

FALL 2013

# PARENTS CONNECTION

CONNECTING PARENTS TO VILLANOVA CAMPUS LIFE



## WELCOME TO PARENTS WEEKEND 2013

Parents Weekend is a time for families to experience the Villanova spirit and energy that surrounds our students on campus throughout the academic year. Weekend activities are designed to provide a glimpse into our community's academic, athletic, and co-curricular excellence. Parents Weekend 2013 is shaping up to be an exciting weekend filled with campus traditions, entertainment and engaging educational programs. Based on survey results from last year's event, we have broadened the offerings of our Parents University sessions. Along with traditional information sessions presented by University academic programs, the Office of Career Services, and the Office of International Education, we have added several unique sessions featuring faculty research and other timely topics.

In the featured athletic contest of the weekend, the Villanova Wildcats football squad will take on Stony Brook at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Villanova Stadium. The weekend also showcases the academic and musical talents of our students. Highlights of these events include the Undergraduate Ethics

Symposium and the Music Activities Showcase. In addition, Villanova traditions such as the Junior Ring Ceremony and the Senior Breakfast promise to make this weekend special for students and their families.

On Friday evening there will be a special Parents Weekend "**Late Night at Villanova**" program, complete with a concert featuring the Villanova student cappella groups, free refreshments, live entertainment, and a free showing of the hit movie **Monsters University!** The highlight of the weekend is a comedy concert featuring Jim Gaffigan on Saturday evening. Gaffigan, stand-up comic and author of *The New York Times* bestseller *Dad is Fat*, is known for his family-friendly entertainment. Of course, the weekend wraps up with a beautiful Parents Weekend Liturgy in the Pavilion on Sunday.

Information on tickets and the full schedule of events can be found at [www.parents.villanova.edu](http://www.parents.villanova.edu). Please call 610-519-4210 if you have any questions or need additional information.



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# CREATING A COMMUNITY OF RESPECT

As members of a Catholic and Augustinian University, each **VILLANOVAN** is responsible for creating a **COMMUNITY** where **MUTUAL LOVE** and **RESPECT** for individual differences guide our **COMMUNITY LIFE**.

1

I work to create a welcoming community where the **DIGNITY** of each person is **VALUED AND RESPECTED**.



2

I am committed to an educational environment where **TEACHING AND LEARNING** are at the center of **WHO I AM** and **WHAT I DO**.



3

I embrace **SELFESS ACTION** in the interest of the common good with **INTEGRITY, COMPASSION** and **HUMILITY** guiding my decisions and behavior.

4

I acknowledge that **RESPECT, JUSTICE** and **LOVE** define us as a **COMMUNITY** and are the standards by which I measure the success of my interactions.



5

I contribute to the **COMMUNITY** through active participation in campus life and **SERVICE TO OTHERS**.



6

I affirm **VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY'S CATHOLIC** and **AUGUSTINIAN IDENTITY** by integrating these ideals into **MY DAILY LIFE**.

**IGR** INTERGROUP RELATIONS  
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Intergroup Relations (IGR) is a one-credit educational social justice experience that prepares students to engage in dialogue where understanding and listening are needed.

- Courses offerings include: Gender, Socioeconomic Status, Race, Advanced Race, White Racial Identity, Identity and Interfaith
- Students receive one credit in Communication and can bundle three courses to meet the Diversity I Requirement.
- Over 60 students are taking dialogue courses this fall
- To learn more, visit: [www.villanova.edu/igr](http://www.villanova.edu/igr) or e-mail [IGRinfo@villanova.edu](mailto:IGRinfo@villanova.edu)

If you have any questions, please contact us at [parents@villanova.edu](mailto:parents@villanova.edu).



We are excited to announce a new schedule for Commencement and we are looking forward to a wonderful weekend to celebrate the Class of 2014. Commencement serves as both the final step in the graduate's educational journey and the first step on their next journey that they have prepared for during their time at Villanova.



Over the years, the number of Commencement-related events has grown to span three full days. It is an important milestone that should be shared with friends and loved ones, but this schedule has made it difficult—and expensive—for many families from across the country and around the world to participate in each activity. Feedback we have received in recent years reflects a desire among many graduates and parents for a more compact Commencement schedule that would retain the key elements that make this weekend so special.

After considerable thought and discussion, the following changes have been made to the Commencement schedule for 2014 which we hope will allow for an inclusive and enjoyable celebration for everyone:

- **The University Commencement Ceremony** will take place on **Friday, May 16 at 4 p.m.** at Villanova Stadium. It will be followed by the **President's Reception for Graduates and Guests from 6–9 p.m.** in the Connelly Center.
- **College-specific undergraduate recognition ceremonies** with distribution of diplomas will take place on **Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m.**
- Commencement activities will culminate with the celebration of the **Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m.**

While the new schedule is set, on-campus locations for some of these events are still being determined. Please check [www.villanova.edu/commencement](http://www.villanova.edu/commencement) for updates. Once location details are finalized, a brochure with comprehensive information regarding Commencement will be mailed later in the fall to the permanent home address of all potential graduates. Please contact [commencement@villanova.edu](mailto:commencement@villanova.edu) or **610.519.8882** with any questions.



Please be mindful of the new schedule of events when making hotel arrangements. For Hotel Information, please visit the Villanova Parents website at [www.parents.villanova.edu](http://www.parents.villanova.edu) and click on "Visit Villanova" on the left.



For more information for Villanova parents, visit our website at [www.parents.villanova.edu](http://www.parents.villanova.edu).



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## Thank You to Villanova Parents

The University offers a humble thank you to the 3,000 parents who supported Villanova (and their sons and daughters) through contributions totaling more than \$5 million last year.

Your generosity helps Villanova provide resources that enhance academic programming, support co-curricular activities and improve campus facilities as well as offer important networking opportunities to our students.

We thank you for partnering with us to support our current students and future Villanovans!

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Fall Semester Calendar	
Sept. 20-22	Parents Weekend
Sept. 26-29	St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration
Oct. 12-20	Mid-Term/Semester Recess
Oct. 25	Registration Advising Begins
Oct. 25-27	Homecoming
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Recess begins after last class
Dec. 2	Classes Resume
Dec. 12	Final Day of Classes
Dec. 13	Reading Day
Dec. 14-20	Final Examinations (No Exam on Sunday Dec. 15)

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