Dear Alumni and Friends,

What’s next?” is a recurring question among energized Villanovans these days. It is also the title and theme of my current multi-city tour presenting the 2010 Strategic Plan, “Igniting the Heart. Inspiring the Mind. Illuminating the Spirit,” to Villanovans around the country and the world. It is a question I am excited to answer, because the future holds so much for all of us who love Villanova—especially our present and future students.

Over the past five years we’ve accomplished much together. Three new buildings—the Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness, Driscoll Hall and the School of Law—were opened. One residence hall, Fedigan Hall, was completely renovated and two others—Sullivan and Sheehan Halls—are halfway there. Our Campus Master Plan was created and will help us manage our physical plant over the next three decades. The new Strategic Plan will strengthen our tradition of excellence and ensure that Villanova thrives for years to come.

I took the Strategic Plan on the road last fall to share with all Villanovans our vision of the future. The tour has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my presidency. In city after city, I have met engaged alumni who are enthused about Villanova’s past, present and future. They are particularly inspired by how the five pillars of the Plan—academic distinction, a diverse intellectual climate, faculty scholarship and graduate programs, sharing the Villanova story and securing its future—mesh so closely with our core values and Augustinian heritage.

We move into the future with a strong appreciation of our past. With the Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan, we will be taking the University to new heights—yet will not forget the path we have traveled together and the many achievements along the way. As we begin to transform our campus landscape this summer, we will enhance landmarks beloved by generations of Villanovans. Likewise, as we move forward with our Strategic Plan, we remain mindful of our past achievements, current strengths and of what has made—and continues to make—the Villanova experience so unique.

Memories of that experience drive healthy attendance at our annual Alumni Reunion Weekend. At this year’s event, which will be held June 9 to 12, alumni will celebrate years of friendship and sharing of the Villanova tradition—including five alumni featured here who will mark their 50th reunion. Such stories abound in our global Villanova community, as relationships fostered here last a lifetime. I invite you to join us at Villanova for a weekend of events and activities that will commemorate your time here and celebrate both “what’s now” and “what’s next.”

Sincerely,

Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD ’75 A&S
President
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Beginning in May 2011, the Villanova community will launch the Transformation of the Campus Landscape initiative. This bold, three-year, $22.5 million project—approved by the Villanova Board of Trustees in December 2010—is part of the implementation of the University Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan.

By modifying the layout of the campus grounds, this initiative will improve the quality of life for Villanova community members and enhance the visitor experience. The planned modifications, which are largely driven by research and by student feedback, aim to create a campus core that is vehicle-free, pedestrian-friendly, more accessible to people with different mobility needs and more aesthetically beautiful.

The landscape changes have been thoughtfully and deliberately designed to integrate all areas of campus life into a cohesive, interconnected whole. “Just as we seek to integrate our curricular and co-curricular activities at Villanova, we are now seeking to create a closely-linked physical environment to support and enhance the student experience,” says Vice President for Administration and Finance Kenneth G. Valosky ’82 VSB.

A park-like, vehicle-free model of campus-core architectural landscaping is quite common at universities nationwide, including those that Villanova counts among its peers. However, Villanova’s campus will retain its unique qualities and traditional identity, with attributes including both historic and recent architecture.

“This initiative will bring the University Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan to life in a very tangible way,” says University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S. “I am confident that the Transformation of the Campus Landscape will mark a tremendous milestone in the history of the University—one that will provide our students with an exceptional physical environment in which to learn, live and grow as a member of the Villanova community.”

The University tentatively plans to implement the Transformation in three phases over three years, and will shorten this timeline if construction schedules permit. Phase One is scheduled to take place from May to November 2011, Phase Two from May to October 2012 and Phase Three from May to October 2013. The Villanova Office of Facilities Management will lead the initiative with architectural guidance from Mark B. Thompson Associates and Wells Appel Land Strategies, both Philadelphia-based firms.

To stay informed about the Transformation of the Campus Landscape, the University Strategic Plan and the Campus Master Plan, please visit the Villanova University Office of the President Web page at www.villanova.edu. Should you have questions, please email the University at masterplan@villanova.edu.
Phase One: May to November 2011

The first phase will include the transformation of Vasey Plaza. The plaza will be widened to allow ramps on both sides for different mobility needs, and new hardscaping will provide convenient access to Vasey Hall from all levels. The space will become greener and will encompass an expanded outdoor dining and gathering area. Renovations to Sheehan and Sullivan residence halls will also be completed.

In addition, the University will install new bollards and check points to re-route vehicular traffic during Phase One. The innermost driving route will be closed to regular traffic, while emergency and service vehicles will continue to have full campus access at all times. Drivers with special needs may use the free campus shuttle, or call public safety for transportation, to enter the vehicle-free campus core.

Phase Two: May to October 2012

The second phase of the project will transform the Kennedy Oval—the area between Kennedy, Corr and Dougherty Halls and the Connelly Center—into an open and attractive gathering place. This phase will also include improvements to the Sullivan-Sheehan Quad and a turnaround on Dougherty Drive.

Phase Three: May to October 2013

The final phase will include a transformation of the areas around Corr and Alumni Halls. The Grotto will be moved to the area between St. Rita Hall and Austin Hall, and defined by an archway. The end result will resemble a small amphitheater designed to hold approximately 50 people.

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WHAT’S NEXT?
Worldwide Strategic Plan tour energizes alumni and friends

By Suzanne Wentzel
The word unprecedented kept lapping through the mind of Charles A. Ruibal ’68 COE. Sitting in West Palm Beach’s palatial Flagler Museum, he listened to the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, president of Villanova University, describe the institution’s Strategic Plan and invite the audience to help bring it to fruition.

Ruibal, retired executive vice president of Cytec Industries Inc., was already appreciative of the warmth and accessibility of Villanova’s presidents. His encounter on campus in 1990 with the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, OSA, STD, ’58 A&S, president emeritus, had reengaged him in the life of his alma mater. But new eras afford new opportunities, and here was Father Donohue, bringing the message about Villanova’s exciting future all the way to Florida as part of his multi-city “What’s Next?” tour.

“You don’t often get a president coming to your home state to meet with you,” Ruibal says. “Father Peter came early to the event and stayed late to be available to anyone who wanted to talk, and I think that’s special.”

Road trip
Since taking the 2010 Strategic Plan, “Igniting the Heart. Inspiring the Mind. Illuminating the Spirit,” on the road, Father Donohue has inspired Villanova alumni, parents and friends in cities as far away as Dublin. At each location, he invites them to embark on a journey to further strengthen the University’s tradition of excellence and to ensure that Villanova thrives for years to come.

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—Ed Toben ’70 VSB, retired CIO, Colgate-Palmolive

Ed Toben ’70 VSB, retired chief information officer of Colgate-Palmolive Co., was impressed not only that the administration had created a vision of the future but that it was sharing it with alumni and seeking their input. “Attending this event gives you a good view of Villanova’s plans and what alumni can do to help. After all, it is in our best interest that Villanova keep improving; it strengthens the power and marketability of our degrees.”

Because the Plan’s five pillars—aademic distinction, a diverse intellectual climate, faculty scholarship and graduate programs, sharing Villanova’s story and securing its future—are founded upon the core values and guiding principles that distinguish Villanova, stakeholders find it easy to rally around them. “The University continues to be committed to its students and its Augustinian heritage,” says Robert Browne ’86 A&S, senior vice president, Investments, Wells Fargo Advisors.

The message of the Strategic Plan is powerful, and so is the way in which it is delivered. Upscale venues, arrays of hors d’oeuvres and a mesmerizing presentation captivate attendees. But according to Robert Byrnes ’76 VSB, president of the Villanova University Alumni Association, the charisma and dynamism of Father Donohue catapult the events into the realm of spectacular.

“Father Peter is really the closer. He inspires people to walk away motivated to help Villanova meet the goals of the Strategic Plan.”

Patrick Meyer ’74 VSB, president of Sourcebits Technologies, was delighted by the Miami event. “It was a better presentation of strategy and vision than I’ve seen in any corporate boardroom. It called to mind the reasons why I was first attracted to Villanova.”

Being part of the story
The events also help alumni recall what they gained at Villanova: a holistic education, a commitment to using their knowledge to transform the world and lifelong relationships. Listening to Father Donohue, they can’t help reflecting on how their connection to Villanova has shaped their lives and, in return, enriched Villanova’s collective story.

Michele Stafliniak ’89 VSB, who has attended receptions in Pennsylvania and Florida, traces her love affair with Villanova back to March 31, 1985, the date she received her acceptance letter. The next day, the men’s basketball team won...
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—Patrick Meyer ’74 VSB, president, Sourcebits Technologies

the NCAA championship. Now she gives back to the University as a member of the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors.

Meredith Nichols ’06 A&S, who completed her master’s degree at London’s Courtauld Institute of Art in 2009, went to the reception at the Landmark London Hotel out of curiosity more than anything else. By the end of the evening, she felt a renewed appreciation for what the University had given her. “Two students I met at the beginning of freshman year are still my best friends. I can’t imagine life without them.”

Many of the attendees who feel a personal obligation to strengthen the University for future generations hail from ’Nova dynasties. Brigid Riley ’02 VSB was the first of four sisters to attend Villanova. She was recruited by her grandfather, James Riley ’46, a passionate alumnus. The month before he died, he experienced the joy of seeing his first grandchild go to Villanova. Now a passionate alumna herself, Riley is excited by what she heard in London, where she works in human capital management in the financial industry. “I want to be more involved and get my friends involved, too, so that we can communicate the vision to others.”

Growing family

Other attendees, such as Parent Ambassadors Frank and Petra Conte, are new to the University and want to build their own “family tradition.” Wowed by the presentation they saw during Homecoming Weekend, the Contes hope that their younger sons will follow their brother Michael ’14 VSB to Villanova.

Parent Ambassadors Stephen and Eileen Dormer were likewise “hooked” that night. They are eager to participate in the mission of a school that lives its message and creates an environment in which students can thrive. “It’s amazing to hear your child sound so happy when she is discussing her school experience,” Dormer says of his daughter, Kaitlyn, ’14 VSB.

Regardless of their connection to Villanova, people who have come to the receptions feel proud, excited and optimistic about what they and the University can accomplish. “This is a competitive world,” says Tony Viscardi ’88 A&S, a managing director at Deutsche Bank. “To sustain and push forward Villanova’s academic reputation, everybody needs to be active.”

So far, more than 2,000 alumni, parents and friends have attended a “What’s Next?” event in one of 15 cities in the United States and abroad. Their responses to the presentation, says Michael J. O’Neill, vice president for University Advancement, have been incredible. “Father Donohue is successfully bringing the vision for Villanova directly to the Villanova community, presenting the Villanova Strategic Plan in a truly unique and exciting way. Most importantly, he’s personally asking all Villanovans to help us secure the future of the University.”

To view the schedule of the “What’s Next?” tour, visit www.whatsnext.villanova.edu.
To realize how ingrained technology is in our lives, consider this inventory of words that have invaded popular parlance. We blog, text and tweet; we surf, swipe and Skype®. We download apps, update statuses, outsource jobs and input data. We inhabit the virtual and LOL at the viral. We fear spammers who “phish” and see mobs that flash. We watch on demand, obey GPS and Google everything.

It’s a wonder we keep up with this technological revolution. Who has time to ask pesky questions about what it all means? Yet according to leaders at Villanova University’s Theology Institute, ask them we must.

Beginning in October, the Institute launched a series of events—culminating in its 43rd annual conference in April—to explore the theme “Children of a Better God: Technology and the Next Human-ity.” (See sidebar for details.) The purpose of the programming was not to label technology as “good” or “bad,” but to ponder how and why people use technology, and what the consequences might be.

“Technology gets embedded in institutional and personal life at a pace that outstrips public debate about whether the ends it serves are worthy,” says Darlene Fozard Weaver, PhD, director, Theology Institute. “We need to draw upon traditions of wisdom and experience to ask enduring questions and engage in reflection.”

Web of relationships

In all areas of human endeavor, technology cuts both ways. For example, social media has opened up new horizons for exchanging ideas and forming relationships. In his message marking World Communications Day, Pope Benedict XVI extolled these opportunities. However, relationships suffer whenever users create false profiles, ignore direct human contact or dilute the truth.

Pittsburgh’s Kevin Kacvinsky, a student in the Villanova School of Business’ online master’s degree program in Church Management, faces similar challenges. Kacvinsky is the founder of Witness to Hope Ministries, which provides mission work, education and catechesis. He and his colleagues worldwide depend on tools such as Web conferencing, e-mail marketing and virtual private networks to manage their ministries and communicate across international borders.

However, Kacvinsky notes, technologies can secularize ministry, making it “the cool thing to do rather than something counter-cultural.” They also supplant face time, which is essential to a community’s spiritual health.

Sheila Anderson, LLM, Esq., ’89 VLS, another Church Management student, gained this insight while serving as chief business officer at a 8,500-member Protestant church outside Washington, DC. The availability of worship services via webcast connects the church with those unable to attend, including people who are sick or serving in the military.
Unfortunately, it can lead into temptation those who prefer the sofa to the sanctuary. “Church is about fellowship,” Anderson says. “Operationally, the church needs its members’ time and talent to thrive. But when members begin to prefer televised or webcast worship, it can undermine the sense of community church should foster.”

Anderson’s observation illustrates why the user’s personality must factor into conversations about technology and relationships. George Boone ’98 MA, a doctoral student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, wrote his master’s thesis on World of Warcraft. During his research, Boone found that people unsatisfied with their real-life relationships could come to rely upon online role-playing games as a crutch. “They often invest time and energy into their characters and games and don’t try to sustain other aspects of their lives.”

It’s not about Miis
It seems that a device no sooner appears on the shelves than it is replaced by a newer model. As we trade in one for the other, are we bothered by the suggestion of planned obsolescence? By the disposal of our cast-offs? By our consumer habits? By the digital divide? Such questions help us think of technology in terms of the common good.

“We need to make choices based not on a technology’s ability to titillate but on a suitable set of moral criteria,” says Mark Graham, PhD, associate professor of Theology and Religious Studies and one of this year’s presenters. A little courage wouldn’t hurt, either, since choosing not to be an early adopter isn’t easy. “You have to comply with technical imperatives or pay a severe penalty.”

Noelle Comolli, PhD, assistant professor of Chemical Engineering and a conference presenter, positions bioengineering issues within the context of the common good. A researcher in drug delivery design, she recognizes the risks of putting a foreign material into the body and the damage that could result should the technology end up in the wrong hands. She encourages students to explore the ethical implications of cloning, stem cell research and other issues. “Because ethics are incorporated into their curriculum, students have a frame of reference for these debates.”

Does God have a Web site?
Research in bioethics and other fields challenges our notions of human limitations and divine providence. Even when we use technology to deepen our faith, it can trip us up. Having unprecedented access to information—e-Bibles, blogs, ancient writings and virtual tours—is a blessing, but as we click through site after site, we can get so high on hyperlinks we fail to plumb spiritual depths.

“Technology can erode our capacity to ground ourselves in the silence, solitude and patience required to attune ourselves to a God not of our making,” Dr. Weaver says.

As people continue to grapple with what Dr. Graham calls our “technophilia,” it might help to adopt the litmus test to which Kacvinsky subjects every technology: Does it bring people together and help them better the world?

