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the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, OSA, STD*

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Villanova is a community centered on the principles of knowledge and love. The intellectual connection between them draws students, faculty and staff together to explore and engage the mind as well as emotions. They ground everything we do and remind us to serve each other.

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—**Melinda German, associate dean, Undergraduate Business Program, the Villanova School of Business**, commenting on what being at an Augustinian institution means to her



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

As I reflect on this current academic year, I am struck by a singular recurring theme: leadership. Leadership is a term that is often overused in higher education, particularly in regard to student outcomes. Most college and universities claim to develop future leaders, and frankly, Villanova is no different. However, I do believe that we are unique in that throughout all areas of our community—students, faculty, staff and alumni—examples of leadership abound.

Villanovans are people who want to—who work to—ignite change. “Ignite Change” is more than a catchy slogan; it describes how our Augustinian values prepare us to create positive change everywhere life takes us. We take charge, make new breakthroughs and move society forward. We are proactive and don’t wait for someone else to lead. We focus our efforts on what brings the greatest good for our community and beyond. In the classroom, on the field or out in the world, we leave a place better than we found it. That is the definition of Villanova leadership. It is part of our fabric and one of the attributes that set us apart.

Throughout this publication, you will read numerous examples of Villanova leadership, but I would be remiss if I did not mention one leader in particular: the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, OSA, STD, '58 CLAS, who served from 1988 to 2006 as the University’s 31st president. Father Dobbin, who passed away in March, embodied exemplary leadership. When I became president, I couldn’t have asked for a more remarkable predecessor and role model.

Father Dobbin had an unwavering, selfless commitment to Villanova and transformed it into the University it is today. Under his leadership, Villanova saw unprecedented growth, and his vision led to Villanova’s emergence as one of the nation’s premier Catholic universities. Today, we continue to build upon Father Dobbin’s legacy and chart new territory with the appointment of the University’s first provost, Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, effective Aug. 1; a new Augustinian-focused doctoral program in Theology; a move to reclassification as a doctoral/research university; and other exciting initiatives on the horizon.

As many of you often tell me, a Villanova education is a transformational experience. As a university, we continue to evolve, while staying true to our Augustinian Catholic traditions. In a few weeks, we will send forth our newest graduates, who have been grounded in this tradition. I invite them to strengthen it by how they contribute to society and embody what it is to be a Villanova leader.

Sincerely,

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



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## THE REV. EDMUND J. DOBBIN, OSA, STD, '58 CLAS, 31<sup>ST</sup> PRESIDENT, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

During his 18-year presidency, the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, OSA, STD, '58 CLAS guided Villanova University into the 21st century and strengthened its Augustinian Catholic mission.

**W**HEN PEOPLE REFLECT ON HIS MANY TALENTS, areas of expertise and accomplishments in different roles, they may be tempted to describe the Rev. Edmund Joseph Dobbin, OSA, STD, '58 CLAS as a Renaissance man. But a more apt term for Villanova University's president emeritus, who passed away March 8 at the age of 79, is Augustinian—the identity he embraced throughout his life.

Like his religious order's namesake, Father Dobbin was a remarkable priest, teacher, theologian and leader. Like Augustine, he passionately fostered a community of learners who put into action *Veritas, Unitas* and *Caritas*. And like Augustine, he believed in engaging the world in the search for truth.

In his homily at the funeral March 14, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS recalled taking a Theology class taught by Father Dobbin. As a professor, the normally unassuming man had burned with an Augustinian fire. "He was committed to instilling within his students that sense of joining together the heart and the mind—of wrestling with faith and reason."

Villanova's longest-serving president, Father Dobbin held office from 1988 to 2006. It was a period of growth and achievement. Working with a talented team, he implemented new curricula, recruited distinguished faculty, expanded international programs, promoted diversity, improved Villanova's national profile and reaffirmed its Augustinian Catholic identity.

According to Barbara Wall, PhD, vice president for Mission and Ministry, Father Dobbin helped to transform Villanova into a 21st-century university. "He emphasized academic excellence, the importance of technology and the growth of the endowment. The expansion of our infrastructure stands out as extraordinary."

This expansion included such major projects as the building

of the West Campus Complex and the Center for Engineering Education and Research; renovations to existing structures; and the acquisition of the Villanova Conference Center. The University also put in place plans to address the needs of the College of Nursing and the School of Law, as well the construction of an intercollegiate athletics and recreation facility.

Father Dobbin brought the same vision to fiscal matters. During his presidency, Villanova raised more than \$300 million from campaigns, increased financial assistance resources and grew the endowment from \$20.6 million to nearly \$279 million.

"Father Dobbin instilled in us a financial discipline that still guides Villanova today," says Kenneth G. Valosky '82 VSB, executive vice president. "Under his leadership, the University obtained its initial credit ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's. He also understood that the endowment was crucial for Villanova's future, and he worked tirelessly to increase it."

Father Dobbin held advanced degrees in multiple fields. Born Nov. 20, 1935, in Brooklyn, he entered the Augustinian Order in 1953. He earned a bachelor's in Philosophy at Villanova in 1958. In 1962, he received a master's in Theology at Augustinian College, in Washington, D.C., and was ordained a priest.

While teaching at Malvern Preparatory School from 1962 to 1967, Father Dobbin earned a master's in Mathematics and Physics, and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology, at The Catholic University of America. He then attended the University of Louvain, Belgium, earning a Doctorate of Sacred Theology in 1971.

Back in the US, Father Dobbin taught Systematic Theology at Augustinian College. He served on the Board of Trustees at Villanova and at Merrimack College, and was a member of the Provincial Council. In 1987, he was assigned to St. Thomas of



Left: At his Inaugural Mass as president Oct. 5, 1988, Father Dobbin (center) is joined by former University Presidents the Rev. Francis McGuire, OSA, DD, '32 CLAS; the Rev. John Driscoll, OSA, PhD, '48 CLAS; the Rev. Robert Welsh, OSA, STD, '43 CLAS; and the Rev. Edward McCarthy, OSA, PhD, '34 CLAS.

Below: Father Dobbin (second from left) celebrates the groundbreaking of the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts Dec. 11, 1990, with the Rev. Kail Ellis, OSA, PhD, '69 MA, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; James Drobile, Esq., '49 COE, chair, Board of Trustees; and the Rev. John Hagen, OSA, PhD, '54 CLAS, Augustinian provincial, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

Villanova Monastery and to the University, where he served as associate vice president for Academic Affairs and associate professor of Religious Studies. He was elected president in 1988.

After stepping down in 2006, Father Dobbin returned to what he once described as his “first love”: teaching. In his homily, Father Donohue commended his predecessor’s humility. “The man who led this University for 18 years, who had a vision for this University and who moved this University to new and better places, suddenly became a humble teacher.”

It seems fitting that Father Dobbin, a loyal Wildcats fan, was laid to rest in the cemetery on campus only hours before the Men’s Basketball team won the BIG EAST Tournament. Villanova excelling on the big stage: It’s what he would have expected. ■



## “AN OLD SHOE”

Father Dobbin used his brilliance to illuminate the subject, not himself. He had a humility about his gifts, not a shred of the pompous or intellectual snob. In this respect, he was “an old shoe”—an expression he used for a person with great talents who was unpretentious and comfortable to have around.

As Father Dobbin turned his mind both to practical, strategic planning and to intellectual pursuits of meaning and mission, his intelligence was an infectious energy that expressed his love of others and God. He identified and nurtured the gifts of others. He helped

direct them to their best uses as their best selves. He placed great responsibilities upon younger people but added the extraordinary support of his confidence in them and the light touch of his guidance.

Father Dobbin brought an enthusiasm of spirit to his task for Villanova and its community. He was a gentleman who united heart and mind to give all he had for a higher purpose. To use a basketball expression, since he did enjoy the sport, he left it all on the court and inspired those many who admired him to keep on playing hard.

—Dorothy Malloy, JD, *Of Counsel*



## FOUNDING DEAN APPOINTED TO CPS



Deborah J. Tyksinski, PhD, has been appointed the founding dean of Villanova's new College of Professional Studies, effective June 1. Dr. Tyksinski has more than 20 years of academic and

administrative experience supporting the strategic goals of a university, with a particular focus on the adult learner. She most recently holds the position of associate provost at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. Among her many accomplishments is conceiving and building SUNY Poly's continuing professional education program. Tyksinski previously held leadership positions at Syracuse University, including serving as administrative director of a computing-research center that she helped to establish. She holds a doctorate in Education: Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation from Syracuse. ■

## MythBusters Co-Host Advises Design Team



During a stop in Philadelphia for the "Behind the Myths" tour, *MythBusters* co-host and executive producer Jamie Hyneman visited the College of Engineering, where he is co-advising a senior capstone project that seeks to utilize solar thermal energy to heat water inexpensively for residential heating use.

## New Doctoral Program in Theology



Collaborators on the new program include Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, interim dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Alfonso Ortega, PhD, associate vice president for Research and Graduate Programs, and the James R. Birle Professor of Energy Technology (seated); and from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Peter Spitaler, ThD, chair and associate professor; Paul Danove, PhD, professor; Stefanie Knauss, ThD, assistant professor; and Jonathan Yates, PhD, assistant professor (standing).

In keeping with its enhanced reputation as a leading Catholic institution of higher education in the United States, Villanova announced a new doctoral program in Theology. Housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the PhD program is designed to prepare students to become leaders in conducting interdisciplinary, integrative research and college-level teaching. It is unique in that it formulates and advances Theology within the Augustinian tradition of "faith engaging culture," pursuing Theology and culture from the entire range of theological perspectives.

The program will combine the Master of Theological Studies and the PhD in Theology. It is designed primarily for full-time study but will admit a limited number of select students on a part-time basis. The first students in the program will begin their studies in fall 2016. ■

## Key Leadership Appointments Announced



Villanova announced the following new leadership appointments at the University: Kenneth G. Valosky '82 VSB, executive vice president (pictured); Michael J. O'Neill, senior vice president for Advancement and Alumni Relations; Neil J. Horgan '99 MT, vice president for Finance; and Robert H. Morro, vice president for Facilities Management. "This new structure will provide critical and streamlined leadership for the institution," says University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS. ■

## President Donohue a Panelist at IMG Intercollegiate Athletics Forum



University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS (left) served as a guest on the opening panel at the 13th annual IMG Intercollegiate Athletics Forum—a marquee event in college athletics—held Dec. 10 in New York City. He and fellow panelist Nathan Hatch, PhD, president, Wake Forest University (center), discussed presidential oversight of athletics and a variety of issues impacting intercollegiate sports. With the landscape of college athletics changing, Father Donohue stressed the importance of continuing to support the whole student-athlete: “Our goals as institutions have to be to educate and to produce men and women who are productive and who will give back to society.” *SportsBusiness Journal* reporter Michael Smith moderated the panel. ■

## CAC Director Named Fellow

Moeness Amin, PhD, director of the Center for Advanced Communications, was invited to join the European Association for Signal Processing as one of its 2015 Fellows. This prestigious honor recognizes Dr. Amin's “contributions to signal processing for radar and satellite navigation.” ■

## Renowned Authors Visit Campus

James McBride, who won the 2013 National Book Award for Fiction for *The Good Lord Bird*, kicked off the 17th annual Villanova Literary Festival, sponsored by the Department of English. The event brings prominent pens to campus to present lectures and readings, and to meet with students. ■

## Villanova on Set

During a six-day trip to Los Angeles, students led by Hezekiah Lewis III, MFA, '92 CLAS, '02 MA, assistant professor, Communication, and Il Luscari, director, Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship, got an inside look at the television and film industry. Participants in the Villanova on Set program learned about everything from creative and production processes, to networking, to business and media management.

Among alumni who helped make the program a success were Jerry DiCanio '79 VSB, executive vice president, Production Operations, Universal Television; Jeffrey Miller '79 VSB, president, Operations, The Walt Disney Studios; Jerry Petry '72 VSB, retired executive vice president, NBC Universal Television, West Coast, and former chairman of the Television Academy Foundation's board of directors; Amanda Harrell '06 JD, executive vice president, Business and Legal Affairs, United Artists Media Group; Golden Globe-nominated actress Maria Bello '89 CLAS; Douglas DeLuca '89 VSB, co-executive producer, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*; Joe Lucas '69 VSB, executive vice president, International Television, CBS Television Studios; Charlie Ferraro '90 VSB, a talent agent at United Talent Agency; and Craig Shenkler '93 VSB, chief financial officer and vice president, Steven Bochco Productions. ■



Villanova on Set participants attend a reception at United Talent Agency.



## Innovation Update

The Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE Center) at the Villanova School of Business hosted the inaugural Villanova Innovation Update Day Dec. 5. The conference, organized by Il Luscri, ICE director, and Innovator in Residence Michael Tomczyk, highlighted radical innovations that are transforming the world, including the Internet of Things, wearable computers, nano-innovation and aerial drones. Presenters included Charles Dolan '14 VSB, co-founder and tech lead, Sequoia Waste Solutions; and Albert Pizzica '12 MBA, vice president of Strategic Programs at American Aerospace Advisors Inc. ■



## Engineering Event Held at Historic Zoo

The evening known as "Mischief Night" held nothing but treats for the 40 alumni, students and staff attending the College of Engineering's "From Apps to Apes" Ignite Change event at the Philadelphia Zoo. Hosted by Richard "Dick" Faris '69 COE, '70 MS (left) and his wife, Marilyn, the evening included exhibit tours and dinner in the Faris Family Education Center. ■

## Students Win Prestigious Scholarships

Nicholas Ader '15 CLAS, a Villanova Presidential Scholar double-majoring in Biology and Biochemistry, has been named a 2015 recipient of the NIH-Marshall Scholarship. The award will fund Ader's doctoral degree in molecular biology and neurobiology from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom and the National Institutes of Health.

Presidential Scholar Stephen Sechler '15 COE

has been selected by the US-Ireland Alliance as a 2016 George J. Mitchell Scholar. Sechler will study Bioengineering at Trinity College Dublin, engaging in research to develop improved auditory technology for the hearing-impaired. ■



Jane Morris '78 CLAS, director, Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, congratulates NIH-Marshall Scholar Nicholas Ader '15 CLAS (left) and Mitchell Scholar Stephen Sechler '15 COE.

## Online Grad Programs Among Nation's Best

The Villanova School of Business and the University's College of Engineering were recognized among the nation's top schools by *U.S. News & World Report* in its annual "Best Online Programs" rankings. VSB earned the No. 6 spot in the "Best Online Degree Programs: Graduate Business" category. The College of Engineering ranked No. 27 for "Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs." ■

## New Leadership for Board of Trustees



At its December meeting, Villanova University's Board of Trustees elected Paul A. Tufano '83 VSB, '86 JD, chairman and CEO of the AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies, as its chair. Joseph V. Topper Jr. '77 VSB, CEO and president, CrossAmerica Partners LP, was elected vice chair; and the Rev. Joseph L. Narog, OSA, pastor, St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, was chosen as secretary. Five new board members also were elected: the Rev. Francis J. Doyle, OSA, '67 CLAS, prior, Bellesini Friary; Tom Klein '84 VSB, president and CEO, Sabre Corp.; Nnenna Lynch '93 CLAS, director of Development, the Georgetown Co. LLC; Thomas Quindlen '84 VSB, executive vice president and CEO, Retail Card, Synchrony Financial; and the Rev. James Halstead, OSA, PhD, STD, associate professor, Religious Studies, DePaul University. ■



## Alumnae Receive Nursing Medallion



Three distinguished alumnae received the College of Nursing Medallion, the highest award bestowed by the College, at its 26th Annual Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony, held April 11 at St. Thomas of Villanova Church.

Paula Devlin Agosto, MHA, RN, '85, senior vice president and chief nursing officer at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, was honored for Distinguished Leadership in Administration of Nursing and Health Care Services.

Diane Wink, EdD, ARNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, '85 MSN was recognized for

Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Education. Dr. Wink is a professor, coordinator of the Nurse Educator master's program, and the Hugh F. and Jeannette G. McKean Endowed Chair in Nursing at the University of Central Florida College of Nursing in Orlando.

Sidia Rose, RN, '08, a staff nurse in the emergency department of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, received the Medallion for Outstanding Service to the Community. When the first person to be diagnosed with Ebola in the United States was admitted to the hospital, Rose was the only health care provider permitted to care for him in the initial hours. ■

## Gift Endows New Law Center



Ambassador David F. Girard-diCarlo '73 JD—retired US ambassador to Austria, and former managing partner and chairman of Blank Rome LLP—and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo '74 JD—former senior executive at Aramark Corp.—have committed \$5 million for the establishment of The David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo Center for Ethics, Integrity and Compliance. The center is dedicated to the exploration and research of ethics and compliance through the offering of innovative interdisciplinary course

work, special academic programs, and conferences and seminars that explore emerging issues in these areas.

