

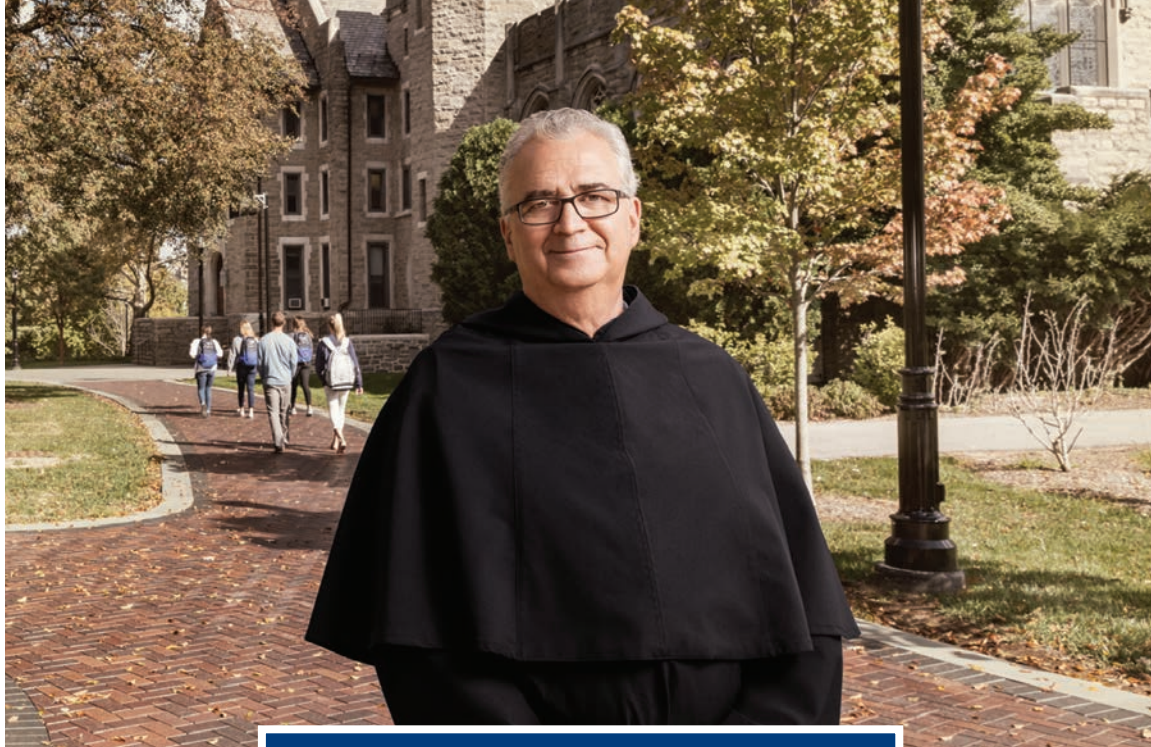
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As a Villanova[n] ... you are stamped with the seal of your Alma Mater. Every honor, every advance, every bit of success that Villanova may attain confers added prestige on you. In like manner, Villanova is honored in your honors, advanced by your advances and succeeds with your success.

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—**The Rev. Edward V. Stanford, OSA**, 23rd president of Villanova, in an address to alumni at the Homecoming Day banquet Nov. 12, 1932, as quoted in *The Villanovan* (Vol. 5, No. 7)



FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

Villanova's history is full of memorable moments, and this particular point in our history is one that has inspired an enormous amount of pride throughout our community.

We are approaching the end of a year that has seen Villanova ranked No. 3 in the nation for value by *The Economist*, our Men's Basketball team win a national championship and 14 Villanovans dispatched around the world as Fulbright Scholars, among many other achievements.

Earlier this fall, Villanova appeared for the first time on the *U.S. News & World Report* National Universities list, ranking among the nation's best colleges and universities. This noteworthy occurrence places Villanova among a new set of peers that better reflects the caliber of our academics, research and programs. This new recognition and all of our collective achievements during this tremendous year are a proud affirmation of what we can accomplish together.

Over the next year, we will celebrate Villanova's 175th anniversary. As we look forward to this milestone, I am reminded of just how far the University has come since its founding in 1842 when the campus consisted of eight Augustinians and 10 students. Now, 175 years later, we are a community of more than 10,000 students and 120,000 alumni.

The University has seen challenging times, and it has also had triumphant times. Through it all, we have always kept within sight what is most important to us:

building a strong academic community that is rooted in our values and inspires students to ignite change in their lives and in the lives of others. While much has changed on this campus and in the world, we remain grounded in our Augustinian tradition and driven by the same restless search for knowledge and truth.

You will read in this issue of *Villanova Magazine* about the memorable moments that have shaped our University into the dynamic, vibrant institution it is today. This is an opportunity to savor our remarkable present, while acknowledging our past and looking ahead to our undoubtedly bright future. I am grateful to every member of our community who has brought us to this point, and I want to offer my thanks most especially for all of the Augustinian friars who preceded me as president. Villanova is Villanova because of their vision and leadership.

This is just the beginning of a new chapter, and I look forward to being a part of it with all of you.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS
President

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An Emmy Award-winning journalist who oversees news coverage of the Americas for all NBC outlets, Naomi Karam Koerwitz '88 CLAS cherishes family, career and alma mater.

RING IN THE OLD AND THE NEW



Five days into 2017, Villanova will mark the 175th anniversary of its founding by Augustinian friars, Jan. 5, 1842. The celebrating, however, will last all year. Through special events, programs and exhibits, the University will recall its mission of grit and greatness, and will plot the next chapter in its compelling narrative. This story is your story. Make 175.villanova.edu a favorite, and join in the festivities.

ABBREVIATIONS OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

CLAS: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

COE: College of Engineering

CON: College of Nursing

CPS: College of Professional Studies

CWSL: Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

VSU: Villanova School of Business

Proven Leaders Fill Key Roles



Mark C. Alexander, JD, is the new Arthur J. Kania Dean of the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. Previously the associate dean for Academics at Seton Hall University School of Law, Dean Alexander specializes in constitutional law and the intersection of law and politics. He has authored several books and is regularly interviewed by national media. A

graduate of Yale Law School, the dean plans to work collaboratively “to build a diverse, thriving academic community that holds itself to the highest ethical standard and reflects an unwavering commitment to service, the public interest, student success and excellence in teaching and research.”



Joyce E. A. Russell, PhD, is at the helm as The Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business. Most recently, Dean Russell served as the senior associate dean of the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business, where she helped to build a strategic vision that enabled the school to grow in prominence. An expert in leadership,

negotiations, management and career development, Dean Russell is eager to join forces with “VSB faculty, students, staff, alumni and others across the University to continue to move VSB forward as one of the most prestigious business schools in the country.”

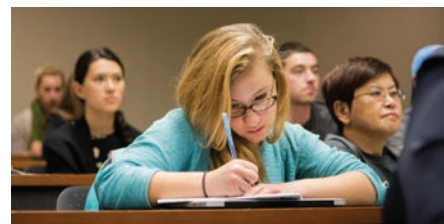


As dean of Enrollment Management, **J. Leon Washington** oversees the offices of University Admission, Financial Aid, University Outreach and the Registrar. An accomplished administrator for more than 35 years, he formerly was the vice provost for Admissions and Financial Aid at Lehigh University. He designed a strategic plan to meet Lehigh’s ambitious enrollment

goals and expanded its national representation. Dean Washington is excited to be “partnering closely with Villanova’s senior leaders to determine the enrollment and financial aid landscape during this time of momentum.” ■

No. 2 Spot on US Commission

Daniel Mark, PhD, assistant professor, Political Science, was elected vice chairman of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, which is dedicated to defending the universal right to freedom of religion abroad. Dr. Mark was appointed to the commission in 2014.



BEST B-SCHOOL

In its 2016 ranking, *Bloomberg Businessweek* named the Villanova School of Business the nation’s No. 1 undergraduate business school. While VSB has been among the top 25 business schools for more than a decade, *Bloomberg’s* new, more thorough methodology places greater focus on career outcomes. The ranking is determined by student and employer satisfaction, as well as student internship and recent graduate salary statistics. ■

FATHER ELLIS AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR

The Rev. Kail C. Ellis, OSA, PhD, ’69 MA, special assistant to the President and dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was awarded an Ellis Island Medal of Honor May 7. The medal is given to select individuals who have shared their knowledge and accomplishments while maintaining the traditions of their ethnic heritage and American ideals. Of Lebanese ancestry, Father Ellis served as founding director of the College’s Center for Arab and Islamic Studies. ■

GIFT MEMORIALIZES DEDICATED NURSE

Jenkins L. “Mike” Schley, MD, committed to a \$3 million gift that will establish an endowed chair in memory of his wife, Doris Clark Schley ’57 CON, who died in 2015. This is the second-largest gift ever to the College of Nursing. Doris, who served tours of duty in the Pacific as a Navy Nurse, was known for her meticulous patient care. “Nursing brought her joy,” Mike recalls. “That was her world.” ■

Scholars Fan Out Across Globe

Villanovans continue to earn prestigious scholarships to teach, study and do research internationally. The 2016-17 honoree list includes 14 recipients of Fulbright U.S. Student Grants and Brandon Wesley '16 COE, who was named a Gates Cambridge Scholar. Three faculty members were selected for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Tuan Samahon, JD, professor of Law; Irene Kan, PhD, associate professor, Psychology; and Adriano Duque, PhD, associate professor, Romance Languages and Literatures. ■



Student Fulbright grantees are (clockwise from far left) Mary Trotter '16 CLAS, Stephen Wemple '16 VSB, Adam Vincent '16 CLAS, Patrick Smith '16 CON, Enmanuel Almonte '16 COE, Aisha Chughtai '15 CLAS, Rishi Chauhan '16 CLAS, James DiGregorio '16 CLAS, Andrew Moffa '16 CLAS and Thomas Trainer '15 CLAS. (Not pictured: Lauren Rutherford '13 CLAS, Joseph Schadt '15 COE, Cherisse Smith '14 CLAS and Christina Sebastiao '16 CLAS.)

Law Symposia Tackle Trending Topics

With subjects such as fantasy sports, fashion entrepreneurship and natural-gas pipelines, the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law hosted a series of gatherings reflecting the scope of the legal industry. At the 2016 Joseph T. McCullen Jr. Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and Law, for example, scholars explored emerging issues in adoption law. Rep. Patrick Meehan, who serves on the US House's Committee on Ways and Means (pictured), headlined the inaugural Tax Policy Symposium. The event focused on conversations about tax reform and policy issues in this election year. ■



Developing Models for Celestial Study

Andrej Prsa, PhD, associate professor, Astrophysics and Planetary Science, received \$470,000 in grants from the National Science Foundation to refine and develop models for studying eclipsing binary stars. The research seeks to measure the latter's mass and radius with greater precision. Characterizing the stars' composition will help to determine the potential habitability of orbiting planets. ■



Making Leadership Dreams Come True

The College of Professional Studies hosted the prestigious Disney Institute during Reunion Weekend. The professional development event centered on the institute's "Disney's Approach to Leadership Excellence" interactive workshop series. More than 100 alumni, staff and students learned valuable skills from one of the world's top brands. ■

Distinguished Alumnae in the Spotlight



At the College of Nursing's 27th annual Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony April 2, M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor (second from left), bestowed the College's highest award, its Medallion, on distinguished alumnae Janet Nash, PhD, '08 MSN (left); Christina Larson Kelly, MSN, '74 CON (second from the right); and Margaret Robins Garrett, JD, '72 CON (right). Catherine Loper McDonald, PhD, '00 CON, an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing (center), received the College's Emerging Scholar Award.

Excelling as Engineering Educators

College of Engineering faculty earned accolades at the 2016 American Society of Engineering Education conference. Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Chemical Engineering Randy Weinstein, PhD, won the Corcoran Award for most outstanding article published in *Chemical Engineering Education*. Professor William Kelly, PhD; Associate Professor Noelle Comolli, PhD; and Assistant Professors Jacob Elmer, PhD, and Zuyi "Jacky" Huang, PhD, won the Martin Award for outstanding chemical engineering paper presented at the previous year's conference. Associate Professor Shawn Gross, PhD, and Assistant Professor Eric Musselman, PhD, received the Stephen J. Ressler Award for best civil engineering education paper presented in 2015. ■

Honors for Signal Processing Expert



Moeness Amin, PhD, director of the Center for Advanced Communications, has been chosen as the recipient of two international awards for his groundbreaking research in signal processing. In July, Dr. Amin was awarded Germany's esteemed Humboldt Prize in Berlin (pictured, on the left). In November, he will receive an Institute of Engineering and Technology Achievement Medal in London. ■

Nursing's Newest Doctoral Program Is Accredited

In May, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education fully accredited without recommendations the College of Nursing's Doctor of Nursing Practice program, which welcomed its first students in 2012. Offered online and complemented by on-campus seminars, the program prepares post-master's advanced practice nurses and nurse administrators to lead innovation in nursing practice and health care. ■

Textbook Case of Superior Teaching

Professor Louis Sirico Jr., the co-author of two popular texts on legal writing and a titan in his field, received the Burton Award for Contributions to Legal Writing Education at the Library of Congress May 23. One of the profession's most prestigious honors, the award is given to the finest law school teacher who has promoted and advanced legal writing. ■

Protecting Pollinators

Villanova became the second campus in the nation to sign a pledge to continue its commitment not to use neonicotinoids, a class of insecticides that have acute and chronic effects on honeybees and other pollinators. The pledge, called BEE Protective, is organized through Beyond Pesticides and the Center for Food Safety. ■

CPS Student Brings Idea to Life



Michael Bambrick '16 became the first student from the College of Professional Studies to receive a Meyer Innovation and Creative Excellence Award at Pitch Day April 25. Michael created a marketing plan for his concept for a satellite internet hot spot.

The award is given to one student from each of the University's schools and colleges. On hand to congratulate Michael at Commencement were College of Professional Studies Dean Deborah J. Tyksinski, PhD (left), and Sandra Kearney '00 MS, who recently was promoted to assistant dean. ■

Aqua America and Engineering Pool Expertise



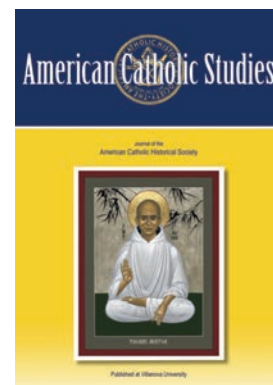
Aqua America Inc., one of the largest US-based, publicly traded water utilities, has partnered with the College of Engineering to provide mentorship opportunities, hands-on water quality expertise and foundation support for the College's international service work (pictured). In August, representatives from Aqua and Villanova Engineering Service Learning traveled to Nicaragua and Panama to inspect water project sites and meet with community members. ■



WATERSHED MOMENTS IN RESEARCH

Students from the Department of Geography and the Environment have teamed up with the Guardians of the Brandywine and Victory Brewing Co. to help protect the water quality of Eastern Pennsylvania's Brandywine Watershed. Led by Steven Goldsmith, PhD, assistant professor, Environmental Science, 16 student researchers are determining potential contamination sources in local watersheds. ■

KUDOS FOR SCHOLARLY JOURNAL



American Catholic Studies, the journal of the American Catholic Historical Association and published at Villanova University, received numerous 2016 Catholic Press Association awards, including first place in the category of General Excellence for scholarly magazines. The journal features studies and reviews in US Roman Catholic history, sociology, theology and more. ■

Nursing Student Standout



In recognition of her academic excellence, creativity, leadership and service, NyAsia White '16 CON received the Sandra Fisher Beta Image Award at the Chi Eta Phi 64th Northeast Regional Conference Awards Luncheon April 30 in Richmond, Va. NyAsia studied in Madagascar and Ghana, and was the inaugural recipient of the College's Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship. ■

SCHOLARS AND DONORS CONNECT



Courtney Davis '17 VSB and Nicholas Biesiada '16 VSB enjoy time with scholarship benefactor Justin Gmelich '90 VSB at the fifth annual Endowed Scholarship Dinner April 11. A record 620 students benefited from 320 endowed scholarships this year. ■

Caps Off to College of Professional Studies Grads



The College of Professional Studies graduated its first official class and hosted its first Convocation ceremony. More than 30 graduates were addressed by CPS Dean Deborah J. Tyksinski, PhD; Provost Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD; and Karen Worsnup '16 CPS.

