Irish Eyes Are Studying
McGuinn Scholarship Program Brings Irish Students to Villanova

BY JENNIFER SCHU

When Martin McGuinn, ’64 A&S, ’67 J.D., was a child, he loved to ride the trolleys of Philadelphia with his grandfather, a trolley conductor, who instilled in him the importance of his Irish heritage. McGuinn’s grandparents had left Ireland to seek greater opportunity in the United States, settling in Philadelphia at 23rd and Lehigh, a neighborhood known as “Swampoodle.” There they raised six children who went on to achieve personal and professional success.

“My grandfather felt proud of the fact that he could emigrate to the United States and—despite being a rather poor new citizen—could raise his children in a way that they could become part of the American dream,” McGuinn says.

Today, McGuinn and his wife, Ann, are giving Irish college students the chance to achieve their dreams via a unique opportunity that allows them to spend a semester at Villanova.

The McGuinn Irish Scholars Program, a competitive annual scholarship assistance program, builds on Villanova’s longstanding relationship with The National University of Ireland, Galway, and covers costs for two Irish students for one semester at Villanova.

McGuinn, the former chairman and CEO of Mellon Financial Corporation, is now a dual citizen of the United States and Ireland and says his Villanova experience “shaped my career.” He wanted to make that experience available to deserving college students from Ireland who lack opportunities to study abroad due to high tuition costs.

McGuinn and his wife gave $500,000 to found the program as part of their overall $5 million gift to Villanova that includes the endowment of the Martin G. McGuinn Chair in Business Law at the Villanova School of Law.

“Villanova was originally founded in large part to serve Irish immigrant families, and we’ve seen how study abroad programs have benefited Villanova students,” McGuinn notes.

The program is run through Villanova’s...
Office of International Studies under the leadership of its director, Lance Kenney. “The McGuinns have provided an exciting opportunity to truly internationalize the Villanova campus,” he says.

The inaugural McGuinn Irish Scholars, Lorna Ryan and Sinead Lydon, both of County Galway, spent this past spring semester at Villanova. They were selected based on academic records and interviews from a pool of highly regarded applicants.

In November 2008, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., University president; Michael J. O’Neill, vice president for University Advancement; and the McGuinns traveled to Ireland where they met with the president of the National University of Ireland, Galway, James Browne, Ph.D., and were introduced to Lorna and Sinead.

“The first time we met them, we knew they were exceptional,” says Ann McGuinn. Indeed, not only were they hardworking and motivated — Sinead hopes to earn a doctorate in psychology, and Lorna aspires to a career in accounting — they were ready to fully embrace the Villanova experience.

That included taking a very challenging course load, since they needed to meet certain requirements they had not yet completed in Ireland.

Social activities included attending a men’s basketball game between Villanova and Louisville. “Learning all the chants and cheers made me feel included in the Villanova community almost immediately,” Sinead says.

They enjoyed watching Villanova reach the NCAA Final Four, Lorna notes. “I was proud to wear my ‘Nova Nation’ T-shirt!”

Overall, “The experience has been life-changing,” Sinead says. “We’ve learned so much and made so many friends.”

McGuinn notes that students who have lived and studied in foreign countries are positioned to do well in today’s business world. “Studying abroad opens them up to new cultures and ways of thinking and will help them compete in the global marketplace.”

He adds, “We’re pleased for Sinead and Lorna that they’ve set such a great precedent for the McGuinn Irish Scholars Program.”

Villanova University and Ireland may be an ocean apart, but in spirit the two are, and always have been, inextricably linked. Founded by Irish Augustinians just a few years before the Great Irish Famine, Villanova’s early student body was primarily Irish-American. And, although the students traversing its campus today come from diverse, multicultural backgrounds, the affectionate bond between the University and the Emerald Isle remains strong.

The enduring importance of the Villanova/Ireland connection is reflected in the 30th anniversary celebration this year of its Irish Studies Program. One of the nation’s oldest and largest undergraduate curriculums of its type, the program, headed by English professor James J. Murphy, has come a long way since its humble start offering two literature courses.

Begun as one of the University’s first interdisciplinary ventures, the Irish Studies Program has, like the country and culture it examines, broadened and expanded both its offerings and its perspective. “Irish Studies was fairly insular — now we’re approaching it from a more global perspective. Thirty years ago Ireland wasn’t a major player on the world stage — now it is. If the Irish have broadened their outlook on themselves, we should do the same,” Murphy said.

Villanova’s Irish Studies Program today offers as many as six courses per semester in history, English, political science, art history, Irish film and, for the first time this year, business. Each spring semester, a renowned visiting Irish writer teaches two courses of the Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Chair in Irish Studies. This year’s Heimbold Chair, Gerald Dawe, is “one of the leading poets of his generation … a real craftsman of verse,” according to Murphy.

In addition, more than 60 students annually participate in Villanova’s Irish study abroad partnership with the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Once populated almost solely by students “looking for their Irish roots,” Irish Studies courses are, he said, now interspersed with “students that have been inspired by reading Seamus Heaney that might not have a drop of Irish blood in them.”

The fascination with all things Irish is particularly pronounced among Irish-Americans, says Murphy, a product of Irish Brooklyn, where “Ireland was all around us — everybody had a brogue.” Selected as one of Irish America Magazine’s 2008 Top Irish-Americans, Murphy understands the Irish-American psyche.

More than 40 million Americans define themselves as Irish even though that linkage may go back generations, he said.

“The concept of being Irish is still meaningful to people,” Murphy commented. Teaching Irish Studies has been a satisfying journey for Murphy.

“To realize that what you know and what you’ve experienced has value helps you discover your own voice,” he concluded.
On January 15, 2009, Steve O’Brien ’86 VSB just wanted to get home to his wife and kids in North Carolina. He’d spent four hectic days in Manhattan on business for his employer, Ernst & Young.

The night before, he’d taken a brief stroll down memory lane. He revisited his wife’s old apartment, and reminisced near the doorway where he and Karen had shared their first kiss. It was bitterly cold, and he thought of his father, a retired New York City police officer, who had patrolled the streets in such weather. He recalled other fond moments in his beloved native city.

The plane was filled to capacity. O’Brien settled into seat 15C. The New York to Charlotte flight was so routine for him — he did it twice a month — that he immediately began to doze off.


“The thin place”
The plane was climbing into the air for about a minute when O’Brien was jerked awake by a loud “thwoomp!” sound.

The airliner had struck a flock of Canadian geese, resulting in an immediate loss of thrust from both engines. “Our altitude started dropping, we began rocking back and forth, and there was a nasty electrical smell.”

A woman two rows up from O’Brien began to whimper and scream. A man to his left reported fire was coming out of the engine. A flight attendant hurried down the aisle.

Suddenly a calm voice came over the speaker and said three words: “Brace for impact.” It was the plane’s captain, Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, a former fighter pilot.

The story of what happened next — how Sully was able to touch down the airliner in the Hudson River, without a single life lost — is well-known. But in the minutes following impact, passengers had no idea there would be a happy ending.

“There was sadness, weeping and despair,” O’Brien remembers. “I was strangely calm. I felt sad, angry, shocked...
and scared. I thought, ‘How could this happen? How in 2009 do you take off from La Guardia [airport] and die in a plane crash in New York City?’"

Other passengers began making phone calls home, and while he understood their need to do so, he refrained. “I didn’t want a message from me on the plane to be the last thing my wife and kids would hear from me in this world.”

The stewardesses worked furiously to prepare the passengers. “They kept saying, ‘Head down, crash position, brace, brace,’ over and over.”

As the plane dropped lower and lower, one passenger began counting down to the moment of impact. “Thirty seconds! Twenty seconds! Ten seconds!” O’Brien—a Catholic—began reciting the “Hail Mary.”

“I never in my mind doubted I was going somewhere, that I would see my [deceased] grandparents,” he says. “There is a Celtic expression, ‘the thin place.’ There are times in your life when there is a very thin veil between you and the other side, when you feel God is very close. It might be the death of a parent or birth of a child. I was in that thin place.”

Rescue and renewal
In the seconds before impact, O’Brien’s mind raced with thoughts of those he was leaving behind, and their world without him in it.

“I worried about who would coach my 11-year-old son’s basketball game, what my 8-year-old daughter would look like as a teenager, who would fix things around the house. When you have a near-death experience, the little things become big, and the big things become little.”

He had an image of his driveway at home where he often played with his children—but saw them alone, without him. “All I thought was, ‘I just want to get out in the driveway and play with the kids one last time.’”

When individuals are faced with a life-altering event, “There is a kind of compressing of the important things of one’s life — both future concerns as well as past memories of loved ones — into the present,” says the Rev. Daniel Doyle, O.S.A., S.T.D., a Villanova theology professor.

“I call a miracle any event that is so difficult or extraordinary as to be beyond the expectation or power of those it astonishes.”

—St. Augustine

When the airliner touched down, sunlight streamed through the windows, O’Brien recalls. “We all looked at each other and realized we were still here, and for a moment everything was calm. To me that was the presence of God.”

As water began rushing into the plane, O’Brien walked down the aisle, jumped into the freezing water, and swam over to a life raft filled with other passengers. Fourteen minutes later, a ferry boat rescued them.

The next day, O’Brien was back in the air. “I wanted to get home, and I have to fly as part of my job. The best thing I could do was get right back onto a plane. But I was sort of an emotional mess.”

When he spotted Karen and the children for the first time, he began to sob and embrace them as news photographers snapped away.

During the weeks that followed, O’Brien realized “the things you can’t touch or buy are the things that mean the most.”

They include his daughter Meghan’s smile, watching his son Michael graduate from fifth grade, and laughing with them during a movie. Even the sound of them arguing “is like music to me,” he laughs.

Many of us take everyday things for granted in our hectic lives, says Father Doyle. He refers to the words of St. Augustine:

“Think of the alternation of day and night and the undeviating pattern of the heavenly bodies, the four seasons of the year, the fall and return of the leaves of the trees …

Imagine being able to talk to someone who saw and experienced these things for the first time. That person would be astonished and overwhelmed by the miracles. We, on the other hand, think little of all these things … because it is a continual experience.”