"It is our hope and expectation that this new center will reinforce the importance of fostering an environment based on ethics and integrity, not only in law and business but also in life. We are honored to have our names associated with such an important mission," the Girard-diCarlos said. ■



## SOCIOLOGIST AWARDED MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT

Rory Kramer, PhD, assistant professor of Sociology and Criminology, has received a two-year, \$398,333 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Titled "Diverse Students, Diverse Experiences: Minority Achievement at America's Selective Colleges and Universities," the grant will allow Dr. Kramer to work and conduct research as a visiting scholar in Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. ■

## Tech Summit for Church Leaders



The Villanova School of Business' Center for Church Management and Business Ethics presented best practices in church technology at the conference "Technology Summit II: Technology in Parish Life" in the fall. Attended by parish and diocesan leaders, the summit addressed such topics as social media, website design, analytics, mobile apps and technology in youth ministry.



## NATIONAL KUDOS FOR SERVICE

Two national organizations recognized Villanova for its efforts in community engagement and service. The Corporation for National and Community Service included the University on its 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction, while the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected the University as one of 240 US colleges and universities to receive its 2015 Community Engagement Classification. ■

## STELLAR EXAMPLE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Villanova University earned a STARS Silver Rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college's or university's sustainability performance. ■

## Harvard Professor Awarded Civitas Dei Medal



Mary Ann Glendon, JD, Learned Hand Professor of Law at Harvard University and member of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, received Villanova's Civitas Dei Medal at a ceremony Nov. 5. This award recognizes Catholics who, through their work, have made exemplary contributions to the Catholic intellectual tradition. Glendon is a former US ambassador to the Vatican and former president of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. ■

## Entrepreneurially Minded Engineers

With the support of the Kern Family Foundation, the College of Engineering has moved entrepreneurial thinking to the forefront of the educational experience. The Kern Entrepreneurship Education Network (KEEN) recognized the College's achievements, presenting Drosdick Endowed Dean Gary A. Gabriele, PhD (left), with the 2014 Dean's Award; and Edmond Dougherty '69 COE, '86 MS, assistant professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and director of the Engineering Entrepreneurship program, with the 2014 KEEN Outstanding Faculty Award. ■



## Professional Skills for Practice

In fall 2014, Villanova University School of Law launched a new, mandatory Professional Development curriculum to engage students in individualized career exploration and to equip them with the soft skills essential to professional practice. Topics include professionalism, networking, communication and presentation skills, goal development, time and project management, and the lawyer as entrepreneur. ■



## Partnering With UNICEF Nicaragua

With Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Chair Pritpal Singh, PhD, spearheading the effort, UNICEF Nicaragua signed a cooperation agreement with Villanova. The partnership will enable students and faculty to participate in projects related to telemedicine, entrepreneurship, social programs and other areas. ■

## Alumni Excel at Passing the Bar

The Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners recently reported that Villanova Law graduates had a 93.92 percent first-time passage rate for the July 2014 Pennsylvania Bar Exam—the second-highest in the state and more than 11 percentage points above the state average. ■

## Reinventing Yourself at Any Age

Villanova's College of Professional Studies was featured on the "Art of Aging" segment on 6abc, the ABC news affiliate in Philadelphia, in December. Professionals in the program spoke about how Villanova has enabled them to forge new career paths and reach lifelong educational goals. ■

## Honoring MLK's Work and Legacy

Villanova's 2015 celebration of the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. marked the 50th anniversary of King's historic visit to the University, where he spoke in front of a capacity crowd at the Jake Nevin Field House Jan. 20, 1965. This year's programs and service opportunities included a keynote address by Bryan Stevenson, founding director of the Equal Justice Initiative (pictured); and a panel entitled "Because Michael, Eric and Tamir: The Legal System's Responses to Police, Protests and the Community." ■



## Alumni Named Skadden Fellows

Jonathan Sgro '13 JD and Kristen Valosky '12 CLAS were among a select group of 28 graduating law students and judicial clerks nationwide chosen as 2015 Skadden Fellows. The prestigious two-year fellowships support young lawyers as they begin their careers in public interest.

Sgro, a past Villanova Public Interest Scholar, currently serves as a law clerk to Chief Judge Jerome B. Simandle of the US District Court for the District of New Jersey. Sgro will work at Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, a nonprofit that provides free legal services to low-income residents. His fellowship project is designed to assist with property tax relief for those facing foreclosure and other municipal collection actions.

Valosky is in her third year as a Public Interest Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center. Through her fellowship, Valosky will implement a medical-legal partnership between SeniorLAW Center in Philadelphia and LIFE (Living Independently for Elders) programs to address the health-harming legal needs of low-income seniors to provide more comprehensive care. ■

## Villanova Presents Humanitarian Award



Joining Eric LeGrand are Matthew Marencik '11 CLAS, Office of Disability Services; Keith Jones Jr. '07 CLAS, news anchor, Philadelphia's NBC10; Stephen McWilliams, MFA, PhD, '92 MA, director, International/Disability Services; and Gregory Hannah, assistant director, Disability Services.

Villanova's Office of Disability Services presented former Rutgers University football player Eric LeGrand with its Father William Atkinson OSA Humanitarian Award. LeGrand (front), who suffered a spinal cord injury in a game in 2010, has become a major figure in the disability community, raising awareness for people of all abilities. The award recognizes an individual, group or organization that exemplifies the spirit and service embodied by Father Atkinson, the first quadriplegic to be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church. ■



## Ethics Team Goes to Nationals

A team from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences shone at the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl<sup>SM</sup> Competition, held Feb. 22 in California. Christine Albert '15, Eric Aldieri '17, Rishi Chauhan '15, Brian Myung '16 and Ronald Berna '18 advanced to the quarterfinals, earning a spot in the "Elite Eight." The Villanova Ethics Team, coached by Mark Wilson, PhD, director of the Ethics Program, and Albert Shin, PhD, has participated in the competition since 2000. ■

## Heritage Society Membership Grows

Membership in the 1842 Heritage Society is on the rise as more Villanovans than ever before are supporting the University through planned gifts. The Office of Planned Giving hopes to educate other alumni, parents and friends about the benefits of making a planned gift to the University. "Many Villanovans are not aware of the impact they can make through a planned gift—or how a planned gift can benefit them in the long term," says Steve Grouke, director of Planned Giving. These gifts include bequests, charitable gift annuities and the transfer of complex assets like real estate. To learn more about this growing giving society, visit [www.villanova.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.villanova.edu/plannedgiving) or email [plannedgiving@villanova.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@villanova.edu). ■



## Nursing Students and Faculty Explore Health Care in Poland

In May, members of the College of Nursing will head to Poland, a new global site for students seeking an international field experience in nursing. A group of eight undergraduate students, led by Elizabeth Blunt, PhD, RN, APRN-BC, assistant professor and coordinator, Nurse Practitioner Programs (fourth from right), and Frances Keen, DNSc, RN-BC, will visit the country for two weeks.

The group is working with Krakow's Jagiellonian University, a research university founded in 1364, and Bronisław Markiewicz State Higher School of Technology and Economics in Jarosław, where the students will present at the third annual conference on the "Interdisciplinary Aspects of Beauty, Health and Disease." They also will visit hospitals and community-based clinical sites; talk to midwives (who deliver more than 80 percent of the babies in Poland); and meet with home-care nurses. ■

## Festive Evening for Carr Society



University Advancement hosted The Matthew Carr Society Dinner and Reception Dec. 7 at the Hudson Theatre in New York City. Among the guests were Carolyn (Ryan) '86 CLAS and John '85 COE Healey (pictured), representing The Ryan Family Foundation, a new Carr Society inductee. The Carr Society recognizes the generous benefactors whose lifetime giving to Villanova totals \$1 million or more. As of mid-March, Carr Society members have contributed \$225.6 million to For the Greater Good®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change—amounting to 53 percent of the campaign total. ■

## Celebrating the Holidays at the Barnes



The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president, celebrated the Christmas season at a party honoring key donors Dec. 11 at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. More than 565 parents, friends and alumni, whose class years ranged from 1952 to 2014, gathered for the event.

## Ninth-Century View of Augustine



Brian Matz, PhD, STD, associate professor of the History of Christianity, and the Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen Professor of Peace and Justice at Carroll College, in Helena, Mont., is the 2015 Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellow. During his spring semester with Villanova's Augustinian Institute, Dr. Matz has been researching what was known about Augustine in the mid-ninth century, including understanding which texts were available to scholars 500 years after Augustine's death and how they were interpreted. In March he delivered a lecture titled "When Wealthy People Become Thieves: Christianity's Treatment of Superfluous Goods." ■



## INSIDE VIEW OF WIRELESS EVOLUTION

Anthony Melone '82 COE, Verizon executive vice president and chief technology officer, presented "The Evolution of Wireless Technology" as the 2015 Patrick J. Cunningham Jr. and Susan Ward '80 Endowed Lecture Series speaker. ■

## TEACHING LAWYERS TO BE ENTREPRENEURS



Rufus King, director of the Center for Law, Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Villanova University School of Law, contributed an article to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2015 Legal Issue. King, who has more than 25 years of legal experience in high-tech and startup firms, discusses how the legal market has created enormous opportunity for lawyers willing to work smarter and find new ways to use their legal skills. ■





## Visibility: Outstanding

The College of Engineering's NovaRacing Team displayed its Formula SAE race car at the 2015 Philadelphia Auto Show. The team, which designed, manufactured and secured financing for the car, will compete at the Formula SAE event in May at Michigan International Speedway.

## Vigil for Solidarity

Villanova's Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Student Ambassadors led a "Season of Solidarity" vigil Dec. 3 in St. Thomas of Villanova Church in support of the 13.6 million Syrians and Iraqis forced to flee their homelands in advance of the violent extremist group the Islamic State. Kim Pozniak, CRS' communications officer, Sub-Saharan Africa and Global Emergencies, spoke about the situation, and attendees were invited to write letters to legislators. ■



## STATUE SYMBOLIZES NURSING'S MISSION TO HEAL

A new sculpture, "Christ Raising the Daughter of Jairus," was installed on the front lawn of Driscoll Hall and dedicated at an April 11 ceremony by University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS. Emblematic of the healing mission of the nursing profession, the bronze statuary was made possible through the generous donation of William "Bill" and Diane Parrett in honor of their children: Debra, Steven, Suzanne, Gregory, and twins Courtney, RN-BC, '09 CON, and Christie, RN, CPEN, '09 CON. ■



## Homeless-Youth Advocate Lauded

The Center for Peace and Justice Education welcomed to campus Kevin Ryan, president and CEO of Covenant House (center), Nov. 21—the close of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week—and presented him with the 2014 Adela Dwyer-St. Thomas of Villanova Peace Award. Covenant House annually reaches more than 56,000 trafficked and vulnerable youth in six countries.

## CELEBRATING NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

The College of Professional Studies celebrated its first Non-Traditional Student Week in November and honored three students with the inaugural Distinguished Student Award. Nominees embodied Villanova's values of academic achievement and service to others. Award recipients included Cindy Gamble, Ann Marie Walsh and Julie Wallace. ■



## Varsity Club Hall of Fame Inducts Class of 2014



Nine former student-athletes were inducted into Villanova's Varsity Club Hall of Fame at the 39th annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner Feb. 6. In addition, the Jake Nevin Award was presented to Randy Marks, former head coach, Men's Lacrosse (fourth from right). Also pictured are the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president; Leigh Ann Leone Boscarino '93 VSB, Women's Lacrosse; Tina Sabunas '96 CLAS, Softball; Krestena Sullivan '97 CLAS, Women's Track and Field; Stacy Evans '98 CLAS, Volleyball; Tammy Kouser '96 CLAS, Women's Swimming and Diving; Tom Greis '90 VSB, Men's Basketball; Jason Tenner '99 CLAS, Football; Jim Sears '91 VSB, '95 MS, '08 MBA, Baseball; Trish Stairiker '84 VSB, '11 MA, Women's Tennis; and Vince Nicastro, director of Athletics.

## Three Wildcats Earn All-American Honors



The Sports Network's 2014 All-American Team included three Wildcats. Junior quarterback John Robertson and junior linebacker Don Cherry (pictured) were first-team honorees, while senior offensive tackle Vince Kowalski was a third-team selection. This past season, Robertson completed 197 of 301 with 35 touchdowns and three interceptions. (Read more about Robertson on Page 44.) Cherry, who also was named the 2014 CAA Football Student-Athlete of the Year, registered 134 total tackles, 21.5 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, five forced fumbles, one interception and a fumble recovery. Kowalski helped Villanova lead the CAA and rank ninth nationally in rushing, at 242.9 rushing yards per game. ■



### THE BIG 3-0-0

Villanova posted a 90-72 victory over St. John's at Madison Square Garden Jan. 6 to give Jay Wright his 300th win as the head coach of Men's Basketball. Wright becomes only the third head coach in program history to reach that plateau, joining Al Severance (413) and the man who hired him as an assistant in 1987, Rollie Massimino (357). Wright went on to notch 19 more wins in the 2014-15 campaign. The team's 33 wins set a single-season school record, and Wright earned the 2015 BIG EAST Coach of the Year award for the fourth time. ■

# Profiles — in — LEADERSHIP

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

*By Kathleen Scavello*



Clockwise from top right: The Rev. Francis J. Doyle, OSA, '67 CLAS, Tom Klein '84 VSB and Nnenna Lynch '93 CLAS



## The Rev. Francis J. Doyle, OSA, '67 CLAS

TRUSTEE

"Always be dissatisfied with what you are, if you want to arrive at what you are not yet. Always keep on walking, always forge ahead": This challenge from St. Augustine has been a driving force in the life of the Rev. Francis J. Doyle, OSA, '67 CLAS, whose ministry has taken him to locales as geographically disparate as Staten Island, N.Y., and Kloof, South Africa. It is an ethos he eagerly brings to his new role as a University trustee.

"In South Africa I helped people to discover their own riches, goodness, talents and abilities, and to allow them to grow," Father Doyle says. This pastoral approach to empowering human flourishing aligns perfectly with the Augustinian mission of Villanova, "a community that doesn't lose sight of the uniqueness of the individual."

The Yeadon, Pa., native has been helping people discover "their own riches" for more than four decades. After graduating from Villanova, he received a master's in Theology at Augustinian College in 1971 and pursued graduate studies at St. Louis University. Recognized for his ability to mentor youth entering religious life, the young priest became Master of Novices, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, Good Council Novitiate, and director of Formation at Augustinian College. He then spent 28 years as a fearless advocate in parish life, tackling tough issues, from domestic violence and sexual assault in North Carolina to the plight of South African children, many of whom were HIV-positive.

Today, the global citizen has come full circle. The prior of the Bellesini Friary in Ardmore, Pa., and a member of the Provincial Council, Father Doyle is excited to "forge ahead" as a board member and help advance Villanova's institutional philosophy—one committed to the education of "well-rounded students who are globally aware of issues that impact the betterment of the world." ■

## Nnenna Lynch '93 CLAS

TRUSTEE

Nnenna Lynch '93 CLAS has always gone the distance. Whether capturing five NCAA championships, competing for a Rhodes scholarship, or carving out a career in business and economic development, the Villanova track star says she doesn't give up.

"Perseverance is a key facet of who I am and how I approach life. Having the resilience to keep pushing precisely when things are most difficult has served me well," Lynch says.

As Villanova's first Rhodes Scholar, NCAA 1993 Woman of the Year, member of Villanova's Varsity Club Hall of Fame, adviser to former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and current director of Development for the Georgetown Co. LLC, Lynch has persevered and crossed many finish lines to excellence.

She points to Villanova's devotion to community and its emphasis on values and making an impact on the world, together with a sense of humility that is a part of the campus culture, as inspirations. When, as a graduating senior, the New York City native was contemplating her future, "the question wasn't, what do I want to be?" she recalls. "It was, what makes for a meaningful life?"

"Nnenna embodies the best of Villanova, which, in my opinion, is that balance of substance and style, the 'what' and the 'how' of business," says Raul Damas '96 CLAS, a fellow member of the New York Road Runners Board. "She's able to achieve a great deal, but in a way that makes everyone around the table feel valued and engaged. That's a rare talent, and Nnenna demonstrates it regularly."

Lynch relishes the opportunity to help shape Villanova's future as a new trustee.

"I think Villanova is engaged in what is arguably the most important endeavor—educating ethical future leaders. To be involved in that enterprise in some small way is compelling." ■

## Tom Klein '84 VSB

TRUSTEE

Tom Klein '84 VSB has traveled far—in business and in life. As president and CEO of Sabre Corp., a global technology provider to the travel and tourism industry whose subsidiaries have included Travelocity, he wants to help people explore the world as effortlessly as possible.

The self-assurance Klein has needed to remain on the leading edge of technology was instilled during his years at Villanova. "I grew up in a blue-collar environment and didn't have the confidence to compete in the business world, but I left Villanova with the tools to go out into the business world and succeed."

That confidence propelled Klein through a series of increasingly larger roles managing international technology businesses. He spent his early career in sales, marketing and operations roles at American Airlines and Consolidated Freightways. In 1994 he joined Sabre and immediately made his mark by leading a joint venture in Mexico. During his 21 years with Sabre, the Dallas resident served in several leadership roles before becoming CEO in 2013.

Klein credits decision-making lessons learned in the Villanova School of Business with helping him to ride the technology wave from its nascent Internet era, when his team built first-generation online travel sites, to today, when Sabre is delivering mobile solutions for everything from airline flight plans and hotel guest experiences to consumer travel shopping.

