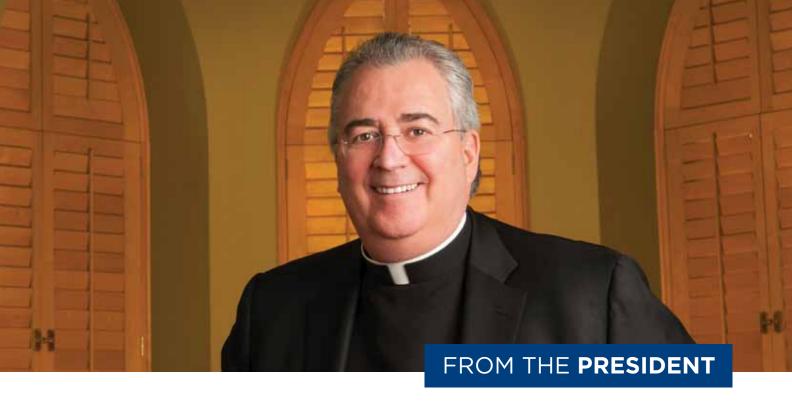
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"More and more, our faculty reach across disciplines and colleges to collaborate on courses that appeal to students' interests and curiosities while also providing practical, real-world relevance."

— The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD



#### DEAR FRIENDS.

As a new school year begins, it is important to remember that the Augustinian intellectual tradition, coupled with our commitment to uphold the values of truth, unity and love, makes Villanova a community like no other.

The melding of hearts and minds to create wisdom is evident in our interdisciplinary approach to academic programming. It connects and integrates all aspects of our collective intellectual life. We develop courses and programs that bring together professors and students from different disciplines to enhance the learning process.

Our faculty and staff focus on cross-college and cross-department collaboration, sharing knowledge and fostering ideas. Their efforts lead to important discourse and diversity of thought, both of which strengthen their stewardship of Villanova and help the University to live its mission.

Why is this approach so vital? Because the world increasingly requires that college graduates have multidisciplinary capabilities to tackle complex issues. Our students must be able to thrive in an atmosphere of cross-functional thinking and collaboration. When humanities, business, engineering, nursing and science majors join their respective skill sets, the learning

experience is invaluable and will serve them well in the real world.

As a community, we also are committed to the common good and to applying our knowledge and abilities to better the human condition. We respond to those in need in many ways, from expanding educational opportunities for the disadvantaged to offering the professional skills and services of our students, faculty and staff to communities around the country and the world. As Villanovans we do what they need us to do to make their community a better place.

One such example is our annual St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service, held each September. It is a day on which thousands of Villanova students, faculty, staff, alumni and families perform service throughout Greater Philadelphia and beyond. This spirit of collaboration is the hallmark of an Augustinian education.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S President

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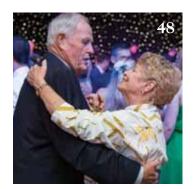
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Reunion Weekend gave thousands of alumni the opportunity to ignite memories and reconnect with their Villanova roots.



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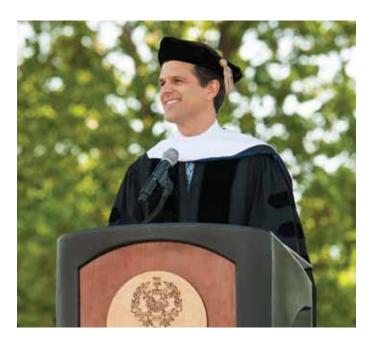












# Shriver Praises Commitment to Special Olympics

"You are the leaders of the dignity revolution," 2012 Commencement Speaker Timothy P. Shriver, PhD, told Villanova's Class of 2012, thanking them for their involvement in "the most inspired collegiate Special Olympics program in the world."

Shriver is the chairman and CEO of Special Olympics, which was founded by his mother, the late Eunice Kennedy Shriver. He received the degree of Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa, in recognition of his work in growing the organization to serve nearly four million athletes in 180 countries.

# Costco Co-founder Awarded Honorary Degree

His company is a recognized leader in its field, dedicated to quality and respected for its business ethics. On Commencement Day, Villanova University awarded the degree of Doctor of Commercial



Science, *honoris causa*, to James D. Sinegal, director and co-founder of Costco Wholesale Corp., a multibillion-dollar global retailer.



# Top Doc Recognized

From her early days as the founder of a rural health clinic in Alabama to her leadership role in the worldwide advancement of preventive health care, US Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, has forged a career that has earned her global acclaim. Today she oversees the operational command of 6,500 uniformed public health officers who promote and protect the health of the American people. She received the degree of Doctor of Medical Science, honoris causa.

## Hero's Address

Former Green Beret James J. "J.J." Williamson '12 VLS was chosen by his classmates as the student speaker for the Villanova University School of Law's 2012 Commencement ceremony May 18. Williamson, who graduated magna cum laude, served as



editor-in-chief of Volume 57 of the *Villanova Law Review*.

A veteran of the US Army, Williamson received the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Bronze Star for Service (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign medals, the NATO Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

# **3,056**Total degrees conferred in 2011-2012



# Connected for Life

Reflecting on the translation of the University's name ("new home"), Cara Mazzarini '12 COE reminded her classmates that it was not Villanova's walls that had been their home but the community. One of the qualities that distinguish Villanovans is "a dedication to service and to caring for the world we live in."

# Liturgy Marks Endings, Beginnings



Just as they had gathered for Orientation Mass to begin their journey as students, graduates came together for Baccalaureate Mass to begin their journey as alumni.

At the celebration in Villanova Stadium May 19, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S, University

president, reminded students that he had promised them as freshmen that Villanova would enlighten them, challenge them to see the world differently and give them wings.

"It is time to fly," he said. "You have what you need to soar to new heights."

# Gerard Olson, PhD, Receives Lindback Award

Professor of Finance Gerard Olson, PhD, was this year's recipient of the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Outstanding Teaching. The award is presented each year at graduation to a faculty member who excels in undergraduate teaching.



# **Community Advocate Awarded Mentzer**

A community advocate for marginalized populations, Kristen Valosky '12 A&S (center) was selected by the Center for Peace and Justice Education as the 2012 recipient of Villanova's Thomas J. Mentzer Award. Kristen, who graduated summa cum laude with majors in Sociology and Honors and minors in Theology and Peace and Justice Education, was recognized at a breakfast May 20. She is studying public interest law at Georgetown University. Anita Mentzer '81 A&S (left) and Patricia Mentzer DeColli '84 A&S (right), daughters of the late Thomas Mentzer '55 A&S, for whom the award is named, attended the presentation.





# Gift Honors Villanova Mother

A woman whose passion for Villanova spans three generations now will be honored for generations to come.

The Anne Quinn Welsh Endowed Chair and Director of the Honors Program celebrates the life, faith and legacy of its namesake (left), who, with the late John "Jack" Welsh '49 COE, raised six children, all of whom graduated from Villanova. Two grandchildren are alumni and a third is a current student.

Daughter Anne Welsh McNulty '75 A&S, co-founder and managing partner of JBK Partners and member of Villanova's Board of Trustees (right), established the endowment through the John P. and Anne Welsh McNulty Foundation. The chair was inaugurated May 9 and is held by Thomas W. Smith, PhD, associate professor, Political Science and Humanities, and director, Honors Program (center).

# On the Road with Dean Linney

During the spring semester, Jean Ann Linney, PhD, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, spent time with alumni groups in Boston, Charlotte, N.C., and Chicago. She also visited the Villanova Financial Club in New York.

At these gatherings hosted by alumni, Dean Linney spoke about strategic planning, investing in faculty and the value of a liberal arts education; and listened as



Jean Ann Linney, PhD, A&S dean, chats with Villanova parents at the home of Jennifer Harding '91 A&S and Peter Harding '91 VSB.

alumni shared their stories. Such events strengthen the A&S network and keep alumni apprised of the strategic vision for the College and ways they can support Villanova.

To learn more about the strategic vision for A&S, please contact George Brennan at george.brennan@villanova.edu or Tom Fitzpatrick at thomas.m.fitzpatrick@villanova.edu.■

# VILLANOVA LAUNCHES MOBILE WEBSITE, APPS

Want to keep up with Villanova news? Find the number for a University office? Check out upcoming events? Now there's an app for all of those items—and more. Villanova has released the first mobile version of its website, m.villanova.edu. In addition, Villanova applications can be downloaded from Google Play Store and Apple iTunes.

# PITCH DAY HIGHLIGHTS INNOVATIVE THINKERS

To showcase the breadth of entrepreneurial opportunities and output on campus, the Villanova School of Business' Center for Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship hosted the first Pitch Day April 24.

The centerpiece of the interdisciplinary event was the 2012 Villanova Student Entrepreneurship Competition. The winning team, comprised of engineering students, received a \$5,000 prize for Vita Suction, a low-cost surgical-suction device for use in developing countries, as well as the Halloran Prize for Best Social Entrepreneurship Venture.



Graduate student Julia Musso '11 COE, a member of the first-place Vita Suction team, discusses her group's product concept with event judge Ted McLaughlin '90 A&S.

# Fulbright Grants Take Faculty Abroad

Two professors from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences received grants from the Fulbright Scholar Program to pursue their research internationally. Emmanuel David, PhD, assistant professor, Sociology, is in the Philippines this semester to examine the experiences of call-center agents and other employees at global outsourcing sites. From January to July, Catherine Warrick, PhD, associate professor, Political Science, will be based at University of Exeter in the UK to continue her research on Islamic law in England.

#### Odds-On Favorite

Associate Professor of Statistics Michael Posner, PhD, won two national teaching awards for early-career faculty: the Waller Education Award and the Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Beginning College or University Mathematics Faculty Member. These awards recognize Dr. Posner's innovation and excellence in teaching, his increasing stature on national committees and his research in statistics education.

## Engineering Brings Home Gold

Along with colleagues in the Kern Entrepreneurship Education Network (KEEN), which comprises engineering schools at 20 colleges and universities, the College of Engineering earned the Gold Award in the category of Collaborative Networks and Support at the 2012 Edison Awards Gala in April. The event honors achievements in innovation and excellence in the development of new products and services.

# VCAP Expands Reach

This spring, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S, University president, participated in Villanova Corporate Alumni Partners (VCAP) receptions in New York. Speaking to alumni, parents and friends at Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and JPMorgan Chase & Co., he highlighted the University's Strategic Plan, Campus Master Plan, endowment and competitive position.



At a VCAP reception at Morgan Stanley, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S visits with hosts Sheila Klehm '83 VSB and James Cowan '89 VSB.

VCAP events help to build Villanova communities

within corporate organizations, develop stronger recruiting partnerships and identify professional-development opportunities for students.

For more information about VCAP, please contact Joe Borillo, director of Corporate Relations, at joseph.borillo@villanova.edu.

# College Lauds Standout Teachers

For more than two decades, Rick Eckstein, PhD, professor, Sociology (right), has challenged, inspired and mentored Villanova students. At its second annual Faculty Recognition Ceremony May 16, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences honored Dr. Eckstein with the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award.

The College also acknowledged faculty who received honorable mention: Annika Thiem, PhD, ThD, assistant professor, Philosophy (left); and Nancy Kelley, PhD, director, Academic Learning Communities.





# Inside the Citizenship Struggle

As politicians nationwide debate immigration policy, students in Villanova's Social Justice Documentary Film Program have humanized the issues by zooming in on the story of a young woman who longs for the opportunity to get a good education, work hard, support her family and contribute to society. "Out of the Shadows" chronicles her struggle for legitimacy while spotlighting the fear and intimidation that undocumented immigrants face.



Former LEAD student Britney Davis is a Chemical Engineering major at Villanova.

# TEENS EXPLORE ENGINEERING

The College of Engineering welcomed 30 top high school students of diversity from around the country for a three-week immersion experience in July as part of the national Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program. Students explored each discipline and designed products to improve the developing world. The College has one of the nation's most active K-12 outreach programs.

# Nursing Alumnae Recognized

The College of Nursing honored alumnae achievement and leadership at its Annual Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony, held April 14 in St. Thomas of Villanova Church. University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S was the celebrant.

Susan Fretz Paparella '86 BSN, '02 MSN, RN, vice president, Institute of Safe Medication Practices,



and adjunct assistant professor at Temple University School of Pharmacy (second from right), received the medallion for Distinguished Contributions to Clinical Practice.

Susan Warner Salmond '73 BSN, EdD, RN, CNE, CTN, dean, School of Nursing, University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey (second from left), was awarded the medallion for Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Education.

Bridgette Carter Brawner '03 BSN, PhD, APRN, distinguished postdoctoral fellow, Center for Health Equity Research, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing (center), received the inaugural Emerging Scholar Award. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and professor of Nursing (left), presented the awards.

The College also lauded Rose Woytowich O'Driscoll '64 BSN, MSN, RN, assistant dean for Administration and assistant professor, for 40 years of service to Villanova; and Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor and director of the PhD in Nursing Program, for 25 years of service.

# **Presidential Visit**



During a Habitat for Humanity service break experience, Villanova students meet up with former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, outside the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Ga.

# Villanova in the Valley

Students from across campus traveled to Silicon Valley in May as part of the Villanova in the Vallev program, an initiative launched by the Villanova School of Business' Center for Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship to expose students to the "ecosystem" of the nation's high-tech heartland. Students heard from investors, entrepreneurs, startups and large companies; visited TiVo, Facebook, Google, Twitter and other sites; and met with alumni.



# Michael Moreland Appointed Vice Dean



Professor Michael Moreland, JD, PhD, was appointed vice dean of the Villanova University School of Law, effective June 1. In his new role, Dean Moreland oversees academic affairs, career strategy, admissions, financial aid, administration and faculty support. Dean Moreland came to Villanova in 2006 after serving as associate director for Domestic Policy under President George W. Bush. ■

# ORTEGA LEADS NEW UNIVERSITY OFFICE

Alfonso Ortega, PhD, was tapped to fill a newly created and strategically critical position in the University: associate vice president for Research and Graduate Programs. Heading up the new Office for Research and Graduate Programs, Dr. Ortega, who also is the James R. Birle Professor of Energy Technology, brings to the appointment his extensive experience as a program officer at the National Science Foundation and, most recently, associate dean for Graduate Studies and Research in the College of Engineering.

# C. NATARAJ, PHD, NAMED MORITZ CHAIR

C. Nataraj, PhD, professor and chair of Mechanical Engineering, was named the Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Moritz, Sr., Endowed



Chair in Engineered Systems. The chair was created in 2006 through a generous gift from Robert F. Moritz Jr., DDS, '51 VSB and his wife, Diane, in recognition of the interdisciplinary nature of realworld engineering problems. Dr. Nataraj is an internationally renowned scholar in dynamic systems.

# **High Court Cites VLS Professor Risch**

The Supreme Court of the United States issued a landmark decision March 20 in the patent-infringement case of Mayo Collaborative Services v. Prometheus Labs, Inc. The unanimous opinion, authored by Justice Stephen Breyer, held that abstract ideas and laws of nature are not patentable subject matter.

To support the ruling, Justice Breyer twice cited the scholarship of Villanova University School of Law Associate Professor Michael Risch, JD, a leader in intellectual-property-law scholarship.

