Hello, and welcome to the most recent edition of the A&IS Department Newsletter. It was a busy year preparing for our renewal of AACSB accreditation, a process that takes place every five years and is only awarded to a small percent of accounting programs worldwide. This puts us in a very special category among business schools, and we are excited to share the accomplishments that set us apart as a top-tier program.

We are making tremendous changes to our curriculum that will better prepare our students for the new environment facing the profession and help them pursue multiple career paths, such as audit, advising, corporate, tax and more. The bulk of these changes involve data and analytic techniques as new courses and as part of existing courses, which are taking place this fall in our KPMG Master of Accounting with Data and Analytics Program, and the following fall in our traditional master’s program.

This newsletter also highlights student and faculty accomplishments—both in research and teaching—which have played a significant role in achieving our overall mission. Two students—Ryan Debrot ’18 VSB in Accounting and Abby DeVito ’18 VSB in MIS—are outstanding examples of the kind of students who make our community so special. Recent 2017 graduates who have achieved success in VSB include Matt DeAngelis and Faraz Ahsan, our Bartley Medallion winners in Accounting and MIS.

Another contributing factor to our success is our relationship with professionals in the field. This provides us with the opportunity to bring together students, faculty and professionals to network and share knowledge and ideas, the end result being students who are more prepared for the challenges they will encounter when they graduate. Our educational goal is to prepare each student as an individual who can integrate his or her personal values into workplace settings.

At the end of the day, these successes would not be possible without the support of our friends. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for all your help over the years. I also want to thank our students for continuing to inspire us more and more with each passing year. I hope you take the time to read and enjoy this newsletter, and if you have any comments or suggestions, please be sure to contact me.

Best Regards,

Michael F. Peters, PhD
Chair, Department of Accounting & Information Systems
Alvin A. Clay Professor of Accounting
Villanova School of Business
Faculty Spotlight

Back to Bartley

by Denise Downey, PhD, assistant professor, Accounting & Information Systems

There are no more Ethernet cords in class, no more on-campus telephone numbers for students, and Professor Dougherty and Dr. Emig are colleagues. Students ask, “What was Villanova like back then?” You know, back in 2005! A lot has changed, and yet much remains the same. My experiences as a student athlete, Blue Key tour guide, member of Campus Ministry, Johnson & Johnson Co-Op, and PwC intern transformed me during my four years as an undergraduate. Soon after graduation I found myself longing for Villanova and began the Master of Accounting program. When I completed my PhD in 2013, it was a no brainer to come home to Villanova as a member of the faculty.

I love being back at Villanova! I spend my time with our junior, senior and master’s students exploring auditing in some of the fabulous new spaces in Bartley and across campus. Each group brings their own experiences and perspectives into the classroom, which inevitably shapes our work together. I learn a lot from my students and enjoy helping them in their journey to becoming successful professionals. Outside the classroom, I spend my time researching and staying connected to practice. Much of my research is focused on audits conducted across cities, countries and continents, whether it be group audits or offshoring arrangements. In August, I will begin a year-long fellowship with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) to study group audits as a Senior Economic Research Fellow. This is an incredible opportunity offered to only a few professors and I am extremely grateful to the PCAOB and my colleagues for making it possible.

So what is it like, being on the “other side of the desk”? It is amazing, and the goosebumps you get during a big game at the Pavilion or upon entering student masses serve as constant reminders of just how much remains the same. –Dr. Downey

Faculty Achievements

Dr. Lucy Chen Earns Tenure

Lucy Chen, PhD, was promoted to associate professor of Accounting & Information Systems and awarded tenure in May 2016. She received her PhD from Temple University in 2005 and worked as an assistant professor of Accounting at Arizona State University before joining Villanova University in 2011. She held the Diana and James Yacobucci ’73 Assistant Professorship in 2015–2016 and received the McDonough Family Faculty Award from VSB in 2017. Additionally, she has won two research excellence awards from the Center for Global Leadership at Villanova University.

Dr. Chen currently teaches Advanced Accounting in the undergraduate program and Advanced Topics in Disclosure & Financial Reporting in the Master of Accounting program. She was nominated for the 2017 American Accounting Association/Michael and Mary Anne Cook/Deloitte Foundation Prize, which recognizes an individual who consistently demonstrates the attributes of a superior teacher in the discipline of accounting. She chaired the 2015 Ethics Research Symposium and 2016 Ethics Teaching CPE Session for the AAA and serves on the University Budget Committee at Villanova University.

