WALK THIS WAY
Pedestrian Bridge Set in Place Across Lancaster Avenue
[A person] does not learn for himself, nor become wise for himself alone, but for all whom he may benefit by his skill or knowledge.

—St. Thomas of Villanova
Fourth Sermon After Easter, Sermon 2, 3

Villanova is in the midst of a transformative period in its history. Progress is evident throughout the University. Villanova has again distinguished itself as one of the most highly regarded universities in the nation. Our applications are increasing, and we are admitting a higher-achieving student population than ever before. We are attracting internationally recognized faculty—scholars who are shaping the academic experience for our students and further elevating our academic profile. A new pedestrian bridge spans Lancaster Avenue, and soon new residence halls and community spaces will be added to our campus landscape. And our campaign—For the Greater Great: The Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change, which has exceeded $680 million in gifts and pledges—is providing the financial resources to help us realize our vision.

Our national prominence and continued advancement are possible only because of the outstanding contributions of Villanovans—students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents—who ignite change each day on campus and around the world. The University recently lost two such Villanovans with the passing of longtime College of Nursing Dean M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, and former Men’s Basketball Head Coach Roland “Rollie” Massimino. Through their leadership and mentorship, both Dean Fitzpatrick and Coach Massimino contributed greatly to Villanova and helped make it the institution that it is today.

Being a leader and a Villanovan also calls us to put our core values into action. I have been extremely pleased to hear that so many have answered the call for aid after the recent hurricanes and other natural disasters. Their service and courage have reached people in desperate need. Their spirit and compassion highlight our common humanity.

In all ways, bound by faith and love, we are united in our Villanova values. As a community, we strengthen each other, and we carry that unity of purpose out into the world. Together, as the Villanova community proves time and again, we are capable of powerful transformation. And, together, we will lift our University—academically, intellectually, spiritually—to ever greater heights.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS
President
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Five days later, faculty, staff, alumni, colleagues, relatives, friends and students filled St. Thomas of Villanova Church for the Mass of Christian Burial, while countless more watched via live stream from around the world. In his homily, Assistant to the President the Rev. Kail Ellis, OSA, PhD, ’89 MA, dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, described his longtime colleague as both a "consummate academic" to whom everyone listened and a "sister in Augustinian," devoted to Villanova’s mission and to the province, and affiliated with the Order of St. Augustine. Near the end of the liturgy, Madeline Bell ’83 CON, president and CEO of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and a member of the College’s Board of Consultants, reflected on the influence that Dean Fitzpatrick, who continuously raised the bar for herself, had set for her "disciples." Bell expressed the sentiments of fellow Villanova nurses when she recalled how the dean would "beam with pride at the achievements of students and alumni." Stephanie Conners, MRA, RN, NEA-BC, ’93 CON had seen that look of pride on her mentor’s face when she ran into the dean at a conference at which Conners was presenting. As she related in the email that Father Donohue read at the funeral, Conners, the senior executive vice president, hospital chief operating officer and chief nursing officer at Cooper University Health Care, attributes her success to the support that Dean Fitzpatrick showed her as an undergraduate.

"That’s what we remember most about Louise," Father Donohue added at the end. "She embodied everything Villanova constantly. Her keen vision, independent thinking and pioneering leadership. As an educator and an administrator, she provided new evidence—through operating officer and chief nursing officer at Cooper University Health Care, attributes her success to the support that Dean Fitzpatrick showed her as an undergraduate."

Parents, too, appreciated Dean Fitzpatrick’s personal attention to their children. When they heard that she had died, Robert Rose ’66 COE and his daughter Whitney ’97 CON reminisced about what a blessing it had been to be in the dean’s presence. "The knowledge, mentorship, understanding, compassion and love that she bestowed on every student and staff member—individually—defined her legacy," the father said in an email. "Remembering that God does not take life but gives life makes us understand that through Him, Dean Fitzpatrick gave life in the grandest sense to Villanova Nursing programs and all she touched."

TRANSFORMING A COLLEGE

Intelligence, integrity and compassion were hallmarks of Dean Fitzpatrick’s tenure, which began in 1978. She expanded the College’s academic programs, including new master’s and doctoral programs, and developed distance learning strategies and clinical simulation laboratory initiatives. During her deanship, the Center for Nursing Research, the Center for Global and Public Health, and the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education were established. The College was one of the inaugural schools designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing in 2004, and it has maintained that distinction ever since.

Dean Fitzpatrick globalized the College of Nursing community through study abroad and health promotion opportunities in such countries as Poland, Japan, South Africa, Peru and Nicaragua. In addition, she emphasized multicultural experiences in underserved areas in the United States. Dean Fitzpatrick also forged relationships that brought international students to Villanova. Since 1993, for example, the College has been a pipeline for Oman’s institutional and academic leaders, including top officials in the sultanate’s Ministry of Health. Rose O’Driscoll, MSN, RN, ’64 CON, who recently retired as assistant dean for Administration, summed up these successes at Commencement in 2015, when the University bestowed on Dean Fitzpatrick an honorary doctorate. "She invests much personal and professional time in developing partnerships, programs and initiatives that educate all students in a forward-thinking way."

O’Driscoll extolled, "while meeting the future needs of this country, including endeavors related to graduate education, cultural diversity and global perspective."

Before becoming Villanova’s third dean of Nursing, Dean Fitzpatrick taught at Columbia University, where she had earned two master’s degrees and a doctorate, and began building her reputation as a trailblazer in nursing education. She advised graduate students in curriculum development and community health nursing.

IN MEMORIAM | DEAN M. LOUISE FITZPATRICK

EMBODIFYING THE SPIRIT OF VILLANOVA NURSING

BY SUZANNE WENTZEL

Dean M. Louise Fitzpatrick valued above all her relationships with others, including students, Augustinians and College of Nursing alumni. From left: With Teresa Holman ’07 MSN at the College’s Convocation; with the Rev. John M. Driscoll, OSA, PhD, ’48 CLAS, the former Villanova president for whom the College’s building is named; at Driscoll Hall’s dedication in 2008; and with Nursing alumni. From left: With Teresa Holman ’07 MSN at the College’s Convocation; with the Rev. John M. Driscoll, OSA, PhD, ’48 CLAS, the former Villanova president for whom the College’s building is named; at Driscoll Hall’s dedication in 2008; and with Nursing alumni. From left: With Teresa Holman ’07 MSN at the College’s Convocation; with the Rev. John M. Driscoll, OSA, PhD, ’48 CLAS, the former Villanova president for whom the College’s building is named; at Driscoll Hall’s dedication in 2008; and with Nursing alumni.
Fulbright Students Excel Abroad

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS is among the first college presidents to sign the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ Pledge, the largest CEO-driven business commitment to advance diversity and inclusion within the workplace. Father Donohue also has been appointed to the board of directors of the American Council on Education, the major coordinating body for the nation’s colleges and universities. During his three-year term, he will represent the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

Expert Steers McNulty Institute

President Takes Higher Ed Lead

Twelve Villanovans—11 from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and one from the College of Engineering—were awarded 2017–18 Fulbright U.S. Student Grants to perform research or teach English in foreign countries. Pictured: doctoral student Amanda Holmes ’17 MA, Karla Guadron ’15, James O’Donnell ’17, Melissa Madden ’13, Christina Butchko ’17, Brendan Carcich ’17 and Meghan Cullinan ’17. Not pictured: Nora Doherty ’15, Ellen Moxley ’15 MA, Karla Guadron ’15, James O’Donnell ’17, Payal Shah ’17 COE, Briana Taylor ’15 and Linda Nguyen ’17.

Program Offers Capital Experience

Selected as the inaugural cohort of Villanova on the Hill, the University’s newest immersive experience program, 15 graduate and undergraduate students explored the policymaking and political ecosystem of Washington, D.C., and connected with highly placed alumni, including members of the Villanova Public Policy Society. One highlight of the weeklong program was an Oct. 11 reception uniting alumni, parents and friends in Washington with the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS, University president, and Adele Lindenmeyer, PhD, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The keynote speaker was retired Navy Adm. William Fallon ’67 CLAS (left), talking with Catherine Wilson, PhD, ’94 CLAS, chair, Public Administration; and John Vernon ’19 JD, student leader, Villanova on the Hill. Robert Murphy ’83 JD hosted the event at the Metropolitan Club.

Words and Deeds Build Hope

The University’s 2017 St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration, Sept. 19–24, kicked off with a lecture on the power of interfath cooperation by Eboo Patel (left), the author of the 2017-18 One Book Villanova selection, Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation.

For the celebration’s Day of Service (below), more than 5,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni volunteered at 138 service sites throughout Greater Philadelphia, as well as in locales nationwide.

Engineers Address I-95 Runoff

Civil and Environmental Engineering faculty and students teamed up with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to improve stormwater runoff from I-95, one of the country’s most congested interstates. Guided by Robert Traver, PhD, PE, DWRE, FEWRI, FASCE, ’82 MS, the Edward A. Daylor Chair in Civil Engineering (pictured), students are exploring how the use of green infrastructure such as rain gardens and swales can make I-95 more sustainable and reduce pollution of the Delaware River.

LAW FACULTY ASSUME PRESTIGIOUS POSTS

Two faculty in the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law received one of Villanova’s highest academic honors: appointments as University professors. This distinction recognizes faculty whose extraordinary scholarship crosses disciplines and colleges.

