Dear Friends,

The 2015-16 academic year came to a celebratory close with the College of Engineering convocation on May 14. During the ceremony we recognized the achievements of more than 300 bachelor's, master's, and PhD graduates.

Now we enter the relatively quiet summer months before welcoming 260 members of the Class of 2020. It's an academically impressive and diverse group: 30% female and 22% underrepresented minorities. We look forward to all they will bring to the Villanova community.

Enjoy your summer and this issue of protoTYPE!

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Sun Shines on 2016 Engineering Graduates
The weather drove Villanova University’s graduation ceremony indoors on Friday evening, May 13, 2016, but the sun shone brightly on the campus green for Saturday morning’s College of Engineering Convocation (formerly known as the recognition ceremony). Hundreds of family members and friends turned out to see 241 bachelor’s degree graduates, 91 master’s degree recipients, and seven PhDs recognized for their academic achievements.

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Engineering’s Dr. Moeness Amin Wins Humboldt Prize

Renowned radar signal processing expert Moeness Amin, PhD, has been awarded Germany’s prestigious Humboldt Prize in recognition of lifetime achievements.

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Alumnus Wins Prestigious Early Career Award

Alumnus Colin D. Joye, PhD, ’02 EE won the government's Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The honor included meeting President Obama.

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Engineering Seniors Take Top VSEC Prize

On Villanov’s fifth annual Pitch Day, engineering students took first place in the Villanov Student Entrepreneurship Competition (mistaking the trophy for the Stanley Cup), and also won the Klingler Unitas, and Halloran Social Entrepreneurship prizes.

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ChE Faculty Win National Award

ASEE awarded Drs. Kelly, Comolli, Elmer and Huang for most outstanding Chemical Engineering paper: “Preparation of Biology Review and Virtual Experiment/Training Videos to Enhance Learning in Biochemical Engineering Courses.”

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Engineers among Villanova’s Fulbrights

Research includes evaporation in micro-channels and computer vision capabilities for assistive robotic applications.

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VU08 is Successful Despite Finish

Powertrain issues kept VU08 from completing the endurance race, but Nova Racing enjoyed record placement for acceleration, design and business presentation.

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An Invitation to RobotX 2016

The competition that took Villanova engineering students to Singapore in 2014 is now headed to Oahu, Hawaii. To learn how you can partner with the team, contact Keith Argue at keith.argue@villanova.edu.

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ME Students Advocate for NASA

Four Villanova students took part in the 25th annual Citizens for Space Exploration NASA advocacy trip to Washington, D.C.

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Class Notes

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