTS-KIEFER '04 JD

SENIOR DIRECTOR, GLOBAL NUCLEAR POLICY PROGRAM, NUCLEAR THREAT INITIATIVE
Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School

Samantha Pitts-Kiefer may not live to see a world rid of nuclear weapons. But that doesn't stop her from working to reduce the global threats they pose. One of the biggest: nuclear terrorism.

Close to 2,000 metric tons of plutonium and highly enriched uranium, the materials used to make nuclear weapons, are stockpiled worldwide. In many places, these materials, as well as nuclear facilities, are vulnerable to theft, cyberattack and sabotage.

Pitts-Kiefer and her team at the Nuclear Threat Initiative collect and analyze data to assess global security conditions. She confers with experts at NTI's office in Washington, D.C.; tracks treaty talks at the United Nations; and attends conferences at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. Much of her work pertains to recent nuclear security summits.

"It's rewarding to engage with others in analytical thinking about global problems," Pitts-Kiefer says, "and to see our work become policy."

Pitts-Kiefer discovered her affinity for foreign policy and national



security when she was taking courses in international law. "After I'd been working in a law firm, I wanted to redirect myself into policy and public service," she says. "I only had to look back to Villanova to realize what inspired me."

At Harvard Kennedy School, Pitts-Kiefer assisted *New York Times* correspondent David Sanger with research for his best-seller *Confront and Conceal*. "One of my most exciting assignments was interviewing

Hillary Clinton about China policy," she says. Such opportunities prepared Pitts-Kiefer for the high-level interactions that are part of her job.

No less critical is the ability to size up events unfolding daily, whether in Russia, North Korea or the Middle East. "Current events have a big impact on our work," Pitts-Kiefer says. "We have to be nimble in how we approach and talk about issues in real time."

TOM PICARDO '63 CLAS

SINGER, SONGWRITER AND RECORD PRODUCER



Tom Picardo was happy recording doo-wop songs with high school classmate Tim Hauser when Picardo's dad gave him some advice. "Apply to Villanova. It's in the Catholic Ivy League."

Picardo and Hauser entered Villanova with the Class of 1963. They joined the Villanova Singers and the smaller, a cappella Spires—a group for which Picardo later auditioned Jim Croce '65 CLAS. "Those years were the best any guy could spend," he recalls. "We sang every day."

The three friends forged into the music industry. Croce, who was killed in a plane crash in 1973, achieved stardom as a singer and guitarist. Hauser, who died in 2014, founded the Grammy-winning Manhattan Transfer. Picardo made his mark in the studio.

After graduating, he was available 24/7 as a session singer, laying down tracks for Coke jingles and Sinatra numbers. "The studio would call at midnight," Picardo says. "'We need backup. C'mon over.'"

He also composed. Using the name Tommy West, Picardo teamed with songwriter Terry Cashman on a string of albums in the late

'60s and early '70s. Their elegiac single "American City Suite" hit the charts. "I'm proud of that song," Picardo says. "Cashman's voice still makes me cry."

Other voices, too, made their songs familiar. Picardo recalls attending a showcase for a new sitcom about a bus-traveling family band. "We got an idea of what the scripts were like and, a few days later, submitted several songs." Eventually, the duo contributed eight titles to *The Partridge Family* discography.

Picardo excelled at the recording process. With Cashman, he produced three Croce albums. For Picardo, "every minute with Jim was a highlight." He also cherishes the many cuts he did with Canadian icon Anne Murray. "I'd never heard a voice like hers," says Picardo, who lives with his wife on their New Jersey farm with its barn-turned-studio. "It was love at first listen."

DEBORAH AFFONSA '89 CPS

VICE PRESIDENT, CUSTOMER SERVICE, PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO.
MS, Organizational Dynamics, University of Pennsylvania

Wherever Deb Affonsa goes in northern and central California, she runs into customers. That's not difficult. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has 16 million of them. What is more difficult, and always a priority for Affonsa, is making sure that customers are satisfied with their experiences with one of the largest combined natural gas and electric energy companies in the US.

"That is the challenge of working in the utility sector," says Affonsa, vice president, Customer Service. "We supply 100 percent of the people in our territory with a product that is the modern economy's lifeline. It is gravely important that we be reliable."

This awareness energizes Affonsa, who oversees nearly 2,000 employees, five contact centers and 75 local customer service offices.

Her responsibilities also include new revenue development, consumer education and relations with third-party energy service providers.

Affonsa has built a long, successful career in the energy pipeline. Before she was recruited by the San Francisco-based company, she held executive positions at Exelon and a wind energy startup. Fueling her progress was the bachelor's in Business Administration she had earned at Villanova as a part-time student.

For five years, Affonsa, a young mom, zigzagged between work, home and school, becoming adept at time management. "I counted every minute," she says, "and every minute counted."

Graduation fell on the same weekend as Mother's Day and was especially memorable. Affonsa received a medallion for academic excellence and, surrounded by her three children, was



interviewed for a local news broadcast.

Affonsa regularly flies to the East Coast to visit her growing family. She also advises the Villanova School of Business' Center for Global Leadership. It's one more opportunity for her to achieve the outcome that matters most to her. "I want to have a positive impact on people in their professional and personal lives."

RICHARD WALKER III '71 CLAS

RETIRED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON



When Richard Walker joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's nascent Regional & Community Outreach Department, which promotes the economic growth of low- and moderate-income communities in New England, he had carte blanche to decide which issues to address and how. He never lacked for ideas.

Walker's 28-year legacy at the Boston Fed attests to the good those ideas yielded. In the early '90s, in response to a study showing that race was a factor in the approval and denial of mortgages in the Boston area—and, likely, nationwide—Walker and colleagues at other feds compiled "Closing the Gap," a resource on best practices in equal opportunity lending.

"It became the bible for fair lending in the banking industry," Walker says. "I was honored to lead the team that published it." He also co-developed a curriculum to educate lending officers about the complexities—and importance—of community development lending.

Walker was instrumental in the development of one of the Boston Fed's signature programs—one designed to help smaller cities, such as Springfield and Lawrence, Mass., whose economies plummeted after their base industries closed. Through research, analysis and visits to cities on the upturn, Walker and his team determined that having a cross section of community leaders who endorse a shared vision is key to recovery. His group's findings bore fruit in the innovative Working Cities Challenge, a grant competition for urban areas committed to this model of revitalization.

In 2016, Walker, then a senior vice president, retired from the bank. In December, he will be a fellow at Harvard's Advanced Leadership Initiative.

"Public service and addressing inequality have always driven me," says Walker, who, at Villanova, focused his studies on Sociology, Philosophy and African-American Studies; and advocated for student governance. "My father inspired me to want to contribute to the betterment of society and identify ways to bridge differences."



As a safety, Jin Kim knew what it was like to be the last line of defense on the football field. "The aches and pains in my body still prove it!" says the former varsity Wildcat. Now, more than 27 years after he graduated from Villanova with a degree

in Sociology, "safety" is not about a position but a mission. Kim is one of the FBI's experts in active shooter and mass attack survival.

This role is not one Kim had envisioned when he applied and was accepted to the bureau. Newly married to Julie Baumgartner '90 CLAS, he reported to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., and was then assigned to the New York division, where he focused on tactical resolution. But after mass shootings like Columbine and Sandy Hook chilled and changed the nation, the FBI was tasked with training law enforcement officials on how to respond to these tragedies, as well as equipping the public with survival strategies.

Kim excels at doing both. He is the active shooter coordinator in the New York division's Crisis Management

JIN KIM '90 CLAS

SPECIAL AGENT, FBI
MA, Public Safety Management, St. Joseph's University

Unit and the manager of its Tactical Training Program. He has trained thousands of agents and officers, and has presented to workforces in almost every industry, including higher education, health care and hospitality, about the current outlook on active shooter attacks and individual survival techniques.

"By teaching people how to take ownership of their safety and that of their loved ones, I truly believe I'm helping them save their lives," he says. Once he retires in 2018 after 23 years with the bureau, Kim plans to share his expertise as a consultant.

"I want to continue preparing people to survive the horrific events that, unfortunately, seem endemic to society and occur during normal, everyday moments," he says. "No one is exempt."

MARY BETH APPEL, RN, '81 CON

CO-FOUNDER, HOUSE OF GRACE CATHOLIC WORKER
MS, Nursing, University of Maryland
Certification, Family Nurse Practitioner, University of Virginia

As she walks from her row house in the Kensington section of Philadelphia to the nearby free health clinic, Mary Beth Appel stops to talk to the people sitting on front stoops and waiting outside a soup kitchen. They know Appel, and they trust her with their stories—of facing eviction, of needing help getting into recovery, of finding the means to bury a loved one. For 26 years, she has stood in solidarity with them and with a neighborhood blighted by crime, drugs and poverty.

In 1991, Appel and Johanna Berrigan co-founded House of Grace Catholic Worker. It consists of two buildings. Through the clinic, those living on the margins can get medical treatment, a hot shower, and the support of volunteers who listen and accompany them as they navigate the bureaucratic system for social services. The second is a hospitality house, which provides free lodging.

House of Grace creates community among patients, guests, volunteers and

supporters. "We don't pass the buck," Appel says. "We do what we can to be present and to respond to people on a personal basis."

Abiding by the spirit of the Catholic Worker movement, which was started by Dorothy Day in the 1930s and has about 150 independent communities worldwide, Appel lives simply, serves the poor, and embraces activism and nonviolence. These convictions were nurtured at Villanova, where the nursing student involved herself in campus ministry and undertook social causes.

Appel's influence extends to Haiti. She sits on the board of Kay Lasante, a Haitian-staffed clinic in Port-au-Prince. Both Kay Lasante and House of Grace exist on donations, and Appel collects no paycheck for her labors of love. "These projects are run with the help of God and the support of the community," she says. "Good things happen all the time. That's what keeps us going."





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Trailblazer, Villanovan

Diane E. Ambler '78 JD was born to lead, and her Villanova legal education set the path

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Throughout her legal career, Diane E. Ambler '78 JD has always looked ahead for the next opportunity. In her view, the biggest breaks tend to come when least expected.

One such opportunity came when she was offered the chance to chair the American Bar Association's Subcommittee on Investment Companies and Investment Advisers. Ambler, then a young partner at her law firm, worried that she would not have time for the travel and public speaking required.

So Ambler did exactly what she has time and again during her distinguished legal career—she dove in, confident in her training and education. With that foundation, she was primed for everything ahead.

“It was engaging and fun, and propelled my career in ways that I never would have imagined,” says Ambler, who is now a senior partner at K&L Gates LLP and chair of the Board of Consultors at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. “Suddenly I was involved with a whole new circle of dynamic people in my industry.”

LEANING IN

It was only one break of many over the course of Ambler's impressive career, which has seen her recognized for reaching the apex of professional excellence while maintaining the highest levels of skill and integrity. She has been a pioneer in the area of mutual funds governance and is a highly experienced practitioner in financial institution regulation under the federal securities laws.

