WELCOME FUTURE VILLANOVANS

ADMITTED STUDENTS NEWSLETTER
THE BLUE KEY SOCIETY

You might find us walking backwards giving tours, online with Connect-with-a-Cat, or cheering on our prospective students! Members of the Blue Key Society are volunteers who work closely with Admissions to provide tours, host students, and run the annual admitted student events. Blue Key Society is one of over 200 clubs on Villanova’s campus. The society consists of around 300 students who proudly come together from a variety of other organizations—such as Greek Life, New Student Orientation, musical groups, Special Olympics, multicultural sororities, athletics, and the Student Government Association—to paint a complete portrait of student life at Villanova.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome to Villanova! We are so proud of your achievement of admission and are beyond excited to welcome you to our school. We are sure that you've seen and heard a lot about Nova, but we want to show you more of what's going on and what's to come. Villanova is such a special place and we hope that we can show you everything that there is to look forward to as a student here. Go Cats!

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TAKE A SEAT
PORTABLE CHAIRS AND OTHER COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Villanova released the University’s Health and Safety Plan this summer, which detailed COVID-19 protocols on campus. One detail of the plan captivated students’ attention: “Each student will be provided with a portable chair to facilitate moving classes outside when feasible.” The concept of portable chairs has become a cultural phenomenon at Villanova ever since.

@Portablechairsvillanova, an Instagram page unaffiliated with University, has captivated followers with memes and photos of the chairs. The unconventional gift of portable chairs has allowed students to safely congregate outside. Students have used their chairs to enjoy sunsets by the Church, dinner at the Oreo, or hold club meetings outside.

GETTING COZY ON CAMPUS
STAYING WARM AND STAYING SAFE

Villanova did not stop at the portable chairs. In December they announced they would be issuing a Campus Cozy to each Villanova student for the second semester. These oversized navy fleece sweatshirts are crested with the Villanova logo and are easy to spot on campus as students bundle up for the colder months. Although a Campus Cozy seems small, the ideas behind the Cozy are full of concern and care for the community.
WHY NOVA?

You asked, we answered. Here are why some of our Blue Key Members decided to make Nova their home.

I loved the fact that “Villanova” means “New Home.” I have truly found a family and a place to call my home among the amazing people at this school.

HALEY MCGOWAN, 2022

I chose Nova because no other school made me feel so holistically appreciated and cared for. When I visited, there was major emphasis not just on all the academic resources available to me, but resources that could help me grow in every facet of my identity. It was made clear that there are many resources available related to my mental health, spiritual growth, social health, and so many opportunities to join communities for past times I enjoy and even expand my hobbies. No other school made me feel like they wanted me to flourish and thrive in every possible way, not just academically.

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I chose Villanova because it provided me with a myriad of opportunities. I was able to study abroad my first year. I also had 4 internships in college, which set me apart from my peers. I am grateful to have been able to volunteer with various communities I have never interacted before. The best part? My Villanova peers are never competitive, just happy to celebrate my successes with me. What other school is like that?

MILAN KAINER, 2021

I choose to Go Nova due to the strong focus on community, service, and the immense school spirit I felt on campus. I saw how at Villanova, everyone from faculty, students, and alumni truly cared about each individual student and coming from Los Angeles, CA this caring, supportive, community was one that I wanted to be a part of. And now four years later as a senior, I can say that Villanova has become my home away from home.

PAIGE KENYON, 2021

I “went Nova” because of the value Villanova places on service, encouraging students to use the knowledge we have gained during our four years at college to help others. While some universities solely emphasize college as a time to work on ourselves, Villanova also teaches its students how we can use our education to help others.

AVA LUNDELL, 2023
Villanova University believes diversity, equity, and inclusion are integral components of the teaching and learning experience on campus. Villanova was pleased to announce a $5 million gift from the Lorenzini Family Foundation to support the creation of a new Intergroup Dialogue Center. The new Intergroup Dialogue Center will amplify Villanova’s existing Intergroup Relations (IGR) program, which teaches students to create meaningful dialogue and relationships among people from different social, economic, racial and ethnic groups. The new center will be dedicated to building communication and understanding to bridge difference and prepare students to thrive in a diverse world. St Augustine called others to “become what you are not yet.” The creation of the Intergroup Dialogue Center will allow students to collaborate with others and examine our global world. To be Augustinian is to believe in bettering your whole self.