Brett Frischmann, JD (left), was named the Charles Widger Endowed University Professor in Law, Business and Economics. Professor Frischmann excels at intellectual property and internet law, and is furthering Villanova’s programming at the intersection of law and business.

Michael P. Moreland, JD, PhD (right), was appointed University Professor of Law and Religion. A scholar of constitutional law, torts, bioethics and religious freedom, Dr. Moreland also serves as the director of the Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy.

MEDAL HONORS PIONEER IN CANCER GENETICS

To recognize her work in developing strategies for cancer risk assessment and prevention based on an evolving understanding of genetic and nongenetic factors in patients, Villanova awarded its 2017 Mendel Medal to Olufunmilayo Olopade, MD, FACP, OON. Dr. Olopade is the Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Human Genetics, and director of the Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics at the University of Chicago.
Faculty Share Expertise in Disability Care

College of Nursing faculty and the National League for Nursing’s Center for Excellence in the Care of Vulnerable Populations launched a free online program that gives nurse educators nationwide the tools to teach students proficiency in disability care. “Advancing Care Excellence for Persons With Disabilities” is the newest curriculum to be added to NLN’s educational modules. It expands on strategies and materials that have been used to teach Villanova’s nursing students about caring for individuals with disabilities.

Marketing Professor Holds Naclerio Chair

Award-winning teacher-scholar Jeremy Kees, PhD, was named the Richard J. and Barbara Naclerio Endowed Chair in Business. The faculty director for the Center for Marketing and Consumer Insights in the Villanova School of Business, Dr. Kees has authored more than 30 publications in some of the most prestigious business journals.

Dr. Perry Named Interim Dean

Lesley A. Perry, PhD, RN, who most recently served as the associate dean of the College of Nursing, is filling the role of interim dean for the College. Dr. Perry, who came to Villanova in 2006, has provided critical leadership for the College’s academic programs, strategic planning, daily operations, and faculty recruitment and development. She played a central role in the College’s reaccreditation, was integral in the planning and design of Driscoll Hall, and has obtained funding for College initiatives.

Enhanced Master of Accounting With Data Analytics

In fall 2018, the Villanova School of Business will offer its Master of Accounting With Data Analytics in a full-time, yearlong format. Redesigned with input from the Big 4 and other firms, the curriculum will integrate data analytics, build leadership and negotiation skills, and offer more specialized elective courses. These enhancements will continue aligning students’ skills with evolving market demands.

National Distinction for College of Nursing

The National League for Nursing has again designated Villanova’s College of Nursing a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. The College has held this honor since 2004, when it was one of three inaugural designees. It was recognized at the NLN’s 2017 Education Summit in San Diego. During the summit, three faculty members were inducted into the NLN Academy of Nursing Education: Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, professor; Bette Mariani, PhD, RN, ANEF, ‘82 CON, associate professor; and Colleen Meakim, RN, CHSE, ANEF, ‘84 MSN, director, Simulation and Learning Resource Center.

Real Deal on Fake News

Jason Steinhauser, director, Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest (left), welcomed Jonathan Zimmerman, professor of History, University of Pennsylvania; Cristina Soriano, associate professor of History, Villanova; and Bill Marimow, vice president and editor-at-large, Philadelphia Media Network LLC, to the center’s debut event, “Fake News and Fake History,” held Sept. 18. Panelists took a critical look at recent news distortions and falsifications of the past.

1842 Day Unites 4.7K Villanovans

Villanova held its first-ever giving day Sept. 19 and 20, raising $6.6 million, including a $1,842,000 challenge gift from the Board of Trustees. Named in honor of the University’s founding year, 1842 Day united alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends, surging past its goal of 1,842 donors in 1,842 minutes. More than 4,750 donors from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and nine countries contributed to 150 areas across the University. Villanovans were also encouraged to contribute photos to the 1842 Day mosaic (pictured).
NEWS

Fulbright Takes Engineer to Cambodia
Garrett Clayton, PhD, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering (left), was awarded a Fulbright Scholar research and teaching grant to continue work on robotic solutions for minefield-area reduction in Cambodia. During his four-month stay, which begins in April 2018, Dr. Clayton also will teach mechatronics at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia.

CLAS Salutes Alumni
At a celebration Oct. 4, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences presented its Rev. Kail C. Ellis, OSA Alumni Teaching Grant to Garrett Clayton, PhD, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, to continue work on robotic solutions for minefield-area reduction in Cambodia. Clayton will teach mechatronics at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia.

FY2017 GIFTS SET RECORD
In fiscal year 2017, more than 21,700 undergraduate alumni, including 951 seniors from the Class of 2017, made gifts to Villanova. Overall undergraduate alumni participation reached a record 28 percent, while senior class giving reached a record 63 percent. Gifts and pledges from all constituents totaled more than $108 million—marking the fourth consecutive year Villanova surpassed $100 million in support.

RESEARCHERS AWARDED MAJOR GRANTS
Several Villanova professors in science fields recently have been awarded grants from national organizations:
- Samantha Chapman, PhD, associate professor of Biology, received a National Science Foundation grant for her research on how mangroves may provide an economic and ecological solution to coastal wetland protection. Collaborators include department colleague Adam Langley, PhD.
- As principal investigator of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant, Stephen Strader, PhD, assistant professor, Geographies and the Environment, will study how to reduce vulnerabilities and improve capacities among mobile-home residents in the path of tornados.
- An NSF Major Research Instrumentation award will support the acquisition of an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer system for ecological and environmental research.

CPS CRAFTS NEW MAJOR
The College of Professional Studies has a new major for adults seeking to earn or complete an undergraduate degree. The BS in Administration and Management for Professionals, launched this fall, provides students with the essential knowledge, understanding and tools they need to succeed in administration and management professions. As with many CPS programs, industry demand drove the inception of the major.

RISING HUMANITIES STAR
Associate Professor James Matthew Wilson, PhD, received the 2017 Hiett Prize in the Humanities from the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture. The award identifies early-career candidates whose work shows great promise and has a strong public component related to contemporary culture.

CRS Partnership Soars
Villanova’s partnership with Catholic Relief Services was especially active this past summer. Students from across the University spent eight weeks with CRS in Madagascar, helping with projects related to clean water and sanitation, health promotion, business planning, document translation, and GIS mapping.

Meanwhile, CRS professionals worldwide gathered at Villanova for CRS’ first “Perfecting Partnership” workshop. The six-day training helped CRS staff hone their skills in partnership and capacity strengthening, and gave them access to Villanova’s expertise in church management and other areas.

HEADING US COMMISSION
In June, Daniel Mark, PhD, assistant professor, Political Science, was elected chairman of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom. Dr. Mark previously served as vice chairman of the independent, bipartisan body, which assesses violations of religious freedom worldwide and makes policy recommendations to the president, the secretary of state and Congress.

Best Paper Tackles Corporate Crime
A recent article by Josephine Sandler Nelson, JD, associate professor of Law, has been recognized with two top awards—the Holmes-Cardozo Award for best submitted conference paper and the Distinguished Proceedings Award—by the Academy of Legal Studies in Business. In her article “‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ Corporate Crime,” Nelson discusses the way large-scale corporate crime is driven and shaped by incentives centered on policing what corporations say, rather than what they do.

Public Affairs Study Earns Top Honors
Christine Palus, PhD, dean, Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, won this year’s Beryl Radin Award for Best Article in the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory. In their paper, Dr. Palus, an associate professor of Public Administration, and co-author Susan Webb Yackee, PhD, of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, challenge the perception that being politically aligned with elected leaders gives government agency officials more discretion.

Professor Elected to Executive Roles
Professor Quinetta Roberson, PhD, the Fred J. Springer Endowed Chair in Business Leadership, has been chosen as vice president-elect and program chair-elect of the Academy of Management, the preeminent professional association for management and organization scholars. Dr. Roberson teaches and researches human resource management and organizational behavior, specializing in diversity and inclusion, talent management, managing global teams, and leadership.
VSB Professors’ Book Wins Award
Mike Castrilli and Charles Zech, PhD, both of the Villanova School of Business’ Center for Church Management, won second place in the 2017 Catholic Press Association Awards for their book Parish Finance: Best Practices in Church Management. The CPA awards recognize the meaningful contributions of authors and publishers of Catholic work.

Legal Fellow Represents Veterans
Richard Prebil ’17 JD is one of a select group of law graduates chosen as 2017 Equal Justice Works Fellows. Through this public-interest fellowship, Prebil will spend two years with the Military Assistance Project, a nonprofit that provides pro bono legal services for active-duty, reserve and veteran military personnel.

Engineering Presentation Impresses
Mechanical Engineering junior Andrew Lee spent his summer in France at the Grenoble Innovation for Advanced New Technologies campus, where he worked on nanomaterial research. At the final symposium of the 10-week GIANT International Internship Programme, Andrew received the award for best presentation.

CPS Builds Leadership Skills
College of Professional Studies students and University staff, including Monica Allen, manager, Marketing, in the Villanova School of Business (center), had the opportunity to strengthen their leadership education and professional skills development at CPS’ 2017 Leadership Series. The June event focused on the topics of dispute resolution and leading through disruption. Presenting the workshops were Gerry McGuckin and Mike Tosi, both of the National Mediation Board; and Sean Branagan, PhD, director, Center for Digital Media Entrepreneurship, at Syracuse University, and founder and president of Communigraiton Inc.