Associate Dean Named Academic Ambassador



To express their respect for Melinda German, associate dean, Undergraduate Business Program, and for the Villanova School of Business, senior leaders at the University of Urbino bestowed upon Dean German the honorary title of “Academic Ambassador” and presented her with a diploma. During the past four years, VSB students have spent a semester on the Italian campus as part of the Business and Culture in the Italian Context Program, for which Dean German is the liaison. ■

Thanking Heritage Society Members

Joined by University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS and Provost Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, the Office of Planned Giving hosted its annual Mass and brunch May 1 to thank new members of the 1842 Heritage Society. The latter recognizes those who support Villanova through estate gifts, life-income gifts or the transfer of assets. It now includes more than 1,000 members. ■

NROTC Student's Ship Comes In



As one of the country's top five Naval ROTC midshipmen, Abigail Kaiser '16 COE (seated) had the privilege of personally selecting the ship to which she would report. This year, the Navy used a different process for the five honorees to make their picks: Google Hangouts. The video-chat platform allowed family and friends to share in the launch of the surface warfare officer's career. Abigail chose the USS Donald Cook in Naval Station Rota, Spain. ■

GIVING AT HISTORIC RATES

For the Greater Great®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change, Villanova's comprehensive \$600 million campaign, continues to surge forward. With gifts and pledges totaling more than \$105.7 million, 2016 was the third consecutive fiscal year that eclipsed \$100 million in philanthropic support. More than 20,800 undergraduate alumni gave to Villanova—a record-breaking 27 percent participation. The Senior Class Gift also reached a new record, with 61 percent of the Class of 2016 (more than 920 seniors) giving over \$35,000 to support, through the Annual Fund, their favorite areas of campus. ■

Pitch Perfect



One of the best pitchers in the nation, Kate Poppe '16 VSB wrapped up an incredible collegiate career in 2016. Poppe set Villanova career records for innings pitched (848.1), strikeouts (977) and complete games (79), in addition to tying the record for no-hitters (5). She ranks second in school history in career shutouts (17) and is tied for third in career wins (65). Guiding the Wildcats was Head Coach Maria DiBernardi, who completed her 32nd season with Villanova. She has the most wins of any coach in school history.



Passing the Torch

Villanova's tradition, started in 1948, of having at least one athlete compete in every Summer Olympics continued at the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro. Men's Track and Field athletes Patrick Tiernan '16 CLAS and Sam McEntee '15 CLAS represented Australia in the 5,000-meter, while NBA basketball player and former Wildcat Kyle Lowry brought home gold after Team USA defeated Serbia in the finals. ■

Field Hockey's New Home

Parents and friends of Villanova Field Hockey have given a \$1.3 million gift to establish a "Villanova University Field Hockey Field" at The Proving Grounds in Conshohocken, Pa. This transformational gift, the largest ever made to a Villanova Athletics' women's program, will provide a new home for the field hockey team, and enhance the competitive and recruiting landscape of the program. ■

Commander-in-Chief Salutes Cats



The 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball champions were honored in a ceremony in the White House May 31. President Barack Obama praised the student-athletes for their performances on and off the court. Team captains Ryan Arcidiacono '16 CLAS and Daniel Ochefu '16 CLAS presented the 44th US president with framed home and away Wildcats uniforms, each adorned with a "44." ■

Villanova Hall of Famers Inducted



The Villanova Varsity Club inducted the 2015 Hall of Fame class last March and presented the Jake Nevin Special Recognition Award to former assistant trainer Bill DiSipio '75 CLAS (far left). University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS (center) and Director of Athletics Mark Jackson (far right) congratulated the honorees: Chris Boden '00 CLAS, Football; Carmen Douma-Hussar '00 CLAS, Women's Track and Field; Tina Conti Pritzlaff '92 CLAS, Women's Soccer; Eric Eberz '96 CLAS, Men's Basketball; Kareem Archer '98 VSB, Men's Track and Field; Megan O'Brien '99 CLAS, Volleyball; Taymore Zarghami '92 CLAS, Men's Lacrosse; and Lisa Flood '95 CLAS, Swimming and Diving.



COMMENCEMENT 2016

In ceremonies May 13 and 14, Villanova faculty, staff, students, family and friends gathered in spirit, joy and solemnity to celebrate the conferral of 3,071 undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in 2015-16.



University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS (left) and Provost Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD (right), welcome George K. H. Schell, chief marketing counsel for The Coca-Cola Co., the speaker at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.



George Raveling '60 VSB, a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and director, International Basketball, Nike, addresses the Class of 2016 and receives an honorary degree.



Student speaker and Biology major Daniella Reimann inspires her classmates.



Honorary degree recipient Sister Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ, is an advocate for incarcerated and released women and their children.



Father Donohue presides at the Baccalaureate Mass.

Profiles — in — LEADERSHIP

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

By Colleen Lynn



Richard Kreider '83 VSB and Doug Gaston, Esq., '92 JD

Richard Kreider '83 VSB

TRUSTEE

Richard Kreider '83 VSB proudly notes that until Villanova opened its College of Professional Studies, his family had “the grand slam of degrees” from each of the University’s undergraduate colleges, earned by himself; his brother Charles “Chuck” Kreider '85 COE; and two of his five children: Kristen Kreider Triesch '05 CON and Kelly '09 CLAS—with the graduation of son Brian '18 VSB on the horizon.

Kreider’s own Villanova experience colored his successful career from start to finish. Retired since 2014 from his position as director for the international asset management firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., Kreider recalls helping new employees by sharing a lesson he learned during his college days as a business student: “You’re going to spend more time at work than you do at home, so be positive, have fun, and make this a career and not a job. I made sure they had fun.”

Kreider has derived much enjoyment from his children’s Villanova experiences as well, broadening his familiarity with and admiration for the University’s other colleges, particularly the College of Nursing. He recalls saying to Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, “All of your students are amazing. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.”

Remembering his offer of assistance, Dean Fitzpatrick contacted him when forming the CON Board of Consultants and invited him to join. Kreider agreed, rising from founding member to board chair in 2010. He also represents the College of Nursing as current chair of Villanova’s Campaign Executive Committee.

Recognizing that educational choices like his and those of his family members are unaffordable for many and that removing financial impediments helps to attract the best and brightest future nurses, Kreider and his wife, Marianne, created the Kreider Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing at Villanova in 2004. The couple then extended their gift in 2015 with an Endowed Professorship in the Nursing of Vulnerable Populations. Dean Fitzpatrick had suggested this specialized area of study, knowing it would be meaningful to Kreider. His parents had struggled with his mother’s severe rheumatoid arthritis and Alzheimer’s disease. It also would stand as a viable part of Villanova’s nursing program for years to come.

“The scholarship benefits the student, but the endowment allows the College to attract and retain the best and brightest educators, and that benefits both the University and the students,” Kreider explains.

The same viability applies to Kreider’s volunteer and philanthropic efforts, which were recognized with the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal in 2015 and now enhanced with his service on the Board of Trustees. A businessman with a nurse’s spirit, Kreider may be retired, but he has hardly finished his life’s work. “I have been abundantly blessed,” he says. “This is my way of giving back.” ■

Doug Gaston, Esq., '92 JD

TRUSTEE

Doug Gaston, Esq., '92 JD came to the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law with a degree in communications from Temple University and six years of experience in television production. Despite his dream of helping to change negative portrayals of African-Americans on TV, as well as his intrigue with the power of the medium to shape public opinion, his initial choice “began to feel more like a job than a career,” he says. He decided to pursue the skills he needed to make a difference on the legal and business side of the television industry.

Villanova Law exceeded Gaston’s expectations, providing far more than those technical skills. “It is a community committed to academic excellence, social justice and creating a respectful environment for people of diverse backgrounds to have a dialogue about the issues affecting our society,” he says.

Gaston developed strong connections within the Law School, including with Ellen Wertheimer, JD, whom he assisted with a law review article and who helped him acquire a paid position with Cozen & O’Conner after his first year of studies. “At the time, I didn’t own a suit,” Gaston recalls. “I used the money I earned for a shopping trip to Boyds.”

He would need those new suits for his subsequent positions attained while at Villanova: as judicial clerk to a federal judge, and as an associate with Morgan Lewis, where he collaborated on challenging acquisitions for several years before joining Comcast as a corporate legal adviser. In 2004 he was promoted to General Counsel of Comcast’s Cable Division, a position he held before retiring in June.

The values of Comcast’s founders merged perfectly with those Gaston developed at Villanova: to conduct business affairs with the highest degree of fairness, integrity and ethics. “My Villanova Law education prepared me well for the challenges of leadership,” he says, “instilling in me a desire to make a positive difference and to be a role model for my students and mentees.”

That Gaston serves as an adjunct professor at Villanova Law is no surprise to him, as he comes from a family of teachers, including his inspirational mother, a fourth-grade teacher. She, along with his grandfather, propelled Gaston’s success through unwavering encouragement. Not only has he gained an appreciation for how hard professors work, but also the satisfaction of helping students by sharing with them his corporate experience in solving real-world issues.

The same experience now benefits Villanova’s Board of Trustees, which Gaston has added to a roster of volunteer activities that began during his days as a law student involved with the *Villanova Law Review*, the Student Bar Association and the Black Law Students Association.

“So many people invested their time and effort to help me that I have always felt a sense of commitment and loyalty to Villanova,” he says. “Serving in these capacities is a great way to stay connected to the Law School and the University.” ■



An aerial rendering of the development shows the new community of residence halls, retail space and a Performing Arts Center along Lancaster Avenue.

Campus, Uninterrupted

A beautiful, new living space on campus will provide more benefits than meet the eye

By Victoria Parente

EVEN AS THEY IMMERSE themselves in the joys and challenges of college life, first-year students can't help dreaming about being seniors. Between now and fall 2019, they will watch a 14-acre parking lot be transformed into a residential complex that will change how students

and the broader community experience Villanova University's campus. And they will be the first to live there.

The new development will dramatically improve the south side of Lancaster Avenue. The parking lot will give way to six Collegiate Gothic-style resi-

dence halls, pathways and landscaping. A gleaming Performing Arts Center will steal the show at the corner of Ithan and Lancaster avenues. Behind it, a parking garage will accommodate 1,300 cars. Rounding out the living environment will be fitness facilities and University-owned

“This significant project will unite campus and finally allow visitors to drive through the University instead of past it.”

—THE REV. PETER M. DONOHUE, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, VILLANOVA'S PRESIDENT

and -operated retail space, including a bistro-style restaurant, a small market and a Villanova apparel store. A pedestrian bridge spanning Lancaster Avenue in front of St. Thomas of Villanova Church will visually connect the development to the main campus.

“This significant project will unite campus and finally allow visitors to drive through the University instead of past it,” says the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, Villanova's president.

The new residential complex will meet the growing demand for on-campus housing. “Things started to change in the late '80s and early '90s, as more students began to want to live on campus,” says the Rev. John P. Stack, OSA, '71 CLAS, '77 MA, vice president for Student Life. With a mix of suites, apartments and single rooms, the complex will add 1,135 beds, bringing Villanova's total number to 5,500. This increase will allow 85 percent of undergraduates to live on

campus. “We should then be at the point where everybody who wants housing can get it,” Father Stack says.

Avenues of collaboration

In light of the project's size, scope and proximity to local neighborhoods, the University worked closely with Radnor Township to gain zoning approvals and communicated regularly with area residents. “We reached out to the local community and kept them engaged throughout the process,” says Chris Kovolski '96 CLAS, assistant vice president for Government Relations and External Affairs, who serves as a liaison to the community. “We also collaborated with Radnor Township staff and the Board of Commissioners to ensure that the project would address their concerns and needs.”

As a result of conversations with township officials and neighbors, several key features of the project emerged. These

include the pedestrian bridge, extensive stormwater-management measures, a system to coordinate traffic signals on Lancaster Avenue, the preservation of land to serve as a buffer for nearby residents, and the creation of a parking and traffic circulation plan for special events.

Villanova has tapped a number of its own experts to plan and execute the development. Robert Morro, vice president for Facilities Management, oversees what he says is “the single largest project ever undertaken by Villanova.” Steven Hildebrand, director of Engineering and Construction, and Marilou Smith '84 COE, senior project manager, handle every facet of the project on a day-to-day basis.

Advising on the stormwater-management component is nationally known stormwater expert Robert Traver, PhD, PE, D.WRE, FEWR, FASCE, '82 MS, the Edward A. Daylor Chair in Civil Engineering and founder of the Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership.



The new residence halls, designed in the Collegiate Gothic style to fit with other campus architecture, will add 1,135 beds in suites, apartments and single rooms for junior and senior students.

The ground floor of the residence hall buildings will feature fitness facilities and University-owned and -operated retail space.



Department and stormwater partnership colleague Bridget Wadzuk, PhD, '00 COE is leading the research efforts.

These faculty experts and their teams will monitor the functioning of the stormwater controls and use them as research and educational opportunities. "Because students will be able to analyze the site before, during and after construction, we can tie in an academic component to the physical development," Kovolski says. The site will also serve as a showpiece for stormwater professionals who come to Villanova to learn about cutting-edge stormwater design and practice, and to tour the campus—a highly respected test bed for various green infrastructures.

The stormwater-management efforts are one of the criteria that the University hopes will qualify the new development for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Administered by the US Green Building Council, LEED certification shows that environmental factors, such as energy efficiency and proximity to public transit, have been considered in construction.

Art of the matter

The final phase of the massive project will bring to campus a much-needed, state-of-the-art venue for music, dance and drama.



A pedestrian walkway will provide a safe link between the new development and main campus (top image). A new Performing Arts Center will provide much-needed academic and performance space for the University's theatre and arts programs (bottom image).



Construction began over the summer on a 1,300-vehicle parking garage in the rear of the former East Main Lot. The garage is set to open this winter.

Father Donohue, who served as chair of the Theatre Department before becoming president, says the Performing Arts Center will become the “cultural heart” of the University.

“This dynamic new facility will be a home for world-class educational programs—a place where students, performers, faculty and the community can

share a passion for the arts,” he says. “Villanova needs a worthy space to showcase the talent of our campus community and provide an outlet for their creativity.”

When completed, the new residential complex will bring aesthetic unity to Villanova’s 260-acre campus. But what will make the project truly transformative is its effect on so many aspects of

University life: educational, programmatic, residential and cultural. It will add the kind of features that prospective students look for—and that current students can’t wait to experience. ■

Visit designconceptforlancastravenue.com for detailed information about the project.



BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Dean Lindenmeyr exemplifies the Villanova model of well-rounded scholarship. An internationally recognized expert in modern Russian history, she has earned numerous awards and fellowships, including a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.



Left: Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, exemplifies the Villanova model of well-rounded scholarship. **Right:** Students in Villanova's Master of Arts in Theatre degree program focus equally on scholarly and creative work.

PLATFORM FOR SUCCESS

Students who graduate with a degree from the College use their passions to discover careers that take them in amazing directions: the White House, Boeing, *The New York Times* and NASA. Along the way, they land internships at companies like Christie's in New York City and InnerWorkings in Paris, and study abroad in places like India, Australia and Vatican City. They win highly competitive scholarships, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Fulbright and Truman.

The critical thinking, academic skills and creativity taught across the College ensure that graduates enter the job market or graduate school with sought-after abilities and knowledge. The Class of 2015 reported 96 and 95 percent placement rates for Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates, respectively, within a year of graduation, with most employed or planning to pursue further education.

Ten of Villanova's 14 Fulbright Scholars in 2016 were CLAS students, and two faculty members also won Fulbright grants. Villanova was one of only 10 universities in the country with both a Rhodes and a Marshall Scholar in 2014, both of whom were Liberal Arts and Sciences students.

Dean Lindenmeyr notes that while early career success is an excellent benchmark, the true measure of success is further down the road. "The College is educating for the long term and preparing our graduates to be adaptable leaders," she says.

ROAD-READY GRADUATES

Sometimes the pathway to a career is a straight line, allowing a student to excel toward a singular goal. Other times, faculty spark new inspiration in students that leads them onto a fresh course. Both kinds of students succeed in the College.

Career planning happens early and often for students in

the College. Through rigorous and personalized learning and research opportunities, students learn about potential careers and, with the help of CLAS staff and faculty mentors, understand how to make those aspirations a reality, explains Kathryn Szumanski '95 CLAS, '97 MA, the director of Professional Development in the College's Office for Undergraduate Students. "No one knows what the jobs of the future will be, but we prepare students with skills and competencies to compete for those jobs."

