Promises, Partnerships and Possibilities

A transformational gift creates access to education
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DEAR FRIENDS,

Tradition is a potent legacy. It can trap us or transform us, depending on how we treat it. If we so enshrine it that it becomes static and fixed, closed to new ways of thinking, it will cease to be relevant. Or worse, we will.

As custodians of Villanova’s Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition, we have a great responsibility. Our job is to make sure this tradition lives, grows and flourishes so that we may do the same. As the tradition challenges us, so we challenge the tradition. As it opens our minds by pointing us to new horizons, so we stretch its boundaries by applying it to real situations.

That’s an exciting dynamic. Every day, our community shows that it works. We create positive change because our tradition fosters the freedom to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others.

The following pages offer some compelling examples. Through a generous gift, Terry O’Toole ’80 VSB and his wife, Polly, have created a platform for helping others to realize their dreams. The O’Toole Family Presidential Scholarship Program will equip high-achieving, under-resourced high school students with the financial, academic, personal and career support they need to prepare for and thrive at Villanova.

Other alumni profiled here inspire people to think, see and act differently. From a computer scientist exploring technological frontiers to a strategist encouraging people to own their citizenship, these Villanovans engage the Augustinian tradition with their own gifts and circumstances.

The same is true of our campus community. You’ll read about the University’s centers of excellence, where faculty and students collaborate across disciplines to lead innovation and address global problems. You’ll meet people who apply principles of Catholic social teaching to promote justice and build the capacities of those who are marginalized.

In a few weeks, we will send forth our newest graduates. They have been grounded in Villanova’s tradition. Now we invite them to strengthen it by how they contribute to society.

Today, more than ever, each of us is called to embody what Villanova stands for. When we do, we can have a significant impact on the world around us and help to secure the University’s future. As Augustine reminds us, “Such as we are, such are our times.” That’s the transformative power of a tradition that is distinctive, relevant and very much alive.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 LAS President
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**Strategy for Campus Internationalization**

**Air Products Makes Gift to Engineering**

Air Products and Chemicals Inc. has been one of the College of Engineering’s most dedicated and generous industry partners. Among the many examples of its commitment, the global supplier of atmospheric gases, process and specialty gases, performance materials, equipment and services gave $74,000 to the College in November, bringing Air Products’ total donations throughout the last six years to approximately $140,000.

Asian products and chemicals are helping to change how the Holy See communicates through the Internet, multimedia technology and social media. For example, Communication interns played a role in the launch of a papal Twitter account, and Computing Sciences interns have tackled such projects as website infrastructure and mobile application development.

The program also gives students an insider perspective on historic events. After Pope Francis was elected, interns were interviewed by CNN’s Anderson Cooper and on ABC’s *Today.*

**Nursing Celebrates 60 Years**

As part of its 60th anniversary celebration, the College of Nursing hosted a conference April 6 on global health. “Advancing Global Health: Educating the Next Generation” focused on the College’s global reach and its initiatives to promote health in various communities. The conference also explored the ways in which the international students who study here enrich the College.

Papers of faculty, students and alumni discussed primary care and health promotion in Chulucanas, Peru; care delivery for the disfranchised in Durban, South Africa; environment-related health problems in North America; and the experiences of students from around the world. The College welcomed two keynote speakers: Louis Hugo Francescutti, MD, PhD, MHR, FRCPC, FACPM, professor, University of Alberta, and past president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and Naema Al-Gasser, PhD, FAAN, assistant regional director for the World Health Organization’s Eastern Mediterranean Region and WHO representative in Egypt. Their remarks highlighted the impact of health promotion and the positive role nurses play in the health of the world.

**Interns Advance Digital Vatican and Witness History**

Through an exclusive Vatican internship program—part of the Waterhouse Family Institute—College of Liberal Arts and Sciences students are helping to change how the Holy See communicates through the Internet, multimedia technology and social media. For example, Communication interns played a role in the launch of a papal Twitter account, and Computing Sciences interns have tackled such projects as website infrastructure and mobile application development.

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**Festival Draws Prominent Authors**

Junot Díaz, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of best-seller *This Is How You Lose Her*, highlighted the 15th annual Villanova Literary Festival, hosted by the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Salvatore Scibona, Diane Gilliam Fisher, Claire Vaye Watkins; and Mary O’Malley, the Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Chair in Irish Studies (see Page 6), rounded out the lineup of noted writers who came to campus in the spring semester.

**Student Awarded Vanguard Scholarship**

Computing Sciences major Jillian Kramer ’14 LAS received a $10,000 Vanguard Women in Information Technology Scholarship. Kramer was honored at a ceremony Nov. 28. The merit-based scholarship recognizes female junior or senior college students who demonstrate academic excellence in IT-related disciplines.

**PwC Interns Abroad**

Business students will have enrichment opportunities at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Graduates from Accounting students Georgie Bittner will shadow Amanda Goff. Graduate Kristin Malloy and Matt Alfano ’14 VSB will participate in Project Belize, which promotes financial literacy.

**Theatre Wins Five**

In the 2012 BroadwayWorld Awards for the Philadelphia region, Villanova’s Theatre Department, housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, garnered the most votes in five categories: Best Actor and Best Actress in a Play (Ahren Potratz and Felicia Leicht, Woman and Scarecrow); Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress in a Musical (Jessica O’Brien, pictured, and Jen Jaynes, Carousel); Best Lighting Design (Jerald Forsyth, Carousel). Matt Lauer of *Today* interviews College of Liberal Arts and Sciences intern Danielle Monagle ’14, Sean Hughes ’14 and Lauren Colegrove ’14.

**Trustees Assume Leadership Roles**

Villanova University’s Board of Trustees elected Catherine Keating ’84 LAS, head of Investment Management Americas at J.P. Morgan, as its chair, and Paul Tufano ’83 VSB, ’86 JD, executive vice president, general counsel and president of Government Markets of Independence Blue Cross, as vice chair.

“Catherine brings tremendous knowledge and experience to the role of chair of the Board of Trustees,” says the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 LAS, University president. “Her comprehensive knowledge of both the opportunities and key issues facing the institution will be a great asset in her new role.”

Additionally, four new members joined the Board: the Rev. Peter Gori, OSA, JCD, ’75 LAS; Elizabeth Mazzeo ’81 VSB; Robert McCarthy ’75 VSB; and Patrick McMahon ’85 VSB (see Page 12).

**Designer Shares Industry Experience**

The College of Engineering welcomed renowned entrepreneur and designer Mike Nuttall Feb. 22. For more than three decades, Nuttall has made a significant impact in the world of design, most notably by strengthening the visual appeal of technology products. His talk on design, innovation and entrepreneurialism was part of the Patrick J. Cunningham Jr. and Susan Ward ’89 Endowed Lecture Series in Engineering.
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Heimbold Chair

Mary O’Malley, an award-winning poet who has published seven volumes of poetry, was named the Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Chair in Irish Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for spring 2013. Her works touch upon the landscape and “erased lives and bodies of women” in her native Galway. Created in 2000, the Heimbold Chair is one of the most prestigious Irish Studies positions in the United States.

Dean Maggitti Tweets

Patrick Maggitti, PhD, The Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business, is now on Twitter. Followers of @VSB Dean will receive VSB news and developments, as well as gain insights into his work.

Law School Creates Libertas Project

Villanova University School of Law received a major grant from the John Templeton Foundation to launch the Libertas Project, an initiative exploring religious and economic freedoms in the context of law and religion in American public life. Conceived and directed by Vice Dean Michael Moreland, JD, PhD, the Libertas Project will bring leading scholars, judges and policymakers to campus.

Accounting Team Advances to Challenge Finals

A team comprising Villanova School of Business (VSB) students Douglas Jadis, Joseph Brady, Richard Ulrich, Nicholas LaTore and Christian Ludwig (pictured), all of the Class of 2015, was named one of five national finalists in the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Extreme Accounting (xACT) Competition. The high-level case competition tests students’ critical thinking, decision making, collaboration, time management and presentation skills. Each team develops and presents a solution to a real-world accounting issue.

The winning team from each participating campus is considered to compete in the national finals in New York City, but, ultimately, only five teams are chosen. As a finalist, the VSB team received $10,000. “The team did an outstanding job at the xACT finals in NYC. Many people told me how impressed they were with our team,” says Kenneth Hiltbeitel, PhD, who, along with James Borden, PhD, associate professor, Accounting and Information Systems, advised the team.

Engineering Research Center Cited as Model

A 2012 report prepared for the Industry-University Cooperative Research Center Program of the National Science Foundation (NSF) named the College of Engineering’s Center for Advanced Communications (CAC) “an excellent and rare example of how to sustain and grow a research operation in a smaller university.”

The report credits the CAC’s transformation to the “productive, forceful and, from a grantsmanship perspective, entrepreneurial” leadership of Moeness Amin, PhD, professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and, since 2002, CAC director. The most significant change under Dr. Amin has been the CAC’s transition from a traditional consortium model to a contract research project approach. The change helped to significantly increase the CAC’s annual revenue. The report also recognized that the CAC’s state-of-the-art labs, faculty researchers, technical focus and academic integration contributed to its success.

Among the Center for Advanced Communications’ state-of-the-art facilities is the Radar Imaging Lab, directed by Research Associate Professor Faiza Ahmad, PhD.

Experts Debate International Sales Law

Villanova University School of Law brought together global authorities at the 2013 Villanova Law Review Norman J. Shachoy Symposium, “Assessing the CISG and Other International Instruments to Unify International Contract Law,” Jan. 18. Legal experts from Australia, Austria, China, England, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States debated whether the United Nations should undertake a study to consider drafting a new convention on international sales law.

In addition, officials from the United States Department of State, the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) participated, offering a broad spectrum of viewpoints on proposed changes to the Convention on the International Sale of Goods.

Council Holds Inaugural Meeting

The Dean’s Advisory Council of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which will work with the dean on the College’s strategic initiatives, held its inaugural meeting in November. Front row: Scott Mackin ’79, Jean Ann Linnay, PhD, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Kate Allison ’79; Dennis Shea ’75. Back row: David Stelfer ’71; Christopher Albanese ’90; JoAnn Magnatta ’81 MA; Richard Kolman ’73; Mark Servodidio ’87, 89 MS; Paul Scura ’73. Not pictured: Ron Cruise ’77; Michael Linn ’74; Anne Stanley ’72.

Bogle, Smerconish Talk Shop at Villanova

John Bogle, founder of the Vanguard Group Inc. (Vanguard) and author of the best-selling book, The Clash of the Cultures: Investment vs. Speculation with Smerconish, a nationally syndicated radio host, newspaper columnist, best-selling author and MSNBC contributor, have joined the Villanova community recently. Both have contributed guest pieces to the Villanova Law Review and have attended events on campus.

Berry Honored

The Villanova community joined the Center for Peace and Justice Education in honoring Wendell Berry (right), recipient of the 2012 Adela Dewyer-St. Thomas of Villanova Peace Award Nov. 13. An author, poet, cultural critic, conservationist and farmer often referred to as a “21st-century Henry David Thoreau,” Berry teaches people about their responsibilities for the land and for one another.
Leadership Series Spotlights Newark Mayor

Mayor Cory Booker engages with students after his keynote.

Villanova welcomed Cory Booker, mayor of Newark, N.J., as its featured speaker for the third annual Spotlight on Leadership event, held Feb. 18. Mayor Booker, who has been recognized in publications such as Time and Esquire, focused his remarks on “How to Change the World With Your Bare Hands.”