"The daily decisions that leaders face are mostly gray—not black and white," Klein says. "My Villanova experience helps me deal with that 'everyday gray.'"

A member of VSB's Dean's Advisory Council and of the VSB Campaign Committee, Klein was appointed to the board of Brand USA by the US Secretary of Commerce and serves as vice chairman.

As a member of Villanova's Board of Trustees, Klein looks forward to lending his expertise to help his alma mater navigate technology trends in higher education. ■





Campaign funds will transform the Old Falvey Reading Room. Its focal point will be the 17th-century Pietro da Cortona masterpiece.

# Keeping Knowledge in Circulation

Falvey Memorial Library innovatively integrates academic life

By Cheryl Morris

**STANDING AT THE** crossroads of campus, Falvey Memorial Library represents the academic heart of Villanova—a heart that grows more robust with age. For years, library staff and University leaders have pooled their wisdom and expertise to develop a plan that would make Falvey a center that pulses with learning, discussion, innovation, research and scholarship.

Today, that transformation is underway. Funded by For the Greater Good®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change, Falvey is shaping up to be one of the most popular, versatile and collaborative academic spaces on campus.

## An open invitation

Falvey seeks to be a place where minds meet and engage. Recent initiatives and renovations have reinforced this inclusiveness. “The library is an institutional anchor. It’s the ‘third space’ between classrooms and residence halls where campus life comes together,” says Outreach Librarian and Programming Team Leader Darren Poley, who served as interim director for a year. (Robert DeVos, PhD, associate vice president for Instructional Analysis, and professor, Mathematics and Statistics, succeeded him in July 2014.)

One gathering spot is the Learning

Commons, the outcome of the 2013 renovation of the second floor. Large rooms divided by glass walls offer a centralized location for Falvey Research Center, Learning Support Services, the Math Learning Resource Center and the Writing Center. The space’s open layout and mobile desks support a community atmosphere and encourage collaboration.

The library’s programs echo the drive to engage the community in the intellectual life. Poley and his team have developed platforms for more formal opportunities, including displays and hundreds of annual intellectual, cultural and social events. The library’s robust

website, which attracts more than two million visits each year, allows users to have live chats with a librarian, track events, search a catalog that uses software developed by Falvey staff and adopted internationally, and browse Falvey's electronic information.

### **Igniting innovation**

As Villanova enhances its national profile, Falvey will be a central resource for scholarly research and new ideas. "It's like a nontraditional laboratory," Poley says. "People experiment with concepts and make discoveries while interacting with and learning from each other."

Innovations support faculty and student research. Professional staff have been reorganized so that each student has a dedicated librarian with whom to consult, and each librarian specializes in a different subject. The library's digital initiatives speed up knowledge sharing and provide open access to scholars worldwide. Such innovations led Falvey to be named a 2013 recipient of the Excellence in Academic Libraries Award by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Under construction in Falvey's basement is the Villanova Idea Accelerator, a hub sponsored by the Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship that will invite students, faculty and alumni to share ideas and expertise. Accounting majors can learn about creative processes in Theatre, while Astronomy majors can learn about product innovations in engineering.

### **Past and future made present**

Amid the changes, the books endure. Worn volumes are steps away from flat-screen displays. Marble columns mingle with glass walls. These juxtapositions reflect the blend of history and vision.

Renovation plans for the basement include a place for special collections, which contain 15,000 rare or unique items that require special handling. The new location offers a more suitable climate for preserving the manuscripts but will have a modern twist: The team is digitizing collections to give more scholars access to these resources.

Perhaps the best marriage of old and new will be in the Reading Room, a



**Building on Villanova's promise to foster a personal learning environment, Falvey assigns each student a librarian to be a resource and guide.**

24-hour study space in Old Falvey slated for renovation. The room is home to a 17th-century Pietro da Cortona painting, which itself is being revitalized. The Reading Room still has the bones of its former glory—soaring windows, vaulted ceilings—and upgrades will enhance these features.

Having raised half of the funding needed for the Reading Room renovations, the University likely will begin construction within the next year. "With the library, we can do the renovations in phases," said Patricia McGoldrick,

executive director of Leadership Giving and Professional Development for University Advancement. "We don't have to wait for the entire building to be funded before we begin."

If the library reaches its \$10 million campaign goal, the crowning project will be the construction of an atrium to link Old Falvey Wing with Falvey Memorial Library, which have been attached but relatively separate structures since the new building was completed in 1968. The atrium will be a grand, unifying feature, deserving of the people and ideas that will move through its space. ■

## ***New Library Director***

Millicent Gaskell will take the helm of Falvey Memorial Library as University librarian and director May 29. Gaskell comes to Villanova with broad experience in higher education and the private sector. For the past 10 years, she held a number of leadership roles at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Most recently, Gaskell served as department head of Collections Strategy and Management, and had responsibility for MIT's \$10 million collections budget.

Gaskell will oversee 50 employees who support research and scholarly activities, and the preservation of collections that benefit scholars globally. "Libraries must engage with faculty, students and administrators to ensure that the community has the information resources, services, spaces and tools required in a rapidly changing educational environment," Gaskell says.

The background features a complex network of black and blue lines and arrows. A thick black line runs vertically on the right side, with a horizontal segment at the top and another at the bottom. A blue line runs horizontally across the middle, with a vertical segment on the left and another on the right. Several arrows point in various directions: a blue arrow points left from the top right, a blue arrow points down from the top right, a blue arrow points left from the middle left, a blue arrow points right from the middle left, a black arrow points up from the bottom right, and a black arrow points down from the bottom left.

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

# PARA DIGM

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RESEARCHERS AT VILLANOVA CONTINUE  
A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



➔ **P**aradigm, on the surface, simply means a way of thinking or seeing. But at Villanova, it is so much more. It's how the University's teacher-scholar model of academics attracts world-class faculty who bring expertise to their research and passion to the classroom.

In turn, faculty mentor student researchers, who contribute new discoveries of their own. This valuable support yields real-world results. Villanova's students earn prestigious academic awards like the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright and Goldwater scholarships, and National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships. In fact, the University is the nation's top producer of Fulbright students among master's level institutions.

Villanova's faculty present, publish and study all over the world. And in Villanova's six colleges, the multidisciplinary paradigm encourages faculty to collaborate, pushing research in new directions.

Collectively, they carry forward the University's tradition of research excellence. They help discover new ideas about the world and shape understanding of it. At Villanova, this way of thinking doesn't simply explore paradigms—it creates whole new ones.

#### UNLOCKING THE CYCLE OF WOMEN IN PRISON

**Jill McCorkel, PhD**, began her research in the 1990s with a simple question: Why were prisons, already at capacity with male inmates, suddenly becoming overcrowded with females? An associate professor of Sociology and Criminology, and a faculty associate of Africana Studies, Dr. McCorkel took her research inside the prison walls to meet in person with the officials and inmates affected by the increasing mass incarceration in the US.



She discovered that stiff sentencing policies advocated as part of the War on Drugs were putting women behind bars. Once there, administrators focused on curing the inmates' drug addiction. Unfortunately, Dr. McCorkel discovered the single focus on drug treatment actually was exacerbating problems.

"These women were in need of help, but everything that the prison offered was under the mantle of drug addiction. They didn't receive job training or placement—these women were left bereft at the end of their sentences," she says. The resulting book, *Breaking Women: Gender, Race, and the New Politics of Imprisonment*, a finalist for the prestigious C. Wright Mills Award, captures the stark reality of women caught in a drug-fueled cycle of crime and punishment.

Her research informs the classes Dr. McCorkel teaches at Villanova and challenges students to perform deep, firsthand research on the country's most pressing social and political issues. They examine emerging cases like the shooting in Ferguson, Mo., and their findings drive classroom discussions. "Student discussions help drive new areas of my research. So in one sense, I never teach the same class twice," she says.

#### STATISTICS: GOING INSIDE THE NUMBERS

**Michael A. Posner, PhD**, associate professor, doesn't simply want the world to learn statistics; he wants the world to learn statistics in better ways. In his classes, Dr. Posner sees



*Left: Jill McCorkel, PhD, associate professor of Sociology and Criminology, and faculty associate of Africana Studies* *Right: Michael A. Posner, PhD, associate professor of Statistics*

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—MICHELLE MADDEN DEMPSEY, PHD, JD

quantitative literacy and statistics as a way for students to understand the world around them, whether it be analysis of a research paper or a factoid in the news.

“It’s vital for students to be able to understand when they see statistics whether they are the right statistics, and whether they are valid or being used in valid ways,” Dr. Posner says.

A committed teacher, he is driven by the question of how to best help students master statistics concepts. Since 2010, Dr. Posner has been studying pedagogy—essentially, the way a subject is taught—at local high schools, with the support of a \$2.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation. He analyzed methods of learning to see how they affected student attitudes, as well as their understanding of class material.

His work also is reflected in his own teaching accolades. Dr. Posner has won Villanova’s Faculty Award for Innovative Teaching, the Mathematical Association of America’s 2012 Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching and the American Statistical Association’s 2012 Waller Education Award.

“For me, Villanova University is a place where I can bring together my passion for teaching, research and service,” he says.

#### SPEAKING OUT AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

**M**any believe that violence against women and issues of sex trafficking are only prevalent in developing countries. However, research by **Michelle Madden Dempsey, PhD, JD**, in the field has opened eyes to the prevalence

of these social justice issues around the world—and at home.

“People think of them as problems that are far away, but we’re focused on the commercial exploitation that is happening in our own backyard,” she says.

Dr. Dempsey, associate dean of Faculty Research and Development, and professor at Villanova University School of Law, also has helped start the Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation. It provides education and technical assistance to those who respond to commercial sexual exploitation in Pennsylvania.

Her research combines the analytic tools of a legal philosopher with her feminist sensibilities and experience as a prosecutor.

She is currently co-writing a book regarding sexual assault for the University of Oxford. Her book *Prosecuting Domestic Violence: A Philosophical Analysis* was awarded second prize in the UK’s Society of Legal Scholars Peter Birks Award for Outstanding Legal Scholarship.

Dr. Dempsey believes the Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition at Villanova creates an ideal environment for her research. “Villanova is a Catholic university in the best sense. It seeks to have a wide range of ideas, and that has freed me up to pursue new lines of thought,” she says.

#### SUPPORTING HEALTHY MOTHERS AND BABIES

Infants are the most fragile members of society. But many face great risks, even before they are born.

To help children in underserved communities grow up healthy, Assistant Professor **Amy McKeever, ’08 PhD, RN, CRNP, WHNP-BC**, works to improve prenatal care, in partnership



**Left:** Michelle Madden Dempsey, PhD, JD, professor of Law, and associate dean of Faculty Research and Development **Right:** Amy McKeever, ’08 PhD, RN, CRNP, WHNP-BC, assistant professor of Nursing







**Left:** C. “Nat” Nataraj, PhD, professor and chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, and the Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Moritz, Sr., Endowed Chair in Engineered Systems **Right:** Christopher Kilby, PhD, associate professor of Economics

with Catholic Social Services, and Latina and African-American populations. “We want to transform prenatal education to tailor it to a high-risk population,” she says.

Dr. McKeever’s research seeks to fill important gaps in the nursing and health care literature, and help prevent infant mortality and morbidity. She recently was the primary author on a pioneering article in *Nursing for Women’s Health* on pain management strategies for expectant mothers who have had drug dependence. Through the clinical, research-publishing process related to patient care, she mentored then student Sarah Sheehan ’13 CON.

Dr. McKeever’s research creates many such opportunities for her students, as part of their professional development, to serve these populations. “With the expanding role of nurses in health care, we are helping students take leadership roles earlier, engage in research and rely on evidence-based practice,” she says.

## UNDERSTANDING COMPLEX SYSTEMS

**A** dynamic systems expert, C. “Nat” Nataraj, PhD, has spent his career researching the prognostics of complex systems, an engineering concept that can predict failure in the near future. He has received several grants from the Office of Naval Research and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to investigate the diagnostics of complex dynamic systems in order to help complex machinery and robotic systems perform self-maintenance.

But few systems rival the human body in terms of sheer complexity. And he believes that the concepts designed to help engineers model mechanical systems can explain biomechanics and save lives.

“Diagnostics is like detective work, since many times complex diagnostics is counterintuitive. You are trying to find something that is hidden,” says Dr. Nataraj, professor and chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and the Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Moritz, Sr., Endowed Chair in Engineered Systems. His innovative research into strategies for predicting and preventing fatal cases of periventricular leukomalacia in infants garnered a \$1.9

million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

As he works to expand the research into other areas of biomedicine, he believes that it will require developing new models to understand how diseases affect the body. “You have to work on every disease differently—heart attacks versus diabetes, for example,” he says. “To me, they are all manifestations of the same fundamental scientific problem. The key is diagnosing the problem before it becomes catastrophic.”

## COMPREHENDING THE ECONOMICS OF FOREIGN AID

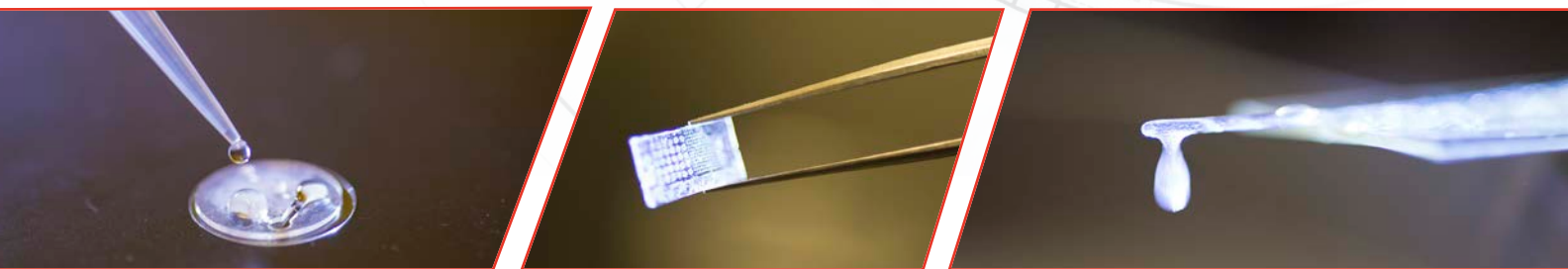
When the US partners with the World Bank to provide foreign aid around the globe, the implications that arise are equally economic and political. That’s where the research of **Christopher Kilby, PhD**, associate professor of Economics in the Villanova School of Business, is vital for understanding the geopolitical effects of those funds.

Recognized as VSB’s Emerging Scholar in International Business, Dr. Kilby has worked with researchers at Villanova and beyond to identify the impact of geopolitics on foreign aid and international organizations. His research topics range from the impact of the War on Terror on US foreign aid to global electioneering by the World Bank. “My work is interdisciplinary, even though it is published in economic journals, because the experts who read and cite it are just as likely to be economists as they are to be political scientists,” he says.

And due to a VSB initiative to pair promising students with strong faculty researchers, Dr. Kilby collaborated with then student Elizabeth Bland ’11 VSB on a paper about informal influences on the Inter-American Development Bank, a major source of multilateral financing in Latin America. Bland presented it at an economic conference held at Villanova in 2012, and it will be included as a chapter in the forthcoming book *The Handbook of Economics of Foreign Aid*.

“At Villanova, the goal is to get students excited and prepared to embark on their own academic research,” Dr. Kilby says. ■

# THE ENGINEERING EVOLUTION



THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING IS STRATEGICALLY EMERGING  
AS A PREMIER INSTITUTION FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

BY SUZANNE WENTZEL

**P**EOPLE ON SURPRISINGLY DIFFERENT PATHS see an engineering college in their future. The challenge: finding the one that meets their needs.

Prospective undergraduates want to get the best education available. Newly minted faculty want to balance teaching and scholarship. Professionals want to earn advanced degrees in relevant areas. PhD-minded graduates want to do research in top-notch facilities with leaders in their fields. Industry and government want to partner with respected institutions that can solve real-world problems.

Which group is likely to choose Villanova? All of them. As divergent as these roads may seem, they all lead to one exceptional destination: the College of Engineering.

It's not that the College hasn't long been recognized for the quality of its students, faculty and mission. It's that the College refuses to be content with past achievements. Instead, it continually fosters a dynamic, stimulating environment. Led by Gary Garbriele, PhD, Drosdick Endowed Dean of Engineering, administrators and faculty do what engineers do best: think, tinker, test and transform. Every facet of the College is inspected, improved and reimaged.

It helps that these visionaries work with Villanova-brand tools. They build upon a solid technical and liberal arts foundation, tap a rich Augustinian Catholic heritage, create multidisciplinary perspectives and inspire students to apply their know-how to better the world. Above all, they are committed to preparing men and women to succeed as engineers or in whatever career they choose.

This is the evolution that has paved the way for the College of Engineering to be ranked consistently among the best in the nation for its undergraduate education and, for the first time this year, its online graduate programs. This is the evolution that has helped the College attract pioneering researchers and millions in funding. This is the evolution that is entering an explosive phase of growth—one powered by For the Greater Great®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change.