“Human achievement should glorify God,” he says. “When we do something great, it shows we have an awesome Creator.”

As chief business officer at a mega church outside Washington, DC, Sheila Anderson, LLM, Esq., ’89 VLS saw the pros and cons of worship in the digital age.
Villanova University has added five distinguished new members with diverse knowledge, skills and experience to its Board of Trustees.

Patrick G. LePore ’77 A&S

Patrick LePore has always been something of a trailblazer. One of five boys, he saw his two older brothers choose Boston College—and decided that he would attend Villanova. His two younger brothers followed suit. “I led the way,” he laughs. “My three children—Jaclyn, Brian and Kathryn—are all Villanova graduates as well, and my wife Rosemary has served on the Parents Committee, so it’s become a real family affair.”

His choice of college proved to be a good decision. “I owe everything I’ve accomplished in large part to my experience at Villanova,” he says.

That’s quite a compliment, considering that LePore has spent much of his 30-year career in leadership positions in the pharmaceutical and health care industries. He is currently president and CEO of Par Pharmaceutical Cos., Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical company and drug manufacturer, and prior to that was president of Cardinal Health Sales and Marketing Services, a leading provider of products and services supporting the health care industry. But what he’s most proud of at the moment is his appointment to the Villanova University Board of Trustees.

“It’s an honor to be named to the Board, because my college education has played such an important role in my life,” he says. “Villanova gave me a chance. I was a financial aid student. My parents were very bright and hardworking people, but neither had the opportunity to graduate from high school.”

To help pay for his education and related expenses, LePore worked at various jobs during his Villanova years, including a cleaning position at a local country club. “I got to know a bunch of the members who were execs at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals [now part of Pfizer Inc.]. They offered me my first job after I graduated from Villanova.” He later earned an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

He’s passionate about Villanova’s Strategic Plan and its academic component. “To continue to be one of the most highly regarded schools, we have to make sure we have the best faculty, facilities and technology to attract great students,” he notes. “That requires a great amount of focus, resources and strong leadership. Driving the Strategic Plan is a significant development that we are all behind, and we are optimistic we can get it done.”

LePore feels that one of Villanova’s greatest assets along with its academics is the “team atmosphere” on campus—which leads to strong networking after graduation.

“I hear it all the time in the business world. Villanova grads tend to want to help Villanova grads—because they’re smart and well-rounded,” LePore says. “When a resume comes across my desk from a Villanovan, it gets special attention.”

Sheila F. Klehm ’83 VSB

Sheila Klehm loves to visit the Villanova School of Business’ Applied Finance Lab, which offers students the same equipment and real-time resources available to actual
Wall Street traders. It’s something VSB didn’t have when she was an undergraduate—and it’s one of the things she feels sets today’s VSB graduates apart.

“Things like the Finance Lab give graduates coming out of VSB today a really practical edge on the competition for jobs in the financial world,” Klehm says. “Villanova grads leave the University with skills they can use immediately.”

She should know, since she herself has had an exceptionally successful career in that world. She is an executive director in Morgan Stanley’s Private Wealth Management Division. She was just named one of New Jersey’s “Best 50 Women in Business” by NJBIZ magazine.

Recently appointed to the Villanova University Board of Trustees, she’s especially passionate about the interdisciplinary education available to today’s Villanova students. “The fact that engineers can take advantage of business courses, and business students can get a background in humanities, is a big part of what makes a Villanova education unique,” Klehm notes.

She finds that the art history classes she took at Villanova come in handy while managing the assets of clients who are serious art collectors. “It isn’t just my business and research skills, but my liberal arts background that helps me in my career. It’s a valuable resource to draw upon.”

It’s also helped her in her extensive philanthropic work. She is president of The Women’s Association of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and she has spent more than two decades raising funds for many worthy causes. In 1992, she co-founded the Student Partner Alliance, a Newark-based nonprofit providing financial assistance and mentoring to economically-disadvantaged high school students. In addition, Klehm has done extensive fund-raising for spinal cord research for The Christopher Reeve Foundation.

She has also given her time and talents to Villanova. Klehm and her husband, Henry Klehm III ’80 VSB, have long been active members of the Villanova community. She has served as the chair of the Dean’s Advisory Council at the Villanova School of Business, and the couple has served on the VSB Center for Global Leadership Advisory Council.

“Villanova has been such an important part of our lives for the last three decades. It’s wonderful to have the opportunity to give back and make an impact.”

She says it’s an honor to have the opportunity to help direct the future of Villanova. “I think the University is in a great position to be able to leverage what it’s doing in different areas and take the educational experience to an even higher level.”

Peter L. Fong ’86 COE, ’94 MBA

Peter Fong is celebrating his 25th Class Reunion in a big way. He was just named to the Villanova University Board of Trustees.

“A quarter century after graduation, it’s an honor to be asked to join such an auspicious group—and have the opportunity to help shape the University in the coming years,” he says.

Fong, former president and CEO of the Chrysler Brand for Chrysler Group LLC, has had a long and successful career in the automotive industry. Prior to that, he spent 14 years with Ford Motor Co., where he held management positions with the Ford, Lincoln Mercury and Jaguar brands—and gave many young Villanova graduates their first jobs. He is currently president of Carmoza LLC, an automotive transport company.

Fong is clearly passionate about Villanova. “The University produces well-rounded people,” he points out. “When I graduated, I felt prepared to handle almost any situation—social, political, and even those of adversity,” he says. “You come out of this institution grounded in every aspect of the real world.”

His Villanova experience served him well during his eight and a half years in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a naval aviator, instructor and maintenance test pilot, and did a tour of duty during Operation Desert Shield.

Fong’s undergraduate degree was funded through a full Naval ROTC schol-
Justin G. Gmelich ’90 VSB

A native Californian who chose an East Coast school, Justin Gmelich thought he wanted to be an engineer, but switched to business. Engineering’s loss is the financial world’s gain, and the field of education has benefited as well.

Gmelich has had a long and successful career on Wall Street, and is currently a partner with Goldman Sachs in New York, where he heads the U.S. Credit Trading Group and Mortgage Trading in the Fixed Income, Currency and Commodities Division. He has deployed the fruits of his career success to give young people experiencing hardships opportunities to learn. His passion for education makes him a natural choice for appointment to the Villanova University Board of Trustees.

“Education is the biggest differentiator for people in need … I think it is the biggest contributor to success, so a lot of the things I do in my free time in terms of philanthropy are devoted to education.”

“The University produces well-rounded people. When I graduated, I felt prepared to handle almost any situation … You come out of this institution grounded in every aspect of the real world.”

Fong’s connection to Villanova includes serving on the Board of the Villanova University Alumni Association, where he was a liaison to the Dean of the College of Engineering and chair of the Corporate Relations Committee.

He is happy to have the opportunity to work closely with the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, University president.

“I’ve known Father Peter since I was a freshman in 1982. He was always warm and engaging with students and had a genuine concern for everybody on campus,” Fong says. “When he was chosen as president, I was just elated. He’s the perfect leader for the University.”

He taught at the University for three and a half years, during which he earned his MBA at night from the Villanova School of Business. In 1994 he joined Ford—and while there, created a job and internship pipeline for Villanova undergraduate and graduate students. He and his mentor at Ford, James O’Connor ’64 VSB, “established our own Villanova network within Ford Motor Company,” he notes.

In 2002, Gmelich and his wife, Victoria, started Teddy’s Fund in memory of their son, Edward “Teddy” Hall Gmelich, after his sudden death at age 1½ from a viral infection to the heart. The not-for-profit organization is devoted to providing scholarships to financially challenged yet academically capable young men.

“We look for smart kids who are financially challenged and have experienced some kind of hardship in their lives, such as losing a parent. So far, we’ve put
almost a dozen through high school,” he says proudly.

Currently, Teddy’s Fund provides five academic scholarships. Three recipients attend Loyola High School in Los Angeles, Calif.—Gmelich’s alma mater—and two attend Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, N.J.

He and Victoria are the parents of six children—“five on the field and one in the stands.”

He adds, “You try to do your best with what you are given. You can’t control everything, but you can control your response to what life gives you. So that’s what we decided to do.”

He’s excited about being on Villanova’s Board of Trustees. “We have a great mix of professionals from different business backgrounds, as well as academics, Augustinians and lay people. It’s bound to be a diversity of opinions, which is important for healthy decision-making.”

The Rev. Joseph L. Narog, OSA

In the summer of 1996, as a U.S. intelligence analyst and manager of the federal government’s Counter-terrorism Training Program, the Rev. Joseph L. Narog, OSA, was working in the Olympic Intelligence Center at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. It was his latest assignment in a career many would envy, which involved traveling the world. He watched a dress rehearsal of the Opening Ceremonies and some of the Games’ most exciting competitions.

He had always been passionate about his field. He was a Thomas Jefferson Fellow at the University of Virginia, where he earned a master’s degree in Foreign Affairs. Yet something was missing.

“It was interesting and rewarding work, but I wasn’t fulfilled,” Father Narog recalls.

After the Olympics, he went on a hiking trip in the Rocky Mountains. It was August 28, the feast day of St. Augustine.

“As I admired the beauty of the mountains, I realized I had a calling to the priesthood,” he remembers. “The beauty of creation was one of the things that led Augustine to God, and it led me to God as well.”

While he had no previous exposure to the Augustinians, he was drawn to them because of his close friendship with Michael Gaynor ’88 MS, Villanova’s director of University Admission.

“It was really a leap of faith,” Father Narog says. “But it just felt right.”

Today, he is the Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish in Rosemont, Pa. and a newly-appointed member of the Villanova University Board of Trustees.

After receiving a Master of Divinity degree from the Washington Theological Union, he was ordained an Augustinian priest in June 2005 at his home parish in Pottsville, Pa. It was especially moving to him to be ordained there because he had interrupted his studies—with the full support of the Augustinians—to become primary caretaker of his cancer-stricken parents, who died 11 months apart.

That experience led him to begin a bereavement ministry for others who have lost loved ones. “I was fortunate to have that time with my parents,” he says. He also appreciates the importance of ministry to the sick and homebound.

In addition to his duties at St. Thomas of Villanova, he looks forward to his role as a Trustee. “We have a great mix of professionals from different business backgrounds, as well as academics, Augustinians and lay people. It’s bound to be a diversity of opinions, which is important for healthy decision-making.”

“Villanova has helped out here for years. There’s a real spirit of one community.”

Had he stayed with the U.S. government, Father Narog would be just three years away from retirement. Instead, he is busier than ever. “I’m happy and fulfilled. I’ve met incredible people through the Augustinians. It’s not a job—it’s my life.”

—Jennifer Schu
At some point in the journey, even the most patient travelers ask, “Are we there yet?” They watch for the tell-tale signs that their destination is near: the ghost of a skyline; the screech of seagulls; the whiff of mountain pines.

As a mission-driven university, Villanova asks the same question. It checks its strategic map and asks, “Are we there yet? Have we developed leaders who will have a positive impact on society?” It, too, must look for the signs: alumni who are using their knowledge and Augustinian values to transform the world.

Fortunately, these signs are aplenty. The six profiles that follow exemplify—and pay tribute to—Villanovans of all ages who, on scales local and global and in ways dramatic and hidden, improve the lives of others.

For Ivanley Noisette ’08 A&S, participating in service opportunities at Villanova was one of the most valuable and rewarding experiences of his undergraduate years.
The troubled student at a North Philadelphia high school had not uttered a word to her teachers or classmates in more than a year. When she did finally speak, it was to Ivanley Noisette ’08 A&S, a senior from Villanova University who had been patiently mentoring her as part of a service-learning course in which he was enrolled.

Witnessing her breakthrough was a profound experience for Noisette—and a prophetic one. Today, Noisette, a Mitchell Scholar and human-rights advocate, has made it his mission to serve people who have no voice. He’s well aware of what such an enterprise demands.

“The skills, networks, discipline and passion necessary for my calling are all clear to me, as are the people I want to serve,” Noisette says.

Anyone can see the plight of the disadvantaged. Noisette acts to redress it. He was a first-year graduate student at the Clinton School of Public Service in Arkansas when the earthquake devastated Haiti. He launched an initiative called Hope for Haiti Little Rock to raise funds for relief organizations and, later, to assist with disaster preparedness.

When cholera broke out last October, Noisette traveled to Haiti to educate tent communities about preventing the spread of disease. “I was heartbroken at what I saw,” he says, “but there is reason for hope. Haitians have much to teach us about the resilience of the human spirit.”

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—Ivanley Noisette

He is now partnering with Catholic Relief Services in the area of protection and disaster relief.

Last summer, Noisette was in Rwanda writing strategic plans for the Ministry of Education. Struck by the number of children begging in the streets, he resolved to help them. He teamed up with a local NGO to craft a vulnerable children’s initiative and an action plan.

Noisette, a Philadelphia native whose family instilled in him the values of academic achievement and service, is embarking on a new journey in August. As Villanova’s first recipient of the prestigious George J. Mitchell Scholarship, he will study human-rights law and transitional justice at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. Afterward he plans to attend law school.

In whatever career he finds himself, Noisette aims to be a problem solver and social-change agent. “I’ve been blessed with opportunities that many people don’t have. It’s appropriate that I work tirelessly to open doors for others.”

A. Maria Toyoda, PhD, associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science, has her own opinion of her mentee’s destiny. “We’re looking at a future world leader.”

Bridget Bucardo Rivera

As junior Bridget (Fednik) Bucardo Rivera ’02 A&S listened to the presentation at the international headquarters of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Baltimore, she saw her kaleidoscopic interests—faith, social justice and interna-
tional development—coalesce. She turned to Suzanne Toton, EdD, associate professor of Theology and Religious Studies, and exclaimed, “I can see myself working for this organization!”

Today, Bucardo Rivera no longer has to imagine. She serves as CRS’ business development and strategy manager in Zambia, managing proposals for new funding and working to build the capacity of local partners. “This is my first permanent position with CRS, and I love it.”

It took years for Bucardo Rivera to acquire the tools needed to work for the overseas humanitarian agency. She became proficient in a foreign language, worked in Nicaragua after graduating and earned a master’s degree in International Political Economy and Development from Fordham University. Her determination never waned.

“Nothing is too challenging for Bridget,” Dr. Toton says. “I would ask how she was going to do this or that, and she would say, ‘Don’t worry!’ Then she’d make it happen.”

At Villanova, Bucardo Rivera had a habit of “making things happen.” Her enthusiasm after the Baltimore visit inspired Dr. Toton to continue her quest to forge an institutional partnership between Villanova and CRS. Now in its sixth year, the partnership has enhanced Villanova’s program and curricular offerings.

In 2001, Bucardo Rivera and Marcie Willcox ’02 A&S devised a visionary plan for enhancing the fledgling Honors Service Learning Community. Their innovative initiatives helped increase enrollment and grow the program.

“They constructed a bridge from an experimental pilot program to a mature option for succeeding generations of students who come to experience, through civic engagement, their own humanity as much larger than themselves,” says Edwin Goff, PhD, associate professor of Philosophy.

Finally, Bucardo Rivera’s regular trips to Nicaragua in behalf of the nonprofit Free the Children put the town of Waslala on the University’s map. In 2002, a group of Villanovans accompanied her to the remote region. Moved by their experiences, they created Water for Waslala, an organization that provides funds and expertise to construct potable-water systems.

living her dream in Zambia, Bucardo Rivera is excited about what the future holds for her, her husband, Pablo, and their daughter, Emma. It’s a future for which Villanova has prepared her well.

