Our Vision for the Next Decade

Villanova University’s Strategic Plan 2020–2030

Rooted in our Augustinian Catholic values.

Restless in our desire to ignite change.

We look to the future …

A truly great academic institution must always seek to evolve and advance. This 10-year strategic plan—driven by our shared vision for Villanova—will continue to propel our University forward to a new level of success. A platform from which we, as an institution, can reach higher in serving our students, community and world.

Developed through an open and community-based process, the plan has been guided and strengthened by the active participation of more than 5,000 faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents and friends. It will guide the University forward into our next era by building upon our strengths and enhancing the Villanova experience for the entire community.

As we soar, we never lose sight of the Augustinian values and traditions upon which Villanova was built. We remain deeply rooted in the traditions and history that forged this community, and ever restless to become an even greater Villanova.

“Together, we will make this vision for the future a reality. We are the faces of this community. We are the heart and mind of this strategic plan.”

—The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75, University President
ROOTED.

Villanova’s Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition is the cornerstone of a transformative academic experience dedicated to the continuous development of the whole person. These values inform every aspect of the Villanova experience, serving as the guidepost for a community of learners who are driven to think critically, solve problems, act compassionately and succeed while serving others.

RESTLESS.

Augustine’s restless, searching heart echoes on campus and within Villanovans. Unrivaled in higher education, Villanova’s academic experience supports students as they search for truth through knowledge and discover their unique paths. It is an intellectual and holistic journey that positively impacts character formation and readies Villanovans for lifelong success both personally and professionally.

STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

As we begin this journey together—and propel Villanova to new heights—it is essential that we also focus on our foundation, the platform from which we seek to achieve our goals and allow our aspirations to flourish. It is ultimately the strength of our foundation that will provide the necessary support for our new strategic plan and ensure the continuation of Villanova’s upward momentum.

Our new Strategic Plan sets forth an exciting path for the next chapter in the University’s history. It is a plan that honors our past and our Augustinian Catholic values; embraces our present and Villanova’s distinctive experience and exceptional value; and charts our future, which we will realize with focus, drive and determination.