Football Head Coaching Position Endowed
At a Sept. 15 dinner, Thomas Treacy, EdD, ’69, ’71 MA and Diane Treacy ’82 MS, along with Mark Jackson, Director of Athletics (right), celebrated the naming of the Thomas and Diane Treacy Endowed Head Football Coach. The Treacys are members of the 1842 Heritage Society and the Matthew Carr Society, and are involved in the Villanova Club of Naples, Fla. Mark Ferrante is the inaugural holder of the endowed position.

Dinner in Blue and White
Guests dressed in shades of Villanova to celebrate the University’s 175th anniversary at the “Dinner in Blue and White” Sept. 9. The unique outdoor experience included Mass in the Grotto, followed by cocktails and dinner on the Riley Ellipse, with live performances chronicling important figures in Villanova’s history.

Fan Fare
Attendees at the football home opener this fall not only saw the Wildcats pounce to victory but also enjoyed an enhanced game-day experience, thanks to several Villanova Stadium updates and new amenities. Highlights include the Fan Fest in the west end zone (pictured), the pregame Wildcat Walk in the A-2 parking lot and the relocated Kids Zone.
Major Moments
Four Wildcats caught the attention of pro organizations last spring. In the NFL draft, the Kansas City Chiefs picked defensive end Tanoh Kpassagnon ’16 VSB (pictured) in the second round, and the Tennessee Titans took offensive tackle Brad Seaton ’16 CLAS in the seventh. In the MLB draft, the Tampa Bay Rays selected left-handed pitcher Hunter Schryver ’17 COE in the seventh round. The Colorado Rockies chose second baseman Todd Czinege ’17 VSB in the 29th.

Coach DiBernardi to Retire After 2018 Softball Season
Softball Head Coach Maria DiBernardi, the winningest coach in the Villanova program’s history, will retire after the 2018 season. DiBernardi will enter her 34th year with an all-time record of 853-734-10. Her dedication to her players on the field and in the classroom has produced 303 Big East Academic All-Stars, 77 All-Big East honorees, four Big East Pitchers of the Year, one Big East Rookie of the Year, 28 All-Region players and 11 CoSida Academic All Americans.

NEW MOBILE APP FOR NOVA NATION
Villanova Athletics launched a new mobile app that gives fans access to sweepstakes and other exclusive content, in addition to containing the scores, schedules and stats available on the official website of the Wildcats. Powered by Hopscotch and integrated with the redesigned villanova.com hosted by CBSi Advanced Media, the app can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play.

HONORING VILLANOVA’S 2016–17 GRADUATES
As it continued its celebration of its 175th anniversary, Villanova welcomed family, friends and loved ones to campus for 2017 Commencement Weekend, May 19–20. At college convocations, joy-filled receptions and inspiring ceremonies, the University saluted the 3,180 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral students who earned diplomas in the past academic year and are now among the University’s 123,000-plus alumni worldwide.

Selected by his classmates, speaker Simeon S. Poles, who received his Juris Doctor, gave an alternately poignant, humorous and rousing speech at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law’s Commencement.

Student speaker Mary Snyder, a Nursing major, expressed her gratitude for Villanova’s 175-year tradition of instilling the Augustinian principles of Veritas, Unitas and Caritas into its community.

University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS presided at the Baccalaureate Mass on the Campus Green. During his homily, he encouraged graduates to “take Villanova to every part of the world, and use your abilities to open the minds and hearts of others.”
The moment was highly choreographed and eagerly anticipated: In a series of smooth motions, a crane plucked three 34-ton beams, one after the other, off a flatbed truck, hoisted them into the air, and set them gently and securely onto concrete pillars.

As the beams were placed, a cheer went up from the small crowd of students and community members who had assembled to witness the milestone. Just like that, on a cool August night, the pedestrian bridge across Lancaster Avenue went from long-held dream to exciting reality.

The new span will offer more than a safe way for Villanova students, faculty and staff, and visitors to traverse the busy, four-lane road that cuts through campus. It’s also a highly visible symbol of the University’s remarkable progress and ongoing physical transformation, and of the goal of every phase of the campus renewal project: to build community by enhancing the physical spaces in which Villanovans live, gather and work.

Beyond the bridge, numerous other projects are proceeding at a steady pace. A new residence hall community is rising on the former site of the main parking lots along Lancaster Avenue; the Finneran Pavilion is in the midst of a complete overhaul; Mendel Field has been cordoned off as new walkways, terraces and patios are added; plans are moving forward for a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center; and the newly renamed Inn at Villanova University recently reopened after extensive remodeling.

Construction equipment and chain-link fencing have become a common sight on campus, but the progress is clear, and the results will be spectacular.

“We appreciate the patience of our community as these projects progress. When you look around, you have moments of amazement at all that is being accomplished,” says Ken Valosky ’82 VSB, executive vice president. “The work sends a great message that Villanova is moving forward in a way that’s consistent with our national stature and that will enhance the experience of our students and strengthen bonds with our alumni.”
In the 2018-19 semester, the complex will include apartments, suites and 20,000 square feet of meeting space, and the ballroom, as well as the grounds and gardens. Outside, a revamped entrance gives a welcoming first impression.

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PROGRESS TO CHEER ABOUT

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VILLANOVA-STYLE SERVICE

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IMPROVING WALKABILITY

In 2011, the University launched an ambitious project to create a pedestrian-friendly campus core. Over the next three years, driveways were transformed into brick-paved walkways with limestone borders. This past summer, attention turned to Mendel Field for the latest phase of the initiative.

By the end of the project in fall 2018, there will be new patios in front of Old Falvey, John Barry Hall and St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery, and the now-familiar brick pavers will wrap around Mendel Field.

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A CAMPUS RENEWED

With every project, there is progress you can see, and there is also much happening below the surface and behind the scenes. Innovative stormwater management systems have been designed, installed and managed by a team led by stormwater expert Robert Traver, PhD, PE, DWRE, FEWRI, FASCE, '82 MS, the Edward Daylor Chair in Civil Engineering, at the site of the new residence halls and at Mendel Field. Underground utilities are being upgraded, and all new buildings are being constructed to be rated LEED Silver or higher by the US Green Building Council, attesting to the achievement of high standards of efficiency and sustainability. “We’ve never had so many simultaneous construction projects as we do today,” Morro says. “This is such an exciting time to be at Villanova, during a tremendous period of growth that is unprecedented in the University’s history.”

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The pedestrian bridge in front of St. Thomas of Villanova Church takes shape as workers lower the center beam into position.
Four outstanding examples of the Villanova ethos receive honorary degrees

During Villanova’s 174th Commencement, honorary degrees were bestowed upon four individuals whose character and achievements presented to the Class of 2017 a shining illustration of how the values inherent to a Villanova education can shape one’s life and impact the lives of others.

Michael R. Bloomberg, philanthropist, former New York City mayor and CEO of Bloomberg LP; Anne Welsh McNulty ’75 CLAS, former Villanova trustee and co-founder and managing partner of JBK Partners; Panama-based Capuchin missionary the Rev. Walter “Wally” Kasuboski; and longtime Villanova student Irwin Medway have shown that pursuing goals with dedication, compassion and integrity leads to the kind of success that extends beyond personal fulfillment.

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“The challenge we face is not restoring a mythical past, but building a brighter future—so that all people, in all regions of the country, all of backgrounds, have a fair shot at living out their American dream. As the beneficiaries of a great university … you have a particular responsibility to be first in line to do so.”

——Michael R. Bloomberg, Villanova Commencement Address

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——Amy Fleischer, PhD, ’91 COE, ’96 MS, professor and chair, Mechanical Engineering, and chair, steering committee, Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women’s Leadership at Villanova, which centers on research, skills development, networking and advocacy.

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——Frank Falcone, AP, PE, ’70 COE, ’73 MS, director, Professional Development and Experiential Education, College of Engineering
John Dunphy started his musical education on piano before picking up trombone at La Salle College High School. Later, he pursued Music Education at West Chester University, studying vocal music, brass, percussion, composition and more. He has taught music at every level from elementary school to college and has a long-tenure as a liturgical musician.

A youthful 81 years old, Dunphy still plays tuba every Sunday with a neighborhood quintet, the Wyncote Brass. He believes that music education is about more than just notes. It’s about learning to love what you do and caring for the people with whom you do it.

When Dunphy was hired as Villanova’s band director in 1979, there were three music organizations on campus: the Villanova Singers, the Villanova Women’s Glee Club (now the Voices), and a wind ensemble. “Each of us has a short list of the people who have had a major influence and impact on our lives, and for many of us, that list starts with John Dunphy,” says his relationship with Dunphy has only deepened through the years. “Each of us has a short list of the people who have had a major influence and impact on our lives, and for many of us, that list starts with John Dunphy.”

By the time he retired this past summer, Dunphy had built an entire Office of Music Activities within the Office of Student Life, encompassing some 30 recognized student performing groups with more than 600 students participating each year. Villanova now has the multipurpose band (members call it “a Swiss army knife of a band”), 10 dance companies, seven a cappella groups, two theatre groups and a stage crew, twirlers and other band auxiliary groups, an orchestra, a gospel choir, and a jazz ensemble. They perform at sporting events, concerts and programs across campus, throughout the Philadelphia area, around the country and at international venues.

