

# Villanova English Alumni Careers



Many disciplines lead you to one career, but English leads you to many.



\*Classes of 2021-2024, 90% response rate

“Double down on human skills. Think career portfolio, not career ladder. The AI era rewards flexibility. Instead of betting everything on one path, build a mix of skills and experiences that you can apply in different ways. Today’s ‘safe’ job may not be safe in ten years, but your ability to reinvent yourself will be.”

-J.R. Lowry, Chief Operating Officer of Janus Henderson Investors and founder of PathWise Career Coaching

## Law

“When it comes to law, it's about persuasion. It's about emotions. It's about evoking something out of the audience, whether that's your jury, whether that's your judge. And you learn that all while being an English major.”

**Kashae Garland '22**, Law Student & Paralegal



“Law school is like 90% reading, writing, analyzing, and learning the skills of how to draft, edit, pick apart different words, and use the correct words in the correct places. I was basically litigating the meaning of a word in a contract: if you have a comma in a different place, does that change the meaning?”

**James Finnegan '20**, Law Clerk at Kirkland & Ellis

## Medical Humanities

I succeeded because of my ability to think critically, copy-edit, and pay attention to detail in our emails, because dealing with credits for doctors is a serious business.”

**Sydney Czech '17**, Digital Marketing Manager at Pri-Med



## Non-Profit

“In organizing, one thing that we really focused on was having your personal story. Simply being able to tell your story interestingly and purposefully to an interviewer or anyone else in your job is really important.”

**Mike Keeley '21**, Finance Assistant at Ed Markey for U.S. Senate



## Publishing

"I am entirely indebted to my Villanova English education for my current work in publishing. My English degree taught me to read widely, think incisively, and communicate effectively--all skills which I use every day, and which built a love of books into a career in them."

**Kylie Horan, '25**, Intern with the O'Henry Prize, offered by Penguin Random House



## Financial Services

“Equity and credit research are both awesome opportunities for anyone with an English skill set. Same with investment banking, credit risk positions, and investor relations. Those are the finance careers that are the most writing-heavy and the most research-heavy.”

**Lindsay Gallagher '22**, Investment Banking Associate, Barclays



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