Dr. Wenhong Luo Promoted to Full Professor

Wenhong Luo, PhD, was promoted to full professor of Management Information Systems in May 2017. He holds a BS in Mathematics from East China Normal University in China, an MBA in International Business from Nyenrode Business Universiteit in the Netherlands, and a PhD in MIS from University of Kentucky. Dr. Luo joined Villanova University as an assistant professor in 2000 and is the John and Rachel Cashwell Emerging Scholar in Management Information Systems.

Dr. Luo's current research focuses on business intelligence and application of data analytics in various business areas. He has published over 50 articles in journals and conferences, including many leading MIS journals such as Communications of the ACM, European Journal of Information Systems, Information and Management, IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management, International Journal of Production Research, Omega, and Interfaces.

Dr. Luo teaches data modeling and business intelligence courses in the undergraduate MIS, Master of Science in Analytics, and KPMG Master of Accounting with Data and Analytics programs.
New Faculty

A&IS is proud to announce the addition of two new faculty members who joined its elite team of teacher-scholars.

Jennifer Altamuro, PhD
The Megan '07 and Matthew '06 Baldwin Assistant Professor, Accounting

After graduating from St. Joseph’s University and earning her doctorate in Business Administration from the Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Altamuro taught as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business and as an assistant professor at The Ohio State University. She has done extensive research in the field of financial reporting and has been featured in publications like The Accounting Review and The Journal of Accounting and Economics.

Erica Harris, PhD
The Andrew J. Melton Jr. ‘42 Assistant Professor, Accounting

Dr. Harris graduated from the University of Florida’s Warrington College of Business as a Dean’s List student with Honors and a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. She earned her master’s from the University of Miami, and her doctorate from Temple University’s Fox School of Business. After serving as an instructor, research assistant and teaching assistant at Temple University, Harris became an assistant professor at Rutgers University, where she taught for four years and received the Camden 2014 Faculty Research Award. Her primary area of research is centered on nonprofit accounting.

Thomas J. Carmody, Jr. Award

Thomas “Tim” Monahan, PhD, the John M. Cooney Professor, Accounting & Information Systems, was awarded the 2017 Thomas J. Carmody, Jr. Award. This award is given in recognition of a faculty member’s efforts to promote the integration of teaching, theory and practice.

This marks the second year in a row that a professor in the A&IS department has won this award, with Bill Wagner, PhD, associate professor, Accounting & Information Systems, being selected in 2016.

Dougherty Award Winner

Jim Borden, associate professor, Accounting & Information Systems, was named the winner of the 2017 Gerald A. Dougherty Award, joining the ranks of Bob Derstine (2007), Jim Emig (2010), Steve Liedtka (2013), Sue Metzger (2014) and Patty Crenny (2015). A&IS has now had six of the 11 recipients of this award for excellence in undergraduate teaching!

Sue Metzger Leads VU Women in Tech’s Second Annual Conference

Sue McFarland Metzger, a full-time instructor of Management Information Systems in VSB, spearheaded the VU Women in Tech Conference on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017. The conference, whose attendance peaked at 175, hosts events for students, faculty, staff and alumni to share experiences leading with technology, highlight opportunities for women to innovate with technology, and motivate those who hesitate.

Dr. Marisa Weiss kicked off the day by sharing how she leverages technology to reach over 91 million users who have been directly or indirectly impacted by breast cancer. The conference proceeded with sessions focusing on protecting data and personal value, developing apps, and data analytics. Metzger’s efforts have awarded her The Meyer Innovation and Creative Excellence Award in the spring of 2016. This award is given by the ICE Institute annually to recognize a faculty member who demonstrates the spirit of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship that enhances the university.

Published

In The Innovator’s Imperative: Emerging Technologies for Digital Transformation by Stephen Andriole, PhD, the Thomas G. Labrecque Professor of Business Technology, Accounting & Information Systems, written in conjunction with VU students Tom Cox ‘16 COE and Kaung Khin ‘16 VSB, Dr. Andriole demonstrates how companies have embraced a “technology first/requirements second” approach to technology adoption.