When she began practice, mutual funds regulation, which affects businesses around the world, was still evolving. There was much law yet to be made, and Ambler's practice and reputation grew as the law developed.

As a result, Ambler has been ranked as one of the top lawyers in her field by Chambers USA and Best Lawyers of America; has been listed in Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers; and has earned a membership in the prestigious American Law Institute.

Ambler says it was in her DNA to lead. She comes from an old Philadelphia Quaker family with very strong, caring and dedicated women. Among others, her great-great-great grandmother, Mary Ambler, led an effort to aid passengers on a train that crashed in what is now Ambler, Pa. The town was later given that name in honor of Mary's leadership. The example of the hardworking, strong women in her family has driven her to find projects through which she could make her mark on the legal profession. “It never occurred to me that I

might be entitled to fewer opportunities because I am a woman,” she says.

Her Villanova education reinforced that egalitarian view and gave her confidence that she had the tools needed to succeed in the practice of law.

Ambler holds or has held leadership positions in many organizations, including the ABA Retirement Funds, the Securities Committee of the Federal Bar Association, the Women in Law Empowerment Forum and the National Association of Women Lawyers.

“Diane is a polished, intelligent, dedicated lawyer who takes on every situation with zeal and confidence. She embodies the greatness of Villanova Law and the legal profession,” says Mark C. Alexander, JD, Arthur J. Kania Dean of the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.

When reflecting on her professional accomplishments, Ambler explains, “I put one foot in front of the other. It's amazing where that has taken me.”

SUPPORTING LAW

Young lawyers, especially Villanovans starting out in their legal careers, have reached out to Ambler. She has been thrilled to support and mentor Villanova alumni who have, in turn, often reached back to help other Villanovans.

“I always make time for people. After all, many of the successes I have achieved depended on someone having helped me along the way,” she says.

Through her position as chair of the Board of Consultors, Ambler has also had the opportunity to collaborate with the Law School's dean, administrators, faculty and staff, and members of its growing community. She teams with those guiding Villanova Law and steering its curricular development and strategic direction.

Ambler refers to the call from Charles “Chuck” Widger asking her to chair the board as one of the proudest moments of her career.

“It's a very exciting time. What is happening at Villanova is more than evolutionary—it's revolutionary,” she says. “Villanova Law is, in many ways, becoming the model for the legal community.”

Ambler sees the incredible forward momentum in Villanova Law—from Dean Alexander's new leadership to the energy and intellectual support of alumni, exemplified by Widger—and knows Villanova will continue to elevate legal education across the profession. ■



Health Knowledge Is Power

PhD student **Mia Waldron** studies ways to improve care for preterm babies and their parents

Mia Waldron understands the incredible anxiety parents feel when they take their baby home from the neonatal intensive care unit. That apprehension can be made worse by the avalanche of information they receive during the discharge process. What should they do? How can they best care for their child?

“When people’s stress levels are high, their ability to process health information—their health literacy—is severely limited,” says Waldron, a NICU nurse and staff educator by training. “It has nothing to do with IQ and education level. You can be an astrophysicist and not necessarily understand health information.”

INCREASING HEALTH LITERACY

Waldron wants parents and babies in these high-pressure situations to succeed. A PhD student in Villanova’s College of Nursing, the New York City native is researching how prepared parents are to care for their newborns after discharge and what changes to the discharge process may help them better synthesize the data they receive.

“I want to find out how well parents understand the health information about their children,” Waldron says. “For instance, if you have a preterm baby, you have to use a specific formula and calculate the amount you give the baby.”

Waldron hopes to test the thesis that alternative methods of information delivery—perhaps demonstrations instead of literature, for example—will make a difference in parents’ confidence in caring for their children.

Waldron’s dissertation focuses specifically on African-American parents, whose newborns have a preterm birth rate and infant mortality rate two times higher than babies in other racial and ethnic groups. Her goal is to find out whether increasing the health literacy of those parents during their newborns’ stays in the NICU will lead to improved infant outcomes after they go home. To that end, she is charting parents’ health literacy when they leave the hospital and then following up three months later.

“I’ve been so impressed by Mia’s work, and I believe it will have great impact,” says Lesley Perry, PhD, RN, interim dean of the College of Nursing. “Mia is really devoted to this topic area and is focused and goal-oriented. This is a passion for her.”

BUILDING ON CLINICAL WORK

The dissertation is part of Waldron’s crowded schedule, which includes raising five children, ages 8 to 16, with her husband, Christopher, an attorney.

In addition, Waldron runs four clinical studies at Children’s National Health Center in Washington, D.C. One of her current studies looks at parents of children with cancer in the pediatric ICU and the end-of-life decisions some parents have to make.

She also is looking at the adverse effects of cancer treatment on pediatric patients. Rather than merely monitoring vital signs, Waldron speaks directly to the young people.

“In the past, children were not asked about the effects,” she says. “Some symptoms are subjective, such as fatigue and depression. We want to identify a core group of symptoms that children experience and that disrupt their lives.”

In another project, Waldron is investigating how fathers and mothers of children in the NICU handle parenting when their babies have never been home. And the fourth study is in conjunction with George Washington University’s School of Engineering and Applied Science to see how telerobotic-assisted technology can help with various tasks in the NICU.

It’s a robust lineup, and together with Waldron’s PhD work, it is giving her tremendous knowledge and insight into the treatment of sick babies.

“Mia is gaining hands-on experience with a variety of research methods,” says Professor Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, who was director of the College’s PhD in Nursing program for 15 years. “That will be a great advantage throughout her career as a researcher.” ■

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SPIRIT OF THE GAME >> By Suzanne Wentzel

The intersection of sports and spirituality can transform college athletics

Odds are that a round of word association with the term *intercollegiate sports* would yield responses such as *scholarships*, *teams* and *tournaments*. But *spirituality*? Probably a long shot. Can the holy be found in a bump-set-spike? Transcendence experienced by pounding a track? The common good promoted by helping opponents to their feet?

Yes, said the women and men who

convened at Villanova in June to explore the intersection of faith and the uniquely American phenomenon that is intercollegiate sports. This two-day event was the first fruits of the Vatican's 2016 global conference "Sport at the Service of Humanity." Led by the Pontifical Council for Culture, the Rome gathering recognized the potential of faith traditions and sports to unite and transform people in mind, body and spirit. The council's

aim was to initiate a worldwide movement to encourage sports organizations and athletes to follow six guiding principles: compassion, respect, love, enlightenment, balance, joy.

Partners were needed to put those principles into play. Villanova stepped up to the plate, organizing and hosting the first Vatican-sanctioned regional follow-up. The context: faith-based colleges and universities in the US.



Frank Allocco, senior associate athletic director, External Relations, at the University of San Francisco, and the Rev. William Rickle, SJ, campus minister, Athletics and Student Life, at St. Joseph's University, share their experiences.

ALL ON THE SAME SIDE

Barbara Wall, PhD, vice president, Mission and Ministry, and her colleague Christopher Janosik, EdD, director of Planning and Research, captained the team that planned the conference. Vatican officials; Villanova leaders, including Athletics Director Mark Jackson; and Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman provided crucial assists.

"The classical idea that play is integral to human development is embedded in the Catholic intellectual tradition," Dr. Wall says. "Our goal was for schools to look at how they implement the values of their faith traditions into athletics so that student-athletes can learn about the spirituality of what they do and integrate it into their lives."

The more than 100 delegates on the final roster hailed from faith-based institutions around the country, from Providence to Pepperdine, from Baylor to Marquette. They represented all NCAA divisions and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"We wanted to put people who work in athletics in touch with the people who work in spiritual development," Dr. Janosik says. Thus, coaches and chaplains came to the table. They listened to insightful speakers and tackled worthy questions. How can we help our student-athletes to appreciate their God-given talents? Our teams to reach out to marginalized populations? Our institutions to embody virtuous competition?

Issues of inclusion, involvement and inspiration rallied attendees. Claire VeNard, assistant athletics director of Student Welfare and Development at Notre Dame, was pumped up by the exchanges. "It was clear from our conversations that sport is uniquely positioned to emphasize our common humanity and to enable people to grow in the ways outlined in the six guiding principles," VeNard says. "The conference challenged us to examine how we might create more opportunities for those in our communities to experience that."

YES, IN OUR HOUSE

Attendees' eagerness to adapt ideas to their institutions gladdened the hearts of organizers. Bishop Paul Tighe, now the secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture and a speaker at Villanova's forum, was especially pleased. "It was edifying to observe the commitment among the participants to promoting the highest standards of fair play and integrity in the area of sport," he says, "even if, at times, these values will not necessarily lead to instant results and success."

The conference did lead to one instant result. As it wrapped up, Bishop Tighe invited the representatives to continue their task collectively, and he tapped Villanova to head the effort. The University has begun collaborating with the other schools on next steps.

On its campus, Villanova continues to support the diverse spiritual needs of student

athletes. Between classes, practices and road trips, the more than 550 varsity players can't always attend prayer and service opportunities on campus. The game plan: bring opportunities to them.

One such means is David Walsh '15 MA, the University's first campus minister for Sports and Spirituality. As comfortable discussing the interior life as he is driving to the net, Walsh understands the pray-play bond. Whether he is facilitating an afternoon reflection, customizing a team retreat or meeting one-on-one for coffee, Walsh helps individuals and squads "to find deeper richness and a sense of meaning—not just as athletes but as people," he says. "It's a privilege to walk with students as they strive to be their best selves."

Discovering one's best self is a spiritual threshold, and sports can help people cross it. In his sophomore year, Edward Hastings, PhD, '73 CLAS tore his ACL. The Wildcat faced the possibility that he would never play basketball again—and be stripped of what he saw as his defining trait.



Crystal Sullivan, director, Campus Ministry, at the University of Dayton, discusses the intersection of sports and spirituality.

"The injury rocked my world, but then it led me to realize that my true identity is rooted in God, not in performance," says Dr. Hastings, who ended up going to the 1971 national championship. Now an assistant professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Dr. Hastings shares his expertise on sports, spirituality and character development with Villanova students, noting how Augustinian it is to "go deeper into yourself to find out who you are."

Spiritual growth is not a footnote in Villanova's playbook. It is central to the comprehensive development of every runner, rower and receiver. "Our No. 1 objective is to graduate complete, well-rounded students," Jackson says. "Being able to connect sports and spirituality can really help with the process." ■



The conference at Villanova built on the six principles guiding the global faith and sport movement.

HIGH

SCORING



Villanova athletes display
championship attitude
in the classroom

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

The numbers—and the accolades—tell only part of the story of the Villanova Athletics' tradition. Twenty NCAA national team championships. More than 100 national titles in individual events.

But those accomplishments merely hint at what defines the University's student-athletes: They strive and triumph just as much in the classroom as they do in sports competition.

It's not surprising that in August *Forbes* named Villanova one of the top 25 colleges that dominate academically and athletically. The designation attests to the prestige of the Athletics Department's academic accomplishments, now at an all-time high.

The department's dedication goes much deeper still. The Athletics leadership and staff support student-athletes as whole people, helping them reach their full potential.