## BOLD THINKING

**T**he College has set the standard by which other engineering schools measure themselves in its innovative undergraduate programming. Students benefit from a transformative experi-



ence that pushes the boundaries of what and how they learn—and even how they think. In 2009–10, for example, the College crafted and implemented a first-year program that emphasizes an active-learning, hands-on, problem-based, interdisciplinary approach to engineering analysis, design and research. The curriculum garnered national attention in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Since 2013, the College has experimented with the model known as the flipped classroom. Students watch video lectures and read downloadable materials on their own time so that in classes and labs they can focus on solving problems, asking questions, and interacting with faculty and peers. The College is studying this methodology to see what works, what doesn't and who benefits.

"We're not just using the model; we're improving it and changing it," says Randy Weinstein, PhD, associate dean for Academic Affairs and professor of Chemical Engineering. Dr. Weinstein's findings are being published in the journal *Chemical Engineering Education*.

The College also has a strong record for entrepreneurial thinking. In 2007, Villanova received a grant from the Kern Family Foundation to launch the Kern Entrepreneurship Education Network (KEEN) initiative. With successive KEEN grants, the College has created a vibrant culture in which an entrepreneurial mindset flourishes in courses, events and the Engineering Entrepreneurship minor. The foundation has honored the College with several awards.

The spirit of curiosity nurtured by the College inspires undergraduates—45 percent in 2013—to participate in research. Teacher-scholars welcome their contributions. "I like that the College encourages faculty to recruit undergraduates to work on research projects," says Leslie Myers McCarthy, PhD, PE, assistant professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. "It fosters a unique and more professional learning environment in which students learn more than just the traditional textbook-based engineering theory." Many students co-author articles, present at conferences and win competitions. Such distinctions make them stand out when they apply for jobs, graduate schools and fellowships.

## POWERFUL PARTNERS

No engineering education would be complete without robust industry partnerships. Fortunately, these abound at Villanova. Using the Multidisciplinary Design Lab as home base, student teams tackle actual engineering problems brought to them by companies. These "in-house co-ops" expose students to corporate cultures and pair them with industry mentors. The companies, in turn, get potentially viable solutions. RT Logic's collaboration with the College, for example, "has produced tangible advancements with our channel simulator product," says John Monahan '86 COE, president. "The outcome has been so successful that we also are sponsoring gradu-



Left: Rosalind Wynne, PhD, associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Jad Rabah '15 MS do research on fiber optic sensor development. Right: Gary Gabriele, PhD, Drosdick Endowed Dean of Engineering, chats with students about their Villanova experiences.



ate work through the Center for Advanced Communications.”

By providing internships and partnering on projects, companies get a jump on recruiting capable, proven students. As Anthony Melone '82 COE, executive vice president and chief technology officer at Verizon, notes, “Our partnerships enable us to remain close to the pipeline of next-generation talent, who will shape the technology sector for years to come.”

Industry partners benefit the College. They sponsor research, provide guest speakers and advisers, and offer feedback on curriculum. Often alumni in leadership positions drive these partnerships, says Keith Argue, assistant dean, External Relations. “They have been important in opening doors for us. We keep the doors open on our merits. Villanova has the technical rigor of other colleges. What separates our students is their leadership skills, their ability to work on diverse teams and their integrity.”

Indeed, the College focuses its energies on students’ professional development. It is solidifying a “professional spine” to ensure that students continually acquire and hone nontechnical skills. Its goal is to graduate technically advanced, industry-seasoned, professionally adept engineers—an employer’s dream hire.

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Villanova Engineering Service Learning is another avenue by which students diversify their résumés. The College has built collaborations with communities worldwide. From the development of a robot prototype that will remove land mines in Cambodia, to the design of water supply networks

in Nicaragua, engineering students improve the quality of life around the globe. (See Page 29.)

Closer to home, the College has emerged as a leader in creating and supporting science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) outreach programs, all overseen by Stephen Jones, EdD, associate dean for Student and Strategic Programs. By getting middle and high school students excited about these subjects, Villanova students inspire young people to pursue careers that will keep the US globally competitive.

## GRADUATE AND DOCTORAL GROWTH

The undergraduate powerhouse has spurred the expansion of the College’s graduate education. At the master’s level, the addition of offerings has been strategic and deliberate. The degrees anticipate and respond to market demands: Sustainable Engineering; Cybersecurity; Biochemical Engineering. The programs offer a distinctive experience—students on campus and online participate in the same classes—and this year attracted five international Fulbright grantees.

The most dramatic expression of Villanova Engineering’s evolution has been at the doctoral level. Created in 2003 by then Dean Barry Johnson '70 COE, the PhD program has 52 students enrolled. Its vitality is due in part to the desire of faculty to do research that helps them grow intellectually and produces new knowledge. The result, says Gerard “Jerry” Jones, PhD, '72 COE, senior associate dean for Graduate Studies and Research, and professor of Mechanical Engineering, is “enhanced personal, professional and





**Left:** The Freshman Engineering Program immerses students in hands-on, interdisciplinary projects. **Right:** Students at every level—doctoral, master's and undergraduate—pursue their passions for research and discovery.

institutional reputations, as well as our ability to attract, hire and retain faculty who have trained at top institutions.”

Engineering’s centers of excellence also heighten the College’s research profile and expand its portfolio. For example, the Center for Advanced Communications is making headlines for its use of radar imaging to assist older persons living alone. The Center for Energy-Smart Electronic Systems, a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center, is developing software models that predict energy efficiency in data centers.

### CAMPAIGN CREATING NEW HORIZONS

**E**very dream fulfilled becomes the basis for imagining greater possibilities. Committed to its undergraduate mission, the College is reassessing “what a 21st-century engineering education should be so that it aligns with what 21st-century engineers do,” Dean Gabriele says. “We also want to lay a foundation for students to go in any direction they want.”

Proud that its female undergraduate enrollment is ahead of the national average, the College would like to attract more high-achieving students from all underrepresented groups. Its strategy over the next five years is to double graduate enrollment; award 12 to 15 doctoral degrees each year; and increase annual research expenditures to \$5 million. The influx of talented students and faculty will help realize another priority: the launch of a research center in an emerging field.

The campaign is raising the resources needed to fuel the College’s evolution as a premier national institution. Among the donations

it has received are four gifts totaling \$21.5 million. (See Page 28.) As of February, it had raised 60 percent of the money needed to expand the Center for Engineering Education and Research. The enlarging of this flagship building is a foundational step toward creating an integrated learning and research environment.

The College also is excited about creating the Center for Innovation in Engineering Education. It will support and adapt new approaches to teaching and learning; determine best practices for instructional technologies; and serve as a hub for promoting professional development and coordinating service learning.

Campaign gifts will strengthen centers of excellence, and endow directorships, chairs and professorships, adding more faculty all-stars. With the creation of scholarships, research assistantships and graduate fellowships, students will have the financial resources to study engineering at every level.

As the College evolves, it remains true to its origins, identity and destiny. It is becoming more recognizable for what it is and what it stands for. “The evolution of our model shows that undergraduate education is central and graduate education symbiotic with it,” Dean Gabriele says. “We’ve proven that they can exist together and create a different kind of place. These investments allow us to continue to hold a unique position among engineering colleges.”

That’s exactly what the University wants to see in its future. ■





## BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

**AUGUSTINE WASN'T AN ENGINEER**, but he grasped the basic idea: To build high, you have to dig deep. Villanova engineers, who understand the value of a strong foundation, are digging deep—particularly four alumni who have made transformative gifts totaling **\$21.5 MILLION** to propel the College of Engineering in its drive to build for the future.

Indeed, graduates of every age and income bracket are supporting For the Greater Good®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change so that the College has the resources to move from what could be to what will be—inspiring Gary Gabriele, PhD, Drosdick Endowed Dean of Engineering, to be more confident than ever about what lies ahead.

“With these investments, the College will thrive for generations to come,” says Dean Gabriele. “That’s one of the most satisfying outcomes of the campaign.”

Building on these four leadership gifts, the College is on its way to achieving critical campaign priorities:

- A **\$13.5 MILLION** commitment from Paul J. Varello, PE, '65, chairman and CEO of Sterling Construction Co., and his wife, Jan, is the largest ever given to the College of Engineering and the second-largest single gift in the history of the University. This blended gift, which comprises immediate and deferred funds through an estate gift, will create an endowment to support the College of Engineering and its initiatives both now and in perpetuity. This endowment will empower Dean Gabriele and successive deans to spend the money wherever and however it is needed, from faculty and student support, to academic programs, to infrastructure and equipment. The size and scope of the gift will enhance the College's national reputation.
- With a **\$3 MILLION** commitment from Denise and former Villanova trustee John Paul Jones III '72, retired chairman and CEO of Air Products and Chemicals Inc., the Center for Engineering Education and Research (CEER) patio will be enclosed and converted into the state-of-the-art Jones Family Student Learning Commons. Students will flock to this 4,600-square-foot communal atrium to study in groups, work on multidisciplinary team projects, and attend seminars and guest lectures. The space will be an ideal venue in which the College and University can host special events.
- Villanova trustee Nance Dicciani, PhD, '69, retired president and CEO of the Specialty Materials Division, Honeywell International Inc., has committed **\$2.5 MILLION** to establish the Nance K. Dicciani PhD '69 Endowed Chair in Chemical Engineering. The funds will enable the department to attract renowned teacher-scholars, invest in curricular development, and raise Villanova's visibility as a leader in research and scholarship in critical and emerging areas of chemical engineering.
- Experiential and collaborative learning will reach new heights, thanks to a **\$2.5 MILLION** commitment from Gloria J. and John G. “Jack” Drosdick '65, retired president and CEO of Sunoco Inc., and a former chair of Villanova's Board of Trustees. The couple's gift will fund the new Engineering Innovation Lab, housed in CEER. In this two-story, 3,300-square-foot, high-bay space equipped with an overhead crane, students will tackle scalable, real-world projects and carry out research.



# Panamanian CONNECTION

Six months after graduating, Christopher McCartin '91 COE traveled to Wacuco, Panama, to volunteer at a mission run by the Rev. Pablo “Wally” Kasuboski. His journey sowed the seeds for what has grown into a fruitful, transcontinental relationship between the College of Engineering and Panamanian partners.

Almost 25 years later, scores of faculty, students, administrators and alumni have gone to the Central American republic, not only to provide engineering services for Father Wally’s infrastructural projects, but also to work with universities, government, the Panama Canal Authority and other enterprises.

The engineers are not alone in representing Villanova. Their initiatives have led colleagues in the College of Nursing, the Villanova School of Business, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to share their expertise to improve the quality of life, spur economic development and educate residents in Panamanian communities.

## MISSION-RELATED PROJECTS

Engineers making service-learning trips to Panama in the 1990s repaired water distribution systems, helped to build bridges and chapels, and installed solar lighting at the mission.



In recent years, the College has incorporated more design and analysis into its work. In 2010, faculty and students began to develop a Water Resources Master Plan for the Cañazas region. This multiyear project—the focus of a water resources design course—will ensure that the growing population, now at about 8,000, will have a steady supply of clean water, even in the dry season. The comprehensive plan supports raising the dam and expanding the reservoir.

In another capstone course, a team of students designed a bridge that will give maintenance trucks access to the reservoir’s dam during the rainy season, when the swollen river makes the road crossing to the dam impassable. The team has been selected as one of three finalists in the national Student Structural Design Competition.

In addition to the three water systems it already supports, the College agreed in March to help design a fourth that will serve a new residential cluster.

## ACADEMIC AND MUNICIPAL COLLABORATIONS

Faculty are spearheading efforts to develop a stormwater management plan with the City of Knowledge, a collaboration of the



public and private sectors that promotes sustainable development in Panama. They also are pursuing similar initiatives with the Panama City mayor’s office and the Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua.

In addition, the College hopes to partner with the City of Knowledge on faculty-led telehealth projects. It would like to formalize collaboration in the broader area of telemedicine with the Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá as well.

## ALLIANCES WITH PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY

A strong relationship with the Panama Canal Authority (ACP), which is nearing the end of its multibillion-dollar project to double the canal’s capacity, has exposed Villanova engineers to hands-on and behind-the-scenes experiences. In 2012, then CEO Alberto Alemán Zubieta came to campus to share insights on the canal’s expansion. The ACP also offers internships to Villanova students. And, as the final leg of their service-learning trips, participants enjoy a special tour of the construction of the canal’s new locks.

Knowledgeable, well-connected alumni living in the region have helped to forge many of the liaisons. These Villanovans will continue to play critical roles as the University explores new opportunities to engage in Panama. ■







# Called to **SERVE**

Joseph Clancy '78 CLAS  
takes the lead at the Secret Service

**I**n his mind, Joseph Clancy '78 CLAS had moved on. It had been three years since he had retired from the United States Secret Service. During a 27-year career with the agency, Clancy had traveled the world, protecting presidents, prime ministers and popes. He had given his all—and had been willing to give his life in the line of duty.

But in June 2011, the Delaware County, Pa., native and his wife, Andrea, who understood all too well the sacrifices made by agents and their loved ones, had decided to return to their extended families and their roots. “Back home” in the Philadelphia area, Clancy accepted a prestigious position as executive director of Cable Security at Comcast Corp., which is where he was Oct. 1, 2014, when his phone rang. The caller was President Barack Obama.

**BY YASMINE IQBAL**





Having retired from the US Secret Service after 27 years, Joseph Clancy '78 CLAS was tapped by President Barack Obama (pictured shaking hands with Clancy following a budget address) to be first the interim, and then the permanent, director of the agency.



In the wake of a security breach Sept. 19, the director of the Secret Service resigned. Would Clancy come back and act as interim chief? Clancy knew what saying yes would mean: leaving a strong company and a job he enjoyed; temporarily relocating to Washington, D.C., again; and getting re-acclimated with lightning speed to the national security scene.

"It was a hard decision," Clancy later would say, "but I felt strongly about the Secret Service. It had been my life's work."

"Joe has done an outstanding job leading the Secret Service since he returned at my request in October of last year. He understands the challenges facing the agency and has proven that he's not afraid to make the tough decisions necessary to build and maintain the agency's ability to carry out its mission."

—PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

In that moment, he made up his mind and spoke into the phone. "Yes, sir. It will be an honor to come back."

Four and a half months later, the modifier "acting" was dropped from Clancy's title. President Obama, impressed by what Clancy had done in his temporary post at the helm and trusting in Clancy's decades of experience, appointed him the 24th director of the United States Secret Service.

## Villanova roots

It is fitting that between these two pivotal and proximate decisions, Clancy would say yes to a third request: to be the 2015 guest speaker for the fifth annual Spotlight on Leadership lecture. The event, sponsored by the Office of Student Development, would be held at his beloved alma mater Feb. 11. His agreeing to squeeze in a trip back to Villanova just when he was giving 24/7 to people in the highest echelons of government reveals how closely he holds the University to his heart.

On one level, the connection to Villanova is familial. Andrea's father, the recently deceased Charles Dietzler, had served for 33 years as the University's comptroller. At his father-in-law's funeral Oct. 31, Clancy had been moved by the beautiful homily by the Rev. John Stack, OSA, '71 CLAS, '77 MA, vice president of Student Life.

Father Stack, who invited Clancy to speak at Villanova, was equally impressed by Clancy's personality when the two men met. "Joe is confident but humble, which is an unusual combination," Father Stack says. "And despite his busy schedule, he was willing to take the time to give back to the Villanova community."

Clancy also is related by marriage to Timothy Dietzler, FMP, '82 VSB, Villanova's director of Dining Services. Dietzler wasn't surprised that Clancy made the commitment to speak. "Joe is the definition of a servant leader," he says. "He's also an authentic person. What you see is 'the real Joe.'"

Beyond family ties, Clancy treasures Villanova for the years

he spent here as a student after transferring from the US Military Academy and for the ways in which it prepared him for an extraordinary career. To be able to talk about leadership on the campus that had been a critical stage in what he describes as his "lifelong journey" to develop leadership skills was, for Clancy, a privilege and an honor.

"As I look at all of you," he told a capacity crowd of 700 students, faculty and staff in the Connelly Center, "I am reminded of my time here at Villanova and of the many fond memories I have. I graduated from this esteemed university in 1978 and took with me many valuable lessons."

A graduate of Archbishop John Carroll High School in Radnor, Pa., Clancy fostered his dedication to country and commitment to its welfare at Villanova, where he majored in Political Science and Criminal Justice. Clancy's course work would have grounded him in the principles of government and an understanding of the complexities of the federal bureaucracy, according to David Barrett, PhD, a professor of Political Science in the College

of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and a leading expert in national security and the United States presidency. "He strikes me as being a person of high integrity," says Dr. Barrett, who came away from Clancy's speech with a positive impression. "I would think that his time at Villanova helped shape that aspect of his character."

## Leadership, Clancy style

Clancy offered powerful glimpses into his character during his campus lecture. In his opening remarks, he left no doubt that his years as an undergraduate had indeed helped shape his moral makeup and ethical vision. "Not only did I receive an outstanding education, but my learning was grounded in principles of faith in God, family and leadership."



Villanova University welcomed Joseph Clancy '78 CLAS, then acting director of the United States Secret Service, back to campus Wednesday, Feb. 11, as the featured speaker for its fifth annual Spotlight on Leadership lecture series.