This discovery comes from his research, which revealed that companies are eager to throw the old technology adoption models out the window and move toward the adoption of emerging technologies, about which they know relatively little.
Bartley Medallion Winners
Faculty within each department select the Medallion recipient by viewing the overall student rather than simply academic standing.

**Accounting**

**Matt DeAngelis ’17 VSB**
During his undergraduate career, DeAngelis served as a tutor, helping underclassmen in their introductory business classes. Through tutoring, he learned that even small, seemingly insignificant interactions could have a major impact on other people, and he feels especially rewarded when a student he tutors chooses to declare an Accounting major. For him, the Bartley Medallion does not just represent a culmination of his achievements at Villanova, but rather a reminder to always put forth his best effort in whatever he does, because it might affect someone else.

“This award means so much to me because of the high-quality education that VSB provides and the unbelievable academic aptitude of the accounting students,” said DeAngelis. “Attending a school with so many brilliant people helped me become a better student and a better person. This award could have gone to so many other people; that’s what makes this so special.”

**MIS**

**Faraz Ahsan ’17 VSB**
At Villanova, Ahsan pursued his passion for technology through the MIS program and was involved in many different campus activities, such as Ambassadors, Mock Trial, SAMOSA, VSB Peer Tutors and Formula SAE. Ahsan also worked as a consultant with the Center for Business Analytics, where he helped develop predictive models and dashboards for two different clients. He had an internship working as a tech consultant with Navigant this past summer, and he will be returning to Navigant in Washington DC next year as an incoming consultant in their Legal Technology Solutions practice.

“As students, we all know how much effort we, along with the faculty, put into our overall learning here at VSB,” said Ahsan. “To have the faculty recommend me for this award is extremely humbling and an incredibly rewarding way to end my undergraduate career at Villanova. Everyone at VSB works very hard and to be chosen from among that talented pool of students makes it worth that much more to me”.

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**Global Accounting Firms Case Competition**

The ninth annual VSB Global Accounting Firms Case Competition got underway this year with an Advisory Kick-off Meeting on February 16. Janice Sipior, PhD, professor, Accounting & Information Systems, served as the VSB faculty advisor with assistance from many VSB faculty.

The kick-off meeting allows student teams to get to know their advisors from the firms and encourages greater interaction in analyzing the case throughout the semester. Students identify issues, apply classroom concepts and undertake research to analyze the case study, experiencing a situation they would encounter during their career with a global accounting firm.

After the advisors evaluated the final reports in April, the Steering Committee comprised of partners and associates, along with Accounting & Information Systems faculty, served as judges to select the following six finalist teams from the class of 2020:

- Cased Closed
  - Nicholas Stefaniak
  - Rachel Matsuo
  - Abigail Fossaceca
  - Michael Woodford
  - Jade Huang

- The Number Crunchers
  - Lauren Constant
  - Charlotte Bern
  - Emily Chisholm

- MMT
  - Mike Maffuid
  - Nolan Meehan
  - Daniel Temme

- It’s Accrual World
  - Sarah Springer
  - Natasha Iloff
  - Julia Fierro
  - Michelle Fierro

- Wildcats of Wall Street
  - Victor Rodriguez
  - Shlok Kaneria
  - Kyle Francis Bangug
  - Jack Brenner

- Accountants Just Want To Have Fun
  - Anthony Torrioni
  - Emma Kennedy
  - Andrew Bernett
  - Travis Brown

Congratulations to our finalists and many thanks to all who participated in the Global Accounting Firms Case Competition 2017!
2016–2017 Academic Year Student Spotlights

Abby DeVito ’18 VSB
Hometown: Bedminster, NJ
MIS and Business Analytics

Abby DeVito is a junior at VSB studying Management Information Systems and Business Analytics. Last summer, Abby completed an internship at Synchronoss Technologies in product marketing, where she assisted her supervisors in creating use cases for their mobile cloud application. The idea incorporated targeted advertisements within the cloud and on third-party mobile applications to help increase user engagement and happiness. Her work was presented to Synchronoss’s largest telecommunication clients and was put on their roadmaps to be executed in the following year. Her participation in the Villanova in the Valley trip through the Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship (ICE) Institute strengthened her interest in technology even more while visiting 17 companies in Silicon Valley. Abby interned on the Customer Success Team for Handshake, a startup company that also happens to be Villanova’s job-recruiting platform for students.