Though it doesn’t offer an undergraduate performing arts major, Villanova has always attracted a significant number of students who have backgrounds in music, dance and theatre. Dunphy saw that those students had a passion for performing, but they also craved a sense of belonging.

According to Vice President for Student Life the Rev. John Stack, OSA, ‘71 CLAS, ‘77 MA, Dunphy has a gift for fostering a sense of community among students. He says, “We speak about it a lot, but John makes it happen. He works at it in a way that seems effortless. Over the years, the kids have known that he cares about them. They really look up to him.”

Dunphy developed a bottom-up philosophy for Music Activities, stressing student ownership of their organizations. The staff of the office still empower students to make decisions about scheduling, travel, budget and repertoire. In making art together, the students learn to collaborate, gain leadership experience and, of course, have fun.

Dunphy’s most visible role was with the band. He traveled to so many road games and tournaments that he jokes that his youngest daughter grew up on a band bus. Dunphy had one of the best seats in the house for both of the historic Men’s Basketball NCAA championships, in 1985 and 2016. Band alumni still refer to him affectionately as “Aldo,” a nickname he was given in 1979 after a character in a popular series of commercials.

“I asked John if he wanted us to work hard, but not to take ourselves too seriously,” says Bowers. “And the next thing you know, we’re all on the escalators going up and down playing pep music. The band has been a respite from the rigors of academic life.”

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Through his love of the performing arts and his confidence in young people, Dunphy has nurtured the growth of a variety of talented student groups.

For 38 years, John Dunphy has “faced the music,” directing bands at every major Villanova event, including Commencement this past May.
EVERYWHERE YOU TURN

SEARCH FAR AND WIDE, OR JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND YOU WILL FIND VILLANOVANS DOING EXTRAORDINARY WORK

A TV commercial features the CEO of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. You nudge your spouse. “That’s a Villanova nurse.” A friend posts photos of the new Shanghai Disney Resort. After liking, you comment, “BTW, designed by a VU engineer.” Your phone chirps with a breaking headline from a global news service. You read it to your co-worker, adding, “A top producer at this network is a Nova grad.”

These did-you-know remarks are increasingly common. Alumni turn up in a plethora of places and professions. They thrive in jobs traditional and exotic, along paths linear and winding, with titles significant and singular. They fill positions that are often prominent, yes, but also offbeat, risky, hard to find, hard to get or hidden from the limelight.

For Villanovans, accomplishment is not a matter of wealth, fame or power, although these outcomes often ensue. Alumni succeed because, by uniting mind and heart, they find meaning in their lives and purpose in the world. They use their gifts, embrace their journeys and trust in the rightness of their callings.

Here are glimpses of a few of the many alumni who inspire the reaction, “Wow. You’re a Villanovan.”

HEATHER WEST ’10 CLAS
PUBLICITY ASSISTANT, LUCASFILM
Master of Fine Arts, Emerson College

Heather West is a self-professed Star Wars nerd. While countless fans share her devotion to the mythic film series, few get to work for the company that created it.

West moved to San Francisco to join Lucasfilm in 2016, just in time to organize screenings ahead of the release of Rogue One: A Star Wars Story. Soon she had her first Star Wars convention under her Jedi belt; was helping to plan a tour of Lucasfilm for the Hamilton cast; and was filming business, press, licensing and fan inquiries.

Although intrigued as a child by what happens off-screen, West never considered the movie industry as a career until she studied film analysis at Villanova. “With that course, I realized that my hobby could be my profession,” she says.

Majoring in English and Communication, West seized opportunities Villanova offered to learn about filmmaking. She was on the crew of the first social justice documentary produced by students. She interned at the Vatican, spending many a night on her back holding a camera in the Sistine Chapel doing a virtual reality shoot. She was immersed in the rhetoric and performance of the classical world during a summer session in Greece. After graduating summa cum laude, West moved to Boston to pursue a master’s in Media Art. She continued the habit begun at Villanova of landing internships that expanded her repertoire. She edited rough cuts for a PBS show, analyzed scripts for the indie Godrest Films, and worked as a postproduction temp at HBO in Los Angeles. That gig morphed into full-time work, and she stayed at HBO until 2016. West is living and loving the dream. “Getting my first job at a top TV network was almost too good to be true,” she says. “Then again, so is being at Lucasfilm.”

MARK REDMOND ’79 VSB
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPECTRUM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
Master of Public Administration, New York University

After 36 years as an advocate for young people traumatized by homelessness, substance abuse and domestic violence, Mark Redmond, the executive director of Spectrum Youth and Family Services, a nonprofit based in Burlington, Vt., still learns as he goes.

A recent epiphany came courtesy of a 19-year-old woman excited at the prospect of working at a small business that Spectrum was launching. Speaking on behalf of fellow youth at Spectrum, she told Redmond, “This is our first chance to do something that will let people believe in us.” Her words opened for Redmond another window into the way life is for the several thousand teens and young adults who come to Spectrum each year for a meal, a place to sleep and the skills to embark on the way life can be. “It really hit me,” Redmond says. “I’ve had tons of people believe in me. These kids have had no one. It’s so important to believe in people’s goodness and potential, and to communicate that.”

Redmond has been gaining and sharing similar insights since a pivotal weekend in 1980, when a Villanova friend took him to a campus fair on postgraduate volunteer opportunities. Within a year, Redmond left his Madison Avenue job and salary to put his degree in Business Administration to work in a series of directorial positions at agencies serving at-risk youth. In addition to authoring The Goodness Within, in which he shares advice on outreach to troubled teens, Redmond has published articles on youth and family issues in Forbes, The Washington Post and The New York Times; and been featured on “The Moth” podcasts.

The heartaches of the job—recidivism, violent crime and senseless death—don’t deter Redmond. “God called me to work with those who are poor, broken and homeless,” he says. “I believe that is why I was put on this earth.”

BY SUZANNE WENTZEL
Each year, thousands of pieces of equipment—tens of thousands of golf balls—undergo measurement, testing and evaluation at the US Golf Association’s premier Research and Test Center in Far Hills, N.J. From a ball’s initial velocity to the size of the grooves on a club face, no detail eludes the inspection of research engineers and technicians.

Overseeing them is John Spitzer, who blends his love of golf with his engineering expertise. Spitzer and his staff in Equipment Standards develop and apply state-of-the-art methods to determine if equipment, especially as it becomes technologically more advanced, conforms to the rules set by the USGA, one of the two bodies that govern the game worldwide.

“The USGA is not against these advances,” says Spitzer, noting that innovations can lead to rule revisions. “But it doesn’t want them to de-skil the game or destroy its historic tradi-

The lead inventor on two USGA test-procedure patents, Spitzer brings to his current position the same passion the problem solving he showed in previ-

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Wherever Deb Affonsa goes in northern and central California, she runs into customers. That’s not difficult. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has 16 million of them. What is more difficult, and always a priority for Affonsa, is making sure that customers are satisfied with their experiences with one of the largest combined natural gas and electric energy companies in the US.

“That is the challenge of working in the utility sector,” says Affonsa, vice president, Customer Service. “We supply 100 percent of the people in our territory with a product that is the modern economy’s lifeline. It is greatly important that we be reliable.”

This awareness energizes Affonsa, who oversees nearly 2,000 employees, five contact centers and 75 local customer service offices.

Her responsibilities also include new revenue development, consumer education and relations with third-party energy service providers. Affonsa has built a long, successful career in the energy pipeline. Before she was recruited by the San Francisco-based company, she held executive positions at Exelon and a wind energy company.

Graduation fell on the same weekend as Mother’s Day and was especially memorable. Affonsa received a medal for academic excellence and, surrounded by her three children, was interviewed for a local news broadcast. Affonsa likes to fly to the East Coast to visit her growing family. She also advises the Villanova School of Business’ Center for Global Leadership. It’s one more opportunity for her to achieve the outcome that matters most to her: “I want to have a positive impact on people in their professional and personal lives.”

As a safety, Jin Kim knew what it was like to be the last line of defense on the football field. “The aches and pains in my body still prove it!” says the former varsity Wildcat. Now, more than 27 years after he graduated from Villanova with a degree in Sociology, “safety” is not about a position but a mission. Kim is one of the FBI’s experts in active shooter and mass attack situations.

This role is not one Kim had envisioned when he applied and was accepted into the bureau. Newly married to Julie Baumgartner ’90 CLAS, he reported to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., and was then assigned to the New York division, where he focused on tactical resolution. But after mass shootings like Columbine and Sandy Hook chilled and changed the nation, the FBI was tasked with training law enforcement officials on how to respond to those tragedies, as well as equipping the public with survival strategies.

Kim excels at doing both. He is the active shooter coordinator in the New York division’s Crisis Management Unit and the manager of its Tactical Training Program. He has trained thousands of agents and officers, and has presented to workforces in almost every industry, including higher education, health care and hospitality, about the current outlook on active shooter attacks and individual survival techniques.

“By teaching people how to take ownership of their safety and that of their loved ones, I truly believe I’m helping them save their lives,” he says. Once he retires in 2018 after 23 years with the bureau, Kim plans to share his expertise as a consultant. “I want to continue preparing people to survive the horrific events that, unfortunately, seem endemic to society and occur during normal, everyday moments,” he says. “No one is exempt.”