Father Doyle adds, “In today’s world, there is a certain amount of reclaiming of our lives that is necessary. Steve has a new perspective now and it has put all of this into relief. That is the grace of God.”

Two days after the accident, O’Brien coached Michael’s basketball team — the Wildcats. “I remember walking into the gym and seeing those 10 little faces look up at me,” he says, his voice cracking with emotion.

“A couple of times during the game, I had to save myself from losing it.”

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In October 2008, as the U.S. economy continued its nosedive, two board members of the Villanova School of Business Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research approached the Center's director, John Kozup, Ph.D. “They said, ‘You need to put a survey course on the books that addresses real-time financial crisis issues and how the government is responding to them,’” Dr. Kozup recalls.

Joseph Del Raso, Esq., ’74 VSB, ’83 J.D., a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP who heads his firm’s investment management practice, and Mark Valente III, ’78 VSB, a long-time Washington lobbyist, urged time was of the essence, as graduating seniors were entering a job market that bore little resemblance to recent years.

The current philosophy at VSB is to work aggressively to connect theory with practice, according to James M. Danko, The Helen and William O’Toole

VSB’s “Post-Bailout Economy” Course Prepares Business Students for Today’s Job Market

By Jennifer Schu
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Guest lecturers included Dr. Janis Papalardo, senior economist, Federal Trade Commission; Larry McWilliams, senior vice president of Campbell Soup Co.; Herb Taylor, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; and the Honorable Amato Berardi, member of the Italian Parliament. Global perspectives were offered by speakers like Paolo Catalano, former managing director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy and currently Chairman of Investar and Regional Vice President of National Italian American Foundation.

Topics were especially timely, as new issues that were emerging as a result of the post-economic turmoil were quickly and deftly woven into the curriculum.

For example, as the economic stimulus package was being debated, “Mark Valente came to class and broke it down for our students,” says Dr. Kozup.

The business students—all members of the senior class preparing to enter the job market—found real-time views from those dealing with the crisis at a high level on a day-to-day basis extremely valuable.

“There is no substitute for actual experience,” Kozup says. “One of the biggest challenges at a time like this is that the crisis itself is constantly evolving. Real-time insights from key players in Washington, D.C., are essential.”

The course has really given me a head start in terms of understanding what's going on in the economy and the changing ways business will be conducted,” says Colleen Furman, '09 VSB.

For Amanda McCarthy, '09 VSB, “It drew on concepts I've learned over four years at VSB and integrated them into the context of the economic situation right now, and I know how to position myself most effectively while job-hunting.”

The fact that the course offered a multitude of perspectives—with guest lecturers representing different industries and fields—was especially helpful, notes Sameer Khosla, '09 VSB.

“It was so much more than you can get out of the newspaper,” he says. “This course showed us how all parts of U.S. industry have been affected—and also offered an international view.”

There were also after-class networking opportunities with the guest speakers, “giving me exposure to people you wouldn’t expect to meet in a classroom,” Khosla added. Once headed for Wall Street, the finance major says he is now considering other options as well.

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James M. Danko, The Helen and William O’Toole Dean, Villanova School of Business, addressed and met with members of the U.S. House of Representatives last March at a special forum held on Capitol Hill.

The Frank J. Guarini Public Policy Forum, hosted by the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), assembles nationally and internationally known leaders to address significant policy issues. The current NIAF president is Villanova alumnus Joseph Del Raso, Esq., ’74 VSB, ’83 J.D.

The forum was jointly sponsored with the VSB Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research. The Center’s advisory council meeting also was held on Capitol Hill and jointly chaired by Mr. Del Raso and the Center’s director, Villanova associate marketing professor John Kozup, Ph.D.

Villanova’s nationally recognized Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research is a leading outlet for scholarship and leadership on marketing and public policy issues. The center’s mission is to provide research that guides sound policy incorporating the perspectives of business, regulators and policy-makers, consumers and future business leaders.

During the day, Dean Danko also had private meetings with U.S. congressmen Mike Castle (R-Del.) and Buck McKeon (R-Calif.) to discuss ways VSB and the Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research can contribute to public policy development in Washington.

“We can lend our top research faculty to assess the economic impact of the stimulus package, upcoming regulations and current issues under debate,” Dr. Kozup said. “Our faculty also can provide advice on how to educate consumers and promote financial literacy to prevent similar economic crises from happening again.”

Dean Danko said the day’s events represented how VSB continues to lay the groundwork for increased internship opportunities for VSB students and graduates in Washington. “Many of our students have historically gravitated to finance positions on Wall Street, where opportunities are now limited; we must expand our efforts so that our students are considered for career opportunities in Washington and in the public policy sector.”
More than 1,200 alumni, representing the Classes of 1938 through 2008, and their families and friends gathered for Alumni Reunion Weekend 2009. A record-setting 200-plus members of the Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th Reunion during Friday’s Half Century Society Dinner. Graduates of each reunion class, including the Class of 1984 (25th Anniversary) and Class of 1999 (10th Anniversary), caught up with old friends at Friday receptions. On Saturday, Alumni learned more about Villanova’s strategic and campus master plans during the Conversation with the President and and gathered on Austin Field during the Alumni Family Picnic. The band Chico’s Vibe, set the mood for dancing during Saturday evening’s Alumni Gala.
By John Oles

Elizabeth ‘80 B.S.N. and Leonard LoBiondo ‘80 VSB have a special connection to Villanova University and a love story to match. In 1976, the two met during freshman orientation and sparked a true friendship. After spending four years at Villanova together, they were married a year later in 1981. Just as their relationship and family have grown over the last two decades, so has their commitment to Villanova.

That connection to each other and to the University compelled the couple to remain involved and give back with a generous gift of $1 million to the Villanova School of Business (VSB).

To recognize the LoBiondos’ generosity, the University officially dedicated the atrium in Bartley Hall as The LoBiondo Atrium on April 30. Villanova President, Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D. ’75 A&S and James M. Danko, The Helen and William O’Toole Dean, Villanova School of Business, welcomed distinguished members of the University, the Board of Trustees, faculty and students, along with the LoBiondo family, for the dedication ceremony and reception.

Father Donohue blessed the newly named atrium and appropriately deemed it a gateway for education excellence. Dean Danko also thanked the LoBiondos for their commitment and philanthropy, which will further enhance VSB’s top-ranked, real-world business education for Villanova students.

Dean Danko said, “The LoBiondo gift will support the Dean’s Fund for Strategic Initiatives, which will address VSB’s most critical needs — especially in the areas of faculty excellence, student programs and services, and curricular innovation. The gift signifies confidence in what we’re doing at the business school today and helps to secure our future success.”

After earning her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the College of Nursing, Elizabeth served for many years as a community health and hospice nurse. Until recently, Elizabeth was a trustee and chair of the outreach committee for the Medical Needs Foundation, a non-profit organization which provides financial assistance to individuals and families in Northern New Jersey.

Leonard, a current member of the Villanova Board of Trustees, studied accounting at VSB. He spent more than 20 years restructuring troubled debt and managing corporate turnaround. Leonard was a senior partner at Zolfo Cooper, a pre-eminent financial restructuring firm which specializes in operational turnarounds and financial crisis management. He retired last year from the positions of senior managing director and chief operating officer and is currently a private investor and senior advisor to various organizations.

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“The LoBiondos are a testament to the power of the Villanova experience. The impact of their gift is critical to the momentum of VSB as a nationally-ranked business school and the strategic goals of the University. With Len’s involvement, especially as a member of the Board of Trustees, the LoBiondo’s gift sets an important tone for others to support Villanova at this leadership level,” added Michael J. O’Neill, vice president for University Advancement.

The LoBiondos reside in Mountain Lakes, N.J. and have four sons, Michael, Leonard Jr., John and Nicholas, who is a freshman studying at the Villanova School of Business.
The late Dolores “Lore” J. Kephart, ’86 A&S was well known as a dedicated mother, gifted student, accomplished author and prominent humanitarian. Lore graduated as valedictorian of Villanova’s undergraduate class of 1986 with a double-major in Political Science and History. She founded the Villanova University Student History Journal, still published today, and for nearly 20 years, conducted a monthly Great Decisions course under the auspices of the Foreign Policy Association. As a testament to her faith and commitment to prayer, Lore published her first book, Paths to Prayer — A Little Book of New Testament Devotions in 2004. Her follow-up book, Continuing Paths to Prayer — A Little Book of Old Testament Devotions was published posthumously in 2007.

Lore’s legacy recently expanded as Villanova celebrated the establishment of The Lore Kephart ’86 Distinguished Historians Lecture Series on May 22. Proud husband Horace L. Kephart, with a gift of $250,000, created an endowment to the University in memory of Lore which now funds the series.

The Lore Kephart ’86 Distinguished Historians Lecture Series will continue Lore’s life-long dedication to helping others better appreciate history and events that shape the world. Each academic year, a visiting scholar or other public figure of national reputation in history will be invited to present a public lecture and conduct a workshop at Villanova. The first lecture will be given in September 2009 by James McPherson Ph.D., the George Henry Davis ’86 Professor Emeritus of United States History at Princeton University and the 2003 president of the American Historical Association.

“The Lore Kephart ’86 Distinguished Historians Lecture Series is a fitting tribute to Lore’s desire to improve the public’s understanding of how the past shapes our world today. In bringing to Villanova a historian of national reputation who has demonstrated an ability to reach out to the broader public, the Distinguished Historians Lecture Series will enrich and enliven the exchange of ideas among Villanova’s students, faculty and members of the surrounding community. It will put into action Lore’s commitment to the idea that a vigorous engagement with ideas should be a lifelong process that is not confined to the classroom or bounded by formal education,” says Marc Gallicchio, Ph.D., professor and chair of the History Department.
David R. Rounce's grades were outstanding, his experience comprehensive and varied. Yet as he sat in Jane Morris's office, he was clearly unsure of the myriad prospects that awaited him.