"Getting cited by the Supreme Court is like the Holy Grail for law professors," says Risch. "Having my work read by the justices of the Supreme Court is both flattering and exhilarating. It has also opened new doors, as others have looked at my work who might not have before." •



# Student Nurses Showcase Research



On Undergraduate Nursing Scholars Day April 26, traditional and accelerated adult students presented posters on a range of topics, including electronic aggression, pediatric safety, nursing and social justice, and population assessments. Many presentations arose out of student work in courses on psychiatric mental health, nursing research, leadership and health promotion. Guided by Assistant Professor Suzanne Zamerowski, PhD, RN (second from left), Caite Cutler '12, Kaitlin Divinnie '12 and Alex Litvinov '12 created a brochure promoting healthy eating in cognitively challenged clients.

# Business Without Borders Makes Impact

The Villanova School of Business' student group Business Without Borders was awarded Silver Standing by the international Net Impact organization. It was one of only five of the 67 undergraduate Net Impact chapters to achieve Silver status this year.

The chapter's participation in numerous initiatives led to this recognition. Students designed reusable mugs to promote environmentalism on campus; gave free tax assistance to low-income families; taught children about business, workforce readiness and personal finance; and partnered with the School of the Future to mentor high school students interested in launching a business idea.



Bringing Jerry Greenfield of Ben and Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream (center) to campus was one of the initiatives that helped VSB's Business Without Borders chapter to achieve Silver Standing.

# Student Launches Nursing Without Borders

Inspired in part by Villanova's Business Without Borders chapter, Kelsey Yasak '11 A&S, '12 CON founded a group that undertakes sustainable projects and promotes social justice in health care. Students in Nursing Without Borders focus on needs identified by the community and strive to create sustainable solutions.

# VSB Professors Win Research Award

Villanova School of Business faculty Jeremy Kees, PhD, associate professor of Marketing and the Richard J. Naclerio **Emerging Scholar in Public** Policy, and John C. Kozup, PhD, associate professor of Marketing and director of the Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research, received the American Marketing Association Thomas C. Kinnear Research Award for their article "Understanding How Graphic Visual Warnings Work on Cigarette Packaging."

Kees appeared on CBS' Early Show and commented on the topic in articles in BusinessWeek and Forbes; online on Yahoo! News, MSN Money and the Huffington Post; and in other media outlets.

The award honors the Journal of Public Policy & Marketing article that has made the most significant contribution to the understanding of marketing and public-policy issues in the past three years.

# Villanovans Recognized for Advocating Disability Awareness



Stephen McWilliams (back row, left) and Gregory Hannah (back row, second from left) of Villanova's Office of Disability Services were honored with the First Financial Group Special Needs Awareness Award for their contribution to disability-awareness advocacy. The award was presented May 9 at Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies. Pictured in the front row are Frank Kineavy '13 A&S and Nick Gaynor '15 A&S.



# Scholars Garner Prestigious Awards

A new cohort of student and alumni scholars continue Villanovans' impressive tradition of receiving nationally competitive scholarships:

- Hana Lee '12 A&S, Monica Mazzoli '11 A&S, Christopher Muyo '10 A&S, John Rafferty, JD, '12 VLS and Weddy Worjroh '12 A&S were selected as 2012-2013 Fulbright Scholars.
- Jessica Wamala '13 A&S, Ian Dardani '13 COE and Jerisa Upton '14 A&S were awarded Harry S. Truman, Barry M. Goldwater and David L. Boren scholarships, respectively.
- Hayley Aron '14 A&S received a Critical Language Scholarship to study in Japan, while Matthew Thorp '15 COE received a scholarship to study at the Critical Languages Institute in Russia.

 Theresa Donohoe '12 A&S and Kathleen Pierce '12 A&S were recipients of the French Government English Teaching Assistantship.



## SENIOR STUDENT-ATHLETES SALUTED

At the annual Senior Student-Athlete Banquet May 17, men's cross-country and track runner Mathew Mildenhall '12 VSB and volleyball player Maggie Mergen '12 VSB received, respectively, the Male and Female Senior Student-Athlete of the Year Award.

Mildenhall, a two-time All-American and three-time BIG EAST individual champion, helped to lead Villanova cross-country to the team title at the BIG EAST Championships. In track competition, he was part of the winning distance medley relay squad in 2010 and a year later won the title in the 3,000 meters.

A two-time All-BIG EAST first team selection and a four-time BIG EAST Academic All-Star, Mergen finished her Villanova career ranked eighth in kills, with 1,298, and is Villanova's all-time leader in hitting percentage, with a stellar .297.

### **FALL READING LIST**

All are invited to read the 2012-2013 One Book Villanova selection, *Little Princes*: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal, by Conor Grennan. The book recounts Grennan's efforts to reunite child victims of human trafficking with their parents.



ESPN's Dick Vitale (second from left) welcomes coaching greats Lou Holtz, Gary Williams and Jay Wright to the 2012 Dick Vitale Gala.

# Wright Honored for Support of Cancer Research

Head men's basketball coach Jay Wright, former University of Maryland head men's basketball coach Gary Williams and College Football Hall of Fame coach Lou Holtz were recognized for their support of the V Foundation for Cancer Research at the seventh annual Dick Vitale Gala, held May 18 in Sarasota, Fla.

"Jay Wright has been a vital asset in assisting us with any requests concerning helping young people battling cancer," says Dick Vitale, ESPN college basketball analyst. "He has been influential and has helped us in many ways in raising money for cancer research. Jay is a winner in the biggest game of all, the Game of Life, and we are proud to honor him for his dedicated humanitarian efforts over the years."

Founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, North Carolina State University basketball coach and ESPN commentator, the V Foundation has raised more than \$120 million to fund cancer research.

# Wildcats Hit 30 at **Penn Relays**



With a flawless performance by foursome (from left) senior Christie Verdier, senior Sheila Reid, sophomore Emily Lipari and sophomore Nicky Akande, Villanova won the Championship of America title in the distance medley relay April 26 at the Penn Relays. It is the Wildcats' 30th title at the prestigious relay competition and the 11th in the DMR.

## Cards Draft Lefty Kyle Helisek

The St. Louis Cardinals picked left-handed pitcher Kyle Helisek '12 VSB in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft June 6. The first Wildcat drafted by the Cards. Helisek ranks sixth in school history in innings pitched, having logged 270 1/3 over four years. ■



### Bell Named Scholar All-America

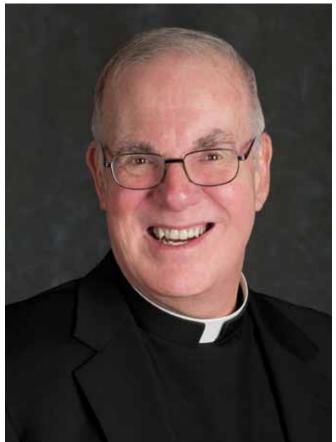
Lacrosse midfielder Matthew Bell '12 VSB was selected to the 2012 USILA Scholar All-America team in May. This honor crowned his four-year career with the Wildcats. during which he led the team to its first two NCAA post-season appearances. He finished with 46 goals, 34 assists and 80 points. ■



# Profiles in LEADERSHIP

Three distinguished members bring diverse knowledge, skills and experience to Villanova University's Board of Trustees.







Clockwise from top right: Catherine M. Keating '84 A&S, James D. Danella '71 VSB and Very Rev. Anthony M. Genovese, OSA, '70 A&S

#### Catherine M. Keating '84 A&S

TRUSTEE

Catherine Keating's road from English major to lawyer to banker began at Villanova. She was a Presidential Scholar who became one of the youngest partners ever at a major Philadelphia law firm. In 2005 she became head of the J.P. Morgan Private Bank, then the largest private bank in the US. Today, she is the head of J.P. Morgan's Institutional Investment Management business in the Americas.

Named one of the Most Powerful Women in Banking by US Banker, she is also vice chair of the Villanova University Board of Trustees.

She says the liberal arts education she received at Villanova "taught me how to think and how to communicate—lifelong skills that have stood me in very good stead." She also met her future husband, James M. Keating '84 COE, and became part of Villanova's community of service.

"You simply can't spend four years at Villanova and not become involved. The idea is that we have been given so much—and it is our responsibility to turn around and give back to the world."

In addition to serving on Villanova's Board, she serves on the Board of Trustees of the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, the Inner-City Scholarship Fund and the New York Women's Forum. She is also a member of the Manhattan Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization. She received her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Working on behalf of young people is clearly a passion. "When you invest in a child you invest in a community," Keating says.

"I really embraced the service aspect of being a Villanovan, starting when I was an undergraduate, volunteering for Special Olympics. It is one of the things the University stands for. We are all part of a larger world, and we must ask ourselves, 'What can we do to make that world a better place!"

# Very Rev. Anthony M. Genovese, OSA, '70 A&S

TRUSTEE

When he was elected Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in 2010, many were delighted for the gregarious priest known as "Father Mickey." As Prior of the St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery, the Very Rev. Anthony M. Genovese, OSA, was known for his compassion and commitment to the friars under his care. As a provincial counselor (2002-2010), he brought candor and humor to important issues facing the Augustinians.

Father Genovese brought those qualities to his new roles as Prior Provincial and as a member of the Villanova University Board of Trustees—along with a great deal of life experience and a passionate commitment to Augustinian ideals. "At Villanova, we focus on mind and heart, on the whole person," he says. "That's why I'm so excited to be on the Board of Trustees."

As Prior Provincial, Father Genovese is responsible for Augustinian Ministries in the Eastern United States, Japan, South Africa and Peru. "It's not a boring job, I can tell you that," he laughs. "There's something different every day... minute by minute a different challenge."

As a member of the Board, he is excited about the University's Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan. The latter creates a roadmap for the future construction, renewal and maintenance of Villanova's campus—and Father Genovese's experience will come in handy. He was instrumental in the renovation of the St. Thomas of Villanova Church on campus. Earlier in his career, while serving as pastor of St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Bronx, N.Y., he was a member and onetime chair of the University Heights Development Corporation which worked on preserving housing in the Bronx.

"Anything that makes Villanova even more inviting to our students is great," he says. "I'm also pleased that our Board is very focused on academics—and on making sure we maintain our high level. It's a great group of people with the same goals for Villanova."

#### James D. Danella '71 VSB

**TRUSTEE** 

When Jim Danella arrived at Villanova, he had his sights set on the future. He knew his plans included starting and owning a business. Danella was the first person in his family to attend college, and his father had instilled in him the desire to be his own boss.

His Villanova education proved to be the key to his success as an entrepreneur and CEO. "I know Villanova prepared me for my career better than any other school could have," he says.

Danella wasted no time putting his education to good use. In 1972, with the help and backing of his father, Carmen A. Danella, he founded The Danella Companies with the purchase of a small utility contractor operating in the Philadelphia area. Started with just 30 employees, the company, headquartered in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., now boasts more than 1,800 workers at nine construction divisions, operating out of offices in 12 states and Washington, D.C. They offer utility construction and engineering services and truck and construction equipment rentals, specializing in the telephone, fiber, gas, electrical and water industries. With their distinctive blue-and-yellow logo, Danella trucks are a familiar sight from Connecticut to Florida.

When daughters Michelle '96 A&S and Lauren '01 VSB were nearing college age, Danella steered them toward Villanova. "I said, 'Why would you go anywhere else when we have the best school right around the corner?""

In addition to being on the Villanova University Board of Trustees, he is a member of the Campaign Organizing Group and VSB's DiLella Real Estate Center Advisory Council. Danella has supported several capital campaigns and established The James D. and Carmen A. Danella Endowed Scholarship.

"Everything I have accomplished ties back to Villanova. We started the scholarship program because we wanted to give students who couldn't otherwise go to Villanova the opportunity to attend. We hope to change lives so they can eventually give back as well." ■



A new 15,000-square-foot boathouse in nearby Conshohocken would provide a state-of-the-art training facility for student-athletes and reflect the rich history of Villanova Rowing.

# Tradition and Transformation

New projects respect Villanova's past while enhancing the student experience

By Jennifer Schu

#### "STUDENT-CENTRIC" HAS BEEN

the buzzword and heart of Villanova's Campus Master Plan since it was first launched in 2009. In keeping with the goals of the University Strategic Plan—which include enhancing the student experience—residence halls, dining facilities and the campus landscape have been priorities, and that continues. For the past three years, renovations of existing buildings and enhancements to the campus grounds have been carried out thoughtfully, with a seamless blending of the old with the new.

The work continues. This past summer, Phase II of the University's Transformation of the Campus Landscape initiative included improvement to Sullivan-Sheehan Quad, the transformation of the ellipse between Kennedy and Dougherty halls and the construction of a new Grotto between Austin and St. Rita's halls. An additional project was the renovation of the second floor of Dougherty Hall—with the Italian Kitchen and Corner Grill, mainstays since the 1980s, replaced with a new facility named Café Nova. To further Villanova Athletics' mission of providing the best possible student-athlete experience, a fundraising effort has been launched to build a boathouse for the Villanova rowing program—the first real facility of its own the program has ever known.

#### From the Pie Shop to Café Nova

In the annals of Villanova history, perhaps no student gathering place is

as fondly remembered as the Pie Shop. Starting in the early 1920s, it served fresh pie and was operated by the legendary Louis "Louie" Ciamaichela. First located in the basement of what is now Tolentine Hall, it was eventually moved to the second floor of the then-brand-new Dougherty Hall. The other side of the space was occupied by the Day Hop, a popular hangout for commuter students.

In the 1980s the Pie Shop and Day Hop were replaced with the Corner Grill and Italian Kitchen, two quick spots to pick up lunch between classes. While the food offerings remained popular with students, "it was definitely time to update that whole area," says Robert Morro, associate vice president for Facilities Management. A student naming contest for the new

facility drew 682 entries, with William O'Connor'14 COE providing the winning moniker. Café Nova will feature five different food "concepts," including old favorites from the Italian Kitchen and Corner Grill, along with kiosks that will allow students to customize their food orders, a wood stone hearth in the kitchen where fresh pizza dough will be prepared and a green serving concept where all food packaging will be compostable—from straws to plates to "to go" containers.

"The Facilities Management Office and the design team were able to move the entire serving area into the former Corner Grill dining room, opening up very attractive seating space that overlooks the new ellipse in the center of campus," says Timothy Dietzler, FMP, '82 VSB, director of Dining Services.

"The look is a little bit retro—wood table tops and stainless steel chairs," says Marilou Smith, senior project manager, Facilities Management. "At Villanova we try to design new facilities to be traditional yet transitional, so they will last a while without looking dated. Café Nova is designed to stand the test of time."

#### A dream come true

Student-centric initiatives include upgrading athletics facilities. For Villanova to compete at the highest levels of Division I competition and provide the best possible student-athlete experience, its athletic facilities must be top quality. It is part of Villanova's commitment to securing the future of the University.

The Villanova rowing program has operated for years out of a leased warehouse in Conshohocken, Pa., with rowers carrying boats 200 yards to the Schuylkill River. The scrappy program has produced Olympic, World and US National medalists, including Olympic gold medalist William Knecht '51 A&S, World silver medalist Megan Walsh '06 CON and World bronze medalist Hannah Moore Godfrey '01 A&S.