The Center for Access, Success, and Achievement (CASA) is one feature of Villanova’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative. CASA focuses on providing underrepresented, Pell-Eligible, and first-generation college students with a culturally diverse and academically excellent environment. CASA provides a number of resources to students, such as scholarships, tutoring, academic counseling, and life coaches. CASA has a lending library where students can borrow a textbook for the semester. Their office creates programming to promote self-care, self-actualization, and self-advocacy. The Center for Success, Access, and Achievement assists the University in providing all students an inclusive educational experience founded on the principles of Unitas, Veritas, and Caritas.
Hey future cats! Want to learn more about first-year housing options at Villanova? South Campus is one of the most popular areas to live at as a first-year and is composed of six different buildings each spread out in a circle with Donahue Court, South Campus’ own dining hall and convenience store, right in the middle. Everyone who lives on South Campus is a first-year, but there are other options for first-year housing not on South Campus. Living on South Campus provides easy access to Main Campus, being only a short 5 minute walk away.

Many people find that living on South Campus provides them with an opportunity to really get to know their new classmates and peers, going to main campus for classes during the day and then back “home” at the end of the day. South Campus is home to the Communitas program, with different Communitas themes living together on specific buildings on campus, providing first-years the opportunity to meet people with the same interests as them. South Campus also hosts different events throughout the year both inside and outside that allow first-years to learn about different clubs on campus and really find their place at Villanova.
NOW WHAT?

Picking where you want to go to college is a big choice that’s not always easy, here’s some things to keep in mind as you make your decision:

My advice for high school seniors would be to take a step back from the statistics. College is so much more than what’s in a brochure and it’s important to pick a place where you can picture yourself enjoying life and growing into the person you want to become. At the end of the day, a number one ranking in x, y, or z isn’t going to make you happy but the people and the community you surround yourself with will.

RACHEL CONSTANT, 2022

Now that you are ready to start first year soon, my best piece of advice for all of you is to get as involved as you can right away! Don’t be afraid to try new things, everyone else is in the same boat as you. Leading by example will help yourself and other students grow and leave their comfort zones to explore everything that Villanova has to offer.

JAMES SMITH, 2021

My advice to you, the Class of 2025, is to take advantage of each day! College goes by fast so don’t be afraid to say yes along the way. I have had the opportunity to learn and do so many things I could have never imagined. The little things can shape your experience. Do not be afraid to say yes! Welcome home!

SARAH DEVOE, 2022

All. Things. Take. Time. I wish someone had told me that before I started my first year of college. Do not worry if you do not meet your best friends the first week of classes or even the first semester of you first year. Do not worry if you have absolutely no idea what you want to major in. Do not worry whether or not you should use cold or hot water to do laundry (try warm if you really don’t know). It will all be okay. Take a deep breath. Ask for help if you don’t know. Trust in yourself because you are more than capable of it all!

ASHLEY PARK, 2021

One piece of advice I have for new students is that you will have some of your best days at Villanova, but not everyday is perfect- so each day, find those small happy moments. It could be connecting with someone who makes you feel comforted, buying a vanilla iced coffee at Holy Grounds, sitting out by the Oreo on a sunny spring day, or going out to brunch at one of the amazing restaurants off campus. It’s important to be kind to everyone, but especially be kind to yourself as you embark on all the opportunities Villanova has to offer.

BRYNNE MCNELIS, 2023
IMPORTANT DATES

There's a lot going on in your senior year - We want to make sure you stay on track.

**MAY**

1
Deposit for Early Action and Regular Decision Students due

3
First Year Housing Contract and Dining Contract are available for students to submit

**JUNE**

1
Course Selection Survey due

4
First Year Housing Contract due

15
First Year Dining Contract Due

**JULY**

1
Final Transcripts are due. Please submit this as soon as possible before this date.

15
First Year class schedule available in MyNova

**AUG.**

18
First Year Move-In Day

19-22
Class of 2025 New Student Orientation

23
First Day of Classes - Go Nova!
THANK YOU!

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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