When Richard Walker joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston’s nascent Regional & Community Outreach Department, which promotes the economic growth of low- and moderate-income communities in New England, he had carte blanche to decide which issues to address and how. He never lacked for ideas. Walker’s 28-year legacy at the Fed festooned to the good those ideas yielded. In the early ’90s, in response to a study showing that race was a factor in the approval and denial of mortgages in the Boston area—and, likely, nationwide—Walker and colleagues at other feds compiled “Closing the Gap,” a resource on best practices in equal opportunity lending. “It became the bible for fair lending in the banking industry,” Walker says. “I was honored to lead the team that published it.” He also co-developed a curriculum to educate lending officers about the complexities—and importance—of community development lending.

Walker was instrumental in the development of one of the Boston Fed’s signature programs—one designed to help smaller cities, such as Springfield, Lawrence, Mass., whose economies plummeted after their base industries closed. Through research, analysis and visits to cities on the upturn, Walker and his team determined that having a cross section of community leaders who endorse a shared vision is key to recovery. His group’s findings bore fruit in the Innovative Working Cities Challenge, a grant competition for urban areas committed to this model of revitalization.

In 2016, Walker, then a senior vice presi- dient, retired from the bank. In December, he will be a fellow at Harvard’s Advanced Leadership Initiative.

“Public service and addressing inequality have always driven me,” says Walker, who, at Villanova, focused his studies on Sociology, Philosophy and African-American Studies; and advocated for student governance. “My father inspired me to want to contribute to the betterment of society and identify ways to bridge differences.”

As she walks from her row house in the Kensington section of Philadelphia to the nearby free health clinic, Mary Beth Appel stops to talk to the people sitting on front stoops and waiting outside a soup kitchen. They know Appel, and they trust her with their stories—of facing eviction, of needing help getting into recovery, of finding the means to buy a loved one. For 26 years, she has stood in solidarity with them and with a neighborhood blighted by crime, drugs and poverty. In 1991, Appel and Johanna Berrigan co-founded House of Grace Catholic Worker. It consists of two buildings. Through the clinic, those living on the margins can get medical treatment, a hot shower, and the support of volunteers who listen and accompany them as they navigate the bureaucratic system for social services. The second is a hospitality house, which provides free lodging.

House of Grace creates community among patients, guests, volunteers and supporters. “We don’t pass the buck,” Appel says. “We do what we can to be present and to respond to people in a personal basis.”

Abiding by the spirit of the Catholic Worker movement, which was started by Dorothy Day in the 1930s and has about 150 independent communities worldwide, Appel lives simply, serves the poor, and embraces activism and nonviolence. These convictions were nurtured at Villanova, where the nursing student involved herself in campus ministry and undertook social causes.

Appel’s influence extends to Haiti. She sits on the board of Kay Lasante, a Haitian-staffed clinic in Port-au-Prince. Both Kay Lasante and House of Grace exist on donations, and Appel collects no paycheck for her labor of love. “These projects are run with the help of God and the support of the community,” she says. “Good things happen all the time. That’s what keeps us going.”
Trailblazer, Villanovan

Diane E. Ambler ’78 JD was born to lead, and her Villanova legal education set the path

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Throughout her legal career, Diane E. Ambler ’78 JD has always looked ahead for the next opportunity. In her view, the biggest breaks tend to come when least expected. One such opportunity came when she was offered the chance to chair the American Bar Association’s Subcommittee on Investment Companies and Investment Advisers. Ambler, then a young partner at her law firm, worried that she would not have time for the travel and public speaking required.

“Diane is a polished, intelligent, dedicated lawyer who takes on every situation with zeal and confidence. She embodies the greatness of Villanova Law and the legal profession,” says Ambler, who is now a senior partner at K&L Gates LLP and chair of the Board of Consultants of the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.

“I never would have imagined,” says Ambler, who is now a senior partner at K&L Gates LLP and chair of the Board of Consultants of the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. “Suddenly I was involved with a whole new circle of dynamic people in my industry.”

LEANING IN

It was only one break of many over the course of Ambler’s impressive career, which has seen her recognized for reaching the apex of professional excellence while maintaining the highest levels of skill and integrity. She has been a pioneer in the area of mutual funds governance and is a highly experienced practitioner in financial institution regulation under the federal securities laws.

When she began practice, mutual funds regulation, which affects businesses around the world, was still evolving. There was much law yet to be made, and Ambler’s practice and reputation grew as the law developed.

As a result, Ambler has been ranked as one of the top lawyers in her field by Chambers USA and Best Lawyers of America; has been listed in Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers; and has earned a membership in the prestigious American Law Institute.

Ambler says it was in her DNA to lead. She comes from an old Philadelphia Quaker family with very strong, caring and dedicated women. Among others, her great-great-great grandmother, Mary Ambler, led an effort to aid passengers on a train that crashed in what is now Ambler, Pa. The town was later given that name in honor of Mary’s leadership. The example of the hardworking, strong women in her family has driven her to find projects through which she could make her mark on the legal profession. “It never occurred to me that I might be entitled to fewer opportunities because I am a woman,” she says.

Her Villanova education reinforced that egalitarian view and gave her confidence that she had the tools needed to succeed in the practice of law. Ambler holds or has held leadership positions in many organizations, including the ABA Retirement Funds, the Securities Committee of the Federal Bar Association, the Women in Law Empowerment Forum and the National Association of Women Lawyers.

“It’s a very exciting time. What is happening at Villanova is more than evolutionary—it’s revolutionary,” she says. Through her position as chair of the Board of Consultants, Ambler has also had the opportunity to collaborate with the Law School’s dean, administrators, faculty and staff, and members of its growing community. She teams with those guiding Villanova Law and steering its curricular development and strategic direction.

Ambler refers to the call from Charles “Chuck” Widger asking her to chair the board as one of the proudest moments of her career. “It’s a very exciting time. What is happening at Villanova is more than evolutionary—it’s revolutionary,” she says. “Villanova Law is, in many ways, becoming the model for the legal community.”

Ambler sees the incredible forward momentum in Villanova Law—from Dean Alexander’s new leadership to the energy and intellectual support of alumni, exemplified by Widger—and knows Villanova will continue to elevate legal education across the profession.
Mia Waldron understands the incredible anxiety parents feel when they take their baby home from the neonatal intensive care unit. That apprehension can be made worse by the avalanche of information they receive during the discharge process. What should they do? How can they best care for their child?

“When people’s stress levels are high, their ability to process health information—their health literacy—is severely limited,” says Waldron, a NICU nurse and staff educator by training. “It has nothing to do with IQ and education level. You can be an astrophysicist and not necessarily understand health information.”

**INCREASING HEALTH LITERACY**

Waldron wants parents and babies in these high-pressure situations to succeed. A PhD student in Villanova’s College of Nursing, the New York City native is researching how prepared parents are to care for their newborns after discharge and what changes to the discharge process may help them better synthesize the data they receive.

“I want to find out how well parents understand the health information about their children,” Waldron says. “For instance, if you have a preterm baby, you have to use a specific formula and calculate the amount you give the baby.”

Waldron hopes to test the thesis that alternative methods of information delivery—perhaps demonstrations instead of literature, for example—will make a difference in parents’ confidence in caring for their children.

Waldron’s dissertation focuses specifically on African-American parents, whose newborns have a preterm birth rate and infant mortality rate two times higher than babies in other racial and ethnic groups. Her goal is to find out whether increasing the health literacy of those parents during their newborns’ stays in the NICU will lead to improved infant outcomes after they go home. To that end, she is charting parents’ health literacy when they leave the hospital and then following up three months later.

“I’ve been so impressed by Mia’s work, and I believe it will have great impact,” says Lesley Perry, PhD, RN, interim dean of the College of Nursing. “Mia is really devoted to this topic area and is focused and goal-oriented. This is a passion for her.”

**BUILDING ON CLINICAL WORK**

The dissertation is part of Waldron’s crowded schedule, which includes raising five children, ages 8 to 16, with her husband, Christopher, an attorney.

In addition, Waldron runs four clinical studies at Children’s National Health Center in Washington, D.C. One of her current studies looks at parents of children with cancer in the pediatric ICU and the end-of-life decisions some parents have to make.

She also is looking at the adverse effects of cancer treatment on pediatric patients. Rather than merely monitoring vital signs, Waldron speaks directly to the young people.

“In the past, children were not asked about the effects,” she says. “Some symptoms are subjective, such as fatigue and depression. We want to identify a core group of symptoms that children experience and that disrupt their lives.”

In another project, Waldron is investigating how fathers and mothers of children in the NICU handle parenting when their babies have never been home. And the fourth study is in conjunction with George Washington University’s School of Engineering and Applied Science to see how tele-robotic-assisted technology can help with various tasks in the NICU.

“It’s a robust lineup, and together with Waldron’s PhD work, it is giving her tremendous knowledge and insight into the treatment of sick babies.”

“Mia is gaining hands-on experience with a variety of research methods,” says Professor Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, who was director of the College’s PhD in Nursing program for 15 years. “That will be a great advantage throughout her career as a researcher.”

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**Health Knowledge Is Power**

PhD student Mia Waldron studies ways to improve care for preterm babies and their parents.

