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 the relevant topics discussed and decisions made by the Chapter’s officers.

Inside this issue:
- Overview 1
- Spring ‘18 Calendar of Events 1
- Fall Career & Networking Panel 1
- VU-PAA Membership Notes 2
- VU-PAA Role of Honor 3
- VU–PAA Professional Development Webinars and You 3
- VU-PAA 2018 Spring Colloquium Speaker 4
- Alumna in the Spotlight: Karlene Crawford 5
- From the “alia et varia” file 6

Spring 2018 Calendar of Events
Save the dates for our upcoming Spring 2018 events!

Webinar — February 20th — 12 noon
Spring Induction Ceremony—May 17th—5:00 pm
Fall Career & Networking Panel Recap
This year’s Fall 2017 Career & Networking Panel, “Finding Your Vocation in Public Service,” featured Emma Hertz (MPA ’15), Amy Layman, (MPA ’05), and Andy Oles (MPA ’15). Michael Mastrangelo moderated the panel. Those in attendance learned how the vocation to public service can manifest itself into a variety of careers.

For those not able to participate in this event, the video is available at: https://youtu.be/BKExVG9fyLA

2016-2017 Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter Officers
Chapter Advisor: Fr. Richard M. Jacobs, OSA
Adam is the first VU-PAA member to have died, raising the question about how the Chapter might memorialize not only Adam but also other deceased members in the future.

Suggestions have included:

1. **A memorial fund.** If a deceased’s family is amenable, to direct memorial contributions to VU-PAA in that member’s memory. Those funds would be directed to the Endowment with a notation of the deceased’s memorial fund.

2. **Tolle Lege Circle Memorial Membership:** If a deceased’s family is amenable, to direct $500 in memorial contributions to VU-PAA in that member’s memory. The member would be named and identified as a member of the Tolle Lege Circle in the Annual Induction Program as well as on the Tolle Lege Circle plaque.

3. **Solicitation of members:** In lieu of #1 and #2, the Chapter’s leaders would solicit all inducted VU-PAA members for a contribution. Depending upon the amount donated, a memorial fund or Tolle Lege Circle Memorial Membership would be established.

A memorial is a wonderful way to honor VU-PAA members who have died and to enshrine them in the Chapter’s history. Of course, there are other options. Members are invited to share their ideas about what might be the best way to memorialize deceased VU-PAA members with Fr. Jacobs (richard.jacobs@villanova.edu).

As this concerns a memorial for Adam Swope, however, the third suggestion seems to be the only option at this time and under these circumstances. VU-PAA members who are interested in making a contribution in Adam’s memory are invited to contract Fr. Jacobs directly.
Thank you to each VU-PAA member who renewed their membership in 2017!

TLC = Tolle Lege Circle “Lifetime” Member  * = Made an additional contribution

TLC Akers, Travis  TLC Kuczynski, Adam
TLC Isham, Christian  TLC Monet, Kathryn
TLC Jacobs, OSA, Fr. Richard*

Baldini, Karyn  Johnson, Danielle  Noel, Rigaud
Barragan, Anabel  Kane, Emily  Oles, Andrew W
Boston, Bridget  Ketterer, Sobha*  Owen-Cadwalader, Ashley
Bradley, Parris E.  Kowalski, Jeffrey M.  Parvin, Lisa
Carey, Robert*  Kucelin, Jelena  Phinney, Michael
Cohen, Andrea*  Lavin, Shane*  Piechowiak, Stephanie*
Crawford, Karlene  Layman, Amy T.  Rein, Andrew Michael
Croft, Kurt  Lombardi, Julianna  Runfeldt, Michael
Delamater, Donald A.*  Lontoc, Mike*  Schoenfelt, Matthew
Duncan, Deidra  Lynch, Fran  Silver, Natalie L.
Eastman, Jeff  Mancini, Marianne  Smith, Timothy
Evans, Kamira  Mastrangelo, Michael  St. Germain, Robin
Fick, Alyson D.*  McCreary, Carolyn  Stellfox, Kristen*
Fogel, Robert*  McLaughlin, Brian J.  Thai, Quyen*
Galbally, Sarah*  Meadors, Nicholas  Tumulo, Nicholas
Gandhi-Pandya, Himali P.*  Mentry, Edward M.*  Vader Wyse, Nathan
Grady, David  Miranda, Maria  Volkay-Hilditch, Christine
Hailar, John  Mosso Judi  von der Hayden, Matthew R.
Harper, Kathryne  Moyer, Katherine*  Weinberger, Lynn
Hatcher, Emily  Mrochko, David J.*  Wilson, Deirdre
Hertz, Stephen M.  Nguyen, Keith  Wright, Samantha

This year, 66 members (or ~42%) renewed their membership in VU-PAA! Many thanks to those who did and a special thanks to those also made additional an contribution to the VU-PAA endowment. It has grown to about 13% of its $100,000 goal in just five years.

VU-PAA Professional Development Webinars and You!

Calling all VU-PAA alums! If you have a special professional skill or experience that you have learned from your work, we’d encourage you to share it through a professional development webinar with the entire Villanova MPA community. A webinar can be live or taped and be a “one shot” event or “series” of structured presentations. To date, Rich Knoezer and Lou Kassa have hosted webinars.

If you'd be interested in presenting a VU-PAA webinar, please contact Fr. Jacobs at richard.jacobs@villanova.edu.
Villanova University Pi Alpha Alpha presents:

The Vocation to Public Service

Guest Speaker:

PA Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.