Law Students Get Private-Sector Externships

Students gain vital experience in real-practice settings through the Villanova University School of Law’s renowned clinics, government and non-profit externships, and award-winning Lawyering Together program. The law school ushered in the next chapter in experiential learning this semester with the first for-profit externship placements in law firms and corporations. Students now have expanded opportunities to prepare for diverse careers. 

Falvey Recognized as Top-Shelf Library

Falvey Memorial Library received a 2013 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Falvey was selected for its continuous innovation in serving the University’s mission through an organizational structure built around teams and work groups, and collaborative philosophy. “The ACRL Excellence Award represents for us the highest level of peer endorsement of our efforts to create an innovative ‘commons-centered’ model for academic library service and success in the digital era,” says Joseph Lucia, library director.

Flinn ’14 Receives EPA Fellowship

Natalie Flinn ’14, of Miami, an Environmental Studies major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was awarded the Greater Research Opportunities Fellowship in Environmental Sciences by the US Environmental Protection Agency. She will examine the impact of snow-melting salts on the environment and plant life. “Natalie’s study will help us to better understand how tree species will be affected when the applied salt eventually enters nearby natural ecosystems,” says Lisa Rodrigues, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Geography and the Environment.

A member of the President’s Environmental Sustainability Committee at Villanova, Natalie plans to pursue a law degree with a focus on environmental justice.

Kania and Mimic Earn Scholar-Athlete Accolades

Seniors Michael Kania, co-captain of the golf team, and Ildogena Mimic, women’s cross-country and track and field star, have been named, respectively, Villanova’s 2012-13 American Eagle Outfitters Male and Female Institutional Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Each award includes a $2,000 grant toward graduate studies. Kania has averaged a 72.46 through 13 rounds for the 2012-13 season, maintains a 3.53 cumulative GPA as a Communication major and serves as president of Villanova’s Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Mimic, a Chemical Engineering major, is a six-time All-American, four-time BIG EAST champion and 10-time All-BIG EAST performer; and has been named twice to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team.

Doherty Picked in MLL Draft

The Hamilton Nationals selected attackman Nicholas Doherty ’13 LAS, the 58th overall pick, in the 2013 Major League Lacrosse Collegiate Draft. After switching to a defensive midfielder in his junior season, Doherty returned to attack for his final year. At least one Wildcat has been drafted into the MLL for three consecutive years.

2012 Class Inducted Into Varsity Club Hall of Fame

At the 37th annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner Feb. 8, nine members were inducted into Villanova’s Varsity Club Hall of Fame, and the Jake Nevins Award was presented. From left: Michelle Tupperney, daughter of inductee the late James Tupperney ‘55 MA, men’s track and field assistant coach; Jake Nevins Award recipient Larry Shana; former baseball coach and Athletics administrator, Dennis Dillon ’96 LAS, women’s basketball; David Herr ’95 VSB, baseball; the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 LAS, University president; Jason Lawson ’97 LAS, men’s basketball; Kenneth Dallaglio ’84 LAS, men’s lacrosse; Tyrone Freezer ’96 LAS, football; Amy Meisinger ’93 LAS, softball. Not pictured: Thomas Tracy IV ’97 LAS, men’s swimming and diving; Jennifer Rhines ’96 COE, women’s track and field.
Civil War Diaries Revived

"To day has bin a memorable day and I thank god I have been spend to see it." So begins the Jan. 1, 1863, entry of the Civil War diaries of Emile Davis, a 21-year-old free black Philadelphian upon hearing the news of President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation. Beginning with this entry, Davis chronicled the nation’s progress, and her own, through the remaining years of the war. Villanova researchers rescued the diaries from obscurity and launched the first transcribed, annotated Emile Davis Diaries website, davidaries.villanova.edu. Judith Giesberg, PhD, associate professor, History, directed the research effort, which involved collaboration among the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ History and Communication departments, the Pennsylvania State University and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Nursing Medallions Awarded

The 60th Anniversary College of Nursing Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony was held April 6 in St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The Most Rev. Daniel Turley, OSA, bishop of Chulucanas, Peru, gave the homily.

Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Edd, RN, FAAN, awarded the College of Nursing 60th Anniversary Medallion to the Connelly Foundation in recognition of its support of the Connelly Foundation Endowment. The endowment has made possible the Connelly-Delouvrier International Scholars Program, faculty programs, student development and enhanced resources for the simulation lab. Emily C. Riley, executive vice president, accepted the medallion on the Foundation’s behalf. Helene Monroy Cincotta, PhD, RN, ‘77, CON, of the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, received the 60th Anniversary Medallion for her distinguished contributions to nursing research. Additionally, two alumni faculty were honored for 25 years of service: assistant professors Karen McKenna, MSN, RN, ‘70 CON, an expert in diabetes, and community and home health; and Joyce Willens, PhD, RN-BC, ‘83 CON, a nationally recognized resource on pain and its management, and editor of Pain Management Nursing.

Seniors’ 50/50 Challenge

John ’63 VSB and Anne Gartland have joined forces with the Class of 2013 to motivate seniors to exceed a 50 percent participation rate in supporting the Senior Class Gift. John Gartland is the co-chair of the 50-Year Reunion Class Committee and, along with Anne, has established this challenge for the graduating senior class. If more than 50 percent of seniors give back to an area of their choice in honor of their time at Villanova before May 31, then the Gartlands will allow the Senior Class Gift Committee to designate half of their total $10,000 gift. The Gartlands will donate the remaining $5,000 to the Villanova Annual Fund. Students can learn more and make their gifts at www.villanova.edu/seniorclassgift.

Advocacy Work Lauded

Flanked by representatives from award sponsor State Farm, Patrick Dillon ‘14 LAS, Melissa Grenzer ‘13 LAS, Kathleen Campbell ‘13 VSB and Timothy O’Connell, associate director, Campus Ministry, accepted on behalf of Villanova University Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter the 2012 Build Louder Award at Habitat’s Youth Leadership Conference Nov. 3. The award recognized the chapter’s “outstanding advocacy work” to further Habitat’s mission of addressing substandard housing and homelessness.

VSF Hosts Post-Election Event

The Villanova School of Business’ Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research hosted a December symposium in Washington, D.C., on the public policy and political impacts of the presidential election. The event convened industry executives, political operatives and senior congressional staff.

Raising the Bars

Villanova University School of Law celebrates three alumni who have assumed prestigious leadership roles in bar associations:

• Rachel Branson, JD, ’06, an associate at Schnader Harrison Segal & Astrell LLP’s Philadelphia office, is president of the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia. As a law student, she received the Arthur W. Goldberg Scholarship and the Villanova Faculty Service Award.

• Kathleen Wilkinson, JD, ’81, one of the most senior female partners at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, is chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. She was a semifinalist in Villanova’s Reimel Moot Court Competition and president of the J. Willard O’Brien Inn of Court.

• Thomas Wilkinson Jr., JD, ’81, a member of Cozen O’Connor in the firm’s Philadelphia office, is president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He was the managing editor of the Villanova Law Review and has continued his relationship with the school as an adjunct faculty member.

Senior Class Gift Committee members Christopher Marroletti ‘13 LAS, student body president; Student Government Association; Stephen Rozman ‘13 LAS, president, Senior Class Council; and Lail Hoeneg ‘13 LAS, student body vice president, Student Government Association, helped promote the 50/50 Challenge created by John ’63 VSB and Anne Gartland.

The online publication Best College Reviews included St. Thomas of Villanova Church among its picks of the world’s 30 most beautiful college cathedrals.

Robert Caverly, PhD, mentors students in the Microwave Electromagnetics Laboratory.

Robert Caverly, PhD, professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and director of the Microwave Electromagnetics Laboratory, has been named an institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellow. This prestigious honor recognizes Dr. Caverly’s contributions to the modeling and design of radio frequency systems and devices. The IEEE grade of “Fellow” is conferred on individuals with an outstanding record of accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest.

Robert Caverly, PhD, Named IEEE Fellow

NOVA Dinners Forge Bonds

More than seven dozen students were guests of honor at dinner parties hosted by Philadelphia-area alumni in their homes or at local venues Feb. 6-7 as part of the second annual Network of Villanova Alumni (NOVA) Dinners. Members of the Student Alumni Association, an organization that fosters relations between students and alumni, and promotes school spirit and traditions, attended the dinners as liaisons between hosts and guests. Plans are underway to expand the NOVA Dinners program to cities around the country next year. (See Page 46 for more details.)
Profiles in LEADERSHIP

Four distinguished new members bring diverse knowledge, skills and experience to Villanova University’s Board of Trustees.

By Suzanne Wenzel

The Rev. Peter G. Gori, OSA, JCD, ’75 LAS
TRUSTEE

When the Rev. Peter G. Gori was in eighth grade, a diocesan priest in his parish asked him where he was going to high school. The youngster named a prep school through the Order of St. Augustine that had recently opened.

“I bet the Augustinians get you!” the priest said.

Four years later, that prophecy came true. The Reading, Mass., native traveled to Villanova University in 1970 to enter the Augustinians’ formation program. In the 34 years since he was ordained, institutions, organizations and faith communities have considered themselves fortunate to “get” Father Gori.

At Villanova, the Archdiocese of Boston’s Tribunal and Presbyteral Council; the boards of directors for Holy Family Hospital and Lazaron House Ministries; parishes in New York and Massachusetts; and in January, Villanova University’s Board of Trustees.

“I’m looking forward to the adventure,” says Father Gori, who is used to mentally having his bags packed. His vocation has taken unexpected turns and called upon him to serve in varied capacities. Though he received a bachelor’s degree in Education and, in 1981, a master’s in Systematic Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, his future did not lie in teaching. Instead, the Order tapped him to study canon law. Father Gori squeezed in a course on Italian before heading to Rome, where he earned his doctorate in 1988.

For the past quarter century, Father Gori, who is now pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Andover, Mass., has dedicated himself to parish life, provided legal representation as a canonist and sat on numerous boards. This diversity of assignments energizes him.

“As Catholics, we’re expected to practice our faith in many ways. Serving the Church’s institutions is just one of them. I’ve always felt at home at Villanova, and I always will.”

Beth Mazzeo’s world revolves around large, growing, close-knit families. She, her husband, Lawrence ’83 VSB, and children Alexandra ’13 VSB, Lawrence ’16 VSB and Benjamin ’21 VSB are fortunate to have normally with siblings, nieces, nephews and Mazzeo’s parents, who still live in her childhood home in Cherry Hill, N.J. They share meals, laughter, stories — even vacations. “Everything we do centers on spending time together and helping one another.”

The chief operating officer for Bloomberg LP, Mazzeo also is an invaluable member of her professional family. Hired in 1986, when the nascent company had fewer than 10 employees, she helped to grow Bloomberg into a leading global provider of business and financial data, news and analytics, with more than 15,000 employees. She was instrumental in developing Bloomberg Tradebook and other trading applications. Today, Mazzeo is responsible for ensuring that Bloomberg retains its culture as it grows, while operating as effectively as possible.

The company environment encourages innovation and bold ideas, attributes Mazzeo cultivated while living in her third family, Villanova. “I learned the values of hard work, creating a diverse and inclusive environment and strong community. At Villanova, it’s never about ‘me.’ It’s about ‘us.’”