“You don’t realize until you leave that you had everything at your fingertips. I learned about faith and justice in and out of the classroom and found my passion.”

—Bridget Bucardo Rivera

People’s lives are more important than the bottom line,” says Derek Fiorenza ’08 A&S. “Anyone who says differently is missing out on what really matters: helping others.”

In life and on the gridiron, Derek Fiorenza ’08 A&S is at the top of his game on fourth down. He knows when to punt and when to go for it.

For example, though crushed that he
had been cut from his high school soccer team, Fiorenza acquiesced to the decision. Afterward, the football coach tapped him to kick, and he became an all-county player.

When his dream school, Villanova, didn’t recruit him for football, Fiorenza persisted. He reached out to Assistant Head Coach Mark Ferrante and, after multiple interviews, walked on.

“Derek’s enthusiasm is so contagious you want to help him,” Ferrante says. “His positive attitude was awesome for the program.”

These experiences taught Derek a life lesson: “We can’t control what happens to us, only how we respond.” It was a mantra he repeated often in 2010, when he took on one of his biggest challenges: providing 1,000 meals to homeless people at Christmas.

It began in 2007, when Derek asked two caterers in West Chester, Pa., if they would donate meals that he would deliver and serve to a local shelter. The trio provided 25 meals that year, 50 the following year and 100 in 2009.

But Fiorenza, who had gone on to earn an MBA—and continue his football career—at California University of Pennsylvania, had bigger dreams. In 2010, he launched Fiorenza’s Food for Friends (F4) under the auspices of United Charitable Programs and began soliciting food donations from restaurants and other vendors. Often the answer was no, but he persisted, and soon the yeses started coming— including one from Villanova.

As an undergraduate, Fiorenza had known Timothy Dietzler, director of Dining Services. When he pitched his idea, Dietzler was eager to help, as Villanova is committed to hunger-relief efforts.

“Derek is a remarkable individual,” Dietzler says. “He’s focused on others and cares about improving the world. It was an easy fit.”

From Dec. 17 to the 22, Fiorenza, his family and faithful volunteers organized, delivered and, in many cases, served 1,200 meals to 16 shelters in eastern and western Pennsylvania. At one locale, the musical duo Fiorenza-Dowlin—of which his uncle, David Fiorenza ‘80 VSB, visiting instructor of Economics, is half—gave a benefit concert.

Fiorenza, who works for his father, Anthony ’76 A&S, in the employee-benefits field, hopes to grow F4 nationally. He can’t do it alone, nor does he want to. “You have to check your ego at the door. We’re in this together, and with God’s grace, we can make a difference.”

Kelly O’Leary

Principal Kelly O’Leary ’03 A&S loves to go to work. It doesn’t matter that the school day runs 10 hours, the school year lasts 11 months and the institution’s survival depends entirely on donations. When you have a staff that gives 110 percent, it changes your definition of work.

“Everyone wants to be there. They care about working hard for the students and breaking the cycle of poverty through education.”
Growing up in Connecticut, O’Leary didn’t envision herself in this career—although her father, Donald ’76 A&S, and her mother, Lizabetta ’77 A&S, had taught O’Leary and her sisters, Katherine ’05 A&S and Margaret ’09 A&S, the importance of education and love in action. O’Leary wanted to study Biology at the university that, thanks to her alumni parents and her uncle the Rev. Richard O’Leary, OSA, ’65 A&S, had become a second home.

O’Leary’s decision junior year to give up her position as goalie on the lacrosse team and instead participate in service break experiences changed the course of her life. After four trips, including one to Mexico that exposed her to unimaginable poverty, she knew she wanted “a career that would give me the natural high of helping others.”

Her search for post-graduate volunteer opportunities led O’Leary to Mother Caroline Academy in Dorchester, Mass. It is part of the NativityMiguel Network of Schools, which provides families in impoverished neighborhoods with a high-quality, tuition-free education. “As soon as I walked into the building, I knew it was where I wanted to be.”

O’Leary and seven other volunteer teachers threw themselves into the duties of their extended day, from breakfast for the students to after-school programs. At night, they retired to their living quarters on the fourth floor. By the end of her two-year commitment, O’Leary had found her passion: inner-city education. While earning her master’s degree at Sacred Heart University, she volunteered at St. Martin de Porres Academy, a NativityMiguel middle school that had just opened in New Haven, Conn. She stayed on as a teacher and was promoted to principal in 2009. “It’s exciting to be part of a fledgling school that has the potential to be an incredible institution.”

Her drive and selflessness do not surprise Director of Service Learning Noreen Stoicsitz, who keeps in touch with O’Leary. “What sets Kelly apart is her sense of humility. She is never jealous of the good that someone else can do, and she puts all her energy into helping others.”

Martin Ganda

August 15, 2003, was filled with firsts for Martin Ganda ’07 A&S: being away from his native Zimbabwe, traveling on an airplane and seeing, in person, Caitlin Stoicsitz, the Hatfield, Pa., pen pal who had been instrumental in bringing him to the United States and Villanova University.

“We recognized each other right away,” Ganda recalls, “and I was overwhelmed. I was finally meeting the girl who, at a tender age, had believed in me and the power of education.”

In the course of their seven-year letter exchange, Stoicsitz had learned that Ganda was not attending school regularly because of his parents’ meager means. She started sending her babysitting money—$20 here and there, which in Zimbabwe, Ganda says, was huge. “It paid for my fees and books and even helped buy food.” Soon, her parents were contributing, too.

When Ganda, a gifted scholar, expressed interest in studying in the United States, Stoicsitz and her family offered to check out the options. One school rose to the top. “We knew Villanova would be the perfect fit for Martin and a place where he could flourish,” Stoicsitz says.

During his years at Villanova, Ganda experienced many more firsts, from computers to pizza to flag football. He majored in Mathematics and Economics, served as a resident assistant and held down a job so that he could send money home. But he never lost sight of the reason why he had come to the United States: to get the best education possible and then help others have access to the same knowledge, technology and opportunity.

Thus was born the Seeds of Africa Foundation. Co-founded by Ganda and fellow countryman Simba Marekera, the nonprofit provides financial support to promising, economically disadvantaged students in Zimbabwe. One of the organization’s immediate goals is to build a knowledge center that will feature educational resources for individuals and communities.

For technical assistance with the project, Ganda, who works for Goldman Sachs, contacted his alma mater. Senior Mechanical Engineering students Thomas Bennington, James Knuse, Sean McIntosh and Ethan Loiacono are now designing a photovoltaic system to meet the knowledge center’s power requirements.

Villanovans also are helping publicize Stoicsitz’s and Ganda’s story and the foundation’s mission. In December, Maggie Mistal ’95 VSB interviewed the two on her radio show, Making a Living with Maggie. Ganda’s pay-it-forward attitude impressed her. “Villanova is about appreciating who you are, what you have and the support you’ve been given,” Mistal says. “Martin exemplifies that.”

Kathleen Krackenberger

The young man’s Villanova tee shirt caught the high school student’s eye. As the van carried the group of goggly-eyed protesters from Chicago to Fort Benning, Ga., site of an upcoming vigil outside the U.S. Army’s School of the Americas, Patrick Kennedy ’95 A&S told the girl about his alma mater. He didn’t know his words had impressed his traveling companion until several years later, when he ran into her at another vigil.

This time, Kathleen Krackenberger ’05 A&S was there as a Villanova.

“Patrick piqued my interest in Villanova,” Krackenberger recalls. “As soon as I was accepted, I knew I would go there.” At Villanova, Krackenberger headed right for the Center for Peace and Justice.
When she showed up at a planning meeting two months into her first semester, she floored the organization’s leaders, one of whom was Teresa Mambu Rasch ’02 A&S.

“When Katie came to the Center, there was a tight-knit group of seniors,” says Mambu Rasch, now a labor lawyer in Milwaukee. “We were stunned that a freshman not only wanted to be involved but also was determined to lead.”

Mentored by Rasch and others, Krackenberger helped organize activities that raised awareness about sweatshops. A Connelly-Delouvrier International Scholar, she had service break experiences in Mexico, Nicaragua, Vietnam and South Africa. Writing letter after letter, she convinced Archbishop Desmond Tutu to come to Villanova and receive the Adela Dwyer–St. Thomas of Villanova Peace Award. At the ceremony, Krackenberger said the invocation.

Armed with a master's degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, Krackenberger headed to Nicaragua to consult for a worker-owned sewing co-op in a free trade zone. When she returned to the United States, she co-founded the Nicaraguan Garment Workers Fund to assist the co-op with production enhancement, market development, quality management and technical assistance. Today, the co-op has expanded its workshop and maintains its own client base.

“The best thing my colleagues and I did,” Krackenberger says, “was show the workers that we were invested in them—as a company and as people—and that we recognized their rights.”

The 2010 recipient of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Young Alumni Medallion, Krackenberger works as a public health consultant for the World Bank Group’s Human Development Network, bringing her passion for human rights to the global arena. According to Kennedy, having someone like her “on the inside” is critical.

“Katie has taken her knowledge to a sophisticated level where she can make meaningful progress toward creating a more sustainable and peaceful world.”

Villanova’s multifaceted approach to education enabled Kathleen Krackenberger ’05 A&S to learn about global poverty from the perspectives of academics, social justice and faith.
Ticket to Ride

Madison Square Garden
Sports president
Scott O’Neil ’92 VSB can fill seats and navigate life’s ups and downs

By Jennifer Schu

In 2001, Scott O’Neil ’92 VSB was “out of work, out of money and out of luck,” he recalls. With a new baby and a mortgage, the pressure was on. After a steady climb up the career ladder in the world of professional sports, he’d taken a risk and launched his own company. But as dot-com euphoria sank, so did the fortunes of his business.

Resolutely working his contacts, O’Neil nabbed an interview with National Basketball Association Commissioner David Stern. “I took New Jersey Transit instead of Amtrak, because it was 12 bucks instead of 40,” O’Neil laughs. He landed the job.

Today O’Neil is president of Madison Square Garden (MSG) Sports, where he oversees the business operations of the New York Knicks, New York Rangers, New York Liberty and Hartford Wolfpack. He also manages the growing MSG Sports business, which includes college basketball, boxing, tennis, mixed martial arts and all other sports attractions at MSG owned venues.

On a given day, he is securing cross-platform marketing partnerships with national brands like Coca-Cola, Anheuser-Busch, JPMorgan Chase and Delta Air Lines or studying plans for a top-to-bottom transformation of Madison Square Garden, one of the world’s most famous arenas.

“Coming to work here every day is a dream. Walking through a tunnel during a game is enough to give you chills,” he says. “As a work environment, it is unparalleled.”

“Villanova stretched my mind”
It’s a dream job for the sports-loving kid from Newburgh, N.Y. who played basketball “at least once a day” during his Villanova years. It’s also a testament to the business acumen he acquired along the way—both at Villanova and in his early career.

Accepted at both Syracuse University and Villanova, he chose the latter—and has been “true blue” ever since.

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Along with his knack for forming close lifelong friendships—as he did in his first days as a freshman in the St. Mary’s residence hall—and his prowess in Villanova’s “A” level basketball intramural league, O’Neil was known for his focus in the classroom. He scheduled all his classes in the early morning—“I was a bit of a nerd,” he laughs—and especially enjoyed his marketing classes. “It was an extraordinary learning experience. Villanova really stretched my mind.”

His professors were impressed with his enthusiasm. “Scott was a strong academic student in my classes, but what made him stand out was his high energy level,” says his former professor P. Greg Bonner, PhD, chair, Marketing & Business Law, Villanova School of Business. “He puts his energy, focus and work ethic into everything he does.”

From gofer to president
After graduating in 1992 with a degree in marketing, O’Neil landed his first job as an assistant with the New Jersey Nets basketball team, where his duties ranged from taking dictation to picking up dry cleaning. Despite the proliferation of “gofer” duties, “I fell in love with the sports business,” he says. “I loved the energy and the excitement—and that sports is such a vehicle for escapism.”

It wasn’t long before the Nets pro-
promoted him to corporate marketing manager. O’Neil then moved on to a four-year stint with the Philadelphia Eagles, where his career continued to rise. He started as the franchise’s director of sales and was then promoted, becoming the youngest vice president of sales in the National Football League.

Somewhere along the way, O’Neil fit in an MBA from Harvard Business School. As the ‘90s drew to a close, he came up with the idea for Hoops TV, a basketball, entertainment and lifestyle Web network. It was regarded as a brilliant plan, as evidenced by the $15 million O’Neil raised from venture capitalists. But after a successful launch, the company’s fortunes—like that of many dot-coms—went south.

The experience was humbling, yet he quickly picked himself up again with the job offer from the NBA. As vice president and then senior vice president of business operations and team consulting, O’Neil worked closely with NBA D-League and WNBA teams to drive revenue and further develop their brands, helping the NBA set all-time attendance records. He earned spots on Street and Smith’s Sports Journal (2004, 2006) and Advertising Age (2006) coveted “Forty under 40” Lists. In 2008, he was recruited to become president of MSG Sports.

“Scott is one of the brightest and most respected minds in professional sports,” says Villanova men’s basketball coach Jay Wright. “He is creating a culture of excellence at Madison Square Garden. He also shows his Villanova pride to everyone in the world of sports.”

O’Neil returned to Villanova last fall to speak to the current men’s basketball team and its alumni who now play in the NBA. The theme of his talk was “Everything Counts.”

“It was an inspiring talk about how their actions define them as men,” Wright recalls. “Scott is a great Villanovan, friend and loyal alum.”

“Scott’s career is a perfect example of where focus and hard work will get you,” Dr. Bonner says. “And when he talks about his family, it’s clear he is just as successful as a husband and father. I am proud he is a VSB graduate.”

O’Neil feels his college years were critical to his development as a person, and reinforced core values he grew up with—faith, family and friendships. He currently resides in New Jersey with his wife, Lisa, and three daughters, Alexa, Kira and Eliza.

“Life can be a bit of a roller coaster. When you are in the down part of it, you lean on your friends and family and past experiences and find the inner strength to come up again.

“You can learn to love it—or you can take the train. I prefer the roller coaster.”
A Whole New World
A Whole New World of Opportunity

Martin Garcia ’13 VSB plans to create change through leadership

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Before visiting Villanova Martin Garcia ’13 VSB had been away from the West Coast just once before. The La Puente, Calif., native had never seen snow until visiting campus to compete for a scholarship.

This leap of faith, which led to him becoming a Presidential Scholar at the University, has proven transformative, expanding his horizons far beyond his Southern California experiences. Garcia has become a true global citizen, with professional contacts and friends across the United States and in Europe.

“College is all about opening doors. Attending Villanova has given me the chance to accomplish so many things,” he says.

Coming from a family of hard workers, Garcia sees higher education as a way of developing himself as a leader while pushing the boundaries of discovery. He was recently elected President of Villanova’s Latino fraternity, which has enriched Garcia’s understanding of his culture and, in turn, given him a way to bolster the organization’s presence on campus. Last summer he received funding to intern abroad in at Conair and Ferrari Corp. in Spain and Italy, respectively.

While making friends in Europe, he found they had much in common. They enjoy similar music and films. “It felt like I had known them a long time,” he says.