In 1998 Godfrey and her Villanova teammates won a national champion-ship. "In second place was Radcliffe, and in third was Princeton—schools with amazing, beautiful boathouses," she recalls. Godfrey later represented the



A movable mural wall, in use from 1954 until 1985, was found preserved in the Italian Kitchen's wall during the renovation and is now a prominent feature of Café Nova.

# Villanova Rowing Celebration Oct. 27; Open House Oct. 28

The Villanova Athletic Fund aims to raise a total of \$1.75 million for a new 15,000-square-foot boathouse. The property purchase was funded by the University; the boathouse will cost \$1.5 million; and there will be a maintenance endowment of \$250,000. Naming opportunities are available.

Villanova Rowing will host a celebration for the men's and women's programs Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Philadelphia Marriott West in Conshohocken, Pa. Tickets are \$75 per person. On Sunday, Oct. 28, there will be an open house at the current boathouse. For more details, please email George.Kolb@villanova.edu.

United States at three World Championships and the Pan American Games.

A real boathouse would honor Villanova Rowing's past accomplishments while raising its competitive level and attracting the best student-athletes, says Vince Nicastro, director of Athletics.

It would also give rowing alumni a permanent connection to Villanova Rowing, says Siobhan Walsh '99 A&S, who, with Brian McDonald '98 COE, is spearheading fundraising for a boathouse. "It would be a dream come true for the athletes, and for alumni a physical symbol of our stewardship of the program."

#### **HIDDEN TREASURE**

As the old dining facility on the second floor of Dougherty Hall was transformed into the new Café Nova, contractors uncovered a piece of Villanova history. Tucked deep inside a wall cavity was a rolled-up wooden door. On it was a mural depicting Villanova athletes painted by Willard Borow (1918-1988) a Philadelphia-born, nationally recognized muralist known for creating vibrant, bold murals for notable buildings in both Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. From 1954 until 1985, the mural had served as a dividing wall between the Pie Shop and the Day Hop.

It was an exciting find, according to Marilou Smith, senior project manager, Facilities
Management. "My guess is the rolling system on the dividing wall broke at some point, and the mural was left in the wall cavity," she says. "We thought it would be great for Café Nova."

The mural depicts Villanova athletes in different sports—all male, since the University was an all-male school when the mural was painted. Proving that everything old is new again, the retro find is now on display on the wall of the new Café Nova.

"It brings elements of the old into the new space," Smith says. "It's part of the history of Villanova."



# Reciprocal Benefits of Community Engagement

Ask Villanovans who have gone to Chulucanas, "Where's that?" They won't show you a map. They'll point to their hearts. The latest group of Campus Ministry and Nursing students to return from the Augustinian mission site in Peru join a long line of "service alumni" who got back more than they gave.







# **POWER TO BE**

By Suzanne Wentzel

he Villanova students felt like celebrities. As soon as the children at the Chulucanas parish school saw them, they swarmed around. Little hands waved pencils and scraps of paper in the visitors' faces.

"Sign your names, please!" they clamored. Surprised, the Villanovans gave their autographs, and the youngsters pocketed their tokens.

Bits of paper. Bits of remembrance. Such are the treasures on which relationships between residents of this Peruvian town and Campus Ministry students are built. They symbolize what the Chulucanas service break experience offers each year: opportunities to "pocket" moments shared—a *buenos dias* in the marketplace, a game of tag in a schoolyard, a simple meal in a family's home. Long after the trip is over, memories unite two worlds, two cultures, two realities.

"We don't solve big problems in the week we're there," says Elizabeth Mierswa '13 A&S. "We make a difference by bridging the gap between communities."

#### MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Many service break experiences focus on a specific project. But any service sponsored by Villanova is not only about doing. It's also about being engaged with the community. Learning to appreciate the value of "being" was one of the students' biggest takeaways.

"Some students have a 'do, do, do' mentality when they sign up," says Lauren Ducharme '12 MA, an advisor on the trip. "But they are able to switch gears when they realize that ours is a ministry of presence."

The week offered opportunities to find out what such a ministry entails. Shepherded by Augustinian Volunteers, the students visited schools, an orphanage and a geriatric residence. Everywhere, people's warmth and friendliness amazed them.

"Children at the orphanage had no idea who we were, yet they were so happy to see us," says Katherine Mandel '14 VSB. "They'd jump on us and lead us to their toys, smiling the whole time."





Campus Ministry students such as Lien Trieu '13 A&S (far left) engage with members of the Chulucanas community by spending time with schoolchildren, joining in the Sunday liturgy and visiting a local orphanage.

Being present to these children meant giving them time and attention. It also meant that the language difference was not a barrier. Justin Knoebel '14 VSB found that his inability to speak Spanish attracted to his side one toddler who was content to sit with him in silent companionship and then nap in his arms.

At the parish school, Villanovans played basketball with the students at recess, gave a command performance of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" and got everyone rollicking with the orientation song "Baby Shark."

In addition to delivering supplies to impoverished schools in outlying areas, the visitors painted a geriatric home and sat with the residents, listening to their stories.

"They appreciated our dedicating time to be with them," says Katherine. "That was more important than any task."

Between outings, students engaged with the community through the day-to-day life in Chulucanas. From interacting in the market to sampling local foods to learning about the town's infrastructure, they immersed themselves in the culture. They visited a center where women sell their own handicrafts and the workshops of artisans who produce world-renowned pottery.

Making connections can be bittersweet, for the time to say goodbye comes quickly. No Villanovan wanted to answer the question on the lips and in the eyes of the children: Are you coming back? Rachel Campanelli '13 VSB played all day with a child who, only weeks before, had been found in a plastic bag and brought to the orphanage. "When it was time for us to leave, he clung to my leg."

#### **OUT OF THE ZONE**

Student leader Carla Cassidy '12 A&S admits that heartbreak is a risk—and a benefit—of every service break experience. "The point is to get you out of your comfort zone."

The more students interacted with local people, the more they found popular notions of what constitutes success and





Above: Senior nursing students deliver a presentation prepared to address community health needs. Below: Recess at a local school is even more exciting when Villanova students join in the fun.



"Peru will always be a part of my life."

-Andrew Callery '08 A&S happiness challenged. On the one hand, they witnessed profound poverty, limited opportunity and lack of basic necessities. On the other hand, they saw how people lived simply, valued time with family and friends, and cared for each other's needs.

"We were exposed to the shocking reality of poverty and, at the same time, the happiness of life lived in solidarity," says Lien Trieu '13 A&S.

During the week, the son of a woman who ran a shop out of her home died unexpectedly. As news of the death spread, "dozens of neighbors gathered outside the grieving mother's tiny house," recalls Brooks Thacker '13 A&S. "It is such a strong, close community."

Daily communal reflection helped the students to work through emotions, integrate experiences and consider the possibilities—and limits—of what they could do to effect change on campus and after graduation.

"We want them to maintain that awareness as they go out into the wider world," says Joanna Bowen '07 A&S, '10 MS, associate director, Campus Ministry. "If we all kept in mind the needs and rights of the marginalized, society would move in ways we can only imagine."

For those who went to Peru, "the marginalized" are people whose faces, hardships and joys are both familiar and dear. They are the other half of a relationship that neither time nor distance can diminish. Stashed inside the secret troves of Chulucanas children are the scraps of paper to prove it.

# Life After Peru

Peru is never far from the thoughts of Andrew Callery '08 A&S. His service break experience in 2006 has directed the course of his life ever since.

After graduating, Callery volunteered as a teacher at De Marillac Academy, a Catholic school that offers a tuition-free, private education to children from low-income families. Today, he works full-time at the San Francisco academy, providing ongoing support to graduates now in college. He still keeps in touch with a teacher he met in Chulucanas. "Peru will always be a part of my life."

For Sean Denehy '07 COE, service break experiences in Chulucanas and South Africa inspired him to join the Augustinian Volunteers. He served for a year in the Bronx, driven by the lesson he had learned during reflection sessions in Peru: "Once you see, you no longer cannot see."

Working now in the construction-management field, Denehy is "more conscious of how every interaction and every business decision may affect people down the line."





The global health experience in Peru is an option in the College of Nursing's Health Promotion Practicum.

**By Shawn Proctor** 

ight senior Villanova nursing students. Two College of Nursing faculty. Three months of preparation. Nearly 22 hours of travel to the Augustinian Mission in Chulucanas, Peru. Seven days that changed lives.

The nursing students arrived in Peru prepared to work with community health promoters from Chulucanas to provide care to patients in their homes and educate the promoters in the community about disease management and basic health needs.

"We're not there to introduce anything that the people of Chulucanas cannot sustain. It's about affecting lifestyles. We're helping make their lives, from a health perspective, more manageable," says Karen McKenna, '70 CON, '83 MSN, RN, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, who has helped to organize the international nursing experience for the past 13 years.

Endowment support from the Connelly Foundation enables the College of Nursing to offer global health experiences such as this one as part of its required and elective courses.

It began as an exploratory trip and is now an option in the College's Health Promotion Practicum. In the months before they leave, students and faculty analyze leading health indicators and variables, such as socioeconomic, political and religious factors that impact health. Students then prepare and translate teaching presentations to address current health needs of the community.

The experience is curriculum-driven, moving education from the classroom or clinical setting into this Peruvian community. In the morning, students perform home visits with members of the community; they meet with community health advocates to present health education in the afternoon; and in the evening the students and faculty meet to reflect on the day.

"These students chose this clinical experience, which aligns perfectly with the University's greater mission," says Adjunct Assistant Professor Elise Pizzi, MSN, CRNP.

"People were inspired to help their community and that, in turn, inspired us."

-Brooke Bettis '12 CON

#### SPARKS OF CHANGE

Samantha Scordino '12 CON says the education and work done by previous groups was evident in the community. She was also struck by how interconnected the health care experience was—when you treated one patient, the ripples could be felt throughout the community.

"Even one piece of information could be very powerful," she says. "Whether through faith or service, it was gratifying to see those sparks of change moving across other people."

This was the second Peru experience for Brooke Bettis '12 CON. As soon as she had come back from a service break experience, she began making plans to return for the nursing experience. "People were inspired to help their community and that, in turn, inspired us," she says. It shaped her goal of finding a career in international health care. "I was amazed at how much we were able to educate people in managing their health."



Chulucanas provides a clinical experience that aligns with the University's greater mission.

The home visits impacted Jennifer Gil '13 CON, who acted as an interpreter. She learned a community needs emotional support as much as health care to thrive. "I felt very connected to them," she says. "What you learn in a classroom or from a book doesn't come through until you see how it affects real people."

#### **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

One experience that drove that feeling of connection home for student leader Elena Sciulli '12 CON was when she accompanied a health promoter to the home of a man in his 60s with diabetes and who was deaf. She mistook the people who were with him as the man's children. They were actually his neighbors who had taken on the task of caring for him.

"They didn't have much, but they shared everything they had with him," says Sciulli, who is an NICU nurse. "Professor McKenna and the wonderful memories from Chulucanas made me into the nurse I am today."

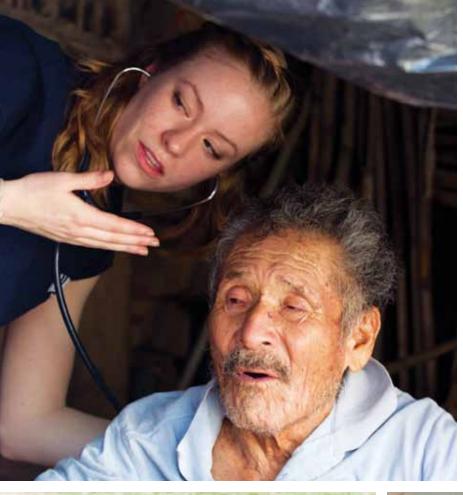
Fellow student nurse Kerry Schindler '12 CON agrees. "This showed me how you can build a relationship with the patient through nonverbal communication. It is very helpful as I think about my future career as a nurse."

Chulucanas is always in the back of Samantha Wu's '12 CON mind, especially when she considers preconceptions about a patient's base of knowledge. She remembers her surprise when discussing with the community how to treat ear infections. While explaining the proper use of antibiotics she had passed around a model of the parts of the ear and quickly realized they had never been exposed to that information before. It meant she had to ensure they understood the ear's anatomy before they could move deeper into the discussion.

"I definitely want to have another global health experience," she said. "It might seem like a normal day at work for me, but it can greatly benefit a community's health."

Professor McKenna has seen the relationship between Villanova and Chulucanas grow and expects that the bonds will continue to deepen, with benefits for all involved.

"When we come back, the community knows the Villanova nurses and values the students." ■



Above: The nursing students perform home visits with members of the community. Below: The global health experience continues to grow the relationship between Chulucanas and Villanova.







Studying temporal perception makes teacher-scholar Matthew Matell's clock tick

By Suzanne Wentzel







omedy 101: It's all in the timing. If you rush the punch line or pause too long, you kill the joke instead of the audience. The same principle holds true for sports. Whether a batter whiffs or "goes yard" depends, in part, on estimating that precise, magical moment when bat crushes ball.

In fact, temporal perception, and especially interval timing—the way in which we perceive the passage of time in the seconds-to-minutes range—drives many animal behaviors, scientists say. It helps predators, for example, to time their attacks before dinner scurries away.

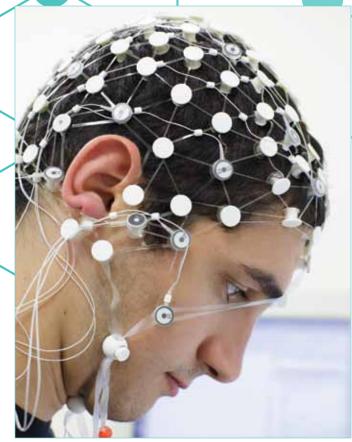
Among humans, it is no less essential. Temporal perception underlies our ability to survive, learn, develop expectations about what will happen when, and interact with other people and our surroundings. We understand what it means to have the floor for two minutes. We squirm during awkward pauses in conversation. We predict how often we can hit "snooze" and still get to work on time.

Yet, despite its being fundamental to human operation, the slippery notion of temporal perception has caused many great minds to lie awake at night. It so distracted Augustine that he devoted Book XI of his *Confessions* to the topic. He wrestled with the enigma of what constitutes the present moment, which "flies by from the future into the past with such haste that it seems to last no time at all."

#### **GIVE OR TAKE A MINUTE**

Temporal perception has the same fascination for another great mind: Matthew Matell, PhD, associate professor of Psychology and director of the Temporal Perception Lab in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A specialist in behavioral neuroscience, Dr. Matell was attracted to the field in general because it united two of his loves: biology and psychology. But it was through his studies as a master's and doctoral student at Duke

Time flies in the Temporal Perception Lab, where Matthew Matell, PhD, associate professor, Psychology, tries to answer one of the questions that baffle scientists: How does the brain measure time?



Alexander Capuco '13 A&S collects data from his brain to pilot an Evoked Response Potential experiment that will allow researchers to study neural activity during violations of a metronome tempo.

University that he became intrigued by the particular puzzle that would guide his career: How does the brain measure time?

That's a question that stymies scientists. We don't have a sense organ for time the way we do for light, sound and other stimuli. Yet, without realizing it, we make judgments—and, depending on the circumstances, pretty accurate ones—about how long different time events last. Dr. Matell's goal is to identify and understand the neural and psychological mechanisms that enable us to do it.