Mazzeo’s sense of kinship inspires her efforts to strengthen Bloomberg’s partnership with the University and to help Villanova to achieve its strategic goals. She is completing her second term on the Dean’s Advisory Council in the Villanova School of Business. Her new appointment to the University’s Board of Trustees enables her to work with another branch of the family and the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD ’75 LAS, University president. “The vision of Father Gori and the University leadership is exceptional. Villanova is a phenomenal place. I couldn’t be more proud of it.”

Robert J. McCarthy ’75 VSB
TRUSTEE

As a college student waiting tables at a Marriott restaurant, Bob McCarthy was happy to be earning extra cash. He never dreamed that in 2012 he would become the company’s chief operations officer. In his 37-year rise through the ranks of Marriott International Inc., McCarthy remembered the lessons that early job had taught him. He also capitalized on what he had learned on campus and in the classroom: the intangibles that make for transformative leadership.

“Villanova helped me to develop relationship skills,” says the Troy, N.Y., native. “Having the ability to understand the complexities and interdependencies of human interaction made me a better leader. I could motivate people and lead them to perform in ways they didn’t know they were capable of.”

McCarthy refined these skills in his management and executive roles with Marriott, where the rapid pace of growth expanded his opportunities for tackling new challenges. Today, McCarthy oversees global operations spanning 3,902 hotels among 19 brands across 74 countries and employing 300,000 Marriott associates.

McCarthy uses his leadership ability to enhance the institution that instilled his future into the world of hospitality and educational leadership. His secret to leadership is helping one another. “It’s about giving back to the school that has a place in my heart and was an integral part of my development.”

Juggling the demands of being CEO and co-chief investment officer for a company that manages $7 billion in capital; a board member for two publicly traded companies; and a devoted husband and father of two young children is a tough act. But Pat McMahon does it — and he does it well. His secret: He learned to balance at Villanova.

“Not only does Villanova give students a strong academic background, but it also teaches them how to treat other people and how to live with integrity,” McMahon says. “They learn to balance all three. When they graduate, they are prepared to do whatever they want to do.”

McMahon used this platform for success to springboard into an impressive Wall Street career. After nine years at Salomon Brothers, he co-founded MKP Capital Management LLC, a diversified alternative investment manager with New York and London offices. MKP was rated #21 in Bloomberg Markets magazine’s top-performing hedge funds for 2011.

Always ready to support causes that serve people in need, McMahon is treasurer for the First One Counts Foundation, established by freshman roommate Brian Harrington ’85 LAS. He also sits on the board for the Els for Autism Foundation.

McMahon has been no less generous in sharing his time and resources with Villanova. He contributed to the endowed Fund for Villanova Men’s Basketball, created The Patrick and Kristen McMahon Endowed Scholarship, and served on the Executive Committee of the President’s Leadership Circle. Now he is eager to give back as a member of Villanova University’s Board of Trustees.

“When I think about how blessed I have been in my life, the opportunity to work with great individuals in shaping Villanova’s future is an honor.”

Clockwise from top right: The Rev. Peter G. Gori, OSA, JCD, ’75 LAS; Elizabeth T. Mazzeo ’81 VSB; Robert J. McCarthy ’75 VSB; Patrick M. McMahon ’85 VSB
Collective Brilliance
Villanova’s centers of excellence light up the higher-education sky

By Suzanne Wentzel

Business Analytics
To compete in an information-driven world, companies must capture, analyze and make decisions based on data. Established in 2010, the Villanova School of Business’ Center for Business Analytics pioneers education, practice and research in this booming field. “Our vision is to be recognized as a world-class analytics center,” says Matthew Liberatore, PhD, the John F. Connelly Chair in Management and the Center’s founding director.

The Center, which draws faculty from all 18 SB departments, as well as Computing Sciences and Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, helped to develop a required undergraduate course and a minor in analytics.

Through roundtables and lectures by such executives as the presidents of 1-800Flowers.com and Caesars Entertainment, the Center inspires students and the business community of practices and trends. It advances research in diverse areas, such as managerial issues relating to the use of business analytics, the use of various computing devices for analytical applications and sports analytics.

Global and Public Health
The Center for Global and Public Health crystallizes the College of Nursing’s commitment to understanding populations’ health needs and challenges. “In a world connected by travel and technology, we can’t isolate ourselves or think we have all the answers,” says Associate Professor M. Frances Keen, DNSC, RN, interim director.

Launched in 2010, the Center was a driver in a College of Nursing, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and School of Law collaboration to create a graduate course on human trafficking. With Villanova’s Career Center and University Partnership with Catholic Relief Services, it brought experts to campus to discuss careers in international relief and development.

Additionally, the Center spearheaded the effort that led the Peace Corps to designate the College of Nursing a Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program site. Through the College, renamed Peace Corps volunteers earn degrees and do clinical work with underserved populations. In turn, the College adds Fellows’ insights to its trove of international experience.

Arab and Islamic Studies
The Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, founded in 1983, promotes understanding of the geopolitical, socioeconomic, religious, intellectual and cultural dimensions of the Arab and Islamic worlds. It equips students with specialized knowledge for careers in government, industry and research. Through lectures, films and other events, it also prepares them to be culturally competent global citizens and promotes diversity literacy on campus.

Sustainability in Engineering
Launched in 2010, the Villanova Center for the Advancement of Sustainability in Engineering (VCASE) affects the future of the planet. Through research on the integration of sustainability principles in engineering practice, VCASE seeks to protect and restore the environment.

Unveiled in 2009, VCASE pools the talents of faculty in all College of Engineering disciplines to focus on alternative and renewable energy, biomass resources and conversion technologies, environmental engineering, sustainable infrastructure and materials, and stormwater management—one of the fields for which the University is nationally recognized.

“The work of VCASE is to promote our chief competencies while developing areas in which we have potential,” says Professor Robert Traver, PhD, PE, WRE, ’82 MS, director of VCASE and the Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership.

VCASE has a ready test bed for its work. In addition to external partners, it teams with Facilities Management, Dining Services and other offices to use campus infrastructure as a research and learning environment.

Bright Future
Villanova is excited about the flourishing of not just these four, but all its centers of excellence, and the tantalizing possibilities for creating more. By growing its endowment—another strategic priority—it can help to fund centers and attract, through endowed chairs and financial aid, more of the highest-caliber faculty and students. Such star power can only enhance Villanova’s visibility.

by Suzanne Wentzel

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WHAT LIES AHEAD

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Villanova’s centers of excellence light up the higher-education sky

Niches of specialized thought and collaborative activity, centers leverage faculty expertise to spur innovation in research, pedagogy and practice. They just respond to societal challenges and trends. They anticipate them. Because they integrate disciplines from all colleges, they draw from a vast reservoir of knowledge to devise creative, responsible solutions.

The following are but a few examples of the nearly two dozen centers that thrive on campus. Some are young, others more mature. All of them, guided by the principles of truth, unity and love, elevate Villanova’s academic excellence and advance its mission.

Villanova, too, sees the benefit of grouping “stars.” Campus abounds with luminaries: faculty whose expertise covers every field from radar imaging and childhood obesity to consumer marketing and environmental ethics; and students whose rigorous minds and restless hearts drive them to pursue diverse lines of inquiry.

By clustering scholars with related academic strengths and interests, the University illuminates the achievements of interdisciplinary collaboration. It emphasizes the contours of institutional distinctiveness. It highlights patterns of greatness by which others identify Villanova. These “constellations” are the University’s centers of excellence.

Enhancing Academic Distinction
Centers of excellence play a crucial role in helping Villanova to realize its Augustinian vision of academic distinction, a top strategic priority. They build upon the nearly two dozen centers that thrive on campus. Some are young, others more mature. All of them, guided by the principles of truth, unity and love, elevate Villanova’s academic excellence and advance its mission.
Terry (Terry) O’Toole ’80 VSB and his wife, Paula (Polly), live just 12 miles from the city of Newark, N.J. But as Terry points out, it’s a world away. While children of his suburban neighbors go to the best schools and want for nothing, just minutes away, children are afraid to walk to school and often lack basic necessities, let alone access to a first-rate education.

O’Toole, former chair of Villanova’s Board of Trustees and himself once a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship, and Polly, a Rosemont College alumna, have committed $10 million to establish endowed Presidential Scholarships for outstanding students from the Archdiocese of Newark to continue their education at Villanova University.

“This is a unique program and one that Villanova hasn’t done before,” says Stephen R. Merritt, dean of Enrollment Management. “It allows us to reach out to students very early—sophomore year of high school—and engage and educate them about how a college education, and in particular, how an Augustinian education at a nationally known school such as Villanova, can change their lives. And once students are here, they engage in the life of the community and contribute to the diversity of thought that separates a good education from a great one.”

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT
While a gift of this size is a major commitment, what really sets it apart is the O’Toole program’s use of a unique scholarship called a “promise scholarship.” Simply put, promise scholarships allow a university to identify students very early and make long-term commitments to them and their education.

In the O’Toole program, academically successful and motivated high school sophomores are identified as potential Villanova students. To qualify, they must be receiving funding from The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) and attend a Newark archdiocesan high school. Along with the SFIC scholarship, Villanova, in collaboration with their high school, provides support services that help them to prepare for entry into college. Upon graduation, they will then be accepted into Villanova University as Presidential Scholars and members of the Honors Program.

“This gift is important to us,” says Polly, “because it creates the opportunity to change someone’s life, but more accurately, to give them the chance to change their lives. They need to study and get the grades and make a commitment that lasts several years.”

PARTNERSHIPS ARE PARAMOUNT
In the O’Toole program, commitment and motivation are key, but so is becoming a partner in the educational experience. Currently, the O’Tooles provide four years of scholarship support for up to 12 students from Newark archdiocesan high schools
through The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children. With their Villanova commitment, the O’Tooles have expanded their dedication to children attending Archdiocese of Newark secondary schools and coupled it with their desire to strengthen Villanova’s endowment.

“We love being a part of the Newark Archdiocese,” Terry says. “We’ve lived here for 24 years, and we love Villanova, too. So to us, the beauty of this is combining our dual desire to help the students of the Newark Archdiocese and Villanova’s endowment. It ties together everything Polly’s been doing with the Newark Archdiocese and the scholarship fund.”

That “everything” Terry references encompasses Polly’s ongoing work with the children of Newark. In addition to the O’Tooles’ financial commitments, Polly tutors kindergarten students one day a week. She serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, an independent, trained advocate who acts as “a voice” for children in the foster care system. Additionally, Polly spends another afternoon working with children at Streetsquash, a program that teaches urban children squash while providing long-term, intensive, year-round support, including homework help, mentoring and community service.

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Once students are identified and later when they enroll at Villanova, the importance of partnerships remains strong—by design. Students will become a community of O’Toole scholars within a community. The O’Toole Family Presidential Scholarships will provide students with annual scholarship assistance to support not only tuition, room and board and book costs at Villanova, but also specifically designed academic, personal and professional support services for each recipient.

Campus leaders whose staff will lend their expertise to this program include Stephen R. Merritt, dean of Enrollment Management; Teresa A. Nance, PhD, assistant vice president, Multicultural Affairs, and associate professor of Communication; Elizabeth, an Economics major in the Villanova School of Business, Terry was a Presidential Scholar and graduated first in his class. For more than two decades, he has supported the University’s official student newspaper of record, The Villanovan, giving back to the publication for which he once served as editor. In 2007, he endowed the deanship in VSB in honor of his parents, Helen and William O’Toole. This generous endowment has helped to support a bold new vision for VSB focused on international recognition as a premier business school, built upon faculty and academic quality.