Jeremy Kees, PhD, assistant professor of Marketing and Business Law, who taught Garcia and plays with him in club basketball, feels he is striking in his perseverance and toughness on the court and in the classroom. “He was in my office more than any other student last semester, not because he was struggling in class. Martin was trying to see how he could bring his B up to an A,” Dr. Kees says. “He worked hard to achieve the grade he expected out of himself.”

He adds that Garcia contributes a diverse perspective to the Villanova community, not only in terms of ethnicity, but also by growing up in a different region of the country.

Learning through action

Garcia lives in a Sophomore Service Learning Community (SLC), a three-credit course designed to connect students with opportunities to meet the needs of people in underserved communities. It integrates theoretical knowledge and experiential learning to provide a context for critical and constructive thinking and action that promotes the common good.

“It’s great to see what others are learning and how they are putting it into action. They are trying to change the inequalities they see,” says Garcia, who hopes to become a SLC student facilitator next year. “I love learning and applying what I’ve learned. My promise to Villanova is to be a leader every step along the way.”

In addition to his academic and service commitments, he has found a way to use his basketball talent to benefit others. A practice player for the Villanova women’s basketball team, Garcia runs drills during practice and emulates opposing teams to help the Wildcats prepare for upcoming games.

“I’m proud to be part of the women’s team,” says Martin, who attends every home game.

Though has made an impact on campus, Garcia knows his focus will ultimately return to his hometown. As a high school student in the close-knit La Puente community, he first had the opportunity to learn about Villanova through a government initiative known as GEAR UP—Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.

Designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education, GEAR UP helped Garcia attend a National Hispanic college fair, where he encountered a recruiter from Villanova. She spoke to him about the highly ranked academic programs and, recognizing his potential, encouraged Garcia to apply for the Presidential Scholarship.

“It opened my eyes, because I had thought the California educational system was as far as I could go,” he says.

Unfortunately, GEAR UP no longer receives funding in the state, leaving students like Garcia without resources to navigate the college application process. During his winter break, he was invited to an area high school to speak about his experience as a Presidential Scholar and encourage students to achieve academically.

Garcia gave a 40-minute speech about how his hard work has paid off. Then he spent time helping students with the application process, everything from forms to funding. Based on his experience, Garcia encouraged students to open their minds about college opportunities on the East Coast.

“I want to give back to my community, but it’s hard to create change. I can’t do it alone. There are just too many people to help at one time,” he says.

Garcia is determined to create a nonprofit program in the same vein as GEAR UP to fill the need for future students like him. He will rely on his business training from Villanova to ensure the program will be self-sustaining, available for generations to come. It is his hope that it will enable others to follow in his footsteps, perhaps even to make waves in business.

“I want to see more diversity in the business world,” explains Garcia whose father owns an accounting business.

“But no matter where I go I want to help others. It’s an attitude I see a lot at Villanova.”
FEET, PRAY, LOVE

Compelled by unmet need, Tom Costello Jr. ’69 COE creates an organization to bring socks to the homeless

By Shawn Proctor
When Tom Costello Jr. ’69 COE holds a sock drive at schools for his nonprofit organization, The Joy of Sox, rather than money, he asks students to donate socks for someone their own age. First graders bring in socks for first graders. Sixth graders, likewise, give socks intended for sixth graders. He hopes to impress on the children that boys and girls—ones just like them—are homeless.

They struggle and go cold and hungry every day. It also helps meet a critical need for the local homeless population.

“A homeless person getting clothing from a charitable organization may get just about everything—except socks. Though most homeless people are adults, socks for children are especially hard to come by,” says Costello, chief sock person of The Joy of Sox, which received nonprofit status last year. So far the organization has collected or purchased with donations about 16,510 pairs, which have been distributed in homeless shelters and through companion nonprofits like Bethesda Project, which finds and cares for abandoned poor.

It’s just the beginning. Consider that the average person changes his or her socks daily. Unlike most people, the homeless do not have a sock drawer and must wrap their feet in bags to keep out the elements. This also locks in moisture, which can lead to fungus, mold, gangrene and subsequently even amputations. They need to change socks every two weeks, at minimum, to avoid serious medical problems.

The reality is homeless people often wear a single pair of socks for months, if they have socks at all, says Kathya Zinszer, DPM, chairperson of the Department of Podiatric Medicine and Orthopedics at Temple University and Medical Advisory Board member of The Joy of Sox, along with Lara Carlson Weinstein, MD, of Thomas Jefferson University.

“They are fearful we will throw out their socks because it might be the only pair they have,” she explains. “The collaboration of efforts of primary care physicians, podiatry and organizations like The Joy of Sox are something cities need more.”

More than 640,000 people are homeless in the United States. That’s roughly the same as the population of Baltimore. Nearly 5,800 homeless live in Philadelphia alone, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For The Joy of Sox, it adds up to a pretty tall order: 150,000 pairs of socks needed in the local community and 16.7 million pairs needed nationally each year.

A perfect fit

It’s hard to imagine, but only a few years back Costello was, in his words, home-pathic. He had not had many experiences working with homeless people. At his wife’s urging, he began to volunteer at a soup kitchen, where he first heard about the foot problems of the homeless from a podiatrist. He decided to buy socks at a department store and hand them out around Christmastime.

He saw a woman who was homeless and dropped a pack of socks in her bag. “Merry Christmas. God bless you,” Costello recalls saying.

She remained quiet, made no eye contact and began to walk away. Then she turned and asked for a second pair. When she took them, the woman looked at him for the first time and began to cry. “No one has ever given me socks before,” she explained and hugged him.

Strangers only moments before, Costello and the woman embraced and cried together. He felt transformed in a moment of shared humanity. “They were not tears of sadness. They were tears of joy,” he says. Before she left the room, she turned and said, “Merry Christmas and bless you.”

In that exchange, The Joy of Sox was born.

Super socks

The Joy of Sox’s ideal pair of socks is simple cotton crew socks, the kind that sell for less than 50 cents wholesale. For people who live on the fringe of society, the socks provide comfort and help ensure foot health.

Costello hopes to spread the power of his organization’s message by connecting people with socks: giving those who donate the opportunity to hand out socks to those who will use them. For example, he will take a few sixth and seventh graders to distribute socks from recent middle school sock drives.

The message has begun to resonate—people in other cities have begun to establish their own “Sox” chapters and Pennsylvania declared Valentine’s Day National Socks for the Homeless Day.

“I want to give them the opportunity to interact with the homeless. Just seeing a video or poster doesn’t mean as much,” says Costello.

Portraits of Dignity

Sister Helen David Brancato, IHM, adjunct professor of Theatre at Villanova, painted the image that accompanies this sidebar.

A believer in art as an agent of change, she began sketching and painting homeless and people living in poverty while volunteering at hospitals and shelters in Philadelphia.

She has painted for 40 years and many of her works have been displayed in private homes and art galleries throughout the Delaware Valley. One of her works, depicting Jesus sheltering the impoverished, hangs in the basement of the Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia. November to April, homeless men sleep nightly beneath and draw comfort from it.

“My painting draws attention to the homeless and those who exist on the margins of life and gives them a human face,” she says. “It portrays the dignity of every person and is a true identification with the poor.”
At a time when understanding the intricacies of the financial markets could not be more crucial, Villanova University is strengthening its position as a leader in finance education. In December 2010, the University announced the inauguration of the Robert J. and Mary Ellen Darretta Endowed Chair in Finance and the selection of Michael Pagano, PhD, Villanova professor of Finance, as the inaugural chair holder.

The endowment, provided by Robert J. ’68 VSB and Mary Ellen Darretta, was created to enhance the study of finance at the Villanova School of Business through applied research and cross-disciplinary curricula.

“This important new endowed chair will enhance, expand and provide leadership in the study and development of this critical component of business education at Villanova University,” says James M. Danko, The Helen and William O’Toole Dean, Villanova School of Business. “I am incredibly grateful to Bob and Mary Ellen Darretta, whose generous gift allowed VSB to establish it. I am equally pleased that Michael Pagano will be the first to hold it. With his reputation for groundbreaking research, strong teaching, dynamic conference leadership and engaged and involved mentorship of students, he is an ideal choice.”

After joining VSB in 1999, Dr. Pagano quickly established a national reputation in finance for his research on market microstructure, financial markets and financial institutions. In 2009 he was featured in The Wall Street Journal for his

As the inaugural chair holder, Michael Pagano, PhD, wants to ensure VSB students are prepared for the rapidly changing and increasingly global business community.
investigative look at the correlation between U.S. terror alert levels and activity within financial markets. He is regularly consulted for his insights by leading business media including Bloomberg, The Associated Press and BusinessWeek. His research has been featured in twenty-two refereed publications and top tier journals and has been cited extensively by scholars in his field.

In 2009 Dr. Pagano was appointed to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority’s (FINRA) Market Regulation, becoming the first finance professor ever chosen to serve on the 10-person committee for the largest non-governmental regulator for all securities firms doing business in the U.S. As a member, he helps oversee the regulatory activity in major U.S. equities markets and the securities firms that operate within them.

“Today’s financial news becomes tomorrow’s lecture”

Prior to earning his doctorate and joining the Villanova faculty, Dr. Pagano spent more than 10 years in the financial services industry. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation and has experience in both commercial lending and investment valuation analysis. He has been instrumental in VSB initiatives such as launching the Executive MBA program, the master of science in Finance program, the mid-Atlantic Research Conference in Finance (MARC), the Institute for Research in Advanced Financial Technology and the award-winning Applied Finance Lab.

“Dr. Pagano has an extraordinary way of bringing current financial issues and topics to life in the classroom,” says Dean Danko. “Today’s financial news becomes tomorrow’s lecture. He truly connects theory with practice in a way that helps students understand our complex financial markets and institutions.”

As the Robert J. and Mary Ellen Darretta Endowed Chair in Finance, Pagano will direct curricular and programmatic developments on emerging topics in finance to ensure VSB students are prepared for the rapidly changing and increasingly global business community. Furthermore, he will spearhead partnerships with international scholars and universities to enhance the quality of learning at VSB.

“There is a great deal of important research being generated right now about the financial crisis, and much being debated,” notes Dr. Pagano. “Because we will be on top of that research, we can bring those debates and the supporting evidence behind them into the classroom.”

“We are pleased to give back”

“Michael Pagano is a distinguished professor who has made significant contributions to financial research,” says Robert Darretta. “His insight and understanding of financial markets make him the perfect candidate to fulfill the Darretta family’s vision to position VSB as a leader in finance. Mary Ellen and I could not be more honored to have our name associated with him.”

The former vice chairman and chief financial officer of Johnson & Johnson, Darretta retired in March 2007 after a 38-year career with the organization. An expert in corporate governance, the health care industry, direct consumer markets, technology/business process and financial/capital markets, he is the former chair of VSB’s Dean’s Advisory Council and currently serves on the President’s Leadership Circle for the University.

Darretta began his career with Johnson & Johnson straight out of college in 1968, starting at its subsidiary, Ethicon, Inc. Within ten years, he progressed from finance management trainee to vice president of finance.

“Over 40 years ago, I found Villanova, and then I found Johnson & Johnson,” Darretta says. “The two institutions are similar in that they have enabled people to grow and dream, and to attain those dreams. That is what made them so special. They are both value-driven organizations, and that has made them great over a long period of time. We are pleased to give back to the Villanova School of Business.”

The Darrettas’ son Colin is a 2006 graduate of VSB, and their son Nicolas ’12 is a current VSB student.

“The Darrettas are committed to Villanova’s success and clearly embody what it means to give back and to be involved in the life of the University. We are not only grateful for their tremendous gift to Villanova and VSB to endow the Chair in Finance, but also for their dedication as volunteers and proud Villanova parents,” says Michael J. O’Neill, vice president for University Advancement.

Dr. Pagano says he is “honored” to be chosen as the first endowed chair in finance. “Mr. Darretta clearly knows how to motivate and excite people, and when you see someone with that kind of enthusiasm and joy for the school and desire to see it succeed, you can’t help but want to work hard to make that vision a reality.

“I am eager to collaborate with faculty, Dean Danko and the Darretta family to further elevate VSB’s status in the field of finance.”

The endowment, generously provided by Robert J. and Mary Ellen Darretta (above), will enhance the study of finance at VSB through applied research and cross-disciplinary curricula.
“Nothing About Me Without Me”

Nursing elevates care for patients with disabilities

By Shawn Proctor

The Americans with Disabilities Act, which marked its 20th anniversary last year, guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities in areas such as public accommodations, employment and government services. Unfortunately, the law offers no similar assurances regarding health care.

Thanks to a team at the College of Nursing, care of people with disabilities will improve in the future. Led by Elizabeth Blunt, PhD, RN, APN, BC, assistant professor and coordinator of the nurse practitioner programs; and Suzanne Smeltzer, EdD, RN, FAAN, professor and director of the College’s Center for Nursing Research, the College has received a three-year grant from the Advanced Education Nursing Program of the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Their project aims to add new content about care for patients with disabilities into curricula of the more than 300 nurse practitioner programs around the country.

Currently, students pass through undergraduate nursing and nurse practitioner programs with very little knowledge of, exposure to or contact with people with disabilities. “Although nurse practitioners provide excellent primary care, many nurse practitioners are not as well prepared to work effectively with patients with disabilities as we would like. There is a great lack of information in nursing curricula,” Dr. Blunt says.

Nursing program faculty most commonly reported textbooks as the major teaching strategy regarding disability. As a writer of one of those texts, Dr. Smeltzer knows the limitations of that approach. “There is little to nothing about disability in most nursing texts,” she says.

This issue is not limited to nursing—medical and dental programs also lack content to prepare their graduates to address health care needs and their own lack of experience that serve as barriers to care for people with disability. “Disability doesn’t receive attention because no single organization or discipline takes responsibility for it,” Dr. Smeltzer asserts. “Disability issues are simply not on the radar.”

Call to action

Health care providers often don’t realize one in every five of their patients, regardless of age, is affected by disabilities or limitations. That’s as many as 60 million Americans, according to the U.S. Bureau of Census. The number is only expected to rise due to an aging population, increased survival rates of children with developmental disabilities and childhood illnesses, and improved management of chronic illnesses and trauma.

Even classifying disability is difficult. More than 100 definitions exist, each with its own interpretation of the physical, cognitive, sensory, emotional and developmental criteria. The problem goes much deeper than simply knowing whether someone has a disability.

To attempt to remedy continuing health care disparities that affect people with disabilities, in 2005, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a call to action to improve the health and wellness of people with disabilities.

Sometimes people with disabilities find health care professionals and their staffs—along with the general public—have the wrong ideas. The health care provider can become so focused on the patient’s disability that routine health promotion and screening interventions are overlooked. Other times the plan of care doesn’t account for the patient’s specific needs related to the disability.

The call to action specifically identified the need for health professions’ education programs to teach students about disabilities. “It’s important to get beyond the disability and into how it affects the individual,” says Dr. Smeltzer. “Health care providers should ask themselves, ‘What is it we really need to do for this patient today?’”

The medical model asserts that physicians and nurse practitioners look to fix a patient’s problem. Yet lifelong medical conditions can’t always be solved, says Dr. Blunt. In that case, the goal of care may be to help the patient manage a chronic disability, become healthier and prevent secondary complications.