The Office for Undergraduate Students works closely with students to find ways to gain valuable, practical experience—through study abroad programs, internships and service learning courses—that will challenge them intellectually, ethically and professionally. It is only one of the resources at Villanova that help students become global citizens who are career-minded and career-ready.

Honors Program student Brendan Carchidi '17 CLAS worked for a nonprofit organization in Jordan over the summer, aiding refugees and empowering women by helping to educate female political candidates on gender issues. The internship, along with his previous experiences in Oman and Saudi Arabia, expanded his expertise in the Middle East and complemented his majors in Global Interdisciplinary Studies, Arab and Islamic Studies, and French and Francophone Studies.

Brendan says his interest was seeded when he took a Middle Eastern history class with Professor Hibba Abugideiri, PhD. Her and other faculty's mentorship and guidance helped that interest take root and grow. "It was the turning point that set me on this academic, professional and personal trajectory," he explains.

"Brendan is committed to human and women's rights issues. He's been able to really distinguish himself and thrive at Villanova because, early on, he figured out how to develop



his intellectual passions through the institutional resources on campus, including supportive mentors, as well as through opportunities he found off campus. His sense of initiative has been key to his success,” Dr. Abugideiri says.

The journey Aaron Moore '14 CLAS, '15 MA took to becoming a policy associate at the Greater Baltimore Committee, an organization of business and civic leaders, started with following his passion in creating and working within organizations to pursue a Political Science degree.

Mentors at Villanova helped to refine his goals. Assistant Professor of Economics Mary Kelly, PhD, became a champion throughout his early career, while Matthew R. Kerbel, PhD, chair of Political Science, challenged Moore to develop his critical thinking. Moore also credits the Washington Minimester, an annual program that sends Villanova students to Washington, D.C., to learn about the workings of government, with shedding light on career options.

At the Greater Baltimore Committee, Moore is dedicated to helping that city realize its potential. “As business and civic leaders, we’re working to build a better business climate to allow the region to be recognized as a leader in the global economy,” he says.

Even a seemingly focused career path for one Biology major involved a change of direction. Marta Biase '17 CLAS planned to pursue a career in dentistry. However, her class in microbiology—which gave her close encounters with bacteria and infectious diseases—captured her imagination. She has been devoted to the lab ever since.

This past summer Marta interned at the Georgetown University Medical Center’s laboratory, where she conducted select experiments from a master’s-level laboratory course in biotechnology.



Left: Aaron Moore '14 CLAS, '15 MA is a policy associate at the Greater Baltimore Committee, which is dedicated to helping that city realize its potential. Right: Brendan Carchidi '17 CLAS spent the summer working for a nonprofit that aids refugees and women in Jordan.

Marta completed two experiments a day in order to become proficient at new lab techniques and skills, as well as deepen her understanding of the biotechnology field.

The experience solidified her aspirations to work in life sciences or the biotech industry, where she believes her background in ethics will fortify her developing research skills.

“I looked forward to my internship work each day. There was always something new to discover,” she says. “I was able to work with different professors in the program and talk to them about where they think biotech is headed.”

“Our students explore and acquire knowledge and skills while developing adaptable habits of mind. We encourage students to always look for new opportunities because what they may end up pursuing may not yet exist,” says Dean Lindenmeyr.

GRADUATE STUDIES

Villanova has a national reputation as a center of teaching, research and scholarship at the undergraduate, master’s and doctoral levels, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has played a large part in shaping that reputation.

CLAS’ 21 master’s degree programs, as well as its doctoral programs in Philosophy and Theology, represent a thoughtful expansion into niche areas that contribute to the educational mission of the University and stimulate the University’s academic community at all levels.

The Theology doctoral program, which welcomed its first students this fall, is based in Villanova’s Augustinian Catholic tradition. The program is the first of its kind to be designed with a focus on investigating the intersection of theology and culture through the lens of Augustinian intellectual inquiry. It takes the tradition of excellence found in the highly regarded bachelor’s in Theology and Religious Studies and master’s in Theology programs to a new level, preparing new generations of theologians, researchers and academicians.



Sally J. Scholz, PhD, chair of Philosophy and editor of *Hypatia*, the major feminist philosophy journal in the US (right), exemplifies the University’s model of teaching and scholarship.

The Master of Science in Environmental Science, which also started in the fall, draws on the research and teaching strengths of Villanova's faculty in the Department of Geography and the Environment. It reflects the University's commitment to sustainability, which has been recognized by the Sierra Club and The Princeton Review, and expands upon the growing bachelor's degree programs in Environmental Science, Environmental Studies and Geography.

"Our graduate students and faculty are conducting cutting-edge research and attending conferences across the nation and the globe to share their work. These activities greatly contribute to a vibrant intellectual life at the University and help make Villanova even more widely recognized in top scholarly circles," says Christine Kelleher Palus, PhD, dean of Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Philosophy PhD student David Mesing values that the College emphasizes a balance between teaching and scholarly pursuits. "The Philosophy Department has supported my research, allowing me to keep one foot in the University's academic community and one foot in the international academic community by attending conferences in Italy, France and Denmark," he says.

Graduate Studies also reaches students who cannot attend class on campus through the College's fully online programs, including

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—ADELE LINDENMEYR, PhD, CLAS DEAN

master's degrees in Human Resource Development, Public Administration and Classical Studies (Latin Track). They offer the same depth, personal attention and focus on ethical leadership as all degrees at the University, but with the extra element of flexibility for working adults that online education provides.

Dean Palus says the programs have drawn a diverse cadre of students from nearly every state who will be poised to ignite change in their workplace, profession and the wider community.

"A graduate degree from Villanova sets students apart from the competition. We offer students the opportunity to study what they love in an environment with great personal attention



Left: Marta Biase '17 CLAS honed her research skills with an internship at the Georgetown University Medical Center's laboratory. Right: Faculty, such as David Chuss, PhD, '95 CLAS, associate professor of Physics, involve undergraduates in research, connecting classroom experience to real-world applications.



Hibba Abugideiri, PhD, associate professor of History and director of Arab and Islamic Studies, and other professors in the College emphasize mentorship to help students reach their potential.

from faculty and a supportive community. These experiences are invaluable to enriching one's career, as well as one's personal intellectual journey," she says.

INNOVATION IN RESEARCH

Involving graduate and undergraduate students in forward-looking research is central to the mission of CLAS. Students work closely with faculty whose investigations are funded by federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as major foundations.

Aaron Bauer, PhD, professor and the Gerald M. Lemole, MD, Endowed Chair in Integrative Biology, a world-renowned reptile and amphibian expert, partners with Villanova students and faculty from other universities in his research. Supported by funding from the NSF, Dr. Bauer and his team make expeditions to Angola to increase understanding of the diversity and evolution of geckos, and bolster conservation efforts there.

"I train our students to always think about what data could be collected. I want them to ask, 'How can I advance science?'" he says. For many of Dr. Bauer's students, it is their first step toward

"Involving our undergraduates in research provides an opportunity to connect students' classroom experience to applications."

**—DAVID CHUSS, PhD, '95 CLAS,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS**

discovering the breadth and power of scientific inquiry and discovery. It was a similar journey that David Chuss, PhD, '95 CLAS, associate professor of Physics, took at Villanova as an undergraduate. It led him to become an astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Dr. Chuss is now part of a team building an array of telescopes, developed at Johns Hopkins University and operating in northern Chile, that will provide Villanova students with the opportunity to explore the first fraction of a second of the universe by observing light from nearly 14 billion years in the past.

"Involving our undergraduates in research provides an opportunity to connect students' classroom experience to applications. This both benefits and reinforces the connection between Villanova and the larger scientific community," Dr. Chuss says.

Assistant Professor of Theatre James Ijames, MFA, winner of a Pew Center for Arts and Heritage Fellowship, sees a similar connection between Villanova and the wider community of the performing arts. "The students here are remarkable. They come from every walk of life. And the alumni are some of the hardest-working people in the theatre community," says Ijames, who has won three Barrymore Awards for excellence in the Philadelphia theatre.

Offering opportunities that range from studying the farthest reaches of time to capturing the complexity of the human condition, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences remains strongly focused on providing all students with a challenging, life-changing academic experience. It continues to ignite change in generations of Villanovans and hold true to its intellectual tradition.

"The College prepares students to have strong intellectual capacities and creativity," says Dean Lindenmeyr. ■



THE COLLEGE ADVANCING INTO THE FUTURE

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has received extraordinary support from Villanovans across the country. These gifts strengthen the College—including its 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students, 400 faculty and 67,000 alumni—at this critical time and propel it into a bright future.

“Any gift, no matter the size, directly or indirectly enhances students’ academic experience. It enables us to intensify faculty research productivity and support students’ co-curricular learning opportunities,” says Dean Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD.

The College has recently received three important gifts. The first, a \$1 million gift from Lillian ’73 and Michael Walsh, will endow an assistant professorship in Biology. The other two are expected to have the same transformational effect as the \$3 million gift that established the Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society in 2010. As part of For the Greater Great®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change, they will enable the College to reach new academic heights:

Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest

Villanova will establish the Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest, a multifaceted resource that draws upon the past to impart lessons for the modern world. The \$10 million commitment from Albert Lepage ’69 CLAS, the largest ever to the College, will have a visible and tangible impact on the ways history is taught to future generations and communicated to the general public.

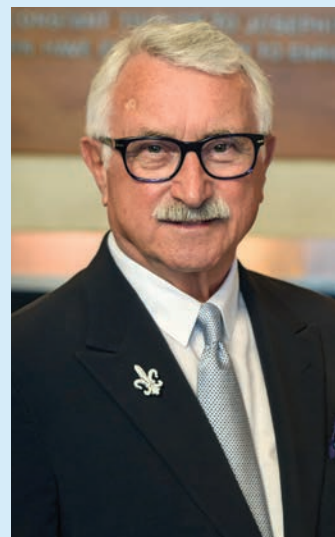
“My hope is that the good study of history will foster a greater understanding of today relative to yesterday,” says Lepage, retired co-chairman of Lepage Bakeries Inc. Prior to this recent gift, he established the Albert R. Lepage Endowed Professorship in History at the College.

Center for Irish Studies

Irish Studies, already a keystone of the College’s intellectual offerings, will be further strengthened by a \$1 million commitment from the Connelly Foundation. The gift will support the creation of a new Center for Irish Studies, enhancing the current Irish Studies Program—one of the oldest programs of its kind in the country—through additional academic programs and increased opportunities for its study abroad and exchange programs.

Over the years, the program has launched partnerships with esteemed institutions, including the National University of Ireland Galway; University College Dublin; and the Abbey Theatre, Ireland’s national theatre. Additionally, the Charles A. Heimbald, Jr. Chair of Irish Studies brings a distinguished Irish writer to the University each semester.

The gift will strengthen the Abbey Theatre Exchange, which allows students to travel to Ireland to study and, in turn, welcomes Irish actors, writers and directors to teach on campus. It is part of the Connelly Foundation’s continuing support of the University over four decades, with gifts exceeding \$15 million. In recognition of the Connelly Foundation’s generosity, the center’s directorship will be named for Emily C. Riley, executive vice president for the Connelly Foundation and a former member of the Villanova University Board of Trustees.



Albert Lepage ’69
CLAS gifted \$10 million to the College in order to establish the Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest at Villanova.

175 YEARS:

CELEBRATING THE ONGOING

On the eve of Villanova's 175th anniversary, the Augustinian Catholic institution reflects on memorable events that have fueled its evolution. Despite such early challenges as raising funds and putting out fires (literally), Villanova never lost sight of its mission or faith in its potential. It is 175 years strong because it continually assesses who it is, where it wants to be and how its principles should chart its course.

Much like alumni, who celebrate special class reunions every five years, the following timeline, beginning with the founding date of 1842, points to milestones for years ending in "2" or "7," as well as several other golden moments called out in boxes. While these highlights don't tell the whole story, they do recap why this institution is ever changing and ever Nova.

1800s



1842

Having made a preemptive bid the day before auction, **THE AUGUSTINIANS** officially acquired the Belle-Air estate Jan. 5 to open a monastery and college. The Rev. John P. O'Dwyer, OSA, served as the first president of Villanova, today Pennsylvania's oldest Catholic university.



1847

A recast version of the bell that had hung alongside the **LIBERTY BELL** in Philadelphia arrived on campus. Suspended from a tree, this iconic fixture summoned students to classes and prayers.



1852

A flurry of **BUILDING PROJECTS** included the expansion of the former Belle-Air mansion.

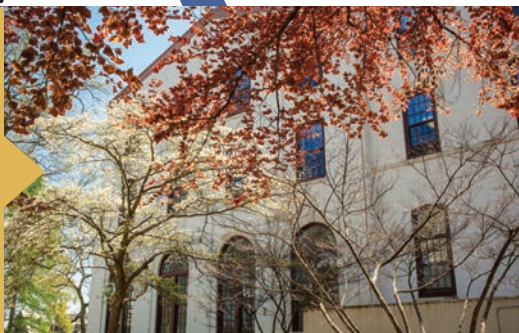
1857

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS and, later, the Civil War, forced Villanova to hang the "CLOSED" sign—the second shutdown in its short history.



1849

The first segment of the College Building was completed. Now known as the east wing of Alumni Hall, it is the **OLDEST STRUCTURE ON CAMPUS**.



1867

Villanova reopened its doors in 1865, and within two years, **VARSITY BASEBALL** was in full swing.

LOOKING BACK, LEANING FORWARD

COMPILED BY SUZANNE WENTZEL

1882

The Augustinians approved the proposal for a **NEW HOUSE OF WORSHIP** on campus, which would be named for the school's patron, St. Thomas of Villanova.



1877

The fledgling **VILLANOVA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** entered its third year. Though it would disband within a decade, the group's legacy inspired future Villanovans to organize anew.

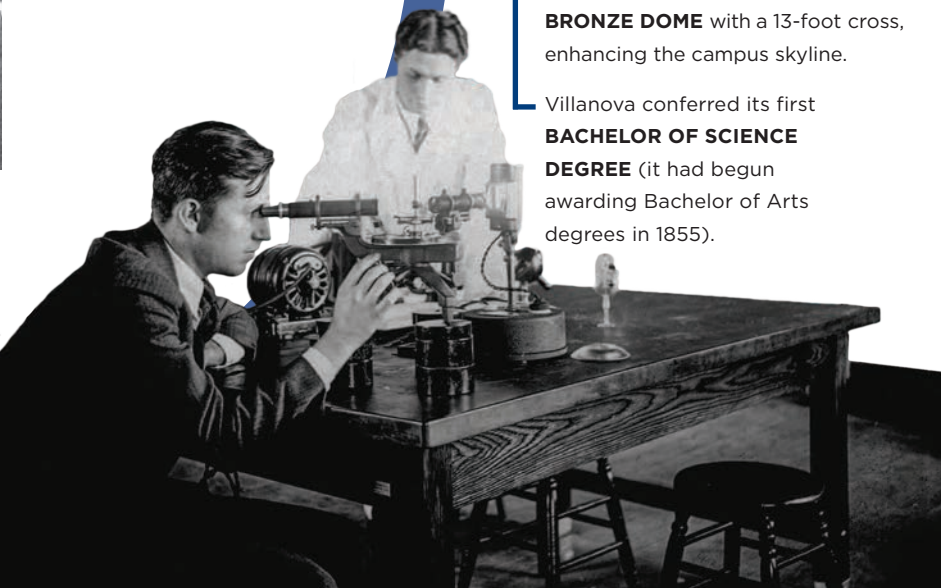


1872

With enrollment on the rise, the **PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD** recognized the need to open a new station with a post office at Villanova.

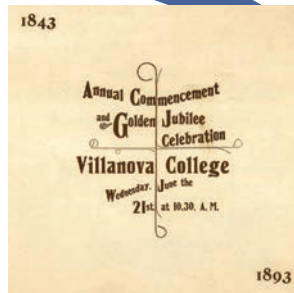
The Board of Trustees voted to extend the College Building. The enlargement would boast a **BRONZE DOME** with a 13-foot cross, enhancing the campus skyline.

Villanova conferred its first **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE** (it had begun awarding Bachelor of Arts degrees in 1855).



1887

Philadelphia Archbishop Patrick Ryan blessed **ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH** July 23. To this day, it is considered one of the most stunning campus churches in the country.



1892

As Villanova celebrated its **50-YEAR MILESTONE**, the Rev. Thomas Middleton, OSA, compiled notes that would provide an invaluable chronology of Villanova's first half century.