The former chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees, Terry is co-chair of Villanova’s Capital Campaign. He also has been a member of the Campaign: Organizing Group, the Steering Committee and the Chairman’s Task Force, as well as the Dean’s Advisory Council in VSB.

Since 2006, Terry has been a co-managing partner of Tincum Inc., a private investment partnership based in New York City. Prior to joining Tincum, he spent 21 years at Goldman Sachs & Co., where he was a partner, member of the Investment and Partnership committees, and the chief operating officer of the Principal Investment Area, the private equity investing arm of the firm, of which he was one of the founding members.

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Each year, the endowment grows and only the interest is used. Year after year, students and academic programs benefit from the growth of revenue and the strength of that fund. Additionally, a strong endowment increases the University’s ability to attract high-achieving students and faculty, create distinctive academic programs and secure funds for important capital projects, such as the campus transformation.

While Villanovans are known for their loyalty and pride, the endowment just might be the one area in which that sentiment is lacking. Our current endowment of $337 million as of May 31, 2012, was called “a relatively small endowment compared to those of our peer institutions” by Standard and Poor’s, which nevertheless bestowed an A+ rating on the University in October 2012. We lag behind the schools we compete with for students. The University of Notre Dame’s endowment is among the top-10 largest in the country, at more than $6 billion; while Boston College is among the top-50, at more than $1.6 billion; and Villanova, at more than $6 billion; while the University of Pennsylvania placed 40th in the nation with $357 million as of May 31, 2012, was called “a relatively small endowment compared to those of our peer institutions” by Standard and Poor’s, which nevertheless bestowed an A+ rating on the University in October 2012.

If we want to continue to, over the next 10–20 years, have our University thought of in the same class as Notre Dame, BC and Georgetown, we have to increase our endowment. Endowment is not about buildings or fancy eateries. It’s about having the financial resources to provide access to education…to allow academically gifted students who fit the other criteria of the University to attend. Our thought together was you can put your name on an endowed scholarship and that will last forever and change tens, if not hundreds, of people’s lives. 

-Terry O’Toole ’80 VSB

In recent years, as we have worked to improve the financial diversity of the University, we have seen an increasing number of students from families who are non-traditional in their family situation. We don’t want to be a school that only serves students who can afford to pay full tuition. We want to be a school that serves all students who meet our academic standards.

Dr. Smith says. “Honors is primarily an academic program characterized by small classes and some of the best teachers we have here, who are chosen not just because they are great teachers but because they want to engage their students on a deeper level. They want to have students over for dinner, and take them to the art museum and on special trips, and engage in extracurricular and co-curricular activities. But Honors isn’t just an academic program. It’s a home for students in the program. We have an Honors residence hall for freshmen, and we have special learning communities and leadership programs, as well as leadership opportunities in Honors. So we are inviting the O’Toole scholars into a community where they get attention that prepares them for success at Villanova and beyond,” Dr. Smith says.

Also, the O’Toole scholars will participate in a professional development readiness program, which will prepare them for summer employment, service and leadership training while in high school. Students will receive individualized attention in identifying preprofessional opportunities, preparing resumes and interviewing for summer jobs, and guidance on workplace expectations.

“For me the word is ‘dream,’” Dudak says. “They’re allowed to have any dream they want, and the support will be here to help them achieve it.”

“I really commend our staff here at Villanova—Steve Merritt and his staff, as well as Terry Nance, Tom Smith, Michael Gagnier and Nancy Dudak—for crafting the structure of this promise scholarship program,” Terry says. “This team really came up with the idea of identifying children in their sophomore year and encouraging them along—that was brilliant. And if the University is willing to do that, which is a big commitment on their part, and if we can really make this model work, I think it’s just really powerful.”

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

The dream of education for all didn’t start with Terry and Polly O’Toole, they acknowledge, but now it is theirs to steward. Both of them say their parents stressed the importance of a college education and encouraged a stellar work ethic. Terry notes that his grandparents were Irish and Italian immigrants who worked hard to achieve the American dream. He keeps a photo of his mother, Helen, as a child with her family, taken on a farm—complete with a dog named Fido—to remind him how far he’s come and that anything is possible with hard work and the right access.

Creating that access means making sure we have the endowment resources to allow us to achieve our strategic vision of being one of the leading national Catholic universities, Terry stresses. “I look at financial aid as critical. I think we at Villanova want to make sure that we become an academically elite school, but in doing so, we want to make sure we will create an opportunity for the best and the brightest to attend—despite their circumstances. Father Peter frequently reminds us that this University was started to educate Irish immigrants—to open the door to education. We can’t forget that. We must continue that legacy.”
CONTINUUM OF LEARNING AND CREATIVITY

ICE Center and Silicon Valley alumni host students

By Elizabeth Russell

Fifteen Villanova University students representing multiple colleges met with some of the top technology experts, including alumni, at Facebook, Google, Twitter, Mojiva, Genentech and more. Students traveled to Silicon Valley Jan. 6-11 for the second annual Villanova in the Valley (VinV) program hosted by the Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE Center). Additional support for the program was provided by the College of Nursing, Rocky and Bello (founded by Charlie Poznek ’81 VSB, member of the ICE Advisory Council), and the Center for Multicultural Affairs.

VINV is a networking and educational program that connects students to Silicon Valley, an area known for innovation and technological excellence. Silicon Valley is home to many of the world’s most successful technology corporations and startups. The theme of this year’s program was “Innovation and Technology: Redefining How We Work, Live and Play.”

“The trip helped students more clearly visualize the connections among Silicon Valley companies and ventures, and understand how leaders in the field balance working, playing and living,” says II Luscri, director of the ICE Center.

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For six days, students interacted with industry experts—including Villanova alumni—to learn about the Valley’s unique culture and work environment. “Students were intrigued and excited,” says Mike Gardner ’67 LAS, an alumnus in the Bay area who worked for IBM for 15 years and spent his career in the high-tech industry. Gardner, a member of the ICE Center Advisory Council, was instrumental in coordinating the VinV program. “They heard firsthand from entrepreneurs, investors, startups, large companies and innovators about what it takes to thrive in Silicon Valley.”

“This is was an amazing program that money can’t buy,” says John Igoe ’63 COE, director of Real Estate, Design and Construction for Google, who helped to plan the program. Igoe is a member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors and a leader for the North California Alumni Chapter. “Silicon Valley is cutting edge. It’s where things happen. I think this experience gave students a better sense of the world.”

Students saw an approach to excellence that’s unlike the way many companies are run on Wall Street, the East Coast and other areas of the country. “There’s quite a difference in everything from philosophy to the way they dress,” says Liam Miller ’14 VSB, one of the student leaders on the trip. “Silicon Valley is a meritocracy. Everyone is on the same playing field. People who work hard and have creative ideas succeed.”

“Speakers talked about where they started and where they are today,” says Martae Giometti ’13 COE, the second student leader on the trip. “They really broadened my viewpoint and changed my perception of what I can do as a chemical engineer.”

EAST-WEST CONNECTION

One of the highlights of the trip was a VinV reception at Google Jan. 8. Keynote speaker John Hennessy III, PhD, ’73 COE, president of Stanford University, talked about the innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem that has developed in Silicon Valley. “Dr. Hennessy exemplifies Villanova,” Igoe says. “He’s a graduate who has been very successful as a businessman and as president of one of the country’s most prestigious universities.”

University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’73 LAS introduced Dr. Hennessy. Other members of the Villanova leadership team traveled to California for the event, including Patrick Maggitti, PhD, The Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business; Jean Ann Linney, PhD, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Gary Gabriele, PhD, Drosdick Endowed Dean of Engineering.

About 200 people, including many California alumni, attended the reception. “Alumni here really enjoyed getting a chance to engage with the students and the University,” Gardner says.

“VinV energized alums and families and showed how strong the Villanova community is here,” agrees Brandon Baker,
VinV also helps Villanova to enhance cross-college collaboration, one of the key components of the University’s strategic plan. “The program gets students in different colleges thinking outside their disciplines,” Isge says. “This is an example of the wonderful job Villanova does preparing students for today’s world.”

**INTEREST IN VinV GROWING**

In just a year, interest in the VinV program has grown dramatically across the campus. “There was a large increase in the number of students who applied for VinV,” Lusci says. “It’s truly an interdisciplinary program. We received applications from undergraduate and graduate students representing all five schools and colleges.”

The 15 students selected for the second annual VinV program were Douglas Allen ’14 COE; James Capurro ’14 VSB; Brandon Clark ’13 LAS; Britney Davis ’15 COE; Charlie Dolan ’14 VSB; Paola Gadala-Maria ’15 LAS; Molly Gilmore ’13 CCN; Marie Giommetti ’13 COE; Nick Giacomini ’14 VSB; Stephanie Janes ’14 VSB; Karley McQueen ’14 CCN; Liam Miller ’14 VSB; Austyn Oddell ’15 COE; Melissa Robles ’13 LAS and Michael Schuman ’15 VSB.

“VinV is a great vehicle for us to get our megaphone out and excite grad and businesses in the Valley about Villanova and give them a chance to interact with our students,” Gardner says, adding that about 3,000 alumni call California home. In addition, Villanova is a top-ranked school in California for internships and attracts students from all five schools and colleges.”

The VinV program was created and endowed in 2009 by Patrick Meyer ’74 Vill in honor of the Meyer family. Initially, the program recognized one student and one faculty member each year. The award program is expanding this year to honor five students—one graduating student from each of Villanova’s colleges and schools—and one faculty member from any discipline. “It was quite an experience,” Giommetti says. “I think we all felt a sense of awe visiting the sites and meeting people who work at these high-profile companies. It was definitely one of the most memorable experiences I’ve had at Villanova.”

**LONG-TERM IMPACT**

Students gained insight into a specific industry during the trip. But the experience also reinforced the importance of developing key traits—innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship—that will help them throughout their careers and lives.

“We can bring these traits to any business and help make things happen,” Miller says.

“VinV opened students’ eyes and will help shape their thought processes,” Gardner says. “This is going to change how they think about their careers and how they apply these skills in their own lives.”

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**INNOVATION, CREATIVITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE VALLEY**

The VinV program is only one of the ways the Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE Center) at Villanova University helps students to become more well-rounded, innovative and creative thinkers.

“We are using a multidisciplinary approach to instill entrepreneurial thinking more deeply into the Villanova culture,” says Il Luszi, director of the ICE Center. “We’re helping students from all Villanova colleges and schools develop characteristics that will help them regardless of the career path they choose.”

To enhance student learning, the ICE Center sponsors a number of events, opportunities and programs throughout the year, including:

- Competitions that foster innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship
- A Pitch Day event in which students have their business plans and entrepreneurship work evaluated by distinguished judges, including alumni, Villanova University parents and community members
- A certificate program—called ICE CAPS—for sophomores
- Courses in innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship
- Students can earn a minor in entrepreneurship either through the Villanova School of Business or the College of Engineering
- ICE workshops and guest speakers
- Mentoring and networking venues

The Center also honors select students and faculty each year with prestigious Meyer Innovation and Creative Leadership awards. The award program was created and endowed in 2009 by Patrick Meyer ‘74 Vill in honor of the Meyer family. Initially, the program recognized one student and one faculty member each year. The award program is expanding this year to honor five students—one graduating student from each of Villanova’s colleges and schools—and one faculty member from any discipline. “It was quite an experience,” Giommetti says. “I think we all felt a sense of awe visiting the sites and meeting people who work at these high-profile companies. It was definitely one of the most memorable experiences I’ve had at Villanova.”