“It is a very vulnerable, underserved population,” she adds.
Setting the course

During the project, teaching strategies will be identified and tested at the College of Nursing and then shared nationally. Planning includes integrating individuals with disabilities into the classrooms and simulation labs to provide educational experiences that will increase students’ expertise in caring for patients with disabilities. Additionally, when the grant project is fully implemented, nurse practitioner students in all tracks at Villanova—adult, pediatrics and family—will complete a clinical practicum experience in a setting with individuals with disabilities.

“We hope to change the curricula of nurse practitioner programs across the country to include content related to disability so that future nurse practitioners are able to provide quality care to this population,” explains Dr. Smeltzer, an internationally known scholar, researcher, educator and author, who has served on disabilities-related committees and advisory groups. She had led the College’s research and health promotion for people with disabilities efforts through its Health Promotion for Women with Disabilities Project, funded by a grant from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation.

Based on their research, the group will help create competencies, resources and course content, designed to fit within existing nurse practitioner programs. For example, a lecture on chronic disease may be reshaped to include an hour lecture regarding disability.

Two advisory committees are participating in the project. The first, which will review content, is composed of a wide spectrum of professionals, including health care providers, with an interest in improving education about care of people with disabilities. The second is made up of people who live with a disability on a daily basis and their family members. They will offer firsthand experience to ensure the project addresses their real-world issues.

“There is a saying in the field of disability, ‘Nothing about me without me,’” says Dr. Smeltzer. “Bottom line, you don’t create something for people with disabilities without their input.”

Elizabeth Blunt, PhD, RN, APN, BC, assistant professor and coordinator of the nurse practitioner programs, and David Mears, resident at Inglis House, a skilled nursing care facility in Philadelphia.
When the Villanova University College of Nursing decided to name its new building after him, the Rev. John M. Driscoll, OSA, PhD, ’48 A&S called the honor “unexpected and undeserved.” Such modesty was characteristic of Father Driscoll, who passed away on March 2 at the age of 87.

Few Villanovans would agree with Father Driscoll’s humble assessment of his own contributions to the College of Nursing—for which he was a strong and indefatigable advocate—and to Villanova as a whole. He served from 1975 to 1988 as the University’s 30th president, leading a period of tremendous growth and advancement.

“He led with warmth, charm, humor, astute insight and wisdom,” recalled M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor, College of Nursing, at the dedication and blessing of Driscoll Hall in October 2008.

Father Driscoll oversaw the purchase of land that extended the borders of campus, the construction of new dormitories and the completion of both the Connelly Center and the Pavilion. That same period saw an increase in the University’s academic reputation as the student body grew more select and geographically diverse, the academic curriculum more innovating and challenging and the faculty more distinguished—characteristics that continue to distinguish Villanova today as one of the nation’s leading universities, notes the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, Villanova president.

As vice president for Academic Affairs, a role in which he served from 1965 until assuming the presidency in 1975, Father Driscoll facilitated the College of Nursing’s move to St. Mary’s Hall. As president, he appointed Dean Fitzpatrick the third dean of the College and presided over the approval and accreditation of the master’s program in Nursing, the founding of the Nursing Alumni Society, the awarding of Villanova’s first Presidential Scholarship to a nursing student and the awarding of the first College of Nursing Medallion.

Father Driscoll was born in 1923 in Philadelphia, Pa. In September 1942, he was accepted as a postulant at Augustinian Academy, Staten Island, NY, and was received into the novitiate a year later. He professed first vows in September 1944 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Villanova in 1948. After professing solemn vows in September 1947, he pursued theological studies at Augustinian College, Washington, DC, and completed a Master of Arts in Philosophy at the Catholic University of America in 1952. Father Driscoll was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1951, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, by Bishop John McNamara.

After teaching at Archbishop Carroll High School, Washington, DC, from 1952 to 1956 and then at Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass., from 1956 to 1960, he completed his doctoral studies in Philosophy at Catholic University in 1964.

During the 1960s Father Driscoll served in many capacities at Merrimack College, including philosophy teacher, vice president and dean, religious superior of Our Mother of Good Counsel Monastery and as member of the college’s Board of Trustees. In 1965 he became Villanova’s vice president for Academic Affairs, and in 1975, University president.

After stepping down as president in 1988, Father Driscoll was assigned as prior of the Augustinian community at Merrimack College. In 1995, he returned to the Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery, where he resided until his death. He is survived by a sister, Fran Boyd.

The College of Nursing’s home serves as a worthy memorial to Father Driscoll and his many accomplishments as an alumnus, educator and Augustinian. To Villanovans, as Father Donohue noted at the Driscoll Hall dedication ceremony, “the building itself is beautiful and reflects a beautiful man.”
Movie stars are not always as young as they look. The same can now be said of celestial stars. A discovery by Villanova University researchers has put a new spin on the way scientists determine the age of these heavenly bodies.

The discovery was not what Edward Guinan, PhD, professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics, was expecting when he asked Thomas Santapaga ’12 and Ronald-Louis Ballouz ’11 to determine the age of a bright star known as HD 189733. The standard method is to observe a star’s rotation: the younger a star, the faster it spins and the more magnetic fields it generates.

On the basis of their observations, the researchers initially decided their star was a youngster. However, further reading revealed that a distant, faint, red-dwarf star was gravitationally bound to HD 189733 and was probably formed at the same time. One problem: the companion star was about four billion years older. What was making HD 189733 appear so youthful?

The answer lay close to the bright star itself. Orbiting HD 189733 every 2.2 days is a type of extra-solar planet called a “hot Jupiter.” The researchers concluded that the planet is transferring orbital momentum to its host star, causing it to rotate twice as fast as other stars its age.

Dr. Guinan was invited to present the findings of the team—which includes graduate student Scott Engle and instructor Laurence DeWarf, as well as colleagues from other institutions—at a press conference at the American Astronomy Society meeting in Seattle in January. Their discovery raises new possibilities about the evolution and dynamics of planetary systems containing hot Jupiters—and was one of the many recent achievements of faculty and students in the department, which on April 2 celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Villanova astronomers discovered that this extra-solar planet (black sphere) is transferring orbital momentum to its host star, causing the latter to spin up and appear younger than it is. As a result, the planet is spiraling inward toward its host star.
The National Hispanic Institute (NHI) has recognized Villanova University as the organization’s 2010 University of the Year. The University was honored at NHI’s annual awards dinner in November in San Antonio, Texas. Stephen Merritt, dean of Enrollment Management, accepted the award on behalf of the University.

Since 2004, Villanova and NHI have partnered to engage high-ability Hispanic/Latino youth through the establishment on campus of the Villanova NHI Leadership Service Center (LSC). The LSC has allowed the University to cultivate relationships with students through leadership and academic experiences that inspire community engagement and the pursuit of higher education.

“In NHI’s 31-year history of work, no institution has committed the resources, support and consistency of effort as Villanova,” said Ernesto Nieto, NHI president. “No other college or university to date has developed an initiative similar to the endeavors undertaken via the LSC and its work beyond its gates to develop driven, community-conscious leaders.”

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Monica McDermott, PhD, ’93 A&S, an assistant professor of Sociology at Stanford University, delivered the keynote address for Villanova University’s Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, sponsored by the Center for Peace and Justice Education. Dr. McDermott, whose research focuses on the intersection of race and class in the United States, titled her remarks “Sports, Shooting and Scholarships: Myths of African-American Mobility.”

Alumna Keynotes Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

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The four-day observance began Jan. 17 with a Day of Service. Hundreds of volunteers fanned out to sites in the Philadelphia area, while others welcomed youngsters to campus for two “Dream Camps.” On Jan. 19, high school students from North Philadelphia presented a workshop on prejudice. The celebration concluded Jan. 20 with the Freedom School, a daylong series of sessions focusing on topics surrounding Dr. King’s work and achievements.

International Scholar Delivers Saint Augustine Lecture

Paula Fredriksen, PhD, noted author of Augustine and the Jews: A Christian Defense of Jews and Judaism, gave the 2010 Saint Augustine Lecture in Driscoll Hall on Nov. 10. Dr. Fredriksen’s lecture was one of the highlights of the Augustinian Heritage Month, celebrated throughout November.

The William Goodwin Aurelio Chair Emerita of the Appreciation of Scripture at Boston University, Dr. Fredriksen has written extensively about ancient Christianity and translated two of Augustine’s early commentaries. “She has uncovered in the thought of Augustine an example of how to look beyond stereotypes to the ‘something more’ that Augustine always sought,” says the Rev. Allan Fitzgerald, OSA, PhD, ’64 A&S, director of the Augustinian Institute.

Held annually since 1959 and sponsored by the Augustinian Institute, the lecture explores the riches of Saint Augustine’s thought in a public, engaging way.
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An institutional partner of CRS, Villanova is committed to peace-building efforts, and the University found ways to express its solidarity with the Sudanese people in the weeks leading up to the Jan. 9 referendum. On Dec. 7, for example, it held a “Vigil for Peace in Sudan” on campus to pray for stability and a peaceful voting process.

In addition, Villanova’s chapter of STAND, a student-led division of the anti-genocide coalition, helped raise consciousness about the situation in Sudan. Tim Horner, DPhil, the Lawrence C. Gal- len Teaching Fellow in the Villanova Center for Liberal Education and STAND’s faculty advisor, invited Deng Duot to speak to students in his course “Dilemma of Genocide.” He also organized the Virginia trip, as well as one to Washington, DC, the previous November so that the South Sudanese could register for the referendum. That trip was sponsored by the Division for Student Life.

For the many students, faculty, staff, parents and other members of the Villanova community who had read and discussed The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier’s Education, it was like a visit from a long-awaited friend. On January 31, Craig Mullaney, author of the 2010-2011 One Book Villanova selection, came to campus and took part in a full slate of activities, including book signings, student sessions, a community dinner in Dougherty Hall and a large-group presentation in the Connelly Center.

Now in its sixth year, the One Book program selection provides a focal point of discussion for the University community. Throughout the academic year, the University offers activities that explore dominant themes in the book, with the author visit serving as the capstone event.

Unforgettable Visit

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On Jan. 28, Taylor Henderson ’05 COE received the first Young Alumnus Environmental Leadership Award for his work in the development of wind- and solar-energy projects through Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc.

Over the past 13 years, RES Americas has constructed enough megawatts of renewable energy to power over a million homes. Henderson was a founding member of RES Americas’ Emerging Renewables team, which has established the company in the solar-energy development and construction industry.

His Villanova experience helped him realize that “life can be about something greater than our personal desires [and] can be lived in such a way that we leave a lasting, positive impact.”

The award is given by the Environmental Leadership Learning Community, in conjunction with Paul Rosier, PhD, associate professor of History, and Chara Armon, PhD, the Arthur J. Ennis Postdoctoral Fellow in the Villanova Center for Liberal Education, to a graduate who has contributed to the increased knowledge or restoration of the natural environment.

Alumnus Honored for Green-Energy Efforts

View from Washington

Since the early 1970s, when his and fellow reporter Carl Bernstein’s coverage of Watergate helped The Washington Post win a Pulitzer Prize, Bob Woodward has been one of the most respected names in investigative reporting. On Feb. 14, the bestselling author and associate editor of The Washington Post came to Villanova to share his insights into the leadership successes and failures of presidents from Nixon to Bush and to offer lessons that can guide President Obama in his administration.

Speaking to a full house in the Connelly Center, Woodward interwove his reflections on the qualities of effective leadership with stories of his encounters with occupants of the Oval Office. He stressed the need for a more transparent government and for the humility to admit one can never have all the answers.

The event kicked off the “Spotlight on Leadership” Speaker Series. An initiative of the Office of Student Development, the series is designed to help students better understand the increasingly broad and complex topic of leadership.

Tackling the Global Water Crisis

Access to clean water and sanitation is a fundamental human right, yet each day one billion people, mostly women and children, struggle to find it. This unequal access, coupled with the growing scarcity of renewable water resources, creates the potential for violence and worldwide upheaval.

On Nov. 8, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Villanova hosted a daylong symposium titled “The Global Water Crisis: Conflict & Cooperation.” Together with CRS technical staff, Villanova faculty from Engineering, Nursing, Geography and the Environment, Law and Business explored opportunities for preventing, mitigating and resolving conflict; and for promoting peace through water development. In the evening, Kenneth Hackett, CRS president, and Dennis Warner, CRS senior technical advisor for Water, Sanitation and Resources Development, focused their remarks on the water crisis in Haiti.

Investigative reporter Bob Woodward kicked off the “Spotlight on Leadership” Speaker Series.

Anne Ayella, CRS director, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Kenneth Hackett, president, CRS; Suzanne Toton, EdD, coordinator, Villanova University Partnership with CRS; Maureen McCullough, CRS Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regional director; the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, University president.

Taylor Henderson ’05 COE and Paul Rosier, PhD
Villanova University now has an address on Park Avenue. The Office of University Advancement, whose wide range of activities build strong support and lasting relationships with alumni, parents, friends and members of the community, has opened a regional office in midtown Manhattan. Located at 245 Park Avenue, 39th Floor, this office will serve as a highly visible presence for the Villanova community in the New York region. This dedicated regional office will allow the University Advancement program to more broadly engage the large number of Villanovans in the tri-state area.

“Our New York office will provide a direct link from our campus to midtown Manhattan and beyond. Having a physical presence there will enable our alumni and corporate partners to increase their involvement and support, thereby helping us to secure Villanova’s future,” says Michael J. O’Neill, vice president for University Advancement.

Overseeing the office’s operations is Stephanie Cook, the new director of Major Giving for New York. Cook brings a wealth of experience in higher education and nonprofit development to her role. Prior to accepting the position with Villanova, she was the director of individual giving for the arts at Columbia University, where she also had served as associate director for major gifts and a development officer.

Before joining Columbia, she was a development officer with the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Central Park Conservancy in New York. Cook has been a guest lecturer and panelist for Columbia’s Fundraising Management Graduate Program, serves as the fundraising advisor to the board of directors for the Riverside Choral Society and is a committee member for the Bloomingdale School of Music and the Boys and Girls Club of Harlem.

Cook received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Kentucky and master’s degree in Fundraising and Nonprofit Management from Columbia.

Edward J. Welsh ’66 VSB, chair, President’s Leadership Circle Executive Committee; Stephanie Cook, director of Major Giving for New York; William Green, associate vice president for Development and Major Gifts; Terence M. O’Toole ’80 VSB, chair, Villanova University Board of Trustees.
Irish Poet Carries Her Song to Villanova

Internationally acclaimed, award-winning Irish poet Moya Cannon was named the Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Chair in Irish Studies for the spring 2011 semester.

A native of Donegal, Cannon studied at University College Dublin and earned a master's degree at Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge. Much of her poetry reflects preoccupations with archaeology, music, language and migration of birds, humans and culture. She has published three collections of poems, including Carrying the Songs, and a fourth is expected to be published in November. In addition, she has collaborated with Irish musicians, and her poems have been set to music.

Inaugurated in 2000, the Heimbold Chair has become one of the most prestigious Irish Studies positions in the United States.