Morris, director of Villanova's Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships and a 1978 graduate of the University, patiently explained his potential and walked him through the many prestigious scholarship options available to him.

“I spent a lot of time helping him understand that he is as good as he is,” she recalls. “That's one of the things I do a lot, getting these kids to reflect on the things they’ve done and are doing and putting it together in the bigger picture.”

Eventually Morris's counsel got through, and Rounce, '10 assembled that picture. He applied for and won a Morris K. Udall Undergraduate Scholarship, which funds the work of students committed to careers related to the environment or to Native Americans/Alaska Natives engaged in tribal public policy or health care. Rounce, a civil and environmental engineering major, participates in Villanova's Undergraduate Research Program with Dr. John Komlos and is involved with water resource management programs in both the College of Engineering and the broader community.

“He's just an amazing kid,” Morris says. “He has a lot of energy.”

One could say the same about Morris. She graduated from Villanova with a bachelor of science in biology and a bachelor of art in Honors, earned her master's at Bryn Mawr, and then spent nearly 20 years as a research scientist in the field of molecular biology. In 2001, the University spun off its fellowships function from the Honors Program, and Morris jumped at the chance to return to her alma mater.

“When I saw the job posted, I thought, I'm applying, because it's a really important function.”

Morris came on board, and the program took off. It added the undergraduate research function five years ago. For nearly a decade, Villanova's best and brightest have sat in front of Morris and talked about their scholarly and career aspirations and then, with her guidance, chosen the appropriate fellowships and scholarships to further those aspirations. Many, though not all, have come through the Honors Program. And they have won awards and recognition in increasing numbers and variety.

“It's the world's best job,” Morris says. “I get to work with bright, motivated students, and see those lights coming on. I get to help them through this process of active self-reflection to recognize their path. There are some schools that get these people freshman year and then groom them. That's not what we are about. What we are about is nurturing them, helping them understand it for themselves and come up with a plan.”

Those plans take Villanova's alumni to amazing places. Several are in doctors programs. One works for U.S. Senator Robert Casey of Pennsylvania; another is the sustainability coordinator for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Villanova Fulbright scholars have studied all over the world, from Budapest to Costa Rica and virtually everywhere in between.
Morris makes sure to keep in close contact with the alumni she has counseled. Many seek her out for additional help with post-graduate scholarships.

“These kids are all out there doing incredible things in the world,” says Morris, who encourages alumni to contact her if they’re interested in pursuing awards. “And I get to help them.” She laughs, something she does often in conversation. “Isn’t that cool?”

As a student, Morris was very much like the young men and women she now assists — smart, service-oriented, dedicated to the University. The various facets of her background — science, research, writing, Villanova — have come together seamlessly. Her position is not so much a job as it is a calling. Jane Morris is exactly where she’s supposed to be.

So much so, in fact, that she chooses to spend much of her spare time assisting her professional organization, the National Association of Fellowship Advisors, on whose executive board she serves as president. She also sings with Sanctuary, Fr. Shawn Tracy’s O.S.A. ’63 ensemble of musicians and artists.

“It all made sense,” Morris says. “It all kind of fits together. You know in life when something’s right—those harmonics are there and it all kind of works.”

And now, thanks to her help, it works for the next generation of Villanova scholars. Isn’t that cool?

### Villanova’s 2009 Fellowship and Scholarship Honorees

- Jonathan Axtell ’10, (chemistry) Honorable Mention in the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship competition.
- Alexandra Bausch ’09, (chemistry), was awarded the 2008 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for Excellence in the sciences, has been awarded a 2009 Fulbright U.S. Student.
- Samuel Freedman ’08 (philosophy) was awarded a Fulbright to serve as an English Teaching Assistant in New Delhi, India.
- Carolyn Hurwitz ’09 (biology) was named an alternate for a Fulbright to study food culture and communication in Italy.
- Alex Jutca ’09 (economics/honors) was a finalist for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in South Korea.
- Tiffany Brown ’08 (psychology/cognitive science) was a finalist in the Rhodes Scholarship competition.
- David R. Rounce ’10 (civil and environmental engineering) was awarded a Morris K. Udall Undergraduate Scholarship.
- Jessica Shaw ’10 (civil and environmental engineering/physics) received an honorable mention in the Udall Scholarship program.
- Shreva Trivedi ’10 (biology/honors) and Jonathan Axtell ’10 (chemistry) received honorable mentions in the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship competition.
- Kevin Woods ’07 (mechanical engineering) received a SMART Scholarship from the U.S. Department of Defense.
- Samuel Silverman ’09 (political science/geography) received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Mandarin Chinese at Soochow University in Suzhou, China.
- Amy Richards ’10 (honors) was selected to represent Pennsylvania at the Henry Clay Student Congress in Kentucky.

### Norwegian Wood Fulbright to Send Chemistry Graduate to Scandinavia for Study, Research

Ask Alexandra Bausch, ’09 A&S about her bright future, and the word you’re most likely to hear is lucky. As in: “I just got really, really lucky.” And: “I was just very lucky.”

Fortune may be smiling on Ali Bausch, but you don’t win two of the country’s most prestigious science awards in back-to-back years without talent. After earning a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship last year, Bausch, who just graduated with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, was awarded a 2009 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Grant. The fellowship will send her to Norway in August to spend the next academic year studying and conducting research at the University of Stavanger. At Stavanger, Bausch will continue her work in environmental chemistry, in both the classroom and the laboratory.

“For the Fulbright you have to apply to one country and only one,” she says. “Each country explains who they would want to have apply, and Norway was looking for environmental studies students to apply. It’s a great place to do environmental chemistry research; it’s a hot topic there because the country is very affected by pollution, so there a lot of resources for research in that area.”

Bausch’s interest in environmental chemistry was sparked by her coursework at Villanova. She worked with Amanda Grannas, Ph.D. in the Department of Chemistry and did field research in Barrow, Alaska, last summer, investigating organic pollutants in the Arctic. With its focus on bettering the places where we live and work, the discipline appeals to Bausch in ways beyond merely piquing her scientific curiosity.

“It’s something that integrates serving other people,” she says. “It’s a very important thing we need to address.”

After the Fulbright fellowship ends, she plans on continuing her education in environmental chemistry, and she envisions a future in environmental advocacy. Lady Luck can relax for a while; Ali Bausch will take things from here.
2009 St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal and Inaugural Summit on Leadership

Rear Admiral Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler, Director, U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and Commander, Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center San Diego, will be awarded the 2009 St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal on Thursday, October 8 at a special dinner open to all alumni.

The highest honor bestowed by the Villanova University Alumni Association, the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal is awarded to alumni who best symbolize the spirit and legacy of Thomas, individuals who have achieved a level of distinction within their chosen fields or professions and those who have brought extraordinary benefit to the University and to their communities.

A Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, Bruzek-Kohler’s personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and various service awards.

The Alumni Association will further explore the theme of ethical leadership October 8 and 9 with the inaugural Villanova University Summit on Leadership.

Identifying and developing the leaders of tomorrow is one of the key challenges facing the business world today. The Summit on Leadership will gather Villanova University alumni, faculty, students and administrators considered “thought leaders” on this important topic.

The keynote speaker will be John P. Jones ’72 Ch.E., retired chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and a trustee of the University. Other keynote speakers include Rev. Peter M. Donohue, Ph.D., O.S.A., University president, and men’s basketball coach Jay Wright. Through plenary sessions and topic-oriented seminars, summit participants will examine the topic of trust and leadership.

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Sarah Arscott, M.E. ’09, Wins Thomas J. Mentzer Award

Sarah Arscott, ’09 M.E., who worked tirelessly as an undergraduate to improve the quality of life for people locally, nationally and in remote regions of the world, was the 2009 winner of Villanova University’s Thomas J. Mentzer Award. This award is presented to a senior who has contributed significantly, through his or her service, to “expanding opportunities for the poor and marginalized.”

As president of the Villanova student chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB), Arscott helped plan and execute three trips to a Louisiana community ravaged by Hurricane Katrina and two trips to a village in Thailand, where the students installed a gravity-flow water system. Under her leadership, EWB also built ramps to help athletes access the awards platform at Special Olympics.

In addition, Arscott assessed and evaluated water-supply projects in Waslala, Nicaragua, and helped coordinate the annual Walk for Water, which raises money for the NGO Water for Waslala. In April, Arscott was one of the recipients of the Dean’s Award for Meritorious Service. She has accepted a job at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Villanova Inducted into Special Olympics Pennsylvania Hall of Fame

Special Olympics Pennsylvania inducted Villanova University into its Hall of Fame, honoring the University with the 2009 Chairman’s Choice Award at the 2009 Special Olympics Pennsylvania Hall of Fame Dinner held at the Hyatt Regency at Penn’s Landing. The award was presented to the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’75 A&S, Villanova president, who attended the dinner with some of the many Villanova students and staff who serve as Special Olympics volunteers. The Villanova University Special Olympics Fall Festival, hosted and organized by Villanova University students and the largest annual student-run Special Olympics event in the world, will be held from November 6 to November 8, 2009. The three-day event hosts nearly 1,000 athletes and more than 300 coaches each year. The event requires 2,000 volunteers from the Villanova University student body, corporate organizations and the surrounding community.
Villanova Begins Middle States Commission Self-Study

Every 10 years, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education requires a rigorous evaluation of any university that desires to obtain or maintain accreditation. The process includes an examination of many aspects of the University, including teaching and learning, support services, governance, technology and facilities. The Middle States Commission examines each institution as a whole, rather than specific colleges or academic programs within institutions. A core component of the evaluation is a comprehensive Self-Study which involves University-wide input from faculty, students, staff and administrators. The Villanova University Self-Study Steering Committee co-chairs are Stephen Merritt, dean of enrollment management; John Kelley, Ph.D., executive director, Office of Planning & Institutional Research; and Sally Scholz, Ph.D., a professor of Philosophy.