1897

What would become Villanova's legendary **TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAM** began.



Villanova athletes, including five from the 1957 Track and Field team, have competed in every Summer Olympics since 1948.



1902

Artist **THOMAS EAKINS** painted a portrait of President the Rev. John J. Fedigan, OSA. As prior provincial in 1898, he had boldly initiated Villanova's first large-scale expansion.

Former President **GROVER CLEVELAND** addressed the Class of 1902 and became the nation's first recipient of an honorary doctor of jurisprudence.

1917

TWO WEEKS after America entered the Great War, Villanova students were being directed in military exercises on the athletic field.

Villanova celebrated its **DIAMOND JUBILEE** in 1917-18 but, because of the war, festivities were limited to Commencement.



1922

The School of Commerce and Finance rang the closing bell on its first year. Now the Villanova School of Business, its undergraduate program was **RANKED NO. 1** in the nation in 2016 by *Bloomberg Businessweek*.

Louie Ciamachela came to Villanova as a barber and remained for three decades, operating **THE PIE SHOP**, a beloved student hangout.



1900s

1905

Villanova's new **SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY**, the fourth engineering program to be established at a US Catholic college or university, set its gears in motion.

Today, personalized attention and hands-on research are hallmarks of the College of Engineering education.



1912

After fire destroyed the Belle-Air mansion, which by then was called St. Rita's Hall and served as a seminary, ground was broken for a new seminary named for donor **BERNARD CORR**. The current St. Rita's Hall was built on the mansion's site.

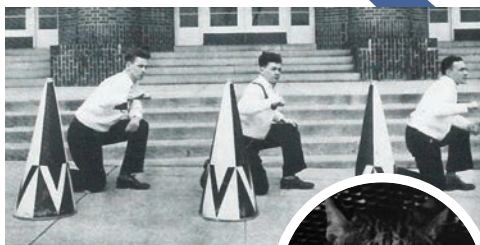
1929

Villanova presented its **FIRST MENDEL MEDAL** to physician and immunologist John Albert Kolmer, MD, DPH. Over the years, the medal—named after the Augustinian friar who discovered the laws of heredity—has honored pioneering scientists.

For example, in 2015, Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Brian Kobilka, MD, was recognized.

1907

The new Villanova Alumni Society set out to raise money that eventually was used to renovate the College Building (later renamed Alumni Hall). Upgrades included a new gym, where Villanova's first **INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKETBALL TEAM** would play in 1920-21.



1927

The south stands of the football stadium were erected (the sport had kicked off in 1894). The **MASCOT**, an actual, live wildcat, heightened the competitive spirit of fans.



1932

A formal dance marked the opening of the multipurpose **FIELD HOUSE** (later named for beloved athletic trainer Jake Nevin).

A second campus fire left St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery in ruins. The resilient Augustinians **RECOVERED AND REBUILT**.



1947

THE VETERANS Administration provided wooden structures to house classrooms, offices and a cafeteria. These and other measures helped to address the postwar deluge of students.



1942

Father Stanford secured a **NAVY OFFICER TRAINING UNIT** for campus, serving the country and keeping up enrollment.

The School of Engineering provided national **DEFENSE TRAINING** courses to more than 500 men and women.



1937

The **REV. EDWARD V. STANFORD, OSA**, president, spurred the formation of local alumni clubs. He previously had encouraged the publication of an alumni magazine, the first issue of which appeared in 1933.

1962

The **PART-TIME DIVISION**, whose history of educating working adults traced back to 1918, was renamed the University College. In 2014, Villanova would create the College of Professional Studies to meet the evolving needs of adult learners.



1957

SEN. JOHN F. KENNEDY received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the dedication of Garey Hall April 27.

1952

For the final year, the institution was identified in its charter as a "college." The strength of its academic programs and the prospect of two more professional schools earned Villanova **UNIVERSITY STATUS** in 1953.



1953

After 20 years of offering Nursing classes off campus, Villanova opened the **COLLEGE OF NURSING**, while a bequest from lawyer Eugene Lester Garey helped realize the dream to **CREATE A LAW SCHOOL**.

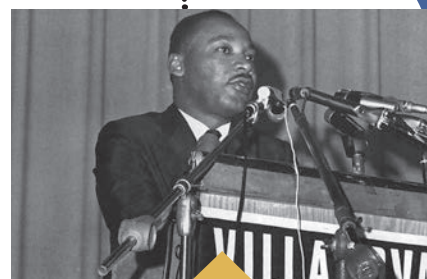
College of Nursing graduates now hold high-profile positions worldwide, and Villanova Law has emerged as an innovator in blending law and business.



MENDEL SCIENCE HALL was unveiled, providing a state-of-the-art facility for scientific discovery.

1965

The **REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** spoke at the Field House Jan. 20. A thousand people were turned away for lack of seating.



1967

Villanova announced that all programs would **WELCOME WOMEN** beginning in fall 1968, a move that would enrich intellectual and student life.

1985

The eighth-seeded Wildcats shocked the nation with **AN UPSET VICTORY** over Georgetown to become the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball champions.



The liberal arts and sciences ground the education of all undergraduates.



1982

Villanova applied for and—after an exacting, three-year evaluation—received admission to **PHI BETA KAPPA**. This distinction testified to the quality of its oldest and largest college, Liberal Arts and Sciences.



1972

With the **ANTIWAR MOVEMENT** growing, a huge crowd gathered to hear new-left advocate Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda.

1979

Villanova students hosted **SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA FALL FESTIVAL**. Now in its 28th year on campus, it is the largest annual student-run Special Olympics event in the world.



1977

During the presidency of the **REV. JOHN M. DRISCOLL, OSA**, PhD, '48 CLAS, Villanova launched a major fundraising campaign, which would garner more than \$33 million. A portion of it would be used to build the Connelly Center, now often the stage for student performances and guest speakers.



1987

With students coming to campus from a wider geographical area, Villanova finalized plans to build new residence halls on what is now **WEST CAMPUS**.



1992

Villanova introduced the interdisciplinary Core Humanities Seminar Program. This national model for critical-thinking, writing-intensive seminars would evolve into the signature **AUGUSTINE AND CULTURE SEMINAR PROGRAM**.



The Wildcats set a **COLLEGIATE RECORD** when the women won their fourth consecutive NCAA national cross country championship.



1997

The success of the five-year Villanova Campaign, which generated \$140 million, was one of the many highlights of the 18-year presidency of the **REV. EDMUND J. DOBBIN, OSA**, STD, '58 CLAS.



The Rev. Owen Raymond Jackson, OSA, '61 CLAS, a champion of peace and justice, died. Part of his legacy is the now nationally celebrated **HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**, which he started on campus in 1975.

Much of the content derives from *1842-1992, Villanova University: American—Catholic—Augustinian*, by David R. Contosta; *Ever Ancient, Ever New*, by David R. Contosta and Dennis J. Gallagher; and Villanova University Archives.



2007

The **REV. PETER M. DONOHUE, OSA**, PhD, '75 CLAS, who had been named president the year before, signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

TRANSFORMING MINDS AND HEARTS:

The Campaign for Villanova surpassed its lofty goal of \$300 million. The University thanked its donors at a gala at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Father Donohue expanded St. Thomas of Villanova Day to a multiday celebration featuring the **DAY OF SERVICE**, which now attracts nearly 5,000 participants each September.



2002

The **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM** began an unforgettable season that culminated in its ending No. 1 UConn's 70-game winning streak to earn the BIG EAST title.

The University bestowed its Adela Dwyer-St. Thomas of Villanova **PEACE AWARD**, which honors justice advocates, on linguist and activist Noam Chomsky.

2012

Villanova continued to fully integrate and beautify campus with the completion of the Grotto and the Kennedy Ellipse, part of the **TRANSFORMATION OF THE CAMPUS LANDSCAPE** initiative.

The University awarded its inaugural **CIVITAS DEI MEDAL** to philosopher Alasdair McIntyre. Named for Augustine's *City of God*, the Villanova medal honors extraordinary contributions to the Catholic intellectual tradition.



2009

Refusing to be denied, Villanova Football came from behind to win the Football Championship Subdivision **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**.

2017: A NEW ERA BEGINS

Having been reclassified as a **DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY** and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the top 50 national universities, Villanova reaches a new milestone in its pursuit of truth, unity and love.

The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change is making impressive progress toward its \$600 million goal, thanks to the generosity of more than **65,000 DONORS**. Three gifts are the largest in Villanova's history:

- \$50 million from James Davis '81 VSB and his wife, Kim, for the School of Business
- \$25 million from Charles Widger '73 JD for Villanova Law
- \$22.5 million from William Finneran '63 VSB for Athletics

2016

In one of the most talked-about sports moments of the year, the Wildcats made history with a **BUZZER-BEATING SHOT** to take the title in the **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship**.





THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED

A tribute to our beloved, recently retired Rev. George F. Riley, OSA, PhD, '58 CLAS, '61 MA

Officially, Nov. 3, 1995, is the date that the Atlantic City mayor proclaimed as “Rev. George F. Riley Day.” The declaration honored the Augustinian friar on what was then his 60th birthday for his decades of weekend ministry in South Jersey.

Unofficially, every day is a Father Riley Day for someone, somewhere. In May, Father George Riley, OSA, PhD, '58 CLAS, '61 MA retired after 23 years as the president’s special assistant for Alumni and External Relations at Villanova University. But his legacy still grows, as does the number of people who encounter the Lawrence, Mass., native.

An encounter: That’s all it takes. Hearing one of the invocations for which Father Riley is famous. Being moved by one his homilies. Swelling with emotion at one of his eulogies. Laughing at his stories at an alumni gathering. Feeling inspired to support Villanova.

Father Riley is a natural networker in the style of St. Paul, being all things to all people. For almost 60 years, countless people have transformed Father Riley’s life, and he, theirs. They are alumni, students and friends; corporate and philanthropic executives; shore vacationers and residents; sports legends and entertainers; politicians and civic leaders; and people who are cherished in his diaries, scrapbooks and heart.

The holder of two master’s degrees, as well as a doctorate from The Catholic University of America, Father Riley built an impressive

career at Villanova, working under seven presidents. He excelled in administrative positions within the Augustinian Order and at the University. He taught courses in theology and ethics, served as Villanova’s first liaison to the Peace Corps, and in 1972, became vice president for University Relations, serving in that role until 1993. Supervising the offices of Development, Public Relations, Alumni Affairs and Career Services, he helped to launch *Villanova Magazine* and raise \$83 million during two capital campaigns.

Father Riley has lived his vocation in a way that breaks down religious and social barriers. In addition to accolades from Catholic organizations, he has received awards from the Hebrew Academy of Atlantic County; the Atlantic City Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith; and the All-American Football Federation for his years as chaplain for the Heisman Trophy Foundation, to name a few.

On campus and across the country, Father Riley has touched others with his unique blend of gifts. “Villanova is a better place because of Father Riley. His knowledge has brought wisdom, his humor has brought joy and his dedication has brought inspiration to so many of those who know him,” says Villanova President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS.

The following page contains tributes from some of the many people whose lives are better for knowing Father Riley:

Joseph Del Raso '74 VSB, '83 JD

I met Father Riley when I was an undergraduate student at Villanova, and then he met my family and would come to our summer home in Ventnor, N.J. He became close friends with my parents, he married my wife and me, he



Below left: Father Riley has officiated at hundreds of weddings, including the union of Joseph and Ann Del Raso.

engaging, easy to talk to, easy to like. I was impressed with how he juggled teaching, fundraising and celebrating Masses at the shore.

Through him, I have met many Villanovans. I decided to sponsor the Chair in Catholic Legal Studies at Villanova Law, and create the Scarpa Center for Law and Entrepreneurship. I attribute those gifts to my involvement with Father Riley.

I don't know many people who know as many people as he does. It's because of his relationships that he's been successful as a development director. He's been at countless weddings, funerals and receptions. When you have a friend like Father Riley, you don't need many others.

My daughters and their husbands graduated from Villanova, I've had a niece and nephew attend, and now I have three grandchildren there. Over time, in part because of my connection to Father Riley, Villanova has become ingrained in me.

A THOUSAND FRIENDSHIPS

baptized all of our children, and he said the funeral Mass for my father. We are closely tied to him.

I didn't have him as a professor, but he has had a significant impact on my life. He taught me the importance of people skills and networking. People tell me, "You're such a great networker," and I say, "I learned from the master." He has such charisma and the ability to connect people. You gravitate to his personality. He has this great warmth and a humble side to him.

He was the road warrior, constantly traveling. We would travel around together, to New York, Florida, Puerto Rico. People would show up to events because of Father Riley. It was like a rock star came to town. Everywhere he went, he either knew people or took advantage of being introduced to people, and they'd fall in love with him.

"Father Riley is one of Villanova's greatest ambassadors of all time."

—Joseph Del Raso '74 VSB, '83 JD

John F. Scarpa

When Father Riley was doing his PhD at Catholic University, I met him on a flight to Philadelphia. We sat next to each other and had a great discussion. I learned that he celebrated weekend Masses at different churches in South Jersey. Later, I would see him at church or socially. He's extremely



Above: John and Jana Scarpa hosted a party for Father Riley to celebrate his retirement from Villanova and to salute his friendship.

Ed and Carol Galvin

Neither of us had Villanova connections, but we met Father Riley about 20 years ago at a Villanova function on Long Island. We were so impressed with him. He gave a little speech, shared a glass of wine and talked about his love for Villanova, how much he enjoyed being there and how the students go on to be successful.

All four of our children ended up going to Villanova, and Father Riley has become a great friend. His Irish Boston charm just caught us. We like his love of life and his philosophy. He's a true Villanova priest. He loves everything about Villanova and has been instrumental in promoting the school.

He married our daughter Kerry four years ago, and he made everyone at the wedding feel warm and welcome. He always gave our children sound advice, and he did it in such a way that they felt they had made the decision with careful thought. To this day, they all communicate with him. We started a scholarship fund in his name for students from Chaminade High School, a boys' Catholic school on Long Island, who need financial aid to attend Villanova. He's always going to be a part of our family. ■



Above right: Ed and Carol Galvin knew little about Villanova before meeting Father Riley. Now, all four of their children are Villanova alumni.

Villanovans contributing to the community



John Leahy '75 VSB, president of KIND Healthy Snacks since 2010, nurtures the company's impressive financial success, as well as its social mission to spread kindness.

One of a Kind

A free spirit who flourished at Villanova, John Leahy '75 VSB savors his role as president of KIND

By Dave Seminara

When he arrived at Villanova in 1972, John Leahy '75 VSB recalls, he had hair below his shoulders, lots of attitude and little direction. He had previously spent three unproductive semesters at the University of Dayton, and his father, a no-nonsense World War II hero with seven children, made it clear that Leahy wasn't going back. Instead, the Wynnewood, Pa., native could live at home and attend nearby Villanova.

Success didn't come immediately. Leahy started as a night student and had to take

statistics twice before passing. Eventually, though, the transfer served to transform his life. Leahy hit the books, learned to work harder and met Ann Zarzeka '77 VSB (now his wife of 40 years with whom he has three grown children: John-David, Bridget and Devon).

Leahy's class in business ethics planted a seed that would bear fruit in his career—the notion that businesses can be profitable and socially conscious.

The influence of Villanova's course-

work, culture and community still inspire Leahy in his current role as president of KIND, which produces healthy fruit and nut bars and other snacks. The company has become known not only for its sales success, but also for its socially responsible business practices and innovative philanthropy. Leahy applauds his alma mater for helping him to reach this position.

"I could have gone off the radar," Leahy says. "But at Nova, I surrounded myself with people who had the same value

system I was raised with. My education built on the foundation I had from my family and moved me in the right direction.”

Driving to the top

To help pay for college, Leahy drove a cab in towns along the Main Line. Chatty and personable, he was a hit with his passengers. The job experience helped the business student to see where his education would take him. “I had a good sales career in my blood,” he says. “I was a free spirit and didn’t want to sit in an office, so I knew that sales was what I wanted to do with my life.”

Life on the road required a set of wheels, so Leahy found a job that included a company car. Starting out as a salesperson with Carnation Foods, Leahy soared in the packaged goods industry. His trajectory included Johnson & Johnson and Playtex Products, where he earned 11 promotions in 23 years and served as a division president. Eventually, he became president of the US Nutrition Division at NBTY, a vitamin and food supplement manufacturer.