"They are committed to helping you figure out who you want to be and helping you find balance between academics and athletics," says Biology major Bella Burda '19 CLAS, a member of the Cross Country and Track and Field teams. It's a unique culture, she adds, which helps her excel in all facets of university life.

Last season, Bella was recognized with

one of the premier academic honors in college sports: the Elite 90 Award, given by the NCAA to the student-athlete with the highest GPA who has made the finals in his or her sport.

Bella is the second Villanovan to win the Elite 90 Award, and she's just one of the University's many athletes who have turned heads with stellar classwork.

BOOK-WISE, SPORTS-SMART

Director of Athletics Mark Jackson expects the tradition of achievement at Villanova to continue—and to elevate to new heights.

"We strive to develop complete student-athletes, and we are succeeding," he says. "We are succeeding academically. We are succeeding athletically. We are succeeding in providing a life-changing college experience."

Faculty Representative to Athletics Jeremy Kees, PhD, the Richard J. and Barbara Naclerio Endowed Chair in Business, feels this exceptional performance in all areas makes Villanova a distinctive presence in college sports. "As a former student-athlete, I understand the challenge facing our coaches, staff, faculty and student-athletes," he says. "Villanova has set the bar very high for academics and athletics. But our student-athletes



Bella Burda '19 CLAS, Cross Country and Track and Field, wins the Elite 90 Award, given to the student-athlete with the highest GPA who has made the finals in his or her sport.

continue to achieve greatness because everyone works together toward one goal."

Bolstering the student-athletes in their endeavors is the Office of Academic Support for Athletics. Jennifer Brophy, the office's director, leads a staff of advisers who meet with student-athletes to help them define—and ultimately achieve—academic and career goals.



Villanova helps student-athletes like Dominique Clark '18 CLAS, Bella Burda '19 CLAS and Andreas Bartosinski '18 COE reach their full potential.

Whether they need guidance navigating a challenging major's curriculum; finding the right study abroad, research or internship opportunity; or simply scheduling classes, Brophy and her team help student-athletes have a complete college experience at Villanova.

"Whatever their goals are, we are going to help our students achieve them," she says.

HUMBLE, HUNGRY

Allison Venella '08 CLAS, '13 MA, director of Student-Athlete Development, says that technology has made checking in with student-athletes easier, especially when the team is traveling.

The academic support system has been streamlined and moved online. These changes allow students and staff to communicate from anywhere, access

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SUPPORT FOR ATHLETICS

progress reports for classes and schedule tutoring sessions.

Programs like this support the culture of excellence at Villanova, which is distinctive and unchanging. It is also among the reasons Villanova attracts student-athletes from all over the world and from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

"The history and tradition of Villanova Athletics couple academics and athletics as dual priorities. The approach evolves over time, absolutely, but those core values have been and will always be there," Venella says.

Although there were fewer formalized support structures during her time, former player Rosemarie T. Dempsey '83 VSB says that Harry Perretta '95 MA, head coach, Women's Basketball, and the Athletics staff nurtured the student-athletes, from finding a compatible major to connecting with alumni.

"Harry and the coaches were the catalysts in helping the athletes balance sports and academics," Dempsey says. "They understood each person's strengths and helped all of us move forward."

Berkeley, Calif., native Dominique Clark '18 CLAS had looked at many



Director of Athletics Mark Jackson; Provost Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD; and Faculty Representative to Athletics Jeremy Kees, PhD, the Richard J. and Barbara Naclerio Endowed Chair in Business, honor student-athletes who earned 4.0 GPAs in the fall 2016 semester.

colleges at which to continue her water polo career after high school, but she wanted a school with a Communication department as strong as its Athletics one.

Villanova and Dominique were a perfect fit. She has been dominant in and out of the pool, turning in multiple semesters with a 4.0 GPA and leading the team in goals with 72 this past spring.

“The staff and tutors gave me the confidence I needed to establish academic success,” says Dominique, who was named to the All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference First Team, as well as the MAAC All-Academic Team, last year.

THE VILLANOVA WAY

Mary Snyder '17 CON, who won four Big East titles as a member of the Women's Swimming and Diving team, sees a team-first mentality reflected across Athletics, from the director to the coaches to the support staff.

“In nursing, we talk about caring for the patient as a whole. At Villanova, everyone motivates one another. You always know you're cared about as an individual,” she says.

Throughout college, student-athletes are expanding their horizons and figuring out who they are as people. Academic Support works alongside coaches to help student-athletes identify what they are passionate about.

In the case of Jalen Brunson '18 CLAS, his goal was to graduate a year ahead of schedule. Jalen, well-known to hoops fans

for his stellar basketball skills, brought that same dedication and work ethic to his courses.

Jalen remembers that from the moment he arrived on campus, the Athletics Department worked closely with him to help smooth the transition to college academics and athletics. They also supported his academic goal by assisting him with



Jalen Brunson '18 CLAS has worked closely with staff and coaches to succeed in academics and athletics.

scheduling summer classes that matched his degree's graduation requirements.

“I give 100 percent effort all of the time,” Jalen says, “but the academic advisers have worked so much with me, helping me to become the best student, best athlete and best person I can be for myself and my team.”

STRONGEST TOGETHER

Men's Soccer captain Andreas Bartosinski '18 COE came to Villanova from Cologne, Germany, part of the wave of international talent flowing into the collegiate soccer game. An ocean away from his family and friends, Andreas was welcomed with open arms as a member of a whole different kind of family.

“Everyone made it clear that if I was struggling in any respect—be it academically, athletically or socially—I could go to them for help,” Andreas says.

Throughout his time at Villanova, coaches, teammates and academic support staff have regularly reached out and, when needed, connected Andreas with resources such as tutors. That support has continued as he prepares to launch his career. Staff in the Athletics Department have helped him refine his résumé and connected Andreas with alumni working in the mechanical engineering field.

Brophy says that Villanova is one of the few schools where students like Andreas and Snyder can compete at the

highest level in their chosen sport and still take on a demanding curriculum like engineering or nursing whose schedule may be less flexible.

“Villanova's culture of collaboration and commitment to students helps make it possible,” she says.

Jackson agrees with Brophy—Villanovans prove they are stronger together. That unity draws on powerful Augustinian ideals and fosters champion athletes, as well as exceptional students. Bound together, driven to always greater heights, Villanovans achieve ever more.

“This is a tight-knit community. Students don't just come to Villanova for four years. This is a decision that lasts a lifetime,” he says. ■

POWER POINTS

Whether in uniform or in the classroom, Villanova's student-athletes—more than 550 men and women competing on 24 teams—win the right way.

Humble and driven, they strive for Villanova and for excellence. And they continue to build on the legacy of success established by those who came before them. Accolades announced in 2016-17 for the University's student-athletes include the following:

Student-athletes have maintained above a 3.0 GPA for 28 consecutive semesters.

A record 320 Villanova student-athletes were named to the Big East All-Academic Team.

Athletics features an overall 94 percent Graduation Success Rate, a measure of the percentage of student-athletes who graduate within six years. In the most recent cohort, reflecting 2006-09, 14 programs tallied a perfect 100 percent GSR.

Three teams were recognized by the Big East and two by the Colonial Athletic Association for having the highest GPA in their respective sports: Men's Basketball, Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, Football, and Women's Rowing.

Four student-athletes were among the winners of Big East Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Awards, given to one student-athlete from each sport in recognition of academic and athletic achievements, as well as community service.

A record 15 teams—one of only seven Division I programs—earned public recognition from the NCAA for having a multiyear Academic Progress Rate score that ranked within the top 10 percent of their sport nationwide, from the 2012-13 through the 2015-16 academic years.



Amanda Pedersen-Henry '19 CLAS is a standout player on the Women's Volleyball team and was named to the 2016-17 Big East All-Academic Team.



IN MEMORIAM

“MASS” APPRECIATION

Players, coaches, fans and friends
said farewell to Rollie Massimino

BY MIKE SHERIDAN



Top photo: The 1984–85 Men’s Basketball team brought home Villanova’s first NCAA national championship in 1985. From left: Coach Massimino with his team in the late 1970s; speaking at a dinner celebrating the 30th anniversary of the 1985 national championship; and in the huddle with his team not long after accepting the head coaching position in 1973.

The morning of Sept. 12, family, friends and former players gathered in St. Thomas of Villanova Church to bid farewell to an outstanding figure in University, and college basketball, history.

Roland V. “Rollie” Massimino was the head coach of the Men’s Basketball program for 19 years, from 1973 to 1992, and the guiding force who led Villanova to its first NCAA national championship, in 1985.

But Massimino was much more. Indeed, he was mentor, teacher, friend and inspiration to those who came together for the funeral Mass. Numerous messages about how “that man changed my life” reached his family after Massimino died of cancer on Aug. 31 at the age of 82.

Weeks later, the William B. Finneran Endowed Head Coach for Men’s Basketball Jay Wright, who was hired by Massimino as a Wildcats assistant in 1987 and served seven years by his side, was still contemplating all that “Coach Mass” meant to him, the basketball program and the Villanova community.

“It’s been a tough time,” Wright said. “Coach has been such a huge part of this University since 1973. It’s a big loss to all of us here. There were people in academia he stayed close to, and coaches in other sports—like [Women’s Basketball coach] Harry Perretta—he was always in touch with. For me, he was my mentor. It’s probably one of the toughest losses I’ve had personally. I miss him.”

Tom Massimino, who served as an assistant coach to his father at Villanova, offered a son’s perspective at the beginning of the Mass.

“He always made our family feel special, even when he was a high school coach making \$3,600 a year. We had love, each other and pasta. What else could any family want?”

In his remarks, Billy Cunningham, the former Philadelphia 76ers star and coach, who led the team to an NBA championship in 1983, talked about the passion and love for life of the man he called “one of my dearest friends,” the man who never knocked at the Cunninghams’ front door but would walk in and ask, “What’s goin’ on?”

Certainly, 1985 was, Cunningham said, “a phenomenal year for the Massiminos, for Villanova and for the whole community in the basketball world,” but one characteristic of Massimino’s always struck Cunningham. “As a coach, he was never satisfied. He was always trying to improve” his game.

Massimino coached seven seasons at Villanova after the national championship, further cementing himself as an icon of the community and as a nationally known leader in his sport.

“He changed lives. He changed hearts,” said Associate Athletic Director the Rev. Rob Hagan, OSA, JD, ’87 CLAS, who celebrated the Mass and was joined in prayer by fellow friars, including University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS. “Everyone wants to equate Rollie Massimino with the word *basketball*,” Father Hagan said. “How could you not? But the word that trumps basketball is *family*. It was his metaphor. It was the way he structured his life. And everybody was family.” ■



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—HEAD COACH JAY WRIGHT



Members of the 1985 national championship team reunite in 2014.

Seeds of Greatness

Villanova’s six-game march to one of the most famous upsets in NCAA history is the stuff that sports documentaries and top 10 lists are made of. At Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., April 1, 1985, the Wildcats, a No. 8 seed, outshot No. 1 Georgetown by two points to claim the Division I Men’s Basketball Championship.