Ryan Debrot ’18 VSB
Hometown: Long Valley, NJ
Accounting and Finance

When Ryan began his studies at Villanova, he was not a business student. After his freshman year, he transferred from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences into the School of Business. During his sophomore year, he attended a recruiting event held on campus by PwC called Explore. Ryan attended the leadership program and received an internship offer at its conclusion. He chose to participate in the Spring Accounting Internship offered by VSB. He credits the Villanova network for helping him throughout the internship and the Villanova alumni for welcoming him into the firm. Ryan received a full-time offer upon graduation. He says, “I succeeded because VSB had prepped me well for the working world not only through teaching me technical skills and accounting knowledge in my major classes, but also by giving me the skills necessary to be a well-rounded professional.”

Student Scholarships

Presidential Scholar
Liam Hoover ’18 VSB
Liam is the 10th Wildcat in his family, with the closest relatives being his mother, Marianne (Diegnan) Hoover ’84 VSB, and his brother, Keenan Hoover ’16 VSB. Liam had the opportunity to attend other Catholic universities with business schools, but “none that offered the financial or academic support available at Villanova,” he says. Coming to Villanova, he found support as a Presidential Scholar and as a Villanova student in general.

“I felt Villanova gave me the greatest opportunity to pursue other interests outside of VSB, in addition to my VSB courses,” Liam said. “I am pursuing an Accounting and Peace & Justice double major, with a Sustainability minor.”

BASF Academic Excellence
Susannah Hochuli ’19 VSB
Susannah is majoring in Accounting and International Business with minors in Business Analytics and Finance. She enjoys serving as an Ambassador for the School of Business, being a member of the professional fraternity Beta Alpha Psi, and serving as the vice president of the Accounting Society.

Emily Gilmore ’19 VSB
A double major in Accounting and Economics with a double minor in International Business and Business Law, Emily created her own academic internship this semester. By working in tandem with the director of the Villanova Federal Tax Clinic, she innovated an internship in which she could explore both the accounting and legal fields in practice while gaining a unique hands-on experience.

Society for Information Management
Future Leader Award

Morgan Savich ’18 VSB was awarded the 2017 Philadelphia Philanthropic Society for Information Management (PHISIM) Student Scholarship in April. PHISIM is a not-for-profit professional association comprised of information technology leaders in the Delaware Valley region who support the betterment of students and technology education.

Morgan is currently a senior at Villanova University, with a double major in Management Information Systems and Accounting and a minor in Business Law. She excels academically, qualifying for the Dean’s List for five semesters. She was inducted into the Beta Alpha Psi honor society and is currently a member of their Executive Board. Additionally, she was awarded the Tax Executives Institute’s Philadelphia and Harrisburg Joint Chapter Scholarship.
Deloitte CEO Cathy Engelbert
Visits VSB, Shares Career Advice with Students

Last November, VSB was honored to host Deloitte CEO Cathy Engelbert for a special visit as part of the company’s continued commitment to inspiring students. VSB has a long-standing relationship with Deloitte; in fact, Deloitte is among the top three employers of Villanova students—currently employing more than 300 alumni—and has the largest number of participants in VSB’s alumni mentoring program.

“Villanova is fortunate to have such an engaged corporate recruiting program with Deloitte. People like Cathy Engelbert, who give their time and talents to help our students become business leaders for a better world, are part of the reason why we have a nearly 99 percent placement rate after graduation.”

–Dean Joyce E. A. Russell, PhD

Engelbert spent her day visiting classrooms; meeting students, faculty and staff at a networking reception; and co-hosting a fireside chat with Joyce E. A. Russell, PhD, The Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business, for more than 220 students. Both Engelbert and Russell are unparalleled in their fields, as Engelbert is the first female CEO of a Big 4 company and Dean Russell is the first female dean of VSB.

As CEO of Deloitte’s US operations, Engelbert leads 78,000 employees in 100 cities around the world. She has spent 30 years with Deloitte and held multiple leadership positions while serving several of the firm’s largest and most complex clients. She was named to Fortune’s Most Powerful Women list in 2015 and 2016, and was recognized on Glassdoor’s list of highest-rated CEOs. This event was just one of Deloitte’s many campus initiatives, including: WINning with Deloitte, a women’s initiative for freshman and sophomore students; a pioneer internship program for freshman; a leadership webinar series; and a takeover week.