**Visionaries in the Valley**

People and sites on the itinerary included:

- Jenn Bonilla, PhD, vice president, Global Strategy and Program Management, Genomic Health
- Mike Brown, director of International Market Development, Twitter
- Mike DeCesare ’89 LAS, co-president, McAfee
- Jon Fahrner, CEO, BumeBox
- Lissette Fernandez, director, Global Marketing Solutions, Facebook
- David Friedberg, CEO, The Climate Corp.
- Tom Furst ’65 VSB, senior vice president and chief financial officer, SRI International
- Burton Goldfield ’89 MBA, president and CEO, TriNet
- Mike Gospe, co-founder, KickStart Alliance
- Jack Hallahan ’84 LAS, global vice president, Mobile Innovations, Mojiva
- Mitchell Kertzman, partner, Hummer Winblad
- Anurag Mendhekar, CEO and president, The Modern Video Co.
- Geoffrey Moore, partner, Mohr Davidow Ventures
- Woody Rea, owner, Entrepreneurs Fund
- Anthony Reynolds, chief operating officer, Global Solutions GTM at SAP
- Mark Sliwkowski, PhD, distinguished staff scientist, and Bob Andreotta, vice president, controller and chief accounting officer, Genentech
- Brian Thomas, chief of staff, Office of the CEO, Equinix
A first glance, it's easy to assume that the most remarkable thing about Steve Castellotti '00 LAS is his ability to fly a toy helicopter by tapping directly into the electrical energy produced by his own brain waves. Yes, he really can do that. But look closer and you'll see a man on a remarkable mission—using creativity and openness to expand educational opportunities for children and push the limits of science.

Wearing a Star Wars-like headset and squinting with fierce concentration, the Villanova alumnus loves to dazzle onlookers by issuing "brain commands" to his fleet of specially adapted toy choppers, which then respond to the electricity flickering through Castellotti's frontal cortex by soaring skyward or settling gently back to earth.

The founder of Puzzlebox Productions, based in San Francisco, a "brain-computer interface" (BCI) enterprise that manufactures the mind-controlled whirlybirds and other robotic toys (www.puzzlebox.info), Castellotti several years ago wrote the software code used by the copters' brain-linked guidance system. In December, with the help of a few colleagues, he begun manufacturing and shipping hundreds of his mind-bending new toys to stores all across the United States.

A passionate entrepreneur determined to make his mind-operated helicopters the next big thing in electronic toys, Castellotti is constantly on the lookout for new ways to combine innovative software with robotic devices—and especially with devices that can respond directly to human brain waves.

SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE

As astonishing as Castellotti's breakthroughs may appear to the software layman, they probably aren't his most remarkable achievement so far in the esoteric world of BCI. That honor surely belongs to his strikingly original insistence that the elements in his thrilling, new copter toy (the source code, schematics, 3-D models, step-by-step building instructions, you name it) must be "completely open and shared fully" with the world.

That's right. Castellotti and his partners at Puzzlebox haven't hidden the engineering specs for their brain-linked chopper behind a stack of bulletproof patents. Incredibly enough, they want you to "hack" their brain-copter and then use their software to build your own version of the toy, while also doing your level best to improve on their product.

Hard to believe? Not when one of Castellotti's equally important goals is to find new ways to help all of us, and especially schoolchildren, learn how to develop our powers of concentration so we can focus better on the problems and opportunities we face each day.

"At Puzzlebox, we're convinced that you can be open and show everyone what you're doing, and that doing so won't impede your ability to be profitable and useful to society. At the end of the day, we want to show the world that you don't have to hide in a patent and control everyone's access to your products," says Castellotti.

Devising his new high-tech approach to guiding remote-controlled helicopters and race cars, Castellotti is careful to point out that he and his Puzzlebox team didn't invent the idea of monitoring human brain waves and then linking them to a control mechanism that would direct robotic behavior. "We're the first to learn how to control a device with brain waves," he readily admits. "What we did do, however, is to take that ability and connect it to flying a helicopter and other sorts of devices that appeal to children.

"Our toys are lots of fun, but their most important role is an educational one. As we've been able to demonstrate at many schools around the country, kids can learn how to concentrate better by playing with a toy like our new Orbit helicopter. And that's huge," he adds, while pointing out that he's used the device on several occasions as a volunteer in programs designed to help children with attention deficit disorder focus better. "Learning how to concentrate isn't easy for many kids, and yet it's the key to learning.

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

Although building the Orbit control system is complicated, the basic concept is easy to understand. "The human brain runs on chemical processes that produce electricity," explains Castellotti. "Now, the amount of electricity is tiny. It's emitted in millionths of a volt. But you can still measure it, and doing that isn't very different from testing, say, a small, AA battery.

"So what we did was to build a headset that collects the electrical output in the frontal cortex, where thought occurs. Then we wrote software code that connects that output to an ear clip which contains a tiny voltmeter, and then to a guidance system in the helicopter." And the result? When the person wearing the headset begins to concentrate hard (on a math problem, let's say), the brain-wave energy increases, which triggers the propeller-control system in the chopper. In other words, as you begin to concentrate harder, the helicopter begins to lift off the ground. As you lower your concentration, it settles slowly back toward terra firma.

At this stage of development, the toy chopper can go only up or down. But it won't be long, says the inventor—who recently demonstrated the Orbit at major electrical-product shows in Las Vegas and New York City—before additional maneuvers become possible. "With BCI technology, the sky really is the limit," says Castellotti, whose device set a 2011 mark recognized by the Guinness World Records for weightlifting by operating a 61-ton crane via human brain waves.

"I think amazing things lie ahead in this area of technology," says the robotics wunderkind, who jokes that he "learned how to play an Atari 2600" before he learned to read. At Villanova, he became "fascinated by the idea" of combining creative software with robots while taking a course in artificial intelligence taught by Associate Professor Frank Klannes, PhD. "That course was a turning point for me," Castellotti recalls. "The Villanova Computing Sciences program challenged my creativity, and it got me thinking about ways this great tool can be used to help improve public education." He made the same point in November 2011, when he showed off his BCI skills during a lecture on campus.

"I think the 'open-source movement' in technology is only getting started," he predicted, "and we're certainly going to be front and center with that. For me, it's really rewarding to feel I can contribute to society while making a living."
Villanova student-athletes partner with Campus Ministry to serve others

By Shawn Proctor

At the University, the word “community” signifies the connection of all Villanovans to one another. It also represents the link between Villanova and the world. This bond drives the more than 12-year relationship between the University’s student-athletes and Episcopal Community Services’ St. Barnabas Mission.

Every week they visit the women and children shelter in Philadelphia to give mothers a break by playing with the children and peer support. Seeing strong, healthy student-athletes helps motivate the children to engage in appropriate physical activity that supports health and wellness.

The fabric of Villanova

In his two years at college Patrick Williams ’15 LAS, a student-athlete on the football team, rarely misses an opportunity to give back, despite a demanding schedule that leaves little free time. “I relate to these kids living in the shelter, because I was there once. I let them know, ‘You can make it out because I made it out,’” he says. “I wouldn’t be in college without the service of others.”

Jordan Hunter ’15 LAS, who plays defensive line on the football team, says the feeling of connecting to people in need and giving of yourself is why he makes sure to visit St. Barnabas weekly. “I want those children to know that they are safe and that someone will look after them,” he says.

Like many student-athletes, Jordan also volunteers at Special Olympics, the St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service and the Andy Talley Bone Marrow Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Villanova’s football coach.

Allison Venella ’08 LAS, ’13 MA, coordinator of Student Services for Athletics, says the partnership has been bolstered by the enthusiasm and commitment of the Campus Ministry leaders. “Our student-athletes have so much to share and give to others, but at the same time are still able to grow and learn from others. They represent what exactly it means to ignite change.”

“It is a great opportunity for our moms who much need and deserve a break,” says Victoria Bennett, director of Episcopal Community Services’ St. Barnabas Mission. “Even though the children are playing games and having fun, there is a focus on teamwork and peer support. Seeing strong, healthy student-athletes helps motivate the children to engage in appropriate physical activity that supports health and wellness.”

“Not only are we there to keep them moving, but we are also there to be someone for them to learn from, and it is flattering to know that we are considered their role models,” says Meredith Mangiarotti ’14 LAS. “Being in a place as special as Villanova, we are constantly reminded of how lucky we are, which leads to taking time to share our blessings.”

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Villanova garners $500,000 grant to support its commitment to women in engineering

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Engineering as a profession is in transition. Women have become leaders and mentors to a new generation of female engineers. The Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) Program recently recognized Villanova’s College of Engineering as a supporter of this shift through a $500,000 grant, the second largest in the College’s history.

This grant—which marks the first time the CBL Program has awarded three CBL professorships to the same university in one year—recognizes the College’s ongoing commitment to encouraging and supporting women in engineering. This commitment has propelled Villanova’s College of Engineering beyond the national averages for female faculty and students. Through the support of the CBL Program, established by The Henry Luce Foundation, three new female faculty members have been hired: Seri Park, PhD; Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering; and Verica Radisavljevic-Gajic, PhD; Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering.

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“We’re seeing increasing numbers of women engineers assuming leadership positions in the industry. I feel strongly about encouraging women to consider a career in the field of engineering and am proactive in offering encouragement, mentoring and research opportunities to our female students,” says Amy Fleischer, PhD; ’91 COE; ’96 MS, professor of Mechanical Engineering.

“She adds that the College has attracted prospective female engineering students by dispelling the misconception of the profession as solely technical. “Engineering skills can be used to make a difference in the world. This idea of service is especially appealing to women who seek the human relationships that are often thought to be missing from this field.”

Additionally, the College attracts talented female students through eight Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) outreach initiatives, several of which focus on under-represented groups, including women. This STEM outreach takes many forms, from facilitation of national programs on campus to local programs that originate from the creativity of students and faculty. It is one of the most active higher education promotions of STEM in the country.

Teaching, research, service

“I think that Villanova’s College of Engineering has attracted so many women because of their culture of encouragement. We have a strong Society of Women Engineers presence on campus, and the College makes women feel welcome,” says Liesl Krause ’16 COE, a member of the society.

“A supportive and engaging academic environment plays a key role in the College’s success in attracting female faculty. All new faculty hires are assigned discipline-specific mentors who guide them in the areas of teaching, research and service. Tenured female faculty members in each department are among those serving as role models for new faculty, in addition to the subject-matter mentors normally assigned to new faculty.

“A named professorship is always an honor. It clearly shows that I have strong support for my academic success,” Dr. Park says. “The College of Engineering also has a history of nurturing female engineers who not only have gone on to assume leadership positions in their careers, but also actively participate as mentors and advisers to students in the College. These mentors meet and stay in contact with students to advise them on career choices.

“One of the reasons so few young women are interested in engineering and other STEM fields is because there is still a stigma that they are not supposed to be interested in the subject,” Liesl says. “We can encourage women to join engineering by simply reminding them that they are capable of being an engineer.”