"The 'holy grail' of my field is to figure out what neural processes are used by the brain to judge how much time has elapsed."

Dr. Matell's significant findings have contributed to a body of knowledge that is critical to a scientific understanding of temporally controlled behavior. "We time everything that happens and everything we do," he says. "Only when things go awry do we become aware that we are constantly evaluating time."

#### WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?

Funded by a succession of grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (a component of the National Institutes of Health), Dr. Matell's research in recent years has focused on how the use and abuse of addictive drugs such as cocaine and amphetamines alter temporal perception and rate of delay discounting, both of which affect the choices a drug-dependent person makes.

"Delay discounting" describes a phenomenon familiar to all of us: mentally "marking down" the value of a future commodity or reward simply because we must wait for it, and choosing instead a lesser commodity or reward that we can possess now. A dilemma many of us dream about illustrates this process: When I win the lottery, will I wait for the increasing payments spread out over decades, or will I claim the smaller lump sum paid out immediately?

Research shows that people addicted to drugs discount future rewards more steeply than non-users—in part because psychostimulants and hallucinogens speed up a person's internal clock. Thus, when a person is in a drug-induced state, real time seems slower. Temporal memories stored during this time seem longer.

Dr. Matell and his colleagues have investigated their novel hypothesis about how drug-related changes in temporal perception affect delay discounting. Their experiments with rats suggest that people form temporal expectations about a particular event—say, cooking dinner—by dipping into their memory bank and retrieving temporal memories labeled "cooking dinner." However, if some of these memories were created in a drug-induced state (and thus feel longer) while other memories were created in the absence of drugs (and feel more like real-time duration), the two sets will be discrepant.

To resolve the discrepancy, the brain averages the memories together to construct a new memory. The result: a synthesized expectation that is longer than "normal" and thus diminishes the value of enjoying a home-cooked meal down the road, as compared to the immediate gratification of getting high now.

The big-picture breakthrough for Dr. Matell is the recognition that memory is not infallible and that memory errors can change behavior. "Your belief about how long a task is going to take could be due to your using a wrong, or biased, memory," he says. "That connection is potentially powerful. Our behavior can be a reflection of an altered memory rather than an altered perceptual state."

These tantalizing insights into temporal averaging keep his lab humming with activity. They not only require further investigation but open the door to future areas of research. If altered temporal expectations contribute to drug addiction, and if scientists can find ways to modify those expectations, then users, Dr. Matell theorizes, may be less likely to discount the value of future rewards and more likely to get off drugs. In the meantime, he and his colleagues are examining the synthesis of temporal memories across different drug states.

#### PRESENT ... PERFECT

Dr. Matell is no stranger to institutions where faculty research is primary, having done his undergraduate work at Ohio State University and served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan. In addition to collaborating with prominent fac-

ulty in his own department, he has teamed up with experts at prestigious universities nationwide.

But Dr. Matell finds that Villanova's commitment to both teaching and research creates a healthy environment in which to operate. Here, faculty are free to balance the two areas in ways that work for them. They also are encouraged to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.

"I enjoy coming up with ideas and applying for funding to see where those ideas will go," Dr. Matell says, "but I don't feel the constant pressure faculty at other schools might feel to bring in a certain number of grants or else."

Villanova also is a place where undergraduate students can get in on cutting-edge research, and Dr. Matell welcomes such partners in his lab. As a senior, Nicholas Petrosino '12 A&S co-developed a research project that proved to be Dr. Matell's first one involving humans, not rats, as subjects: the effect of depressed moods on the judgment of time duration.

"It was fantastic to be in conversation about specific and challenging research with someone so knowledgeable and so immersed in the field," he says.

Samantha Cerasiello '12 A&S assisted Dr. Matell with the temporal-averaging experiment, as well as a project on the effects of serotonin on timing. She appreciated her mentor's finely tuned talent for knowing when to step in and when to step back.

"Dr. Matell challenged me to learn and explore on my own, but he never let me feel frustrated or alone in the process."

True, faculty must carve out time from already packed schedules to train and nurture their young assistants. But the payoff, in Dr. Matell's opinion, is worth the investment.

"Doing research as an undergraduate exposes students to the 'noise' inherent in real-life science and is the best preparation for graduate school."

That's a long-term reward no one at Villanova discounts.

# START OF SOMETHING BIG

For four decades, how stimulant drugs affect neural activity in the brain has been one of the research areas of another Villanovan: George Rebec, PhD, '71 A&S, Chancellor's Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences, and director, Program in Neuroscience, at Indiana University Bloomington.

Dr. Rebec and his colleagues focus on the neural mechanisms underlying one of the most vexing issues with addiction: relapse. Why do so many users, despite their best efforts, go back? A big problem seems to be that cues associated with the drug in the person's mind can trigger craving.

Using rat models, Dr. Rebec studies not only *which* neurons in the brain respond to these cues but *why*. The answer may be the buildup of the neurotransmitter glutamate. Figuring out how to remove or prevent this excess could lead to treatments for drug relapse.

Dr. Rebec's curiosity about all things biopsychological was piqued during his undergraduate days at Villanova. Courses with professors Ingeborg Ward, PhD, and Byron Ward, PhD, were especially influential in setting the Psychology major on a course of study that included a doctoral degree at University of Colorado Boulder and a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Diego.

In April, Dr. Rebec returned to his Villanova roots for the Department of Psychology's 50th anniversary



The Department of Psychology, chaired by Thomas Toppino, PhD (right), honors George Rebec, PhD, '71 A&S (center) with the distinguished alumnus award named for former chair Daniel J. Ziegler, PhD, '60 A&S (left).

celebration. He presented a talk on his research on Huntington's disease and was one of the recipients of the Daniel J. Ziegler Distinguished Alumnus Award. Honored and humbled by the recognition, Dr. Rebec said he was "happy to come back to where it all started."

# BEYOND THE NUMBERS

Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, takes the helm at the Villanova School of Business

BY JENNIFER SCHU

2001, Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, made a life-changing decision. He left a successful career in the steel and mining industries—where he had held roles as CEO and director of national sales—to pursue a PhD.

For two years he had juggled a full-time job and academics while earning an MBA at Johns Hopkins University. Realizing the business curriculum resonated with him far more than his undergraduate studies in chemistry, he stopped by the university's Career Center one day to take a vocational assessment. "In the results, 'college professor' kept coming up as a potential career," he recalls.

A risk-taker and entrepreneur at heart—he had founded two companies and would continue to run one throughout his studies—he took the plunge. Offered a "full ride" to pursue a PhD in Strategic Management at the University of Maryland, "I put everything in my life on hold for three years. I knew it was what I wanted to do."

It was clearly the right move. Eleven years later, in May 2012, Dr. Maggitti was appointed The Helen and William O'Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business. The announcement was greeted with enthusiasm by his colleagues across the University, who in the past four years have come to know "Pat" Maggitti for his dedication to facilitating cross-college collaboration and interdisciplinary learning.

#### Interdisciplinary approach

As a member of the Villanova faculty since 2008—he arrived after successful faculty stints at St. Joseph's University and Temple University—Dean Maggitti has made it his mission to foster cross-college learning and embed entrepreneurial thinking more deeply in the Villanova culture.

He was most recently the Carmen and Sharon Danella Director of the Center for Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship (ICE Center) at VSB, as well as associate professor of Strategic Management. Among the ICE Center's notable accomplishments during his tenure was the launch of "Mobile Device Programming," an award-winning interdisciplinary course taught by three professors that brought together computer science, business and engineering students to prepare them for careers in the nearly \$15 billion mobile application industry.

In the works—slated for spring 2013—is an interdisciplinary course with the working title "Technology Commercialization in Emerging Markets." It combines three separate academic units and challenges students from VSB, the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to develop creative solutions to real world problems.

"Where we can strategically find opportunities to create these courses, we'll continue to do so," Dean Maggitti says.



"Villanova can be uniquely situated if we continue to get the formula right for these kinds of programs."

That formula will enable VSB to produce creative thinkers, entrepreneurs and problem-solvers who can tackle increasingly complex issues in the business world.

#### Where great ideas are created

"My vision is for VSB to be known as a place where great ideas are created—by our students, faculty and staff," he says. "Higher education has long been known as a place where critical thinking skills are developed, but my hope is to move to the higher order goal of the development of creative thinking skills."

In conjunction with Villanova's Division of Student Life, while at the ICE Center Dean Maggitti developed the Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship Certificate Program for Sophomores (ICE CaPS). And under his leadership, the ICE Center became the sponsor of the Villanova Entrepreneurs Network (VEN), a series of bi-monthly meetings that has linked investors with entrepreneurs to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Dr. Maggitti is dedicated to cross-college collaboration and interdisciplinary learning, demonstrated by his continued efforts to instill an entrepreneurial way of thinking more deeply into our entire University culture," University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S said in announcing his appointment. "His energy, creativity, integrity, inclusiveness and collaborative style have made him exceptionally successful and the ideal leader to guide VSB to new levels of excellence."

With his experience in both the academic and corporate worlds, Dean Maggitti is an entrepreneur who is a teacher at heart—which he has known since the day he stopped by the Johns Hopkins University Career Center. In 2011 he received the Villanova University "Outstanding Teaching Award" for faculty with fewer than seven years of service.

He says he is proud of the fact that Villanova is known for its personalized learning environment. "We are clearly above any of our peers in terms of personal attention to students," he says. "Everyone here is a phenomenal teacher."

He adds, "It is far easier to be the critic than the artist, but in today's world, more and more of us are expected to be artists in thought and mind, to understand the critical role of technological innovation in our world and to learn and develop collaborative skills with individuals with different backgrounds, experiences and knowledge.

"We want our students to look beyond the numbers in ways that others wouldn't."  $\blacksquare$ 

# **IGNITING CHANGE**

# Villanovans contributing to the community



# Obstacles? What Obstacles?

When Emily Felsenthal '10 A&S puts a plan into action, nothing stands in her way

By Suzanne Wentzel

The bleak honesty of the boy's reply rattled Emily Felsenthal '10 A&S. The question she had just posed to the youngsters at the Chulucanas orphanage was the same one she had asked every child she had encountered during her volunteer work in Peru: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

That was when 10-year-old Victor, whose upbeat, affectionate and antic ways had claimed Felsenthal's heart the day they met, looked at her skeptically. "I'm an orphan. I'm poor," he said. "That's what I'll still be when I grow up."

Not true! Felsenthal almost blurted out. But she bit back the pat response. She couldn't deny the truth of Victor's words. Poverty was a ceiling, and the heads of these children barely cleared it. But what she *could* do was create a hatch. Then the

children could not only glimpse the stars but reach for them.

#### **Education: The way out**

One of the lessons Felsenthal had learned in her classes on peace and justice was that having an education "is a huge way out" for people. Give them a chance to earn a college degree, and a new world of opportunity opens up to them. Unfortunately, Victor and other children his age went to school only part of the day.

That wasn't enough, Felsenthal decided. Not if they wanted to go to college. They needed more time, instruction and individualized attention, and she was going to see that they got it. Education would be their hatch.

In March of her senior year, only months after she had returned from Peru, Felsenthal launched Victor's Vision. Based in Chulucanas, the program provided three hours of supplemental learning five days a week. Certified teachers were hired to cover academic subjects, as well as character development. Felsenthal used her own savings to help to cover initial costs.

The pace at which Felsenthal, a Spanish major from Wilmette, Ill., moved into action left those who knew her breathless—but not surprised. "Emily has an undaunted ability and willingness to execute a plan to address a need," says Professor Carol Anthony, associate director, Center for Peace and Justice Education. "What undergraduate says, 'I'm going to start an educational program in Peru'? How do you do that? How do you even think that it can be done? But for Emily, there is no question of not doing it. She sees a need and says, 'We can do something about it."

#### **Empowered to act**

Creating Victor's Vision wasn't the first example of Felsenthal's confident, make-it-happen attitude. Inspired by a documentary she had seen on the organization Invisible Children, which seeks to end atrocities associated with the Lord's Resistance Army in Africa, she was instrumental in growing a student chapter at Villanova. In addition, Felsenthal and Joyce Zavarich, DMin, director, Center for Pastoral Ministry Education, developed a restorative-justice workshop for a state prison.

This same attitude prompted Felsenthal to travel to Peru after sophomore and junior years. On the second trip, she discovered a shelter for women and children with AIDS. She knocked at the door and asked if they needed a volunteer. "They said, 'What's that?"" Felsenthal recalls. "No one had ever volunteered for them." She spent the next several months teaching the children.

Before transferring from the University of California, Santa Barbara, to Villanova as a sophomore, Felsenthal had viewed service as a hobby. But her experiences in the classroom and through Campus Ministry activities transformed that hobby into a passion. "I realized that I wanted to dedicate my life to serving others."

Felsenthal went on service break experiences to Cambodia, El Salvador and other sites, and pursued a minor in Peace and Justice Education. This serviceacademics combo helped her to integrate what she was seeing and learning. It also exposed her to faculty and staff who reiterated a powerful message: You can be the difference.

"Everywhere I went at Villanova and through Villanova, people would tell me that I had the power to make change," Felsenthal says. "No one had instilled that mind-set in me before."

#### 20/20 vision

Since its inception, Victor's Vision has thrived. Never satisfied, Felsenthal continually improves the program and broadens its scope. Now a fullfledged nonprofit that in 2011 brought

in more than \$27,000 in funding, Victor's Vision has relocated to the more impovoutskirts erished Chulucanas to better serve children most in need. Enrollment has gone from 12 to 40 students, and a new grade is added annually.

Besides academic instruction, Victor's Vision has three core components that boost students' success rate: parental involvement, the provision of nutritious meals and field trips that introduce youngsters to the world beyond Chulucanas.

The enthusiasm Felsenthal, now a Teach for America corps member in Chicago, feels for Victor's Vision is matched by her pride in another "V" place. "I credit Villanova with everything I've done. It helped me to come into my own and realize my potential to make change."

Scores of children have a better chance of breaking through the ceiling of poverty, thanks to Felsenthal. This success story exemplifies what Villanova does so well, says Dr. Zavarich. "We tell students,

"The University helped me to come into my own and realize my potential to make change."

Emily Felsenthal



In 2011, Emily Felsenthal '10 A&S reunited with the Peruvian youngster who inspired her to create a program that provides opportunities for impoverished children in Chulucanas to pursue their dreams through education.

'You don't have to change the entire world. Use your knowledge to make a difference where you are. That's change, and that's what helps to transform the world."

Visit www.victorsvision.org to learn more. ■



## Five for Five

#### For the Esposito family, Villanova is in their DNA

When the Villanova men's basketball team made the NCAA Final Four in 2009, faithful fans Jim Esposito '79 VSB and Patty Esposito '80 A&S traveled to the game in what was for them a time-honored Villanova tradition. Picking up son Connor Esposito '10 VSB after his Villanova soccer game, they piled into a rented van with John Terzano '77 A&S, Carol Terzano '80 A&S and their family and drove all night from New Jersey to Detroit, where Villanova was scheduled to play the University of North Carolina the next day.

"We took turns driving the graveyard shift," laughs Jim Esposito.