In 2010, a former Playtex colleague who had gone to work for KIND made an introduction that led Leahy to a job interview with Daniel Lubetzky, the company’s founder. Lubetzky opened the meeting by explaining that the company had decided on another candidate to be its president. After a three-hour conversation, he changed his mind and hired Leahy.

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—JOHN LEAHY

KIND has been wildly successful in selling a lot of healthy snacks, but it calls itself a “not-only-for-profit” business that has a greater purpose. It espouses “the KIND Movement,” a mission to inspire acts of kindness. Each month, for example, the company funds a “KIND Cause” selected by its community, whose members vote for the causes they find most inspiring.

Unlike companies that partner with large, national charities, KIND tends to support grass-roots causes. Leahy has been involved with many of them, such as providing winter coats to those in need and giving backpacks to foster children.

Recently, as part of the KIND Foundation, the company launched “KIND People,” a program that will celebrate six exemplary individuals who have transformed their communities through kindness. A total of \$1 million will be awarded to the winners so that they can further their good work.

“KIND has a serious social mission,” Leahy says. “We believe it’s our responsibility to give back to people and local communities, not to tug on consumers’

heartstrings to sell more products. We feel it is our duty to spread kindness.”

Acting in kind

As president, Leahy has fostered an egalitarian, team-oriented corporate culture that balances work and life. As the company’s product line has expanded, so has its workforce, growing from 30 to 300 full-time team members. It also spreads its message through nearly 300 “KIND Ambassadors.” Madeline Shiley ’17 VSB, of Buffalo, N.Y., has been an ambassador since January 2015. She got hooked on KIND bars due to dietary restrictions but believes that the company’s good deeds are even more important than their tasty products.

Madeline has handed out thousands of free KIND bars at Villanova and has initiated kind acts on campus, such as organizing a book drive for local libraries and facilitating the donation of 5,000 KIND bars to St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service volunteers.

“Our campus is one where people hold doors for each other and care for each other,” says Madeline, who is majoring in International Business, Accounting and Finance. “It makes sense to share not only our products but also this movement to do kind acts and make the world a better place.”

For Leahy, who visits campus, gives guest lectures, and impresses students with his authenticity and warmth, Villanova has always been a sweet spot. It was here that this rebel found his cause, here that this proud alumnus stayed true to his carefree nature even as he learned how to put it to good use.

“The values instilled in me at Villanova—the importance of character, discipline and work ethic—have helped me get where I am today,” he said. “And at 63, I’m having more fun than ever!” ■



Madeline Shiley '17 VSB is one of KIND’s nearly 300 “KIND Ambassadors,” spreading the word at Villanova about the company’s products and its mission to promote kindness.

John Mullany '13 MA, Jane
Morro Mullany '80 CON,
Hank Mullany and Mark
Mullany '15 CLAS



From “I Do” to “We Do”

The Mullanys support the university that launched a marriage and three careers

Jane Morro Mullany '80 CON likes to tell a story about the time her son John '13 MA interviewed with the Rev. David Cregan, OSA, PhD, '89 CLAS, chair of Villanova's Theatre Department. “Father Cregan asked John a pretty standard question: ‘Why are you here?’” Jane recounts. “John looked at him and said, ‘If it weren't for Villanova, I literally wouldn't be here!’”

After all, explained John, his parents had gotten married at St. Thomas of Villanova Church. “Father David said that he'd never heard that answer before,” Jane finishes with a chuckle.

CLOSE TIES

The wedding of Hank and Jane Mullany is just one milestone of many in the family's four-decade affiliation with Villanova.

As a student at Archbishop John Carroll High School in Radnor, Pa., Jane volunteered at a local hospital. She was so inspired by the nurses that she decided, she says, “to learn how to be a part of that caring community. Villanova was—and is—one of the country's top-ranked nursing schools. The choice was easy, especially because faith-based experience had always been an important part of my family's values.”

Meanwhile, Hank, who also attended Carroll, had an after-school job as a dishwasher in Dougherty Hall. “I was impressed with the sense of community among the students,” he says.

Not only did their son John, 28, a documentary filmmaker, attend Villanova, but so did younger brother Mark '15 CLAS, a Communication major who now works as a consultant for PwC's Strategy&.

“When Mark was accepted to Villanova, I took him there and said, ‘If you work hard and stay humble, you'll find great opportunities here,’” Hank says.

Mark heeded the advice. He was a writing tutor and joined the Sophomore Service Learning Community. He also scored gigs as the sports editor of *The Villanovan* and as the play-by-play announcer when the Men's Basketball team won the BIG EAST Tournament in 2015.

John also found his niche at Villanova. While pursuing his master's in Theatre, he met Assistant

Professor of Communication Hezekiah Lewis III, MFA, '99 CLAS, '02 MA, who deepened his interest in social equity and racial awareness. “Nowadays, I find myself working for nonprofit organizations on projects that allow me to blend my passion for filmmaking with my desire to create positive ripples in people's lives,” John says.

After her own rewarding career in nursing, Jane became an independent consultant in nonprofit management. She continues to serve on the Board of Consultors for the College of Nursing, and she and Hank, also a consultant, live in Valley Forge, Pa.

ENGAGING IN THE COMMUNITY

Always generous donors, the Mullanys have increased their giving to Villanova since their sons have graduated. “Having John and me there at the same time drew my mom further into the Villanova community and strengthened her ties to the school,” says Mark, 24.

They established a nursing scholarship so that recipients could have the kind of opportunities Jane had enjoyed as a nurse. “We want to help develop the workforce of the future and the nursing leaders of the next generation,” she says.

Jane and Hank also created a scholarship in the Department of Theatre to acknowledge John's experiences in the graduate program. Another gift provides state-of-the-art equipment and studio space in the Communication Department for media projects.

“As a family, we have been blessed, and we want to share those blessings,” Jane says.

Hank says that Villanova's Augustinian intellectual tradition and mission transformed his sons' minds and hearts. “It took their faith to a higher level and emphasized the importance of thinking critically while acting compassionately.”

Villanova also honed leadership skills and fostered a commitment to service, a potent combination that Hank has noticed in other graduates. “A Villanova degree is a competitive advantage in the marketplace,” he says. “Jane and I are proud to be helping scholarship recipients to reap the benefits that our family did.” ■

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—JANE MORRO MULLANY

BY JOANN GRECO



Willie Abney '16 CPS



Michael Collins '16 CLAS



Vallena Lipske '16 CON

Six Degrees of Distinction

New graduates poised for next steps in careers, graduate school

BY MARIAN BUTCHER

The Class of 2016 left Villanova in May with diplomas that will open doors for them throughout their lives and careers. Six members of the class, profiled below, were singled out for special recognition by their schools or colleges, including being selected by their deans to receive their diplomas from University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS on stage at the ceremony, or by classmates to deliver the Commencement address.

These notable students have stories that are unique and personal, but they share some key traits: outstanding academic records, impressive leadership abilities, a wholehearted embrace of Augustinian values and promise for a bright future.

■ WILLIE ABNEY

College of Professional Studies

In the early 1980s, Willie Abney enrolled at Villanova, but he left after three years, served in the Air Force and built a successful career with Septa. He always knew that he wanted to finish his degree, and there was only one place for him to do it.

"I've always been a Villanovan from the very first moment I stepped on campus. *Veritas, Unitas, Caritas* serves as my rule and guide in life," Willie says.

The road back was academically and personally challenging. He had to navigate several hurdles before he was able to enroll in the College of Professional Studies to complete the remaining credits. The difference this time was his determination and desire to set an example for his five children. Sharing his story to help and motivate others never to give up on their dreams has become his passion.

"CPS is truly a community of learners, and Willie is one of our very best ambassadors," says Deborah Tyksinski, PhD, dean of CPS.

And Willie is still not finished with Villanova. He started the MBA program this fall.

■ MICHAEL COLLINS

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Michael Collins' natural curiosity and keen intellect led him to his majors in Philosophy and History, and to his career path. A member of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society and president of the Philosophy Club, Michael is now a first-year student at Duke University School of Law.

His inquisitive nature also shaped his extracurricular life at Villanova. Simply by showing up to meetings and expressing interest, he became a leader in several organizations and served on the Student Leadership Advisory Council.

"It became a running joke with my friends that I would go to a single club meeting and end up as an officer," he says.

He also embraces challenges, taking on two reading-intensive majors as a legally blind student. With the help of technology, his professors and the Office of Disability Services, Michael was able to fully engage and excel in his classes.

"He is not afraid to articulate and defend his views in public, and he has lots of intellectual integrity," says Georg Theiner, PhD, assistant professor of Philosophy.

■ VALLENA LIPSKE

College of Nursing

Vallena Lipske began her nursing practice at the Bone Marrow Transplant Oncology Unit at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania soon after graduation. She was always drawn to working with cancer patients because, as a very young girl, she was one. Her parents' stories of how well the family was treated



Thomas Moore '16 JD



Colleen Topper '16 VSB



Brandon Wesley '16 COE

by hospital staff during that difficult time, as well as her experiences at Villanova, solidified her decision to become a nurse.

“What Villanova gave me is the ability to see patients as people not just medically, but also holistically, and that makes a huge difference,” she says.

In addition to her nursing studies, Vallena was a four-year Special Olympics Pennsylvania Fall Festival volunteer and a Spanish minor who became fluent after spending a summer in Spain through a College of Nursing Connelly-Delouvrier Scholarship.

M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, the Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of the College of Nursing, sees a bright future for Vallena. “She has the competence and sensitivity required to work with patients dealing with serious illness.”

■ THOMAS MOORE

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

While pursuing his law degree, Thomas Moore distinguished himself as a fellow of the Jeffrey S. Moorad Center for the Study of Sports Law; a member of the Black Law Students Association, the Street Law Society and the Christian Legal Society; and a leader of the effort to address diversity in the Law School. Demonstrating leadership and a collegial nature, he was selected by his classmates as Commencement speaker.

“He’s going to be successful because when you are genuine and well-respected, people are going to trust you,” says Professor Todd Aagaard, vice dean of Villanova Law.

With a name that’s just one letter away from St. Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers, Thomas might seem predestined for a law career. But he made his own destiny.

Before law school, Thomas did policy work, taught high school and mentored teenagers, finding his calling as an advocate for young people. He aspires to become a sports agent to guide young athletes through their playing days and beyond.

“Big-time athletes who have money, leadership and influence can have a big impact in their local communities,” Thomas says.

■ COLLEEN TOPPER

Villanova School of Business

Colleen Topper excelled in her courses at Villanova while

thinking creatively about where her business education could take her. Combining her interest in health and nutrition with her Finance major, she interned just after graduation at the Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food Education and Policy at Teachers College, Columbia University, and has started the graduate clinical nutrition program at New York University.

Colleen is the sixth member of the Topper family to graduate from Villanova, but she certainly blazed her own trail.

Her list of activities is extensive: Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society member. Liturgical minister. Special Olympics Student Planning Committee member. Peer Adviser and Ambassador in the School of Business. Orientation staff member. Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

“In her quiet, understated manner, Colleen has had a powerful presence on campus,” says Melinda German, associate dean, Undergraduate Business Program.

■ BRANDON WESLEY

College of Engineering

Brandon Wesley, a Chemical Engineering major with minors in Bioengineering and Biology, was one of only 35 students nationwide to be selected for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship.

Now working on a doctoral degree in Surgery at the University of Cambridge in England, Brandon will spend three years conducting research on the use of stem cells to cure disease. It’s an experience that will blend Brandon’s intellectual interests with his personal goals.

“I want to use my education in science, technology and medicine to be innovative and make a difference,” says Brandon, who led a mission trip to Costa Rica focused on global sustainability during his time at Villanova.

Brandon completed his senior research project in the gene therapy lab of Jacob Elmer, PhD, assistant professor of Chemical Engineering. He impressed his mentor with his productivity and problem-solving ability.

“Brandon is an active, not a passive, learner,” Dr. Elmer says. “He’s the kind of student I like to have in every class.” ■

NO HOPES BARRED

Recognizing each person's dignity, Villanova includes prisoners in its academic outreach

>> By Suzanne Wentzel



Cardinal Peter Turkson, the president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, joins inmates in a class discussion of Pope Francis' *On Care for Our Common Home*.

As soon as Barbara Wall, PhD, opened up the floor for questions, hands shot up. Referring to underlined sentences and marginal notes, the men in her ethics class asked the guest beside Dr. Wall to elaborate upon passages from Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *On Care for Our Common Home*.

Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson happily obliged. The president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Cardinal Turkson had helped draft the papal document on the environmental crisis and its impact on the poor. The questions he now fielded showed that the men had done their homework.

Earlier in the day, Cardinal Turkson had visited with Villanova engineering students and faculty. The next evening, he would address a University-wide audience and receive an honorary doctorate. But at this point in his itinerary, he was 25 miles from campus, thrilled that Dr. Wall had invited him to meet yet another Villanova constituency: inmates of Pennsylvania's State Correctional Institution at Graterford.

A PROPHETIC PROGRAM

The University launched the Graterford Program in 1972. The brainchild of the late James McKenna Jr., PhD, who taught in what is now the Sociology and Criminology Department, the program enrolls eligible inmates in college courses taught by Villanova faculty and prepares them to succeed when they re-enter society. To date, 71 men have earned degrees through what is the oldest program of its kind in the country.

Studies show that offenders who earn diplomas or degrees in prison have lower rates of recidivism and are more likely to

get jobs. They also set positive examples. One inmate's persistence in the Graterford Program inspired two siblings to pursue degrees; a son to get a Commercial Driver's License; and a relative to pass the GED® test and find employment.

The program empowers inmates to influence prison culture. "The men bring each other up," says Kate Meloney, Villanova's first full-time director of the program. "Their courses spark conversations, expand their boundaries and free their minds." One participant whose life sentence was commuted and who found work as a municipal employee after his release wrote a letter thanking Villanova for having provided a "mentally stimulating environment instrumental to my survival."

The University believes that learning is a lifelong ambition, even for those behind bars. "Just because these men are confined to a correctional institution doesn't mean that they should be prevented from improving themselves," says Thomas Arvanites, PhD, a criminologist who has taught at Villanova for 29 years. "Interest in joining the program is strong. We give the men a reason to behave and to hope."

BACKED BY EXPERTS

The program has long been supported by prison superintendents and Villanova administrators, especially the Rev. Kail Ellis, OSA, PhD, '69 MA, dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and special assistant to the president. "Father Ellis was integral to the program's thriving over the years," says Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, the current CLAS dean. It also has a champion in University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS. "Villanovans understand education's life-changing power," he says. "The Graterford Program testifies to this power by helping offenders successfully reintegrate into society."

It also aligns with Catholic social teaching, which affirms the dignity of victim and offender, and emphasizes the value of education in rehabilitation. The US government seems to agree. In June it unveiled the Second Chance Pell pilot program to boost inmate enrollment in postsecondary education programs. Villanova was one of 69 schools selected to participate.

Faculty are not alone in educating men at Graterford. Through service learning

courses that explore the theology and ethics of criminal justice, punishment and society, and other topics, students have the option to tutor inmates to improve literacy and prepare them for high school equivalency exams. "The integration of knowledge and experience gives students the tools to be informed citizens and imagine a criminal justice system that serves all," says Noreen Cameron '90 MS, the tutoring program's director.

Emily Tenuta '17 CLAS is in her third year of this journey. Initially, she struggled to reconcile the reality that her students are also prisoners. But she quickly came to see their humanity. "They're in the classroom because they want to change. I learn as much from them as they do from me."

The Graterford Program is one example of how Villanova seeks to promote justice. "People who have harmed others need to be restored to right relationships," says Dr. Wall, vice president for Mission and Ministry. "So do the victims of that harm." Educating inmates is a major step in that process. Taking part in it was an opportunity that Cardinal Turkson, a global voice for justice, couldn't pass up. ■

FROM THE Inside Out

One visit, and Jeff Sved '11 COE was hooked. The young alumnus had never been inside a prison before going to a correctional institution in Delaware as part of his postgraduate year of service.

Five years later, Sved still devotes his life to prison ministry. Through the Franciscan Mission Service, a nonprofit that supports lay Catholics living in solidarity with impoverished communities,

Sved serves prisoners in poverty-stricken Bolivia. To help inmates earn money to sustain themselves, Sved brings them supplies to make wallets and other goods, which he sells on their behalf at one of South America's largest outdoor markets (pictured). He also supports inmates' efforts to improve prison conditions.

"A Franciscan's ministry is one of presence," Sved says. "I am present in the inmates' immediate struggles and in the fight for societal change."

