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2016 SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP LECTURE

On Monday, February 8, 2016, over 700 Villanovans welcomed Dr. Darryl Ford, '87, Head of School for the William Penn Charter School in the East Falls section of Philadelphia, to deliver the *Spotlight on Leadership* lecture. This lecture, now in its sixth year, showcases an individual who embodies exemplary leadership in connection with the University's core values.

For over 25 years, Dr. Ford has played a leadership role within the field of education, moving schools in successful and innovative directions. This semester's theme, Servant Leadership in the Augustinian Tradition, aligns with Dr. Ford's personal type of leadership and serves as a great role model for our students. In particular, he continues to remain in the classroom in front of the students because he feels sharing information is the gateway to understanding.

As an administrator he has earned the highest praise from his peers across the country for his innovative educational

thinking and leadership. He plays a significant role in the formational thinking of many schools in the region by holding seats on a number of boards and associations, including being a member of the Villanova University Board of Trustees since 2008.

Dr. Ford described his time as a student at Villanova as 'relational' because of all of the connections he made through conversations with faculty and staff across campus. Dr. Ford defined those relationships as beneficial and significant because they made him the educator, teacher and man he is today.

According to DeVon Jackson, Assistant Director of Leadership Programming in the Office of Student Involvement, "The Office of Student Involvement wants to pay close attention to offering programming that both provides a holistic approach to student formation and functions within the Augustinian tradition on which Villanova stands. I have no doubt that his perspective on servant leadership has given our students, faculty, and staff, something to consider personally adapting. I am glad he was able to share his story with us."

PAST SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP SPEAKERS

2015—Joseph Clancy, '78

Acting Director of the US Secret Service

2014—Hawa Abdallah

Darfuri Activist

2013—The Honorable Cory Booker

Mayor of Newark, NJ

2012—Somaly Mam

Cambodian Human Rights Activist and CNN Hero

2011—Bob Woodward

Associate Editor of *The Washington Post*



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VILLANOVA'S ICE INSTITUTE AND IDEA ACCELERATOR

The ICE Institute is an innovative driver of scholastic, educational, and professional development opportunities in the related areas of creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship within the Villanova

community. The ICE Institute has a multi-disciplinary and cross-college focus and seeks to embed entrepreneurial thinking more deeply in the Villanova culture.

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In recent surveys of executives, the ability to think entrepreneurially is considered the #1 most important leadership characteristic moving forward. To that end, ICE strives to support traditional student-entrepreneurship and startups, but its broader mission is to serve as a symbol of our university's commitment to nurture students so they stand out in the marketplace as creative and innovative thinkers. A main principle of the ICE Institute is the belief that students from the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Nursing, and Business can all learn from one

another how to become more well-rounded innovative and creative thinkers. The Idea Accelerator, in the lower level of the Falvey Memorial Library, was designed to promote increased, cross-college interaction within the Villanova community and a multidisciplinary approach to generating and advancing new ideas. Through programs and initiatives as well as general space for gathering individuals from all corners of campus, we will intensify the collision of knowledge and information to spawn new solutions for social issues, commercial ventures, student organizations, academic research, curricular programs, and more.

Students are encouraged to drop by the Idea Accelerator and bring ideas for initiatives and programs that we can work on together to enhance the innovative, creative, and entrepreneurial environment at Villanova.

Please visit www.villanovaice.com to learn more about ICE and the Idea Accelerator.



If you have any questions, please contact us at parents@villanova.edu.

ICE Sponsored Events:

- **Pitch Day** brings students together from across campus to have their business plans and entrepreneurial work evaluated by distinguished judges.
- **The ICE Certificate Program for Sophomores (ICE CaPS)** is open to sophomores of all majors.
- **The Meyer Innovation and Creative Excellence (ICE) Awards** was created and endowed by Patrick Meyer '74 VSB, recognizing a spirit of innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship.
- **Villanova Entrepreneurial Society (VES)**, invites entrepreneurs to address students on topics such as Women in Entrepreneurship, and Funding a New Venture.
- **Villanova in the Valley** exposes students to the innovative, creative, and entrepreneurial ecosystem of Silicon Valley.
- **Villanova on Set** is an immersion program in the film, TV, and entertainment industries in Southern California.