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**RISING STAR | MIA WALDRON**

BY MICHAEL BRADLEY

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The conference at Villanova built on the six principles guiding the global faith and sport movement.

Frank Alocco, senior associate athletic director, External Relations, at the University of San Francisco, and the Rev. William Ricks, SJ, campus minister, Athletics and Student Life, at St. Joseph’s University, share their experiences.

Issues of inclusion, involvement and inspiration rallied attendees. Claire VeNard, assistant athletics director of Student Welfare and Development at Notre Dame, was pumped up by the exchanges. “It was clear from our conversations that sport is uniquely positioned to emphasise our common humanity and to enable people to grow in the ways outlined in the six guiding principles,” VeNard says. “The conference challenged us to examine how we might create more opportunities for those in our communities to experience that.”

YES, IN OUR HOUSE

Attendees’ eagerness to adapt ideas to their institutions gladdened the hearts of organizers. Bishop Paul Tighe, now the secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture and a speaker at Villanova’s forum, was especially pleased. “It was edifying to observe the commitment among the participants to promoting the highest standards of fair play and integrity in sport,” he says, “even if, at times, these values will not necessarily lead to instant results and success.”

The conference did lead to one instant result. As it wrapped up, Bishop Tighe invited the representatives to continue their task collectively, and he tapped Villanova to head the effort. The University has begun collaborating with the other schools on next steps.

On its campus, Villanova continues to support the diverse spiritual needs of students, athletes. Between classes, practices and road trips, the more than 550 varsity players can’t always attend prayer and service opportunities on campus. The game plan: bring opportunities to them.

One such means is David Walsh ’15 MA, the University’s first campus minister for Sports and Spirituality. As comfortable discussing the interior life as he is driving to the net, Walsh understands the prayer-play bond. Whether he is facilitating an afternoon reflection, customizing a team retreat or meeting one-on-one for coffee, Walsh helps individuals and squads “to find deeper richness and a sense of meaning—not just as athletes but as people,” he says. “It’s a privilege to walk with students as they strive to be their best selves.”

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“The injury rocked my world, but then it led me to realize that my true identity is rooted in God, not in performance,” says Dr. Hastings, who ended up going to the 1971 national championship. Now an assistant professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Dr. Hastings shares his expertise on sports, spirituality and character development with Villanova students, noting how Augustinian it is to “go deeper into yourself to find out who you are.”

Spiritual growth is not a footnote in Villanova’s playbook. It is central to the comprehensive development of every runner, rover and receiver. “Our No. 1 objective is to graduate complete, well-rounded students,” Jackson says. “Being able to connect sports and spirituality can really help with the process.”

The intersection of sports and spirituality can transform college athletics
Villanova athletes display championship attitude in the classroom

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Villanova helps student-athletes like Dominique Clark ’18 CLAS, Bella Burda ’19 CLAS and Andreas Bartoinski ’18 COE reach their full potential.

“Whatever their goals are, we are going to help our students achieve them.”

JENNIFER BROPHY, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR ATHLETICS

T he numbers—and the accolades—tell only part of the story of the Villanova Athletics’ tradition. Twenty NCAA national team championships. More than 100 national titles in individual events.

But those accomplishments merely hint at what defines the University’s student-athletes. They strive and triumph just as much in the classroom as they do in sports competition. It’s not surprising that in August Forbes named Villanova one of the top 25 colleges that dominate academically and athletically. The designation attests to the prestige of the Athletics Department’s academic accomplishments, now at an all-time high.

The department’s dedication goes much deeper still. The Athletics leader and staff support student-athletes as whole people, helping them reach their full potential. “They are committed to helping you figure out who you want to be and helping you find balance between academics and athletics,” says Biology major Bella Burda ’19 CLAS, a member of the Cross Country and Track and Field teams. It’s a unique culture, she adds, which helps her excel in all facets of university life.

Last season, Bella was recognized with one of the premier academic honors in college sports: the Elite 90 Award, given by the NCAA to the student-athlete with the highest GPA who has made the finals in his or her sport. Bella is the second Villanovan to win the Elite 90 Award, and she’s just one of the University’s many athletes who have turned heads with stellar coursework.

“Whatever their goals are, we are going to help our students achieve them,” she says.

HUMBLE, HUNGRY

Allison Venella ’08 CLAS, ’13 MA, director of Student-Athlete Development, says that technology has made checking in with student-athletes easier, especially when the team is traveling.

The academic support system has been streamlined and moved online. These changes allow students and staff to communicate from anywhere, access progress reports for classes and schedule tutoring sessions. Programs like this support the culture of excellence at Villanova, which is distinctive and unchanging. It is also among the reasons Villanova attracts student-athletes from all over the world and from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

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“The history and tradition of Villanova Athletics couple academics and athletics as dual priorities. The approach evolves over time, absolutely, but those core values have been and will always be there,” Venella says. Although there were fewer formalized support structures during her time, former player Rosemarie T. Dempsey ’83 VSB says that Harry Perretta ’95 MA, head coach, Women’s Basketball, and the Athletics staff nurtured the student-athletes, from finding a compatible major to connecting with alumni.

“Harry and the coaches were the catalysts in helping the athletes balance sports and academics,” Dempsey says. “They understood each person’s strengths and helped all of us move forward.” Berkeley, Calif., native Dominique Clark ’18 CLAS had looked at many
scheduling summer classes that matched his degree’s graduation requirements. “I give 100 percent effort all of the time,” Jalen says, “but the academic advisors have worked so much with me, helping me to become the best student, best athlete and best person I can be for myself and my team.”

STRONGEST TOGETHER
Men’s Soccer captain Andreas Bartosinski ’18 COE came to Villanova from Cologne, Germany, part of the wave of international talent flowing into the collegiate soccer game. An ocean away from his family and friends, Andreas was welcomed with open arms as a member of a whole different kind of family.

Throughout college, student-athletes are expanding their horizons and figuring out who they are as people. Academic Support works alongside coaches to help student-athletes identify what they are passionate about.

In the case of Jalen Brunson ’18 CLAS, his goal was to graduate a year ahead of schedule. Jalen, well-known to hoops fans for his stellar basketball skills, brought that same dedication and work ethic to his courses. Jalen remembers that from the moment he arrived on campus, the Athletics Department worked closely with him to help smooth the transition to college academics and athletics. They also supported his academic goal by assisting him with his degree’s graduation requirements.

Everyone made it clear that if I was struggling in any respect—be it academically, athletically or socially—I could go to them for help,” Andreas says.

Throughout his time at Villanova, coaches, teammates and academic support staff have regularly reached out and, when needed, connected Andreas with resources such as tutors. That support has continued as he prepares to launch his career. Staff in the Athletics Department have helped him refine his resume and connected Andreas with alumni working in the mechanical engineering field.

Brophy says that Villanova is one of the few schools where students like Andreas and Snyder can compete at the highest level in their chosen sport and still take on a demanding curriculum like engineering or nursing whose schedule may be less flexible.

“Villanova’s culture of collaboration and commitment to students helps make it possible,” she says.

Jackson agrees with Brophy—Villanovans prove they are stronger together. That unity draws on powerful Augustinian ideals and fosters champion athletes, as well as exceptional students. Bound together, driven to always greater heights, Villanovans achieve ever more.

“This is a tight-knit community. Students don’t just come to Villanova for four years. This is a decision that lasts a lifetime,” he says.

colleges at which to continue her water polo career after high school, but she wanted a school with a Communication department as strong as its Athletics one. Villanova and Dominiak were a perfect fit. She has been dominant in and out of the pool, turning in multiple perfect 100 percent GPAs in the fall 2016 semester.

“In nursing, we talk about caring for the patient as a whole. At Villanova, everyone motivates one another. You always know you’re cared about as an individual,” she says.

Whether in uniform or in the classroom, Villanova’s student-athletes—more than 550 men and women competing on 24 teams—win the right way.

Humble and driven, they strive for Villanova and for excellence. And they continue to build on the legacy of success established by those who came before them. Accolades announced in 2016–17 for the University’s student-athletes include the following:

Student-athletes have maintained above a 3.0 GPA for 28 consecutive semesters.

Athletics features an overall 94 percent Graduation Success Rate, a measure of the percentage of student-athletes who graduate within six years. In the most recent cohort, reflecting 2006–09, 14 programs tallied a perfect 100 percent GSR.

Four student-athletes were among the winners of Big East Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Awards, given to one student-athlete from each sport in recognition of academic and athletic achievements, as well as community service.

A record 320 Villanova student-athletes were named to the Big East All-Academic Team.

Three teams were recognized by the Big East and two by the Colonial Athletic Association for having the highest GPA in their respective sports: Men’s Basketball, Men’s indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, Football, and Women’s Rowing.

A record 15 teams—one of only seven Division I programs—earned public recognition from the NCAA for having a multiyear Academic Progress Rate score that ranked within the top 10 percent of their sport nationwide, from the 2012–13 through the 2015–16 academic years.
IN MEMORIAM

“MASS” APPRECIATION
Players, coaches, fans and friends said farewell to Rollie Massimino

BY MIKE SHERIDAN

The morning of Sept. 12, family, friends and former players gathered in St. Thomas of Villanova Church to bid farewell to an outstanding figure in University, and college basketball, history. Roland V. “Rollie” Massimino was the head coach of the Men’s Basketball program for 19 years, from 1973 to 1992, and the guiding force who led Villanova to its first NCAA national championship, in 1985.