During his visit to campus, Clancy made time for an interview with staff members from the student newspaper *The Villanovan*.

Clancy then focused on what he believes are the essential criteria for being “an effective leader and creating an atmosphere of trust and solidarity”: perseverance, not making excuses, responsiveness and confidence. These qualities resonate with Villanova’s emphasis on building a community in which everyone shares responsibility for upholding the Augustinian ideals of truth, unity and love.

During his presentation, Clancy drew on his deep reservoir of experiences to illustrate his tenets of leadership. He shared compelling insights; humorous, often self-effacing observations; and suspenseful accounts of agents’ responsibilities.

For example, in talking about confidence—which he stressed must be balanced with humility—he recalled a time when he alone was against a proposal to have a presidential candidate walk from one outdoor site to another following a public speech. Believing the neighborhood could not be secured, Clancy refused to budge. The debate, which was elevated to the highest levels, was settled when a motorist driving down the street in question was gunned down. “Sometimes you have to have an iron will,” Clancy told his audience. “Stay with your convictions. You know what’s right.”

### Commitment to the agency

When Clancy was a child, the assassination of President Kennedy had stirred in him the resolve to join the Secret Service. An uncle who was an FBI agent also had influenced him, helping him to appreciate that public service is “a worthwhile and important mission.”

Clancy began his Secret Service career in 1984 in the Philadelphia Field Office. After four years, he transferred to the Presidential Protective Division, serving on the personal security details of Presidents Clinton and Bush. After Sept. 11, 2001, he was selected to serve as a staff assistant in the Office of Homeland Security under Secretary Tom Ridge. He returned to the Presidential Protective Division in 2003 and ascended the ranks over the next six years, taking the position of special agent in charge of the Presidential Protective Division—the leader of President Obama’s security detail—in 2009.

Father Stack believes that Clancy’s sense of duty compelled him to return to take the lead at the agency. “He knows that this

is an honorable calling,” he says. “Even though it was a sacrifice to leave home again, he needed to go and help his country.”

“Joe has a strong sense of commitment to his Secret Service colleagues,” adds Dietzler. “He values the opportunity to return to service and help restore the premier reputation of the agency.”

### Making tough choices

The leadership qualities Clancy espouses were evident from the day he stepped into his new role as acting director. He appeared before a House Judiciary Committee Nov. 19, emphasizing the need for additional funding and vowing to create positive change within the agency. Over the next several months, he made major changes, including replacing several top agency leaders.

During the Feb. 18 press briefing announcing Clancy’s permanent appointment, White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest stated that this willingness to make tough choices was key to his selection. “Mr. Clancy has demonstrated that he was willing to conduct a candid, clear-eyed assessment of the shortcomings of that agency, and to look at needed reforms and implement them,” he said. “And that, precisely, is why he has been promoted to this permanent role.”

In his new position, Clancy will lead massive undertakings, including security for the September visit of Pope Francis, the United Nations’ 70th anniversary celebration in October and the 2016 presidential race.

The weight of such responsibilities does not deter Clancy. The faith nourished by his family and his Villanova experience continues to sustain him. Before he was sworn in as acting director, Clancy went to Mass at a local parish and asked the priest to bless the Bible he would use when he took his oath. Toward the end of the liturgy, the entire congregation, extending their hands toward Clancy and his Bible, joined the priest in the blessing. As Clancy ended his speech at Villanova, he added, “It was very moving. ... It gave me such strength.”

Clancy will need that strength as he steers the Secret Service into a new era. But given his philosophy of leadership, his willingness to serve and his grounding as a Villanovan, he and those who know him have every reason to believe that, in “coming back,” Clancy made the right call. ■





"One thing I think is extremely different about Bollywood in comparison to other forms of dance is expressions. Your facial expressions can be a whole dance themselves! Each step looks more significant with that."

"Bollywood is more about the natural flow of your body movement. It's more about expressing your emotion to a word and how excited it makes you feel or how sad it makes you feel or whatever it really is. It's just creativity at its max."

"What do you miss most about Kenya?"

"I miss my mother and my brothers and my sisters.

We are ten in the family—five girls and five boys."

"If you could say anything to your mother right now, what would it be?"

"I would tell her that I am enjoying my time here and that I am doing my studies well. She taught me about responsibility and hard work. I would thank her for that."



"We knew we had to get out of bed and go to the library to study for finals, but I was like, 'I'm not going to get out of my pajamas if you're not.' And she said, 'Fine. Let's wear bathrobes then.'"

"You get a few looks, but it's mainly jealousy."

"We've definitely walked past at least a few people who have been like, 'Damn. We should've thought of that.'"





# HUMANS OF VILLANOVA

BY LAURA WISELEY



Armed with “burning curiosity, a ready lens and a desire to bring a light to the unacknowledged stories that every individual harbors,” two Villanova students have spent the last eight months photographing the students, alumni, faculty, staff members and visitors who make campus their home—at least temporarily—and learning the stories behind the smiles.

In compiling the scores of photos that make up the Facebook page Humans of Villanova University (a takeoff of the wildly popular Humans of New York page that documents the lives of that city’s inhabitants), Francis Cunningham ’15 CON and Christa Chirico ’15 CLAS have shone a new light on a campus community with countless stories to tell.

Now followed by more than 3,500 people, Humans of Villanova started small. “We both loved the idea behind Humans of New York, and over the summer, we started talking about how we could do Humans of Villanova,” Francis says.

“Once the school year started, we just went for it,” Christa adds. “At first, people weren’t familiar with the idea, but now that we’re more established, they’re really excited about it.”

Humans of Villanova features people who, according to the page, “inhabit, work at, pass through and stumble upon Villanova University.” Interviewed by Francis and Christa, the subjects tell their stories. They share how they learned to appreciate what they have, overcame a childhood illness, strive to reach a goal, protest to bring about social justice and other personal narratives.

Not every photograph comes with a detailed message. Interspersed on the page are finals-bound students wearing bathrobes to the dining hall, athletes posing with Will D. Cat and a man clad in a red-and-yellow superhero costume who, when asked if Robin is better than Batman, proclaims, “Now he is.”

Christa and Francis, both of whom are graduating in May, hope Humans of Villanova will continue. “We want to pass the torch to someone who will keep doing what we’re doing while adding their own personal touch to it,” says Christa, who wants to start a career as a high school teacher.

“The people we’ve interviewed are wonderful and beautiful and special,” says Francis, who plans to use his nursing education during a year of service with the Augustinian Volunteers. “It’s been a great experience, and we can’t wait to see where it goes from here.” ■



“Is Robin better than Batman?”  
“Now he is.”



### Villanovans contributing to the community



With financial support from the Villanova University International Student Alumni Society, Grace Kinda '12 CLAS has launched a project to increase awareness of and access to solar energy in Masogo, Kenya.

## Bringing Light and Hope to Kenya

International student Grace Kinda has empowered, in more ways than one, a Kenyan community

**By Betty Russell**

Some children in Masogo, Kenya, are able to study at night by the glow of solar lamps, thanks to a project launched by Grace Kinda '12 CLAS, a graduate student who will earn a master's degree in Counseling, with a concentration in Clinical Mental Health, from Villanova in August.

Kinda is from a different area in Kenya and didn't have to worry about lighting when she was in school. Despite rolling power blackouts, her family was connected to the electricity grid. But she knows what it's like to face educational obstacles. Her dream of going to college seemed beyond her reach. Fortunately, Kinda received a scholarship from the Zawadi Africa Education Fund, an organization that partners with universities around the world to provide education

to academically gifted African girls from disadvantaged backgrounds.

"Villanova has been the perfect place for me," Kinda says. "Education and service, which are important to me, are tied into every facet of the Villanova experience."

#### **Vision for change**

During her first year of graduate school, Kinda thought of a way she could give back to her native country. "I was looking at the national exam results in Kenya and noticed that the scores were very low in Masogo, where my mother grew up, and where my grandparents and a large part of my extended family still live," Kinda says. "I wanted to make it easier for children to succeed in school."

Most families in the community of

about 5,600 people have no electricity. Instead, they use candles, kerosene and firewood for energy and lighting. These sources make it harder for children to study at home and increase the risk for respiratory problems, skin and eye irritation, and other health problems.

The solution, Kinda decided, was to increase awareness of and accessibility to affordable solar energy. She created an ambitious pilot project called the Solar for All Initiative: Masogo. To carry out the project, Kinda founded and serves as executive director of a nonprofit called Support and Advocacy for Women and Education (SAFWE).

"SAFWE serves a consultancy role and creates a platform to help community organizations develop partnerships so they can provide the oversight and support needed to create sustainable projects," Kinda says. The Masogo solar project is SAFWE's first initiative.

In addition, Kinda worked with the staff of the Villanova University International Student Office (ISO): Stephen McWilliams, MFA, PhD, '92 MA, director of International/Disability Services; Hubert Whan Tong, Esq., assistant director of International Student Services; and Debra Hoover, international student adviser and ESL coordinator. Kinda also became involved with the Villanova University International Student Alumni Society (VISAS), which is part of ISO, and now serves as president of the organization.

"In the past, we've supported international students who wanted to raise money

"Education and service, which are important to me, are tied into every facet of the Villanova experience."

—Grace Kinda

for their home countries, usually following natural disasters or emergency situations," Dr. McWilliams says. "But Grace wanted to go back to Kenya and do something significant. She had a five-year plan to develop a program, and then sustain and expand it. We definitely wanted to help."

In 2014, Kinda became the first recipient of a \$2,000 VISAS award, which provided the seed money to launch her pilot project.

### Empowering one community

SAFWE partnered with a community organization called the Masogo Integrated Development Programme (MIDEP). With the VISAS award from Villanova, SAFWE and MIDEP bought 73 solar lamps, including 53 solar units that also can charge mobile phones.

"About 75 percent of the people in Masogo have mobile phones, and most of them have to pay to charge them because they have no access to electricity," Kinda says. "We visited schools and churches to explain the benefits of the solar lamps. We increased awareness of solar energy as

a sustainable lighting and power-charging solution that will also make it easier for students to improve their academic progress."

Rather than simply donate the solar lamps, Kinda wanted to infuse capital into the community and create an empowering, sustainable program that local organizations could manage. To create such a program, SAFWE used the grant money to provide a nine-month, interest-free loan to MIDEP to cover the costs of buying the initial lamps. During the loan period, MIDEP can sell and restock the units, starting a cycle of supply and demand, before repaying the loan. MIDEP sold all 73 solar lamps within three months. Residents had the option of paying in full or on an installment plan.

### Making a difference together

Kinda has helped to establish a partnership between SAFWE, MIDEP and their solar partner in Africa. Together, they created a formal plan on how to continue the project. Now she is studying the process used in Masogo to identify areas that worked well and those that could be improved. "We want to expand into neighboring communities and possibly on a global scale," she says. "My goal is to work with local women's and youth groups so they can be agents of change and reach goals that are relevant to them."

Dr. McWilliams hopes that Kinda's project will inspire other international alumni to reconnect with Villanova and get involved with VISAS. "Each year, VISAS will provide financial and moral support to an international alumnus or student who wants to create social change in his or her community," he says. "We want to partner with alumni involved in service projects around the world so that together we can make a difference." ■



Kinda visits schools and churches to educate the community about the benefits of solar lamps.





# The Giving Habit

Joseph Campolo '90 VSB urges alumni to help Villanova thrive

Joseph Campolo '90 VSB is enthusiastic about For the Greater Great®: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change for one compelling reason: The historic undertaking is vital to the future of the institution he loves.

"This comprehensive capital campaign is the most important event in Villanova's history," Campolo says. "Students today are choosing schools based on criteria besides academics. They are considering facilities, financial aid packages, the school's ability to attract and retain quality professors, and other factors. We're in a financial arms race, and money matters."

Campolo is donating his time and resources to the campaign. He serves on the Campaign Executive Committee and is chair of the Midwest Regional Campaign Committee. In fact, he and his wife, Angie, are sponsoring the Campolo Midwest Regional Leadership Challenge to help generate support from alumni in the Midwest region.

## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

After graduating from Villanova, Campolo worked at Andersen Consulting, where he met Angie. He earned a Master of Business Administration at the University of Pittsburgh and then began a career in commercial banking at American National Bank of Chicago. Today, the Chicago resident is the president and co-founder of Arbor Investments, a specialized private equity firm that focuses exclusively on acquiring premier companies in the food, beverage and packaging industries.

Campolo says his time at Villanova played a profound and pivotal role in his career path and future success. "Villanova opened my eyes to what opportunities were available on Wall Street and beyond. It showed me my potential and gave me the tools to reach it. Villanova had a meaningful impact on my life in so many ways—from the people I met, to the friendships I developed, to the way it molded me."

## GIVING BACK

Today, Campolo supports Villanova in many

important ways. In addition to his roles in the campaign, he serves as a member of the President's Advisory Council. He has donated to a number of different areas of the University, including a program to provide academic support for athletes.

Campolo also supported the new Higgins Soccer Complex, having become a fan of the sport when his daughters started playing. The complex's game field is named Campolo Field in honor of his and his family's generosity. In addition, Campolo and others in the Midwest region are raising \$500,000 to update the Davis Center and support the Men's Basketball program.

"Having strong athletic programs and state-of-the-art facilities is imperative if we are to enhance our reputation as a national university," Campolo says. "Villanova's athletic facilities not only beautify the campus but also serve as resources that the entire student body can use and enjoy."

## CAMPOLO MIDWEST CHALLENGE

Campolo knew when he graduated that he would give back to Villanova, but he didn't know when or how. "I waited until I could give more impactful gifts," he says. "Now I realize that no amount of money is insignificant—and that it's equally important and satisfying to give one's time as well."

Campolo helps other alumni to reconnect and stay connected to Villanova. He and Angie launched the Campolo Midwest Challenge to inspire the growing alumni base from Chicago to the Rio Grande to participate in the campaign. The goal of the challenge is to have 100 new leadership gifts at the President's Club, the President's Club Associates or the Young Alumni Circle level from alumni, parents and friends in the Midwest region. The amount of these gifts ranges from \$100 for first-year alumni to \$2,500 for those who donate at the President's Club level.

"We need to have deeper financial pockets to compete," Campolo says. "Through this campaign, alumni in the Midwest can play a major role in helping Villanova to reach its full potential." ■

"Villanova had a meaningful impact on my life in so many ways."

—JOSEPH CAMPOLO

BY BETTY RUSSELL





# True Detective

**Christine Fossaceca '16 COE** readies to make her mark in cybersecurity

Nothing sparks the curiosity of Christine Fossaceca '16 COE so much as the challenge of using her knowledge and experience to solve a mystery. In the technological age, some of the most daunting cases are those handled by the cybersecurity experts who safeguard the nation's computer networks. Through her Villanova experience, as well as the opportunities it has helped her discover, Christine is well on the path to becoming one of these savvy, modern-day detectives.

While the journey for this Villanova Presidential Scholar may have meandered at first, Christine's interest in cybersecurity drove her to apply for and receive the 2013 National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarship. It is awarded to American students to study less commonly taught languages in regions critical to the United States. Christine is the third Villanova student to earn this prestigious national recognition since the scholarships were established in 1994.

Boren Scholars agree to work for at least one year after graduating from college in a federal government position with national security responsibilities. Christine hopes that the commitment will help her get a foot in the door at one of the top US agencies, such as the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security or the Department of State.

"It's an ideal opportunity to start my career," says Christine who is pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering, with a Business minor.

## BOUND FOR SEOUL

In choosing a language to study, Christine knew that she wanted to go to a country where she would be challenged in her engineering course work and immersed in a different culture. Inspired by her study of tae kwon do, she selected South Korea to learn more about the culture, philosophy and people behind the martial art.

Yvonne Whittle, PhD, a part-time faculty member in the Department of Chemistry who wrote Christine's Boren recommendation, says that Christine shows impressive vision, under-

standing how to connect the studies in Korea with her career plans in cybersecurity. "I was very impressed. She was bold and courageous to apply," Dr. Whittle explains.

Christine became an active member of the Villanova Korean Student Association to help prepare for her semester abroad at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, in spring 2014. While in Seoul, she studied engineering, as well as Korean language, culture and ethics. Still, learning the native tongue was only one of the challenges she faced.

"The classes were large, and they had much different teaching and learning styles. Korean students typically memorize and self-teach. I hadn't experienced anything like it before," Christine says. As a result, her midterm in her class on circuits received the third-lowest grade. Undeterred, she redoubled her efforts and earned one of the top grades on the final exam.

## THE BIGGER PICTURE

Studying in Korea deepened Christine's appreciation for the focus Villanova places on strong faculty-student relationships.

"I've experienced a great deal of hands-on learning that goes beyond the lessons contained in the text," she says. "Villanova has helped me see the bigger picture—application and implication. I've learned about the relationship between engineering, peace, ethics, justice and service."

She also is thrilled to be back among Villanova's tight-knit community. Christine is active in the Korean Student Association and is secretary of the tutoring program for College of Engineering students. Throughout her time at Villanova, she has participated in a host of activities, including RUIBAL, an all-freshman service program; the Blue Key Society; and student government.

