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

Spring Networking Event

VU–PAA’s Networking and Career Seminar is right around the corner. This year, it will take place on Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. All current members of the Villanova Chapter, all MPA program members, alumni/ae, and any other interested parties are invited to attend.

Confirmed Participants:
- Alexander C. Henderson, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Care and Public Administration, Long Island University
- Amanda Serock, Township & Sewer Authority Manager, Chadds Ford Township
- Teresa B. Wolfgang, Executive Director, Women’s Resource Center

The event welcomes panelists that are alumni of the MPA program and who are professionals serving in different sectors of public service.

The panelists for the Spring Networking event are chosen because they have made major contributions in their respective fields, and impacted the Villanova community in a positive way. The panelists are asked to share about their professional experience and provide students with insight about how they used networking as a tool to move within and outside of their organization or across sectors. Each panelist will bring their own unique perspective to the event, from local government management, non-profit management, and high education.

We hope you can join us!

Stay tuned for information about an upcoming APA webinar and the VU–PAA Tolle Lege Circle!

A Message from the VU–PAA Elected Chapter Officers

It is our distinct pleasure to serve as VU–PAA’s 2015–16 Chapter officers. We are excited to carry on the tradition of our predecessors and continue to move VU–PAA in new and exciting directions. Be sure to look out for our upcoming service project and an introduction to the Tolle Lege Circle in the Spring newsletter! If you have any suggestions or ideas to better our organization, please email them to RFogel@villanova.edu.

Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter Officers
Chapter President: Kamira Evans
Chapter Secretary: Rob Fogel
Chapter Advisor: Fr. Richard M. Jacobs, OSA
Congratulations to the Recent VU–PAA Inductees!

Villanova University Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter
Class of 2015

On May 14th, 2015, Father President Peter Donohue, O.S.A., and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean, Adele Lindenmyer, inducted the CU Pi AlphaAlpha Chapter Class of 2015. Outgoing President Bridget Boston hosted the event, while several MPA professors provided glowing remarks to introduce each new inductee. Chapter Advisor Fr. Jacobs provided closing remarks. Afterwards, inductees, family members, Chapter members and alumni/au, faculty, and friends met at Margaret Kuo’s in Wayne to celebrate.

Did You Know?

You have access to thousands of publications, such as Public Administration Review, through the Online Falvey Memorial Library? Click here for a link to the Falvey Memorial Library.

Pi Alpha Alpha National Website

A link to the PAA webpage (Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter Website) is now available on the MPA website. This website provides information and important details concerning Pi Alpha Alpha events and development, as well as links to outside resources for members, faculty, and visitors. Visit the national website through this link: National Pi Alpha Alpha Website. A photo from the Villanova’s May induction is featured on the front page!

Please welcome our newest VU–PAA Members!

Karyn H. Baldini
Anabel Barragan
Ashley A. Bunch
Lora A. Bynum
Robert M. Carey
Jason J. T. Clark
Karlene A. Crawford
Marshall K. Crawford
Kurt A. Croft, Jr.
Jeffrey D. Eastman
Kamira A. Evans
Robert Fogel
Brandon J. Ford
David W. Hart
Emma W. Hertz

Adam M. Kuczynski
Frances C. Lynch
Marianne C. Mancini
Keith R. Marvin
Stephanie R. Myers
Christopher B. Myhand
Matthew G. O’Keefe
Lisa Parvin
Kayla B. Renals
Connor D. Scott
Daniel C. Selph
Jenna B. Streeter
Christina A. Vaganos
Deirdra M. Wilson
Megan Zemke
Members of Pi Alpha Alpha are recognized for their outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration. The National Pi Alpha Alpha website states, “PAA membership identifies those with the highest performance levels in degree programs preparing them for public service careers.”

As stated in the Chapter’s Constitution, the purposes of the Villanova University Chapter shall be to encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration.

Members’ pay annual dues help to build the VU-PAA endowment, with the goal of reducing, and eventually eliminating, the need for the initiation fee, annual membership dues, and paying for the Chapter President to attend the PAA Annual Meeting at NASPAA, the MPA program accrediting group.

We are grateful for the 35 alumni/ae members from across the United States who renewed their memberships for the 2015–2016 school year:

- Jay Amoako
- Allison Bergeron
- Allison Bittner
- Bridget Boston
- Parris Bradley
- W. Earl Bruck
- Chris Campbell
- Andrea Cohen
- Donald D. Delameter
- Sarah Galbally
- David Grady
- Matt Gwin
- Christena Hamilton
- Ryan Heffernan*
- Stephen Hertz
- Christian Isham
- Fr. Richard Jacobs, OSA*
- Danielle Johnson
- Jeffrey Kowalski
- Jelana Kucelin
- Erin Kuchar
- Shane Lavin
- Shanna Lodge
- Carolyn McCreary
- Brian McLaughlin
- EJ Mentry
- Dr. Lauren Miltenberger
- Kathryn Monet*
- David Mrochko
- Stephanie Nissen
- Andrew Oles
- Stephanie Piechowiak
- Andrew Rein
- Natalie Silver
- Bernadette Smith
- Christine Volkay–Hilditch
- Matthew von der Hayden

Fall Colloquium Recap

The VU–PAA Fall Colloquium was held on Thursday, October 22. Entitled “The Vocation to Public Service,” the annual colloquium explores the motivation for public service and public service as an honorable life's calling. Frank J. Larkin was this year’s guest speaker. A graduate of Villanova’s HOS Program with an MPA concentration as well as a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Secret Service, Mr. Larkin currently serves as the 40th United States Senate’s Sergeant at Arms. In recognition of Mr. Larkin’s contributions and achievements, the Chapter awarded him an Honorary Membership in the Pi Alpha Alpha Villanova University Chapter. Click here to view a video of the colloquium.