Dear Families,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome your family to Villanova University—an academic community where students learn to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others.

At Villanova, students take part in an educational experience rooted in the Augustinian ideals of Veritas, Unitas, Caritas—Truth, Unity, Love. Rigorous academics, personal attention, a strong community and a shared commitment to service help each student form a foundation for lifelong success. Villanova prepares students to become ethical leaders who ignite positive change everywhere life takes them.

This guide is designed to introduce you to the University. In it, you will find valuable information about the many opportunities available at Villanova for our newest students. In tandem with this handbook, our online guide connects you directly to our student-focused offices and services, as well as information about the typical challenges students may face and the resources available to address those challenges. You can access the website by scanning the QR code on this page, or by visiting villanova.edu/firstyearguide.

Villanova faculty and staff view family members as partners, and we look forward to working with you to create a rewarding and memorable experience for your student. I hope this handbook and our online resource guide provide an understanding of the daily life of a Villanova student. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Welcome to Villanova!

Sincerely,

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS
 President

WELCOME TO VILLANOVA

THERE’S MORE TO SEE ONLINE!

Our online resource guide expands the topics covered in this booklet for easy reference when you’re on the go. Scan this QR code to visit our site, and bookmark villanova.edu/firstyearguide on your computer and mobile device!

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ST. AUGUSTINE

When we talk about embodying our mission, we often start with a name you’ll see and hear a lot at Villanova: St. Augustine (pronounced Au-GUS-tin). He and his journey are at the center of the University’s mission. Born in 354 in present-day Algeria, Augustine grew to be a gifted teacher and persuasive speaker. His upwardly mobile career path led him to Milan to become that imperial city’s official orator.

Along the way, Augustine had wrestled with spiritual questions. What was his purpose in life? Did his ambitions align with his values? How could a loving God allow evil to exist? He explored various religions, but none satisfied his hunger for truth. Thus, his mind and heart were primed for a series of events and encounters in Milan that led to his conversion experience.

Augustine would go on to be baptized Catholic and become a priest, a bishop and one of the biggest influencers in the history of Western Christianity.

THE AUGUSTINIAN ORDER

The Augustinian Order in Philadelphia founded Villanova University in 1842, choosing St. Thomas of Villanova as their patron saint. Today, the Augustinians remain a crucial part of Villanova, maintaining a constant presence in University leadership, in and out of the classroom, and in ministry positions across all areas of campus.

THE AUGUSTINE AND CULTURE SEMINAR

The Augustine and Culture Seminar (ACS) is a two-semester, first-year seminar course rooted in the Augustinian and Catholic intellectual traditions that prepares all students for success at Villanova and beyond.

ACS is an integral component of the first-year student experience. Incoming students are assigned to an ACS class as one of their first semester courses, then take a second ACS seminar course the following semester. In these courses, students sharpen practical and necessary skills of careful reading and clear writing as they make a humanistic inquiry into Augustine’s relationship with the ancient and modern worlds—and ask, as Augustine did again and again, “Who am I?”

Students who live in the same residential area take ACS together. For a more in-depth living and learning experience, students are encouraged to consider participating in the Communitas program when they complete their housing application. Communitas is a one-credit course that meets weekly with the same people in your student’s ACS class to discuss topics around their selected theme with a staff instructor and upper-class student facilitators.

THE AUGUSTINIAN TRADITION

“Become what you are not yet.”
-St. Augustine
PARENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

The Office of Parent and Family Relations in the Division of Student Life serves as a hub of information and a source of connection for Villanova University parents and families. We partner with families to facilitate proactive communication and share resources so that you may support the intellectual, spiritual and personal growth of your Villanovan. Together, we will help your Wildcat grow toward independence and be better prepared to navigate new experiences, advocate for themselves and make important decisions.

Throughout the year, families are encouraged to use the Villanova website to search for information on our Parent and Family web pages, connect via Instagram and attend events—both online and in-person. Families should contact Parent and Family Relations with questions about resources for yourself or your Villanovan, or if you have a concern about an issue and aren’t sure where to start.

HOW WILL THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS AND FAMILIES?

One big change from high school to college is the way in which parents receive information. Villanova communicates with families throughout the year regarding certain events and some news items. Otherwise, due to federal regulations and to maintain student privacy, all communication will go to your Villanovan, and they are encouraged to share and discuss with you.