No name is more closely tied to that victory than that of Rollie Massimino, Villanova’s gesticulating, gum-chewing, irrepressible coach. But Coach Mass’ legacy wasn’t built in a day. He called forth the best in his players throughout his career in college athletics.

- From 1973 to 1992, Massimino guided the Wildcats to 357 victories, including 20 in NCAA tournament play.
- In addition to the 1985 run, the Wildcats advanced to the Elite Eight in 1978, 1982, 1983 and 1988.
- Villanova posted 10 seasons of 20 victories or more in his tenure.
- Massimino was the 1982 Big East Coach of the Year and, in 2013, was inducted into the Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.
- He earned 816 victories during his nearly 50-year career as a collegiate head coach.

A Family Affair

The Holts make service to Villanova a multigeneration tradition

BY BETTY RUSSELL

It's difficult to talk about Tom Holt Jr. '85 VSB and the Holt family tradition he started at Villanova without going back 90 years into Holt family history.

In 1926, Holt's grandfather, Leo Holt, was looking for a better way to support his family. He bought a truck and started delivering cargo. He worked tirelessly throughout the Great Depression and other challenges. Later, Tom Holt Sr. and his brother worked alongside their father to help grow the trucking business.

Tom Sr., Holt's father, was "larger than life" and thrived in the family business. A graduate of a Catholic high school, he enrolled his children in Catholic schools. He also encouraged them to do something he had never done—get a college education.

SETTING THE TREND

Holt took his father's words to heart, and when he enrolled at Villanova, he became the first Holt to attend college.

"Villanova was just what I was looking for," Holt says. "I was coming from a small Catholic high school, and I wanted to be close to my high school sweetheart, Angela DiBello, who was attending St. Joseph's University. I really enjoyed my time at Villanova and learned a lot about business."

Holt's positive experience had a profound influence on his family. Over the next decades, his two brothers, Leo '86 CLAS and Michael '95 CLAS, and Leo's wife, Melinda DeNofa-Holt '96 VSB, attended the University. Holt and Angela married, and Villanova was the college of choice for their five children: Tom III '06 VSB; Eric '07 VSB; Angela Marie "Minnie" '09 CON, '17 MBA; Phillip '10 VSB; and Christian '15 VSB. Minnie's husband, Mike Devine, is enrolled in Villanova's

Executive MBA program.

After graduation, Holt and his brothers became the third generation to join the family business. The values they learned at home, at Catholic schools and at Villanova remain an important part of how they live their lives and run their business.

one of the early campaigns, and I have a lot of passion for and commitment to the University," Holt says. "I have many more Villanova friends now than I did when I graduated. They are involved in many different things, and giving back is a big part of it."

"As alums, we can go beyond simply supporting our alma mater and have a meaningful impact on a tremendous success story."

—Michael Holt '95 CLAS

Today, Holt Logistics Corp. is a group of affiliated transport companies—encompassing logistics, port and warehouse services—that spans nine counties in southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. By any measure, the Holt businesses are innovative and successful. But what makes the third generation of Holts proud-est is something much more personal.

"Our grandfather's and father's devotion to family is the thing that probably means the most to us," says Leo. "Today, we have the fourth generation of Holts coming on board. And the company not only supports the entire Holt family, but also supports more than 1,000 families in the Delaware Valley."

NOVA PRIDE

In the 1990s, Holt's dad, Tom Sr., donated to Villanova to pay for scholarships for those who couldn't afford to attend. Holt says giving back to Villanova is a priority for him as well.

"I reconnected with Villanova through

"It's amazing to look at the evolution of the University and see what Villanova has become over the past 30 years," Holt's brother Michael says. "As alums, we can go beyond simply supporting our alma mater and have a meaningful impact on a tremendous success story."

Holt serves on the President's Advisory Council, which meets with University leaders, helps alumni and parents stay connected to Villanova, and has been instrumental in the momentum behind the Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change. The Holt family has hosted various Villanova events, and was one of the major donors who helped create and fund Villanova's Institute for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship.

"We even had 11 Holts in Houston in 2016 supporting our basketball team for the championship game," Holt says. "We had a tremendous time. From my perspective, reconnecting with Villanova is probably one of the best things I've ever done." ■

Michael Holt '95 CLAS; Tom Holt III '06 VSB; Leo Holt '86 CLAS; Eric Holt '07 VSB; Christian Holt '15 VSB; Phillip Holt '10 VSB; Angela Marie "Minnie" Devine '09 CON, '17 MBA; and Tom Holt Jr. '85 VSB

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ALWAYS A WILDCAT

AN ENDURING SENSE OF COMMUNITY

BY CHRISTINE STACKHOUSE

Final installment of a five-part series on the Villanova University Alumni Association's platform for alumni engagement

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

Commencement is bittersweet for most graduates. Their eagerness to go out into the world and make an impact is tempered by sadness at leaving the campus that has been home and the people who have been family.

Fortunately, that feeling is short-lived. New alumni quickly realize that one of the many benefits of belonging to the Nova Nation is that they never leave the Villanova community behind. Wherever they go, it will be there for them—and they will be there for it.

EXPANDING REACH

The days when the majority of Villanovans came from, and returned to work in, cities in the Northeast are gone. Villanova attracts students from across the country and around the globe, and it has more than 123,000 alumni worldwide. For example, today, thousands of Villanovans live in California, which boasts the University's fourth-largest alumni population.

Edgar Grey '67 CLAS, who was born and raised in Sewickley, Pa., outside of

Pittsburgh, is one of those thousands. Grey went west to work after graduation. Through a chance encounter with a fellow alumnus, he became involved in the Villanova University Club of Orange County.

"I take great pride in being a part of this community, so I wear a lot of Villanova gear," Grey says. "The man noticed my clothes and struck up a conversation about the club. It was that easy."



Edgar Grey '67 CLAS reconnected with the University through the Villanova Club of Orange County, Calif., and through his son Aaron '12 VSB.

In addition to alumni moving to the West Coast after college, the University has received an increasing number of applications from the region over the past decade. One such case is Grey's son Aaron '12 VSB.

The father-son duo returned to campus to celebrate milestone reunions this past June.

"It was my 50th reunion—and the first Reunion Weekend I've ever attended," Grey says. "I was happy to see how far Villanova has advanced—academically, culturally and physically—while remaining true to its foundation."

Patricia Rodriguez '10 CLAS also knows what it is like to feel connected to her alma mater and other alumni. Rodriguez, who came from a close-knit community in Puerto Rico, felt right at home at Villanova. When she returned to the island after graduation, she wanted to find a way to bring her two worlds together.

Rodriguez has helped to reinvigorate interest in the Villanova University Club of Puerto Rico, of which she is currently president.

"We're modeling events after what we loved on campus—meeting new people, participating in community service, cheering on our teams during game watches," she says.

(See Page 50 to learn about the many ways Villanovans have contributed to hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico and elsewhere.)

GROWING AFFINITY

Alumni often build community because they share common ground or interests. Thanks to the University's deep connections with the nursing and military communities, Navy nurse Cmdr. Kim Shaughnessy, CNM, '97 CON, '17 DNP has moved across the country—and the world—but has never been far from fellow Villanovans.

"Villanova gave me the greatest gift of all—the confidence and the connections to pursue my career halfway across the world." —PAUL PARISI '09 VSB

"The College of Nursing has a strong presence in the Navy," she says. "I've been fortunate to meet and work with other alumni at every hospital where I've been stationed, from San Diego to Okinawa."

While working at US Navy hospitals in Japan from 2007 to 2012, Shaughnessy also began to use Facebook—including the Villanova University Alumni Association's page—to keep in touch with classmates, share news and see campus updates.

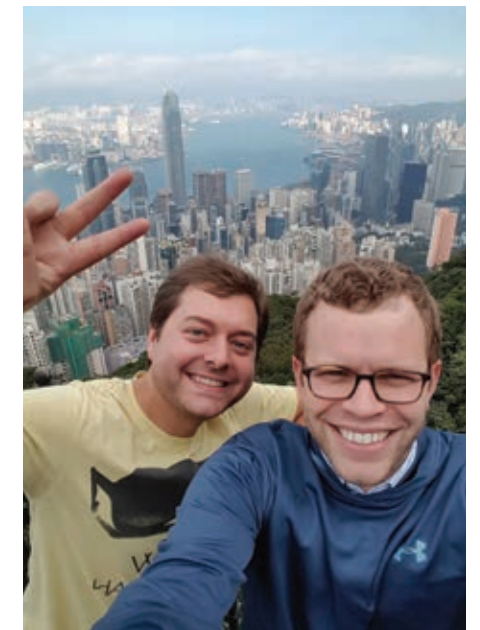
Now back in Virginia, Shaughnessy has taken advantage of opportunities to attend events with the Club of Greater Washington, D.C., and serve on the board of the new Villanova Vets affinity group.

"I went to the NROTC reception at Reunion 2017 and met many current students and older graduates in the Navy," she says. "It expanded my network and made me feel part of what's happening now."



Cmdr. Kim Shaughnessy, CNM, '97 CON, '17 DNP has traveled extensively for her work as a nurse midwife in the US Navy but has always stayed connected to Villanova.

The Alumni Association offers numerous opportunities to get involved and stay connected. Contact us at alumni@villanova.edu to learn more.



Paul Parisi '09 VSB (left) frequently hosts fellow Villanovans like Joseph Martyn '09 COE who are visiting or working in Hong Kong.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to a strong Club presence within the continental US, the VUAA sponsors Villanova clubs in several other countries, including Ireland, England, the United Arab Emirates and China. Even abroad, the Nova Network continues to help the next generation make big moves.

Originally from New Jersey, Paul Parisi '09 VSB moved to Hong Kong for a job within months of graduation. Eight years later, he still lives there and regularly networks with Villanova students who come to the city on short-term and semester-long study abroad programs.

Parisi encourages those interested in working abroad to start exploring opportunities and reach out to fellow Villanovans for support.

"Villanova gave me the greatest gift of all—the confidence and the connections to pursue my career halfway across the world," he says. "There are Villanovans everywhere who are willing to help you acclimate and succeed." ■

Villanova University Alumni Association Welcomes New Board Members



Clockwise from top left: New VUAA board members Christine Kraninger '93 CLAS, Jon Williams '03 CLAS, Patricia "Patti" May '77 CON and M. Brian Muscarella '80 VSB

M. BRIAN MUSCARELLA '80 VSB

After a 27-year career in the insurance industry, Brian Muscarella saw his life change dramatically when a spinal stroke rendered him paralyzed in 2011.

Since that day, Muscarella, managing director at NYLEX Benefits, has dedicated his life to helping others with disabilities, frequently speaking at schools, organizations and rehabilitation centers in the Charlotte, N.C., area, as well as at Villanova.