Sved had a similar presence at Villanova. While serving meals at a soup kitchen, for example, he would build relationships with the guests. During Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, he



lived outdoors without food or money, relying on the kindness of others.

Villanova, too, is present to him. Sved uses his engineering tools to assess situations and seek solutions. "I still think like an engineer. I'm just applying my skills to a different set of problems."

GAME FACES

Representatives from 24 Division I sports display teamwork, spirit and unity

By Marian Butcher

THE 24 student-athletes who gaze out from the photo that will hang in the atrium of the newly opened Andrew J. Talley Athletic Center represent the full spectrum of Villanova athletics. They're national champions and Olympians, team captains and top scorers, early-morning racers and late-night trainers. Above all, they're students—engaged in campus life and distinguishing themselves as much for their academic smarts as for their athletic skills.

"Although some of our programs may be more high profile, this photo shows that being a Villanova student-athlete goes far deeper than that," says Athletic Director

Mark Jackson, who plans to make the photo an annual tradition, with a new group of 24 athletes chosen each year. "Common values and experiences are the threads that bind our student-athletes—regardless of program—making us stronger together."

The student-athletes were selected for the photo by their coaches, who described them as hard-working, well-rounded, team-focused and dedicated. They represent programs that have compiled impressive records, especially in the classroom. The statistics tell the story: For the first time ever, all 24 athletic programs in the spring 2016 semester had a 3.0 GPA or higher, and Villanova had 302 student-

athletes named to BIG EAST All-Academic Teams in 2015–16, the most of any school in the conference.

"The photo is an opportunity to recognize the collective achievements of Villanova's 24 programs," Jackson says. "Our student-athletes have created an amazing legacy of success both in and out of the classroom."

The photo's location is symbolic, too. The Talley Athletic Center, which opened this fall, is designed to enhance the student-athlete experience by providing a state-of-the-art training center, meeting space for teams, and a hub for academic support programs, as well as a home base for the Football program. ■



PICTURED, FROM LEFT:

Shanice Grant '16 VSB
Women's Track and Field

Linley Busby '17 CLAS
Women's Tennis

Mackenzie Niness '18 CLAS
Women's Swimming and Diving

James Deutmeyer '18 CLAS
Men's Track and Field

Chelsey Henderson '16 VSB
Women's Lacrosse

Ishmael Muhammad '18 CLAS
Men's Track and Field

Shea Palmer '16 CLAS
Softball

Jake Hoin '18 CLAS
Men's Swimming and Diving

Christopher Seitz '16 VSB
Men's Tennis

Jannah Tucker '18 CLAS
Women's Basketball

Claire Crutchfield '17 CLAS
Volleyball

Jake Prus '16 CLAS
Football



Michael Waterfield '17 VSB Men's Lacrosse	Emily Lenane '17 CLAS Women's Rowing	Sheila Gerrity '17 CLAS Women's Water Polo	Patrick Tiernan '16 CLAS Men's Track and Field and Cross Country
Phil Booth '18 CLAS Men's Basketball	Zach Zandi '19 CLAS Men's Soccer	Angel Piccirillo '16 CLAS Women's Track and Field and Cross Country	Anne Yahiro '16 CLAS Women's Track and Field
Carolynn Clark '16 CLAS Field Hockey	Donovan May '17 CLAS Baseball	Emily Kuefler '18 CON Women's Soccer	Luke Waggoner '16 CLAS Golf



Villanova University Alumni Association board members Hezekiah Lewis III, MFA, '99 CLAS, '02 MA; President Terence P. Delaney '83 CLAS; Darla Henning Wolfe '06 MBA; and Jerry Petry '72 VSB gather for VUAA meetings this past summer. Not at the event but taking on new roles with the VUAA are President-elect Nancy Cawley Lane '87 CLAS and Alex Martins '86 VSB, pictured at right.

Eyes Fixed on the Future

The VUAA board welcomes new members and leaders

BY YASMINE IQBAL

The Villanova University Alumni Association serves more than 120,000 alumni around the world. The 20-member Board of Directors, which guides the VUAA's strategic direction, recently elected four new members and named a new president and president-elect.

George R. Kolb '84 VSB, associate vice president for Alumni Relations, notes that board members come from different industries and parts of the country. "Their energy and passion for Villanova unite them."

Terence P. Delaney '83 CLAS, president

Since being elected to the board in 2013, Delaney has worked on projects that bring together alumni with common interests and careers, including an affinity group for Villanovans in health care and a faculty speaker series.

Delaney built a career in benefits consulting, working for companies including MetLife and Arthur J. Gallagher. His retirement in 2012 coincided with his eldest daughter's graduation from Villanova.

"Seeing her Villanova experience strengthened my bond with the University," he says. "I'm excited to work on projects that will have a long-term impact, re-engage people with Villanova and spread ideas we're developing on campus to our alumni."

Nancy Cawley Lane '87 CLAS, president-elect



Lane is president of the Local Media Association, which helps thousands of newspapers, TV stations and other media organizations discover new and sustainable business models. A board member since 2013, she has used her expertise to produce

an alumni webinar series and grow the VUAA's presence on social media. Lane also has been active in Chicago's growing alumni club.

"Villanova was a game changer for me," she says. "The experience provided lifelong friendships and set me up for a successful career. I've never lost touch with the community."

Hezekiah Lewis III, MFA, '99 CLAS, '02 MA

Once the co-captain of Villanova's football team, Lewis returned to his alma mater in 2007 as an assistant professor of

**"I'm excited to work on projects that will have a long-term impact, re-engage people with Villanova and spread ideas we're developing on campus to our alumni."
—Terence P. Delaney**

Communication. He teaches social justice documentary filmmaking, film analysis and media production. He founded Ekiah Productions, which produces award-winning documentaries and films that promote social change.

"Coming to Villanova changed the course of my life," Lewis says. "I felt the sense of family and community the first time I stepped on campus, and the experience helped me grow into the man I am today."

Alex Martins '86 VSB

Martins is CEO of the NBA's Orlando Magic. He helped transform its business operations and was instrumental in the building of the Amway Center in Orlando.



Martins' 29-year career in sports management began in Villanova Athletics' information office.

"I agreed to serve on the board because I want to give back to

Villanova for preparing me for a successful career and life overall," he says. "I am particularly excited about working with the other members to help fulfill the mission of the University."

Jerry Petry '72 VSB

After 34 years with NBCUniversal Television, Petry retired from his role as executive vice president in 2009. He is also a former chairman of the Television Academy Foundation.

Petry helped create Villanova on Set, an entertainment industry immersion program for Villanova students, which spurred his interest in the board position. "The Augustinian ideals become part of your DNA at Villanova," he says. "I've been blessed personally and professionally, and I know that those values and the Villanova experience played a big part."

Darla Henning Wolfe '06 MBA

Wolfe gained two decades of experience in information technology, manufacturing and entrepreneurship through senior positions at DuPont, SAP America and other Fortune 500 companies. Recently, she launched Sweat EquitE LLC to match professionals with opportunities at startups and emerging businesses.

A 2016 Villanova Women in Technology panelist, Wolfe appreciates the value of her Villanova MBA. "It allowed me to pursue my passion for entrepreneurship and has been instrumental in my career evolution," she says. "I look forward to bringing the graduate perspective to the board." ■

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EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE BONDS VILLANOVANS

BY CHRISTINE GUERRINI

*Third in a five-part series on the Villanova University
Alumni Association's new platform for alumni engagement*



ONE VILLANOVA:

All parents, students, graduates and friends are welcome as part of the University's great alumni community.

When their daughter Catherine '17 CLAS decided to attend Villanova, Jim and Diane Connelly of Newport Beach, Calif., weren't sure how connected they would feel to a university thousands of miles away. That doubt quickly dissolved after attending a New Student Send-Off hosted by the Villanova University Club of Orange County.

"We were able to experience the close-knit, community feeling Villanova builds. It gave us comfort in what a wonderful choice Catherine made," Diane says.

Parents are just one of the many groups that play an important role in the robust Villanova University Alumni Association—from under-graduate and graduate alumni to passionate

sports fans and friends. While they may have different memories and journeys, all share a common spirit and pride that are uniquely Villanovan.

Since Catherine's freshman year, the Connelys have become increasingly involved community members. They began sponsoring the St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service through Jim's educational supply company, Creative Teaching Press, after Catherine recognized a need for classroom materials at her service site. In addition, they serve on Villanova's Parents Executive Committee, which provides extra opportunities for them to engage with people on campus.

"Everyone we encounter is very welcoming of our family and encouraging of Catherine's aspirations. It's been a very special experience," says Jim.

STAYING CONNECTED

The VUAA offers opportunities for recent graduates and young alumni to maintain old ties and build new connections as they transition to life in new locales.

Alessandro Roco '09 COE participated in a variety of campus

activities as an undergraduate, from the Blue Key Society to *The Villanovan* student newspaper. Especially memorable for him was volunteering with the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Fall Festival for the first time as a freshman.

“It was amazing to see students, faculty and staff so perfectly aligned toward one goal. I had never experienced anything like it before,” Roco says. “It gave me a great sense of pride that this event was unique to Villanova—to my school.”

Inspired by his Villanova experience, Roco sought out ways to stay involved after graduation, despite a busy work schedule with Bombfell, a startup company offering online personal styling services for men, in New York City. He served as the co-chair of his five-year Reunion Class Committee and also remains heavily involved as a Villanova Scholarship interviewer through the Alumni Recruitment Network.

His favorite part? Meeting new people and hearing their stories. “We all share similar values. We want to succeed, but giving back is equally as important to us. It’s a common thread that makes me feel instantly connected to each Villanovan I meet,” Roco says.

PART OF THE FAMILY

Joanne Morris grew up as an honorary Villanovan, and today, thanks to the support of the Villanova community, she’s taking steps to becoming an alumna in her own

right by working toward a bachelor’s degree through the College of Professional Studies.

Morris’ father, Walter Morris, graduated from the Villanova School of Business in 1964. “My dad loves the University and shares that school pride with our family. He took us to campus as I was growing up, and now he takes his grandchildren,” Morris says.

Following high school, Morris completed some coursework at another college and then went on to run a successful company for 15 years. She joined the family business, Morris Animal Inn—an internationally recognized pet-care facility—in 2000, at which point she began attending regional events with her father through the Villanova University Club of North Central Jersey.

Over the years, Morris met fellow professionals who motivated her to stay involved with the chapter, on top of working and raising two children. In fact, the encouragement she received from her new network helped her decide to finish her undergraduate degree at Villanova.

Morris finds Villanovans equally supportive of and interested in her journey. “The sense of community is unbelievable,” she says. “It doesn’t matter who you are or where you’re from; whether you went to class on campus or online. Villanova treats you like family.” ■



The St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service provides an opportunity for all Villanovans to celebrate their shared commitment to giving back.



From New Student Send-Off events to Parents Weekend, parents are welcomed to engage in their children’s Villanova experience.

REUNION 2016

VUAA Presents St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medals

At Reunion 2016, held June 9–12, the Villanova University Alumni Association awarded two Villanovans with the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal—the VUAA's highest honor—at the President's Lunch. Mark Handley '81 COE and Charles L. Jenkins Sr., EdD, '58 VSB were recognized for their outstanding service and for carrying forward the spirit of St. Thomas.

Handley was commissioned through Villanova's Navy ROTC program in 1981 and earned a Master of Engineering from Stanford University in 1986. For 32 years, Handley served in a number of engineering and leadership positions in the Navy before retiring as a rear admiral. He is currently the senior vice president, National Governments and Market Segment Leader, Federal Energy Programs at AECOM. He also serves on the board of directors for the Society of American Military Engineers and is chair of the board of trustees for Leadership Hampton Roads.

A former head coach of Villanova's Men's and Women's Track and Field teams and a member of the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, Dr. Jenkins received his doctorate in Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1978 and an honorary degree from Villanova in 1979. As a student-athlete at Villanova, he won gold medals in the 400-meter and the 4-x-400 meter relay at the 1956 Summer Olympics. During his tenure as Villanova's head coach from 1981 to 1990, Dr. Jenkins guided his teams to nine BIG EAST championships. Dr. Jenkins and his son, Charles Jr. '86 VSB, '89 JD, a gold medal winner in the 4-x-400 meter relay at the 1992 Summer Olympics, are the only father and son duo to win Olympic gold medals in the same track and field event. ■

Reunion 2017 will be held June 8–11 and will celebrate the 50th reunion of the Class of 1967 and the 25th reunion of the Class of 1992.



Mark Handley '81 COE and Charles L. Jenkins Sr., EdD, '58 VSB received the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal at the President's Lunch.

Villanovans Welcomed Back to Campus

Villanovans share deep affections for the University. And it is that rich school spirit that drew thousands of alumni and their families to campus for Reunion Weekend 2016.

Along with favorites like the Family Picnic, Supernova dinner dance and themed tours, Reunion attendees were invited to new events as well. The Diversity Panel welcomed alumni from every generation and era to meet and share their

personal experiences as students at Villanova. Additionally, they discussed ideas to improve inclusion for all students in the University community.

Panelists included Charles L. Jenkins Sr., EdD, '58 VSB; Walidah Justice '96 CLAS; Stephen Sheridan '98 VSB, '05 MPA; and Antoine Johnson '02 CLAS. Brighid Dwyer, PhD, director of Villanova's Program on Intergroup Relations, was the moderator. ■



Class Notes

VILLANOVA GRADUATES SHARE THEIR NEWS & UPDATES • IN MEMORIAM • FACULTY • STAFF

1950s

CLASS OF 1952
65th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1957
60th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

1960s

CLASS OF 1962
55th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1967
50th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Paul E. Crawford '61 COE, '64 CWSL joined the Wilmington, Del., office of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP.

William J. Gallagher '63 CWSL, a partner with MacElree Harvey Ltd., has been elected president of Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

John A. Benigno '68 CLAS was awarded the Luminous Landscape Grant for his Adobe Church Project.

Richard Rumer '69 VSB was elected to the board of directors of Cradles to Crayons-Philadelphia.

1970s

CLASS OF 1972
45th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1977
40th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Mark B. Dischell '71 CWSL, president of the law firm Dischell, Bartle & Dooley in Lansdale, Pa., received the Eric Turner Memorial Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section.

Donald Volk '71 VSB, '87 CWSL was elected to the board of directors of Cradles to Crayons-Philadelphia.

Thomas W. Gamba, DDS, '72 CLAS is serving a two-year term as vice president of the American Dental Association.

Sol Weiss '72 CWSL was selected for a 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by *The Legal Intelligencer*.

Tony Alfano '74 VSB, '86 MBA is associate vice president of Auxiliary Services at Villanova University.

Vasilios J. Kalogredis '74 CWSL joined Lamb McErlane PC.

Dennis McAndrews '75 CLAS, '78 CWSL appears in the Netflix documentary *Team Foxcatcher*.

Gary Wolensky '75 CLAS, '78 CWSL joined Buchalter Nemer.

Stephen B. Ebbecke '76 CLAS received Lincoln Financial Group's prestigious American Award.

Howard H. Heckman Jr. '77 CWSL was elected a New York State Supreme Court justice for New York's 10th judicial district.

Stephen F. Kern '78 CWSL retired after 34 years of practicing in the Law Department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

James H. Savage '78 VSB was elected as an alternate delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention and represented the voters of Maryland's 6th Congressional District.

Lisa Hunter Mautner '79 CWSL was honored as one of the Long Island Outstanding Women in the Law, as chosen by the Center for Children, Families and the Law in the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University.

1980s

CLASS OF 1982
35th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1987
30th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Joseph J. McGrory Jr., Esq., '80 VSB was appointed solicitor for East Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pa.

M. Brian Muscarella '80 VSB, president, Villanova University Club of Charlotte, competed in the Volkswagen USA Cycling Masters and Para-Cycling Road National Championships in Charlotte. Muscarella is the defending men's H2 national champion and placed third in two races this year.

Jim Brogan '81 CWSL was named to the 2016 Client Service All-Stars list by BTI Consulting Group.

Paul Dougherty Jr. '81 CWSL, of Wilson Elser, received the 2015 Public Counsel Pro

Bono Award from Public Counsel's Federal Pro Se Clinic.

Sara Lee Keller '81 CWSL, '84 LLM, interim director of the John F. Scarpa Center for Law and Entrepreneurship, participated as a panelist in the Business Aspects of Law module at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law in January.

Frank Monaco '81 CWSL joined Gavin/Solmonese as a senior managing director.