Standing “O” for Alumni

Each year the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences spotlights alumni who have excelled in their careers and served their communities and the University. Congratulations to the 2010 honorees:

Alumni Medallion
James Murray ’60, co-founder of the Ronald McDonald House program and former general manager, Philadelphia Eagles
Candace Robertson-James ’98, research manager at the Women’s Health Education Program at Drexel University College of Medicine

Young Alumni Medallion
Kathleen Krackenberger ’05, public health consultant for the World Bank Group’s Human Development Network (read Krackenberger’s story on pp. 20-21)

Graduate Alumni Medallion
Philip Davidson, PhD, ’68 MS, professor of Pediatrics, Environmental Medicine, and Psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center’s School of Medicine and Dentistry

Golden Milestone

To mark its 50th anniversary, the Psychology Department hosted a series of events on April 8-9. Alumni of the bachelor’s and master’s programs gave talks and participated in a panel discussion, while students presented posters during a reception. The celebration culminated in a banquet Saturday evening at Overbrook Golf Club.

Ireland-Bound Scholar

The U.S.-Ireland Alliance has selected Ivanley Noisette ’08 A&S to be one of 12 new George J. Mitchell Scholars. Noisette, the first Villanovan to receive this prestigious award, will spend 2011–2012 studying human rights law and transitional justice at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. (Read more about Noisette on p. 17.)

The Envelope, Please

Coming off the DL, a student documentary that dispels stereotypes about people with disabilities and was produced by the Waterhouse Family Institute’s Center for Social Justice, has been chosen for five film festivals this year, including the 2011 Peace on Earth Film Festival, held at the Chicago Cultural Center. The film received the Broader Vision Award at the 2011 Garden State Film Festival and was nominated for Best Documentary Short Subject Concept at the L.A. Reel Film Festival. In addition, United Cerebral Palsy selected the filmmakers as the collective winner of its 2011 Outstanding Youth Award.
Past Perfect

Feeling disorganized? According to Sean Carroll, PhD, '88 A&S, senior research associate in Physics at the California Institute of Technology, the universe is in the same predicament. It has gone from being simple and orderly to complicated and messy. In a talk he delivered in January in Driscoll Hall, Dr. Carroll speculated about the nature of time, the origin of entropy and the connection between what happened before the Big Bang and the “arrow of time” that is observed today. He also presented his views on Comedy Central’s The Colbert Report.

Literary Lights

Five authors visited campus during the spring semester to discuss the writing life and read from their work as part of the 13th annual Villanova Literary Festival, sponsored by the Department of English:

- Monique Truong, whose second novel, Bitter in the Mouth, was recently released by Random House
- Poet Terrance Hayes, whose collection Lighthead was a 2010 National Book Award winner
- Colum McCann, author of Let the Great World Spin, winner of the 2009 National Book Award for fiction
- Eleanor Wilner, whose poetry has appeared in more than thirty anthologies
- Fiction writer John Haskell, author of Out of My Skin, American Purgatorio and a short-story collection

Engineering Freshman Curriculum Gets National Exposure

The College of Engineering’s new First-Year Curriculum, developed by faculty and Gerard Jones, PhD, ’72 COE, associate dean for Academic Affairs, reaffirms why the College is a national leader in undergraduate engineering education. The hands-on, interdisciplinary program was the focus of several papers presented at an international conference last June and was featured in the Chronicle of Higher Education in October. Coverage appeared in the print issue and on the publication’s “Measuring Stick” blog.

Reporter David Glenn spent the day on campus learning more about the curriculum from faculty and students; touring the College’s teaching and research facilities; and dropping in on several freshman classes. As a result of his visit, the curriculum was included in a trend story about the shift toward discipline-specific efforts to address assessment needs and improve student performance. The curriculum’s individual components were also featured in a blog post dedicated specifically to the First-Year Curriculum.

Now in its second year, the College’s First-Year Curriculum was designed to help incoming students understand what it means to think as an engineer and help them choose their intended major discipline sooner and more effectively in their college careers.

The curriculum begins with a seven-week core course that blends engineering fundamentals with hands-on group micro-projects that bring classroom lessons to life. Following the core course, students select two of five interdisciplinary, hands-on mini-projects that expose students to a minimum of two major disciplines each. By mid-second semester, students select their intended major discipline and spend the remaining seven weeks studying in that area.

The College of Engineering’s hands-on, interdisciplinary First-Year Curriculum received national attention in a Chronicle of Higher Education feature story.
Moeness Amin, PhD, Wins Naval Research Challenge Award

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) selected Moeness Amin, PhD, professor and director of the Center for Advanced Communications (CAC), to receive one of only 10 Chief of Naval Research Challenge awards through its prestigious $1 million annual competition. Open to all U.S. academic and industry communities, the competition invites applicants to propose research that addresses the ONR's key "challenges." Dr. Amin, who is honored to be selected as one of this year's winners, will use the $100,000 award to advance research in the area of compressive sensing, an emerging technology that can improve radar imaging for both civilian and defense applications.

Amy Fleischer, PhD, Receives 2010 Woman Engineer Award

In recognition of her significant technical achievements in the area of electronic and photonic packaging, the Electronic & Photonic Packaging Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) recognized Amy Fleischer, PhD, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, with its 2010 Woman Engineer Award. The award was presented at ASME's 2010 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition, held in November in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Community Unites in Support

More than 300 members of the Law School community came together for a reception hosted by Dean John Y. Gotanda to show support for current law students. The "Community United" event provided an opportunity for students to meet with alumni, faculty, staff and friends in a social setting, make connections and discuss individual career interests. Among the participants:

- Gordon Cooney '84, managing partner of Morgan Lewis' Philadelphia office
- Pennsylvania State Rep. Greg Vitali '81
- Members of the bench, including Madame Justice Sandra Schultz Newman '72, the first woman to serve on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; U.S. District Judges Juan Sanchez and Berle Schiller; Chief Judge Kevin Carey '79 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware; U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Hey '89; and Judge Gary Glazer of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia
- Charles Widger '73, CEO of Brinker Capital Inc.
- Kathleen '81 and Thomas Wilkinson '81, slated to serve as chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, respectively
- Sara Woods '00, executive director of Philadelphia's Volunteers for the Indigent Program
- Graduates who serve their alma mater, including Kathleen Shay '77, partner of Duane Morris LLP and member of the Law School's Board of Consultants, and Beth Naples '94, partner of Kelly Monaco & Naples and president of the Villanova Law Alumni Association

James C. O'Connor '80, partner of Cozen O'Connor and father of Siobhan O'Connor '08 VSB, '10 MA, offers advice to students interested in litigation.
John F. Scarpa Conference on Law Explores Constitution

The fifth annual John F. Scarpa Conference on Law, Politics, and Culture explored the topics and themes of *A Republic of Statutes: The New American Constitution* (Yale University Press, 2010) by William Eskridge Jr., the John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale Law School, and John Ferejohn, the Samuel Tilden Professor of Law at New York University School of Law.

The book seeks to upset the usual understanding according to which the Constitution embodies the nation’s highest aspirations. Eskridge and Ferejohn argue that U.S. citizens live instead under a statutory constitution that creates entrenched normative commitments in a gradual process of legislation and administration. This process, they argue, is superior to the amendment- or judge-centered process by which constitutional entrenchment is supposed to proceed.

Professors Eskridge and Ferejohn were co-keynote speakers for the conference. Leading scholars of constitutional law, administrative law and political theory responded to the controversial claims of this monumental new book. Among the other speakers were the following:

- Thomas Merrill, Charles Evans Hughes Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- Jane S. Schacter, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law and associate dean for Curriculum, Stanford Law School
- Henry Paul Monaghan, Harlan Fiske Stone Professor of Constitutional Law, Columbia Law School
- Associate Justice David Stras, Minnesota Supreme Court
- Theodore Ruger, professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Martin M. Shapiro, James W. and Isabel Coffroth Professor of Law, Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall)
- Patrick M. Brennan, associate dean for Academic Affairs and John F. Scarpa Chair in Catholic Legal Studies, Villanova University School of Law
- Kristin E. Hickman, Julius E. Davis Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School

William Eskridge Jr., the John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale Law School, was one of the keynote speakers at the fifth annual John F. Scarpa Conference on Law, Politics, and Culture.
Twenty Villanova School of Business (VSB) students; David Nawrocki, The Katherine M. and Richard J. Salisbury, Jr. Endowed Professor of Finance; and James Jablonski, instructor of Finance, traveled to Omaha, Nebraska, in October to meet Warren Buffett, primary shareholder, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Buffett hosts eight of these special events each year, giving university students the opportunity to ask candid questions to the “Oracle of Omaha.” Nawrocki, who oversees the Villanova Equity Society with Jablonski and teaches the graduate student-managed-fund (SMF) classes, submitted VSB in a national lottery, from which 48 schools were ultimately selected. Joining Professor Nawrocki on the trip were 13 undergraduate students from the Villanova Equity Society and seven undergraduate and graduate students in the SMF classes.

During the two-hour Q&A session, Buffett shared personal stories, career advice and life lessons. “I thought the emphasis he placed on public speaking was interesting, and he is correct to point out that it is a skill few business schools teach their students,” Nawrocki says. “Part of his message also illustrated the success he has experienced by enjoying life as a positive, friendly person who is compassionate toward others.”

“Warren Buffett was, as advertised, an incredibly humble and modest man, whose thoughts on finance-related issues, leadership and people were simple but, at the same time, remarkable,” says Rob Haderer ’11 VSB, co-president of the Villanova Equity Society. “His ability to break down complex issues into several succinct points provided us insight into how his thought process works.”

The VSB group also toured two Berkshire Hathaway-owned businesses and dined with Buffett at one of his favorite restaurants.

According to James Danko, The Helen and William O’Toole Dean, this trip is the kind of firsthand experience on which VSB’s new curriculum is built. “A VSB education extends beyond the classroom, translating theory into practice. The students’ meeting with Warren Buffett is one great example.”
Villanova Nursing Selected for Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program

The College of Nursing has been selected as a Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program site by the United States Peace Corps. Through this exciting new partnership, the College will welcome returned Peace Corps volunteers to campus and give them opportunities to continue working with underserved populations in a domestic setting while engaging in formal study to advance their own career.

Peace Corps Fellows who want to pursue nursing as a second career may enroll in the College’s accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for college graduates with degrees in other fields. Fellows who already are nurses with a bachelor’s degree have the option of enrolling in the College’s Graduate Program in a specialty such as nurse anesthesia, nurse practitioner, nursing education or health-care administration.

In addition, Fellows will participate in professional seminars with other student leaders in the College, present their Peace Corps experiences to other Villanova students and partner with faculty mentors to achieve career goals.

Improved Global Health Achievable

Whether the topic is malaria, HIV infection, safe deliveries or immunizations, there is hope for women and babies in impoverished countries, says Leslie D. Mancuso, PhD, RN, FAAN, ’83 MSN, president and CEO of Jhpiego (“jay-pie-go”) and former acting CEO of Project HOPE.

As the 32nd annual Distinguished Lecturer in Nursing, Mancuso presented “Improving Global Health for Women and Newborns … Within Our Reach” in April. An international nonprofit health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University, Jhpiego is active in more than 50 countries. It empowers frontline health workers by designing and implementing effective, low-cost, hands-on solutions that strengthen the delivery of health-care services to vulnerable populations. The Alpha Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International co-sponsored the lecture.

Patient Outcomes at Forefront of Research Symposium

Promoting Health Care Quality through Education and Practice Research was the theme of the College’s annual Research Symposium held March 15. Nursing students, faculty, alumni and colleagues from the region gathered to hear keynote speaker Donna Havens, PhD, RN, FAAN, ’83 MSN present “Designing Nursing Systems to Promote Desired Outcomes.”

Dr. Havens is a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she teaches in the graduate and doctoral programs in Healthcare Systems and Outcomes.

The symposium, which included additional research presentations focusing on clinical excellence, nursing education and health-care leadership, was jointly provided by the Center for Nursing Research, the Alpha Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and the Continuing Education in Nursing and Healthcare Program.

Kimberly Trout, PhD, RN, CNM (right), a certified nurse midwife and assistant professor in the College of Nursing, volunteered for a week in Haiti in November, providing prenatal exams, delivering babies and teaching health promotion. She and Haitian nurse Marie Senise (left) also cared for cholera patients who were quarantined in tents outside a hospital in the city of Hinche.
Lacrosse's Brian Karalunas Recognized for Athleticism and Scholarship

Brian Karalunas ’11 A&S was chosen as the 2010–11 American Eagle Outfitters BIG EAST Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A senior from Dewitt, NY, Karalunas will receive a $4,000 scholarship, which may be applied to graduate or professional studies. He is Villanova's fifth Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year selection and is the first men's lacrosse player from any school to win the award. In addition, he is only the second Villanova lacrosse player to be a two-time All-American.

Karalunas, a long-stick midfielder, was named the 2010 BIG EAST Co-Defensive Player of the Year and an All-BIG EAST First Team selection. He registered 55 ground balls and had 55 caused turnovers in 2010, finishing as the national leader with an average of 3.47 caused turnovers per game. He was selected by the Long Island Lizards with the 35th overall selection in the 2011 Major League Lacrosse Collegiate Draft.

Karalunas, an Honors major with an emphasis in Philosophy, is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Interdisciplinary Honors Program at Villanova.

Men’s Basketball Retires Randy Foye’s Jersey Number

For the arm-waving, poster-flapping fans who rocked the Pavilion during the nationally televised ESPN GameDay on Feb. 12, one of the morning’s most anticipated moments was the retirement of the No. 2 jersey of Randy Foye ’06 A&S. He is the 18th member of the Villanova men’s basketball family to be honored in this way.

Foye, who currently plays for the Los Angeles Clippers, helped lead Villanova to a 52-13 record and appearances in the NCAA Sweet 16 and NCAA Elite Eight in his final two seasons. As a senior, the guard was named a consen sus All-American and the BIG EAST Player of the Year.

“I’m honored to be joining the elite company of Villanova basketball players with their jersey retired,” says Foye. “I appreciate everyone in the ’Nova Nation for their support. I’d like to thank Coach [Jay] Wright, my teammates and the entire staff who were instrumental in creating successful seasons during my career. Villanova basketball is built on a tradition of hard work, togetherness and pride, and I’ve carried this positive attitude with me throughout my NBA career.”

Along with Jason Fraser, Allan Ray ’06 A&S and Curtis Sumpter ’06 A&S, Foye, a native of Newark, NJ, was a cornerstone of Wright’s first full recruiting class in 2002. The group steered Villanova back into the national rankings in 2004 following a seven-year absence, and Foye scored 1,966 points over his four seasons.

“Randy’s impact on this era of Villanova basketball entitles him to be listed among the all-time greats at Villanova,” says Wright. “I know how much Randy reveres the tradition of Villanova basketball and how much it means to him to have his jersey hang in the rafters.”
Big 5 Inducts Kerry Kittles into Hall of Fame

It was not until he played his first game against St. Joseph's University at the Palestra that Kerry Kittles '96 VSB understood what "real city, in-your-face" basketball felt like. He quickly came to savor Big 5 competition more than conference play. Yet despite the intensity of the rivalry, Big 5 opponents were, Kittles says, always respectful of each other.

On Jan. 21, Kittles had the opportunity to relive these and other memories, as he and four other basketball greats were inducted into the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame. During a ceremony held at the Palestra, Kittles expressed his gratitude to his former teammates, who were always supportive, and to his former coaches— including Steve Lappas, Jay Wright's predecessor—who taught him to be a responsible athlete and student. He also thanked the Big 5 for giving him "a special place in Philadelphia basketball history."

