

FAMILY & PARENT CONNECTION

CONNECTING FAMILIES TO VILLANOVA CAMPUS LIFE



FALL 2021

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

We are well underway into the 2021-22 academic year. As I look ahead to envision what the Division of Student Life sees as priorities for the year ahead, the top priority is the safety of our students. In Student Life, that means doing our best to keep everyone healthy and well throughout the year. Connected to the priority of safety is mental health and well-being. We want to support students and help them reconnect—with one another, with faculty and staff, and with the Villanova campus.

When you stop to think about it, our freshman, sophomores and juniors have not had a “normal” year on campus. We need to show them the way so that they can flourish. The only way to flourish is to make sure that we are creating an inclusive community where each student and every identity experiences the power of connection

and the power of belonging—that is the Augustinian way.

Additionally, at the heart of Student Life at Villanova is learning. Students learn and explore the big questions of life: Who am I? What is my purpose? How do I respect and care about others? How do I build positive relationships? Student Life is all about helping students explore more about themselves and discovering the answers to these questions.

Today’s student—Gen Z—is a whole new generation. They have been shaped and formed by technology and they have new ways of relating to one another. We want and need to meet them where they are so they can have an experience at the University that is human, personal and caring in the context of a community where each person matters. We celebrate and



welcome the uniqueness as well as the shared humanity of every Villanovan. In the words of St. Augustine, Student Life is all about helping students “become what they are not yet.”

Sincerely,

Kathleen Byrnes

Vice President for Student Life

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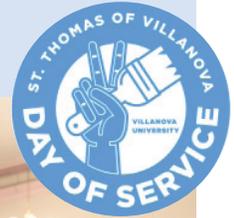


First-Annual Inclusion Week: September 27-October 1

Villanova's first-ever Inclusion Week took place on campus from September 27 through October 1. Inclusion Week was created to increase awareness for identity and advocacy-based organizations, identify resource centers on campus, promote diversity and inclusion education in and out of the classroom, and build a comfortable environment on campus for students of all backgrounds. Through the power of education and celebration, inclusion helps the University community grow together individually and as a community.

Villanova Day of Service: October 2

St. Thomas of Villanova was known for his great charity to the poor and marginalized. The Villanova community celebrates its patron saint and his legacy of *Caritas*—Love—with an annual Day of Service in his name. Each year, the St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service brings together nearly 5,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and their families working in partnership with neighborhood agencies to perform service throughout Greater Philadelphia. This annual event builds upon the great service performed throughout the year by the Villanova community and exists as a unique way to put its Augustinian ideals into action.



[WXVU Now Streaming on RadioFX](#) 🌟

In the car, on the move, at home or in the office, Villanovans can now listen to WXVU on the RadioFX app, on 89.1FM on a radio dial Tuesdays, Thursdays, or the weekends, or anytime on wxvu.villanova.edu. Villanova's student-run radio station, everywhere you want to listen.

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WILDCAT NEWSWIRE

Did you know? Wildcat Newswire is a twice-weekly digest email, sent on Mondays and Thursdays, that is intended for Villanova undergraduate, graduate and law school students. The Newswire is designed to reduce email clutter by compiling campus news and events in a clear, organized way, and is a great way for your Villanovan to learn of the latest events and happenings on campus. If your Villanovan is looking to get involved, encourage them to check out the Newswire.

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Election Day Shuttles

The Office of Student Involvement, in partnership with Villanova's Student Government Association, will sponsor voting day shuttles for students who are registered to vote in the districts encompassing the University. Shuttles will be available on Tuesday, November 2, from 3-6 p.m., departing from Connelly Circle.

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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

[Health and Well-Being Website](#) ✨

As part of Student Life's ongoing efforts to create an inclusive, well-rounded student experience, we are proud to introduce our new Health and Well-Being website that provides a holistic look at the robust resources available to students at the University. Villanova promotes the six dimensions of health and well-being in alignment with the University's mission: mental, physical, spiritual, emotional, cultural and social well-being. We realize that well-being is a primary concern for students and their loved ones, and we encourage you to become familiar with our resources as we aim to help students "strive to thrive" during their time as Villanovans as beyond.



[Thrive 365 Portal](#) ✨

The Thrive 365 online portal is supported by the Office of Health Promotion and allows students to explore and develop pathways to success, with strategies and tools to allow your Villanovan to explore new ways to succeed, thrive and matter during their time at the University. The Thrive 365 portal is personalized to individual unique academic and personal goals and is aimed to cultivate individual and community care, central tenets of Villanova's mission of Unitas, Caritas and Veritas—Truth, Unity and Love.



University Counseling Center Fall 2021 Discussion Groups

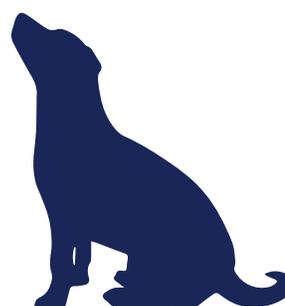
The University Counseling Center offers several discussion groups for the Fall 2021 semester. For additional information, including how your Villanovan can register, [please visit the University Counseling Center website.](#) ✨

- Graduate Student Support
- Loss of a Loved One
- Healing Together
- First-Year Adjustment Group
- Sobriety Support Group



[Where is the Love?](#) ✨ [Wednesday Pet Therapy with Pals for Life](#)

Join the Office of Health Promotion almost every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the West Lounge of Dougherty Hall for an hour of pet therapy. Encourage your Villanovan to relax and decrease their stress with furry friends from Pals for Life.