"It was just like the old days," adds Patty.

As Villanova cheerleaders, she and her teammates "drove to Notre Dame in a snowstorm to cheer. Another time we drove 12 hours to Clemson [University]. When we got there, people asked, 'What is Villanova?'"

Patty pauses. "That's the last time anyone has ever asked me that."

#### WILDCAT PRIDE

The Espositos are proud of the University's strong academic reputation and national stature. "Everything in our lives leads back to Villanova," Patty says. "We met there. Our faith was strengthened there. We formed lifelong friendships—the dearest friends we have in the world—on campus. We acquired the education and leadership qualities that have helped us in our careers.

"Villanova is where we had our aha moment of who we wanted to be."

Today Jim is vice president and controller, GAF Corp., and Patty a senior client advisor with Marsh USA, Inc. The working couple spent years in multitasking mode—shuttling kids to soccer games while mentally preparing for the next day's big meeting. Somehow they found time for volunteer work for Villanova and their children's schools.

For the Esposito kids growing up, "Villanova was part of their DNA," Jim says. It's little wonder all three have chosen to attend. Son Connor played four years on the men's soccer

team after earning a spot as a walk-on, making such an impact that the program now annually bestows the Connor Esposito 12th Man Award.

Daughter Emily Esposito '13 just completed a summer internship with L'Oreal Corp. When asked to give a presentation to a top executive, "she wasn't fazed, because she'd already done so many at Villanova," Patty says. "VSB really knows how to prepare these kids." Their youngest, Reilly Esposito '16, makes it "five for five" for the family.

#### "YOU'RE REALLY CONTRIBUTING"

The Espositos are "huge on Villanovans helping Villanovans," Jim says. They are Villanova Parent Ambassadors and members of the Morris Somerset Alumni Association. Patty has been a class reunion giving chairperson and in 2011 was elected to the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors. "It's such an active working board. You feel like you're really contributing," she says.

"Patty and Jimmy personify the 'Villanova family," says friend and classmate Patrick Higgins '80 A&S. "Since graduation, they've been actively involved in all aspects of the University."

"Our kids have accused us of being the parents who come to campus the most," Patty laughs. "But I remind them, 'We bring you food and we take you out for food."

Recently the couple established The James T. Esposito '79 and Patricia M. Esposito '80 Family Endowed Fund for Men's Soccer, designed to enhance the Villanova men's soccer program and to encourage further giving.

Jim says the fund recognizes the tremendous year-round commitment of Villanova student-athletes. "It's a way to give back to the University and to men's soccer. Everything about Villanova is geared to the students—from the Orientation Mass to the life skills learned there. We're proud to support that."

Giving back means a lot to Jim, who attended Villanova on 100 percent financial aid. "I appreciate my education so much," he says simply. "Villanova changed the course of my life."

"Villanova is where we had our aha moment of who we wanted to be."

- PATTY ESPOSITO

BY JENNIFER SCHU



## Sky's the Limit

Villanova first Boren Scholar, **Anu Thomas '13 A&S** plans to shape the world through foreign policy

Anu Thomas '13 A&S came to Villanova with plans to contribute to the community. She hoped to offer her unique perspective as an Indian-American, the first person in her family born in the United States. Moreover, Anu brought ambition and a passion for service. The University, in turn, recognized her drive and supported her—as a result she has become a change-agent in every sense.

"Through this very interconnected process, the faculty and staff have helped me to grow. It's has been an essential part of my Villanova experience," says Anu, an honors Political Science student with dual minors in Spanish and Arab and Islamic Studies.

A St. Martin de Porres Scholar, Anu has utilized her college career to explore the world through the Travel Abroad Program, including trips to Spain and the United Arab Emirates. Absorbing new cultures challenges Anu to apply and reshape the ideas she has learned in the classroom.

"Diversity is like a banquet. Each person is exotic, like a unique meal, and Villanova is like an incredible feast," says Anu.

As a result she was the first Villanovan to receive the highly competitive David L. Boren National Security Education Program Scholarship, which provides funding for US students to study less commonly taught languages in areas critical to US interests. It is designed also to enhance international cooperation and security.

#### SERVICE AS SELF-EXPRESSION

Her scholarship allowed Anu to study Arabic language and culture in Jordan, which expanded her linguistic repertoire to four languages, including Spanish and Malayam, an Indian language. She has used her abilities as a student interpreter for Villanova School of

Law's Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services. There she worked with people who often have fled human rights abuses in their home countries and sought religious or political asylum in the United States.

"Service is my way of expressing myself, expressing my passions. Acting as an interpreter, for example, has been a humbling experience," she explains. "I believe you have to seize the moment and give of yourself completely in all things. There's a risk in that, but the greatest achievements come with risk."

Her Villanova experience is only the first step, preparing her for a challenging road ahead. Anu plans to attend law school after graduation and build on that foundation to launch her career in foreign policy and government intelligence.

"It's awesome to see the amount of love that comes out of service and the impact you're making," she says.

#### STANDOUT STUDENT

Christine Kelleher Palus, PhD, associate professor of Political Science and director of the Master of Public Administration Program, says Anu is a born leader who thrives on combining her ambitions with compassion. They met in a class when Anu was a freshman; Dr. Palus has since become a mentor and role model.

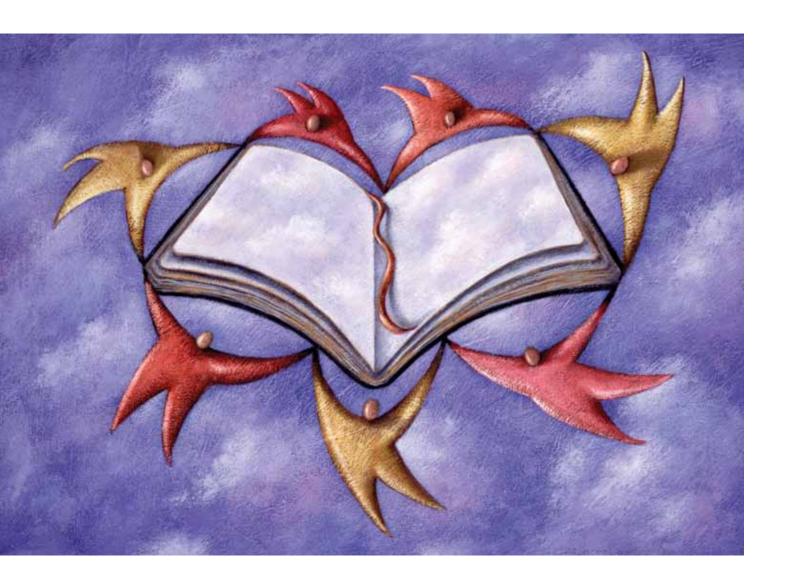
"Anu was a clear standout. She has a strong drive to become a member of the global community. Villanova helped her to see new opportunities and offered encouragement and support to enable Anu to achieve," she says. "Students like her inspire me by going out and making a difference."

"Villanova facilitates the search for identity. It's so much more than a job for advisors here. You see that every day," says Anu. "If I help create foreign policy I'm not only affecting America, I am affecting the world."

"I believe you have to...give of yourself completely in all things. There's a risk in that, but the greatest achievements come with risk."

-ANU THOMAS

BY SHAWN PROCTOR



### **EVER THE TWO SHALL MEET**

New center integrates faith and learning

>> By Suzanne Wentzel

magine the scene: Augustine and friends are gathered in a villa in the Milanese countryside. Heedless of the changing shadows on the sundial, they lose themselves in conversation about the life of the mind, the search for truth and how it all fits together.

Call it "Birth of an Intellectual Tradition."

This idyllic origin can seems worlds away from 21st-century academia. Multimajor, perpetual-motion students worry about acquiring marketable skills, while faculty juggle the demands of teaching,

research and scholarship. Is this age-old tradition even relevant?

More than ever.

And as heir, Villanova is unsurpassed in preserving and expanding it. The University continually provides new opportunities for faculty and students to embrace their Augustinian heritage to grow as a community of learners, dialogue as friends and pursue wisdom together. The most recent example is the creation of a unique center that invites participants to explore the vocation of the mind and the depths of the spirit.

#### PERFECT BLEND

The Center for Faith and Learning made its debut in fall 2011. Overseen by the Office for Mission and Ministry, it gives faculty and students what they hunger for: time and space to talk about the same questions that intrigued Augustine.

Consider the response when the center piloted an academic learning community for incoming freshmen. Within 24 hours of its announcement, 48 students had applied for 17 slots.

The instant appeal thrilled founding director Beth Hassel, PBVM, DMin, who has been a vibrant force on campus for 31 years. It also confirmed what her research had suggested: faculty and students want programs that integrate the intellectual and spiritual life.

"Faith and knowledge are a power couple," says Katherine Garvey '14 VSB, one of the center's scholars. "Unlike many schools, Villanova recognizes that."

Indeed, the Strategic Plan sees the center as a means of enhancing the school's Augustinian identity, and Dr. Hassel is developing programs faithful to that vision.

"We've formed an intellectually rigorous community outside the classroom that applauds and affirms the importance of the mind and heart together."

#### **TABLE TALK**

This clear understanding of purpose is one reason why the center's Faith and Learning Scholar/Mentor Program is a hit.

Twice each semester, students and faculty gather to discuss how faith and learning intersect. Their conversations, which springboard from assigned readings, take place over dinner in the University's elegantly appointed Picotte Hall at Dundale—not a bad substitute for an Italian villa.

While the topic can be personal, participants don't feel vulnerable or embarrassed offering their perspectives. Diversity of faith traditions, disciplines and backgrounds enlivens the exchange and challenges people to reflect on their beliefs.

"We disagree, of course," says Samantha Thoma '14 A&S. "But everyone is respectful and open. No interpretation is right or wrong."

luncheons held each semester, faculty share personal experiences related to teaching as vocation and explore their faith traditions within the Augustinian Catholic community.

The kaleidoscope of 10-minute talks has included observations by Professor of Law David Caudill, JD, PhD, the Arthur M. Goldberg Family Chair, on the influence of Dutch Neo-Calvinism; a photo chronicle of the teaching journey of Chemical Engineering Professor Vito Punzi, PhD; and a reflection on



Beth Hassel, PBVM, DMin, director, Center for Faith and Learning, and faculty and students in the Scholar/Mentor Program enjoy a leisurely meal and stimulating conversation.

It's not that similar conversations don't occur elsewhere on campus. Still, the act of gathering off the clock, as equals, to enjoy a meal and probe questions raised by faith and academics is quintessentially Augustinian.

"You not only talk about the life of the mind with students. You live it with them," says mentor David Schindler, PhD, associate professor, Humanities.

#### TIME-OUT FOR FACULTY

As if overseeing these initiatives were not a full-time job, Dr. Hassel also has developed programming to encourage faculty to dialogue with each other. At Sikhism by Gunita Grover, PhD, assistant professor, Finance.

These stories stimulate conversation and allow faculty to open up in ways more formal meetings do not. "Faculty who normally wouldn't sit together and shoot the breeze are being woven into one tapestry," says Dr. Punzi.

Such feedback assures Dr. Hassel that her dream of serving the campus-wide community is within reach. "My challenge was to design a center that is inclusive, welcoming and supportive of Villanova's mission. I don't pray for signs, but how can I not see that we're moving in the right direction?" ■

# BLUE GOES F

## Villanova's proud Olympic tradition continued at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. > By Jennifer Schu



Mike Neill '92 VSB made a sliding catch of a fly ball to

left field for the last out against heavily favored Cuba in the gold-medal game at the 2000 Summer Olympics, the United States won its first Olympic championship in baseball—and Neill became the ninth Villanovan to bring home Olympic gold.

For a relatively small university, Villanova has produced an impressively large number of Olympians. Since the 1948 Summer Olympics (also held in London), at least one Villanovan has competed in at least a single event at the Summer Olympiad. The tradition continued in 2012 as six Villanovans were selected to represent their respective countries at the 2012 Games in London.

The six were Dotsie Bausch '95 A&S in cycling; Lisa Karcic '09 VSB and Andrew Sullivan '03 A&S in basketball; and Marina Muncan '06 A&S, Sheila Reid '12 A&S and Adrian Blincoe '03 VSB in track and field. Another former Wildcat, goalkeeper Jillian Loyden '08 A&S, was an alternate on the US women's soccer team.

#### Carrying the torch

#### **Dotsie Bausch**

A seven-time USA Cycling national champion and a two-time Pan American champion, Bausch rowed crew at Villanova and didn't take up cycling until her mid-twenties. In 2011 she won a World Championship silver medal in the women's track cycling team pursuit. This summer she earned an Olympic silver medal in that event in London.

#### **Lisa Karcic**

Known in her Villanova days for her



It seemed to make no sense. As the winner of the 5,000 meters at the Canadian Olympic Trials in Calgary, Alberta, on June 30, Sheila Reid '12 A&S should have been celebrating. Yet the Newmarket, Ontario, native, who completed her college career last spring, had to wait to punch her plane ticket to London.

Her winning time at the Trials—held at altitude, which is not conducive to fast times—was shy of the Olympic "A" standard of 15:20 that would have cemented her place on the Olympic squad. However, Reid had achieved the Olympic "B" standard of 15:30 with her 15:23 in the spring of 2012, as well as two "B" standards in the 1,500 meters.

Although an Olympic Trials-winning athlete with a "B" standard may compete at the Games if no others have achieved the "A" in the event—the case in Reid's situation—Athletics Canada, the country's Olympic governing body, chose not to add Reid to the Olympic team.

Oh, Canada. Reid appealed under Athletics Canada's Rising Star provision, which allows the addition of a promising young athlete with certain qualifications to the team. That appeal was denied. Her fans took to the Internet, tweeting with hashtags like #LetSheilaGo! She submitted a second appeal—based on her vic-

tory in Calgary and her career history—to a panel not affiliated with Athletics Canada. In addition to her NCAA individual cross-country championships in 2010 and 2011, she was the first athlete in NCAA history to win the 1,500 and 5,000 at the same NCAA championships, which she did in 2011.

The second group determined that Reid met the Rising Star provision. They made the recommendation that she be added to the team, which the National Team Committee accepted. On July 12, Reid received the news that she was an Olympian.

"I'm relieved and excited," she said.

# OR GOLD

three-point shooting prowess, Karcic was selected to compete in London as a member of the Croatian women's basketball team. As a center/forward for Villanova, in her senior year she was a key player on a team that went 19-14 overall and earned a bid to the NCAA tournament. London was her first Olympic Games.

#### **Andrew Sullivan**

Former Wildcat forward Sullivan was named to represent Great Britain in men's basketball. He played in 109 career games for Villanova and averaged 5.1 points per game in 24.4 minutes per game as a senior. Since his 2003 graduation he has played professionally in Europe and on Great Britain's national team.

#### **Marina Muncan**

Muncan, the Serbian national record holder at both the 1,500 meters and mile, was selected to compete for Serbia in the 1,500 meters. It was her first trip to the Olympics. Muncan competed for the Wildcats from 2002 to 2005 and was a four-time All-American in cross-country. She was also a four-time BIG EAST champion.

