Overview
This newsletter provides members of the Villanova University Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha important information regarding the Chapter’s development and progress. In lieu of meeting minutes, this newsletter is posted tri-annually (September, June, January) to detail the communications about relevant topics discussed and decisions made by the Chapter’s officers.

Fall and Spring Meetings
Two meetings are scheduled for the 2011-2012 academic year. All current members of the Villanova Chapter, all MPA program members, alumni/ae, and any other interested parties are invited to attend both meetings which will be held in the Louis De Lyon Room of the St. Augustine Center (#300). The meeting dates and agendas are as follows:

Fall Meeting: Thursday, September 15th, 2011 @ 7:30-9:00 PM
Fall Colloquium- “The Vocation to Public Service”

Spring Meeting: Thursday, March 15th, 2012 @ 7:30-9:00 PM
Networking and Career Seminar

Fall Colloquium
The VU-PAA Fall Colloquium will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 7:30 – 9 pm in the St. Augustine Center, Room # 300. Entitled “The Vocation to Public Service,” the annual Colloquium explores the motivation for public service and public service as an honorable life's calling. In recognition of the speaker’s contributions and achievements, the Chapter awards the speaker an Honorary Membership in the Pi Alpha Alpha Villanova University Chapter. Vince Stango, MPA ’01, Chief Operating Officer for the National Constitution Center, is this year’s guest speaker. Refreshments and social gathering will begin at 7:30 pm.

A Message from the President
I am honored to serve as President of the Villanova Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha for the 2011-2012 academic year. I am eager and excited to get this year’s Chapter events underway! My hope is that the Fall Colloquium will inspire and motivate MPA students, alumni, and faculty to continue committing their lives to public service. Then, looking forward to the spring semester, my hope is that the Networking Event will connect current MPA students with Villanova alumni and local civil servants to enhance career opportunities and to form networks leading to future employment. With the help of Kate Herron (Secretary), Father Jacobs (Advisor), and Dr. Christine Palus (Director of the MPA program), I look forward to another successful year for the Chapter. I also hope to meet or reconnect with all of the Chapter’s members at the Fall Colloquium on September 15. If you haven’t already done so, please RSVP!
Pi Alpha Alpha
Villanova University Chapter
Membership Roster
2011-2012

Christopher C. Bashore  Student
Paul Bonfanti  Alumni
Christopher M. Campbell  Alumni
Nicholas A. Ceconni  Alumni
Kathleen L. Cullen  Student
Donald A. Delamater  Alumni
Alyson D. Fick  Alumni
Meredith Fretz – Merino  Alumni
Himali P. Gandhi (President)  Student
Rachel Gold  Alumni
Pamela Gural-Bear  Alumni
Christena Hamilton  Alumni
Ryan C. Heffernan  Alumni
Kate Herron (Secretary)  Student
Christopher R. Hoffman  Alumni
Kevin M. Huse  Student
Richard M. Jacobs, OSA (Chapter Advisor)  Faculty
Danielle Johnson  Alumni
James J. Kelly III  Alumni
Tara Kleppinger  Student
Erin M. Kuchar  Student
Michael J. Lapinski  Student
Amy T. Layman  Alumni
Carolyn McCreary  Alumni
Jennifer E. McCrindle  Alumni
Brian J. McLaughlin  Alumni
David J. Mrochka  Alumni
Stephanie Nissen  Alumni
Jamie Orose  Alumni
Natalie L. Silver  Alumni
Christine Volkay-Hildtich  Alumni
Khloe C. Williams  Alumni

Mark your calendar:

March 15th, 2012 @ 7:30 pm

Spring Networking/Career Panel

The Chapter event takes place on March 15th in the Louis de Lyon room of the St. Augustine Center (#300). The topic of this annual event is “Networking and Career Opportunities.” Three panelists, including Villanova MPA Alumni as well as some faculty/adjunct professors, will offer their perspectives concerning how MPA students might begin networking for a career in Public Administration and Public Service. An off-campus, post-event is scheduled to follow immediately after the event. Detailed information and official invitations will be distributed early in the New Year.

Pi Alpha Alpha Website

You can visit the National PAA webpage at http://www.naspaa.org/initiatives/honor.asp

Access to the PAA webpage is also available on the MPA website. This website will provide information and important details concerning Pi Alpha Alpha events and development, as well as links to outside resources for members, faculty, and visitors.

http://www.villanova.edu/artsci/psc/graduate/mpa/PAA