[Nova Nook](#)

The Nova Nook provides supplemental personal necessities to Villanova students in need, creating a safe and discreet space to distribute basic toiletries and food items for those who may struggle to manage these costs on their own. Located in Dougherty Hall Room 217, the Nova Nook is stocked with a wide variety of items primarily made through personal donations, including essential items such as toiletries, non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies and other necessities. Additionally, the Nook has a supply of laundry detergent and small donations that can be added to students' NovaBucks account for campus laundry.

2021-22 RESIDENCE HALL IMPORTANT DATES

Please visit the [Office for Residence Life website](#) for the most updated information regarding opening and closing dates for on-campus housing. ✨

Oct. 9 (Sat)	Residence Hall Close at Noon for Fall Break
Oct. 17 (Su)	Residence Halls Re-Open at Noon
Oct. 18 (M)	Classes Resume
Nov. 24 (W)	Residence Halls Close at Noon for Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28 (Su)	Residence Halls Re-Open at Noon
Dec. 10 (F)	Reading Day
Dec. 11-17 (Sat-F)	Final Examinations (no exams Sunday, December 12)*
Dec. 18 (Sat)	Residence Halls Close at Noon**
Jan. 7-9 (F-Su)	Residents move into residence halls on selected date and time
Jan. 10 (M)	Classes Begin
Jan. 17 (M)	Martin Luther King Day -(no classes)
Feb. 26 (Sat)	Residence Halls Close at Noon for Spring Break
Mar. 5 (Sat)	Residence Halls Re-Open at Noon
Mar. 7 (M)	Classes Resume
Apr. 14 (Th)	Residence Halls Close at Noon for Easter Recess

Apr. 18 (M)	Residence Halls Re-Open at Noon
Apr. 19 (Tues)	Classes Resume
Apr. 29 (F)	Reading Day
Apr. 30-May 6 (Sat- F)	Final Examinations (no exams Sunday, May 1)***
May 7 (Sat)	Residence Halls Close at Noon****
May 13-14 (F-Sat)	Commencement Weekend
May 15 (Su)	Residence Halls Close for the Semester - 6 p.m.

Residence Life will make every effort to accommodate students who cannot leave campus during break periods. Depending on the length of the break period and the demand for housing, students may either be permitted to remain in their own room or be asked to consolidate into another building for reasons of safety and security.

In order to remain on campus during a break period, students must register with the Office for Residence Life. All University policies and terms of the housing contract remain in effect for students who remain in residence during break periods. Please note that Dining Halls are closed, and meal plans are not active during break periods.

Fall, Thanksgiving, Spring and Easter Breaks

Given the demand for housing, residence halls will remain open during the Fall, Thanksgiving, Spring and Easter Breaks for those registered students with transportation concerns, involvement in specific academic programs, or participation in University sponsored activities.

Christmas/Winter Break

For reasons of safety and security, the University closes all but a few halls during this break period. Students who must stay on campus during this break for a University sponsored program may be required to take up temporary residence in a hall other than their own during this time.

Senior Week

Graduating seniors and sponsored students participating in Commencement activities may register to remain in residence during this break period. One dining hall will remain open for approved students during senior week.

*All students are expected to depart from the halls within 24 hours after their last examination unless required to stay on campus for Winter Break activities.

**All residence halls and apartments close Saturday, December 18, at 12 p.m. for students not required to stay on campus for Winter Break activities.

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****All residence halls and apartments close Saturday, May 7, at 12 p.m. for students not required to stay on campus for Commencement activities.

SPRING 2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please visit the [Office of the Provost website](#) for the most updated information regarding the academic calendar. ✨

Jan. 10 (M)	Classes Begin
Jan. 14 (F)	Last Day for requesting Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Jan. 17 (M)	Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)
Jan. 16 (Su)	Last Day for dropping and/or adding classes
Feb. 28 (M)	Semester Recess
Mar. 7 (M)	Classes Resume
Mar. 7 (M)	Mid-term
Mar. 9 (W)	Grades Due (Noon)
Mar. 11 (F)	Registration Advising Begins
TBA	Registration Begins for F2022 semester
Mar. 30 (W)	Last Day for Authorized Withdrawal without Academic Penalty (WX)
Apr. 13 (W)	Easter Recess begins after last class
Apr. 19 (T)	Classes Resume
Apr. 28 (Th)	Final Day of Classes
Apr. 29 (F)	Reading Day
Apr. 30- May 6 (Su-Fri)	Final Examinations (No exams on Sun., May 2)
May 9 (M)	Final Grades Due (12 Noon)
May 13-14 (Fri-Sat)	Commencement Weekend



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