#### Sheila Reid

Two-time NCAA cross-country champion (in 2009 and 2010) Reid won the 5,000 meters at the Canadian Olympic Trials (see sidebar). A five-time individual national champion, 12-time All-American and 12-time BIG EAST champion, she led the Villanova women's cross-country team to two NCAA team championships.

#### **Adrian Blincoe**

Blincoe, a seven-time All-American at Villanova and the New Zealand national record holder in the men's 5,000 meters, was named to his country's Olympic team but had to withdraw due to injury.

#### **Medal haul**

The nine gold and five silver medals won by Villanovans include 11 individuals in four different sports.

- Villanova's only two-time gold medalist, Charlie Jenkins '58 VSB won gold in the 400-meter run and the 1,600-meter relay at the 1956 Games in Melbourne.
- •Ron Delany '58 A&S blazed to a new Olympic record in becoming the 1,500 meters champion in 1956 in Melbourne.
- •Don Bragg '57 A&S soared to Olympic gold in the pole vault at the 1960 Games in Rome.
- •In 1964 in Tokyo, William Knecht '51 A&S earned a gold medal in the coxed eights, while Paul Drayton '63 VSB sprinted to gold in the 400- meter relay and silver in the 200 meters.
- Villanovans also garnered three medals at the 1968 Games in Mexico City. G. Larry James '70 VSB earned gold on the 1,600 relay squad and silver in the 400 meters. Ervin Hall '68 VSB won silver in the 110-meter hurdles.
- •In Sydney in 2000, in addition to Mike Neill's gold medal in baseball, Sonia O'Sullivan '92 VSB became Villanova's first female athlete to win an Olympic medal when she raced to silver in the 5,000 meters.
- In August, Dotsie Bausch won a silver medal in the women's track cycling team pursuit at the London Games.

Top to bottom: Lisa Karcic '09 VSB, Andrew Sullivan '03 A&S, Marina Muncan '06 A&S, Sheila Reid '12 A&S, Adrian Blincoe '03 VSB and Dotsie Bausch '95 A&S







## Landmarks and Legends

BY JENNIFER SCHU

It is a place with an air of mystery, one that invites secrets—and keeps them. Almost every Villanovan has heard about Corr Hall's famous "whispering arches." Legend has it that if two students share a kiss under one of them, they are destined to be married. And if a student whispers into the arch on one side of the building, his or her words can be heard on the other side.

They say the legend is based on the story of a freshman engineering student who brought his nursing-student girlfriend to the arches, where they shared their first kiss. As a senior, he proposed by whispering through them—and she said "yes." It is believed that since then the archway has been the setting for other marriage proposals.

It is fitting that a place of young couples' dreams is named for a young dreamer. In 1849, a 21-year-old Irishman named Bernard Corr arrived in Philadelphia with just 80 cents in his pocket. He became a successful entrepreneur known for his philanthropy to Catholic institutions and bestowed upon the Augustinians a \$100,000 gift to fund the building that bears his name.

Built between 1912 and 1914 and designed by architect Edwin F. Durang, who also designed St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Corr Hall is one of the most beautiful buildings on campus. It is designed in the Gothic Revival style, complete with medieval chapel and castellated towers. For 50 years it housed the Augustinian seminary.

In fall 2006, a window designed by the Rev. Richard G. Cannuli, OSA, '73 A&S commemorating the Villanovans who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks was installed in the chapel. Today, the main building of Corr Hall is used as a student residence, while the chapel—where Mass is offered daily—offers a place of quiet reflection for the Villanova community. ■



### **School Ties**

Michael Yachnik '89 VSB and Cathy Yachnik '89 VSB live out their dream—and their Villanova connection

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

No matter where their lives have taken them, Michael and Cathy Dunne Yachnik, both '89 VSB, have remained strong members of the Villanova University alumni community. From recruiting Villanova School of Business students to work in New York City to hosting new student receptions, the Yachniks wear their Villanova pride on their sleeves.

"We've been very successful, but it was part of the broader Villanova experience," explains Michael. "Time, talent or treasure—we always want to give something back."

That's not surprising, since Villanova is where the Yachniks, now married 20 years, met. They got to know each other better at the end of junior year after realizing they had a friend in common. They reconnected the following autumn and have been together ever since.

"We had such a great experience there. Villanova is our second family," says Cathy, who explains that they are still close with the friend who introduced them. The two families live in New Jersey and visit several times a year.

#### **ONCE A VILLANOVAN, ALWAYS A VILLANOVAN**

Villanova also prepared Michael well for a career in business, giving him strong connections in New York. He focused on audit work in his early years, became a partner at a "Big Four" accounting firm and moved into the corporate fraud investigation division. During his 21 years in the corporate world, Michael remained close to the University as one of its leading recruiters of students from New York City. He also returned to campus to speak to classes in VSB and the Villanova University School of Law.

Michael carried the University's banner in other ways, including service as a Villanova University Alumni Association Board member and the Alumni Association's Monmouth Ocean Chapter president, which gave him the opportunity to expand the chapter's engagement. For the past 11 years the Yachniks have hosted receptions at their home to welcome incoming Villanova students and help them with the transition to college.

Boating is in his blood, Michael says. "It was my passion since I have always lived near the water. So we decided it was now or never." He and Cathy are currently finishing up renovations on the full-service marina.

As they dive into this latest venture, the Yachniks remain active in the alumni association and continue to carry the Villanova spirit within them. "I appreciate the student experience at the University. It's one of those things we would love to go back and do all over again. You can't, but you can find ways to stay connected," Michael says.

Cathy adds that they can count on one hand the number of people

"Michael and Cathy Yachnik's commitment to Villanova—from new student receptions and golf outings to Michael's work on the Villanova Alumni Association Board—has benefited students, alumni and parents over the years."

-Garv Olsen '74 A&S, '80 MS, associate vice president for Alumni Relations

Their lives took a big turn 18 months ago. The Yachniks always had dreamed of owning a marina and finally took the plunge when they opened Horizon Marina, located in Toms River, N.J. Michael and Cathy had settled on the name before they married.

they know who readily discuss their colleges. "We joke that all of our close friends know where we went to school because of our continuous involvement with the school. Once a Villanovan, always a Villanovan." ■











Clockwise from top: Members of the class of 1962 and fraternity Delta Pi Mu celebrate their 50-Year Reunion; student volunteers, "Alumni in Training," welcome Villanovans to Reunion Weekend; the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S reminisces with alumni at the Supernova dinner dance; Will D. Cat meets next-gen Villanovans at the Reunion Family Picnic.

### Come Together

#### Reunion Weekend gave alumni the chance to reconnect with their Villanova roots

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Novelist Thomas Wolfe once wrote, "You can't go home again." But Villanovans know that's just not true!

Thousands of alumni, clad in blue and white, traveled from across the country to join in a great annual tradition—Reunion Weekend, held June 7-10. It created a shared experience for all alumni, whether they come from the class of 2007 or 1957.

"It is really nice to see everybody and be part of Reunion," says Liz Bell '07 A&S, who traveled from Durham, N.C., for her first reunion. Living so far from campus, she says it was a treat to have all of her friends together as one big group at the Family Picnic and reconnect with everything she loved about her alma mater. "The atmosphere is still the same, even if the campus will always change."

Bell, who works as a nurse practitioner, was extremely impressed when she visited the College of Nursing, which was built in 2009. "The program is top-notch, and it is great it has a state-of-the-art facility," she says.

#### **OH, WHAT A NIGHT!**

Alumni raved about the 55 student volunteers who worked in front of the scenes to offer assistance to attendees. These "Alumni in Training" wore bright green tee shirts and modeled the can-do attitude and extra effort common among Villanovans.

Jennifer Wireman-Wittmann '07 VSB typically comes back for Homecoming, but couldn't resist the chance to visit with her classmates. "Villanova is very dear to us, and it was great to relive the college experience—if just for one weekend," she says.

And more kudos went up for the posh

"Supernova: A Night Under the Stars." Gourmet dinner and cocktails with live music and dancing all while in the comfort of an air-conditioned tent. Reunion class gifts totaled \$4,187,611. The class of '87 had the largest total gift of \$914,372, and the class of '62 led with a 45% participation rate. Villanova thanks all of the alumni for their generous support.

It was the place to be Saturday evening and perfect ending to a weekend filled with the rekindling of treasured memories and the making of so many news ones.

Remember to save the date for next year's Reunion, which will be held June 6-9, 2013, Class years ending in "3" or "8" will especially want to attend! Visit alumni.villanova.edu for more information.

## Class Notes

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#### 1940s

#### Robert A. Allwein '49 COE

was honored at the Diocese of Allentown-Catholic Charities gala for a lifetime of achievement as a volunteer.

#### 1950s

CLASS OF 1953 60th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

CLASS OF 1958 55th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

Robert Lima Jr., OIC, '57 A&S, '61 MA had a study, "The Esperpento: A Theatre of Absurdity, Cruelty and Savagery," published in Forum for World Literature Studies.

**John Zogby '57 VSB** accepted a position as senior analyst at JZ Analytics in Lake Luzerne, N.Y.

#### William Seeger '58 VSB

received the 11th annual Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation for 2012 in recognition of his dedicated service to his parish.

William Gilhool, DO, '59 VSB was recently elected fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Lawrence M. "Larry"
O'Rourke, Esq., '59 A&S
has published a new book,
Row House to White House.

#### 1960s

CLASS OF 1963 50th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

CLASS OF 1968 45th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

Mary Elizabeth Halphen Greipp, EdD, '60 CON

received the Rutgers University School of Nursing Alumni Nursing Excellence Award in May for her contributions to the nursing profession. She is professor emerita at Rutgers University.

**Peter Nolan '62 A&S** has published a new book, Campaign! The 1983 Election That Rocked Chicago.

Thomas L. Fagan Jr., PE, '66 MS was awarded the grade of fellow from the Society of Reliability Engineers for his contributions to and leadership in his field at the annual Reliability & Maintainability Symposium. He is a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

John A. Benigno '68 A&S was awarded the Dorothy Wackerman Hutton Prize in the Plastic Club's 100th annual Members Medal Show for his photograph "Kuerner Farm Barn."

William DeStefano '68 VSB was promoted to chair of White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice at Stevens & Lee in Philadelphia.

#### 1970s

CLASS OF 1973 40th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

CLASS OF 1978 35th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

Robert E. McKiernan '70 VSB was added to the list of approved career and executive coaches by the Graduate Business School at Columbia University.

Thomas Scales '70 MS was recently awarded the inaugural Unsung Hero Award at the Saving Our Children and Families Inc. (SOCAF) fourth annual SOCAF Breaking the Cycle Luncheon. He was recognized for his trailblazing work on the issue of child sexual abuse. The

award will be known as the Tom Scales Unsung Hero Award. He is executive director of VOICE Today Inc. in Marietta, Ga.

#### William D. Cordivari Jr.

'71 A&S is vice president at Michael E. Marion & Associates Inc. in Murray Hill, N.J.

Stephen "Steve" Scoville '71 VSB won his third Southern Senior Golf Association's Match Play Championship title Dec. 2, 2011. He won previous championships in 2006 and 2009.

#### Richard Wolenter '72 A&S,

'73 MA retired after more than 38 years as a guidance counselor for the Norristown Area School District in Norristown, Pa.

Teresa Clarkson Cavenagh, Esq., '73 A&S was event chair for the SeniorLAW Center's

SeniorPROM, which benefits the center and raises awareness for Pennsylvania's senior citizens. She is a partner at Duane Morris, LLP in Philadelphia.

Philip Harnett Corboy Jr. '73 A&S received the 2012 distinguished alumnus award from

guished alumnus award from DePaul University College of Law. He is a partner at Corboy & Demetrio in Chicago.

Edward K. Kitt, Esq., '74 A&S is special counsel at the Goldberg Segalla, LLP Garden City office in New York.

William Midon, Esq., '75 COE is the chairman of PossibilityU, an online college guidance service for high school students.

**Terry Harris '76 A&S, '93 MA** has published two new ebooks, How to Get a Modeling Job Outside of New York and Cape May, My Love.

Gaetan Alfano, Esq., '77 A&S, '80 JD has been appointed chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. He is a partner at Pietragallo Gordon

Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP in Philadelphia.

**Christine Ligas Tracy '77 A&S** published a book, *The Newsphere:* Understanding the News and Information Environment.

John Mason, PhD, '77 COE was elected to the board of directors for the Oak Ridge Associated Universities. He is an associate provost and vice president for Research at Auburn University.

Kevin C. O'Malley, Esq., '77

A&S was appointed to the board of directors of the Lansing Economic Development Corp. and will serve as a director of Lansing's Economic Development Corp., Tax Increment Finance Authority and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

#### Glenn Reitmeier '77 COE

received the 2012 National Association of Broadcasters Television Engineering Achievement Award at the National Association of Broadcasters Convention. He is senior vice president of Technology Strategy and Policy for NBC Universal.

**Albert V. Concordia '78 A&S, '10 MPA**, a former secret service agent, was named director of security for the 2012 Republican National Convention.

Elyse O'Hora Douglas '78 VSB, chief financial officer of Hertz Global Holdings Inc., was nominated for CFO magazine's Women in Finance Awards.

Catherine Belleville Holbrook '79 VSB received a PhD in Educational Leadership and Higher Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is associate vice president for Student Affairs at Bridgewater State University.

James Kunard, PE, '79 COE was promoted to director of facili-

ties services for the school district of Palm Beach County, Fla.

Marc S. Raspanti, Esq., '79 A&S was selected a Philadelphia Top 100 Lawyer and a Top 100 Lawyer in Pennsylvania by Super Lawyers 2012. He is a partner at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP.

#### 1980s

**CLASS OF 1983 30th Reunion** June 6-9, 2013

**CLASS OF 1988** 25th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

Lynn Marie Jarzombek '80 A&S received a master's of science in Geographic Information Science Technology from the University of Arizona.

Joseph "Joe" McGrory Jr., Esq., '80 VSB spoke on "Billboards and Electronic Signage" at the Montgomery County Township Managers Consortium. He is chairman of the municipal law department and a member of the real estate department at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell and Lupin in Pa.

Michael J. O'Connor, Esq., '80 A&S. '83 MA was elected assistant supreme advocate of the Knights of Columbus.

David Desrochers '81 VSB is chief financial officer of TruTouch Technologies Inc. in Albuquerque, N.M.

Donald Yealy, MD, '81 A&S received the Ralph C. Wilde Award from the Allegheny County Medical Society for being an outstanding physician, teacher and leader. He also received the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Leadership Award, which honors exceptional contributions to emergency medicine; and the 2012 McEllroy Award, presented annually by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Alumni Association.

**James Anderson '82 VSB** was elected inaugural president of the Villanova Singers Legacy Society, established to pass on the group's legacy and traditions.

William Gorman '82 A&S presented "The Economics and Cost of Safety of Security in America Post-9/11: Waste, a Lack of Oversight, and Are We Getting Our Money's Worth With the Department of Homeland Security?" at Oxford University, Lincoln College, at the Oxford Round Table Conference on Global Security. He is a History instructor at Monmouth University.

Edmund Skalski '82 VSB is a field examination manager at Rosenberg & Fecci Consulting, LLC in Fair Haven, N.J.

Anne Urbinato Schieber '82 **A&S** is senior investigative analyst at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Michigan.