Through our monthly Parent and Family Connection e-newsletter and social media, families learn more about campus resources, student opportunities and other important information. Visit villanova.edu/family to see past newsletters and join our mailing list.

Students can sign up for NovaAlert, which will deliver important emergency notifications to their mobile devices and/or email, by scanning this QR code. Once they’ve signed up, students can choose to include family members on NovaAlert notifications.
Villanova’s Division of Student Life is a resource that can help your student navigate every aspect of their “new home,” from the normal life issues that affect nearly every student to more serious situations. This begins with an immersive four-day New Student Orientation Program, which offers an experience of community and belonging through intentional programming that introduces students to campus resources, addresses common first-year concerns and creates connections with peers. Presentations and small group conversations touch on topics like academic resources, how to get involved on campus and leaning into the challenges of college life. Students meet with academic deans, faculty advisors, Student Life staff and Orientation Staff Members.

Later this summer, you’ll receive a mailing with full details about Move-In Day and New Student Orientation. Your Villanovan will receive weekly VU101 emails containing to-dos, information and more!

After Orientation formally concludes, students can continue to find support and resources through the Office of First Year Experience. Scan the QR code on this page for an overview of the advice, resources and direction students can find through this office, and encourage your student to refer to this page as a first step whenever they have a question or concern.

HOW WILL MY VILLANOVAN LEARN WHAT’S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

Every Monday and Thursday, your Villanovan will receive the Wildcat Newswire at their villanova.edu email address. This newsletter contains information about academic events, activities, athletics and more! In addition, every Wednesday, the Office of Student Involvement (OSI) will email a guide to that weekend’s on-campus events.
LEARNING

“For the affection of a mind that is in harmony with another is so great that as our students are moved because we speak, so we are moved because they are learning. In this way we come to dwell in each other.”

-St. Augustine, 
Instruction of Beginners, XII, 17

As an Augustinian Catholic institution, Villanova University recognizes that important learning occurs through every aspect of a student’s life. As a result, we seek to focus everything at Villanova, in one way or another, on creating or supporting student learning.

We encourage you to let your Villanovan take the lead when it comes to their academic journey. Students should be their own advocates when it comes to choosing their academic path, completing assignments, contacting professors, studying and managing conflict. This independence and self-support is an important part of your student’s journey into adulthood.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

- PROFESSORS: Villanova faculty members keep regular office hours during which students can meet with them, and professors are also available at other times by appointment.

- LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES: Staff members offer classes and individual sessions on topics like time management, test-taking and studying. Students with learning disabilities, chronic debilitating illnesses or neurological disorders can find accommodations and dedicated programs here.

- THE LEARNERS’ STUDIO: Offering peer tutors in 150+ courses from across academic colleges, The Learners’ Studio provides one-on-one or small group (capped at five students) tutoring.

- THE WRITING CENTER: Experienced writing tutors are available by appointment and on a drop-in basis to review drafts and suggest strategies for approaching a problem.

- THE MATH CENTER IN THE LEARNERS’ STUDIO: Consultants can help with the trickiest problems and offer help and support with homework and projects.

- THE CENTER FOR SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION: Students receive expert guidance from English or Communication Studies graduate students on topics including managing speaking anxiety, audience analysis, visual aid design and more.

- THE CENTER FOR ACCESS, SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT: CASA seeks to enrich the undergraduate learning experience of students from underrepresented identities by providing exceptional holistic support to enhance personal and professional development. CASA provides advocacy, advising, coaching, educating, programming, tutoring, networking and sustained partnerships.

- THE OFFICE FOR ACCESS AND DISABILITY SERVICES: Staff members ensure that qualified students with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities by eliminating physical and educational barriers and provide support services and accommodations to students with disabilities so they are able to participate freely and actively in all facets of University life.

- FALVEY LIBRARY: An incredible range of resources can be found here, and our professional library staff members are well-versed in helping students connect with what they need.
GRADES
Students receive grades twice a semester: at midterm and at the end of the semester. Villanova does not mail grades home. Your Villanovan will have access to their grades and can share them with you if they choose to do so through proxy access.

