VLAA Annual Reception and Awards Presentation, April 11, 2019

The annual Villanova Law Alumni Association Service Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Union League in Philadelphia. The Awards honor alumni who have distinguished themselves with outstanding professional and personal achievements, as well as those who have loyally dedicated their time and service to Villanova Law and their communities.

April Barton ’96 Named Dean of Duquesne University School of Law

Duquesne University has named April Barton ’96, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Charles Widger School of Law, as Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law following a national search. She succeeds the Honorable Maureen Lally-Green, who has served as Dean since 2017.

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Anna Boyd ’19 Creates Prison Reading Program

Three Alumni Honored by Philadelphia Bar Association

Clinical Program Honored by St. Thomas More Society
At Villanova Law, students take initiative and work collaboratively with faculty to create new opportunities to serve the community. When Anna Boyd ’19 wanted to work with prison inmates at a correctional facility, but a program didn’t exist, she created one.

The Philadelphia Bar Association recently honored three Villanova Law alumni. The Honorable James J. Fitzgerald III (ret.) ’66 was awarded the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award, which recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service. Marguerite C. Gualtieri ’91 received the Bending the ARC Award for her work as a legal services advocate, and Bridget A. Whan Tong ’18 was awarded first place in the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg “Pursuit of Justice” Legal Writing Competition.

The Saint Thomas More Society of Philadelphia presented their annual award to the Law School’s Clinical Program for its accomplishments that align with the principles and ideals of St. Thomas More. The Clinical Program provides legal experience and service to the community for students in six in-house clinics.

Faculty Highlights

Joy Mullane, Professor of Law, was appointed Faculty Director of the Graduate Tax Program. Mullane has been a member of the Law faculty since 2006. In her new role, she will oversee the University’s nationally recognized graduate tax program, which is offered both on-campus and online. Mullane has been instrumental in the growth of the Graduate Tax Program, a cross-disciplinary program for lawyers, accountants and business professionals that is developed and managed by the Law School in conjunction with the Villanova School of Business.

For more Faculty Highlights, please click here.

Upcoming Events and CLE Opportunities

- Saturday, 3/9: VLAA Delaware Annual Service Project (Delaware)
- Friday, 3/15: 2019 McCullen Symposium on Catholic Social Thought (CWSL)
- Thursday, 3/28: VLAA & Minority Alumni Society Joint Reception (Philadelphia)
Thursday, 4/11: VLAA Annual Reception and Awards Presentation (Philadelphia)
Friday, 4/12: 2019 Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal Symposium (CWSL)

Visit the Villanova Law website to stay up to date on all upcoming events.

3L Legacy Gift

Thanks to the generosity of the Del Raso family, the Class of 2019 has the opportunity to make an even greater impact with their class gift. Joe Del Raso ’74 VSB, ’83 CWSL and his daughters Katherine ’12 CLAS, ’16 JD/MBA and Marianna ’13 CLAS, have pledged to donate $500 in honor of each 3L student who makes a gift to the Law School.

Follow the 3L Legacy Gift progress here.

Class Notes

Craig Karsnitz ’77 was confirmed as a Superior Court judge in Sussex County Delaware.

J. Gordon Cooney Jr. ’84 was elected to The American Law Institute.

Cynthia M. Ward ’94 was elected district judge in Lansing, Michigan.

Megan E. Grossman ’03 was named co-vice chair of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP’s life sciences practice.

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