President of the Villanova University Club of Charlotte, Muscarella has been on the club's Leadership Council since 2004 and received the VUAA Leadership Award in 2013. The club received the Rev. Ray Jackson Community Service Award in 2014. He lives in Charlotte with his wife, daughters and granddaughter.

JON WILLIAMS '03 CLAS

As a student, Jon Williams was a stand-out goaltender for Men's Soccer, recognized as a Big East All-Academic All-Star. As an alumnus, he has been a strong supporter of Villanova, serving as president emeritus and co-founder

ALUMNI COMMUNITY RETURNS FOR REUNION WEEKEND 2017

Thousands of proud Villanovans, families and friends gathered for Reunion Weekend 2017, June 8-11, with nearly 40 events across campus.

Highlights included the family picnic, president's lunch, alumni Mass, and Supernova dinner and dance.

Additional special events and parties honored the classes of 1967 and 1992 as those Wildcat alumni marked their 50th and 25th reunions, respectively, and shared memories of their undergraduate experiences.

Reunion 2018 will be held May 31-June 3 and honor class years ending in "3" or "8."



of the Villanova University Club of North Central Jersey.

Senior Director of Brokerage Services at Cushman & Wakefield in Morristown, N.J., Williams remains involved with the Soccer program.

Williams has also consistently been a top producer at his company and is a part of the Rising Leadership Council, which helps Cushman & Wakefield leadership create many of the company's most important initiatives and policies.

PATRICIA "PATTI" MAY '77 CON

Patricia "Patti" May is director of Peri-operative Nursing as a consultant with Surgical Directions, based in Chicago, and has more than 30 years of experience in perioperative services.

Members of the President's Club, May and her husband, David '75 COE, have been active alumni in Colorado since the 1980s. They have hosted the Colorado New Student Send-Off for the past 15 years.

Along with their three daughters, Meaghan May Hildreth '08 COE; Kaitlyn

May Rolston '10 CON, '14 MSN; and Erinn May '13 CLAS, the Mays were the host for the Class Gift Match, pledging to donate for each senior who made a gift of any size to Villanova.

CHRISTINE KRANINGER '93 CLAS

Christine Kraninger married her husband, Dan Kraninger '93 CLAS, in 1996. As Dan was starting a financial services company, the Kraningers founded the Villanova University Club of Fairfield and Westchester and welcomed three children.

Through the growing Villanova Club and her family, Christine discovered her true passion: supporting her children and working with local nonprofit organizations.

She is proud that her eldest son, Ben, is now a freshman at Villanova. He is the third generation in her family to attend Villanova. Her father, Armando Cuesta '64 COE, started the tradition when he attended the University as a refugee after an Augustinian priest gave him safe passage from Cuba.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA ALUMNI AND YOUNG ALUMNI MEDALS BESTOWED



The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS; St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal recipient Catherine Keating '84 CLAS; and George Kolb '84 VSB, associate vice president, Alumni Relations

At special ceremonies, the Villanova University Alumni Association honored a pair of Villanovans for their service to and representation of the University.

Catherine Keating '84 CLAS received the 2017 St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal, the highest honor bestowed by

the VUAA. It is presented annually to alumni who have an outstanding record of service and who best symbolize the spirit and legacy of St. Thomas of Villanova.

Keating has served as president and CEO of Commonfund since 2015. She has been named one of the "Most Powerful Women in Finance" and one of the "Most Powerful Women in Banking" by *American Banker*.

Keating served for 11 years on the Villanova Board of Trustees, including two years as chair. In addition to her undergraduate degree from Villanova, Keating earned a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law.

The VUAA Young Alumni Medal was awarded to Beth Awalt '10 CLAS for reaching a significant level of professional achievement and for modeling the quality and caliber of today's Villanova students.

A leader in the community, Awalt co-founded the Starfish Foundation, a

nonprofit that provides educational support for students in Ecuador through scholarship, tutoring and leadership development. Since its founding five years ago, the Starfish Foundation has grown from serving 28 students with five volunteers to supporting more than 120 students annually.



Beth Awalt '10 CLAS, recipient of the VUAA Young Alumni Medal

Class Notes

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

1950s

CLASS OF 1953
65th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

CLASS OF 1958
60th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

Martin G. Galvin, PhD, '58
CLAS published the book of poetry *A Way to Home: New and Selected Poems, 2017*.

1960s

CLASS OF 1963
55th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

CLASS OF 1968
50th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

J. Edmund Mullin '63 CLAS, '66 CWSL of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, received the Pennsylvania Bar Association Fifty-Year Member Award.

Jim O'Brien, PhD, '63 CLAS received the Elizabeth Wood Award for science writing. His book *The Scientific Sherlock Holmes* won an Edgar Award in 2013.

Frank Clancy '65 VSB, '71 MA retired in 2014 after 40 years as a tenured professor of English specializing in Irish Literature at Armstrong State University.

Lucille Cerchiaro Gambardella, PhD, '67 CON was named Delaware Nurse Legend by the Delaware Nurses Association, Delaware Association for Nurse Executive Leadership and *Delaware Today* magazine.

Jerome Rubin '69 CWSL joined the Seattle office of Williams Kastner in the firm's Labor and Employment Practice group.

1970s

CLASS OF 1973
45th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

CLASS OF 1978
40th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

Frank Falcone '70 COE, '73 MS has been cited by the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers as its Educator of the Year for 2017. For more than four decades, Falcone has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels in Villanova's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Michael J. Lotito '70 CLAS, '74 CWSL, a shareholder at Littler Mendelson PC, has been elected as a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

The Hon. Frank M. Ciuffani '73 CWSL retired as a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court in Middlesex County, N.J., and rejoined Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer PA as of counsel.

Brian M. McNeill '73 CLAS recently retired after 43 years with the Newtown Township, Pa., Police Department and was selected as the grand marshal of the 2017 Marple Newtown, Pa., Fourth of July Parade.

Marc Goodman '74 CWSL was sworn in for his fifth term as elected county attorney for Lyon County, Kan.

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles J. Dunlap Jr. '75 CWSL was the recipient of St. Joseph's Office of Veteran Services' TEC5 George J. Beichl, PhD '39 Award.

Robert DiTomasso, PhD, '76 MS, professor and chair of Psychology at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, has been inducted into the Fellowship of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Michael J. McDonald '76 CLAS began his second one-year term as secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Ronald R. Steger '76 VSB has been appointed to the board of directors of Global Eagle Entertainment, and is also a member of the board of directors and audit committee chair of the Overseas Shipholding Group Inc.

Mark Gibney '77 CWSL recently served for three years as the inaugural Raoul Wallenberg Visiting Professor of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden. He has since returned to his role as the Belk Distinguished Professor in the Humanities at the University of North Carolina Asheville.

The Hon. Bradford Bury '78 CWSL, judge of the Superior Court in Somerset County, N.J., has been assigned to the Criminal Division.

Mary Cushing Doherty '78 CWSL served as one of the course planners for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Family Law Institute.

Stephen G. Jepson '79 VSB

has joined Evans Bancorp Inc. as vice president and director of Employee Benefits.

William J. Kamski '79 CWSL was promoted to senior vice president-senior attorney of Valley National Bank.

David R. Laffey '79 VSB was promoted to executive vice president at LCS Real Estate. He was also appointed to the board of managers for Life Care Companies LLC.

Doug Robison '79 CWSL was elected to a third term as the presiding judge for the 393rd District Court of Denton County, Texas.

1980s

CLASS OF 1983
35th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

CLASS OF 1988
30th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

Merrell C. Cashion Jr. '80 COE has been appointed administrative patent judge at the United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent, Trial and Appeal Board.

Gary D. Bressler '81 CWSL was elected vice chair of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference.

Gerald Edwards '81 MS is chief technical officer of The Sourcing Group LLC in New York City.

Nicholas W. Martino '81 VSB has joined High Road Capital Partners as an operating partner.

Maribeth Schreder LeBreton, DNP, CRNP, '81 CON received a Lancaster Catholic High School Alumni Citation Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.

Ed Wallace '81 VSB published the book *The Relationship Engine: Connecting With the People Who Power Your Business*.

Charles Eppolito III '82 VSB, '95 CWSL is president-elect of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Ernest F. Hart '83 CWSL is a judge of the Supreme Court 11th Judicial District in New York.

James D. Adams '84 MS has joined KS Engineers PC as a vice president.

Gregory R. Gifford '84 CWSL was elected vice president of the Montgomery Bar Association in Norristown, Pa.

Frank Haarlander '84 MS published the book *How to Resolve Your IRS Tax Debt Problems*.

Thomas F. Kolon, MD, '84 CLAS, pediatric urologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, was named the Howard Snyder III Chair in Pediatric Urology and elected secretary of the Medical Staff. As a deacon, he was asked by Bishop David O'Connell to serve on the Planning and Implementation Commissions for Faith in Our Future of the Diocese of Trenton, N.J.

John P. Lynskey '84 MA is the assistant principal at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami.

Katie Scanlon LeBlanc '84 VSB recently completed a summer of service through UNITAS Service Experience.

Robert A. Warfel '84 CLAS was presented the Senior Class Faculty Award at the 2017 Commencement Exercises of the Church Farm School in Exton, Pa., where he teaches World and Advanced

Placement Literature, serves as freshman grade level leader, and is head coach of the varsity bowling team.

Retired Navy Capt. Paul Hechenberger '85 VSB is deputy general counsel at Spirit AeroSystems Inc. He retired in 2015 as a captain in the US Navy Reserve after 30 years of service.

Richard Mennies '85 CWSL and Ryan Palmer '85 CWSL formed the litigation law firm Mennies & Palmer, with an office in Conshohocken, Pa.

James Pezzotti '85 COE, '91 MS has been cited by the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers as Structural Engineer of the Year for 2017.

Peter G. Callaghan '86 CLAS, '89 CWSL was recently inducted as a fellow by the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Thomas A. Costigan '86 COE was named a Leader of Industry by the Concrete Industry Board Inc.

Karen Buck '87 CWSL, executive director of the SeniorLAW Center, held the Age Out Loud event in Philadelphia. She was also awarded the 2016 Independence Foundation Senior Public Interest Attorney Fellowship and traveled to Iceland, Japan, Australia and New Zealand to meet with leaders in law, government and aging to share best practices in access to justice.

Gerald B. "Jay" Halt Jr. '87 COE, president and CEO of Volpe and Koenig PC, has been elected to serve on Villanova University's Engineering Entrepreneurship Advisory Board for a three-year term.

John R. Mastrocola '87 VSB was awarded the Howard Rosenberg Award by the National Father's Day Council for his work with the American Diabetes Association.

A PICTURE OF DRAMA UNVEILED



Mucchetti, won selection to the New York Musical Festival in July, that spark began with the playwriting class of **Michael Hollinger '89 MA,** professor of Theatre. The off-Broadway production, which sold out its three-show run at the Acorn Theatre in New York City, featured four other Villanova alumni: **Courtney Boches '14 MA** ("Mrs. Vane," costume designer), **Lauren Davenport '15 MA** (stage manager), **Brie Knight '14 MA** ("Madam Mientka") and **Christen Mandracchia '15 MA** (director).