Senator Rafferty currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and is a member of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure and Law and Justice Committees. Senator Rafferty has previously served on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and in 2013 was appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve on the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. Senator Rafferty was also a key player in recent efforts to comprehensively rewrite, improve, and strengthen Pennsylvania’s child protection laws. He has also fought hard for the protection of children and communities with his sponsorship of Jessica’s Law and his strong support of improvements to Megan’s Law.

Date: Thursday March 22, 2018
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: TBA

Please join us afterwards at Gullifly’s (1149 E Lancaster Ave.) in Rosemont.

RSVP by March 16, 2018 to publicadmin@villanova.edu
Space is limited and the event is expected to fill quickly so RSVP as soon as possible.

Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA) is a national honor society which promotes excellence in the study of public administration and encourages public service. The Villanova Chapter, chartered in March 2010, hosts bi-monthly meetings to provide educational and informational sessions for PAA members as well as the Villanova Master of Public Administration (MPA) students, alumni, faculty, and University administrators.
What made you choose Villanova for your MPA degree?

After extensive research, I chose Villanova for three reasons—rigor, authenticity and name recognition. When you are at a certain level in your career, getting to the next tier can be challenging. To succeed, you must be confident, be relentless in your ability to think outside of the box—be authentically you. I needed a program and a school that could propel me to that next level. Villanova’s MPA program aligned perfectly with my career goals and the name recognition of being an alumnus of such a prestigious University helped to seal the decision.

Any anecdotal stories about your experience in the MPA program?

My husband and I progressed through the program together and all I can say is thank goodness that we really “like” each other. Surely, if not for love, we would have been divorced by the time we finished the program. The Villanova MPA program truly engages your worldview. Many evenings after our classes ended, we would continue discussions way into the middle of the night. I remember one very distinct debate during a Research and Analysis class regarding the philosophy of knowledge. Based on each classmate’s opinion and arguments, somehow during the night, three or more factions had formed, and needless to say, my husband and I were on different invisible sides. The entire class was in a frenzy that evening as scolding, feverish, passionate and intellectually stimulating arguments were mounted on all fronts. This is what being a student at Villanova does. It allows independent thinking and brings your authenticity to the forefront so that you can be confident in your views and who you are as a Public Administration professional. Every class over the duration of the MPA program will heighten your critical thinking skills.

Tell us a little bit about your job. How has your Villanova MPA degree helped you in your career?

In summer 2015, my husband accepted a permanent change of duty station (PCS) to Okinawa, Japan and I accepted an Administrative Officer (AO) position with the Department of Defense Education Activity. As an AO, I oversaw operational functions for the Marine Corps military dependent schools on the Island. From mitigating and supervising staffing activities, to facilities and procurement management, I ensured that leadership at the school level focused on the business of educating without any operational distractions. After two years in the AO position, I am now the Program Analyst to the Pacific Director of Student Excellence. In this position, I act as an Ombudsman and Subject Matter Expert on key issues that impact all DoDEA schools, students and employees throughout the Pacific region (Japan, Korea, Okinawa and Guam).

Having a Master’s Degree from Villanova has certainly given me the confidence, which is required in my current position, to excel. I am steadfast in my beliefs and action, in that I can be argumentative and authoritative, yet respectful. Just the confidence that is gained knowing that you have earned the right to sit at the table is phenomenal. Without a doubt, being a graduate of a prestigious school has helped to reinforce my brand as a critical thinker, an ethical leader and trusted employee. In fact, just knowing that I am a Villanova grad has really boosted my self-confidence. So much so, that I felt empowered to apply to my current position, a highly coveted advancement that allows me to work directly with a Senior Executive Level leader (SES).

My diploma hangs in my office, proudly and from time to time people come up to me in awe and I get the proverbial, “You went to Villanova?” Name recognition is a big deal!

Any advice for current MPA students?

Be brave, be audacious, enjoy the experience, enjoy your classmates and speak up! Everyone’s journey is different, but make your journey mean something— and not just to you, but to others. Be your original self, but ensure that worthiness, ethics and the audacity to challenge yourself is never lost. If you have not learned these life lessons as yet, you will. Like me, the MPA program at Villanova will engage your worldview; it is just not possible to complete the program without engaging this core.

By the way, I am happy to report that Marshall and I are still married and we both love being Wildcats!
Pi Alpha Alpha Websites

Be sure to check out Pi Alpha Alpha’s National Website! Here you can stay updated on PAA news, learn about scholarship opportunities and awards, and more!

The VU-PAA Chapter has its own website which provides information and important details regarding PAA events and development, as well as links to various resources for members, faculty,

VU-PAA Service Project Discontinued

After three years, the service project at Cradles to Crayons in Conshohocken sponsored by VU-PAA on behalf of the MPA community has been discontinued. The number of volunteers was deemed insufficient for the amount of time and work required to sponsor the annual event.

The webinar series will replacing the service project which VU-PAA will sponsor each fall and spring semester for the MPA community.

From the “alia et varia” file:

Pictures from the Fall 2017 Career & Networking Panel

Amy Layman, Emma Hertz, and Andy Oles share a lighthearted moment reflecting with a member of the audience about a shared experience that seems not to have changed over the past two decades.

Current MPA student and US Army Sergeant First Class Michael Mastrangelo served as the Panel’s Moderator

Cradles to Crayons

Pictures from the Fall 2017 Career & Networking Panel

Current MPA student and US Army Sergeant First Class Michael Mastrangelo served as the Panel’s Moderator

Cradles to Crayons