Deloitte also hosted its second annual “Diversity Day” at VSB in April 2017. Facilitated by Deloitte partner Reese Blair, Diversity Day featured a series of small group discussions between Deloitte professionals and Villanova students. Topics included personal improvement, moving beyond limiting beliefs and succeeding in professional services. Students left the event excited to maximize their potential.

Engelbert encouraged students from a variety of business majors to pursue their goals. “No one is thinking about your career as much as you are,” she said. “Raise your hand and ask for opportunities.” Engelbert also offered advice through the acronym “NOVA” to inspire their success:

N is for Never stop learning
O is for Opportunities—Always seek them out
V is for Vision—Always have passion at the heart of what you do
A is for Always have passion at the heart of what you do

Deloitte International Women’s Conference

Tori McMenamin ’19 VSB recently represented VSB at Deloitte’s International Women’s Day Conference at Deloitte University in Westlake, Texas. She was among 65 female students from around the country invited to celebrate International Women’s Day; hear about the Women’s Initiative at Deloitte; and learn how to be a stronger, bolder, more empowered woman.

“I have so many amazing things to say about my experience at the incredibly empowering conference!”

–Tori McMenamin ’19 VSB
PwC Renovates Bartley Auditorium and Creates an Endowed Fund

PwC and Villanova celebrated their unique partnership throughout the 2016–17 school year. PwC helped VSB kick off the academic year with a dedication ceremony of Bartley Hall’s 1011 auditorium—now named the PwC Auditorium—and also created an endowed fund for the Accounting department. The gift exceeding $1 million was a result of fundraising led by PwC.

“As one of VSB’s top employers, PwC has long been an important partner and our relationship continues to grow,” said Dean Russell. “Their generous support improves the functionality of our building and helps fund faculty initiatives so we can continue to support our students’ education through our top-tier Accounting program.”

“We are excited to have a branded physical space to represent our commitment to the University, and we are equally excited to celebrate the dedication of the PwC Auditorium as our way of thanking all of those who contributed to support its renovation,” said Valerie Wieman ’92 VSB, PwC partner.

EY Dedicates New Classroom

VSB celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new EY classroom in order to recognize EY and its professionals’ generous donation of $250,000. The fully rebuilt room is now equipped with the most recent technology and video screens, expansive white board space, and improved lighting. This enhanced learning environment is used by many of the Master of Accounting classes over the summer, as well as other Accounting and VSB classes. The department wants to thank EY for this generous gift and for all the support they have provided over the years.
VSB, Ohio State, KPMG Team Up to Launch New Master of Accounting with Data and Analytics Program

VSB: The Ohio State University Max M. Fisher College of Business; and audit, tax and advisory firm KPMG LLP have created a new learning approach for graduate business students by launching a master’s program that emphasizes data and analytics in accounting.

Created to develop accountants suited for the big-data age, the program will drive students to think critically and develop problem-solving and analytical skills. The program combines the practical use of modern analytics technology and data sets with the real-world experiences of KPMG’s audit and tax engagements. KPMG has expanded the program to seven additional schools.

“It is imperative for the nation’s top universities and companies to work together to properly prepare our students to become effective future business leaders,” said Joyce E. A. Russell, PhD, the Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business. “VSB is proud to be a part of this giant step forward in business education with KPMG and Fisher College of Business. Not only will this new program highlight the need for an academic focus on analytics in accounting, it will also provide these students with the real-world experience necessary to make an immediate impact.”

Fifty-one students entered the program in the fall of 2017 at either VSB or Fisher College of Business. The students will work between semesters as KPMG audit interns, and while at VSB or Fisher, KPMG will pay for their full tuition and reasonable costs for room and board. After graduation in the summer of 2018, the students will join KPMG’s audit practice through an advanced entry program, which recently expanded to seven additional schools.

Daniel Wright, PhD, associate professor, Management & Operations, said, “This program is the first of its kind where a company directly funds students’ master’s degrees with a concentration in data analytics and accounting, providing the students with a competitive edge to better support their career development. This program is a rarity in academic-industry cooperation that goes well beyond tuition reimbursement.”

“In today’s digital age, the opportunities for careers in audit and accounting are growing and very competitive,” said Michael Peters, PhD, chair, Accounting & Information Systems and the Alvin A. Clay Professor of Accounting. “This partnership will give students additional opportunities and skills to help them stay ahead of the curve and become leaders in the profession.”