"Christine lives the Villanova value of being of service to others," Dr. Whittle says. "She's bright, enthusiastic and motivated to succeed. She's already made a difference at Villanova. She'll make her mark wherever she goes." ■

"I've learned about the relationship between engineering, peace, ethics, justice and service."

—CHRISTINE FOSSACECA

BY BETTY RUSSELL



# MISSION POSSIBLE

The Office for Mission and Ministry celebrates 15 years

>> By Meg Maxwell

**T**he many facets of higher education clamor for attention in the marketplace. Ranking organizations weigh the prestige of graduate programs against the success of athletics, and the caliber of professors against the luxury of residence halls. Catholic institutions, eager to attract the best students and faculty, may be tempted to de-emphasize their religious foundations to increase marketability. But anyone who has spent time on campus knows that Villanova's Augustinian Catholic identity is thriving.

How does the University live out its motto, *Veritas, Unitas, Caritas*? In large part, the answer lies in the Office for Mission and Ministry, which serves as a kind of Augustinian conscience, facilitating dialogue about Catholic tradition and guiding Villanovans as they work toward the greater good.

## GENESIS AND GROWTH

In 2000, the Rev. John E. Deegan, OSA, PhD, '57 CLAS, '60 MA, then prior provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, expressed concern about Catholic higher education's future to the Rev. Edmund Dobbin, OSA, STD, '58 CLAS, then University president. Father Deegan hoped that Villanova would establish an office to retrieve and enhance its Catholic tradition.

Father Dobbin (see remembrance, Page 4), a devoted teacher and distinguished theologian, was committed to strengthening Villanova's Augustinian identity. That spring, he created the Office for Mission Effectiveness, calling upon Barbara Wall, PhD, to serve as special assistant to the president for Mission. As a professor of Philosophy and assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dr. Wall



Barbara Wall, PhD, vice president for Mission and Ministry, helps to develop initiatives that make Catholic tradition a focus throughout the institution.

understood where the University's mission integration stood—and where it could be. In 2002, Christopher Janosik, EdD, was named director of Planning and Research.

The office was expanded and renamed in 2009. University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS named Dr. Wall the University's first vice president for Mission and Ministry. Campus Ministry; the Center for Peace and Justice Education; the Augustinian Institute; the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Partnership; the Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference; and

the Theology Institute were brought under the umbrella of Mission and Ministry. By 2010, the office had created the Center for Faith and Learning. In 2014 the Institute for Catholic Social Thought was established to enhance programming that integrates Catholic social teaching at Villanova. Most recently, the Rev. Arthur Purcaro, OSA, '72 CLAS joined the Mission and Ministry staff as assistant vice president, replacing the Rev. Joseph Farrell, OSA, STD, '85 VSB.

"We've focused our energy on creating an ethos on campus that reflects Catholic and Augustinian tradition," says Dr. Wall.

The office has launched lecture series with themes such as the Catholic imagination in the arts. It publishes *The Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, *Augustinian Studies*, and *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, as well as other materials that further the dialogue between faith, reason and culture. More than 170 faculty members in the past 14 years have attended curriculum-development workshops on Catholic social teaching. Each Mission and Ministry entity advances academic excellence and works to promote the common good.

### SEARCHING FOR GOD TOGETHER

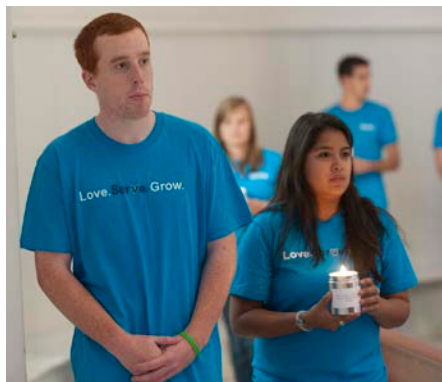
In their various roles, Mission and Ministry staff embrace the Augustinian ideal of “searching for God together.” As Linda Jaczynski, director of the Center for Worship and Spirituality, explains, “An important function of a Catholic institution is to remind people of the core of who they are, which is based in their relationship with God; and to explore how that moves out into their relationships with others.”

Mission and Ministry’s diverse components collaborate with each other and across campus to achieve maximum impact. For example, the Rev. Allan Fitzgerald, OSA, PhD, ’64 CLAS, director of the Augustine and Culture Seminar Program to develop an app that will support students’ engagement with St. Augustine’s *Confessions*. At Center for Faith and Learning luncheons, faculty from all colleges explore teaching as a vocation. Students and faculty in the College of Engineering and in the French and Francophone Studies Program assisted CRS’ Haitian engineering staff with earthquake recovery efforts.

This collaboration allows the office to nurture students as agents of justice and peace, Dr. Wall says. “We hope that their faith commitment will not be compartmentalized, but will be integral to the vocation they have in life.”

### CELEBRATING THE TRADITION

To mark 15 years of growth, the Office for



Clockwise from top left: Philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre was the first recipient of the Civitas Dei Medal, which honors contributions to the Catholic intellectual tradition; the Center for Worship and Spirituality offers Villanovans opportunities to encounter God; in 2012, Athletics, the Center for Peace and Justice Education, and the CRS Partnership joined forces in “Playing for Peace” in behalf of Sudan and South Sudan; each fall and spring, students who will participate in Service Break Experiences gather for a commissioning; the Faith and Learning Scholars Program brings together students and faculty to share dinners and discuss the relationship between faith and learning.

Mission and Ministry instituted the Lecture Series on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition in Honor of Edmund J. Dobbin, OSA. The name has special significance. “Father Dobbin was an extraordinary theologian and teacher,” Dr. Wall says. “This lecture series emphasizes his contributions as teacher and scholar, not just as president.” Speakers are selected from

Villanova’s faculty, underscoring the presence on campus of scholars who can contribute to the tradition.

“We’ll do the lecture series for as long as we can,” says Dr. Wall. “We’re grateful for all Father Dobbin did to foster the Catholic intellectual tradition at Villanova, and for his influence in creating our office and the work we do.” ■



# GRIDIRON GLORY

Payton Award winner John Robertson adds to Villanova's legacy of greatness on and off the field

By Christopher Graziano



John Robertson is the third student-athlete from Villanova to win the coveted Walter Payton Award, given to the top player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

**LIKE** all high school student-athletes choosing where they will continue their careers, Villanova junior quarterback John Robertson considered several factors. What ultimately led him to Villanova was the realization that he would be part of something bigger than himself. And a junior season resulting in a laundry list of individual honors has made that realization clearer than ever.

John led the Wildcats to an 11–3 record and their 11th appearance in the Football Championship Subdivision's playoffs with 2,846 passing yards, 35 passing touchdowns against just three interceptions, 1,078 rushing yards and 11 more rushing TDs. With those statistics, it is no surprise that individual accolades followed, but he is quick to share these awards with his teammates and the coaching staff.

“Especially at the quarterback position, you can only be successful if the people around you play well,” explains John, “and the people around me were amazing.”

## Best in the FCS

Sorting through John's numerous honors takes time, but one easily rises to the top. The quarterback was voted the 2014 Walter Payton Award winner at the annual FCS Awards Banquet in Philadelphia Dec. 15. This coveted award, presented by The Sports Network as the FCS equivalent of the Heisman Trophy, recognized John as the top FCS player. Villanova is the only school with three winners of the award. Each comes from a different position in a different decade. Wide receiver Brian Finneran '98 VSB was honored in 1997. Running back Brian Westbrook '01 VSB earned the distinction in 2001. Both Wildcats went on to successful NFL careers, as did several other winners of the award, a fact not lost on John.



John ranks second in school history in career rushing yards, total touchdowns, rushing touchdowns, career 100-yard rushing games and scoring.

“One of the biggest things that hit me was that, after the awards ceremony, they had me sign a football with previous winners on it,” recalls John. “Finneran and Westbrook were on there, along with guys like Tony Romo. I just thought it was so cool that my name was on there with them.”

“I’ve been able to talk to Brian Finneran a decent amount, and he’s been really supportive. The alumni connection is great. I remember the 2009 national championship team came to one of our games last year, and it was fun to play with them there.”

### Local hero

The national honoree also was singled out for his impact on the regional community. *The Delaware County Daily Times*, the daily paper for the county in which Villanova is located, named John the 2014 Delaware County Sports Figure of the Year. The publication describes the award as going to “the individual, entity or concept that best brought positive attention to Delaware County in the previous 365 days.” John is Villanova’s fifth winner

since the award’s inception in 1996. The others were Kate Fonshell Taylor ’91 CLAS, ’94 MA, Women’s Track and Field; Harry Perretta ’95 MA, head coach, Women’s Basketball; John’s head coach, Andy Talley; and Matt Szczer ’11 CLAS, Baseball and Football.

“I think the cool part about any award is seeing the class you’re in now,” says John. “And one of the best things about this whole experience has been the opportunity to represent Villanova on and off the field. I’ve met a lot of Villanova alumni who didn’t play football but are proud of what I’ve accomplished. It’s great to meet those people.”

### Game plan for life

For John, the scale and diversity of the Villanova network are things he has already begun to leverage. The Economics major and Paramus, N.J., native hopes to build a career on Wall Street, and he has met with Villanova alumni and visited their companies as he pursues an internship.

“Academics were a big reason I chose Villanova,” he says. “I want to play football as long as I can, but I also want to

**“I’m focused on taking it one day at a time, working to make our team even better.”**

—John Robertson  
Villanova Football

set myself up for a successful career after that, particularly with Villanova’s strong presence in New York City. My academic experience has been really good and is opening doors for me. Villanova alumni are super excited to help out.”

John also knows his experience playing athletics at a high level will benefit him in business. “As a team we talk a lot about synergy, and I know that’s one thing that will be important in my career. It’s about being part of something bigger than yourself, working in a team and not being selfish.”

In addition to his team-oriented mindset, John can rely on two other characteristics: an ability to overcome obstacles, shown by his playing the majority of last season with a cast on his left hand; and a knack for coming through when the stakes are highest, evidenced by the five game-winning drives he has led on the final possession of games in his career.

In the meantime, John is preparing for his senior season with the singular goal of leading the Wildcats further than the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs. It was at that round that their season ended in 2014, with John watching from the sidelines, recovering from a concussion.

“My mindset is if you work as hard as you can, things will fall into place. I’m focused on taking it one day at a time, working to make our team even better.”

John knows he cannot do that alone. He is part of a proud tradition that includes his fellow teammates, distinguished award winners and professional players. It is because he embraces his role in this larger story that he accomplishes more than most. ■



Antonia Allsman '96 CLAS



# Opening Doors

Antonia Allsman '96 CLAS raises scholarship funds through Taste of Wine event

BY TOM NUGENT

Antonia Allsman '96 CLAS will never forget when a College of Engineering student thanked all of the alumni who had helped finance the scholarship that allowed her to attend Villanova. It especially moved Allsman because, like that future engineer, she had attended the University with the support of a scholarship.

"I knew exactly how she felt," Allsman says. "Knowing we were helping this student fulfill her dreams made every bit of the work I had put into fundraising feel so worthwhile."

To help make the Villanova experience a reality for even more students, Allsman, the national director of Development for Devereux, one of the country's largest nonprofit behavioral health care providers, has partnered with fellow alumni to launch the annual Taste of Wine on the Main Line event. Hosted by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Villanova University Alumni Association, it is designed to raise funds for Villanova academic scholarships.

The popular event, which is held at historic Appleford, an estate in Villanova, has netted more than \$50,000 over five years for scholarships through live and silent auctions for cultural, art and sporting experiences. It has become the chapter's largest yearly event.

## ONE VILLANOVA COMMUNITY

Allsman cut her teeth as a philanthropy specialist for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's annual Catholic Charities Appeal before joining Devereux in 2005. She

draws upon her professional expertise as a tireless volunteer for the VUAA.

The passion Allsman brings to her service to the University community has been a trademark of her life. The seeds were sown by her family, who she says lived out the commandment to "love thy neighbor" every day. "Our parents didn't preach at us at the dinner table, because they were *showing us* by example—day in and day out—the importance of volunteering to help other people in the community," Allsman says.

The daughter of a doctorate-level chemist in research and development and a retail shop manager, both of whom "were very conscientious of the needs of the community, both locally and globally," Allsman was valedictorian of her high school class in Lititz, Pa., and then earned the partial scholarship that made it possible for her to attend Villanova. Once enrolled, she concentrated hard on her studies. But Allsman made time to be an active member of the Villanova campus community through the Chi Omega sorority, for which she became an avid volunteer.

## ALWAYS A WILDCAT

One of the biggest motivators during her undergraduate years was her time as philanthropy chair for the Panhellenic Council. Allsman found her true calling while working with fellow students on the fraternity side to encourage Greek volunteerism and fundraising for charities. It also cemented the can-do attitude that has become the foundation of her career.

"I'm definitely a glass-half-full kind of person," Allsman says. "After those experiences, I found that I was really charged up to be a volunteer, and I knew I would be doing lots of it as a Villanova alumna."

VUAA President Tracy Setlock Brala '90 VSB says she regards Allsman's passion for raising scholarship funds through initiatives like Taste of Wine on the Main Line as a great example of how every Villanovan can volunteer for the University in a way that's personal and motivational. "The Taste of Wine scholarship fundraising event ignites Antonia's passion and

**"Knowing we were helping this student fulfill her dreams made every bit of the work I had put into fundraising feel so worthwhile."  
—Antonia Allsman**

enables her to give back in a meaningful way to a meaningful cause," Brala says.

Indeed, that spirit of giving already has begun to take hold in the next generation of Allsman's family. Her 5-year-old son has taken notice of her Villanova pride. "Luke's beginning to understand the volunteer work I do," she says. "He knows that 'mom helps people!'" ■



# Class Notes

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## 1950s

**CLASS OF 1950**  
**65th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**CLASS OF 1955**  
**60th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**Robert F. Lima Jr., PhD, '57 CLAS, '61 MA** published *SOME PEOPLE! Anecdotes, Images & Letters of Persons of Interest* featuring encounters with notable figures in the worlds of art, literature, criticism, music, publishing, law, religion and sports. The book is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other retailers.

## 1960s

**CLASS OF 1960**  
**55th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**CLASS OF 1965**  
**50th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**Francis Vangeli '61 CLAS** published three e-books of short stories: *Incidents*, *Incidents 2*, and *Good Guys and Bad Guys*.

**J. Edmund Mullin, Esq., '63 CLAS, '66 VLS**, a member of the law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 in the area of land use and zoning law.

**The Rev. David M. Austin, OSA, '66 CLAS** was formally installed as the prior provincial of

the Australasian Province of the Order of St. Augustine. He is now in his seventh year on the Augustinian Commission for Laity and is vice president of the Asia-Pacific Augustinian Conference.

## 1970s

**CLASS OF 1970**  
**45th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**CLASS OF 1975**  
**40th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**Roy DeCaro '71 CLAS, '74 VLS** participated in the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Masters in Trial demonstration at the Constitution Center. ABOTA is a national organization of plaintiff and defense lawyers dedicated to the preservation of the right to trial by jury. DeCaro has been reappointed as an adjunct professor at Villanova Law School to teach the Substantive Evidence course during the spring semester.

**James C. Schwartzman '72 VLS**, shareholder with Stevens & Lee, has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as a member of the judicial conduct board, which is tasked with review, investigation and prosecution of judicial misconduct complaints.

**Thomas F. Burke Jr. '73 VLS**, president of the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, was honored with the Pennsylvania Bar Association President's Award. It was presented at the association's House of Delegates

meeting Nov. 21, 2014, in Harrisburg.

**Marjorie O. Rendell '73 VLS**, of the 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals, participated in Law Day at Arcadia University as part of a Pennsylvania Bar Association partnership with the Rendell Center for Citizenship and Civics. She led a panel of student justices to whom approximately 60 high school students presented arguments.

**Michael Corso '74 VLS** spoke to faculty and members of the Industrial Advisory Council on the "Rise of the Drones" at Purdue University School of Aeronautics and Astronautics Nov. 8, 2014. The discussion explored the current state of the laws and future legal needs of the aviation community now that unmanned aircraft systems are becoming widely used in commercial applications.

**Robert K. Pearce '74 VLS** joined the Litigation Group at the law firm of Reger Rizzo & Darnall LLP in Wilmington, Del.

**David Itkoff, Esq., '79 VLS** writes an online column, "Asset Management," for *The Legal Intelligencer*.

**Col. James A. King Jr., USAF (Ret.), '79 COE** retired in 2014 from the US Air Force after 30 years of active duty and reserve service. Most recently, he served as senior individual mobilization augmentee to the staff judge advocate at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts. Throughout his career, King has had several assignments,

including a deployment to Iraq, where he served as the ranking judge advocate responsible for managing a coalition of judge advocates providing advice and counsel to coalition advisers and others during the reconstruction of the country's infrastructure. In his civilian capacity, King is lead counsel to the Vertical Lift Division within the Boeing Defense, Space and Security Business Unit of The Boeing Co. in Ridley Township, Pa.

