Upcoming Events

Induction Ceremony
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 5:30 pm
The Inn at Villanova

Graduate University Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 1 pm

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 (August, January, June) to communicate to members the relevant topics discussed and decisions made by the Chapter’s officers.

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VU-PAA Library of Webinars

The VU-PAA Webinar Series has been made available online. Checkout a few of the available titles below at:

https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/publicadmin/mpanews/student_life/paa.html

Taming APA Style
Barbara Quintiliano, Instructional Design & Nursing Librarian
Falvey Memorial Library, Villanova University

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Basics
Maria Miranda, MPA

Crisis Management (Event + Response = Opportunity)
Lou Kassa, VP, COO
Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, and Hepatitis B Foundation
Tell us a little bit about your experience in the MPA program.

I had a terrific experience in the MPA program. I connected with students from different backgrounds and learned their perspectives on issues affecting the public sector. I also learned new qualitative research methods which I later implemented in my family's nonprofit, the Rip City Foundation. Moreover, as a part time student, I was very intentional with connecting with other students in the program. I took advantage of study groups, library sessions and late night dinners. Each gave me unique opportunities to spend time with individuals in my class and get to know them on a more personal level. I thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with people from diverse environments and realized how much we had in common.
Could you provide some biographical information about your current job?

In May of 2016 I joined the Bradley Women's Basketball coaching staff as the team's Recruiting Coordinator. I came to The Hilltop after spending the previous five seasons as an Assistant Coach at Winthrop University. During my time in Rock, Hill, S.C., the Eagles posted four winning seasons and owned a 57-39 (.593) record in Big South Conference play. I have helped the Braves improve their overall win total in both campaigns. In 2016-17 Leti Lerma, who was the program’s first First-Team All-MVC selection since 2008-09, became Bradley’s all-time leading rebounder. In addition, my recruiting efforts have paid off with the Braves producing a pair of MVC All-Freshman Team selections in Chelsea Brackmann (2016-17) and Gabi Haack (2017-18).

In what ways did VU's MPA program assist in preparing you for it?

The program prepared me in my current job due to its high regard of ethical leadership principles. Ethics plays a major role in managing a team and influence areas such as recruitment, team standards, and team culture on a basketball team. This emphasis groomed me in becoming an effective leader on and off the floor and improved my commitment to my role and responsibility as a college coach.

What advice do you have for current MPA students?

Network with as many people as you can while you are there. My classmates were the reason I pushed myself in every class. They challenged me to expand my thinking and take on diverse viewpoints while, finding commonality between them when problem solving. My experience in the Villanova MPA played an integral role into my career development and I found the program both enriching and enlightening.
In Memory of Adam Swope, MPA '16, the Adam Swope Memorial Book Scholarship Award was created by the Villanova MPA program. It was first awarded to MPA student Laura Matthews at the 18th Annual MPA Dinner on April 28, 2018. The purpose of the scholarship is to honor Adam’s dedication to public service by providing funding to graduate students to help cover the cost of textbooks. Laura will use this scholarship towards the cost of her Fall 2018 textbooks.

Several MPA alumni have joined together to pledge gifts, with the hope that the scholarship can be granted twice a year - for the Fall and Spring semesters. With support from alumni who knew Adam and the larger Villanova MPA community, we are committed to igniting change for current and future Villanova MPA students. Please consider supporting Adam’s memory with a check donation addressed to the Villanova MPA program and earmarked for the “Adam Swope Memorial Book Scholarship.” The suggested bi-annual gift is $50.00.

Please mail your check to the MPA program at the following address:
Dr. Catherine Wilson, Department of Public Administration
Villanova University
800 Lancaster Avenue
Villanova, PA 19085

Thank you for your support by remembering Adam and the wonderful man that dedicated his life to public service.
Toll Lege Circle

Kudos to the Seven Members of VU-PAA’s Toll Lege Circle!

Travis Akers
Kenneth DeTreux, USMC
Ryan C. Heffernen
Christian Isham
Richard M. Jacobs, OSA
Adam Kuczynski
Kathryn Monet

Membership Renewals

Thank You to all who Renewed their Membership during the Annual Membership Drive!

Sidney Aiken
Andrew Butash
Anabel Barragan
Bridget Boston
Parris E. Bradley
Sydney Camisa
Christopher M. Campbell
Robert Clark
Jason Clark
Andrea Cohen
Karlene Crawford
Marshall Crawford
Donald A. Delamater
Deidra Duncan
Jeff Eastman
Laura Elseroad
Katie Fischer
Robert Fogel
Sarah Galbally
Joshua Goihl
David Grady
Emily Hatcher-McCloskey
Christena Hamilton
Stephen M. Hertz
Thomas Higginbotham
Christopher R. Hoffman
Robert Hudak
Andrew Jones
John Kobell
Jelena Kucelin
Levi P. Landis
Shane Lavin
Amy Layman
Mike Lontoc
Glen Luciano
Andrew Maylor
Carolyn McCreary
Maria Miranda
Judi Mosso
David J. Mrochko
Keith Nguyen
Rigaud Noel
Christine O’Hare
Sara O’Leary
Andrew W. Oles
Himali P. Pandaya (Ghandi)
Michael Phinney
Stephanie Piechowiak
Andrew Michael Rein
Ernest Rojas
Natalie L. Silver
Timothy Smith
Audrey Seger Sprain
Bailey Stark
Catherine Thompson
Nicholas Tumolo
Elise Turner
Nathan Vader Wyse
Christine Volkay-Hilditch
Matthew R. Von Der Hayden
Deidre Wilson
Jean Wintz-Dabney
Janet Wong
Kristen Wynn-Stellfox