M. Leslie Palmer '81 CLAS is president and executive director of the World Affairs Council of San Antonio.

Bruce W. Tigani '81 CWSL was named chair of the Tax, Estates & Business practice of Morris James LLP.

Kathleen D. Wilkinson '81 CWSL, partner at Wilson Elser, was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve on the Board of Law Examiners for a three-year term starting April 1.

David S. Wolf '81 CWSL was elected president of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel.

Mark T. Bullock '82 CLAS has been appointed senior vice president and chief administrative and compliance officer at AmeriHealth Caritas. Bullock is also an adjunct professor at Villanova University.

Christopher P. Woehrle '82 CWSL, '85 LLM has been promoted to associate professor of Taxation at American College.



**How will you create your Villanova legacy?
It may be easier than you think.**

More than 1,000 alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends have made the generous decision to include Villanova University in their wills or estate plans. With a few simple steps, you can create the foundation for a gift that will have a lasting impact on future Villanova students and support an area of campus that is meaningful to you. To learn more about planned gift options and how you can join the 1842 Heritage Society, visit www.villanova.edu/plannedgiving or contact stephen.gourke@villanova.edu.

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Thomas M. Nealon '83 VSB has joined Southwest Airlines Co. as executive vice president of Strategy and Innovation.

Debbie L. Zumoff '83 CWSL was named leader of the National Consulting & Advisory Services team at Keane Unclaimed Property.

Gregory R. Gifford '84 CWSL received the 2015 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from Montgomery Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section.

Frank Haarlander '84 MTax received the American Society of Tax Problem Solvers' Top Tax Practitioner Award.

Renold Capocasale '85 CLAS, founder and CEO of Flowmetric Inc., received the 2016 Community Commitment Award from the Hepatitis B Foundation.

Mark Masley '85 CWSL accepted a counsel position at Fox Rothschild LLP in the Exton, Pa., office.

Steven McCraney '85 VSB has been elected to serve as an active member of the Orange Bowl Committee.

John Repko '85 VSB, Tyco International PLC's chief information officer, will stay on as CIO following the company's merger with Johnson Controls.

Peter Fong '86 COE, '94 MBA has been named senior vice president of Dealership Operations by the National Automobile Dealers Association.

William H. Pugh V '86 CWSL became the immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Christopher M. Tobin '86 COE, '92 CWSL was named a Client Service All-Star by BTI Consulting Group.

Carolyn Dessin '87 CWSL was appointed the Aileen McMurray

Trusler Professor of Law at The University of Akron.

C. Neil Stalter '87 VSB of Diamond State Financial Group earned the Certified Financial Planner certification.

Lou Belmonte '88 COE has been promoted to be PennDOT's assistant district executive for Services in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Ingrid Birnbach Keag '88 CLAS has been promoted to managing director at Morgan Stanley.

Kevin Gramling '88 CLAS has been inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Harry J. Kane Jr. '88 CWSL was promoted to partner at Greenblatt, Pierce, Engle, Funt & Flores LLC.

Jennifer A. O'Leary '88 CWSL joined Pepper Hamilton LLP as a partner in the Tax practice group.

Robert E. Phillips, PhD, '88 CLAS, '92 MS has been appointed superintendent by the Exeter Township School District in Berks County, Pa.

Paula N. Anthony '89 CWSL joined Berchem, Moses & Devlin PC as senior counsel.

Lori Jean '89 CWSL joined Krieg DeVault LLP as a partner in the firm's Financial Institutions practice group.

Norman Powell '89 CWSL, '89 MBA completed a three-year term as chairman of the American Bar Association's Uniform Commercial Code Committee and began a four-year term on the Business Law Section's Governing Council.

Matthew T. Regan '89 MA has been hired as chief operating officer of Wescott Financial Advisory Group in Philadelphia.

Carl Sottosanti '89 CWSL, senior vice president and general

VISIONARY WORK FOR A BETTER WORLD



One of the strongest champions of freedom of the press has received high honors for his leadership. **Richard N. Winfield, Esq., '55 CLAS** was given the Global Pro Bono Visionary Award from the International Senior Lawyers Project during a luncheon, keynoted by former President Bill Clinton, in December 2015.

Winfield has led the media law reform programs of the American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative in numerous former Soviet bloc nations. More recently, the ISLP, which he co-founded in 2000, has continued and expanded this work to Algeria, China, Japan and Turkey.

Winfield is a former president of the Villanova University Alumni Association and former chairman of the Board of Consultors of the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. He was awarded the Alumni Medallion from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1984.

counsel at Penn National Gaming Inc., participated as a panelist in the Business Aspects of Law module at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law in January.

Paula Sutter '89 CLAS has been appointed the CEO of TSG Fashion by TSG Consumer Partners LLC.

1990s

**CLASS OF 1992
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**CLASS OF 1997
20th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017**

Scott Frisch '90 VSB was named executive vice president and chief operating officer of AARP.

Capt. Star Hardison, USN (Ret.), '90 CLAS retired after 24 years of service with the US Navy.

John T. Lutz '90 CWSL was named co-office head of the New York office of McDermott Will & Emery.

Brian O'Rourke, PE, '90 COE was named Outstanding Engineer of the Year by the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers.

Alan T. Shuckrow '91 CLAS has been unanimously re-elected to Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky's Executive Committee. Shuckrow is the firm's managing shareholder and president of the Executive Committee.

Dan Byrne '92 VSB joined Deloitte's Investment Management practice as a partner in the New York office.

**BELOVED
AUGUSTINIAN
CONSIDERED FOR
SAINTHOOD**
The Rev. William E. Atkinson, OSA, '73 CLAS

was a talented athlete and had just entered the Augustinian Order as a novice when a tobogganing accident nearly took his life in 1965, when he was 19 years old. The injury that paralyzed his body could not diminish his spirit or divert him from his calling to a life of service.

Father Atkinson's steadfast dedication convinced the Order and the Archbishop of Philadelphia that he should become a priest, and, in 1974, with a dispensation from Pope Paul VI, he became the first quadriplegic known to be ordained. A decade after his death in 2006, he is remembered for his energy, humor and courage.

Recognizing the profound impact that Father Atkinson had on the Augustinian community at Villanova, where he earned his bachelor's degree and lived during his final years, and at Monsignor Bonner High School, where he taught for 30 years, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap, of Philadelphia, presented the cause for his canonization to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, where it was unanimously approved in November 2015.

The next step in the process is to gather witness testimonials and documentation to establish Father Atkinson's candidacy for sainthood. To learn more and to submit remembrances about Father Atkinson, visit www.augustinian.org/atkinson-guild.



Solutions at Facebook, delivered the commencement address at Mount Saint Mary's University. She serves on the boards of DonorsChoose and the Mobile Marketing Association, and is chair of the board of directors of Effie Worldwide. Everson is also a member of the Villanova University Board of Trustees.

Amanda E. Layton CLAS '93 has been promoted to partner at Duane Morris LLP within the Philadelphia office.

Jason R. Davis '94 CWSL, '07 LLM was named chief fiduciary officer at Abbot Downing.

Michael E. DiFebbo '94 CWSL was promoted to counsel at White and Williams LLP.

James Gilchrist '94 COE is vice president, HR Strategy & Planning, at Fidelity Investments in its Personal Investing business.

Lisa Shearman '94 LLM was promoted to partner at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin.

April Byrd '95 CWSL was named partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP.

Judy Weber '95 CWSL is a real estate agent with Long & Foster Real Estate Inc. and specializes within Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Stephen R. LeBlanc '96 VSB has been ordained in the Archdiocese of Boston by Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

Jonathan Peri '96 CLAS was appointed the ninth president and first lay president of Manor College.

Leonard Velez '96 CLAS raced with the University of San Diego in the San Diego Crew Classic Spring 2015 and won the Founders Cup.

Andy Weidl '96 CLAS, '98 MS joined the Philadelphia Eagles as assistant director of Player Personnel.

Kenneth Cavanaugh Jr. '97 COE was selected for the year-long Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program in Japan.

Isabel Duffy '97 CWSL, associate vice president at Merck & Co., participated as a panelist in the Business Aspects of Law module at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law in January.

Kim Dunn '97 MS, an associate with Dewberry, has been appointed a board member to the American Society of Civil Engineers Energy, Environment, and Water Policy Committee.

John Gunn '97 CLAS has been elected the chairman of the board of The Bar Plan Surety and Fidelity Co.

Phillip Mayer Jr. '97 VSB received the Excellence in Teaching Award at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Conn.

Dominic C. Canuso '98 VSB, '06 MBA has joined WSFS Financial Corp. as chief financial officer.

Julie Fischer '98 VSB married Steve Bennett.

JoAnn Garbin '98 COE has been named chief innovation officer at Aircuity.

Robert J. Iannozzi Jr. '98 CLAS, '01 CWSL married Barbara Willey.

Mark Karbiner '98 CWSL was promoted to senior director of Phoenix Management Services.

Maira Mulroney '98 CLAS, '01 CWSL received the 2016 Philadelphia Executive Management Award from SmartCEO.

Sam NeJame '98 CWSL joined the Albany, N.Y., office of Greenberg Traurig LLP as a shareholder.

Brian E. Tetro '98 CWSL was elected partner at White and Williams LLP.

Jeffrey S. Nast '99 CWSL was appointed to serve as a member of the Department of Veterans Affairs

Dennis W. Cole, CPA, CVA, '92 VSB, a principal with Beers, Hamerman, Cohen & Burger PC in New Haven, Conn., has been elected by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as an at-large member of its board of directors.

Stephen A. Corr '92 CWSL joined Begley, Carlin & Mandio LLP.

Charles Eppolito III '92 CLAS, '95 CWSL became vice president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Capt. William "Bill" Lintz, USN, '92 COE is commanding officer of the Center for Information Dominance.

Jonathan Meyers '92 CLAS was named the partner-in-charge of Hill Wallack LLP's Workers' Compensation practice group.

Jeanne Alhusen '93 CON received the Association for Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses' Excellence Award for research.

Carolyn Everson '93 CLAS, vice president of Global Marketing

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

James Shrimp '99 CWSL, an attorney with High Swartz LLP, was appointed to the Upper Uwchlan Township Planning Commission in Chester County, Pa.

2000s

CLASS OF 2002
15th Reunion
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CLASS OF 2007
10th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Jocelyn Edathil, MD, PhD, '00 CLAS has completed formation with the Sisters of the Imitation of Christ of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. She will rejoin her position as assistant professor of Medicine at Temple University Hospital.

John A. Ervin '00 CON has been named assistant vice president of Surgical Operations at Virtua Medical Group in Marlton, N.J.

Helen Han Mountain '00 CWSL was named partner at Lamb McErlane PC.

Eileen Keefe '00 CLAS, '04 CWSL joined Jackson Lewis in its Philadelphia office.

Nicole Lyons, CPA/CFE, CVA, '00 VSB has been named one of New Jersey's 2016 Best 50 Women in Business.

Leah Panganiban, PhD, '00 CLAS received her doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Washington. She was also awarded the National Academic Advising Association's Outstanding Advising-Primary Advising Role Award.

VILLANOVAN APPOINTED TO LEAD PUERTO RICO'S SUPREME COURT



Maite Oronoz Rodriguez, Esq., '98 CLAS was

sworn in as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico in February, after being nominated by Governor of Puerto Rico Alejandro García Padilla. She is the third woman to be sworn in as chief justice of Puerto Rico and the fourth woman to serve on its highest court.

She plans to bring greater transparency to the court, including programs that support access of the press and public to proceedings, and the implementation of digital case management and filing systems.

During the ceremony, Oronoz Rodriguez, the youngest member of the court, said, "I accept this nomination with the energy and force of a new generation, with my love for Puerto Rico and my unwavering commitment to the judicial branch and justice."

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FORMER CLAS DEAN REMEMBERED

John Patrick “Jack” O’Malley, PhD, EdD, ’50 CLAS, former member of the Augustinian Order and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1978 to 1984, died June 12. He was ordained as a priest in the Order of St. Augustine in 1953, and served for 36 years in various administrative and teaching positions in institutions founded by the Order.

Over his long and distinguished career, Dr. O’Malley left an indelible mark on the Villanova community and beyond.

Jeffrey A. Buck ’01 CWSL joined Archer Norris in its San Francisco office.

Michael Drossner ’01 CWSL has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors in Montgomery County, Pa.

Michael Friedman ’01 CWSL, of Jackson Lewis PC, was named Citizen of the Year by the Voorhees Breakfast Rotary Club.

Jay Graham ’01 LLM joined the Roseland, N.J., office of CohnReznick LLP as a partner in the firm’s Tax practice.

Patrick Lovett ’01 CLAS welcomed a boy.

Susan Toth ’01 CLAS has joined the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson LLP as an associate.

Heather Lynn Garboden ’02 VSB was named vice president—Financial Planning at American Airlines.

Maura Grego Villani ’02 CLAS and **John Villani ’02 VSB** welcomed a girl.

Stephen W. Ries ’02 CLAS was promoted to assistant vice president and senior corporate counsel at Global Indemnity.

Louis A. Russo, Esq., ’02 CLAS joined the law firm of Goldberg Segalla LLP as a partner.

Nicholas “Nick” Tedesco ’02 CLAS, senior philanthropic adviser, J.P. Morgan Private Bank Philanthropy Centre in San Francisco, has been named to the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*’s first-ever 40 Under 40.

Jean Marie Bellotti Westervelt ’03 CLAS welcomed a boy.

Steven R. Bergman ’03 MS has been named vice president as a shareholder to the Ownership group of The Mannik & Smith Group Inc. He serves as director of their Ohio Transportation Group.

Marisa Fahrenfeld Wright ’03 COE, ’12 MBA and **Ricky Wright ’03 CLAS** welcomed a boy.

Mark Seiberling ’03 CWSL joined Kleinbard LLC.

Adam Agalloco ’04 COE married **Cate Murray ’05 CLAS**.

Timothy S. Martin ’04 CWSL was elected partner at White and Williams LLP.

Timothy M. Mulvaney ’04 CWSL, a tenured faculty member at the Texas A&M University School of Law, will serve as a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School during the 2016–17 academic year.

Frannie Reilly ’04 CWSL was named a 2016 Philadelphia VIP Champion for Community Economic Development.

Adam Britt ’05 CWSL was promoted to managing director at Summit Partners.

John I. Frederick ’05 LLM joined Duane Morris LLP’s Tax Accounting group in its Philadelphia office.

Lindsey Hoelzle ’05 CWSL was promoted to partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

Jonathan Hoffman ’05 CWSL, ’12 LLM was elected as a board member for the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America–Delaware Valley Chapter.

Julie J. Locke ’05 MBA won the Clinical Researcher of the Year—Project Manager Award.

Angela Masi Bader ’05 CLAS welcomed a boy.

Michael V. Phillips ’05 CWSL joined Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP as a partner.

Meredith L. Carter ’06 CWSL, managing director of Business

Development at Rembrandt IP Management LLC, participated as a panelist in the Business Aspects of Law module at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law in January.

Michael Casale ’06 VSB was promoted to supervising senior in the Tax practice at Baker Newman Noyes.

Kerry Cooley Bruggemann ’06 COE welcomed a girl. She is also a member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Jennifer Crawford Walsh ’06 VSB welcomed a boy.

Nick Ferraioli ’06 CLAS and **Molly Grace Ferraioli ’07 CLAS** welcomed a girl.

Justin K. Fortescue ’06 CWSL was promoted to counsel at White and Williams LLP.

Nicole Halle Hakim ’06 CON and **Christian Hakim ’06 VSB, ’07 MS** welcomed a boy.

Emily Kaufman Weber ’06 CWSL joined the Denver office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP as a health care shareholder.

Kristin Leese ’06 COE was named the 2016 Young Government Engineer of the Year by the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Michael A. Metcalfe ’06 MA has been elected as a new partner within the Litigation practice group at Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC.

William Roark ’06 CWSL was promoted to partner at Hamburg,

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Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin. He has also been elected to the board of directors of Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Rosalind Sutch '06 MTax has been chosen to receive LaSalle University's Michael A. DeAngelis Award.

Mark Cheramie Walz '06 CWSL, '06 MPA was promoted to partner at Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams LLP.

Patrick White '06 CLAS and **Lauren Aquilina White '06 VSB** welcomed a boy.

Amy Witkoski Stimpfel '06 CON welcomed a boy.

John A. Zurawski '06 CWSL joined McCarter & English's Philadelphia office as a partner.