## 1980s

**CLASS OF 1980**  
**35th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**CLASS OF 1985**  
**30th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**Amy B. Barone '80 VSB** was a finalist in the New Women's Voices Chapbook Competition from Finishing Line Press. Her new poetry book, *Kamikaze Dance*, was released in January. She sits on the board of the Italian American Writers Association and is a professional member of PEN American Center.

**Joseph J. McGrory Jr., Esq., '80 VSB**, chairman of the Municipal Law Department at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC, was elected to the board of directors of the Home Builders Association of Berks County, Pa.

**Rear Adm. Mark Handley, USN (Ret.), '81 COE** accepted a position at AECOM located in



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Norfolk, Va., as vice president for federal programs. A former member of the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps who proudly served the Navy Seabees around the world, Handley recently retired after 32 years of service.

**Andrew J. Lucchesi '81 VSB** joined the board of trustees of Chilton Medical Center Foundation, part of Atlantic Health, one of the largest nonprofit health care systems in New Jersey.

**James Pearn '81 VLS** accepted a position at Southern State Community College, located in Hillsboro, Ohio, as an adjunct instructor in Sociology.

**Kathleen D. Wilkinson '81 VLS**, a partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, was honored by the National Diversity Council's Leadership Excellence in the Law Award Sept. 4, 2014. Recipients of the award must have distinguished themselves through their leadership, resolve and outstanding achievements for the benefit of their clients, their collaborators and their communities.

**Larry Goanos, Esq., '84 CLAS** recently published a second insurance book, *D&O 101: Understanding Directors and Officers Liability Insurance—A Holistic Approach*.

**Mark Kearney '84 CLAS, '87 VLS**, president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, was confirmed by the US Senate to serve on the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

**Patrick McGinn '84 CLAS** received his master's in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University in June 2013.

**LuAnn Riegl '84 VSB** married Robert Daniel, PhD.

**Gerald "Jerry" Pappert '85 CLAS**, a former Pennsylvania attorney general, was confirmed by the US Senate to serve on

the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

**Donald Detweiler, Esq., '86 CLAS**, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP in Wilmington, Del., has been named by *Pennsylvania & Delaware Super Lawyers Magazine* as a top attorney in the state of Delaware for 2014.

**Russell R. Gianforcaro '86 VSB** was appointed regional president at AmeriHealth Caritas.

**Michael Wingate Jones '86 CLAS, '90 MBA, '90 VLS** was cast in an on-screen, co-starring role as the casino security specialist in an episode of the Netflix original series *House of Cards*. He is also a practicing lawyer and the managing director of the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival.

**Craig H. Fox '87 VLS**, managing shareholder of Fox and Fox, presented "Collection Law From Start to Finish" at the Continuing Legal Education seminar in Philadelphia Dec. 9, 2014.

**Kevin P. Hanaway '87 MS** joined the practice of Pulmonary & Sleep Associates of South Florida as a nurse practitioner. Certified in adult and geriatric medicine, he will be seeing patients in the office and in two area hospitals.

**Joel Moore '87 MA** retired from a 42-year career and moved to the farming country in Lancaster County, Pa., where he plans to enjoy family, his model railroad and time to guide his writings into a new life through publication. Moore already has published seven books, which are available at [www.upfromcorinth.com](http://www.upfromcorinth.com).

**Pamela Coyle Brecht, Esq., '88 CLAS**, a partner at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP's Philadelphia office, was the featured presenter at the Philadelphia Bar Association's



#### LOVE, VILLANOVA STYLE

This February, the Villanova Annual Fund launched its Villanova Love Stories campaign to celebrate alumni couples. Over 140 couples from across eight decades shared their memories and photos throughout the month. Submissions are showcased on the University's website ([www.villanova.edu/vulovestories](http://www.villanova.edu/vulovestories)) and the Annual Fund's Facebook page ([facebook.com/VillanovaUniversityAnnualGiving](https://facebook.com/VillanovaUniversityAnnualGiving)).

2014 Bench-Bar and Annual Conference in Atlantic City, N.J., Oct. 17, 2014.

**James J. "Jay" Galeota Jr. '88 CLAS**, president of Hospital and Specialty Care, was appointed honorary commander of the 113th Fighter Operations Group, Joint Base Andrews, through the distinguished Joint Base Andrews Honorary Commanders Program. It brings together leaders from the community and military to share experiences, exchange ideas and foster relations.

**Thomas Oxenreiter '88 VSB** welcomed a boy.

**Alfred Carlson '89 VSB** has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2015.

**Mary-Jo B. Gilsdorf '89 VLS** established Gilsdorf Law LLC, located in Glen Mills, Pa.

#### 1990s

**CLASS OF 1990**  
**25th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**CLASS OF 1995**  
**20th Reunion**  
**June 4-7, 2015**

**Paul B. Himmel '90 VLS**, an attorney at Freedman & Lory PC, has been certified by the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Law Section as a specialist in the practice of workers' compensation law.

**Roger A. Demareski '91 CLAS** has been named vice president for Finance and Administration at Lafayette College.

**Eric J. Haner, Esq., '91 CLAS** was elected to a full four-year term as district court judge in Jefferson County, Ky.



TWO ALUMNAE  
ON THE AIR

**Susan Foley Rocco '85 CLAS**, (right) host of the radio show *Women to Watch™* on Talk 860 AM, makes it her mission to inspire and encourage more women to pursue leadership roles around the world. She talks with highly successful women from a variety of professions about their career paths.

In March, she welcomed fellow Villanovan **Maureen Christian Petrosky '97 CLAS**, a popular lifestyle expert with regular appearances on NBC's *Today*. Petrosky is author of *The Wine Club* and *The Cocktail Club*; creator of the Maker Lifestyle website; and columnist. Fans love her accessible and fun approach to making easy yet sophisticated recipes, parties, decorating, food and wine pairings, and, of course, cocktails.



**Debra Rodgers '91 MBA**, senior vice president of Global Risk Management at Aramark, was presented with the 2014 Distinguished Leadership Award by the Insurance Society of Philadelphia at the 22nd Annual Independence Gala.

**Bill Russo '91 VSB** welcomed a boy.

**Jeannine Halphen '92 CLAS** married Joseph John Loehr III.

**Paul Plessé '92 VSB, '97 MBA** retired after 21 years in the finance divisions of Vanguard and Airgas.

**Ann Reilley Gogle '92 VSB** participated in a discussion with financial advisers and *The Wall Street Journal* about how investors can prepare for increased volatility, action by the Federal Reserve, and other investment and tax issues.

**Stephen Romeo '92 CLAS**, of McGrath & Spielberger PLLC,

presented to the Mecklenburg County Bar Lawyers' Luncheon series in North Carolina Nov. 6, 2014, regarding his experiences practicing law in a war zone. He served with the US Army as a JAG officer in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in 2013.

**Michael J. Stack III, Esq., '92 VLS** was elected lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania Nov. 4, 2014.

**Ray Werth '92 MBA** was appointed tax partner at Grant Thornton LLP's New York office.

**Capt. Vincent A. Augelli '93 COE** was promoted to chief of the Cables Branch, secretary of Defense Communications, during a ceremony at the Pentagon Sept. 2, 2014.

**Lisa A. Shearman '94 VLS**, an attorney at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC, presented at the Pennsylvania

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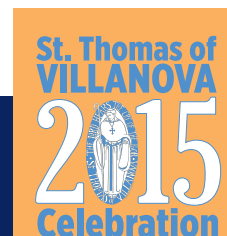


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Visit [www.villanova.edu/stvc](http://www.villanova.edu/stvc) for more information on the St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration and the Day of Service.



Bar Institute's seminar "Act 95: The New POA Law," which provided attendees with an in-depth look at the extensive changes to the Pennsylvania law governing powers of attorney.

**Henry Wallmeyer '94 VSB** joined the National Association of Manufacturers as vice president, Membership.

**Frank J. DiMauro '95 VSB** has been appointed chief operations manager and chief financial officer of SNJ Today.

**Mark Donohue '95 VSB** was named chairman of the board of directors of the National Investor Relations Institute, the world's largest investor relations professional association.

**Christopher Hayevy '96 CLAS** was promoted to vice president of internal audit at Prudential Financial in Newark, N.J.

**Ron Vitale '96 MA** published a fantasy novel, *Found*, the third book in the Cinderella's Secret Diaries series. He is working on his next book, the first in a science fiction series.

**Michael J. Engle, Esq., '97 CLAS**, a partner at Greenblatt, Pierce, Engle, Funt & Flores LLC, was a course planner and moderator of a session at the 2014 Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (PACDL) White Collar Seminar Nov. 13 and 14, 2014. He serves as the co-chair of PACDL's white-collar practice committee and has planned this seminar for the past six years.

**Stephanie Pahides Kalogredis '97 VLS**, of counsel at Lamb McErlane PC, has been appointed to the Wealth Management Division Advisory Board of Bryn Mawr Bank.

**Stephen Bienko '98 CLAS** has been selected as one of NJBIZ's Forty Under 40, which celebrates the top business people in New Jersey. Bienko's company, 42 Holdings LLC,

is the largest owner of College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving franchise territories.

**Marissa DiPetrillo '98 CLAS** published a children's book, *Mr. Peppercorn's Postcards*, with her co-author. The book is available electronically through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and [www.mrpeppercorn.com](http://www.mrpeppercorn.com).

**Tom Donnelly '98 VSB** has been admitted to the partnership at KPMG LLP.

**JoAnn Garbin '98 COE** accepted a position at Aircuity in Boston as vice president of Product Management.

**Tara Mataraza Desmond '98 CLAS** published a third cookbook, *Full Belly: Good Eats for a Healthy Pregnancy*, which is available through Amazon and other major booksellers.

**Brian R. Berg '99 VSB** welcomed twins.

**Giulia Campanaro McPherson '99 CLAS** welcomed a girl.

**Ann Dapra Baisley '99 VSB** welcomed a girl.

**Kenneth Racowski '99 CLAS** has been named by *The Legal Intelligencer* as one of its 2014 "Lawyers on the Fast Track," which recognizes attorneys under the age of 40 who are considered future leaders of the legal community in Pennsylvania.

**Lawrence Weinstein '99 VLS**, partner at Silver & Silver in Ardmore, Pa., recently was elected to the board of supervisors of Northampton Township in Bucks County, Pa.

## 2000s

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**CLASS OF 2005  
10th Reunion  
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## LEADING THE WAY IN THE FINANCIAL MARKET



**Catherine M. Keating '84 CLAS** has been named the CEO of Commonfund, the leading investment manager for not-for-profit investors. Keating brings two decades of senior investment management experience at J.P. Morgan, most recently as head of Investment Management Americas, as well as a long-standing commitment to not-for-profits, including as former chair of the Villanova University Board of Trustees.

In her position as head of Investment Management Americas, J.P. Morgan, Keating was responsible for overseeing one of the largest providers of investment management services, with more than \$700 billion in client assets.

In addition to her Investment Management responsibilities, Keating held several firm-wide positions, including co-chair of the Fiduciary Risk Committee, director of the JPMorgan Chase Foundation and executive sponsor of the firm's Women's Interactive Network.

**Kelly D'Auria '00 CLAS** has been named partner at the law firm Reed Smith LLP.

**Sean Harvey, PhD, '00 CLAS** received his doctorate from William & Mary in 2009 and is an assistant professor at Seton Hall University. Harvey published a book, *Native Tongues: Colonialism and Race From Encounter to the Reservation*, available through Amazon.

**Tara Hooper Saraceno '00 VSB** welcomed a boy.

**Douglas K. Rosenblum '00 VSB, '03 VLS**, a partner at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP, presented "Procedural and Ethical Implications of Blowing the Whistle" at the Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's Annual Forensic and Litigation Services Conference in Valley Forge, Pa. Rosenblum has been selected as a Pennsylvania Super

Lawyer for 2014 in the area of white-collar criminal defense.

**E. Timothy Walker '00 CLAS, '03 VLS** joined the counsel at Tucker Ellis LLP in the firm's office in Denver. His experience includes litigation on behalf of national and international companies in complex commercial disputes, intellectual property matters, product liability disputes and mass tort litigation.

**James Mitchell "Mick" Andzulis, PhD, '01 VSB** graduated in August 2014 with a doctorate in Marketing from the University of Alabama. He recently became an assistant professor of Marketing at Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge, La., where he teaches about sales management, researches sales and technology-related issues. Currently, Dr. Andzulis is working to launch the LSU Professional Sales Institute.



## EYES ON THE STARS

Some people say you know a true star when you see one. **Geoffrey Miclat '03 CLAS** has made a career out of doing just that.

As the casting director on the Academy Award-nominated film *American Sniper*, Miclat screens hundreds of actors and passes his recommendations to the director—in this case, Clint Eastwood. He previously acted as Eastwood's casting director on *Trouble With the Curve* and *Jersey Boys*, and Miclat says the relationship was forged on several earlier film projects.

Although he finds himself frequently in Los Angeles for work, Miclat is based in New York, where he started, scouting emerging acting talent on the Off-Off-Broadway scene for Phyllis Huffman, a veteran casting director. Huffman, a frequent collaborator with Eastwood for over 20 years, passed away in 2006.



**Ryan A. Costello, Esq., '02 VLS** was elected to the US House of Representatives Nov. 4, 2014.

**Jacqueline Sabol Roe '02 VLS** joined the Philadelphia office of Burns White in Health Care and Long-Term Care. She defends physicians and hospitals against professional and general liability claims.

**Christopher Winters '02 VSB** welcomed a boy.

**Jean Marie Bellotti '03 CLAS** married Timothy Westervelt.

**John P. Christopher '03 CLAS** has been promoted to partner at Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker PLLC. He concentrates his practice in the areas of municipal law, zoning and land use planning, real estate law and transactions, and commercial and residential landlord/tenant disputes.

**Nicholas Lazzaruolo '03 VSB** was appointed to audit partner at Grant Thornton LLP's Melville, N.Y., office.

**Alyssa Manning '03 CLAS** married Lance Lacoff.

**Susan Cossette Jamison '04 CON** welcomed a boy.

**Rebecca Koch Gonchar '04 CLAS** welcomed a boy.

**Terese Molinaro Kartholl '05 VSB** married Bradley Kartholl.

**Christopher M. Samis '05 VLS** joined the Business Reorganizations and Bankruptcy practice of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP in Wilmington, Del.

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**Margaret Smith '05 CLAS** married Robert Needham.

**Jason DeSimone '06 MBA** welcomed a boy.

**Jessica Fumanti '06 CLAS** married **Luke Heffernan '06 VSB**.

**Michael M. Herrmann '06 VSB** married Sarah Herrmann.

**Kirsten Rowland '06 CLAS** married John Velezis.

**Nicole Lombardo '07 VSB** married **Mark Giugliano '06 VSB**.

**John F. Heilmann IV '08 VSB** was promoted to manager of tax services at Marcum LLP located in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He received a master's in Taxation from Villanova University in May 2014.

**Hannah Misner '08 CLAS** was appointed to the HEART of Boardwalk board of directors for the CHARG Resource Center.

**Renee Stanco '08 CLAS** married **Thomas Dougherty '13 MBA**.

**Christine Guerrini '09 CLAS** accepted a position at Villanova

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**Rosemarie DiGuido '01 CLAS** married Christopher James Cousino.

**Rebecca Fahrendorf Hawkins '01 COE** welcomed triplet girls.

**Michael McGlenn '01 CLAS** is director of customer accounts at Purdue Pharma LP.

**Michael Metcalfe '01 CLAS, '05 MA** joined the litigation and taxation practice groups at Leech Tishman in Pittsburgh.

**Lauren Sullivan O'Leary '01 CLAS** welcomed a boy.

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## 2010s

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**AJ Buniak '10 VSB** accepted a position at Insperity, located in Washington, D.C., as a business performance adviser.

**Robert Gibiser '10 VSB** was promoted to QIS market risk associate at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in New York City.

**Brianna Ippian '10 VSB** married **Kevin Crimmel '10 CLAS**.

**Caroline Kelly '10 CLAS** received a Juris Doctor degree from New England Law in Boston in May 2014. She graduated cum laude and was a member of the dean's list for 2011-2014.

**Maria Beahan '11 MA** welcomed a boy.

**Joseph W. Catuzzi, Esq., '11 VSB, '14 VLS** joined the law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC as an associate in the Real Estate Department.

**Kelly Lombard '11 COE** is a member of one of the Navy's elite Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams and is deployed to the Horn of Africa in support of CJTF-HOA.

**Taylor A. Smith '11 CLAS** joined Dilworth Paxson LLP as an associate in the company's Tax, Trusts and Estates Departments.

**Michelle Krause '12 CLAS** received a master's in Cinema Studies from New York University in May 2014.

**Michael Rist '12 MBA** and **Albert J. Pizzica '12 MBA** co-authored *Financial Ratios for Executives: How to Assess Company Strength, Fix Problems, and Make Better Decisions*. The

idea for this publication was generated during their work in the Villanova EMBA program and is available for purchase through Amazon and [www.apress.com](http://www.apress.com).

**Victoria Hoang '13 CLAS** has embarked in full-time service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Hoang is serving in the Village of Hope in Dodoma, Tanzania.

