2012 Fall Colloquium

On Thursday October 11, 2012, we held our annual Fall Colloquium: A Vocation to Public Service. Pedro Ramos, Chairman of the School District of Philadelphia’s School Reform Commission, was the keynote speaker. Mr. Ramos spoke about how his childhood and educational experiences motivated him to take an active role in the public sector. If you were unable to attend the Colloquium, you can listen to Mr. Ramos’ remarks here.

In recognition of his contributions and achievements, we awarded Mr. Ramos an honorary membership in the Pi Alpha Alpha Villanova University Chapter.

2013 Induction

On Thursday, May 13, we will induct our fourth class of PAA members.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least 18 credit hours and have a minimum GPA of 3.8.

Networking Opportunity

The national Pi Alpha Alpha office is encouraging all members to connect via their Linked-In group.

If you have a Linked-In account, simply click here. You will be asked to enter your induction year so that the group administrators can verify your membership.

This is a great opportunity for Villanova PAA members to connect with MPA graduates around the country.

Mark Your Calendar!

On March 14, 2013 from 7:30pm-9:00pm we will be hosting our annual Spring Career and Networking Event!

MPA alumni from the nonprofit, local government, and private sectors will be on hand to discuss their careers. They will cover such topics as best practices for developing connections and networks within specific public sectors, recommendations for job searches and interview techniques, and barriers and challenges confronting current and future employees. This year’s event will feature:

- Brian Posey, Associate State Director – Advocacy, AARP (MPA ‘07)
- Melissa Shafer, Borough Manager, Borough of Chalfont (MPA ’08)
- Christa Cobb, Associate Specialist, Business/Technical Analyst, Global Health Division, Merck (MPA ’11)

In addition to the panel, a representative from Villanova’s Career Services will talk about how her office can help MPA students and alumnae with their job and internship searches.

The Spring Career and Networking Event, which is being held in Bartley Hall, Room 1001, is the second of two annual events focusing on exploring public service motivation and public service as a vocational calling. To reserve your spot, please RSVP by March 8, 2013 at spalbaal@villanova.edu.