For more information, visit www.kpmgmasters.com.

MAC with Data and Analytics

VSB is proud to announce exciting enhancements to its Master of Accounting, now with data and analytics.

Beginning in fall 2018, the Villanova MAC degree will roll out a redesigned curriculum including data analytics; a full-time, year-long format; and an opportunity for most students to earn both their undergraduate and MAC degrees in four and a half; and for some four, years. In addition to data and analytics, the program prepares students for the future demands of the accounting profession. Visit our website for details.

Spring Accounting Internship Program

The Spring Accounting Internship (SAI) program had a banner year in 2017. A total of 40 students participated, representing the largest number of interns in the past 15 years. The success of SAI is due in part to the redesign of courses.

After the internship experience the department has created two “mini-mesters,” which both contain two distance learning classes. Interns are able to complete Managerial Accounting (VSB 3006) and Global Political Economics (ECO 3108), followed by Operations Management (VSB 3008) and Accounting Information Systems (ACC 2340). The mini-mesters conclude at the end of the regular semester, allowing interns to complete 18 credits during the spring semester and freeing them up for the summer. This summer was the second time the mini-mester approach was utilized and it has proven to be extremely popular. The success of SAI is due in large part to Ceiwyn Craig-Moore and Jackeline Vega from the Clay Center, and Dr. Emig, who has overseen the program for 30 years.

New Cybersecurity Initiative for Department

The MIS group has launched a new initiative for integrating cybersecurity topics into the curriculum. This past spring, Paul Borchardt successfully taught the first complete course in cybersecurity as an undergraduate elective for MIS students. Borchardt has more than 25 years of experience in information security, working as a senior executive with firms such as Deloitte and BNP Paribas. The first course was well-received, and Borchardt will also be spearheading the new MBA concentration in Cybersecurity, launching in fall 2017. This is a rapidly expanding area of study and the MIS group is working with Computer Science and Engineering to develop new curricula.
Recent EMBA Graduate Makes Partner at PwC

Kyle Corkery ’15 EMBA was recently admitted to the partnership at PwC. After completing his undergraduate studies and MS in Accounting, he joined the Assurance practice at PwC in 2006. Corkery worked on a diversified portfolio of financial services clients, primarily Fortune 1000 insurance companies and banks, where he has been responsible for leading all facets of the engagements.

“Being accepted into the partnership is the pinnacle of what I’ve been striving for in my career, but is also just the beginning of a new chapter with PwC,” said Corkery. “I have always set goals for myself and taken a path less traveled in order to achieve them. Earning my Executive MBA at Villanova enabled me to learn from an incredibly diverse group of finance, medical and engineering professionals. The world-class professors, instructors, support staff and executive coaches fostered a continuous learning environment that created the best version of myself, professionally and personally.”

A&IS welcomes its newest Advisory Council Members

Dante D’Egidio ’94 VSB
Partner/Principal
Audit Services, EY

Dante D’Egidio is a partner at Ernst & Young in the Tysons, VA, office and he leads the firm’s Assurance practice, covering the Maryland, Washington DC and Virginia markets. While his core focus throughout his career has been in the firm’s real estate and hospitality practice, D’Egidio has also worked with many publicly traded companies and has extensive experience with SEC matters through his involvement with public company audits, capital market transactions and multiple initial public offerings.

He has been the EY Greater Washington Executive Sponsor for Alumni Relations and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of Greater Washington. D’Egidio graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and is a certified public accountant.

John Mahoney ’83 VSB
Vice President
Accounting & Reporting, BASF

John Mahoney serves as Finance Business director for BASF Corporation, where he oversees the accounting and financial reporting for the North American Performance Products segment. Mahoney has held numerous senior leadership roles within the company’s regional financial reporting group with an emphasis on internal and external financial reporting as well as compliance.

He has served as the finance advisor to the BASF Corporation Foundation and as a member of the company’s Accounting Professional Development Program Steering Committee. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mahoney holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Villanova University and resides in Morris Township, NJ, with his wife and son.