But Massimino was much more. Indeed, he was mentor, teacher, friend and inspiration to those who came together for the funeral Mass. Numerous messages about how “that man changed my life” reached his family after Massimino died of cancer on Aug. 31 at the age of 82.

Weeks later, the William B. Finneran Endowed Head Coach for Men’s Basketball Jay Wright, who was hired by Massimino as a Wildcats assistant in 1987 and served seven years by his side, was still contemplating all that “Coach Mass” meant to him, the basketball program and the Villanova community.

“It’s been a tough time,” Wright said. “Coach has been such a huge part of this University since 1973. It’s a big loss to all of us here. There were people in academia he stayed close to, and coaches in other sports—like [Women’s Basketball coach] Harry Perretta—he was always in touch with. For me, he was my mentor. It’s probably one of the toughest losses I’ve had personally. I miss him.”

Tom Massimino, who served as an assistant coach to his father at Villanova, offered a son’s perspective at the beginning of the Mass.

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Top photo: The 1984-85 Men’s Basketball team brought home Villanova’s first NCAA national championship in 1985. From left: Coach Massimino with his team in the late 1970s; speaking at a dinner celebrating the 30th anniversary of the 1984-85 Men’s Basketball team; and in the huddle with his team not long after accepting the head coaching position in 1973.

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It’s difficult to talk about Tom Holt Jr. ’85 VSB and the Holt family tradition he started at Villanova without going back 90 years into Holt family history.

In 1926, Holt’s grandfather, Leo Holt, was looking for a better way to support his family. He bought a truck and started delivering cargo. He worked tirelessly throughout the Great Depression and other challenges. Later, Tom Holt Sr. and his brother worked alongside their father to help grow the trucking business.

Tom Sr., Holt’s father, was “larger than life” and thrived in the family business. A graduate of a Catholic high school, he enrolled his children in Catholic schools. He also encouraged them to do something he had never done—get a college education.

**SETTING THE TREND**

Holt took his father’s words to heart, and when he enrolled at Villanova, he became the first Holt to attend college.

“Villanova was just what I was looking for,” Holt says. “I was coming from a small Catholic high school, and I wanted to be close to my high school sweetheart, Angela DiBello, who was attending St. Joseph’s University. I really enjoyed my time at Villanova and learned a lot about business.”

Holt’s positive experience had a profound influence on his family. Over the next decades, his two brothers, Leo ’86 CLAS and Michael ’95 CLAS, and Leo’s wife, Melinda DeNofa-Holt ’96 VSB, attended the University. Holt and Angela married, and Villanova was the college of choice for their five children: Tom III ’06 VSB; Eric ’07 VSB; Angela Marie “Minnie” ’09 CON, ’17 MBA; and Tom Holt Jr. ’85 VSB.

Today, Holt Logistics Corp. is a group of affiliated transport companies—encompassing logistics, port and warehouse services—that spans nine counties in southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. By any measure, the Holt businesses are innovative and successful. But what makes the third generation of Holts proudest is something much more personal.

“Our grandfather’s and father’s devotion to family is the thing that probably means the most to us,” says Leo. “Today, we have the fourth generation of Holts coming on board. And the company not only supports the entire Holt family, but also supports more than 1,000 families in the Delaware Valley.”

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“It’s amazing to look at the evolution of the University and see what Villanova has become over the past 30 years,” Holt’s brother Michael says. “As alums, we can go beyond simply supporting our alma mater and have a meaningful impact on a tremendous success story.”

Holt serves on the President’s Advisory Council, which meets with University leaders, helps alumni and parents stay connected to Villanova, and has been instrumental in the momentum behind the Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change. The Holt family has hosted various Villanova events, and was one of the major donors who helped create and fund Villanova’s Institute for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship.

“We even had 11 Holts in Houston in 2016 supporting our basketball team for the championship game,” Holt says. “We had a tremendous time. From my perspective, reconnecting with Villanova is probably one of the best things I’ve ever done.”
AN ENDURING SENSE OF COMMUNITY

BY CHRISTINE STACKHOUSE

Final installment of a five-part series on the Villanova University Alumni Association’s platform for alumni engagement

Commencement is bittersweet for most graduates. Their eagerness to go out into the world and make an impact is tempered by sadness at leaving the campus that has been home and the people who have been family. Fortunately, that feeling is short-lived. New alumni quickly realize that one of the many benefits of belonging to the Nova Nation is that they never leave the Villanova community behind. Wherever they go, it will be there for them—and they will be there for it.

EXPANDING REACH

The days when the majority of Villanovans came from, and returned to work in, cities in the Northeast are gone. Villanova attracts students from across the country and around the globe, and it has more than 133,000 alumni worldwide. For example, today, thousands of Villanovans live in California, which boasts the University’s largest alumni population.

Edgar Grey ’67 CLAS, who was born and raised in Sewickley, Pa., outside of Pittsburgh, is one of those thousands. Grey went west to work after graduation. Through a chance encounter with a fellow alumnus, he became involved in the Villanova University Club of Orange County.

“I take great pride in being a part of this community, so I wear a lot of Villanova gear,” Grey says. “The man noticed my clothes and struck up a conversation about the club. It was that easy.”

In addition to alumni moving to the West Coast after college, the University has received an increasing number of applications from the region over the past decade. One such case is Grey’s son Aaron ’12 VSB.

The father-son duo returned to campus to celebrate milestone reunions this past June.

“It was my 50th reunion—and the first Reunion Weekend I’ve ever attended,” Grey says. “I was happy to see how far Villanova has advanced—academically, culturally and physically—while remaining true to its foundation.”

Patricia Rodriguez ’10 CLAS also knows what it is like to feel connected to her alma mater and other alumni. Rodriguez, who came from a close-knit community in Puerto Rico, felt right at home at Villanova. When she returned to the island after graduation, she wanted to find a way to bring her two worlds together.

Rodriguez has helped to reinvigorate interest in the Villanova University Club of Puerto Rico, of which she is currently president.

“We’re modeling events after what we loved on campus—meeting new people, participating in community service, cheering on our teams during game watches,” she says. (See Page 50 to learn about the many ways Villanovans have contributed to hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico and elsewhere.)

GROWING AFFINITY

Alumni often build community because they share common ground or interests. Thanks to the University’s deep connections with the nursing and military communities, Navy nurse Cmdr. Kim Shaughnessy, CNM, ’97 CON, ’17 DNP has moved across the country—and the world—but has never been far from fellow Villanovans.

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“The College of Nursing has a strong presence in the Navy,” she says. “I’ve been fortunate to meet and work with other alumni at every hospital where I’ve been stationed, from San Diego to Okinawa.”

While working at US Navy hospitals in Japan from 2007 to 2012, Shaughnessy also began to use Facebook—including the Villanova University Alumni Association’s page—to keep in touch with classmates, share news and see campus updates.

Now back in Virginia, Shaughnessy has taken advantage of opportunities to attend events with the Club of Greater Washington, D.C., and serve on the board of the new Villanova Vets affinity group.

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INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to a strong Club presence within the continental US, the VUAA sponsors Villanova clubs in several other countries, including Ireland, England, the United Arab Emirates and China. Even abroad, the Nova Network continues to help the next generation make big moves.

Originally from New Jersey, Paul Parisi ’09 VSB moved to Hong Kong for a job within months of graduation. Eight years later, he still lives there and regularly networks with Villanova students who come to the city on short-term and semester-long study abroad programs. Parisi encourages those interested in working abroad to start exploring opportunities and reach out to fellow Villanovans for support.

“Villanova gave me the greatest gift of all—the confidence and the connections to pursue my career halfway across the world,” he says. “There are Villanovans everywhere who are willing to help you acclimate and succeed.”

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FINAL INSTALLMENT OF A FIVE-PART SERIES ON THE VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION’S PLATFORM FOR ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT
Thousands of proud Villanovans, families and friends gathered for Reunion Weekend 2017, June 8–11, with nearly 40 events across campus.

Highlights included the family picnic, president’s lunch, alumni Mass, and Supernova dinner and dance.

Additional special events and parties honored the classes of 1967 and 1992 as those Wildcat alumni marked their 50th and 25th reunions, respectively, and shared memories of their undergraduate experiences.

Reunion 2018 will be held May 31–June 3 and honor class years ending in “3” or “8.”

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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA ALUMNI AND YOUNG ALUMNI MEDALS BESTOWED

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS; St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal recipient Catherine Keating ’84 CLAS; and George Kolb ’84 VSB, associate vice president, Alumni Relations

The VUAA Young Alumni Medal was awarded to Beth Awalt ’10 CLAS for reaching a significant level of professional achievement and for modeling the quality and caliber of today’s Villanova students.

A leader in the community, Awalt co-founded the Starfish Foundation, a nonprofit that provides educational support for students in Ecuador through scholarship, tutoring and leadership development. Since its founding five years ago, the Starfish Foundation has grown from serving 28 students with five volunteers to supporting more than 120 students annually.

M. BRIAN MUSCARELLA ’80 VSB

After a 27-year career in the insurance industry, Brian Muscarella saw his life change dramatically when a spinal stroke rendered him paralyzed in 2011.