Deborah A. Yee Kuhls, MD, '82 A&S was accepted as a fellow into the 2012-2013 Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program offered through Drexel University College of Medicine. She is associate dean for Academic Affairs and associate professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

#### Capt. Maryalice Morro, NC, USN (Ret.),'83 CON

has accepted a position at the International SOS in Philadelphia. Capt. Morro retired from the Navy as chief of staff at the Navy Medicine East in Portsmouth, Va., and is a current member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

William Strahan, Esq., '83 A&S was promoted to executive vice president of human resources at Comcast Cable.



#### **SWIMMING WITH THE SHARKS**

The TV series Shark Tank puts inventors and entrepreneurs in front of a panel of five investors, or "sharks," to pitch their ideas. On Feb. 17, Kevin Kiernan '88 A&S and his wife. Melissa, pitched their invention, The Last Lid, a fabric replacement for a garbage can cover. It keeps garbage protected from rain, snow, sleet, wind and wildlife, and solves the problem of missing lids and trash strewn across the yard.

On the broadcast, it came down to the wire for the Kiernans as shark after shark rejected their idea. To their delight, the final shark, Daymond John, owner of FUBU clothing line, agreed to invest in the enterprise.

Kiernan was known for his entrepreneurial bent even in his student days at Villanova, where as a freshman he once designed and sold 10.000 tee shirts in two months. Of his brainstorm for The Last Lid. he laughs. "It was one of those moments when your wife says, 'Fix this and fix it today."

Laura J. Botte '84 A&S earned a master's in Math Curriculum Development and Leadership from the University of Vermont and was named a National Science Foundation Master Teaching Fellow through the Robert B. Noyce Foundation.

Mark A. Monaco, DO, FACOFP, '85 A&S was recently installed as the 101st president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

James Clemente '86 VSB, '86 MTX is a member of the board of directors of Luzerne Bank. He

is a managing partner, accountant and consultant with Snyder and Clemente.

Christopher D. Johnson, PhD, '86 A&S has been selected as the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for 2011-2012 at Francis Marion University, where he is chair of English, Modern Languages & Philosophy.

Robert W. Corrigan '87 A&S was recently promoted to battalion chief of Battalion 11 for the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Mark Nicoletti '87 VSB was named to the board of directors

#### THE WRITING LIFE

Marie-Helene Bertino '99 A&S will have her debut collection of short stories, *Safe as Houses*, published in October. One of the stories, "Great, Wondrous," was inspired by Bertino's experience as a student at Villanova. Bertino was the



winner of the 2012 lowa Short Fiction Award for her collection. In announcing the award, the University of lowa Press stated, "Marie-Helene Bertino's *Safe as Houses* is nothing if not original. Each story has a dream-like quality reminiscent of the writing of Donald Barthelme, complete with skewed vision and unexpected and often magical twists and turns."

of the North Penn United Way and also will serve on its community investment team. He is vice president of Philadelphia Suburban Development Corp.

**Don Otterbein '87 A&S** is vice president of Life Sciences and leader of the sales and marketing practice at Cognizant Technology Solutions.

Mary Ellen Smith Glasgow, PhD, '87 MSN was named dean of Duquesne University's School of Nursing. She received the 2010 College of Nursing Alumni Medallion for Distinguished Contribution to Nursing Education from Villanova.

**Kathleen Barnett Einhorn, Esq., '88 A&S** has been named one of New Jersey's 2012 Best 50 Women in Business by *NJBIZ*.

John J. Beronio '88 A&S welcomed a boy.

**Catherine Durant Voorhees, RN, '88 MSN** has published a book, *The Home Tree: Jerusha's Journal.* 

#### 1990s

CLASS OF 1993 20th Reunion June 6-9, 2013 CLASS OF 1998 15th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

Daniel E. Cummins '90 A&S has a blog, *Tort Talk*, that Lexis-Nexis selected as one of the top 25 tort law blogs in the United States. He is a partner at Foley, Cognetti, Comerford, Cimini & Cummins in Scranton, Pa.

**Daniel Stepenosky, EdD, '90 A&S** is superintendent of the Las Virgenes Unified School District.

Christopher S. Walsh '90 VSB co-authored a book, Follow the Dog Home: How a Simple Walk Unleashed an Incredible Family Journey.

**Michael DiCandilo '91 A&S** is president and chief executive officer at AFTC USA Inc. in Broomall, Pa.

Susan Guerette '91 A&S has been recognized as a 2012 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer. She is a partner at Fisher & Phillips in Philadelphia.

**John C. Kirkpatrick '91 COE** married Katherine Guernsey.

**Lizann McGowan-Killmeyer**'91 A&S welcomed twins, a girl and boy. She is a member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Jennifer Jones Reese '92 A&S welcomed a boy.

Christopher Lewis '92 A&S is executive vice president and general manager with the Greenville Road Warriors Hockey Team in Greenville, S.C., the New York Rangers ECHL (AA) affiliate

Meredith Ford Miller '93 VSB welcomed a girl.

**Stephanie Santacroce Conners '93 CON** is senior vice president of Nursing at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J.

Cristina Hawes Mohr '94 A&S and Richard Mohr '94 VSB welcomed a girl.

**Brian Pitz '94 VSB** is managing director and senior equity research analyst at Jefferies in New York.

Caline Azouri Treger '95 A&S welcomed a girl.

Alison Fee Crane, Esq., '95 A&S was named an attorney of the year by *The Recorder*, a northern California legal newspaper. She is a partner at Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Pedersen and Treppa in San Francisco.

Nicole Fries Linehan '95 VSB welcomed twin boys.

Michael P. Maguire, Esq., '95 A&S, '98 JD was recently promoted to senior associate at Curtin & Heefner, LLP, in Doylestown, Pa.

Christine Peterson Cappello '95 A&S welcomed a girl.

Deborah Maes Charles '96 VSB welcomed a boy.

Jonathan Peri, Esq., '96 A&S was elected chairman of the board of trustees for The Walden School in Media, Pa. He is vice president and general counsel for Neumann University.

**Lisa Wadors Verne '96 VSB** welcomed a girl.

Allison Carrigan Perkins '97 A&S welcomed a girl.

Carla Generose Grimm '97 VSB, '06 MBA and Mark Grimm, Esq., '00 MBA, '00 JD welcomed a boy.

Christian Giudice '97 A&S has published his second book, Beloved Warrior: The Rise and Fall of Alexis Argüello.

Michelle Guglielmo Gilliam '97 A&S welcomed a boy.

Stacey Katen Reddy '97 A&S welcomed a boy.

Kathryn C. Lawlor '97 A&S married Joshua Osborne.

Frances Mikolajewski Burns '97 A&S, '99 MPA has recently been named the executive director of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperative Authority.

Leslie Yatczyn Orzack '97 VSB welcomed a girl.

Laurie Alberts Salita, Esq., '98 A&S, '01 JD received the *Philadelphia Business Journal* 40 Under 40 award, which recognizes young professionals for outstanding success and contributions to their community. She is a partner at Blank Rome, LLP, in Philadelphia.

Amy C. Buck, Esq., '98 VSB married Carlos Faundez. Buck also received an LLM in Health Law from Seton Hall Law in January.

**JoAnn Garbin '98 COE** recently launched JMGarbin Enterprises in Philadelphia.

Thomas Kelty, Esq., '98 A&S welcomed a boy.

Michael McGovern '98 VSB welcomed a boy.

Peter Oliver, Esq., '98 VSB welcomed a boy.

Brent Schwartz '98 VSB welcomed a girl.

Amy Acchione '99 A&S, '01 MA married Christopher R. Myers.

**Jeffrey Davis '99 COE** received the "Grand Award" at the 49th New Jersey Concrete Awards for his role as project manager for Agate Construction's Mullica River Bridge and NB Widening in Port Republic, N.J.

Jessica Graebe Conrad, RN, '99 CON welcomed a girl.

**Brian P. Hermann, PhD, '99 A&S** is an assistant professor in the Biology Department at University of Texas at San Antonio.

Jennifer Laffey Anderson '99 A&S welcomed a boy.

Sarah Winchester '99 A&S and Stephen Curry '99 VSB welcomed a girl. They are the new co-presidents of the Boston Chapter of the Villanova University Alumni Association.

#### 2000s

CLASS OF 2003 10th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

CLASS OF 2008 5th Reunion June 6-9, 2013

Kristy Avino '00 A&S welcomed a boy.

**Laura Burgio Birdsall '00 A&S** welcomed a girl.

Lauret Geosits Maletsky '00 A&S welcomed a boy.

Thomas Mastrobuoni, CPA, '00 VSB is chief financial and compliance officer at Augusta Columbia Capital Group, LLC in New York.

Jennifer Porac Morra '00 A&S welcomed a girl.

Keri Smolka Kelly '00 A&S and Thomas "Ted" Kelly '97 A&S welcomed a boy.

Michael Giarrusso '01 VSB welcomed a girl.

Kathryn Hillen Tokarski '01 A&S and Cass Tokarski '01 VSB welcomed a boy.

Michael Lardiere '01 VSB welcomed a girl. He also received an MBA from the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School and is a member of the experienced commercial leadership program at GE Capital.

**Regina Joan Latella '01 VSB** has opened a creative art studio, *regina joans*, in Kennett Square, Pa.

Sarah Linn Eddy, Esq., '01 A&S welcomed a girl.

Alanna Piazza Strohecker '01 COE welcomed a boy.

James A.J. Revels, CPA, '01 MS recently presented a twopart financial wellness series to the physicians and health care workers of Children's Surgical Associates, Ltd. in Philadelphia. He is a partner at the Citrin Cooperman Philadelphia office.

Casey Simmons '01 COE married Jennifer MacIntyre.

Stephanie Thomas Alsop '01 VSB welcomed a boy.

Natalie Avioli DiTullio '02 A&S and William DiTullio Jr. '02 VSB welcomed a girl.

Megan Baksa Dalton, Esq., '02 A&S, '05 JD accepted a position as associate at Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, in Blue Bell, Pa.

Steven Dugas '02 VSB welcomed a girl.

Adam Erdosy '02 A&S was admitted to the Liturgical Institute of the Mundelein Seminary at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.

Christopher Franklin '02 MBA was promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer at Aqua America.

Meaghan Frawley Schmidt '02 VSB and Andrew Schmidt '02 VSB welcomed a boy.

Claire Grabowski Cooper, Esq., '02 A&S welcomed a boy.

James L. Grant '02 COE is deputy chief of the facility management division at Grand Canyon National Park (National Park Service) in Grand Canyon, Ariz.

Amy Hilseberg Clark '02 A&S welcomed a boy.

**Sean J. McKinley, Esq., '02 A&S** accepted a position as special counsel at Goldberg Segalla, LLP in Garden City, N.Y.



#### **ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERING OTHERS**

Blake Shubert '07 VSB is using his business background to help transform a small Ugandan village. He is the founder of Light of the Lord Global Missions, an international nonprofit organization that drives initiatives that empower Uganda's citizenry by investing in spiritual foundations, economic enterprise and community development. The organization has built and operates a primary school in a rural village that currently serves 70 students, including AIDS-affected orphans and other vulnerable children. It also is assisting the village with economic empowerment initiatives, including starting a dairy and helping residents obtain business training and micro-loans to start their own businesses. "I believe God has given us all unique talents and gifts, and we should use them to help others," he says.

On a recent trip to Uganda, Shubert (far left), a former Villanova football player, presented his team of Ugandan leaders with Villanova tee-shirts.

Erin O'Brien Feeley '02 A&S welcomed a boy.

Vanessa Pantano '02 VSB married Craig Galello '97 A&S.

Melanie Terburg Brady '02 MPA and Steven Brady '99 COE, '04 MCE, '07 MTM welcomed twins, a girl and a boy.

Lauren Tort Rainone '02 A&S, '02 VSB welcomed a boy.

Charlotte Westhoff Faris '02 A&S and Gregory Faris, MD, '02 A&S welcomed a girl.

Tara Humann Delaney '03 A&S welcomed a girl.

Kristy Lash DelMuto '03 A&S

received a master's of science in Strategic Communication from Temple University. She is director of communications at LLR Partners in Philadelphia.

Kathleen Pizzi Travia '03 VSB and Richard Travia '03 A&S welcomed a girl.

Allison Scarpinito '03 A&S married James Dressler. She received her doctorate of Pharmacy from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in May 2011.

**Matthew Tuzzo '03 VSB** married Angela Tuzzo. Tuzzo has an in-home dog training and behavior consulting company.

Kerry Whittemore, MD, '03 A&S and Alex Pacanowsky '03 COE welcomed a boy.

Courtney Zimmerman '03 A&S married John Duquette.

Christopher Alter '04 A&S married Tara Tully.

Caitlin Fouratt '04 A&S welcomed a girl.

Adrienne Kline Cummings, MD, '04 A&S and Christopher Cummings '04 A&S welcomed a boy.

Kathleen Kunkemoeller Gahl '04 COE welcomed a boy.

Aubrey Levy Sebestyen '04 MA welcomed a boy.

Megan Anderson Dube '05 CON welcomed a girl.

**Kathryn Hess '05 A&S**, a first grade teacher at Hillside School in New Jersey, received the 2012 Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Act Award.

**Jaclyn McGinnity '05 VSB** married **Joseph Masi III '05 VSB**.

Michelle Upchurch, LNHA, JD, '05 A&S was selected for the American Health Care Association's and the National Center for Assisted Living's Future Leaders of Long Term Care program.

Marissa Williams '05 VSB married Frank Barone '06 VSB.

**Christopher D. Antoni, PE,** '06 MS was promoted to vice president at STV in Douglass-ville, Pa.

Matthew Bochanski III '06 COE, '08 MTM, '10 MME welcomed a bov.

Kristin Dithmer '06 A&S married Christopher Plentus '06 A&S, '09 MS.

Susan M. Holmes, RN, '06 CON co-presented a session at

the 59th Congress the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses. Holmes is an otolaryngology and head and neck operating-room nurse at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Danica Feustel '07 CO**E is on the business development team of the Energy Management Division at Stones River Electric in Nashville, Tenn.

Anne Kelly McDonnell '07
A&S and John E. McDonnell
'05 A&S welcomed a girl.

Kathleen "Katie" Burkhart Whipple '08 MPA and Brian Whipple '02 A&S welcomed a boy.

**Julie Tran '08 VSB** received a Juris Doctor from the Roger Williams University School of Law in May.

Emily Fero '09 A&S was selected for the Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. After completing a special master's program at Purdue University, she will teach for at least three years in a high-need school in Indiana.

**Dawn Marie Fichera '09 MA** has published her first novel, *In The Market for Murder*.

**Ralph Gigliotti '09 MPA** was accepted into the Organizational Communication PhD program at Rutgers University.

#### 2010s

**Catherine Schneider '10 MPA** is city recorder for the city of Lake Oswego in Oregon.

**Kathleen "Katie" Eder A&S**'11 is a reporter at *NJBIZ* in New Jersey.

**Melissa Kennedy '11 VSB** is working with City Year in New York.

**Kristin Minemier Brisbon '11 MPA** is a development and data associate at North Penn United Way in Kulpsville, Pa.

Stephanie Nissen '11 MPA

was recently promoted to assistant director of the MPA program at Villanova University.