Above left: The College of Engineering’s steadily increasing female enrollment well surpasses the national average. Above right (clockwise): the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD; ’75 LAS; Dean Gary Gabriele, PhD; Verica Radisavljevic-Gajic, PhD; Seri Park, PhD; Carlotta M. Arthur, PhD; program director for the Clare Boothe Luce Program; and Nisha Kondrath, PhD.
IGNITING CHANGE

Villanovans contributing to the community

Conversation Starter

Strategic thinker Ryan Costella ’04 LAS knows how to tap the power of talk

By Suzanne Wentzel

People struggling to break the ice at social events can breathe easily if Ryan Costella ’04 LAS is in the room. He has a knack for getting folks to talk. But if they think he’s going to chat about the weather, they’re in for a surprise. Any discussion Costella initiates doesn’t linger on fluff, they’re in for a surprise. Any discussion he’s going to chat about the weather, for getting folks to talk. But if they think

He developed forums for discussing party perspectives, promoted voter-registration drives and maintained lively correspondence with The Villanovan. After 9/11, he and others saw the need to clarify misconceptions about various faith traditions. Working with Kathy Overmurf, associate director, Campus Ministry, they formed the Interfaith Coalition and introduced World Religions Day. “When you brainstorm with Ryan, you can do anything,” Overmurf says. “He changes ahead, saying, ‘We can do this!’”

His catalyst thinking didn’t begin in college. In high school in Canon City, Nev., Costella had been a rebel with many causes. But at Villanova, he realized that challenging the status quo was not only “normal” but good. “Students could express opinions, start ventures and think outside the box. I loved that!”

Capitaliving

Having to choose between a Fulbright grant and an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to study at the prestigious University of Cambridge, Costella opted to pursue a master’s degree in Modern Chinese Studies at Cambridge. During a nine-month stretch of the program, he enrolled at Beijing University and researched regional disparities in China’s political and economic development.

Journeying into rural villages, Costella spent three months interviewing locals, including an elderly woman who had never heard of the United States or seen her face in a mirror. He also found time to advise the Olympic task force preparing USA Swimming for Beijing 2008.

After he returned to Nevada in 2006, Costella got a call from mentor and former adjunct professor Jim Brown ’73 LAS. Brown had been appointed chief of staff for Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. Would Costella come to Washington and be his assistant? He hung up and packed.

Costella was Brown’s ideal pick. “Besides being bright and personable, Ryan connects with people—and he connects them to each other. I knew that would be a good combination for me.” As Brown’s assistant, Costella advised on US-Sino relations and outreach strategy. Frustrated that the people who could contribute to this conversation operated in silos, he resolved to connect the experts. “I wanted to break down barriers and bring people together to talk about important issues.” Thanks to Costella’s initiative, the “China Hands,” comprising professionals from government, industry, think tanks and human rights groups, began to convene regularly.

Much as Costella treasured working on Capitol Hill and pinch-me moments such as Inauguration Day 2009, when he escorted the family of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a new conversation beckoned. Convinced that his generation was not tapping into one of its most potent assets—citizenship—Costella went home to Nevada.

Initially, he planned to run for office. Then Costella, brainstorming with a colleague, had an epiphany. Campaigning and serving as an elected official so that he could have an impact was the problem, not the solution. The two conceived a different approach. “We wanted to create a movement to remind voters of where they sit on the organizational chart in this country: the top.” Thus was born Empowerment Nevada, a political organization that calls people to “own” their citizenship by solving problems and generating ideas. This grassroots effort has an exemplar in co-founder Costella, says Jane Morris ’78 LAS, director of Villanova’s Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships.

“Ryan owns his life. He has the courage to take advantage of opportunities to uplift what he believes in.”

Costella also addressed the issue of workforce development. Hired in 2009 as director of Strategic Initiatives for Click Bond, a global manufacturer of adhesive-bonded fasteners, he helped to launch Dream It Do It Nevada, a nonprofit engine connecting Nevadans to careers in industry. In its story on the nation’s skills gap in 2012, 60 Minutes interviewed Click Bond personnel, including Costella.

Costella attributes much of his success to his transformative educational experience. “Academically, I was barely ‘reading water’ my first semester. When I left, I could ‘swim’ with the best. That translates to how well Villanova prepares students for the world.”

Firms such as Rick Simpson, men’s and women’s head swimming and diving coach, have long believed Costella is prepared for the land’s highest office. “I would tell people, Ryan is going to run for president someday, and he’ll probably win, so you might want to get to know him now.”

Time will tell, but the idea makes for a winning conversation starter.

While conducting research for his Cambridge thesis, Ryan Costella ’04 LAS meets an 80-year-old woman who has never heard of the United States, has bound feet and, courtesy of Costella, sees a photo of herself for the first time.

I look for ways to be a catalyst, creating opportunities for people to get involved and exchange ideas respectfully.”

—Ryan Costella

For more information on Empowerment Nevada, visit www.empowermentnevada.com.
Christopher Maguire ’89 LAS competes daily against a formidable opponent: himself. An accomplished triathlete and entrepreneur, Maguire brings the same discipline and innovation to the boardroom and the gym. “People ask me, ‘What are you training for?’” says the former Villanova lacrosse player. “I tell them, ‘For life.’”

Along with his seven siblings, Maguire inherited his father’s passion for sports and fitness. More important, he learned an ethic of working and living that calls for giving his best and giving back. Through their extraordinary example, his parents—James, founder of Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corp., and Frances, an artist and nurse—taught him to value faith, education, enterprise and philanthropy. Then they encouraged him to pursue his dreams.

Maguire has never stopped pursuing. The former president and chief operating officer of Philadelphia Insurance Cos., which designs, sells and underwrites commercial property, casualty and professional liability insurance products, Maguire knows what he wants and how to achieve it. “Chris is innovative, efficient and tactical about reaching goals,” says company colleague Jeffrey Collins ’88 COE, vice president, Commercial Lines Underwriting. “A multidimensional thinker, he does what no one else thinks to do.”

Once, while training with Collins for an Ironman event, Maguire raised the bar by suggesting they not only compete in the famed triathlon but also break 80 in golf in the same year. “This type of thinking differentiates Chris. Those who follow his leadership excel”—an outcome Collins happily experienced on the green.

PREPARED TO DO BUSINESS
Growing up in Wyndmoor, Pa., Maguire frequented his dad’s offices, known then as Maguire Insurance Agency, and kindled his entrepreneurial fire. He hoped one day to work for the agency and had definite ideas about how to get there.

First, he chose to attend Villanova, where he formed lasting friendships and was caught up in the dynamic spirit that also has made Wildcats fans of his wife, Ellen, and their three children. Second, Maguire majored in English, believing what his career success later confirmed: Communication is the most critical skill in business.

Maguire joined the agency in 1987, the year it transitioned into Philadelphia Insurance Cos. From 1993, when it went public, until 2008, when it merged with Tokio Marine Group, the firm grew to have 1,600 employees in 50 US offices. In his every position, from underwriter to executive, Maguire contributed to this boom by living his mantra: “Take risks. Be disciplined. Adapt to change.”

LEADING BY EXAMPLE
Since 2012, Maguire has pressed toward a new goal: supporting cherished institutions. One of his heart’s top claimants is Villanova. A member of the Executive Committee of the President’s Leadership Circle, Maguire also has directed significant funds toward the men’s lacrosse and basketball programs and the performing arts. “I want to give back so that Villanova will continue to be a special place. This is the next step my generation needs to take.”

He also devotes his energies to being a director of the Maguire Foundation, which partners with institutions and families in need by offering tuition, scholarship assistance and grants for education. As part of its Maguire Scholars Program, the nonprofit has established a scholarship fund at Villanova.

Maguire’s zeal doesn’t surprise Thomas Panczner ’89 VSB, president, Babbidge Facilities Construction Co. Inc. He describes his former lacrosse teammate as a “glass-half-filled guy.” While he, Maguire and their buddies were hiking through Europe after graduation, Maguire’s backpack was stolen. “You know how Chris reacted? He said, ‘Thank goodness I don’t have to carry that around anymore!’”

Maguire’s attitude toward Villanova’s future is just as positive. “The University has jumped to a new level of stature and visibility. I’m excited to help it take advantage of that prominence.”
Many who become temporarily disabled, slowed by crutches or wheelchair, relish the simple act of walking again. When Ariana Meltzer-Bruhn ’14 LAS broke her foot two years ago, it changed the very way she viewed disability.

She remembers how long it took “crutching” from her residence hall to classes. Even more, she remembers the last-moment decision to complete the Walk for Water charity 5K on crutches, and how much love and support she received for her effort. Other disabled students in the walk, however, received little attention, she noticed. “It hit me at my core. I wanted to get involved,” she says.

Ariana, who is in the Honors Program majoring in Global Interdisciplinary Studies and Economics, went to the Office of Student Disability Services and hoped to join a group that educated the community about ableism, a form of discrimination against people with disabilities. She learned a group that would bring disabled and able-bodied students together did not yet exist. In that moment, the seeds of LeVel were planted.

“Being a Villanovan means looking at something from all sides and not taking it at face value. If it is something that is simply amazing, I will stand back to see the beauty and reflect on it. If it is something that should be helped, I’m going to help it. If it is a problem, I am going to stand up to it,” says Ariana, who carries a 3.99 GPA and speaks French and Chinese.

Throughout the next year, she and group adviser Gregory Hannah from Student Disability Services built LeVel’s presence on campus. She met with students with disabilities to gain their perspective on campus life, including what they liked and what changes they would make. LeVel quickly grew from an 80-student informational meeting to a group that has logged 10,000 hours of service during two years.

In her opinion, the group makes Villanova even more inclusive, helping disabled students to enjoy the Villanova experience. “As a college student, I was able to create my own identity. I learned to fail and then pick myself up—to have great conversations and explore. LeVel is able to provide that venue for students with disabilities,” she says.

“To watch her blend the mission of the office, her personal mission and the goals of our students with disabilities was incredible,” Hannah says. “Ari is a very motivated young woman. I expect to see her succeed in every way, not just through LeVel.”

In her journey since, Ariana has not broken stride. She spoke about LeVel at TEDxVillanovaU, a local, self-organized event that brought people together to share ideas. She was invited to speak with Judith Heumann, special adviser for International Disability Rights for the US Department of State in Washington, D.C., about disabilities.

And just before she left to study abroad in China on a Connelly-Delouvrier International Scholarship, Ariana learned she was selected as a finalist in the 2013 Top Ten College Women Readers’ Choice Contest in Glamour magazine. “So many people congratulated me; it absolutely blew me away,” she says.

The honor was just another opportunity to create contacts and shine the national spotlight on ableism, says Ariana. “It’s wonderful to help found a group that creates community and shifts people’s mindsets on ability.”

For more information about LeVel, email level@villanova.edu.

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—ARIANA MELTZER-BRUNH

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REFRAMING THE QUESTIONS

Villanovans use Catholic social teaching to assess progress

>> By Suzanne Wentzel

From pediatric growth charts to 401(k) statements, progress reports fill our lives. Every sphere of activity has criteria to help us determine where we stand. If our team outscores the opponent, our product outsells the competitor’s or the good outweighs the bad, we feel confident we are moving forward.

Substitute different criteria, however, and that confidence may be shaken. What if protecting the dignity of work, caring for the earth or building peace through justice are the benchmarks that reflect advances in business, politics, technology and other fields? Many of us may find we’re headed in the wrong direction.