SMART Scholarships Awarded to Ph.D. Students

College of Engineering doctoral students Kevin Woods B.S.M.E. ’07, M.S.M.E. ’08 and Steven Miller have each received a Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship. Established by the Department of Defense (DoD), the SMART Scholarship for Service Program supports students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and math. It also strives to increase the number of civilian scientists and engineers working in DoD facilities. In addition to funding tuition, the scholarship provides a book allowance, a stipend and benefits.

The CAC Collaborates with the Army Research Laboratory

The College of Engineering's Center for Advanced Communications (CAC) is entering into a first-time partnership with the U.S. Army. As part of a contract with the Army Research Laboratory, whose mission is to provide innovative science, technology and analysis to enable full-spectrum operations, the CAC is receiving $70,600 to fund a project titled “Signature Exploitation Techniques for Detection of Weapons behind Walls.” CAC researchers will be applying their newly developed algorithms to see whether they can obtain improved detection and classification of objects behind walls and in enclosed structures. Dr. Moeness Amin, director of the CAC, is the principal investigator of the nine-month project.

Engineering Faculty Receive NSF Grant for Nano Research

The National Science Foundation has awarded a $324,709 grant to Dr. Amy Fleischer B.S.M.E. ’91, M.S.M.E. ’96, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering and the principal investigator Dr. Aaron Wemhoff, assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering; and Dr. Randy Weinstein, professor and chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering. The three-year grant will fund a project titled “Thermal Transport in Nanoenhanced Phase Change Materials.” The purpose of the research will be to examine thermal transport in nanoenhanced phase change materials during melting and solidification in layers of varying thickness and to determine which energy-transport mechanisms are responsible for improving thermal performance.

College of Engineering Launches VUengineering.com

To highlight the many options available to students and professional engineers interested in earning a master’s or doctoral degree on a full- or part-time basis, the College of Engineering has created a new micro site. VUengineering.com is a user-friendly introduction to the College’s graduate offerings and its award-winning Distance Education program.
Adele Lindenmeyr, Ph.D., Appointed Dean of Graduate Studies

Adele Lindenmeyr, Ph.D., a professor of history, has been appointed dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Lindenmeyr succeeded Dr. Gerald Long. Dr. Lindenmeyr joined the Villanova faculty in 1987 as an assistant professor of history, bringing with her a lifelong fascination with Russian history and culture, a passion for teaching and a wealth of experience in the classroom. Dr. Lindenmeyr graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of arts in Russian in 1971 and earned her doctorate in history at Princeton University in 1980. She also served as assistant to the Provost at the University of Pennsylvania while she completed her doctorate. Prior to her arrival at Villanova, Dr. Lindenmeyr educated students at Princeton, Rutgers and Carnegie Mellon Universities, as well as the University of Pennsylvania. At Villanova, Dr. Lindenmeyr was named associate professor in 1992 and full professor in 1999. Dr. Lindenmeyr has published two books and more than 18 professional articles, reviewed more than 20 books and presented her research internationally. She has received several grants, including the American Philosophical Research Grant and the Villanova University Faculty Summer Research Grant. The Association for Women in Slavic Studies has honored her three times: in 1993 for an article she wrote; in 1996 with the Hildt Prize for Best Book Published by a Woman in Slavic Studies for Poverty Is Not a Vice: Charity, Society and the State in Imperial Russia; and in 2003 with the organization’s Outstanding Achievement Award. Dr. Lindenmeyr was director of the history graduate program from 1992 until 1998 when she was named the department’s chair.

Master of Public Administration Program Earns Accreditation

The Villanova Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) Program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University was fully accredited for the first time by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) this July. The accreditation is for a period of seven years, the maximum length possible. This honor indicates that the M.P.A. Program meets a set of standards established by NASPAA regarding topics such as curriculum, administration, program mission, student admissions, faculty quality and alumni success. The Program’s evaluation on these points included a year-long self-study, a rigorous accreditation commission review and a site visit by three external reviewers. Villanova is the only Catholic institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that is accredited by NASPAA.

The College Welcomes New Department Chairpersons

John H. Durnin, Ph.D., an associate professor and program coordinator of Undergraduate Teacher Education, will serve as Acting Chair of the Department of Education and Human Services during the 2009–2010 academic year. The College extends its sincere thanks to Connie Titone, Ed.D., who has served the department and the College as chair for the past eight years, for her dedicated service and leadership.

The Department of Education and Human Services prepares teachers, human service providers, counselors, supervisors and administrators. Through its certification and licensure programs, the Department combines theory with practical experience in school and community settings to help improve the quality of the lives of others.

The department offers an undergraduate major, with concentrations in Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Human Services. The department also offers a graduate program with three master’s degree programs: Counseling and Human Relations, Teacher Education and Educational Leadership. The department also offers a Post-Master’s program with concentrations in Counseling or Educational Leadership, as well as a Teacher’s Certification program.

In addition, A. Maria Toyoda, Ph.D., an assistant professor of political science and director of the East Asian Studies Program, will serve as the new chair of the Department of Political Science beginning in August 2009. Dr. Toyoda will replace Robert Langran, Ph.D., who has served as acting chair of the department during the 2008–2009 academic year. The College also thanks Dr. Langran for his service to the College.

Villanova and La Universidad de Cádiz Celebrate 20 Years of Academic Cooperation

In July, Villanova representatives, Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D., president of Villanova University; Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Mercedes Julia, Ph.D., chair of the department of Modern Languages and Literature; marked the 20-year academic relationship between Villanova and the rector de la Universidad de Cádiz, Diego Sales, including The Villanova Summer Program in Cádiz, Spain, the oldest International program at Villanova.

VCLE and Political Science Awarded NEH Grant on “Enduring Questions”

The Villanova Center for Liberal Education (VCLE) and the Department of Political Science have received a $24,600 grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to offer a new course entitled, “The Question of Justice: From Piraeus to the Mountaintop.” The NEH is funding the course as part of a new initiative called “Enduring Questions,” a nationwide experiment in building intellectual community through courses in which students and teachers “join together in a deep and sustained program of reading in order to encounter influential thinkers over the centuries and into the present day.” The course is designed to situate political science within the context of a general education in the liberal arts and sciences. The grant was written by Dr. Peter Busch of the VCLE, who will teach the course in collaboration with faculty from Political Science and other departments in the College.
In response to the demand by working professionals for a world-class program in Philadelphia, the top-ranked Villanova M.B.A., with a newly updated curriculum, is now in Center City. The Villanova M.B.A.’s new Center City location and reengineered curriculum make the program more accessible and relevant for professionals who work or live in Philadelphia, according to Robert Bonner, associate dean, Graduate and Executive Programs, Villanova School of Business (VSB).

“Reputation, quality and convenience are the major drivers for part-time M.B.A. students,” said Bonner. “Working professionals in Philadelphia want to take advantage of one of the best M.B.A. programs in the nation, and this makes it easier for them to do so.”

Of nearly 350 part-time M.B.A. programs in the U.S., VSB earned the number one spot in the nation for academic quality in the inaugural BusinessWeek part-time M.B.A. rankings. It also received recognition as an excellent value for career switchers.

The program is delivered at the Hub CityView in the heart of Center City, just steps from major public transportation, located in the United Plaza building, 30 South 17th Street. The Hub is a high-tech wireless learning environment featuring state-of-the-art classrooms with city views and breakout space designed for student study groups. There is space to host corporate speakers, alumni, and networking events.

“The Hub was specifically created to enhance corporate learning,” says Bonner. “The space is designed to foster innovative thinking and collaboration among students and faculty.” The Hub is also within walking distance to top Philadelphia employers like Comcast, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), PricewaterhouseCoopers and Towers Perrin. The Hub shares Villanova University’s commitment to sustainable business practices with energy sources that are 100% wind generated, low CFC emission and energy efficient lighting.

The new location is part of Villanova’s Strategic Plan. “Building a strong Villanova University presence in Philadelphia is part of our larger goal,” according to the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D. ’75 A&S, Villanova University president. “Partnering with business, arts, and cultural communities in the city is vital to our continued success. Villanova was founded in Philadelphia and our continued presence in the city is important.”

Interest in the Villanova M.B.A. in Center City has been very strong. The incoming Center City cohort features a diverse group of working professionals from an array of backgrounds and industries. Jennifer Gow, an associate product manager for Johnson & Johnson, will be a member of the first class. “I chose Villanova because it is an amazing school, but when I heard about the Center City program it just clicked. I live in the Rittenhouse area and a member of the first class, I chose Villanova because it is an amazing school, but when I heard about the Center City program it just clicked. I live in the Rittenhouse area and am excited to be in a cohort program with others who are in the city,” said Gow. “The location will make it easier to connect with my classmates both in and out of school.”

The students, who began the program August 24, also are the first to experience the newly revised curriculum.

“Our revised M.B.A. curriculum is on the leading-edge of business education. The top-ranked program blends theory and practice a hallmark of every business program at VSB,” said James M. Danko, the Helen and William O’Toole Dean at the Villanova School of Business. “We have ‘current topics’ courses taught by faculty and practitioners from business, new cutting edge electives, cross-functional courses, and ‘live’ capstones that increase the relevancy of our program while also addressing the challenges that leaders face in this economy.”

The Fast Track MBA is a 24-month, 48 credit cohort program for working professionals who are in a leadership role or aspire to be a leader within their organizations. Students take core courses together as a cohort and have the option to take elective and cross-functional courses within or outside of their cohort.

“There was a void when it came to high-quality, part-time M.B.A. programs in Center City Philadelphia,” Bonner notes. “Villanova has filled that gap.”

For more information on Villanova’s M.B.A. programs, please visit mba.villanova.edu.

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The Villanova School of Business hosts the Disney Institute on September 29, 2009

Walt Disney rewrote the rules of business by creating an organization and environment that recognized employees for their achievements, encouraged teamwork, and by continually striving for excellence, broke the confines of the status quo to consistently exceed expectations.

Learn the business behind the Disney magic during a one-day workshop: The Disney Keys to Excellence program in Philadelphia.

Through a partnership between the Villanova School of Business and the Disney Institute, we offer an opportunity to learn best business practices from Disney insiders and discover ways to adapt and apply those best practices to your own organization.