Thomas Petrucci '11 MPA is borough manager of Northampton County and Lehigh Valley in Bath, Pa.

#### In Memoriam

#### 1930s

Eugene C. DiCerbo '35 A&S, May 22.

Charles H. Lodowski '39 A&S, May 8.

James M. Quigley, Esq., '39 A&S, Dec. 15, 2011.

#### 1940s

**John F. Ernst '44 COE**, April 23, 2011.

**Charles E. Fessler '44 COE**, March 19.

Frank Vengrofski '44 A&S, March 28.

The Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy '45 A&S, May 26.

**The Rev. Hugh J. Connaghan '47 A&S**, March 15.

Charles D. Willett '47 A&S, Jan. 26.

Robert E. Colcher '48 A&S, Feb. 6.

Eamon J. Walsh '48 COE, April 16.

William J. "Bill" Brennan '49 COE, Feb. 25.

John R. Callahan, DDS, '49 A&S, March 20.

Lawrence M. Flannelly '49 COE, March 2.

Michael S. Gaffney '49 COE, May 15.

**Joseph W. Gallagher '49 COE**, Jan. 11.

Harry J. Kauffman '49 VSB, Apr. 11.

Thomas R. Sullivan, Esq., '49 VSB, Feb. 27.

#### 1950s

Francis J. "Bud" Kane '50 VSB, Jan. 28.

**James J. Kelly '50 COE**, July 30, 2011.

Peter J. Loftus '50 COE, Feb. 17.

Walter T. Redavid '50 A&S, April 9.

Joseph L. Ryan '50 COE, Feb. 2.

H. Edward Schollmeyer '50 VSB, Feb. 28.

**Edward F. Ausman '51 A&S**, Oct. 24, 2011.

Richard A. Teodosio '51 VSB, July 12, 2011.

Francis J. Garvey '52 VSB, Jan. 31.

James F. Guthrie, MD, '52 A&S, June 8.

**James P. Hagan '52 COE**, March 15.

**Robert J. Hahn '52 VSB**, Sept. 17, 2010.

John C. Leonard III '52 VSB, Feb. 11.

**John E. McBratnie '52 VSB**, March 6.

**George L. McCann '52 VSB**, Nov. 21, 2011.

**John F. Meehan '52 VSB**, April 23.

Joseph P. Till '52 A&S, April 1.

Francis J. Vassalluzzo '52 A&S, April 12, 2011.

Edward B. Gable Jr., Esq., '53 VSB, March 26.

**Kathleen R. Hanlon Kelley '53 CON, '60 MSN**, March 13, 2011.

**John J. Heiser, DO, '53 A&S**, Feb. 4.

William E. O'Mara '53 COE, March 11.

John R. Redmond '53 COE, March 28.

**Henry G. Traynor '53 A&S**, Sept. 9, 2011.

George F. Cominsky '54 A&S, May 8.

Arthur L. Knowlton '54 A&S, Feb. 4.

Thomas F. McPhaul, Esq., '54 VSB, Feb. 12.

Bartholomew J. Moynahan '54 A&S, May 5.

Sister Ann Miriam Kennedy, RSM, '56 A&S, Jan. 29.

**Edmond Burns McLindon '56 VSB**, May 28. He was the 1991 recipient of the Villanova University Alumni Medal.

James J. Nolan '56 A&S, March 31.

James E. Brown Jr. '57 COE, April 29.

Gerard J. Chesnes '57 COE, Jan. 25.

John J. "Jack" Horgan '57 VSB, Oct. 29, 2010.

James T. Kline '57 COE, May 2.

Frank A. Fitzpatrick Jr. '58 COE, May 30.

**F. William Henry '58 A&S**, Jan. 29.

**Donald F. Traflet '58 A&S**, May 27.

**John P. Kelley, Esq., '59 A&S**, Feb. 21.

**Edward J. Magda '59 COE**, Dec. 22, 2011.

#### 1960s

Dennis P. Allen '60 VSB, June 4.

Howard J. Carlock '60 VSB, March 18.

Terence P. Connell '60 COE, Jan. 2.

Joseph W. DuRocher, Esq., '60 VSB, May 19.

**Louis K. Mathes '60 COE**, Dec. 31, 2011.

Frederick E. Smolinski '60 COE, March 2.

John VanBueren '60 VSB, May 11.

Paul J. Kacsur '61 VSB, Jan. 30.

Joseph J. Manion '61 VSB, May 22.

Douglas J. Murray '61 COE, June 14.

Charles T. Kreck '62 COE, Feb. 14.

Herbert C. Swarm '62 VSB, Ian. 2.

Frank J. Vinci, Esq., '62 COE, May 21.

Sidney S. Zavodnick '62 VSB, June 23, 2010.

John L. Ilko Jr., DMD, '63 A&S, Feb. 26.

Frank A. Zuvich '63 MA, April 8.

Barbara Britt Cronin '64 CON, June 14, 2011.

Kenneth J. McGill '64 A&S, May 25.

The Rev. Charles Diamond '65 MA. March 17.

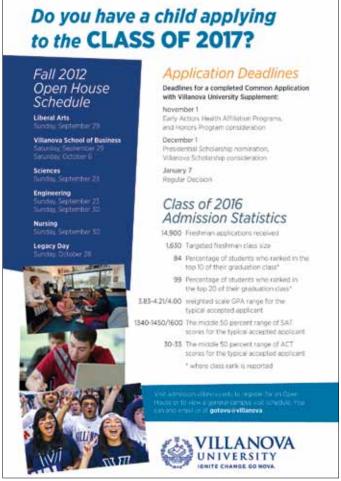
Glenn J. Steidle '65 A&S, Feb. 9.

**Donald J. Dempsey '66 MEE**, April 30.

George J. Hogg '66 COE, March 24.

James J. Refi '66 COE, March 26.





Stanley J. Sobel Jr. '66 COE, May 12.

The Rev. Noel B. Wall '66 MA, Feb. 26.

Michael T. Farley '67 VSB, Dec. 18, 2011.

Warren B. Mansur '67 MS, May 16.

**Robert F. McIntyre, DDS, '67 A&S**, March 30, 2011.

Raymond S. Balcerak '68 A&S, March 2.

James J. Bonaiuto '68 A&S, Jan. 18.

John P. Cipollone '68 COE, May 8.

Richard C. Kitching '68 VSB, Oct. 3, 2010.

Lenore D. Pursch '68 MS, Jan. 8.

June Albrecht Hartt '69 MS, Dec. 24, 2011.

Robert J. Herdin '69 A&S, May 8.

Harold J. Kilburg III '69 VSB, May 23, 2011.

Joseph R. Udinskey '69 COE, Jan. 27.

#### 1970s

Marion R. Bartram '70 MS, March 6.

Frances R. Cline '70 A&S, '73 MA, April 25.

**Garrett D. Edwards '70 COE**, Feb. 15.

Vera Larsen '70 MS, Feb. 1.

Frederick "Rick" Geiger '71 A&S, June 4.

Harriet S. Jarosh '71 MS, April 27.

Col. Bradley T. MacDonald Jr. '71 A&S, April 4.

**Rita O. McDonald '71 A&S, '77 MA**, Feb. 15.

**James M. Timmes '71 A&S**, Aug. 18, 2011.

**Z. Adam Cymerman '72 A&S**, Sept. 30, 2010.

Maureen K. Fuchs '72 CON, Jan. 26.

William M. "Bill" Wright '72 VSB, Feb. 26.

James D. Hunt '75 VSB, Feb. 3.

Michael D. Stulpin, MD, '75 A&S, Feb. 7.

Reginald G. "Reggie" Bashur '76 MA, Feb. 25.

Jon E. Saboe '76 A&S, Jan. 16.

John D. Crawford Jr., PE, '77 COE, Feb. 22.

Richard P. Murphy '77 A&S, March 16.

Debra Furia Scalpato '78 A&S, March 12.

John A. Czipo '79 VSB, April 11.

#### 1980s

Ruth I. Coulter '80 MA, April 17.

William J. Hickey '83 COE, Jan. 19.

Sister Mary Caesaria Keslo '85 MA, Feb. 18.

Richard E. Nopper '85 A&S, March 17.

#### **ALVIN A. CLAY '51 VSB**

As dean of the Villanova School of Business from 1977 to 1995, Alvin A. Clay was known for taking a personal interest in students. Whether it was working with them to help them gain a better understanding of course



material, finding funds to assist those who were having financial difficulty or connecting promising students with successful alumni, he was always ready to lend a helping hand.

When he passed away on July 22 at the age of 82, he was remembered for his personal approach to education, along with his strong business acumen and gift for leadership.

"Generations of Villanova Business alumni benefited from Dean Clay's wisdom, generosity and support, and I often hear from them how he remains a positive and guiding influence," says the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 A&S, Villanova president.

Many of those alumni have made gifts to the University in Dean Clay's honor. In 2007 the Clay Center in Bartley Hall, which is focused on undergraduate student advising, guidance and professional development, was named for him.

He leaves behind his wife, Nancy, 10 children and 36 grandchildren.

Maria Diakatos Tsahourides '87 MA, Sept. 23, 2011.

Victor P. Fasciani '87 A&S, Jan. 19.

#### 1990s

Joseph L. Miller '91 A&S, March 31.

Brian D. Maillie '98 VSB, March 17.

#### 2000s

Anna K. Wimer McGhee '01 A&S, Feb. 21.

#### 2010s

Carolyn A. Peluso '10 MSN, Jan. 23.

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#### Over 500 Villanovans

have joined the tradition of the 1842 Heritage Society by making a lasting gift and leaving a legacy to Villanova.



The Merkerts on their wedding day at St. Thomas of Villanova Church.

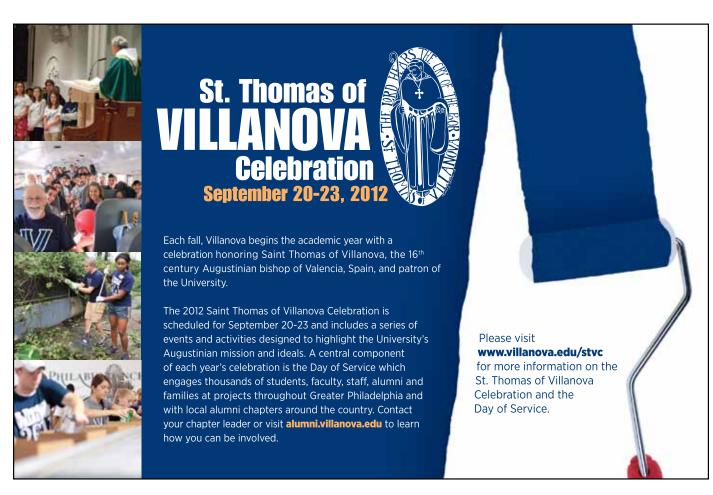
## What is your LEGACY?

#### Marge and Bob Merkert COE '59

were like any other young couple just starting out—they didn't have much, but they had dreams. Today, the Merkerts are able to give back to Villanova through a simple process and with a gift that costs nothing during their lifetime.

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### BERT JACOBS

Villanova Magazine speaks to Bert Jacobs '87 A&S, co-founder and CEO –Chief Executive Optimist—of The Life is good Company, a popular apparel brand which spreads "good vibes" and raises funds for children in need.

#### Tell us about Life is good®.

I started making T-shirts with my younger brother John. We traveled and slept in a van, selling T-shirts for five years. In 1994 we created a hero whose power comes from focusing on what's right. My brother translated that into the first drawing of Jake. We distilled that into Life is good. We printed 48 T-shirts featuring Jake and sold them on the street in an hour. We stopped everything and built it into a brand. Today the business has grown to \$100 million in sales, and has become a vehicle for communicating what we believe is an important message.

### What's the inspiration for Life is good Playmakers?

We read about an 11-year-old girl named Lindsey, diagnosed with terminal cancer, and she was wearing a Life is good T-shirt. We started hearing from customers facing tremendous adversity. They showed us that it's not the people on easy street who embrace our message the most. It's those who face really difficult things. We thought, "Why don't we help customers like Lindsey!" That became Life is good Playmakers, which helps children overcome poverty, trauma and illness through the restorative power of play. Because of Lindsey, we learned a key lesson. Capitalism is the most powerful tool for positive social change. And Lindsey beat cancer! She graduated from college, and I had lunch with her last year.

#### What's memorable about Villanova?

Being engaged in conversations with other students who wanted to talk and explore and create. I recall so many friends and great minds.

#### How did Villanova shape your optimistic worldview?

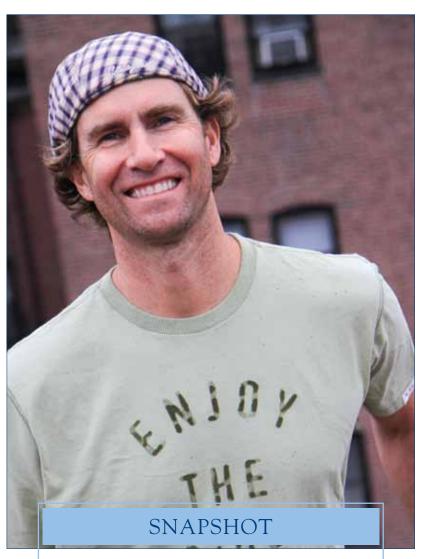
The culture at Villanova focuses on what's right rather than what's wrong. I was very happy there. I remember walking behind the Connelly Center, thinking to myself how lucky I was to be there. I had the feeling that if I can stay happy like this I can do anything. Happiness is power. When you are a happy person you are a powerful person. If you can feel good in your life, you can do anything.

#### How did your education foster your success?

I did a lot of reading and writing at Villanova, skills that are timeless and foundational for what I do today. My writing skills were really honed there. I learned that the purpose of communicating is to build a community base. Today the most important thing our business can do is build a community of optimists.

#### What makes you proud to be a Villanovan?

There's something about Villanova that says "integrity." It attracts high-integrity people. That's why so many of us stay friends for life. What makes Villanova most distinctive is that it attracts people who want to do good things, to do something meaningful with their lives.



Bert and his brother John created Life is good® and turned the business into a movement that spreads optimism through positive messaging.

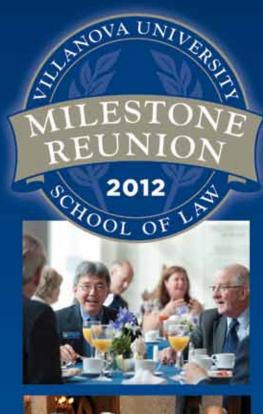
#### **BUSINESS**

**Years in business:** 18; **Distinctions:** Products in 29 countries; named in 2007 by Advertising Age as one of 50 outstanding brands.

#### **PHILANTHROPY**

**Focus:** Life is good Playmakers—partners with frontline professionals to help children overcome poverty, violence and illness; **Achievements:** Raised \$8 million to assist 200,000-plus children in need; **Future:** In 2013, Life is good will donate 10% of annual net profits to Playmakers.

To read more of Bert's interview, visit ignitechangegonova.com.









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"Adventures in Standing: The Lost Case of First American Financial Corp. v. Edwards" - Professor Todd Aagaard

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- Celebration of Villanova Rowing
- Swimming Alumni Homecoming
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