Since that day, Muscarella, managing director at NTLEX Benefits, has dedicated his life to helping others with disabilities, frequently speaking at schools, organizations and rehabilitation centers in the Charlotte, N.C., area, as well as at Villanova.

President of the Villanova University Club of Charlotte, Muscarella has been on the club’s Leadership Council since 2004 and received the VUAA Leadership Award in 2013. The club received the Rev. Ray Jackson Community Service Award in 2014. He lives in Charlotte with his wife, daughters and granddaughter.

JON WILLIAMS ’03 CLAS

As a student, Jon Williams was a standout goaldigger for Men’s Soccer, recognized as a Big East All-Academic All-Star. As an alumnus, he has been a strong supporter of Villanova, serving as president emeritus and co-founder of the Villanova University Club of North Central Jersey.

Senior Director of Brokerage Services at Cushman & Wakefield in Morristown, N.J., Williams remains involved with the Soccer program.

Williams has also consistently been a top producer at his company and is a part of the Rising Leadership Council, which helps Cushman & Wakefield leadership create many of the company’s most important initiatives and policies.

PATRICIA “PATTI” MAY ’77 CON

Patricia “Patt” May is director of Perioperative Nursing at a consultant with Surgical Directions, based in Chicago, and has more than 30 years of experience in perioperative services.

Members of the President’s Club, May and her husband, David ’77 COE, have been active alumni in Colorado since the 1980s. They have hosted the Colorado New Student Send-Off for the past 15 years.

Along with their three daughters, Meaghan May Hildreth ’08 COE; Kastyn May Rolston ’10 CON; ’14 MSN; and Erin May ’13 CLAS, the Mays were the host for the Class Gift Match, pledging to donate for each senior who made a gift of any size to Villanova.

CHRISTINE KRANINGER ’93 CLAS

Christine Kraninger married her husband, Dan Kraninger ’93 CLAS, in 1996. As Dan was starting a financial services company, the Kraningers founded the Villanova University Club of Fairfield and Westchester and welcomed three children.

Through the growing Villanova Club and her family, Christine discovered her true passion: supporting her children and working with local nonprofit organizations.

She is proud that her eldest son, Ben, is now a freshman at Villanova. He is the third generation in her family to attend Villanova. Her father, Armando Cuesta ’64 COE, started the tradition when he attended the University as a refugee after an Augustinian priest gave him safe passage from Cuba.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Clockwise from top left: New VUAA board members Christine Kraninger ’93 CLAS, Jon Williams ’03 CLAS, Patricia “Patti” May ’77 CON and M. Brian Muscarella ’80 VSB
Jerome Rubin '69 CLAS joined the Seattle office of Washington Kasrin in the firm’s Labor and Employment Practice group.

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles J. Dunlap Jr. '75 CLAS was the recipient of St. Joseph’s Office of Veterans’ Services’ TEC5 George J. Rusch, PhD ‘39 Award.

Robert DiMascio, PhD, ‘76 MS, professor and chair of Psychology at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, has been inducted into the Fellowship of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Michael J. McDonald ‘76 CLAS began his second one-year term as secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Ronald R. Steger '76 VSb was appointed to the board of directors of Global Eagle Entertainment, and is also a member of the board of directors and audit committee chair of the Overseas Shipholding Group Inc.

Gail Gilson ‘77 CLAS recently served for three years as the inaugural Raoul Wallenberg Visiting Professor of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden. She has since returned to his role as the Berk Distinguished Professor in the Humanities at the University of North Carolina Asheville.

The Hon. Bradford Bury '78 CWSL was elected vice chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Karen Buck '78 VSb, executive director of the School of Law, was appointed as the firm-wide managing partner of Coen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC. George Pallas '88 CWSL and Eric A. Packel '87 CWSL are co-founders of A Call to the Bar: Lawyers for Common Sense on Climate Change, a collaboration of attorneys and professionals across the country that uses the law to promote climate action.

Richard Segrave-Daly '90 VSb was elected to the board of directors of Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association.

Thomas A. Costigan '86 COE was named a Leader of Industry by the Concrete Industry Board Inc.

Katie Scanlon LeBlanc '84 VSB is assistant principal at Christopher Columbus High School of Trenton, N.J.

The Hon. John P. Lynskey '84 MA is president-elect of the Medical Access to Justice.

James D. Adams '84 MS, president at LCS Real Estate. He was promoted to executive vice president of the Overseas Shipholding Group Inc.

Thomas F. Kolon, MD ‘84 CLAS, pediatric urologist at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, was named the Howard Snyder III Chair in Pediatric Urology and elected secretary of the Medical Staff.

Marie Cashing Doherty ‘76 CLAS served as one of the course planners for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Family Law Institute.

Christopher Cromin ‘90 COE was inducted as president of the Providence Engineering Society.

Eric A. Packet ’76 CLAS was elected a partner at BakerHostetler in Philadelphia.

George Pallas ’88 VSb was appointed as the twice-time managing partner of Con Guglielmo Pallas Greenhal & Furman PC.

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Brett Snyder ’09 CLAS and Anne Berlow Snyder ’10 CLAS welcomed a boy.

2010s

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Adam Berger ’10 CLAS was appointed chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Disability Law Committee.

Nia Tung ’10 CLAS ’12 MS has been cited by the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers as Young Government Engineer of the Year for 2017.

Kara Arnold Laake ’11 CLAS welcomed a boy.

Gary A. Caldiero ’71 VS, supervisor at Smith Elliott Kearns & Co. LLC, has been appointed to the executive committee of the South Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Zak T. Goldstein ’71 CLAS welcomed the law firm Goldstein Goren People & Aron PC.

Jill B. Flannery ’71 CLAS was named chief technology officer at Milkster. Milkster is a member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Anne Walsh McNulty Institute for Women’s Leadership Advisory Council.

Liz Bell McClure ’07 CLAS welcomed a girl.

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The Villanova community mourns the loss of Robert D. Lynch, PhD '53 COE, former College of Engineering dean, who died Aug. 2.

Dean Lynch shaped his engineering journey at Villanova. He graduated from the University’s Naval ROTC program in 1953 with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering, after which he received his master’s from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctoral degree in ‘57. His career began in the US Navy. Dr. Lynch served as an engineering officer on an anti-submarine destroyer with the Atlantic Fleet. After military service, he worked as a structural engineer and then joined the faculty of Villanova’s Civil Engineering Department in 1962. In 1973, he served as a visiting research professor in the Civil Engineering Department at Notre Dame. His career began in the US Navy. Dr. Lynch was named dean of Villanova’s College of Engineering, a position he held until his retirement in 2001. He was the longest-serving dean in the College’s history; during Dr. Lynch’s tenure, the College grew significantly in size and quality, culminating in the construction of the flagship research and instructional facility, the Center for Engineering Education and Research. The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Dr. Lynch received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and the William E. Farrell Award from Villanova’s Engineering Joint Council (now the Engineering Student Council).

To honor the former dean’s commitment to undergraduate education, the College created the Robert D. Lynch Award in 2003 and awards it annually to an outstanding graduating senior Engineering student.
My VILLANOVA Story

KERRY KITTLES

Villanova Basketball legend Kerry Kittles ’96 VSB, ’09 MBA retired from the NBA 12 years ago, but his pace has never slowed. Now an assistant coach for Princeton University men’s basketball and a member of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, he talks to Villanova Magazine about how he challenges himself to learn and grow.

How was your first year at Princeton?
It was a fun experience. I had one perspective on basketball from playing my whole life, and coaching provides a different perspective of leadership and teaching that has a huge impact on team performance. Once I learned Princeton’s system and culture, I knew I could add value to how the guys approach the game and think about themselves. I learned different things about myself too.

Will you continue coaching?
Yes, though what works for me is being present in the moment and not worrying about the future. I often tell the story of when I came to Villanova. I knew I would be competing in basketball at the highest level, but my goal was not to play in the NBA. It was to make the most of my time at school and graduate in four years. Coaching is no different. I am immersing myself in the day to day, and if I become good at that, the future will take care of itself.

What does a love of learning mean to you?
I was enthused about learning as a kid and never stopped. I think when you graduate from college the learning continues, which is why I came back to Villanova for my MBA. I knew when I finished playing I would have an interest in business, so it was a chance to learn about myself in a different way. There are many opportunities for a person to grow, whether it be academia, traveling the world or just talking to people. All of it makes you a well-rounded person.

How else did Villanova prepare you to succeed?
Villanova is unique because the culture has always been that you are a student first and an athlete second. I focused on my studies because I was trying to get the most out of the experience. That carries over to Princeton. I draw from experience to lead the guys in managing their time between school and basketball so they can accomplish their goals.

Why did you join the Board of Trustees?
Father Peter and I have been close since I was an undergraduate, and when this opportunity arose, it was a no-brainer because of my love for the school and what it has done for me. It is fun to see how we are positioning ourselves as a university under Father Peter’s leadership. There is a lot of discussion in our country about higher education, and I am interested in the value Villanova offers. It is an exciting time to be an alum. We have a great basketball program, our campus is changing and we are attracting elite kids. I look at some of their applications and am truly amazed.

SNAPSHOT

Kerry Kittles lives in northern New Jersey with his wife and their five children. He is a member of Villanova’s Board of Trustees and President’s Advisory Council, and is entering his second year on Princeton’s men’s basketball coaching staff.

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