Organizations have benefited from this workshop by learning to adapt and implement processes to realize improved leadership, management, service and brand loyalty.

To learn more about the Disney Keys to Excellence Program and to register, visit: www.KeysPhiladelphia.com

Use the Villanova School of Business promotional code NOVAPNP to receive $25 off per guest when registering. Additional group discounts are available. No prerequisite training required.

To learn more about Executive Education workshops and seminars offered by the Villanova School of Business, please visit: www.exec-ed.villanova.edu
The College of Nursing honored three alumnae with its highest award, the Medallion, bestowed for distinguished achievement. The 20th Annual Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony took place on April 18 in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The event is co-sponsored by the College and its Nursing Alumni Association. The outstanding women are:

**Andrea Olexa Hollingsworth, ’68 B.S.N., Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Education**

Dr. Hollingsworth has a distinguished career in nursing education. She is dean of the Gwynedd-Mercy College School of Nursing and immediate past-president of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Nursing Schools Association. Living her lifelong dream of influencing the lives of those who chose nursing as a career, she has taught in several nursing programs in the Philadelphia area, including Holy Family College, the University of Pennsylvania (where she received the Excellence in Teaching Award for her innovative approaches to nursing education) and her alma mater, Villanova University.

**Maryalice Morro, ’83 B.S.N., Distinguished Leadership in Administration of Nursing and Health Care Services**

Capt. Morro, USN, NC, is the first Navy Nurse Corps officer to become commanding officer of Naval Hospital Pensacola and its 2,000-member staff since its founding 182 years ago. Early in her career, Capt. Morro was quickly identified for her leadership and management potential, ultimately moving into advanced roles such as Senior Nurse Executive for Patient Services at Naval Hospital Yokosuka in Japan and Executive Officer of Naval Hospital Lemoore in California.

**Jeanne Jackson Venella, ’82 B.S.N., Excellence in Clinical Practice**

Ms. Venella has been a respected and valuable member of the emergency department nursing staff of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia for 25 years. An expert clinician, educator and mentor, she cares for children and families in an exemplary manner, including those from the Amish community who were victims of the 2006 Nickel Mines massacre. She often is the driving force behind policy development that advances the care of fragile and vulnerable children to whom she has committed her professional life. She now shares her knowledge though her national consulting work to strengthen and raise the quality of emergency departments around the country.

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**Nursing Educator named Fellow by National League for Nursing**

Carol Toussie Weingarten, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor of nursing, has been named a fellow in the National League for Nursing’s (NLN) Academy of Nursing Education. Fellows are chosen for their significant and sustained contributions to the field of nursing education. Fellows serve as important role models to anyone aspiring to make a difference in nursing education and ultimately to the delivery of health care in the United States.
Rounding up Villanova athletics’ stellar year was the men’s lacrosse team, which captured its first NCAA berth. Led by eight All-Conference selections and CAA Co-Coach of the Year Mike Corrado, the Villanova men’s lacrosse team reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history by capturing its Colonial Athletic Association title with a 10–9 victory at Towson (Md.) in the championship game. The lowest seed in the conference tournament, the Wildcats knocked off top-seeded Hofstra and the Tigers en route to their first taste of national postseason play.

Sophomore Brian Karalunas was named the CAA Defensive Player of the Year and goalie Andrew DiLoreto joined him on the first team all-conference squad. Villanova finished the season with 11 wins, just one off the team’s single-season record, and became the first No. 4 seed in league history to win the championship. In the NCAA Tournament, the Wildcats once again met up with a top-seeded team when they took on Virginia in a first-round game that was broadcast nationwide on ESPNU.

The men’s lacrosse team was just one of many success stories on the playing field in 2008–09, as nine Wildcat teams advanced to national postseason competition. Villanova finished the year ranked No. 56 in the Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup, a program that rewards schools for all-around success in athletics. This was Villanova’s highest finish since 2003–04 and the ranking placed the Wildcats third among schools without a Bowl Subdivision football team.

Members of both the men’s and women’s outdoor track and field teams qualified for the national championship meet in a spring filled with team and individual highlights. At the famed Penn Relays, the men’s team won its first Championship of America race since 2001. The win was the 90th relay victory for the Wildcat men at the Penn Relays, and the 23rd in the DMR. Sophomore Matt Gibney anchored the relay win and was named the College Men’s Relays Athlete of the Meet.

On the women’s track and field team, freshman sprinter Sharecka Ward captured the 100-meter title at the USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships in late June. Her victory entitles Ward to represent the United States this summer at the Junior Pan-American Games in Trinidad and Tobago.

Villanova continued to see its student-athletes reach the professional ranks in their respective sports. On the heels of the men’s basketball team reaching the Final Four for the first time since 1985, senior forward Dante Cunningham was chosen by the Portland Trail Blazers in the second round of the NBA Draft. Cunningham became the third Villanova player to be drafted in the past four years.

National exposure came in Villanova’s direction on the final weekend of May at Cooper River Park in Cherry Hill, N.J. The University served as host of the Divisions I, II and III Women’s Rowing NCAA Championships, a three-day competition featuring 31 teams from all parts of the country.
Travel to a Destination So Unique It Can Only Be Experienced Once Every 10 Years!

Every 10 years, amid the storybook landscapes of the Bavarian Alps, the residents of the quaint hamlet of Oberammergau, Germany, stage one of the world’s greatest dramatic spectacles, an extravagant Passion Play with a cast of thousands and a history that encompasses nearly four centuries. This year, we are pleased to offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the pomp and majesty of the 41st production of the Passion Play of Oberammergau with Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D., president of Villanova University.

The customized itinerary combines this historic cultural event with the unrivaled legacy of art, architecture and history that recalls the glories of the mighty Holy Roman and Habsburg Empires. By exclusive arrangement, special tickets and seating not available to the general public have been procured to ensure full enjoyment of this magnificent performance, in which some 2,000 citizens of Oberammergau portray the story of Jesus Christ on the large, open-air stage of the Passionsspielhaus (Passion Play Theater). The program also includes a cruise aboard the deluxe M.S. Amadeus Symphony through the heart of Europe along the fabled Danube River. During the cruise you will visit extraordinary Budapest, the imperial Vienna of Maria Theresa and Franz Josef and the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey. Along the way, you will revel in the beauty of the Austrian countryside as you pass pristine storybook villages and medieval castles en route to the architectural riches of Bratislava and Passau.

This momentous journey will include a special reception hosted by Father Peter as well as most excursions and daily breakfast and dinner. A spectacle like no other, the dramatic Passion Play draws spectators from around the world and is without peer in the scale of its pomp and pageantry.

Join us for this travel opportunity at an exceptional value and with limited capacity that is certain to sell out quickly. For additional information or to make your reservation for this tradition like no other, please contact the Alumni Association at 1-800-VILLANOVA (1-800-845-5266).

Travel the world in 2010 with the Villanova University Alumni Association

Plan a special vacation this year, and take advantage of great travel opportunities and discounted airline rates! Be sure to visit alumni.villanova.edu to see our exciting variety of destinations for every budget. This year we are also offering several service trips so you can see the world while you make a difference with the Villanova spirit of service. A complete list of the 2010 VUAA travel destinations is available at alumni.villanova.edu or call the Alumni Office at 1-800-VILLANOVA for more information and brochures.
Fall, Football, Food and Fun

This September, the 2009 Villanova football season kicked off with an exciting game against Temple at Lincoln Financial Field. Join the Villanova University Alumni Association tailgate parties at the Linc and cheer on the Wildcats. The Alumni Association will be hosting tailgate parties throughout the season so be sure and “Cats” all the Action before the football games and get together with alumni and fans!

Basketball Blitz

Are you a Villanova basketball fan who can’t wait for college hoops to begin? Then mark your calendar and be sure to join the Alumni Association for a barrage of basketball events. Enjoy great food and drinks and hear the latest chalk talk from men’s head basketball coach Jay Wright and women’s head coach Harry Perretta or catch the Wildcat fever at basketball receptions before and after the games. Reception and Ticket Packages go on sale in November. Visit alumni.villanova.edu to register or to view the complete schedule of basketball events!

St. Thomas of Villanova Fourth Annual Day of Service

Alumni, family and friends are invited to join with the Villanova Community on Saturday, September 19, 2009, for the St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service. Villanova alumni are encouraged to dedicate a day of service in their community to honor St. Thomas of Villanova, the 16th-century Augustine bishop of Valencia, Spain, and patron of the University. Many local chapters are organizing alumni service projects. If you don’t have a chapter nearby, visit alumni.villanova.edu for information on volunteer opportunities in your area, or you can volunteer your time at your own favorite charity or organization.

We want to know about your volunteer efforts so please e-mail alumni@villanova.edu with a short description of your service project, the number of people in your group and photos of your group participating in the Day of Service. We’ll post them on the alumni Web site and include some in Villanova Magazine. As a collective group, more than 102,000 Villanova alumni can make a significant impact on our world through service to others!
Volunteer Spotlight  Greg Megan, ’79 V.S.B.

Although Greg Megan is the president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Villanova University Alumni Association, he also is a familiar face on the Villanova campus. In fact, because he is a pilot with Delta Air Lines and a captain on Boeing 737-200s, it isn’t surprising to see Greg at a Villanova event anywhere in the country. Greg has been a member of the VUAA Board of Directors since 2003 and works as the Athletics Liaison to the board as well as chairing the University Organizations Committee. Greg also is a yearly supporter of the Annual Fund. “For the past five years Greg has been an integral part of the alumni board as well as an enthusiastic leader in the Atlanta Chapter. His dedication and commitment to Villanova have expanded opportunities for alumni engagement and have brought the University closer to alumni throughout the country,” notes Gary Olsen, executive director of the alumni association.

After graduation, Greg served in the Marine Corps and was based in South Carolina. When Greg and his wife, Kathy ’79 relocated to Atlanta, they started attending Chapter events and met other Villanovans in the area. “The events of September 11 dramatically reinforced the importance of the Villanova community in my life. I got involved in the Atlanta Chapter as a way to serve the University and develop relationships with other alumni who held the same passion that I had for Villanova.”

