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Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

The media is reporting on extensive unemployment benefit fraud occurring nationally and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including that there have been approximately 54,000 fraudulent unemployment claims filed in Pennsylvania. Recently, we were notified that some Villanova employees received unexpected payments from the PA Unemployment Office.

I encourage you to be on the lookout, and if you receive such a payment, do not cash the check and follow the steps below:

1. Visit the Unemployment Compensation Fraud section of the PA Unemployment website to dispute your payment, report the fraud and return the check. Further details can be found [here](#).
2. Notify the Office of Human Resources by emailing [hr@villanova.edu](mailto:hr@villanova.edu). Please provide your name, the total amount received and the date(s) of the payment(s). This will provide us with the ability to ensure that the University can dispute the claim.

Please also be aware that should Villanova receive a PA Unemployment bill that does not appear correct, the Office of Human Resources may reach out to you proactively.

It is disheartening that individuals perpetrate this fraud, which impacts the funds available to those who are truly in need. If you would like to speak with someone directly, feel free to reach out to Albert Baladez, Director of Employee Relations and Compliance, in the Office of Human Resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray D. Duffy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

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