Nick Francani ’00 VSB
Managing Director
Siegfried Group

As a managing director on Siegfried’s National Market Leadership Team, Nick Francani serves as a leadership advisor for Siegfried’s clients, and focuses on business development and building meaningful client relationships in the Philadelphia Metro market. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Villanova University, and before joining Siegfried, he was a senior auditor at EY. In his free time, Francani enjoys spending time with his wife and their three children, and playing golf and basketball. Francani is an avid sports fan, particularly of the Villanova Wildcats, and is excited to join the Accounting Advisory Council.
A&IS Announces New Associate Chairs

**Accounting**

James M. Emig, PhD

James M. Emig, PhD, associate professor, Accounting & Information Systems, has been appointed as the inaugural associate chair of Accounting, assuming operational responsibilities such as scheduling classes; handling course adjustments; advising students; coordinating student honors, awards and the senior survey; and handling the day-to-day activities for the department.

Dr. Emig has been part of the Department of Accounting for 34 years. During that time, he has received the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Outstanding Teaching (1988), the Student Government Teaching Award (2003) and the Gerald Dougherty Excellence in Teaching Award (2010). He has served as the advisor for VSB student athletes for 30 years, and has coordinated the Spring Accounting Internship program since 1987.

**Management Information Systems (MIS)**

Bill Wagner, PhD

Bill Wagner, PhD, associate professor, Accounting & Information Systems, has been appointed as the inaugural associate chair for MIS. MIS is one of the newest majors at VSB, and Dr. Wagner’s new responsibilities will help raise the visibility of information technology’s role in business within the entire college.

Dr. Wagner has just completed his 25th year of service. As a teacher and scholar in the field of MIS, Dr. Wagner has developed more than 30 innovative courses in key areas such as mobile application development, enterprise systems and applications, and big data and analytics. In 2016 he was awarded the Thomas J. Carmody, Jr. award for excellence in innovative teaching. He has co-authored three books and published over 30 refereed journal articles in areas such as e-commerce, artificial intelligence and system design. His current research examines the potential of immersive technologies such as AR/VR to be used to improve decision-making in business.

Pictured L to R: Keith Wright, instructor; Q Chung, professor; Wenhong Luo, professor, The John and Rachel Cashwell Emerging Scholar in Management Information Systems; William Wagner, associate chair of MIS, associate professor; Stephen Liedtka, associate professor; Lucy Chen, associate professor; Daniel O’Mara, retired professor; Nancy Carpenter, coordinator; James Borden, associate professor; Jennifer Altamura, The Megan ’07 and Matthew ’06 Baldwin Assistant Professor; Michael Peters, chair, Alvin A. Clay Professor of Accounting; Gerald Dougherty, adjunct professor; Thomas Monahan, John M. Cooney Professor; Glenn Soltis, adjunct faculty; James Bierstaker, associate professor; Stephen Andriole, Thomas G. Labrecque Professor of Business Technology

Not pictured: Noah Barsky, associate professor; Wayne Bremer, professor; Patricia Crenny, instructor; James Emig, associate chair of Accounting; Denise Hanes Downey, assistant professor; Erica Harris, The Andrew J. Melton Jr. ’42 Assistant Professor; Michael Licata, associate professor; Danielle Lombardi, assistant professor; Robert McParland, Business Fellow; Sue McFarland Metzger, instructor; Jeffrey Pelesh, assistant professor; Shelley Rhoades, associate professor; Janice Sipior, professor; Robert West, assistant professor
A&IS Advisory Council Members

The advisory board membership listed below includes those members from the 2016-17 academic year. In the 2017-2018 academic year, Valerie Wieman will begin membership on the Dean’s Advisory Council and Leonard Gatti will join the Provost’s Board. We would like to thank them, as well as Mark Spelker, for their outstanding service on the board and all the help and support provided in so many ways.

Timothy Boehmer ’95 VSB
Partner
Crowe Horwath LLP

Leonard Gatti ’83 VSB
Vice President, Financial Reporting
Comcast Corporation

Timothy Boyle
Vice President, Tax
SunGard SCT, Inc.

Robert Hagemann P ’03
Retired, Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

Brendan Cox ’92 VSB
Partner and Revenue Recognition
Leader for Tax
EY

Wayne Kaplan
Partner-in-Charge, Industries and
Markets Philadelphia Office
Grant Thornton, LLP

Joseph Croasdale ’85 VSB
Global Controller
Liquiditynet

Scott King ’92 VSB
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Services
Deloitte & Touche LLP

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