Sometimes a moment can ignite passion and lay out a path to bring an idea to life. For **Christopher Dayett '16 MA,** whose work, *Dorian Gray: The Musical,* with additional music by Kevin

1990s

CLASS OF 1993
25th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

CLASS OF 1998
20th Reunion
May 31–June 3, 2018

Christopher Cronin '90 COE was inducted as president of the Providence Engineering Society.

Christopher R. Rourke '90 VSB has been appointed as president of Berkley North Pacific.

Richard Segrave-Daly '90 VSB was promoted to general manager of sales for Packaging Corporation of America.

George Broseman '91 CWSL was elected to the board of directors of Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association.

Eric A. Packel '87 CWSL was elected a partner at BakerHostetler in Philadelphia.

George Pallas '88 CWSL was appointed as the firm-wide managing partner of Coen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC.

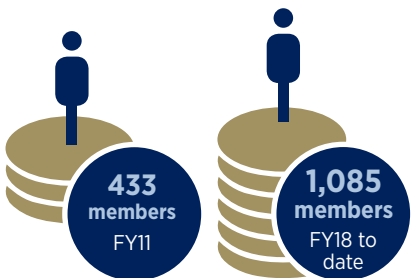
Stephen G. Harvey '89 CWSL and Yolanda F. Pagano '89 CWSL are co-founders of A Call to the Bar: Lawyers for Common Sense on Climate Change, the lead sponsor of the First National Conference of Lawyers Committed to Addressing the Climate Emergency, held April 28 at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C.

Mark Van Blargan '89 CWSL was presented with the 2016 Yenkowski Client Service Award by his firm McNees Wallace & Nurick.

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STORMS PROPEL ALUMNI INTO ACTION

Villanovans across the country took action during hurricane season to help those affected by the storms in the southern United States and Caribbean. In Houston, US Marine Corps veterans **Jonathan Connors '92 CLAS** (below left, being interviewed by CNN's Anderson Cooper), **Trip Henderson '92** and **Lt. Col. Daniel Huvane '96 VSB** worked with Team Rubicon to help rescue Hurricane Harvey survivors. After Hurricane Irma, **Elizabeth Schirmer Shores '07 VSB** (below right), one of the inventors of a solar-powered water purification technology, traveled to assist communities in the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico in need of fresh water.



For more stories of Villanovan-led relief efforts after recent national disasters, visit **alumni.villanova.edu**.

Mark Kinnee '91 COE, senior vice president at Urban Engineers, has been named to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Highway Information Association.

Colleen Neary '91 CWSL received the Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Conference of County Bar Leaders.

Maria Cimitile '92 MA has been named provost and executive vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at Grand Valley State University.

Dennis W. Cole '92 VSB has been elected treasurer of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Elizabeth Preate Havey '93 VSB recently joined the boards of the Belmont Charter Network and The Pennsylvania Society.

Russ Terry '93 VSB recently published the books *My Gratitude Journal* and *Our Gratitude Mission*.

Paul DuRoss '94 COE has been named as a vice president for CTA Construction Company Inc.

Michael Morea, Esq., '94 CLAS recently founded the law firm Morea Law LLC in Upper Saddle River, N.J.

Brian Pitz '94 VSB recently accepted a position as managing director and global co-head of Internet Investment Banking at Deutsche Bank.

Jim Wittmer '94 CWSL was re-elected to Grant Thornton LLP's partnership board.

Sean P. Kilkenny '95 CLAS, Montgomery County, Pa., sheriff, has been appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf to serve on the County Records Committee for a four-year term.

Stephanie MacDougall Richards '95 VSB earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from George Mason University in May.

Christine Peterson Cappello '95 CLAS welcomed a boy.

Jose G. Ramirez '95 CLAS is assistant professor of Chiropractic at Missouri Orthopedic Institute, University of Missouri Health Care.

George Voegele '95 CWSL was recently named to the Homeless Advocacy Project's board of directors.

Christine Muller '96 CLAS, '02 MA, dean of Saybrook College and lecturer in American Studies at Yale University, published *September 11, 2001 as a Cultural Trauma: A Case Study Through Popular Culture*.

Thomas A. Specht '96 CWSL and **Jonathon E. Cross '96 CWSL** were promoted to shareholders at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

Stacie M. Frank '97 VSB is chief financial officer of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Laura Neenan Fogarty '97 VSB has been named head of Healthcare Banking by Citizens Bank.

Jon Nehlsen '97 CLAS was named associate dean of Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy.

Brian R. Elias '98 CWSL joined the firm Wisler Pearlstine LLP as a partner.

John Giordano '98 CLAS, '02 CWSL has joined Archer as a partner in the firm's Philadelphia office. Giordano recently served as deputy general counsel to the Presidential Transition Team of President Donald J. Trump

and was a member of the US Department of Energy Landing Team.

Kim Lengel '98 MS, vice president for Conservation and Education at the Philadelphia Zoo, has been working to support Pennsylvania legislation sanctioning the importation, sale and possession of ivory and rhinoceros horn in the state.

Nicole Murray '98 VSB married Hubert Chen.

Travis Nelson '98 VSB was elected chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Banking Law Section. Recently, Nelson and his wife, **Kathryn Nunno Nelson '99 CLAS**, welcomed a boy.

Angelo Milicia '99 CLAS, '07 MA has been appointed head of school at Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in New Jersey.

Ellen Whitman Galla '99 CLAS and **John Galla '99 CLAS, '04 MA** welcomed a boy.

2000s

CLASS OF 2003 15th Reunion May 31-June 3, 2018

CLASS OF 2008 10th Reunion May 31-June 3, 2018

Carmen Douma-Hussar '00 CLAS, a member of the 2004 Canadian Olympic team, was inducted into the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

Sarah G. Kim '00 CWSL was named Massachusetts' deputy treasurer.

Salene Mazur Kraemer '00 CWSL joined Bowles Rice LLP as an attorney.

Helen H. Mountain '00 CWSL was appointed to the Radnor Township, Pa., Citizens Audit Review and Financial Advisory Committee. She was also named co-chair of the Chester County Bar Association's Diversity Committee and was elected assistant treasurer of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

Shanley O'Keefe Walker '00 CLAS welcomed a boy.

Katie Sarsfield '00 CON married Matthew Craft.

Andrea L. Agalloco '01 CLAS is a social worker at Mary's Center in Washington, D.C., and recently married Thomas I. Wallof.

Meghan McGowan Casano '01 CON is the co-founder and owner of Baby Sleep Science, Sleep Resource Center.

Megan Baksa Dalton '02 CLAS, '05 CWSL has been elected to partnership in Wisler Pearlstine LLP and is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice group.

Michelle Boss Catucci '02 CLAS has been named the executive director of the Connecticut School Counselor Association.

Katie Greene '02 CLAS married Buck Ford.

Jennifer Honovic Herczeg '02 CLAS was promoted to senior marketing strategist overseeing the Mid-Atlantic region for Chipotle Mexican Grill. She also recently welcomed a boy.

Lindsay Musselman '02 COE welcomed a boy.

Ryan Nagle '02 CLAS welcomed a girl.

Shila Nathan '02 CLAS is the new co-host for iHeartMedia Philadelphia's "Chio in the Morning" on the Real 106.1 FM.

Dana Panagopoulos '02 CWSL has been promoted to partner by Brubaker Connaughton Goss & Lucarelli LLC.

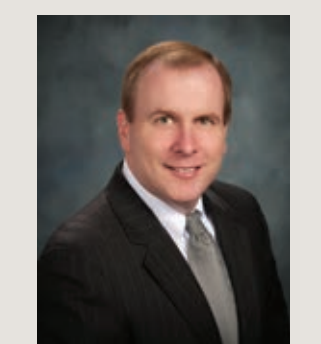
Ashe Puri '02 CWSL was named partner at Fox Rothschild LLP.

Bryan J. Shober '02 COE was recently named a senior associate at Gannett Fleming.

James Decker '03 VSB has been promoted to senior vice president of Underwriting by Philadelphia Insurance.

Tara Humann Delaney '03 CLAS welcomed a boy.

RADAR SYSTEM CONTRACT AWARDED



Lawrence "Larry" Scally '83 COE, '85 MS, '06 MBA is president, chief technical officer and co-founder of Colorado Engineering Inc., which will design, fabricate and test graphics processing units in order to upgrade radar aboard the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter, as part of a \$3 million contract from the US Navy. Scally, who has founded two companies, says the Electrical Engineering and MBA programs at Villanova have had a large impact on CEI's business philosophy, inspiring management to cross-train its engineers to be holistic thinkers.

Jennifer Kin Cottrell '03 CLAS welcomed a girl.

James Ballow '04 CLAS is the associate director for Partner Products at BAMTech.

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

Kerry Burchill Murphy '04 CLAS became a founding member of Lasky Murphy LLC, a boutique law firm in New Orleans.

Andrew J. Haas '05 CWSL, '08 LLM was elected to partner at Blank Rome.

Christopher M. Samis '05 CWSL was honored by Chambers and Partners for his work in bankruptcy and restructuring within Delaware.

Chesley Turner '05 CLAS was recently appointed as director of the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia in Philadelphia.

William J. Zee '05 CWSL was appointed chair of the Education Law Group for Barkley Snyder.

Jill Betters '06 CLAS married **Dan Mulhern '05 CLAS, '07 MS**.

Michael J. Frantz '06 CWSL has been appointed to the Division 6 Steering Committee for the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law.

Regina Cappio Wilson '06 CLAS and **Todd Wilson '06 CLAS** welcomed a boy.

Jennifer Crawford Walsh '06 VSB published the novel *Becoming Bonnie*.

John McConnell '06 CWSL was named partner at Goldberg Segalla LLP.

William G. Roark '06 CWSL has been appointed co-chair of the newly formed Pennsylvania Bar Association's Medical Marijuana and Hemp Law Committee.

David A. Strouse '06 CWSL, district attorney of Clinton County, Pa., was appointed to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing by Gov. Tom Wolf.

John P. Sullivan Jr. '06 CLAS, '09 MA, '10 CWSL joined Blank Rome LLP as an associate in the Intellectual Property and Technology group in the Philadelphia office.

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Lifelong ice cream fan **Kathryn “Katy” Flannery ’12 CON** (above, left) was heartbroken when she realized that the treat she loved the most didn’t love her back. Discovering her lactose intolerance, Flannery spent her days off from work as a pediatric intensive care nurse in Boston experimenting with different ice cream recipes. Finally, she was able to develop lactose-free ice cream, using the lactase enzyme, and partnered with her friend **Gwen Burlingame ’12 VSB** to co-found Minus the Moo.

The company and product—a result of their collaboration—are finding new fans in the northeastern US and beyond. In 2016, Minus the Moo won the nationwide Samuel Adams Brewing American Dream Pitch Room competition, earning a \$10,000 grant to grow the business and a year’s worth of mentoring.