At Villanova, we measure human progress in such terms. We use criteria derived from Catholic social teaching (CST), which is rooted in the conviction that every person, created in God’s image, has dignity and value. CST is developed in Church documents that respond to signs of the times: poverty, human rights, immigration and other pressing issues.

Key to the University’s Catholic intellectual tradition and Augustinian mission, CST links critical thinking and compassionate action. It helps students to become ethical leaders. Through the efforts of the Office for Mission and Ministry and its vice president, Barbara Wall, PhD, CST increasingly permeates teaching, discourse and research on campus.

The workshops have helped more than 140 faculty to weave CST into curricula. Participant Barbara Ott, PhD, associate professor in the College of Nursing, now refers to CST to underscore classroom discussions of how laws and public policy impact health care delivery to marginalized populations. “The preferential option for the poor, a central theme in CST, affects everything nurses do, from good care of the dying to the rationing of scarce resources.”

Vito Parici, PhD, professor of Chemical Engineering, created a one-credit elective on how engineers can view problem solving through a CST lens. Engineers traditionally develop solutions that will achieve the greatest good, he says. “The bigger challenge from a social-conscious perspective is pursuing the common good—obtaining solutions that minimize the impact of a new development on society’s most vulnerable members.”

Workshops also encourage faculty to tackle CST-related research. Marketing and Business Law professors Ronald Hill, PhD, the Richard J. and Barbara Naclerio Professor, and Vincent DeFilippis, PhD, associate professor and chair, and Pastoral Development, was amazed to discover a canon of writings whose “principles you can apply to the real world and turn to when you want to see how well you’re doing.” These principles suffice his teaching and research on genocide.

The more CST is infused into curricula, the more students benefit. CST guides students as they exert their influence in the public square, says Robert DeFilippis, PhD, professor and chair, Sociology and Criminal Justice.

The workshops are part of Mission and Ministry’s multipronged effort to promote awareness of CST. It also hosts conferences and lectures that bring world-renowned experts to campus and publishes the internationally circulated Journal of Catholic Social Thought. These and other initiatives strengthen Villanova’s identity as a locus of CST scholarship and guardian of a rich, complex tradition. “We must create opportunities for students to talk about the values inherent in that tradition,” says Dr. Wall. “They are critical for building a more just and peaceful world.”

“Providing students with a moral, ethical framework with which to make decisions in the face of societal challenges is a critical part of a Villanova education.”

In advocating for workers’ rights, Tyler Casteel ’13 COE, Francis Cunningham ’15 CON, Melissa Madden ’13 LAS and Francis Cunningham ’15 CON, who campaigned for the sale of “living wage” apparel in the University Shop, stand in front of an “icon” of Catholic activist Dorothy Day, painted by Sister Helen David Brancato, IHM.

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SUPPORT A TRADITION OF SUCCESS IN AND OUT OF COMPETITION

Villanova Athletic Fund reaches out to alumni, parents and friends through “In Your City” events  By Shawn Proctor

ATHLETIC

Vince Nicastro, director of Athletics

performance. Academic excellence. Service. These are the fundamental values that continue to define Villanova’s athletic programs and make them unique. These values have also produced student-athletes who compete on the highest levels in their sport. At the same time their efforts emphasize success as much more than tallying wins and losses.

Although the sports landscape and conferences may change over time, Villanova’s tradition of character, integrity and values remains as strong now as ever. Villanova’s athletic programs continue to excel at the very highest levels, producing All-American honors, postseason berths and national championships. These very ambitious aspirations always go back to Villanova’s fundamental values: to mentor these young men and women with a world-class Villanova education and teach life lessons through sports.

Exciting chapter

“This commitment to a holistic model of intercollegiate athletics resonates across the programs. Our student-athletes succeed without compromising intellectual development,” says Vince Nicastro, director of Athletics. “It is a critical time for alumni, parents and friends to be a part of this exciting chapter in our history.”

And with the Villanova Athletic Fund (VAF) “In Your City” events, the University’s constituents are learning firsthand about how they can support Villanova’s athletic programs.

The 11-city regional tour, which kicked off in Baltimore in September and runs through the summer, includes an opportunity to meet with coaches and student-athletes, as well as a presentation about the vision for athletics and how contributions today will benefit the student-athletes of tomorrow.

With the formation of the new BIG EAST conference in March, the remaining stops will include news and information on the future of the conference.

“The BIG EAST brand has symbolized excellence across the athletics spectrum for more than three decades, and we are excited about the opportunity to build upon this rich heritage,” says Nicastro. “The commitment to nationally prominent athletics programs has been a signature of Villanova’s tenure in the BIG EAST Conference and will continue to be in the years ahead.”

Be an ambassador

Jack St. Clair, Villanova’s head rowing coach, is excited to share the message with alumni and has made appearances at several “In Your City” events. It’s an amazing opportunity to reach supporters as the University moves into a new era of the VAF.

“All of the coaches are thrilled about this effort to promote Villanova Athletics. We have to rely on the generosity of our alumni since we compete on a national level against fully funded programs,” St. Clair says. “I encourage our alumni and other supporters to be ambassadors for these programs. Come out, and bring two or three people you know.”

“These are student-athletes who are visible in the community, doing the right things in and out of competition,” Nicastro says. “This is about saying, ‘We respect your commitment to your sport and Villanova.’”

Participation counts

Villanova Athletics, as part of the University’s Strategic Plan, has identified critical long-term projects, including upgrades to the Pavilion, varsity weight and locker rooms, soccer complexes on West Campus, boathouse and various team spaces.

“Through the ‘In Your City’ events, our goal is to share Villanova Athletics’ vision, along with the VAF’s priorities and needs for our 24 varsity programs. Our alumni, parents and friends have left these events enthused about the future, and we hope the remaining stops bring more excitement from our loyal supporters,” says George Kolb ’84 VSB, assistant vice president for Athletics Development. “We need the financial resources to keep pace with all of the other programs out there that are keeping the foot on the gas.”

For more information about the VAF and “In Your City” events, visit SupportVillanovaAthletics.com.

VAF “In Your City” remaining stops:

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
SAN FRancisco
PHILADELPHIA
ATLANTA

For event dates and information, please visit SupportVillanovaAthletics.com.
Dominating the westernmost edge of campus is Villanova University’s own Main Line mansion. It doesn’t matter how many times people see it. Picotte Hall at Dundale rivets their attention. Enchanted by the Victorian confection of turrets and porches, gables and bays, onlookers can almost hear the clip-clop of horse-drawn carriages, the strains of piano music and the burble of laughter as guests gather on a late-19th-century June evening in the home of Theodore and Mary Morris.

Theodore was a son of Philadelphia industrialist Israel Morris II. Looking for a place for his family to summer, Israel had purchased in 1874 the land on which the mansion now sits. Over time he built homes for each of his children. Designed by renowned architect Addison Hutton, the 35-room Dundale outsized the others.

In 1978, the University bought the mansion and the estate’s remnant 38 acres. Subsequent renovations restored the building’s faded glory. Today, the interior’s exquisite details—pan- eled ceilings, ornate banisters, tiled fireplaces, carved mantles and charming paintings—capture the stateliness of a bygone era.

No one has to imagine what events in these elegant surroundings would be like, since the University regularly hosts alumni, donors, students, parents and other friends in what is now known as Picotte Hall at Dundale. The building was renamed and dedicated in 2005 in recognition of a generous gift by the Michael B. Picotte ’69 Family in memory of Bernard and Kathleen Picotte.

It may seem ironic that a building that preserves the past is also headquarters to an office that looks to the future. But University Advancement, which engages partners in the critical task of enhancing the Augustinian educational experience, has a fitting home in Picotte Hall at Dundale. At Villanova, tradition guides the vision. Heritage backs the promise. Legacy inspires the dream. What lies behind and what lies ahead: Both are part of the Villanova story.
Tyson ’88 LAS and Kristin Reed ’88 LAS met in sociology class at Villanova when he asked to borrow her notes. That was the beginning of what has become a lifelong commitment to each other, to Villanova and to the community.

The Reeds, who live in Westwood, Mass., are examples of how alumni can embrace Villanova’s Augustinian spirit of service and community and make a lasting impact on the world around them. “We learned lessons at Villanova about giving back, and we’re trying to do that in several different ways,” Tyson says.

ROOTED IN VILLANOVA
One of the reasons the Reeds are dedicated to helping Villanova to thrive is the positive experiences they each had as students. “I loved the people and what the University represents,” Kristin says. “Villanova shaped the next chapters of my life. Father Peter was even at our wedding and gave a ‘Villanova’ blessing.”

Tyson and Kristin have family members who are alumni, and their daughter, Jacalyn, is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “Villanova has always felt like family,” Kristin adds.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY
Despite the distance, the Reeds have maintained their strong ties with Villanova. Every summer for the past 10 years, they have hosted receptions for new students and their family members, as well as current students and alumni, at their summer home in Rhode Island. “This may be the first interaction new students and their family members have with Villanova,” Kristin says. “There often are 70 to 80 people at the reception. We’re all there to welcome them and make sure they feel part of the Villanova family.”

Tyson and Kristin serve on the President’s Leadership Circle, a group created by University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 LAS. It comprises alumni who meet several times a year to discuss University activities and plans and to give feedback. Members also serve on various committees. Kristin, for example, interviews prospective students who are candidates for scholarships.

“The Villanova mission and message have the potential to resonate with so many people,” —Tyson Reed

TOUCHING OTHER LIVES
The Reeds also find time to participate in activities that help their local community. Tyson is on the Board of Overseers at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Mass. Kristin is on the Board of Trustees at St. Sebastian’s School, in Needham, Mass., where their sons, Tyson and Patrick, attend school. She also is on the Board of Directors at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County, R.I. “I’m very passionate about educating and helping young people,” Kristin says. “They’re the future of our country.”

Tyson, a managing director at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Boston, encourages others to volunteer for activities or organizations that they’re passionate about. “People have to make time to give back,” Tyson says. “When they find something they really care about, it’s well worth the effort.”
Villanova: A Place We Call Home
Microvolunteering offers alumni easy ways to give back

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

“...This presents a lot of value for alumni who want to give back by allowing folks to do so in a way that fits into their lives. Students are always impressed to see how many alumni want to help. The value of the Nova Network is that we can put students in touch with alumni. It’s a powerful connection,” says Josh Nay, director of Volunteer Engagement at Villanova University.

LINKEDIN
Use the career networking website to connect with alumni and students through subgroups, including the Official University Alumni Association group (www.linkedin.com/group/Official-Villanova-University-Alumni-Association-183443419). Membership is open to all University graduates and students. Also join the VU Alumni and Student Mentoring Subgroup, a space where current students and alumni can connect with other alumni to discuss career-specific topics, issues and advice.

NETWORK OF VILLANOVA ALUMNI (NOVA) DINNERS
Local Villanova alumni with impressive professional, educational, philanthropic or personal accomplishments host students in their homes or at local restaurants for an evening of good food and great conversation. The gatherings give students the opportunity to socialize and connect with alumni with similar personal or professional interests.

CAREER BITES
Current students have the opportunity to network with alumni on campus during Homecoming Weekend. By participating, you can enjoy a casual lunch and offer helpful advice to fellow Wildcats in a variety of career fields.

NETWORKING EVENTS
Join your local chapter at a networking event, and give advice to and mentor alumni.