**Concetta C. Mineo '13 MS** married **Joshua B. LaPergola '12 MS**. Mineo is a research and evaluation associate for the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State and recently has been published in *Psychology of Women Quarterly* and the *Journal of Women's Health*. LaPergola is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior at Cornell University and recently has been published in the *Wilson Journal of Ornithology* and the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*.

**Marissa Pardue '13 CLAS** is serving with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest at the Tundra Women's Coalition in Bethel, Alaska.

**Thomas J. Raymond '13 MBA** published *The Eloquent Investor: Facts, Quotations, and Useful Sayings About Wall Street*. With more than 13 years of experience in the wealth management industry, Raymond has authored several columns and reports on investment topics and has been quoted in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

**Kiersten Taddeo '13 CLAS** recently was promoted to client relationship specialist at The Madison Square Garden Co. in New York City.

**Anna Burnham '14 CLAS** embarked in full-time service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest. Burnham is working with the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership in Portland, Ore.

**Hannah Caswell '14 CLAS** is volunteering with Jesuit

## MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

**Richard "Rick" Genoni '03 MBA** and **Vincent Fath '03 MBA**, graduates of the Villanova School of Business' Executive MBA program, have started a children's charity, The Dream Factory of Pennsylvania, a chapter of the national organization begun in Kentucky. The Dream Factory is the only children's wish-granting organization that does not limit its mission to children who have life-threatening illness.

The organization believes children with chronic illnesses also suffer from substantial emotional and physical pain. Organizers strive to provide hope and relief from the trauma and corresponding stress and depression that both the children and their families can endure on a day-to-day basis. Doctors agree that providing a dream can improve the quality of life for these children and extend the life of a critically ill child.

Genoni is managing director, head of ETF Product Management, at Legg Mason, a leading global investment company. Fath is vice president, US Sales, at Zimmer, a medical device company.

Volunteer Corps and serving in the Greater Newark Conservancy of Newark, N.J.

**Nicholas F. Ciccone '14 VLS** joined the Philadelphia office of Burns White as an associate in Health Care and Long-Term Care defending nursing homes, health care facilities and medical professionals in nursing home and medical malpractice claims.

**Siobhan Cooney '14 CLAS** is serving as a full-time volunteer in the Catholic Housing Services of the Wintonia in Seattle through Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest.

**Elizabeth McKernan '14 CLAS** is working with STRIVE in Portland, Maine, through Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

**Nina Rizk '14 CLAS** is a full-time service volunteer with Jesuit Volunteer Corps and is working at Alternatives for Girls in Detroit.

**Madeleine A. Wechsler '14 CON** accepted a position as medical-telemetry oncology registered nurse at Thomas

Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Rachel Young '14 CLAS** is working with Catholic Community Services in the Young Parent Healthy Teen Center of Juneau, Alaska, through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

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### ENGINEERING SUCCESS

**Kerry Cooley Bruggemann, PE, LEED, AP, '06 COE** (center), a principal at Michaud Cooley Erickson, was named the 2015 Young Professional Engineer of the Year for the state of Minnesota in February.

The award is designed to recognize outstanding achievements by an engineer who is younger than 35 years of age. Nominees are judged on the basis of educational and collegiate achievements; professional society activities; technical society activities; civil and humanitarian activities; continuing competence; engineering achievements; and professional experience.

She is a board member and former president of the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers and serves on the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors as its youngest member.

**The Rev. Russel J. DeSimone, OSA, '48 CLAS**, Dec. 29, 2014.

**Anthony Menalis '48 CLAS**, Dec. 12, 2014.

**Jonathan Naylor '48 CLAS**, Nov. 9, 2014.

**Jack F. Heilmann Jr. '49 COE**, Dec. 2, 2014.

### 1950s

**Stanley C. Chojnacki '50 CLAS**, Nov. 5, 2014.

**Robert J. Jarvis '50 COE**, Sept. 23, 2014.

**Francis "Larry" Probst Jr. '50 COE**, Sept. 26, 2014.

**Leo J. Hastings, MD, '51 CLAS**, Sept. 11, 2014.

**William R. Huber '51 CLAS**, Nov. 21, 2014.

**Stanley J. Pandza '51 VSB**, Sept. 19, 2014.

**Frederick C. Achenbach '52 COE**, Oct. 8, 2014.

**Thomas A. Armstrong '52 VSB**, Aug. 8, 2014.

**Thomas A. Briody '52 COE**, Oct. 24, 2014.

**Kenneth W. Margiotta '52 VSB**, Nov. 28, 2014.

**John H. Pickering '52 VSB**, Nov. 9, 2014.

**John F. Salisbury, Esq., '52 CLAS**, Sept. 7, 2014.

**Charles S. Vogan '52 VSB**, Nov. 4, 2014.

**Richard Zielinski '52 COE**, July 22, 2014.

**Arthur L. Divittis, PhD, '53 CLAS**, Oct. 11, 2014.

**George B. Merkert '53 COE**, Feb. 19.

**Peter Argueso '54 CLAS**, Oct. 27, 2014.

**Thomas J. Cush, DDS, '54 CLAS**, Nov. 5, 2014.

**James Hilferty '54 VSB**, Jan. 9.

**Joseph Ranieri '54 COE**, Dec. 3, 2014.

**Charles Spencer '54 VSB**, Dec. 1, 2014.

**Theodore J. Forhecz '55 CLAS**, Oct. 28, 2014.

**John F. Groves '55 VSB**, Aug. 14, 2014.

**Thomas J. McCarthy '55 COE**, Jan. 6, 2013.

**Eugene M. McDonald '55 VSB**, Oct. 5, 2014.

**Thomas A.J. McInerney '56 VSB**, June 20, 2014.

**Matthew Hulbert '57 CLAS**, Oct. 31, 2014.

**Martin J. Kelly '57 VSB**, July 12, 2014.

**John R. Witt '58 COE**, Oct. 27, 2014.

**Robert A. Best '59 VSB**, Dec. 23, 2014.

**Gregory Dean '59 CLAS, '62 VLS**, Dec. 19, 2014.

**Joseph G. Glennon Jr. '59 VSB**, Jan. 13, 2013.

**Robert F. McBryan '59 COE**, Nov. 25, 2014.

**Lawrence A. Seaver '59 VSB**, Sept. 7, 2014.

### 1960s

**William A. Eberle '60 VSB**, Nov. 26, 2014.

**Alan Fisher '60 CLAS**, Oct. 12, 2014.

**Michael McShea '60 COE**, Oct. 25, 2014.

**John R. Mulcahy '60 VSB**, Dec. 18, 2014.

**David Brecht '61 CLAS**, Sept. 6, 2014.

**James Corley '61 VSB**, Nov. 19, 2014.

**Michael J. Keating, Esq., '61 CLAS**, June 29, 2014.

## In Memoriam

### 1940s

**Michael W. Cuskey Jr. '40 VSB**, Sept. 19, 2014.

**Walter E. Kelly '40 COE**, July 20, 2014.

**Justin M. Rubin, MD, '40 CLAS**, May 27, 2014.

**Charles M. Clancy '41 CLAS**, Oct. 17, 2014.

**Daniel P. Dalina '41 COE**, June 3, 2014.

**Robert S. Ayerle, MD, '42 COE**, Nov. 6, 2014.

**John Madison '42 CLAS**, Feb. 22, 2011.

**Andrew J. Melton Jr. '42 VSB**, Oct. 15, 2014.

**George P. Cain '43 COE**, Jan. 10.

**Jacques E. "Jake" Mauch '43 CLAS**, Oct. 20, 2014.

**Joseph F. O'Donnell '43 COE**, Jan. 4.

**George Scanlon '45 CLAS**, July 13, 2014.

**George W. Famiglietti '46 VSB**, Sept. 16, 2014.

**C. Donald Bradburn '48 COE**, May 19, 2014.

**John Malriat '61 COE,**  
Aug. 8, 2011.

**John McDonnell '61 CLAS,**  
Dec. 3, 2014.

**Eugene Alessandrone '62  
VLS,** Nov. 25, 2014.

**Arthur J. Davie '62 VSB,**  
Sept. 20, 2014.

**Raymond J. Fernandez III,  
'62 VSB,** Dec. 24, 2014.

**Mary Heck '62 MA,**  
March 27, 2013.

**Kenneth Resinski '63 CLAS,**  
Dec. 15, 2013.

**Richard Jasin '64 VSB,**  
Dec. 6, 2014.

**Paul W. Chipello '65 COE,**  
Dec. 25, 2014.

**Sandy Lange '65 CON,**  
June 5, 2011.

**Francis Blanche '66 CLAS,**  
April 30, 2014.

**James Miller '66 MA,**  
Nov. 4, 2014.

**Ronald Anzalone '67 COE,**  
Sept. 12, 2014.

**Patrick J. McAndrew, DO,  
'67 CLAS,** Dec. 31, 2014.

**William M. Ward '67 VSB,**  
Dec. 27, 2014.

**Patricia S. Wright '67 MS,**  
July 4, 2014.

**Gerald A. Inglesby, Esq., '68  
CLAS, '69 MA,** Dec. 30, 2014.

**Arthur Ludington '69 CLAS,**  
Sept. 15, 2014.

**Robert Stachnik, PhD, '69  
CLAS,** Nov. 29, 2014.

**Richard C. Steele '69 COE,**  
Aug. 20, 2014.

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## 1970s

**Thomas M. Barcellona '70  
VSB,** Oct. 8, 2014.

**Sister Rose Immaculate Waller,  
OSE, '70 MS,** Oct. 21, 2014.

**Joan D. Courtless '71 MS,**  
Dec. 23, 2014.

**Sister Francis Gerald Wirth  
'71 MA,** Dec. 31, 2014.

**Francis J. Dee '72 CLAS,**  
Oct. 4, 2014.

**William H. Cochrane '73  
CLAS,** Dec. 23, 2014.

**Rocco M. Nigro, Esq., '75  
CLAS, '78 VLS,** Dec. 16, 2014.

**Sister Marie Cecile Pokorski  
'75 MA,** Dec. 31, 2014.

**Allan White '75 VSB,**  
Dec. 3, 2013.

**James P. Murray '76 VSB,**  
Dec. 23, 2014.

**Walter L. Kollar Jr. '77 COE,**  
Dec. 26, 2013.

**The Rev. Charles Engelhardt,  
OSFS, '79 MA,** Nov. 15, 2014.

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## 1980s

**Sister Emilie R. Leboeuf, SSJ,  
'80 MA,** Nov. 17, 2014.

**Michael J. Rozanski '80  
CLAS,** Sept. 20, 2014.

**Donald J. Koestler Jr. '83  
CLAS,** Sept. 9, 2014.

**Courtney King '86 CLAS,**  
Oct. 22, 2014.

**Louis T. D'Ambrosio '87  
COE,** Dec. 22, 2013.

**Scott E. Fleming '87 CLAS,**  
Sept. 27, 2014.

**Adriane Glodek Kraemer '87  
CLAS,** Dec. 31, 2014.

**Rebecca W. Blouch '88 CON,**  
Oct. 28, 2014.

**Mary Cahill Clarke '88 VSB,**  
Oct. 16, 2014.

**Kevin J. Healey '88 VSB,**  
Dec. 23, 2014.

**Mary Jane Sloderbeck '88  
MS,** Feb. 17, 2014.

**Maryjane Woodruff Woods  
'88 MS,** Nov. 25, 2014.

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## 1990s

**Michael J. Renga '91 COE,**  
Oct. 9, 2014.

**William Russell Watson '92  
CLAS, '94 MA,** Nov. 29, 2012.

**Noelle Rasmussen Gibson '93  
CLAS,** Oct. 28, 2014.

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## 2000s

**J. DeVan '00 MA,** Oct. 29, 2014.

**Allison Leigh Occhiuzzi '00  
CLAS,** Dec. 24, 2014.

**Erin Carty Lieber '02 VSB,**  
Nov. 27, 2014.

**Pamela Woolfrey Rock '03  
MSN,** Jan. 1.

**Charles Cerasia '09 VSB,**  
Sept. 2, 2014.

**Kristine Hoeldtke '09 CON,**  
Jan. 1.

**Kerri Holbrook '14 CLAS,**  
Sept. 21, 2014.

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## Students

**Danny A. McCormick COE,**  
Feb. 11.

**Brian Shields COE,** Feb. 20.

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# GEORGE RAVELING

Villanova Magazine chats with Wildcat standout George Raveling '60 VSB, Nike's director of International Basketball and possessor of the "I Have a Dream" speech, about his extraordinary life.

## Describe your Villanova experience.

What I prized most was that Villanova showed more interest in me as a person and student than as a basketball player. Coach Al Severance taught us life lessons. The best four years of my life were at Villanova because it set the foundation for the rest of my life. My introduction to coaching was on Jack Kraft's staff. My responsibility was recruiting, which was my way of repaying Villanova for everything it did for me.

## How did you end up with the "I Have a Dream" speech?

I was a security guard assigned to the podium, so I was right up close to Martin Luther King. When he finished speaking, he was folding the speech. I don't know why, but I asked him for it, and he handed it to me. It was a stroke of luck, and I ended up with an amazing document.

## What does owning the speech mean to you?

I view myself as the protector of the speech. I don't think it's mine. It's America's. It's just in my hands. For 50 years I've been standing guard. I've never wanted to profit off it, and I've always said I'll never sell it.

## Why do you consider yourself an educator rather than a coach?

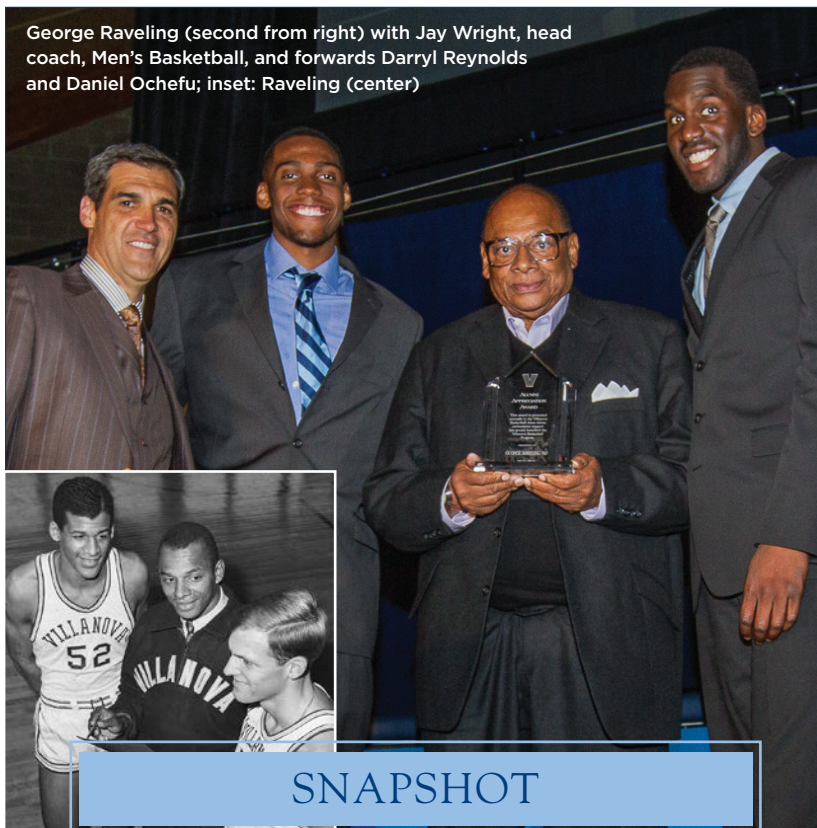
I used to tell kids I was recruiting that they could go anywhere to learn to shoot, play defense, rebound and win games. If they played for me, it would be a unique experience. I'd help them grow into adults and prepare their skills so that, regardless of what happened, they'd be productive citizens. The primary job of coaches is to help young people fulfill their goals in life.

## Describe your role as Nike's director of International Basketball.

I oversee the growth of global basketball, ensuring we have the best assets—players, coaches, federations and events. My biggest contributions have been at the grass-roots level. I had the opportunity to build the program from scratch, and it's continued to prosper.

## What is your proudest achievement?

Being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is the most authentic recognition for services to the game of basketball, and I feel like one of the luckiest guys in the world that someone thinks I deserve it. But my proudest achievement is graduating from Villanova. My parents never graduated from high school, and I had no idea I would go to college until schools started offering me basketball scholarships. To be the first person in my family to graduate from college is my proudest achievement. I think the litmus test for where you went to college is, if you had the chance to do it again, would you choose the same school? There's no doubt I would choose Villanova. ■



George Raveling (second from right) with Jay Wright, head coach, Men's Basketball, and forwards Darryl Reynolds and Daniel Ochefu; inset: Raveling (center)

## SNAPSHOT

George Raveling has built a remarkable career around basketball: as a player, coach and executive.

### WILDCATS CAREER

Forward, 1957–60; ranks 11th all-time for career rebounds (835); assistant coach to Jack Kraft

### HEAD COACHING CAREER

Washington State University (1972–83), University of Iowa (1983–86); USC (1986–94)

### HONORS

Inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame; received the John W. Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award from—and was elected to—the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame; won the Alumni Appreciation Award at the 2014 Men's Basketball Banquet

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