CELEBRATING DR. KING'S LEGACY

9th Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, January 18

The MLK Day of Service celebrated its 9th year at Villanova with the theme **"ONE Day. ONE Cause. ONE Dream."**

The student committee spent many hours dedicated to continuing this Villanova tradition and their leadership was essential to the program's success. Over 750 Villanovans visited 31 sites and served the community in many ways, including

tasks such as cleaning, painting, minor construction, winterization, organization of supplies, organization of libraries, and work within the community. The day included reflection on how we can all come together to improve lives, bridge social barriers, and move our nation closer to the "Beloved Community" that Dr. King envisioned.

Martin Luther King Jr. Keynote Address, January 19

MK Asante, a bestselling author, award-winning filmmaker, rapper, and professor in the Department of English and Language Arts at Morgan State University, was selected as the **2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Keynote speaker** for his rich and unique skill set and knowledge around the topics we celebrate surrounding the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr..

We were thrilled how he informed, inspired, and engaged members of our Villanova community, especially our students, through the fusion of academic knowledge, his participation in the contemporary cultures of the arts and music, and his critical perspective on the challenges in our society to issues of social justice.



Freedom School, January 21

Our annual Freedom School was once again, a thoughtful and inspirational success! Students were able to choose from a variety of interesting sessions presented by faculty and staff on such topics as immigration, the possibilities and challenges of globalization, the rule of law and respect for human rights, and social justice. Each session provided an opportunity for discussion, education and personal growth, while informing students

on important relevant topics to today's global society.

A student that attended a Freedom School session entitled *Living, Learning, and Teaching Across the Lines of Difference*, shared this insight with us: "They discussed how college is a time to challenge your ideas and beliefs. We need people to challenge our views and to help us grow and become better people."

Important Spring Dates:

February 26

Spring Break begins after last class

March 7

Classes Resume

March 11

Registration Advising begins

March 23

Easter Recess begins after last class

March 29

Classes Resume

April 28

Final Day of Classes

April 29

Reading Day

April 30–May 6

Final Examinations (No exams on Sunday May 1)

May 13–14

Commencement Ceremonies and Baccalaureate



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SOCIAL JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY FILM COURSE BOLSTERED BY PARENT SUPPORT

A challenging and thought-provoking program, the Social Justice Documentary Film Course, enables students to produce professional, quality documentary films that spotlight contemporary social justice issues over the course of just one semester.

The course is a highly creative, real-world, hands-on opportunity that gives Villanova students remarkable experiences that help launch their careers as media professionals. Since its inception, three films produced in the class have been selected as finalists in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Student Academy Award competition.

Inspired by the program's mission, Elaine and David Nord—parents of Erika '10, Garrison '12 and Dustin '15—made a generous gift to support its continued growth. Through the Nord family's gift, Villanova has purchased new and much-needed equipment like lighting, cameras, microphones and editing software. Elaine, a professional photographer, has even joined students on set to capture their creativity in action.

Past Documentaries Include:

Beyond These Walls—A film about the Overbrook School for the Blind.

All of Us Home—Covers the SREHUP homeless shelter run by Villanova Students.

Heel'd—About Hand To Paw which pairs homeless youth with abused homeless animals for mutual therapy.

In Transition: Tony Chennault—Follows former VU basketball player Tony Chennault through tragedy and triumph.

Room For Peace—Looks into a school in Southwest Philadelphia where their mission is to serve immigrants to the United States.

Rise and Shine—Compares a school in Ghana to a school in North Philadelphia.

One is No One—Looking at poverty in Costa Rica.

Out of the Shadows—Chronicles the plight of undocumented immigrants.



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