As a member of Villanova's men's basketball team, Kittles was a two-time All-America pick and was named the 1995 BIG EAST Player of the Year. He continues to be Villanova's all-time leading scorer, with 2,243 points. His successful NBA career included seven years with the New Jersey Nets.

Since 1973, the Big 5 has been selecting players, coaches, broadcasters, sportswriters and others to become members of the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame. Kittles joins other illustrious Villanova inductees, including coaches Al Severance and Rollie Massimino; and players Harold Jensen '87 VSB, Howard Porter '71 A&S, Kathleen Besel '83 A&S and Denise Dillon '96 A&S.

Vince Nicastro, director of Athletics, Villanova University; Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame inductee Kerry Kittles; and veteran sports broadcaster Don Tollefson.

Sheila Reid Voted Top Collegiate Female Athlete in Cross Country

One thousand NCAA member schools cast their votes and selected Sheila Reid '11 A&S as the winner of the 2011 Honda Sports Award in cross country, designating her as the nation's top collegiate female athlete in that sport.

Reid was honored and humbled to be following in the footsteps of other outstanding Wildcats. "Villanova has such a great women's cross-country tradition, and the accomplishments of the incredible women that came before me have paved the road for the current team to be where we are now."

A native of Newmarket, Ontario, Reid led her team to an undefeated 2010 season and its second straight NCAA championship. She captured her first NCAA national cross-country crown by a two-second margin, the closest finish in NCAA women's Division I history. She is a five-time All-American as a cross-country and track athlete, and this fall she was named the women's cross-country National Athlete of the Year. In addition, she is a three-time BIG EAST Academic All-Star.
More than 400 guests gathered at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on Dec. 16, 2010, for Villanova University’s annual Christmas Celebration. The occasion provided an opportunity for the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, University president, to thank parents, alumni and other donors for their generous support and involvement during the past year.

Michael J. O’Neill, vice president for University Advancement and the evening’s emcee, described how this support benefits students and helps the University “work toward realizing the vision set forth in the Strategic Plan, ‘Igniting the Heart. Inspiring the Mind. Illuminating the Spirit.’”

Father Donohue focused his remarks on that vision. He highlighted the “What’s Next?” tour, the University’s city-by-city rollout of the Strategic Plan, and showed the video that has been enthralling attendees at each presentation. He even dazzled his audience by singing a Christmas carol.

Speaking on behalf of all students, Alyssa Canino ’11 CON expressed her gratitude and offered personal testimony of how donor generosity has enabled her to grow. From the values-based education to her service trip to Durban, South Africa, Canino’s experiences have prepared her “to be the best nurse that I can be.”

Check out the photo gallery for this event at www.development.villanova.edu.

Cynthia Rutenbar ’88 MBA, director, Major Giving, College of Engineering; Jacqueline and Patsy Aguanno ’56 COE; and Evan Zaletel, major gifts officer, College of Engineering.

Alyssa Canino ’11 CON and M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor, College of Nursing.

E. Joyce McGowan, member, President’s Club, and her daughter, Lizann A. McGowan-Killmeyer ’91 A&S, member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board and of the Daniel M. DiLella Center for Real Estate Advisory Council.

Student speaker Alyssa Canino ’11 CON describes why she is proud to be a Villanova nursing student.
Villanova Honors Donors at Christmas Celebration

Parents Executive Committee members Dana and Robert Bunting.

Robert Bunting’s family and friends.

Robert M. Melchionni ’69 VSB, principal gifts officer; William M. Gibson ’66 VSB, member, Villanova University Board of Trustees; and Edward J. Welsh ’66 VSB, chair, President’s Leadership Circle Executive Committee.

Alyssa M. Mitola ’11 A&S; Christopher L. Bellotti ’09 VSB, member, Young Alumni Circle; Bonnie and Richard A. Spugnardi ’89 VSB, members, President’s Club; and Bridget L. Halligan ’11 A&S, Student Government Association president.

Nancy Neuser, Gary Neuser ’72 A&S and their daughter, Kathryn Neuser ’14 A&S.

Robert F. Mulhall Jr. ’80 VSB and Kathy Mulhall ’80 VSB, supporters of the Clay Center at VSB.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, University president, with Jay Wright, head coach, men’s basketball, and his wife, Patty ’83 A&S.
To acknowledge the extraordinary commitment, dedication and leadership of past and present members of the Board of Trustees, Villanova University and its president, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, hosted a Christmas celebration at New York’s Jazz at Lincoln Center on Dec. 13, 2010. More than 100 guests, including members of the President’s Cabinet, attended this second annual event.

In his remarks, Father Donohue discussed one of the greatest achievements of the year: the rollout of the Strategic Plan. Approved by the Board in 2009, “Igniting the Heart. Inspiring the Mind. Illuminating the Spirit” outlines the University’s vision for achieving an unprecedented level of excellence while adhering to its Augustinian history and tradition. Father Donohue also recognized the contributions of those completing their term of service on the Board: outgoing chair Herbert Aspbury ’67 A&S; Tara Cortes, PhD, RN, ’67 CON; James Curvey ’57 VSB; the Rev. Gary McCloskey, OSA, PhD, ’73 A&S; and the Rev. Donald Reilly, OSA, DMin, ’71 A&S.

Providing the music during the cocktail reception was a student group well-suited to the premier venue: the Villanova Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of William Whitaker.
Father Donohue takes five with the Villanova Jazz Ensemble and director William Whitaker.

Tenor saxophonist John Waldron '11 COE sets the mood for the festivities.

Trustees James D. Danella '71 VSB (left) and Kimble A. Byrd, Esq., '73 A&S (right) with Quinetta Roberson, PhD, professor, Management, Villanova School of Business, and faculty member of the Board’s University Communication Committee.

Patrick G. LePore ’77 A&S, newly appointed trustee, and his wife, Rosemary; Lisa A. Valosky, assistant vice president, Business Operations, University Communication, and Kenneth G. Valosky ’82 VSB, vice president for Administration and Finance; and Paula and Terence M. O’Toole ’80 VSB, newly elected chair of the Board of Trustees.

Patricia H. Imbesi, member, Board of Trustees, and her husband, John ’68 VSB, enjoy the celebration with the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, OSA, STD, ’58 A&S, president emeritus.
That's What Friends Are For

By Shawna Proctor

On Move-in Day 1957, five freshmen met for the first time in Simpson Hall. They never expected the chance encounter would spark friendships that would stand the test of time. Yet half a century later, they still have the same camaraderie and feelings for each other—and Villanova.

In fact, they plan to return to campus for Alumni Reunion Weekend June 9–12 to celebrate the University’s bright future, relive treasured moments of decades past and make new memories together.

It’s difficult to say what drew them together. Retired accountant Bill Boettger ’61 VSB, who grew up in Delaware, recalls their similar backgrounds. They came from modest families, loved sports and were smart enough to succeed in college, but not without hard work.

“I consider myself very fortunate to have been assigned Simpson Hall. We became buddies for life,” he says.

A smaller residence hall, Simpson created an atmosphere that fostered close association among the five friends. They were like a fraternity of brothers, and with little money and no car, they spent much of their free time together on campus competing on their intramural team, the Simpson Schmooks.

“We had intramural teams for basketball, football and softball, and the five of us were all a part of it. We tried to be as competitive as we could be,” says Tom Ryan ’61 COE, who lives on Long Island, N.Y.

By all accounts their team was able to tally a few more wins than losses. The best overall athlete, Tom Buggy ’61 COE, recalls that time on the court led to good-natured ribbing that continues to this day.

“The others claimed I never passed the ball. I never passed because they couldn’t shoot,” jokes Buggy, who lives in upstate New York. His son, Kevin, graduated from Villanova with a business degree in 1989 and works in Chicago.

The more things change

The Villanova they attended from 1957 to 1961 looks very different from the University today. Many of the buildings had not yet been built. Sullivan and Sheehan Halls were almost brand new the year they arrived. The basketball team played home games in the Jake Nevin Field House, and Garey Hall was the only campus building north of the Paoli-Thorndale train station. Falvey Memorial Library, on the other hand, was constructed during their years on campus.

The residence halls employed housekeepers who turned down the beds and replaced the linens. Students were
expected to dress in ties and coats all day, whether to attend class, dinner or weekly chapel.

“There were some pretty sad looking dress shirts, tattered jackets and the ugliest ties you’ve ever seen,” admits Bernie Cohan ’61 COE. He enlisted in the army after graduation and served six months on active duty at Fort Dix. Later he worked for the New York State Department of Transportation.

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“Every time we get together it is like all of the years melt away. Everybody knows one another’s idiosyncrasies,” McLaughlin explains.

As with other sports, Buggy is the most capable. He still basks in the glory of his 1966 victory at the Villanova alumni golf tournament. Their wives, whom each married in the five years after graduation, are also friends and often join the men for the outing. They figure the group has enjoyed more than 240 years of marital bliss all totaled.

Are you coming to Reunion this year, June 9 to 12? Share your Reunion story by using your smartphone to take a picture of this QR code to visit the Alumni Relations website or post to the Alumni Relations Facebook page. See next issue for a picture of these five reunited.
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Even if you don’t make a hole in one, with VUAA’s “Great Golf, Great Cause” golf outings, you’ll feel like a champion on the links. In addition to reconnecting with alumni and friends, your participation will help support student scholarships, based on academic achievement and financial need, and other great causes.

“My involvement at Villanova has been a direct result of the resources the scholarship provides. It is both a comfort and a motivator to know that Villanova’s spirit of service continues through the Alumni Association,” says Elizabeth McIntyre ’11, Carolinas Chapter.

“I hope that one day I will have the opportunity to make a difference for Villanova students as you are with me and others,” says Ben Parker '13, Detroit Chapter.

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June 9-12

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Receptions Welcome the Class of 2015

Coming this summer, look for new student receptions in your area. Alumni host students of the incoming class of 2015 and their families to tell them more about Villanova University. It’s a great way to welcome them into the community. Find a reception near you at alumni.villanova.edu.

For complete details on all of our travel offerings, visit alumni.villanova.edu, click “Learn and Explore” then “Travel Opportunities” or contact Pat Gillin, at 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266) to request a brochure.
1930s


Lennie Merullo ’39 A&S, Educ., was featured in a Boston Globe article: “A sharp-eyed link to baseball’s past.” Merullo was a shortstop for the Chicago Cubs from 1941–47. During that time, the Cubs faced the Detroit Tigers in the 1945 World Series.

1950s

Class of 1951: 60th Reunion, June 9–12, 2011
Class of 1956: 55th Reunion, June 9–12, 2011


John F. Maher ’60 Ch.E. and his wife, Marilyn, were named Golden Anniversary Couple for the month of August 2010 by The Parkersburg News and Sentinel in Parkersburg, W. Va. Previously, he was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W. Va.


Dennis H. Ferro ’67 A&S, Pol. Sci., has joined The Principal Financial Group’s Board of Directors. James Ruberto ’68 VSB, Bus. Adm., mayor of Pittsfield, Mass., won the Massachusetts Cultural Council’s first Mayors’ Arts Challenge for his video testimonial describing the positive impact arts and culture had on his city.

Dr. Robert O’Hara Jr. ’69 A&S, Psy., was elected president of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors.

1970s

Class of 1971: 40th Reunion, June 9–12, 2011

Nancy Story Kilpatrick ’70 A&S, Soc., has retired from a 38-year career of federal service. She began as a research assistant for the Senate Watergate investigation into the role of the 1972 A&S, Bio., has been selected for the American Dental Association’s (ADA) Speaker Corps. He will present the ADA’s Success Dental Student Programs at dental schools across the country. Dr. Gamba served on the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs. Previously, he served as president of the Pennsylvania Dental Association.

and concluded as a manager with the U.S. Public Health Service.

Anita Bigatel Folino ’71 Nur., has been named a Super Lawyer by Michigan Super Lawyers magazine. She is a partner with Plunkett Cooney.

A. Roy DeCaro, Esq., ’71 A&S, Pol.Sci., has been named by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to a blue ribbon panel to investigate and improve the Philadelphia criminal justice system.

Alfonso Martinez-Fonts ’71 A&S, Pol.Sci., has been named executive vice president of the U.S. Forum for Policy Innovation, a new organization created by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to produce policy ideas and new research to solve challenges facing the nation. Martinez-Fonts is a member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors.


Rear Adm. Christine Brunzel-Kohler (ret.) ’74 Nur., is executive director for Healthcare Operations at the Joint Task Force-National Capital Regional Medical. She recently retired from the U.S. Navy Nurses Corps and was the 2009 recipient of the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal.

Tony Ponturo ’74 A&S, Eco., chief executive officer of Ponturo Management Group, LLC, was inducted into the Broadcast and Cable Hall of Fame in N.Y. He was honored at a formal dinner celebrating the organization’s 20th anniversary.

Michael Alexander, Ph.D., ’75 A&S, Arts, has published a book called: Immune-Based Cancer Treatment, The T Lymphocyte Response. He has written two other books—Terminal Cancer and Free Life—that are pending publication.

Robert L. Symonds Jr., ’75 A&S, Phil., helped draft the 2010 amendments to Delaware’s business entity laws. A coauthor of Symonds & O’Toole on Delaware Limited Liability Companies, he is a shareholder of Stevens & Lee and a senior legal advisor to CSC® Media.

Susan McTiernan ’78 A&S, Pol.Sci., has been appointed associate dean for graduate programs and associate professor of management at Quinnipiac University’s School of Business.


David B. Ritz ’86 Ch.E. was promoted to technical director at Eastern Technologies Inc.

Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Patricia E. Wolfe ’81 A&S was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (Upper Half). Her second star was pinned on by her husband, Robert Wolfe.

At a special ceremony in October 2010, Rear Admiral Wolfe received her commission through the Villanova Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. She has been recalled to active duty numerous times in support of Operations Desert Storm, Sea Signal and Restore Democracy and twice for Operation Enduring Freedom. In January 2010 she was commander of Combined Task Force (CTF) 48, part of Operation Unified Response, providing humanitarian and disaster relief after the earthquake in Haiti.
Joe Johnson ’87 VSB, Bus.Adm., and Emil Pape ’87 A&S, Eco., are the chief and first assistant chief of the voluntary Bellerose Fire Department in N.Y. They have served together as fire-fighters for nearly nine years.

Daniel O’Connell ’83 A&S, Pol.Sc., was recognized on the “Top 100 Wirehouse Advisors in America” list in Registered Rep magazine. He is first vice president Investments for the Wealth Management Group at Merrill Lynch in Garden City, N.Y.

Lawrence D. Jackson, Esq., ’84 VSB, Bus.Adm., has joined the Blue Bell office of Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst as a partner in the Complex Litigation Group.

Mary Jane Hurley Brant, M.S., C.G.P., ’85 G.S.Hum.Rel. is author of When Every Day Matters and is a member of the Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society’s board of directors.

Laura Lento Gaffney ’85 VSB, Fin., has earned a bachelor of arts degree in music from Rutgers University. She also holds teacher certification in New Jersey for grades K-12 in music.

Steve Keaveney ’86 VSB, Acct., has been appointed to the national board of directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America.

Geoffrey D. Brandon ’87 VSB, Bus.Adm., is regional vice president for TD Bank’s commercial and retail banking throughout Montgomery County, Pa.