To alumni who may be considering ways to get involved with Villanova, Greg advises, “I feel that all alumni should make an attempt to get involved with the University when the time is right for them. Serving as a volunteer goes right to the heart of our Augustinian traditions of community and service. The Alumni Association offers opportunities for involvement in the Regional Chapters, University Organizations, Reunion Volunteer Committees and Special Interest Groups. There are events held on campus, all over the country and are now expanding throughout the world. “It has been a very rewarding experience to serve as a volunteer for the Villanova University Alumni Association. I encourage everyone to get connected and stay involved.”

The Regional Chapters are always looking for volunteers to coordinate the many activities that take place locally. There are opportunities to participate for alumni of all ages and professional backgrounds:

- Help organize or attend a game watches for alumni who want to cheer on the ‘Cats with the fans in your Chapter.
- Organize networking events to assist our graduates in their career development. Attend a networking event or mentor other alumni in the Career Connection section of the NovaNetwork.
- Host or attend a New Student Reception, and you will be amazed at the accomplishments of the students joining the Villanova community every year.
- Join your fellow alumni in supporting “Great Golf, Great Cause.” This is a program that combines a great day of golf with raising scholarship funds for students based on academic achievement and financial need. If you have benefited from those who attended Villanova before you, the Scholarship Golf Outings are an excellent way to continue the tradition.
- Coordinate or attend a Community Service Project. Every year, Villanovans around the world participate in our St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service as well as local service projects held throughout the year.
- In addition to regional opportunities, Reunion committees are formed every year and volunteers are always needed. Join your Reunion Committee and attend Reunion Weekend to reconnect with your classmates and to Villanova.

Visit alumni.villanova.edu and click on “Get Connected Stay Involved” link to volunteer with your local chapter.
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Villanova Alumni Welcome the Class of 2013 at New Student Receptions

Throughout the summer, alumni from around the country have hosted incoming Villanova freshman students at more than 40 New Student Receptions. New Student Receptions are a fun and informal venue for incoming students and their families to learn more about Villanova University from alumni and current students. The students and their families have an opportunity to meet other local students, ask questions and learn more about the Villanova University experience. It’s a great way to make the college transition a little easier!

Show Your Villanova pride every time you drive with a Villanova License Plate

Villanova collegiate license plates are a great way to show your Wildcat spirit and support the Alumni Association’s many programs. You must be a resident of the state, but you don't need to be a Villanova graduate to purchase a license plate. Villanova plates make great gifts and are now available in:
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware
- Virginia
- Maryland

To order a license plate, visit alumni.villanova.edu and click on Villanova Merchandise and More in the blue sidebar.

Network with the Villanova Business Society – Boston

The Villanova Business Society hosted its first networking event at the InterContinental Boston Hotel on June 4, 2009. This newly formed group of Villanova alumni and parents are working to provide advice and networking opportunities for Villanova alumni, parents, students and friends in the greater Boston area. The evening featured Stephen J. Andriole, Ph.D., Thomas J. Labrecque, professor of business at the Villanova School of Business, who addressed the topic “Kinder, Gentler & Profitable: How We Can Have It All.” The 21 founding members of the society have put together a wonderful resource for the Boston area alumni. Visit alumni.villanova.edu for information on VBS – Boston upcoming events.

Join the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Villanova University Alumni Association on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. for Taste of Wine on the Main Line at Picotte Hall on the Villanova Campus. Guests can sample wine from the finest local and national vineyards, enjoy cuisine from the area’s top dining establishments and participate in exciting live and silent auctions. All proceeds will benefit the Villanova University Rainy Day Fund. Cost: $40 per person or $75 per couple. To register or donate to the VU Rainy Day Fund, visit vuaaphilly.org or call 1-800-VILLANOVA.
1940s

Class of 1945: 65th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

1950s

Class of 1950: 60th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Class of 1955: 55th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Edward J. Fesco, M.D., F.A.C.S., ’52 A&S, Bio., a board certified general surgeon in LaSalle, Ill., writes to mention his indebtedness to Villanova and in particular to his teachers Dr. Hoenisch, Dr. Ludwig and Dr. McClain.

Edward P. Last ’59 VSB, Fin., a resident of Havertown, Pa. was named president of The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Founded in Philadelphia in 1711, this is the oldest Irish society in the United States.

Mary Esther Screem Clark ’59 Nur. was honored at the 26th annual Nurses’ Week Recognition Ceremony at the University of Rochester Medical Center when the first Mary Esther Clark Pioneer in Nursing Award was presented to an outstanding nurse. Mary Esther graduated from the Cleveland Clinic enterostomal therapy program and in keeping with her long career of developing significant patient care programs, she returned to Rochester where she shared her special knowledge with patients, nurses and doctors. After her retirement, she developed a parish nurse program in Phoenix, Ariz.

1960s

Class of 1960: 50th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Class of 1965: 45th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Arthur Davie ’62 VSB, Acct., is an adjunct professor of accounting at Indian River State College on the Treasure Coast of Florida. His home is in Stuart, Fla.

George H. Schruender ’65 VSB, Bus. Adm. regained ownership of his North Andover, Mass. real estate business which he had sold in 1995. He will keep the name Carlson GMAC.

1970s

Class of 1970: 40th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Class of 1975: 35th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Edward J. Donahue, M.D. ’70 A&S, Chem., is immediate past president of the Maricopa (Arizona) County Medical Society. Dr. Donahue is a practicing surgeon in Phoenix.

P. Michael Bolger, Ph.D., ’71 A&S, Bio., chief, chemical hazards assessment team in the Society of Toxicology in Reston, Va. was awarded the prestigious Arnold J. Lehman Award by the Society of Toxicology for major contributions to risk assessment and the regulation of food-borne chemical agents.

Richard Cantwell ’71 C.E., holds an adjunct faculty position at the University of North Florida School of Engineering, teaching an undergraduate course in railroad transportation engineering.

Bradley T. MacDonald ’71 A&S, Soc.Sci., is chairman of the board of Medifast Inc. in Owings Mills, Md. He was recently elected vice chairman of Toys For Tots Foundation and also serves as a trustee at Stevenson University in Stevenson, Md.

Margaret Mary Reilly Felton ’71 A&S, Soc., is a professor of psychology at the University of Southern Illinois. She and her husband, Dr. John E. Felton ’76 G.S.Psy., reside in Newburgh, Indiana are the parents of five grown children and grandparents of one.

Rev. Joseph S. Mostardi, O.S.A.

Robert F. Pennington, ’72, VSB, Bus. Adm., ’75 G.S.Gen. (right), broker/owner of Coldwell Banker Town & Country Real Estate in Altoona, Pa., receives the Top Eagle Award from Jim Gillespie, president and C.E.O. of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC.

’72 A&S, Gen., was appointed by Villanova University president Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A. as director of service and justice education for campus ministry. He was formerly pastor/director of Augustinian volunteers for the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

Ralph Nevel ’72 E.E., returned to the Reading, Pa. engineering firm of Spotts, Stevens and McCoy Inc. as senior technical director of electrical engineering in the architectural engineering department. He has 40 years experience in the electrical engineering field.

James Rohrer ’72 VSB, Bus. Adm., has founded J. M. Rohrer Sales Associates, L.L.C. in Nottingham, N.H. He is an independent manufacturer’s representative in the school supply/teacher resource/children’s publishing industries. His sales territories include mid-Atlantic and northeast U.S.

John J. Conyes Jr. ’73 VSB, Acct., is a partner at Pricewaterhouse Coopers L.L.P. in New York City. He was recently named a vice chairman of the firm with responsibility for the New York metro region.

Susan Israel Smith ’76 A&S, Engr., was promoted to adjunct coordinator at Mohawk Valley comminity College in Utica/Rome, NY. She will provide guidance and support for more than 242 adjunct faculty members in 12 academic disciplines.

Mary A. Kaiser, ’76 Ph.D., was chosen to receive the 2009 Delaware section American Chemical Society Award, recognizing significant scientific achievement and contributions to chemistry. She is a senior research fellow at the DuPont Corporate Center for Analytical Sciences in Wilmington.

Dave Redman ’76 A&S, Edu., is director, facilities and administrative services for NASA headquarters. He had been branch chief for emergency management and administrative services.

Deborah Cook Altonji ’79 Nur., ’85 M.S.N., is with Health Advocate in Plymouth Meeting.

Michael Solomon, ’80 A&S, Gen., is the author of the new book It Comes From Within documenting his personal struggle with manic depression/bipolar disorder. This is an insightful collection of published articles and personal writings. Email Mike at: scranton48@aol.com to request a copy.

Pa., where she serves as a nurse sales consultant for a new direct to consumer health advocacy program called Health Proponent.

Robert Michel ’79 VSB, Bus. Adm., was elected Chief Financial Officer at Asta Funding, Inc., a leading consumer receivable asset management company specializing in the purchase, management and liquidation of consumer receivables.

Charles P. Rose Esq., ’79 A&S, Econ., was nominated by President Barack Obama to be general counsel of the United States Department of Education. Mr. Rose is a founding partner of the Chicago law firm of Franzek Radelet & Rose P.C. and has been a lead union contact negotiator for Chicago Public Schools.

1980s

Class of 1980: 30th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Class of 1985: 25th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

George J. Krocucilk, Esq., ’80 A&S, Hist., ’83 J.D. a partner in the Philadelphia law firm Duane Morris L.L.P, was honored by the 2008 Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business for his practice in real estate law.

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open to all Villanova University students and alumni for more information go to careers.villanova.edu
James S. Kane Jr. ‘81 A&S, Psy., was promoted to director of continuing studies at Villanova University. During his 23 years at Villanova, he had been in the human resources department and taught classes. He looks forward to hearing from those who want to know more about the adult education programs.