Darla Wolfe ’06 MBA has been named chief technology officer at MilkCrate. Wolfe is a member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women’s Leadership Advisory Council.

Liz Bell McClure ’07 CLAS welcomed a boy.

JJ Brown ’07 VSB welcomed a girl.

Becky Coyle Mueller ’07 CON and **Kevin Mueller ’06 COE** welcomed a girl.

Lisa Gallaudet ’07 CWSL was promoted to partner at Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman.

Amanda J. Podlucky ’07 CWSL was promoted to shareholder at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

John Stellakis ’08 CLAS, ’11 CWSL joined Farrel Fritz as a Land Use and Municipal associate.

Daniel Trucil ’08 CLAS, ’11 MA was promoted to assistant director of Communication for the American Geriatrics Society and its Health in Aging Foundation.

Amy Van Fossen ’08 LLM joined Scarinci Hollenbeck as senior associate in the Tax, Trust and Estates Law group.

Eric Alvarez ’09 CLAS is an associate with Norris McLaughlin & Marcus PA within the Litigation Group.

Brett Snyder ’09 CLAS and **Anne Berlow Snyder ’10 CLAS** welcomed a boy.

2010s

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Adam Berger ’10 CWSL was appointed chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Gaming Law Committee.

Nha Truong ’10 COE, ’12 MS has been cited by the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers as Young Government Engineer of the Year for 2017.

Kara Arnold Laake ’11 CLAS welcomed a boy.

Cory A. Cuffley ’11 VSB, supervisor at Smith Elliott Kearns & Co. LLC, has been appointed to the executive committee of the South Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Zak T. Goldstein ’11 CWSL established the law firm Goldstein Mehta LLC in Philadelphia.

Jasmine Poole ’11 CON has published the children’s book *Rece Wants Cereal*.

Michael Benas ’12 VSB married **Alexa Moragas ’12 CLAS**.

Victoria Feidt ’12 CON graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a master’s degree in nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner and is now practicing at the PinnacleHealth FamilyCare in Millersburg, Pa.

Nicole Robichaud ’12 VSB has been promoted to lead media planner at 84.51°.

Amanda Sheroff ’12 MS was featured in the Top Counseling Blogs of 2017 on OnlineCounseling Programs.com.

Michael Bartikoski ’13 MBA is senior vice president for Operations at Land O’Frost Inc.

Taylor Coon ’13 CWSL joined Cantor Colburn LLP as an associate in the Hartford, Conn., office.

Annina M. Hogan ’13 MS has been named the first female principal at Remington & Vernick Engineers and Affiliates.

Colleen Connor ’14 CON received the 2016 Surgical Nurse of the Year Award at Morristown Medical Center in New Jersey.

Jack Holtgreive ’14 CLAS earned his Master of Public Administration at American University and is currently working as a portfolio analyst at NeighborWorks Capital in Washington, D.C.

Sadeq Khan ’14 JD/MBA was elected to the board of directors for the Association of Corporate Counsel’s Greater Philadelphia Chapter.

Negar M. Kordestani ’14 CWSL was elected for a three-year term to the Young Lawyers Division executive committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

1st Lt. Patrick Loughnane ’14 COE was chosen by his unit (HHB 4-319 AFAR) to represent the US at the Republic of France’s WWII D-Day Commemoration Services. He was one of 300 paratroopers to participate in a mass paratroop jump June 6 at Sainte-Mère-Église, Normandy, France.

Kevin McGrath ’15 CWSL was elected to the board of directors of the Literacy Council of Norristown, Pa.

Chris Shoemaker ’15 MBA has been elected president of the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities board of trustees.

Matthew Barrett ’16 VSB is working as an associate for WithumSmith+Brown PC.

Coleen Hill ’16 CWSL joined Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell

LLP as an associate in the Corporate and Business Litigation group.

Donald W. Van Buren Jr. ’16 CWSL joined Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell LLP as an associate in the Delaware Corporate Counseling group.

Caroline Foley ’17 CLAS has been named social media community manager for Main Street Hub in Austin, Texas.

In Memoriam

1930s

Edgar T. Gibson, MD, ’38 CLAS, July 16.

1940s

The Rev. Daniel J. Hartigan, OSA, ’42 CLAS, Feb. 17.

Raymond M. Seide ’42 VSB, July 10.

Edward F. Elman ’43 COE, Jan. 28.

Natale J. Fazzini ’44 VSB, June 7.

Andrew Lawrence Murphy ’45 COE, May 30.

John Joseph Worthington ’45 VSB, March 21.

William A. Bradley ’46 VSB, May 16.

George E. Mattson ’48 COE, Feb. 12.

Mitchell C. Budzilowicz ’49 VSB, June 8.

Albert J. DiSandro ’49 COE, Dec. 31, 2016.

Daniel E. Moore ’49 CLAS, April 10.

John J. Sheahan Sr. ’49 VSB, Sept. 21, 2016.

Alfred J. Wetzel ’49 COE, July 5.

1950s

Patrick J. Coletta ’50 COE, March 13.

Thomas C. Gallo ’50 VSB, July 10.

Raymond J. Mondschein ’50 CLAS, April 13.

The Rev. Joseph X. O’Connor, OSA, ’50 CLAS, June 19.

John A. Riker ’50 COE, July 3.

James R. Rosato ’50 CLAS, ’57 MA, May 5.

Richard E. Ruane ’50 VSB, Apr. 13.

Stephen L. Bires ’51 VSB, Jan. 18.

William E. Golik ’51 VSB, Feb. 2.

Bruce Niccolo, Esq., ’51 CLAS, Jan. 16.

Herman H. Wittig ’51 COE, Aug. 9, 2015.

William J. Ambs, PhD, ’52 CLAS, Apr. 8.

Joseph V. Bender ’52 VSB, April 14.

Donald G. Brady ’52 CLAS, May 4.

Harry C. Brown ’52 VSB, May 11.

Thomas F. Fucigna ’52 VSB, March 28.

John W. Hart ’52 VSB, May 7.

Frank J. Mento ’52 VSB, ’71 MA, June 16.

Richard T. Metcalfe ’52 COE, Jan. 15.

William J. Rigney ’52 VSB, April 25.

Donald H. Diot ’53 VSB, March 12.

Edward A. Gromek ’53 VSB, May 23.

David J. Hettich ’53 CLAS, Oct. 7, 2015.

Augustine J. Lattanze ’53 VSB, April 11.

Edward H. Mergens ’53 COE, Dec. 28, 2015.

Edward J. Ronchetti ’53 VSB, July 11.

Alfed J. Ward ’53 COE, June 26.

Harry M. Anger ’54 VSB, May 20.

Anne P. Gallagher ’54 CON, July 19.

John S. Hayes ’54 VSB, Jan. 31.

Robert A. MacHinchick ’54 COE, March 20.

James T. Smith ’54 COE, April 1.

Daniel A. Cahalane Jr. ’55 CLAS, Feb. 5.

Louis A. Cassella ’55 VSB, Feb. 12.

Joseph A. Crowley ’55 COE, Feb. 10.

J. Walter Harrington III ’55 COE, May 15.

Raymond J. Rivera ’55 VSB, May 14.

Michael J. Barry ’56 VSB, July 25.

John T. Roddy ’56 CLAS, June 6.

William P. Callahan ’57 COE, April 7.

Robert J. DiJoseph ’57 VSB, July 18.



James J. Donnelly ’57 VSB, July 1.

John F. Ferri ’57 COE, Jan. 13.

Joseph P. Giusti ’57 CLAS, Jan. 30.

Denis J. Kuwahara ’57 COE, Sept. 27, 2015.

James P. Rogosky ’57 CLAS, March 7, 2016.

James R. Shea ’57 CLAS, April 4.

Regina W. Tighe ’57 CLAS, Feb. 10.

Thomas M. Boyle ’58 COE, March 27.

Edward J. Byrne ’58 VSB, March 3.

Donald C. Dunn ’58 COE, March 22.

Francis E. O’Neill ’58 VSB, Jan. 31.

Denis J. Rinkacs ’58 CLAS, March 19.

Paul J. Scott Jr. ’58 VSB, Oct. 2, 2016.

Charles E. Songster ’58 CLAS, May 11.

Joel Stein, MD, ’58 CLAS, Jan. 18.

John A. Bihlmier ’59 CLAS, July 2.

Walter Brownback ’59 VSB, Feb. 11.

Robert J. Byrwa ’59 VSB, Jan. 31.

Joseph L. Fitzpatrick, PhD, ’59 CLAS, June 6.

Marcia Marlow Starbecker ’59 CON, Feb. 8.

Clement Novitsky ’59 VSB, May 24.

Sandor Paskin ’59 CLAS, Feb. 6.

William J. Washington ’59 CLAS, July 17.

John J. Guilfoyle Jr. ’60 CWSL, Dec. 25, 2016.

George C. Kempton ’60 VSB, March 11.

1960s

Thomas M. LoCasale ’60 COE, March 27.

Pasquale J. Pomponi ’60 VSB, May 28.

William B. Smith ’60 COE, March 26.

Edward J. Tallant ’60 VSB, Feb. 8.

Frank J. Welsh ’60 COE, Jan. 22.

Lloyd Wilkinson ’60 MA, Jan. 31.

William P. Bowersock ’61 VSB, June 11.

John J. Driscoll ’61 VSB, March 3.

Dennis J. Flanagan Jr. ’61 CLAS, Feb. 4.

Helen F. Fleming ’61 MA, July 16.

Thomas Loughlin ’61 CLAS, Feb. 7.

Francis G. McKenzie ’61 COE, ’70 MS, April 26.

James A. Strazzella ’61 CLAS, Jan. 28.

James P. Ward ’61 MA, Feb. 8.

James S. Burns ’62 CWSL, March 16.

Neil Carver ’62 CWSL, April 9.

Charles R. Driscoll ’62 VSB, July 16.

John Eugene Felch ’62 CLAS, Jan. 17.

Ronald M. Meyers ’62 CLAS, May 30.

Michael A. Pettine ’62 CLAS, Feb. 24.

Joseph E. Walsh ’62 CLAS, Feb. 26.

Peter J. Charlier ’63 MA, Jan. 18.

Donald J. Crawford ’63 CLAS, Jan. 24.

Anthony J. Gianni Jr. ’63 CLAS, Feb. 8.

Kevin D. Harty ’63 MA, Jan. 5.

Geffrey B. Kelly, PhD, ’63 MA, May 30.

Clarence F. Marsh ’63 CLAS, Jan. 16.

John J. Tracy ’63 VSB, July 14.

John F. Burt ’64 COE, March 30.

E. Richard Kennedy ’64 VSB, April 21.

Lawrence L. Mautone, DDS, ’64 CLAS, Jan. 31.

Hugh J. McCann Jr., PhD, ’64 CLAS, Feb. 22, 2016.

Charles J. McCurran ’64 VSB, May 30.

Daniel J. Meagher ’64 COE, Oct. 29, 2016.

James R. Murphy ’64 CLAS, May 13, 2016.

Thomas F. Redmond ’64 VSB, Feb. 23.