Thomas Packwood ’87 VSB, Acct., is manager of McAlvrey’s New Haven practice.

John W. Pauciulo, Esq., ’87 A&S, Arts, is a member of the corporate and business counseling practice at Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC.

Andrew Berko ’88 VSB, Acct., was promoted to CFO and controller at Webb Institute on Long Island.


Tyson C. Reed ’88 A&S, Arts, is managing director and senior private banker at J.P. Morgan’s Boston office.

Cheryl Ricchini-Mercurio ’89 VSB, Acct., joined Ameri-Health Administrators as broker executive with a N.J. client base.

Christine Wnuk ’89 A&S, Hon., is author of Contents May Have Shifted During Life: Unpacking the Stories of a Daughter, Wife and Technology Goddess.

1990s

Class of 1991: 20th Reunion, June 9-12, 2011

Jeffrey P. Arch P.E., ’90 M.C.E., is office principal for the New York City Office of Pennoni Associates, a consulting engineering firm.

Daniel E. Cummins, Esq., ’90 A&S, Engl., presented an “Auto Law/Post-Koken Update” at different venues. His Tort Talk blog was selected by LexisNexis as one of the top 50 Insurance Law Blogs in the United States. Cummins is

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Lisa Szykman '92 M.B.A. was one of the winners of the 2010 Alumni Fellowship Awards from the William and Mary Alumni House for her outstanding work as an associate professor of art and art history.

with Foley, Cognetti, Cimini & Cimmins in Scranton.
John Keegan ’90 B.E. was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy. He is commanding officer of the Surface Combat Systems Center in Wallops Island, Va.
Brendan Burke ‘91 A&S, Engl., welcomed a girl.
Michael J. Kline ’91 G.S.Tax is a partner at Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP.
Rich Morgan ’91 VSB, Fin., welcomed a boy.
Anson Asbury ’92 A&S, Phil., tax counsel at United Parcel Service, serves as vice president of board development for the Fulton County (Georgia) Boys & Girls Clubs.
Erin Donnelly ’92 VSB, Mkt., married Douglas Saulnier.
Matt O’Malley ’92 A&S, Eco., ’06 M.B.A. is senior vice president at XL Insurance where he is responsible for Planning & Administration for the Environmental Group and ING operations for its Commercial Business Unit.
Tracy Taylor ’92 G.S.Theat. is a wardrobe assistant with Disney on Ice.
Anthony R. Leone ’93 A&S, Pol.Sci., of Leone Law, LLC., is secretary/treasurer for the Rhode Island Association for Justice. He also was recognized as a 2010 Rising Star in Super Lawyers.
James C. Mulligan ’93 M.B.A. welcomed a son.
Eileen O’Connell Gram ’93 A&S, Engl., is director of Donor Relations at Roger Williams University.

Chris Connolly ’94 E.E. ’98 Cpt.E., and Chris Schallopp ’94 Ch.E., are founders of Christo IT Services of Harleysville, Pa. The company was one of the winners of the 2010 fastest-growing, privately held businesses in the Philadelphia region by the Philadelphia 100.
Gregory Goldberg ’94 VSB, Acct., welcomed a boy.
Kerry Murphy Winn ’94 VSB, Acct., welcomed a boy.
Tina Nienburg Reza ’94 Nur., welcomed a boy.
Jane Bono ’95 A&S, Engl., and Charles Silecchia ’89 VSB, Bus.Adm., were married.
Brian Calolucci ’95 VSB, Fin., welcomed a boy.
Heidi Conner Igoe ’95 A&S, Comm., and Ben Igoe ’96 C.E. welcomed a boy.
Craig Engler ’95 VSB, Acct., and Kara Reisinger Engler ’95 VSB, Acct., welcomed a boy.
Michael Ferrando ’95 VSB, Fin., married Jeanne Cooley.
Justin Kestner ’95 C.E., ’04 M.B.A. welcomed a girl.
Stephanie Russell Sutter ’95 Nur., welcomed a boy.
Tracy Bell Scully ’96 VSB, Acct., and Kevin Scully ’04 M.B.A. welcomed a girl.
Christopher Hayvey ’96 A&S, Comp.Sci., is director of IT Audit at Prudential Financial.
Allison Maue ’96 A&S, Psy., and Patrick Cocks ’96 A&S, Comp.Sci., welcomed a boy.
Bruce Padula ’96 A&S, Hist., welcomed a girl.
Diane Sutliff Dennis ’96 VSB, Acct., was awarded a “40 Under 40” leadership award from the Triangle Business Journal in North Carolina. She also welcomed a boy.

Disasters like the 2010 earthquake in Haiti have resulted in growing numbers of refugees forced to leave their homeland either temporarily or permanently. Kathleen Bronson Dussán, M.D., ’98 CON is helping today’s medical students and physicians understand the special needs of refugee patients.

As a medical student at Michigan State University, Dr. Dussán became involved with an organization called Physicians for Human Rights, which focuses on education and outreach for the benefit of refugees living in Michigan. It spurred her to team with a fellow student to develop a Refugee Health Elective for preclinical students designed to enhance awareness of medical and mental health issues common to refugees. A resulting study which she co-authored, “Effects of a Refugee Elective on Medical Student Perceptions,” was published in BMC Medical Education. It found that those who had taken the Refugee Health Elective were more likely than non-participants to recognize refugees’ health conditions and identify cultural differences in understanding them.

Currently in her second year of residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan, Dr. Dussán has worked with refugees stateside and in the Dominican Republic, where she cared for victims of the Haiti earthquake. She credits her years at Villanova with giving her “the desire to focus on service, outreach and social justice.”
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Jim Revels ’01 M.T., a partner at Citrin Cooperman & Co. LLC, addressed recent changes to the tax code for small business owners at an economic forum hosted by Delaware County Community College.

2000s

Class of 2001: 10th Reunion, June 9-12, 2011

Christy Bergamino Errico ’99 VSB, Acct., welcomed a girl.

Tara Pasano ’00 A&S, Comm., married Kevin McCarthy.

Marisa Fiocadisi ’00 A&S, Eng., married Brian Campion.

Kevin Gallen ’00 M.E. of Dewberry’s New York City office has been named a voting member of the administration subcommittee for the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

Kara Israelow Michel ’00 VSB, Acct., welcomed a boy.


Greg Paxson P.E., ’00 M.C.E. is a principal with Schnabel Engineering and the manager of the Dam Engineering Group in its West Chester, Pa. office.

Matt Ryan, Esq., ’00 A&S, Pol.Sci./Engl./Hon., serves on the Development Programs committee of the boards of directors of Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He is a trial lawyer with Duane Morris LLP.

Aaron Weems ’00 A&S, Eng., ’03 J.D. welcomed a boy.

Corinne Cori French ’01 VSB, Mkt., welcomed a boy.

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Kristen Laursen '02 VSB, Mkt./Intl.Bus., and Patrick Cunningham '01 VSB, Fin., '06 M.B.A., were married.
Katherine Neville Gray '02 VSB, Acct., welcomed a boy. Jeffrey Norton '02 M.B.A., a member of Coseen O'Connor, spoke on the future of Marcellus Shale development in Pennsylvania at the Urban Land Institute's leadership breakfast.
Jacqueline Remley Wallace '02 VSB, Acct., '03 M.B.A., welcomed a boy.
Lynn Santinauro '02 VSB, Fin., and David Bachstetter '99 VSB, Fin., were married.
Ted Sheils '02 A&S, Pol. Sci., was valedictorian of his graduating class from the New School of Architecture & Design in San Diego, where he earned a master of architecture degree. He graduated cum laude and received the Henry Adams Medal for academic excellence. Alicia White Humphreys '02 A&S, Math., '04 G.S.Appl. Sci., welcomed a boy.
Jim Gillin '06 VSB, Mgt., '08 M.B.A., was awarded “Health Management Rookie of the Year 2010” by the Northeast Division of Merrill Lynch.
Caryn Adams '03 VSB, Mgt., and Greg Szekalski '03 M.E. were married. Kate Banyar '03 VSB, Acct., and Gary Portman '00 VSB, Acct., were married. Gregory Biester '03 VSB, ECO., welcomed a girl. Jennifer Durfee Bottamiller '03 A&S, Lib.Arts, welcomed a girl. Lisa Fiorilli '03 A&S, Psy., and Tim Healy '03, M.E. were married. Brandon Janosky '03 M.E., and Laura Rull Janosky '03 A&S, Comm., welcomed a boy. Patrick Luke '03 M.E., welcomed a boy. Mary Rose O'Connor '03 Ch.E., married Brian Day.
Lucio A. Privitello, Ph.D., '03 A&S, Phil., '04 G.S.Phil., is associate professor of philosophy with tenure and chair of the Program of Philosophy and Religion at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Erica Wintergeist '03 A&S, Comm., and John Zach Shillingford '03 A&S, ECO., were married.
Katie Pease '04 VSB, Mkt./Intl. Bus., married Brian Richardson.

John Reinhardt '04 A&S, Comm./Hon., is program manager for the American Planning Association.
Erin Shearman '04 A&S, Bio., and Andrew McQuillan '04 A&S, ECO., were married. Jessica Albello '05 A&S, ECO., welcomed a boy.
Megan Anderson Dube '05 Nur., graduated from Boston College with a master’s degree with a specialty of pediatric nurse practitioner.
C.B. Ciullo '05 VSB, Acct./Fin., and Colleen Mulhern Ciullo '05 A&S, Phil./Psy., welcomed a girl. Angela Masi '05 A&S, Pol. Sci., married Brian Bader.

Have you received an honor, award or promotion? Did you earn another degree, get married or have a baby? E-mail your news to alumni@ villanova.edu, or mail to Kate Wechsler, Villanova Magazine, Alumni Office, Garey Hall, Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085. Digital photos should be 300 dpi jpeg or tif format, and preferably at least 3 x 5 inches.
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Alum Inspires with his “Philadelphia Chromosome” Story

As a Villanova senior, Ryan Corbi ’05 A&S, ’07 M.A., began to have severe stomach pains, losing 35 pounds over a four-month period. Realizing that it might be a lot more than the stress of finals and term papers, he went in for a check-up with his doctor—and discovered he had a rare form of cancer called chronic myeloid leukemia (CML).
Corbi was lucky. As a patient at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, he was put on a regimen of a targeted cancer drug called Gleevec. The drug had resulted from research done in 1960 by two young scientists at the University of Pennsylvania and Fox Chase Cancer Center, respectively. They had discovered that in patients with CML, one of their chromosomes was deformed. They named this the “Philadelphia chromosome,” and it was the first hint that chromosomes could be involved in cancer.
Gleevec worked for Corbi. Today he is in full molecular remission, holds a master’s degree in theology from Villanova and is engaged to be married. Last fall he was invited to speak as an inspiring true life testament at the 50th Anniversary Philadelphia Chromosome Symposium held by the Fox Chase Cancer Center.
“Because of the work you and your peers are doing, I am able to live not just a somewhat normal life...but a full and healthy life,” he said.
Edward A. Morosky, Former Associate Vice President of Development

A beloved family man who enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a teenager at the height of World War II, Edward A. Morosky, 84, passed away on January 15, 2011, of complications due to Parkinson’s disease.

In 1944, as a 17-year-old eager to serve his country, Morosky joined the Navy. He retired after 21 years of service as a master chief personnel man. It was then that the second part of his career began, for a new and exciting challenge awaited him. Morosky would spend the next two decades as associate vice president for University Relations in Development at Villanova, during a time of exciting growth for the University.

“He was my right arm and ran twelve annual development programs as well as two capital campaigns for the Connelly Center and the Pavilion,” said the Rev. George Riley, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’58 A&S, ’81 M.A., special assistant to the President for Alumni and External Relations.

Morosky is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth Catherine Morosky, three daughters, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. A funeral Mass with full military honors was held in St. Augustine, Fla.
Arthur L. Mahan '36 A&S, Former Athletic Director, Baseball Coach

The oldest living Philadelphia Phillie, a longtime Villanova coach and athletic director and a member of “the Greatest Generation” who served as a naval officer during World War II, Arthur L. “Art” Mahan ’36 A&S passed away on Dec. 7, 2010. He was 97.

Mahan was a homegrown Philadelphia baseball talent who graduated from Villanova in 1936 and played minor league ball until the Phillies called him up to “the show” in 1940. He played 146 games as a first baseman for the 1940 Phillies, batting .244 and leading the team in stolen bases.

Among his most avid fans were the Augustinians who had taught him at Villanova. “[They] kept telling me to have faith in the saints and to ask St. Jude for help when I would step up to bat,” he told The Catholic Standard & Times in 2010. “After trying this, it was quickly obvious that St. Jude couldn’t hit a curve ball, either.”

Named Villanova’s baseball coach in 1950, Mahan’s teams compiled a 236-169-5 record and advanced to four NCAA tournaments. In 1961 he was named the University’s athletic director. During his tenure, Villanova’s track team, coached by the legendary Jumbo Elliott, produced a wealth of Olympians, including Olympic gold medalists the late Otis Paul Drayton Jr. ’63 VSb and the late G. Larry James ’70 A&S. In addition, the men’s basketball team thrived, reaching the 1971 NCAA championship game.

After serving as both baseball coach and athletic director from 1961 to 1973, Mahan stepped down as coach and became vice president for athletics. He retired from Villanova in 1978.

Mahan’s wife of 54 years, Helen, died in 1996. They had 11 children. Mahan is survived by four sons and five daughters.
In Memoriam

David Van Osten '57 VSB, Former Villanova Basketball Player

A member of the Villanova men's basketball team from 1954 to 1957, David Van Osten died on December 19, 2010, at the age of 77 after a courageous battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

A graduate of Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, Pa., Van Osten was offered a basketball scholarship to Villanova, where he played for three years. As a lifelong athlete and proud Villanova alumnus, he returned to campus often, playing for many years in the annual alumni basketball game. He hoped to attend the 2010 game on the Sunday before Christmas, but passed away later that day.

After graduation Van Osten served his country in the United States Marine Corps. At the time of his passing, he was working as a Systems Analyst for the Federal Aviation Administration, where he had been employed for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Theresa, six children and 15 grandchildren.

In Memoriam

James F. “Jim” Judge Jr., ’57 A&S, Passionate Alumnus and Fundraiser

In 2009, James F. “Jim” Judge Jr. received the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) Distinguished Service Award, presented annually to an alumnus who has diligently and faithfully served the VUAA over an extended number of years. It was a well-deserved honor for Judge, who passed away on February 9 at the age of 75.

During the past 10 years he devoted many volunteer hours to the VUAA Detroit Chapter. For seven years he successfully coordinated the VUAA Detroit Chapter’s Scholarship Golf Outing, which draws Villanova alumni from states as far away as Connecticut and the Carolinas, including Villanova President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S. Through such outings, the Detroit Chapter has raised more than $60,000 to benefit student scholarships for young men and women from Michigan. Additionally, Judge served on Reunion Committees and was thrilled to return to campus for his 50th reunion in 2007.

A talented athlete, Judge was a member of the Villanova football team. After he graduated from the University he served with the U.S. Army’s 3rd Infantry Division in Germany with a combat Battle Group as an aide to the assistant division commander. After his service to his country, Judge enjoyed a successful career in the steel industry that spanned four decades and included stints with Republic Steel Corporation and Hague Steel. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, one son, one daughter and four grandchildren.

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