Mary Marzano ’82 A&S, Gen., an advertising account executive, became a major force in helping victims of Hurricane Ike when she solicited local hotels in the Galveston, Texas area for their usable throwaway linens. She then shipped them to municipal officials in the stricken community. Since then, she is focused closer to her home in Maplewood, NJ, helping deliver more than three tons of donated sheets, quilts and bathrobes to Goodwill, Salvation Army and area homeless shelters.

Kay Z. Myers, ’82 G.S. Engl., published a book of prose sketches and poetry, Three from Osage Street. She and two high school friends reconnected at a 50th high school reunion to reminisce about growing up in the small town of Girard, Kansas. Books are available online at www.amazon.com.

Duane D. Siberski, D.O. ’84 A&S, Bio., was elected to the board of directors of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians. He is an emergency physician and medical director of paramedic education programs at the Reading, PA Hospital and Medical Center.

Catherine Poillon Lovecchio ’85 Nur., ’88 Ph.D. Nur. is an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Scranton. For her Ph.D. dissertation, she studied the effectiveness of an online alcohol education program on first-year college students. She, her husband, Toby, and their two children, Matthew and Lydia, reside in Clarks Summit, Pa.

Gerald Hall ’86 VSB, Bus. Adm., recently accepted a position at Kronos located in Chelmsford, Mass as and Enterprise Account Executive. Marianne C. Salus ’86 GS, Rel. Stud., in 2008 became a board certified chaplain with The Association of Professional Chaplains and in January 2009 was honored at The Spiritual Care Collaborative in Orlando, Fla.

Kerry White ’86 VSB, Bus. Adm., is a first vice president at Bank of New York Mellon, where she is responsible for global product development for the firm’s portfolio of services for tax-exempt clients. She authored recent articles in Financial Times and Plan Sponsor Magazine addressing the increased scrutiny of asset owners and their regulators and the management of pension assets in a volatile market. She is a past member of the Villanova University Alumni Association board of directors.

Charles A. Murphy ’87 A&S, Gen., Massachusetts state representative, was appointed chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He resides in Burlington with his wife, Nan, and their two daughters, Grace and Amelia.


Thomas Oxenreiter ’88 VSB, Acct., married Emily White.

Richard D. Battista, M.D. ’89 A&S, Sci., was elected president of the OAA Orthopedic Specialists effective January 1. Dr. Battista, board certified with a fellowship in Hand and Upper Extremity Surgeon, joined OAA Orthopaedic Specialists in 2004 after serving as Assistant Chairman of Orthopedic Surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Beth Krewson, Esq., ’89 M.E., is regulatory counsel with Celgene Corp. in Westfield, NJ where she resides with her husband, Michael DeTergo and their children. She had been an attorney with GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia.

Angela MacChiavelli Nieves ’89 A&S, Pol. Sci., became a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives where she is a member of the Appropriations Committee and the Science and Technology Committee. She resides in Philadelphia.

Mark A. Monaco, D.O., a physician in Broomall, Pa., was re-elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Assoc. Dr. Monaco is medical director of Wayne (Pa.) Nursing Center and a physician at Delaware County Family Practice Associates in Broomall.

Mary Marzano ’82 A&S, was appointed director of environmental services for Monroe County, NY.

Shawn the red carpet at the New York City opening night of filmmaker Tom Balsamides’ (’87 VSB, Bus. Adm.) new movie Early Release, are (left to right) Keith Kilgannon, ’87, Sandy Sabbers, ’87, Tom Balsamides, ’87 and Joe Sabbers. ’87. The film was accepted to the New York International Film and Video Festival.

Kevin Rieder ’92 A&S, Hum. Serv., has moved with his family to Bangkok, Thailand. Kevin will be there for three years at the U.S. Embassy.

1990s

Class of 1990: 20th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

Class of 1995: 15th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010

CDDR John J. Keegan ’90 EE, was assigned as commanding officer of the Surface Combat Systems Center in Wallops Island, Va.

Scott S. McKessy, Esq., ’90 A&S, Psy., joined the Hartford, CT law firm of Halloran & Sage as counsel. He is a graduate of St. John’s University School of Law.

Laurice Moses Skutchies ’90 A&S, Arts, welcomed a girl.

John Powers ’90 A&S, Engl., will assume the role of coordinator on the Ball State Cardinals football staff. Powers joined the Ball State coaching staff in 2006.

Maureen Stapleton ’90 A&S, Engl., just marked her 10th anniversary of living in London with her family. She and her husband are the parents of two sons. Maureen is an analyst with the social investing firm, Investing for Good.

Rachel Burgoyne Marks ’91 VSB, Fin., welcomed a girl.

Sean Fahey ’91 A&S, Pol. Sci., ’94 J.D., was appointed to the board of BLOCS (Business Leaders Organizes for Catholic Schools), a non profit organization.


Lilla Wescott ’91 A&S, Comm., owner of the Philadelphia mobile massage therapy business, Urban Kneads, was honored with a Best of the City Award from Comcast.

Alice Bergen Fecak ’92 A&S, Pol.Sci., welcomed a boy.

Susan Kelly Meyers ’92 Nur., welcomed a boy.

Scott O’Neil ’92 VSB, Mkt., is president of Madison Square Garden Sports where he oversees all aspects of business operations for the three sports teams, the New York Knicks, Rangers and Liberty, as well as college and high school basketball, boxing, track and field and all other sports events. He formerly was senior vice president of the National Basketball Assn. He is listed in Sports Business Journal’s Under 40 Hall of Fame and named one of the nation’s top marketing executives under 40 by Advertising Age.

Michael Possenti ’92 VSB, Mkt., is the owner of POZ, Inc. a uniform company in Media, Pa. The POZ name came from a nickname given to him as a student at Villanova.

Doris Thomas ’92 VSB, Mgt., was named president of her new company, Obama Eduvision, an educational management and marketing services consulting firm.

Anthony Leone, Esq., ’93 A&S, Pol.Sci., on January 13 was sworn into the Supreme Court of the United States during a special ceremony held at the Court in Washington, D.C. Chief Justice Roberts presided at this first group swearing-in event.

Bridget Mahoney Schmitz ’93 A&S, Math., current member of the Villanova University Alumni Association board of directors, welcomed a girl.

Paul Burke ’94 A&S, Bio., welcomed a girl.

Colleen Cushion Wilkins ’94 A&S, Comm., welcomed a boy.

Tracy Dovidio Foye ’94 VSB, Mgt., welcomed a boy.

Richard B. Kiernan ’94 A&S, Psy., ’96 G.S.Hum.Org.Sci. received the prestigious Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Red Cross, Jersey Coast chapter. He served for nearly a decade in administration at Monmouth Medical Center and in addition to much volunteer work, has for the past several years been an administrator at Seabrook in Tinton Falls, NJ.

Thomas W. Lehmann ’94 Mech. Eng., was recently promoted to partner at Accenture in Philadelphia.


David Martin ’94 VSB, Acct. and Maria Guariglia Martin A&S, Pol. Sci., welcomed a boy.


Elizabeth Scully ’94 A&S, Pol. Sci., welcomed a boy.

Brad Tuttle ’94 A&S, Engl. is the author of the new book How Newark Became Newark: The Rise,
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2000s

Class of 2000: 10th Reunion, June 11–13, 2010


Matthew S. DiQuollo ‘00 A&S, Conn., welcomed triplets, two girls, one boy.

Dan Dodd ‘00 A&S, Hist./Pol. Sci., was re-elected in November 2008 to a second term in the Ohio House of Representatives with 57% of the vote and was appointed chairman of the House Insurance Committee in February 2009. He and his wife, Stephanie, recently welcomed a girl.

Sara Houck Solomon ‘00 A&S, Comm., welcomed a boy.

Matthew McNulty ‘00 VSB, Acct., married Sarina Rocco McNulty ‘00 A&S, Hum.Serv.

James O’Leary ‘00 Ch.E., welcomed a boy.

Nicholas Pontierna ‘00 VSB, Fin./Mgt., was re-elected in November 2008 to a second term in the Ohio House of Representatives with 57% of the vote and was appointed chairman of the House Insurance Committee in February 2009. He and his wife, Stephanie, recently welcomed a girl.

Roger Raber ‘00 A&S, Hist., in April 2008 joined Alion Science and Technology as a senior systems engineer supporting the Naval Sea Systems command in Washington, DC. Raber also serves in the Naval Reserve with the Military Sealift Command.

Matthew A. Ryan ‘01 A&S, Comm., organized a charitable Polar Bear Plunge to benefit cerebral palsy in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ. For information on upcoming events or to make a donation, visit www.ladacin.org.

Lynne M. O’Brien, Esq., ‘01 A&S, Phil./Span., ‘05 JD is working as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia District Attorney Office.


2004s

Class of 2004: 5th Reunion, Oct. 23–25, 2010


Lindsay Bateman ‘01 A&S, Bio., married Kyle Opylke.

Claire Darmanin ‘01 A&S, Comm., was promoted to senior manager, education and program services, in the Chicago office of SmithBucklin Corp.

Matthew McNulty ‘00 VSB, Fin., welcomed a boy.

Brian Lewis ‘01 A&S, Soc., and Danielle Dutton Lewis ‘01 VSB, Mkt., welcomed a boy.


Roger Raber ‘00 A&S, Hist., in April 2008 joined Alion Science and Technology as a senior systems engineer supporting the Naval Sea Systems command in Washington, DC. Raber also serves in the Naval Reserve with the Military Sealift Command.

Matthew A. Ryan ‘01 A&S, Comm., organized a charitable Polar Bear Plunge to benefit cerebral palsy in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ. For information on upcoming events or to make a donation, visit www.ladacin.org.

Navy Lt. Richard P. Daly ‘02 VSB, MIS., along with members of Patrol Squadron 4 (VP-4) “Skinny Dragons” stationed at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, are currently deployed to the Fifth Fleet area of operations, Ali Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lindsay Walters Ryon ‘01 A&S, Engl., welcomed a boy.

Daniel Mullany ‘01 A&S, Hist., married William Heres

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The Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) and its local chapters have developed a diverse events calendar to attract alumni with varied interests. For further information regarding these events, including cost and location, please call 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266) or visit the Events Calendar at alumni.villanova.edu.