Jennifer Gayle '07 CWSL was named partner at Mannion Prior LLP.

Pearl H. Kim '07 CWSL was named the 2015 Government Lawyer of the Year by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Government Lawyers Committee.

Teresa Kohl '07 VSB was elected to the board of Living Beyond Breast Cancer.

Jason Russell '07 CWSL was named partner at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP.

Kara M. Swasey '07 CWSL was elected a director of Bayard PA.

John F. Walko II '07 CWSL was appointed solicitor to the Montgomery County, Pa., Recorder of Deeds.

Meredith Eason '08 CLAS has joined Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP in its Nashville office.

Kelly A. Gallagher '08 CON has been appointed as Penn Medicine director, Nurse Residency program.

Andrew Kucer '08 CWSL has been appointed executive director of Students Run Philly Style.

Jamie L. Augustinsky '09 CLAS has joined the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson LLP.

Edward A. Diasio '09 VSB joined Wisler Pearlstone LLP.

Taryn Groves '09 VSB was named to the *Providence Business Journal's* 40 Under Forty list.

Justine Italiano Genova '09 CLAS, '14 MPA and **Eric J. Genova '09 COE** welcomed a girl.

Bhaveen Jani '09 CWSL has been named the 2016 president-elect of the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey, and he will serve as its president for the 2017 term.

Meg Reid '09 CWSL, of Halloran & Sage, was chosen as a member of the *Connecticut Law Tribune's* New Leaders in the Law.

Ryan Sanzari '09 CLAS was promoted to chief operating officer of Alfred Sanzari Enterprises.

Kevin J. Walsh '09 CWSL was appointed to the Maricopa County, Ariz., Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

2010s

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Adam Berger '10 CWSL was named chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Casino Law Section.

Andrew P. Grau '10 LLM was promoted to partner at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin.

Kaitlin E. Worden '10 COE married Thomas M. Caldwell.

Jamie Worman '10 MPA is assistant township manager for Lower Gwynedd Township, Pa.

Levi Landis '11 MPA is executive director of the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts.

Joseph J. Mangano '11 COE and **Therese Medeiros Mangano '11 CLAS** welcomed a girl.

Chris Bashore '12 MPA is borough manager for Malvern, Pa.

James T. Mulligan '12 MPA has been accepted into the

Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Steve Robishaw '12 MPA is proposal development manager at Rowan University.

Kathleen Tower '12 CLAS married **Greg Celano '12 VSB**.

Alexis Barsamian '13 MPA is now special projects coordinator for the Chester County, Pa., Clerk of Courts Office.

Taylor Coon '13 CWSL is an associate at Shipman and Goodwin LLP.

Kathleen P. Dapper '13 CWSL is an associate at Burns White LLC.

Sarah Galbally '13 MPA is secretary of Policy and Planning at the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor's Office.

Margaret Hattori-Uchima '13 PhD received the 2016 State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate for Guam from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She was also selected as one of 60 University of Hawaii at Manoa Outstanding Nursing Alumni.

Samantha Kats '13 CWSL, of Stradley Ronon, was appointed to the board of directors of Children's Village.

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Julianne Opet '13 CWSL joined Klasko Immigration Law Partners LLP as an associate.

Evan Zaletel '13 MPA is director of Development for the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. He also recently welcomed a boy.

Samantha Banks '14 CWSL is an associate with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP.

Sylvia Hicks '14 MPA is a mortgage insurance specialist at RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation in Charlotte, N.C.

Jelena Kucelin '14 MPA is an executive associate at the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation.

Glenn R. McGillivray '14 CWSL is an associate at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP in the Corporate & Business Litigation group.

Michael Solomon '14 CWSL is an associate at Leonard, Sciolla, Hutchison, Leonard and Tinari.

Meredith Clark '15 MS has been promoted to director of Human Resources at Urban Engineers.

Jeff Eastman '15 MPA is a community health consultant with the Iowa Department of Health Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services.

Samantha Epstein '15 CWSL is an associate at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP.

John L. Lieb '15 MPA is chief of police for the city of Woodstock, Ill.

Ian Mercier '15 MPA has been selected to serve as the president and CEO of the Medical College of Georgia Foundation.

Suchin Parihar '15 MPA is now assistant outreach coordinator detail for the Detroit Regional Office at the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Kyle A. Pinder '15 CWSL is an associate at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP.

Dean J. Shauger '15 CWSL is an associate at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP.

Erica Stewart '15 MA is the campus minister for Community Service and Partnerships at Stonehill College.

Paulina Likos '16 CLAS is a credit risk analyst at the Fannie Mae Foundation in Washington, D.C.

In Memoriam

1940s

Robert E. O'Brien '40 VSB, March 19, 2015.

Walter W. Lessing '42 VSB, April 2.

Thomas A. Sullivan '42 VSB, June 3.

Angelo P. Rosa '44 COE, Jan. 6.

George L. Aulbach '45 COE, April 27.

James P. McMenamin '45 VSB, Jan. 27.

Thomas P. Welch '45 COE, Oct. 14, 2015.

Thomas Hanratty, PhD, '47 COE, Aug. 24.

Bradford White Johnson '47 COE, Jan. 8.

Benjamin R. Paradee '47 CLAS, April 4.

Bernard Cleary '48 VSB, Jan. 1.

Leo F. Kiely '48 CLAS, Feb. 16.

Joseph T. Burns '49 VSB, March 23, 2014.

Leo J. Dodd '49 COE, Dec. 31, 2015.

The Most Rev. John C. McNabb, OSA, '49 CLAS, Feb. 26.

1950s

Francis J. Buckley Jr. '50 COE, June 10.

Eugene J. Capriotti '50 VSB, Nov. 15, 2015.

A.J. Coenen-Brown '50 CLAS, Dec. 3, 2015.

Laurence B. Ford '50 VSB, Jan. 3.

The Rev. Daniel F. McGrath CLAS '50, July 8, 2008.

James E. O'Donnell '50 CLAS, June 25, 2014.

Joseph D. Roarty '50 COE, Feb. 26.

Joseph F. Troy '50 COE, March 28.

John "Jack" Bonner '51 COE, Feb. 11.

Robert J. Forsyth '51 CLAS, May 20.

Joseph F. Friend '51 CLAS, Jan. 1.

William C. Gerrity '51 CLAS, Nov. 15, 2015.

James B. Gordon '51 COE, '88 MS, June 12.

William J. Klucsarits '51 CLAS, April 17.

Louis G. Martine '51 VSB, June 14.

Charles A. Moench '51 CLAS, '57 MA, March 9.

William H. Brody '52 VSB, April 12, 2014.

Donald A. Cameron '52 COE, Jan. 23.

Michele deSantis, DDS, '52 CLAS, June 1.

William H. Farrell '52 VSB, Nov. 20, 2015.

Sister Maria del Carmen Kuhn, RSM, '52 CLAS, Feb. 15.

Joseph M. Leddy '52 VSB, Jan. 12.

William D. O'Brien '52 VSB, April 2.

Philip A. Trainor '52 CLAS, April 29.

Harry W. Wood '52 VSB, May 15.

James H. Glavin '53 CLAS, Jan. 2.

George F. Comnisky '54 CLAS, May 8.

Peter A. Foster '54 CLAS, May 24.

John "Jack" Graziano '54 CLAS, April 13.

Henry B. Leonardi, MD, '54 CLAS, Aug. 16, 2015.

Daniel J. Louney '54 COE, Feb. 1.

Daniel R. Paris '54 CLAS, Jan. 20.

Louis V. Blanchet '55 VSB, April 27.

Edward J. Clarkson '55 VSB, Jan. 12.

Bernard A. Coyne, PhD, '55 CLAS, Jan. 23.

James F. Sullivan, MD, '55 CLAS, Dec. 3, 2015.

Charles V. Barr '56 VSB, May 8.

Charles J. Catania Sr. COE '56, Jan. 13.

Joseph G. Clark '56 COE, March 28, 2015.

Arlene Dahlbeck Gray '56 CON, March 9.

Joseph W. Jackson '56 CLAS, March 12, 2015.

Earl J. Schaeffer '56 VSB, June 2.

Joseph P. Schultz '56 CLAS, May 29, 2014.

William "Buzz" Silhol '56 VSB, April 19.

Daniel J. Bartolini, Esq., '57 CLAS, March 19.

A. Thomas M. Finerty '57 VSB, March 14, 2015.

Gerald D. Gardner '57 VSB, May 20.

Robert G. Bartz '58 VSB,
April 29.

John J. Casey '58 COE,
Jan. 19.

Louis E. Ceccoli '58 VSB,
Jan. 20.

Donald J. Koestler '58 COE,
May 9.

Sister Anna Donofry, RSM,
'59 CON, Feb. 25.

V. James Gregory '59 CLAS,
May 20, 2015.

Richard J. Joyce '59 VSB,
Feb. 2.

Patrick R. Keenan '59 VSB,
Jan. 29.

Gerald E. Keightley '59
CLAS, Feb. 22.

John Murray '59 CLAS,
April 5.

Alan M. Stoughton '59 COE,
May 17.

1960s

Herbert Lettau '60 CLAS,
Dec. 30, 2015.

George F. McLane '60 COE,
Jan. 15.

Richard J. Shotter '60 VSB,
Feb. 2.

Harry M. Sohon '60 CLAS,
June 8.

Anthony C. Stein '60 COE,
May 12.

Richard Busenkell '61 COE,
April 2.

The Rev. Francis J. Fajella,
MSA, '61 CLAS, Sept. 6, 2015.

Claire Schultz '61 MA, June 12.

Barbara F. Bannigan '62 MA,
April. 30, 2015.

James T. Buggy '62 VSB,
Jan. 26.

Richard A. Coletta '62 CLAS,
Feb. 28.

Anthony Fiorenza '62 MA,
April 17.

Kenneth J. King Jr. '62 VSB,
April 27.

Robert J. Bammer '63 CLAS,
Feb. 23.

Frank S. Bozza '63 VSB,
May 18.

Charles F. Harris '63 VSB,
Feb. 27.

John F. Silvestre Jr. '63 CLAS,
April 15.

Louis C. Stengel '64 VSB,
Feb. 13.

Keturah A. Doescher '65
MA, June 21, 2015.

Edward G. Groves '65 CLAS,
Jan. 6.

Thomas E. Albright '66
CLAS, May 16.

Robert H. Bessey '66 MA,
March 7.

Graham D. Boose '66 MS,
Sept. 27, 2013.

Joseph P. Coessens '66 COE,
Feb. 5.

Patrick J. Duddy '66 MS,
June 8.

Arthur J. Gilrain '67 COE,
March 26.

Richard T. Sweeney '67
CLAS, May 20.

James J. Doubek '68 COE,
Oct. 5, 2015.

Anna S. Keller '68 MS, Feb. 3.

Paul C. Espel '69 CLAS, Dec.
7, 2015.

Lenora W. Hamilton '69 MS,
Jan 15.

Sister Barbara A. Heil RDC,
'69 MA, March 4.

1970s

Thaddeus J. Barkowski '70
CLAS, '73 CWSL, Feb. 4.

Lawrence V. Contessa '70
VSU, March 7.

Edward John Dunn Jr. '70
VSU, May 15.

Jerome H. Fitts '70 CLAS,
Feb. 18.

Richard "Dick" Harter '70
VSU, Jan. 17.

Lois R. Regan '70 CLAS, '73
MA, May 27.

Angela D. Giovonizzi '71
CON, Feb. 19.

William L. McLaughlin Jr. '71
CLAS, March 26.

Ann Racciato '71 CON, Jan 14.

Michael J. Daly '72 VSB,
Feb. 22.

John M. Russell '72 MS, Dec.
23, 2015.

John A. Whitig '74 MA,
Jan. 16.

Robert A. Schultz '75 MA,
Feb. 22.

Ralph R. DeFeo '77 COE,
Feb. 12.

Roger T. Kirk '77 CLAS,
Feb. 6.

Victor B. Testoni '77 MS,
April 12.

Lucille W. Ward '77 VSB,
Jan. 5.

Thomas P. Farnoly '78 CLAS,
May 17.

William H. Williams '78
CLAS, March 3.

Anne Budnicki Cruz '79
CON, May 22.

1980s

Ralph Manoppello '80 CLAS,
Jan. 25.

Stephen P. Schmitt '80 COE,
May 14.

James E. Freije, MD, '81
CLAS, Oct. 12, 2015.

Marilyn Gitterman '83 MS,
Aug. 5, 2015.

Martha Ann Hanson '84 MS,
May 25.

James T. Watkins '85 CWSL,
Jan. 17.

Michael P. Sullivan '88
CLAS, March 31.

Marian Landis Healey '89
VSU, Jan. 15.

1990s

J. David Outtrim '90 CWSL,
Feb. 21.

John B. Starkey '91 COE,
Nov. 24.

John Sullivan '92 CLAS, '96
CWSL, March 18.

William L. Jennewein '94
CWSL, May 29.

Philip Guenzer '95 MS,
April 22.

Anne F. McGarry '95 MS,
Aug. 4, 2011.

Michael Malin '96 CLAS,
Feb. 25.

Brian K. Hudecheck '98
CLAS, Feb. 11.

2000s

Maura Kate Culloo Burns '00
COE, June 24.

Rebecca D. Gerrity '06
CWSL, May 23.

2010s

Nicholas R. Castonguay '10
COE, Jan. 27.

Gavin S. Smith '11 CLAS,
Jan. 20.

Faculty & Staff

Helen Lang, June 20.

Patrick J. Maher '90 VSB,
June 20.

Edward J. Reilly, PhD, July 24.

Friends

The Rev. John "Jack" Denny,
OSA, June 20.

NAOMI KARAM KOERWITZ

An Emmy Award-winning journalist who oversees news coverage of the Americas for all NBC outlets, Naomi Karam Koerwitz '88 CLAS cherishes family, career and alma mater.

What attracted you to Villanova?

I never visited Villanova, but it had a great reputation, so I applied. When I saw campus, I realized immediately that this was where I belonged. Villanova became my second home. My family embraced it, too. They would come to football games, and my dad would bring tons of Lebanese food. Everyone would join our tailgate. My parents didn't go to college, so they experienced it along with me. I like to say that when I got my degree, it was for the three of us.

Which Villanova experiences influenced you?

One of the biggest influences was traveling to Haiti with Campus Ministry. That trip changed my life. It opened me up to what was going on in the world politically. It pushed me not just to be a journalist but to delve into policy, behavior and diplomacy. While I was taking graduate courses in Political Science at Villanova, I studied abroad in Jerusalem during the first intifada. That opportunity also shaped me and broadened my worldview. These kinds of experiences were an organic part of being a Villanova student.

What gratifies you most about your job?

I believe that journalism is a calling—and that it's necessary. I feel blessed to provide a service that the public needs and to be part of what I think is the world's best newsgathering operation. When I come to work at 30 Rock [NBCUniversal's New York offices], I almost have to pinch myself. It's still my dream job after 27 years in the profession. My family has been 100 percent supportive, too. When our son was born, my husband sold his business and became a stay-at-home dad.

What challenges do you face?

One is trying to maintain a good work-life balance. My team is never really "off." Stories can break at 3 p.m. or 3 a.m. We're always on call. The other challenge is dealing with the news itself, which so often is depressing. It's tough to immerse yourself in a story without letting it take over you—without dealing with the emotional repercussions that people in this business face daily. But then there is the silver lining, the great stories we love to tell of sung and unsung heroes.

Why are you proud to be a Villanovan?

To me, "Villanova" is like another last name. I'm proud of the University, its traditions and the fact that it's not just a classroom. It's a community. I was ecstatic when we won the 1985 championship. To then be able to share the 2016 run with my family and friends was amazing. But Villanova is so much more than basketball. The outpouring for the team symbolized how people feel about the University. ■



SNAPSHOT

Naomi Karam Koerwitz lives in Easton, Pa., with her husband, Frank, and their son, Jake. Frank and Naomi volunteer with food banks and youth programs, and Naomi serves on the Bishop's Pastoral Council of the Eparchy of St. Maron in Brooklyn.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Joined NBC after seven years with PBS' *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*; helped launch MSNBC; has produced interviews with presidents, prime ministers and other world leaders; has covered every presidential election since 1992

HONORS

Winner, three Emmy Awards, including one for coverage of the Boston Marathon bombings; Emmy nominee, nine times (five this year); three-time recipient, Edward R. Murrow Award

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