Jack S. Spallone ’64 COE, June 9.

J. Bruce Thomas ’64 CLAS, Dec. 8, 2016.

Daniel J. Capodanno ’65 CLAS, April 22.

Sandra Clauser Wolf ’65 MS, May 4.

Michael C. Foley ’65 COE, July 24.

William J. Grant ’65 COE, March 15.

James J. Kelly ’65 VSB, June 28.

Ronald R. Lyczak ’65 COE, April 5.

James F. Owens ’65 COE, Jan. 21.

James W. Charles ’66 COE, ’70 MS, April 3.

Dennis J. Curry ’66 MA, July 3.

Elmer C. Duckinfield ’66 COE, May 6.

Raymond J. Hollander ’66 VSB, April 1.

Robert T. McCook ’66 CLAS, March 9.

Richard A. Branca, DDS ’67 CLAS, April 19.

Charles J. Caracciolo ’67 VSB, Jan. 16, 2016.

Sister Mary Vincentia Devine ’67 MA, April 20.

Michael W. Furey ’67 COE, ’76 MS, April 7.

Frank C. Gaidjunas ’67 CLAS, Feb. 1.

John F. Mahoney Jr. ’67 MS, Feb. 17.

James F. Martin ’67 COE, March 23.

Michael P. McGuire ’67 CWSL, Feb. 27.

William J. Walsh ’67 COE, Jan. 7.

Dennis R. Carluzzo ’68 COE, March 17.

Clifford Chapman, PhD, ’68 CLAS, April 18.

Harry P. Jones ’68 CLAS, July 17.

Herman Lotstein ’68 MS, April 16.

Robert P. Nugent ’68 VSB, Feb. 17.

Thomas M. Petruska ’68 CLAS, Feb. 2, 2016.

John J. Devenney ’69 CLAS, June 7.

John B. Kellenyi ’69 CLAS, July 2.

Thomas B. Jensen ’69 CLAS, Feb. 26.

Sister Constance Ann Sophy, RSM, ’69 MS, March 9.

1970s

The Rev. Francis X. Gallogly, OSA, ’70 MA, July 7.

Arthur J. Grant ’70 VSB, Feb. 10.

The Rev. David C. Menegay ’70 MA, Feb. 3.

Thomas J. Simpson ’70 COE, May 26.

AJ Barr ’71 VSB, May 31.

Mark F. Carnevale ’71 COE, April 18, 2016.

Jeanne F. Francis ’71 MA, Feb. 18.

Kathleen H. Galbraith, PhD, ’71 CON, March 14.

William R. Kaar ’72 VSB, April 24.

Kathleen Kenney Durham ’72 MA, May 6.

Benjamin S. Konopka ’72 COE, May 11.

Vincent P. McNally, PhD, ’72 MA, April 15.

Edwin L. Stohlmán ’72 VSB, June 22.

Burt E. Bates ’73 MS, March 4.

Bruce A. Krain ’73 CWSL, Dec. 6, 2016.

Sister Teresa Urda ’73 MA, April 2.

Sheryl Kathleen Venuto Bergey ’73 CLAS, Feb. 23.

Huberta Wegbreit ’73 MA, April 30.

Walter B. Burlington ’74 VSB, Oct. 13, 2016.

Gary R. Fugger ’74 CLAS, April 18, 2016.

John P. Gregg, Esq., ’74 CWSL, June 1.

Thomas J. Kret ’74 VSB, March 4.

Richard C. Magee ’74 COE, June 17.

Edward G. McIntosh ’74 CLAS, June 7.

James W. Ray ’74 CLAS, Jan. 22.

Michael L. Tierney, Esq., ’74 CLAS, March 13.

John W. Vencius ’74 MA, April 16.

Thomas J. Walsh ’74 MA, ’79 MS, May 13.

Charles L. Lewis ’75 VSB, May 11.

Eugene Marino ’75 MS, Feb. 8.

Joseph L. Pepe ’75 COE, Jan. 12.

Michael W. Wagner ’75 CLAS, May 10.

David P. Baker, JD, ’76 CWSL, ’87 LLM, March 14.

Joseph A. Casacio ’76 MS, March 15.

Steven C. Gordon ’76 VSB, April 17.

LONGTIME ENGINEERING DEAN REMEMBERED

The Villanova community mourns the loss of **Robert D. Lynch, PhD, ’53 COE**, former College of Engineering dean, who died Aug. 2.


Dean Lynch started his engineering journey at Villanova. He graduated from the University’s Naval ROTC program in 1953 with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering, after which he received his master’s from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctoral degree from the University of Notre Dame.

His career began in the US Navy. Dr. Lynch served as an engineering officer on an anti-submarine destroyer with the Atlantic Fleet. After military service, he worked as a structural engineer and then joined the faculty of Villanova’s Civil Engineering Department in 1962. In 1973, he served as a visiting research professor in the Civil Engineering Department at Notre Dame.

In 1975, Dr. Lynch was named dean of Villanova’s College of Engineering, a position he held until his retirement in 2001. He was the longest-serving dean in the College’s history.

During Dr. Lynch’s tenure, the College grew significantly in size and quality, culminating in the construction of the flagship research and instructional facility, the Center for Engineering Education and Research.

The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Dr. Lynch received



the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and the William E. Farrell Award from Villanova’s Engineering Joint Council (now the Engineering Student Council).

Drosdick Endowed Dean Gary A. Gabriele, PhD, says, “Bob will be remembered for his dedication and mentorship of countless Engineering students, as well as his emphasis on excellence in teaching.”

To honor the former dean’s commitment to undergraduate education, the College created the Robert D. Lynch Award in 2003 and awards it annually to an outstanding graduating senior Engineering student.

Nicholas Tonkonoh ’76 MS, March 21.

James P. Fox ’77 CLAS, Feb. 20.

John P. McCarthy ’77 CLAS, Feb. 10.

Ruth Parks Ward ’77 MA, May 23.

Roy H. Stahl ’77 CWSL, March 10.

Phyllis D. Welch ’77 CLAS, March 25.

Robert K. Frederick ’78 CLAS, April 24.

James Patrick McFadden ’78 MA, Oct. 8, 2014.

James C. Beese III ’79 VSB, March 20.

Susan Cicchitti Riemondy ’79 CON, April 25.

Daniel J. Ward, Esq. ’79 VSB, June 30.

1980s

Cynthia Allen Gracey ’80 CWSL, March 6.

John R. Redmond ’80 CLAS, Feb. 8.

Faculty & Staff

James M. Berquist, Aug. 1.

Thomas Rooney, PhD, July 12.

Francis Wunderlich, PhD, Sept. 5.

Students

Kevin Furey, Oct. 8.

KERRY KITTLES

Villanova Basketball legend Kerry Kittles '96 VSB, '09 MBA retired from the NBA 12 years ago, but his pace has never slowed. Now an assistant coach for Princeton University men's basketball and a member of Villanova's Board of Trustees, he talks to Villanova Magazine about how he challenges himself to learn and grow.

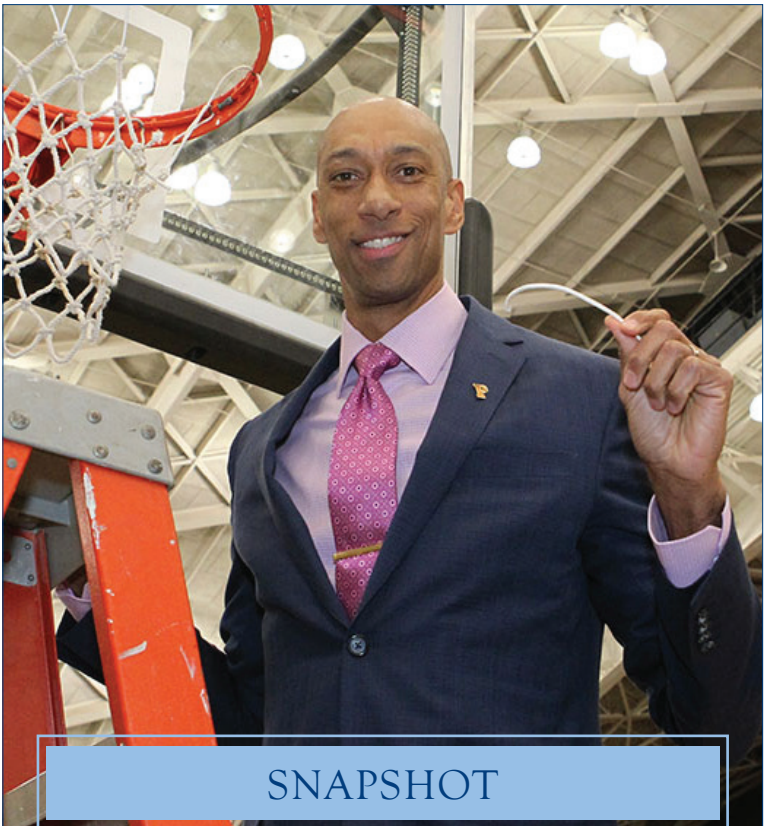
How was your first year at Princeton?
It was a fun experience. I had one perspective on basketball from playing my whole life, and coaching provides a different perspective of leadership and teaching that has a huge impact on team performance. Once I learned Princeton's system and culture, I knew I could add value to how the guys approach the game and think about themselves. I learned different things about myself too.

Will you continue coaching?
Yes, though what works for me is being present in the moment and not worrying about the future. I often tell the story of when I came to Villanova. I knew I would be competing in basketball at the highest level, but my goal was not to play in the NBA. It was to make the most of my time at school and graduate in four years. Coaching is no different. I am immersing myself in the day to day, and if I become good at that, the future will take care of itself.

What does a love of learning mean to you?
I was enthused about learning as a kid and never stopped. I think when you graduate from college the learning continues, which is why I came back to Villanova for my MBA. I knew when I finished playing I would have an interest in business, so it was a chance to learn about myself in a different way. There are many opportunities for a person to grow, whether it be academia, traveling the world or just talking to people. All of it makes you a well-rounded person.

How else did Villanova prepare you to succeed?
Villanova is unique because the culture has always been that you are a student first and an athlete second. I focused on my studies because I was trying to get the most out of the experience. That carries over to Princeton. I draw from experience to lead the guys in managing their time between school and basketball so they can accomplish their goals.

Why did you join the Board of Trustees?
Father Peter and I have been close since I was an undergraduate, and when this opportunity arose, it was a no-brainer because of my love for the school and what it has done for me. It is fun to see how we are positioning ourselves as a university under Father Peter's leadership. There is a lot of discussion in our country about higher education, and I am interested in the value Villanova offers. It is an exciting time to be an alum. We have a great basketball program, our campus is changing and we are attracting elite kids. I look at some of their applications and am truly amazed. ■



SNAPSHOT

Kerry Kittles lives in northern New Jersey with his wife and their five children. He is a member of Villanova's Board of Trustees and President's Advisory Council, and is entering his second year on Princeton's men's basketball coaching staff.

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