**September 3**
Villanova Alumni and Fans Tailgate Party at Lincoln Financial Center
Followed by Villanova vs. Temple Football Game

**September 17**
Chicago Chapter Scholarship Golf Outing

**September 19**
Men’s Lacrosse Annual Alumni Game

**September 18 – 19**
St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration

**September 23**
Third Annual Lancaster Chapter Scholarship Golf Fundraiser

**September 24**
A Taste of Wine on the Main Line

**September 27**
Gamewatch for Men’s Soccer Team

**September 28**
Long Island Chapter Annual Scholarship Golf Fundraiser

**September 29**
Disney Institute hosted by Villanova School of Business

**October 1**
Villanova Business Society-Boston Golf Outing

**October 2**
2009 Engineering Alumni Society Awards Ceremony

**October 5**
14th Annual Coaches vs. Cancer Fundraiser

**October 8 – 9**
Summit on Leadership

**October 23 – 25**
Homecoming Weekend and Five-Year Reunion for the Class of 2004

**March 26 – 28, 2010**
Villanova Singers Legacy Event

Kimberly Krug Fogarty '02 Ch.E., welcomed a boy.

Mark Laber '02 VSB, Acct., married Erin Henkel '02 VSB, Acct./MIS.

Christopher Muller '02 M.E., and Abigail Perry Muller '02 VSB, MIS, welcomed a girl.

Katherine Sullivan '02 A&S, Engl., married Mark Denney.

Heather Fallon '03 A&S, Pol. Sci., married Nicolas de la Riva.


Matthew Osborne '03 VSB, Mkt., and Katherine Fatek Osborne '00 A&S, Comm., welcomed a girl.

Richard Travis '03 VSB, Econ., married Katie Pizzi '03 VSB, Fin.

Errica Treeza '03 A&S, Comm., completed her MBA concentration in Marketing in December 2008 from Rutgers Business School.

Lisa M. Winter '03 A&S, Astro./Astrophysics, '03 A&S, Hon., former Goldwater Scholar, has been awarded a three-year Hubble Fellowship, the most sought after and prestigious postdoctoral fellowship in astronomy. The Hubble Fellowship Program provides an opportunity for highly qualified postdoctoral scientists to conduct independent research that is broadly related to the NASA Cosmic Origins scientific goals.

Sarah Banas '04 ME, married Francis J. Mills.

Marc Napolitano '04 A&S, Engl., '06 G.S. Engl., on May 23 received a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Adrian Schau '04 VSB, Fin., married Emily Andrus '04 A&S, Hist.


Kerry Faria '05 A&S, Eco., married Robert Witterschein.

Christopher Harley '05 Ch.E., married Pamela Miller.

James Sutton '05 C.E., married Gretchen Molly Barrett '05 A&S, Soc.

Jim Hartzel '06 CE., married Cecilia Baldino '06 A&S, Hum.Serv.

Teresa Nielsen Connolly '06 Nur., entered the Boston College master's/Ph.D. program where she will focus on neuroscience nursing.

Sarah Stevenson, Esq., '07 G.S.M.P.A., '07 J.D., accepted a position with the Philadelphia law department as assistant city solicitor in the regulatory affairs unit as counsel to the Philadelphia water department.

Erik W. Waryas '08 ME, recently began a new position with Lloyd’s Register North America, Inc. as an assistant surveyor. Lloyd Register provides fire and safety plans for ships.

In Memoriam

1930s

William T. Durkin '38 EE., on June 21, 2008.

1940s

John F. McKinney '41 Ch.E., on February 11.


Bernard H. Swartz '42 VSB, Eco., on April 1.


John Bellletti '45 M.E., on January 15.


Mark A. Manning, Jr., '47 Ch.E., on March 26.

William F. Guyan Sr., '49 VSB, Econ., on December 29, 2008.


Robert C. Lafferty '49 VSB, Econ., on January 16.

John F. Martin, Jr., '49 VSB, Econ., on December 19, 2008.

William E. Trees '49 Ch.E., on January 14.

1950s

Ed Anzur '50 VSB, Acct., on January 16.

William H. Coyle '50 ME on March 27.

John W. Spanfelner Jr., '50 VSB, Econ., on October 5, 2008.

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CLASS OF 2013 ADMISSION STATISTICS

- Freshmen applications received: 13,100
- Targeted freshman class size: 1,630
- Percentage of students who ranked in the top 10 of their graduating class*: 80%
- Percentage of students who ranked in the top 20 of their graduating class*: 96%
- GPA range for the typical accepted applicant: 3.77 - 4.17 / 4.00 on a weighted scale
- The middle 50 percent range of SAT scores for the typical accepted applicant: 1320-1430/1600
- The middle 50 percent range of ACT scores for the typical accepted applicant: 30-32
- Percentage of freshman class with alumni affiliation: 21%

*where class rank is reported

For Open House reservations, a general campus visit schedule or more information, please visit our website at www.admission.villanova.edu or email us at gotovu@villanova.edu.
Hubert J. Willis, ’50
C.E., on April 16.
John V. Denuel ’51
ME., on May 2, 2009.

Walter T. “Walt” Doyle ’52
VSB, Bus. Adm., on April 5.

John K. Schneider ’52
C.E., on October 23, 2008.

Philip Joseph Altizer Sr., ’53 VSB, Econ., on April 4.
Thomas E. Brydon ’53
VSB, Econ., on February 26.

William J. Gestwick ’54
VSB, Econ., on March 29.

John J. Weeks ’54 VSB, Econ. on March 11.

John N. Braca ’55 VSB, Econ., on April 19.


James F. Cornelys ’59
VSB, Econ., on February 6.

Al Lutz ’57 VSB, Acct., on March 29.

Frank Magann ’58 VSB, Econ., on February 22.

Elizabeth O. Cloud ’59
Edward P. Farley ’59

Lawrence F. Flick, Esq., ’59
VSB, Eco., ’62 J.D., on April 10.

1960s
Joseph P. Chapley ’60 A&S, Physics, on December 16, 2008.
Richard J. Calhoun Sr., ’61 VSB, Econ., on February 26.

Alexander “Alex” J. Casella ’61 A&S, Physics, on March 5.

John E. “Jack” Shea ’61
VSB, Econ., on April 1.

Terrence M. Connely ’62
VSB, Econ., on April 6.

John R. McKelvey ’62
VSB, Econ., on January 9.
Paul R. Peek ’63 EE, on May 17, 2008.

Lt. Col. Michael E. Schmid ’64 E.E., on February 27.

Joseph N. Linsalata ’66
A&S, Engl., on April 27.

Vincent M. Marabella Jr., ’68
VSB, Econ., on May 20, 2008.

Joseph Paul Burt, Esq., ’69

Emmanuel B. Gold ’69
C.E., on April 29, 2007.

1970s

Michael J. Gullotti, M.D., ’70

Joseph J. Staude ’71 ME,
on December 25, 2008.


Jose Ramon Santiago ’73

Bruce J. Colburn ’76 VSB, Acct., on October 10, 2008.

Todd R. Cram, Esq., ’76 J.D., on January 26.

John Mezzanotte, M.D., ’76

Athie Sosangelis-White ’76

George Gaden ’78 Honorary Degree, on January 5.

Stanley E. Gondek ’79
A&S, Arts on April 8.


1980s

Robert Anthony Montserrat ’81
A&S, Econ., Hist., on March 8.

Sheryl Graham Monkemeyer ’84 Nur., on April 6.


Kristianna Harvey Keen ’89 M.B.A., on April 18.

2000s

Christina Costas Russell Paine ’05 MBA, ’08 MT, on November 5, 2008.

Staff

Cecilia Margaret (Peg) Newborg, on February 20. She had worked in the Register’s Office at Villanova for many years.

Suzanne Ruth Winge, on March 25. She served in the Villanova theatre department and later in the Office of the President.

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Proud Tradition
Kevin M. Curley ’80 VSB watches his son, Kevin M. Curley II ’09 VSB, graduate

“It was probably the happiest I’ve ever seen my son,” says Kevin M. Curley, past president of the Villanova University Alumni Association, of his son and namesake’s Commencement day. “He has the same love for Villanova that I do.”

It was an emotional moment for the Curley family as young Kevin was acknowledged along with his fellow Villanova School of Business graduates of the Class of 2009. Curley himself is a VSB graduate, and says, “It was a great training ground for an entrepreneur.”

Today Curley is president and C.E.O. of the Dallas-based Curley Insurance Group, LLC, and he and his family are generous supporters of education, civic and charitable causes, including Villanova where he funds an endowment of $250,000 to support the Center for Information, Creativity and Entrepreneurship in VSB. He also serves on the VSB Dean’s Advisory Council.

Young Kevin first became interested in Villanova when he visited the University for his father’s Class of 1980 reunion in 2000. “He walked around campus and was intrigued by the school, and we happened to run into [Villanova men’s basketball coach] Jay Wright, who invited us to watch the team practice,” Curley recalls. “Kevin was thrilled.”

Kevin, who received a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, is considering job opportunities in New York and Dallas. During his four years at Villanova he had asummer internship at JPMorgan Chase, served as president of the Villanova Entrepreneurial Society and studied Mandarin Chinese at Beijing Language & Cultural University in Mainland China.

As a parent, Curley rates Commencement as “an 11 out of 10. Everything ran like clockwork, and everyone was so helpful.”

He adds, “Having my son graduate from my alma mater is fantastic. Obviously it was a proud day.”
Day of Service
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.
-St. Augustine

On Saturday, September 19, 2009, alumni and families are invited to join with more than 2,000 students, faculty and staff to take part in the annual St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service. Local chapters around the country have planned service projects and they need your help to make a difference.

The Day of Service is one component of the University’s annual celebration honoring its patron saint, St. Thomas of Villanova. Two days of activities celebrate the University’s Augustinian ideals and the Day of Service represents an opportunity for the Villanova community to put these ideals into action. Opportunities exist to accommodate every interest and families are welcome to participate.

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