TAKE A CAT TO WORK
Fourteen alumni chapters hosted a reception and job-shadow experience for current students during winter break in January. For this unique mentoring opportunity, students were matched with alumni on the basis of interests and experiences.

NOVA NETWORK
Become a mentor on Villanova’s online alumni community (www.villanova.edu/villanova/advancement/alumni/officialnetwork.html). “I have really enjoyed the online community website. In fact, I have spent a better part of the past week reconnecting with folks I have not talked to in 15 years! It has been fun, and the site has been a great catalyst!” says Ted Le Clair ’91 LAS.

Are You Up to the Chapter Challenge?
Join other alumni in this year’s Chapter Challenge, a competitive and fun giving competition that benefits the University and allows alumni chapters to win prizes for having the largest percentage increase, achieving the highest overall participation rate and exceeding the national average.

As of March, the top five chapters were Manhattan, Morris/Somerset, Richmond, Houston and Lancaster. It’s still anybody’s race! The deadline is May 31.

Those chapters who meet or exceed the 25 percent national average for participation will receive a $250 special event grant. The chapter with the highest increase from last year will receive a $500 special event grant.

The chapter with the highest overall participation rate will receive a $1,000 special event grant, have its chapter name engraved on the Chapter Challenge Cup and will receive a visit from the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 LAS, University president, at a chapter event.

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James C. P. Cullen Jr., Esq., ’88 VSB has been appointed to the board of trustees for Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School—another private, Catholic high school for boys and girls of all faiths.

The school is for students in grades 9-12 who want a rigorous college preparatory education but cannot afford tuition to a private school. Cristo Rey Philadelphia is the 26th school in the national Cristo Rey network. The school’s first class of 125 freshmen started in September 2012.

Cullen says that serving on the school’s board was natural for him because he relates to the students.

“I went to Villanova on scholarships, grants and financial aid and worked my way through college,” Cullen says. “Cristo Rey is a mission. I’ve worked in private practice for 30 years and hold a principal position in a major American orchestra.

I got a strong sense of wanting to give back to the community while I was at Villanova,” Cullen says.

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Judith Colla ’65 CON was honored with the Clinical Star Award from the American College of Nurse Midwifery and the Philadelphia College of Nurse Midwifery Foundation.

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Christopher Gatti ’88 VSB has been appointed to the position of CEO at Nuvion Inc.

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Dennis Corcoran ’61 LAS has published the book The Andy Grady Story: A History of the Baseball Hall of Fame Ceremony.

Corcoran spoke about the book on Clubhouse Confidential with Brian Kenny on the MLB Network-

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1970s

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Denise F. McLaughlin, Esq., ’78 VLS ’73 LAS has been named a partner at Pepper Schuman Applebaum Nemeroff in Philadelphia.

Francis P. Devine III, Esq., ’70 LAS ’73 VLS has been named as one of the “Best Lawyers in America.”

1980s

CLASS OF 1983 30th Reunion
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George Ardanavis, PhD, ’81 COE has been named as president of the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, which is about both unspeakable horrors and enlightenment.

Bridget McLaughlin, Esq., ’81 VLS has been named as one of the “Best Lawyers in America.”

Loriann Vandalo, ’83 LAS has been named as the recipient of the Philadelphia College of Nurse Midwifery Foundation’s 2012 Mary A. Windrow Award.

1990s

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James Garner ’90 VLS has been appointed as a professor at the Schollmann Law Group LLC office in Washington, D.C.

John Lamb ’92 LAS, ’93 MS has accepted a position as director of Engineering at ANSAR Medical Technology in Philadelphia.

Michael Paparo ’73 COE has served as chair and presented “Benchmark Litigation” at the International Bar Association’s Rome’s “Issues Affecting Development in the Marcellus and Utica Plays” in Harrisburg, Pa.

Ardavanis became the recipient of the 2012 Silver Quill, Bronze Ram’s Award and Gold MarCom Award.

Michael Berardi ’81 LAS accepted a position as vice president, audit manager at Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C.

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The Villanova community recently bid a fond farewell to Gary Olsen ’74 LAS, ’80 MS, longtime associate vice president for Alumni Relations and executive director of the Villanova Alumni Association.

“Experience as a Villanova student was transformational,” says Olsen, “so it was extraordinary to have the opportunity to return to my alma mater and serve for two decades.”

That Olsen describes these years as “very meaningful and rewarding” is no surprise, given the breadth of his accomplishments. Among them are playing an important role in the development of an integrated Advancement and Alumni Relations program; participation in three successful capital campaigns; and the establishment of an award-winning Leadership Summit.

Olsen’s 35-plus years of experience will now benefit the University of Scranton, where he has been named vice president for Development and Alumni Relations.

Lamb also was promoted to captain at Civil Air Patrol, US Air Force Auxiliary, in Trenton, N.J.

John O’Malley, Esq., ’92 VLS, has been appointed as staff attorney at the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

O’Malley is an attorney at Volpe Force Auxiliary and served a one-year term as co-vice president of the Capitol Hill CAMS Chapter.

Joseph McGowan, PhD, ’99 LAS, was promoted to a Navy public affairs officer.

David Schofield ’96 LAS was promoted to a Navy public affairs officer.

John Schofield ’96 LAS was promoted to a Navy public affairs officer.

David Vozzola ’96 LAS welcomed a boy.

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Christopher Barton ’96 COE was named a senior member of the firm’s Health Effects Litigation Practice Group.

Michael Ciamaichelo ’04 VSB married Sean Stewart.

Michael Gayette ’03 MBA has been named the president and CEO at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Stephanie McCollister ’03 LAS has been named the president of the Villanova University Alumni Association San Diego Chapter.

Jamie Frye Dupras ’03 LAS and Thomas Dupras ’03 MBA welcomed a boy.

Michael Guyette ’03 MBA has been named the president and CEO at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

John Devine, Esq., ’03 VLS, was recently named partner at the Philadelphia law office of Pepper Hamilton LLP. Devine is a member of the firm’s Corporate and Securities Practice Group.

Allison Dunlop Hollender ’03 LAS welcomed a boy.

Ashley Ellis ’03 VSB married Zoiere Tydes. Ellis is a volunteer for the Villanova University Alumni Association San Diego Chapter.

Gary Olsen ’74 LAS welcomed twin girls.

Thomas Mastrobuoni ’00 VSB welcomed a girl.

Kara Giangrasso ’98 VSB married David Mermill.

Karen Williams ’98 MBA accepted a position as associate attorney at the Law Office of Christian Gumer PC in Rockford, Ill.

John Bassounas ’99 VSB married Mary Kibbous. Bassounas has also been named a partner at Pavone Marketing Group in Hinsburg, Pa.

Jennifer Colavito Miller ’99 LAS welcomed a girl.

Elizabeth Fogarty Cail, Esq., ’99 VLS, ’02 VLS welcomed a boy.


Jay Graham ’01 MTX accepted a position as manager at the Tax Services Practice Group at the CBIZ MHM LLC office in New York.

Louis Mancini ’01 VSB welcomed a girl.

Bradley O’Connor ’01 VSB welcomed a girl.

James A.J. Revels ’01 MTX welcomed a boy.

Kelly McCormack Orlando, PhD, ’00 VSB accepted a position as assistant professor in the Biology Department at Immaculata University in Immaculata, Pa.

Douglas Rosenblum, Esq., ’00 VSB, ’03 VLS was recently promoted to partner at the Pepper Hamilton LLP office in Philadelphia.

Kelly Boawe Flammia ’01 VLS welcomed a boy.

Lynn Carson ’01 MS accepted a position as manager at the Children’s Resource Center in Hinsburg, Pa.

Kelly Goodwin D’Antoni ’01 VLS welcomed a boy.

James DelBello, Esq., ’96 VLS has been appointed as senior vice president and head of business law and compliance at Lincoln Financial Group in Radnor, Pa.

David Glass, PhD, Esq., ’96 VLS has incorporated the Glass Family Law into Feinberg Minel Brand & Klein LLP in Los Angeles and has been appointed as an associate.

Maj. Daniel Huvane ’96 VSB accepted a position as director of Public Affairs at US Marine Corps Forces South in Miami. MARFORSOUTH commands all Marine forces assigned to US Southern Command and advises the Commander of SOUTCOMP on the proper employment and support of Marine forces in South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

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Each fall, Villanova begins the academic year with a celebration honoring St. Thomas of Villanova, the 16th-century Augustinian bishop of Valencia, Spain, and patron of the University. The 2013 St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration is scheduled for September 26-29 and includes a series of events and activities designed to highlight the University’s Augustinian mission and ideals. A central component of each year’s celebration is the Day of Service, which engages thousands of students, faculty, staff, alumni and families at projects throughout Greater Philadelphia and with local alumni chapters around the country. Contact your chapter leader or visit alumni@villanova.edu to learn how you can be involved.

Visit www.villanova.edu/STVC for more information on the St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration and the Day of Service.
Tell us about your job in New York City Hall.
I am a part of the team that sets and implements NYC’s economic development strategy. Our mission is to create jobs and increase the tax base toward the end of making sure that the city is as strong as possible economically. Mission has been front and center in my career and definitely connects back to my Villanova experience.

So “Ignite Change. Go Nova” must resonate with you.
I was happy to see this embracing of the Augustinian and Catholic tradition at Villanova. This is something that resonated with me as a student and still does. A key part of life is trying to make the world a better place.

How did you get into running, and what has it taught you?
Running was something I was good at from an early age. In first grade I could beat all of the boys in my class. Also, I have an older sister who was fast, and she led the way in terms of joining a team and taking it seriously.

The word that best describes what running has taught me is “doggedness.” That captures the perseverance and focus it cultivates. For example, I finished 182nd, 38th, 12th and third in my four trips to the NCAA cross-country nationals. While part of that progression was growing older and stronger, part of it was my insistence on continually improving. Applying a similar mindset to my other pursuits is one of my strengths.

Another lesson that I only appreciated in retrospect is the importance of relying on others. Middle- and long-distance runners are known as individualists, and there’s some truth to that stereotype, but to be successful, you have to rely on many other people: coaches, training partners, physios, agents, friends and family.

What was it like to be Villanova’s first Rhodes Scholar?
In college, I didn’t know what a Rhodes Scholarship was! Someone at Villanova appreciated my talent and capability and said, “Nnenna should apply for this.” This captures the best a university can do for its students—to see their potential and direct them toward the best possible means of maximizing it. It was special to be the first and put Villanova on the map in that regard.

What advice do you have for today’s Villanova students?
Actively pursue your passions and interests every opportunity you get. If you have a project to do for a class, think about how to tie it in to your interests instead of doing what’s convenient. Seek out internships and jobs that excite you, not simply those that pay the most. It’s as important to eliminate options as it is to find the things that are meaningful. A fulfilling career will set you on a course of happiness, success and spiritual well-being.

Since graduating, Nnenna Lynch has forged an impressive career and dedicated herself, along with her husband, to raising their two children.

RUNNING
5-time NCAA champion; USA cross-country trials winner, 1997, 1998; World University Games gold medalist, 1997; 6th in the Goodwill Games, 1998

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS
Villanova’s first Rhodes Scholar; NCAA Woman of the Year, 1993; one of People magazine’s 50 Most Beautiful People in the World, 1994; Villanova University Varsity Club Hall of Fame inductee, 2011; Association of American Rhodes Scholars director

To read more of Nnenna’s interview, visit ignitechange@gonova.com.
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