WHAT IS PROXY ACCESS?
Proxy Access provides students the ability to grant permission to parents or guardians to view certain information (including grades). Visit villanova.edu/family to learn how your student can set up Proxy Access.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND COURSE SCHEDULING
For most first-year students, the Office of the Registrar schedules the first semester of classes. Students can make changes after they arrive on campus and have an opportunity to meet with their advisor. By Orientation (in August), each college assigns new students an academic advisor with whom they work to schedule classes in future semesters. Usually, students register for spring courses in October/November and for fall courses in March. For second semester and beyond, students register for classes on their own online after meeting with their academic advisor. The advisor helps the student understand degree requirements. Fulfilling the requirements is ultimately the student’s responsibility. Students are encouraged to track and plan their academic progress towards degree completion with Degree Works, an online auditing tool for Villanovans that provides students with an academic roadmap that lays out their required courses, tracks their credits earned and updates their GPA status each semester.

TRANSFERRING BETWEEN COLLEGES
Some students may wish to transfer from one of Villanova’s colleges to another. Admission to another college is not guaranteed and a student who transfers may need to take additional courses. In this case, some will choose to take courses in the summer in order to graduate with their class. When considering these options, students should meet with their advisors to ensure they will graduate on time.

MAJORS AND CAREERS
Some students start their first year with a major, but most students follow a more general program their first year and then pick a major within their college during their sophomore year. Most first-year students won’t be able to make a decision about a career until they are much further along in their academic journey.

When talking with your Villanovan about choosing a major, we suggest an open and honest conversation about their career goals, professional options, personal interests and academic strengths. Encourage your student to pursue a major that interests them.
LIVING

“This is what we love in our friends: to talk and laugh together, to do favors for one another, to read pleasant books together, to joke and to be serious with each other, to disagree but without bitterness, as a person might disagree with himself, to have most conversations without any disagreement, to teach one another or to learn from one another, to long for those who are absent with impatience, to welcome those who come with joy.”

-St. Augustine, Confessions, IV, 8-9

For most students, living at school is a great experience and students flourish with the opportunities and challenges they find on campus. This really is the first time they are living on their own, with peers rather than with their loved ones. Most students are ready for this kind of living, and they thrive on it.

As parents and guardians, you’ll likely hear not only about their roommate(s) but also friendships, challenges and activities that can develop quickly. Students form a close community as they support each other and learn together. Friend groups continue to evolve and change throughout the college years.

Living together is also a very intense experience with some emotional ups and downs. When there are problems, parents and guardians often hear about them. Remember that working out issues in residential living is part of the learning experience! Encourage your Villanovan to address issues sooner than later by seeking out the campus resources designed to help them manage challenging situations.

THE HOUSING APPLICATION

Students planning to live on campus were asked to complete a Housing Application in the spring. Later this summer, they’ll receive an email from the Office of Residence Life containing details about their residence hall, their room and their roommate(s). Encourage your student to get in touch with their roommate(s) to discuss what each will bring to Move-In Day in August.
Your Villanovan’s residence hall will be supervised by a Resident Assistant (RA), an upper-class student who lives in the building to coordinate the daily functions of residential living. Villanova chooses RAs through a comprehensive selection process and provides them with extensive training. The RA serves as friend, advisor and problem-solver, and generally acts as the University’s front-line representative on everything from maintenance issues to health and safety.

COMMON RESIDENTIAL QUESTIONS
Villanova’s Office of Residence Life is staffed by professionals trained to handle the wide array of situations that can arise among residential students. These include:

- Roommate conflicts
- Facilities concerns
- Issues with homesickness
- Mental or physical health concerns
- Housing during University breaks
- Personal safety
- Fire safety
- Other concerns

We encourage students to utilize the services and counsel provided by Resident Assistants, Area Coordinators, Graduate Resident Ministers, Peer Ministers and student support personnel. Often, conflicts and other concerns can be addressed quickly and comprehensively. While your first inclination may be to call the University to try to solve a problem for your student, we suggest you allow your student to take the first step by reaching out to staff.

MEAL PLANS
Villanova Dining Services offers a selection of meal plans for first-year students residing on campus. Students are able to use these meal plans in any of the University’s 19 on-campus eateries. Your student selected their meal plan through their Housing Portal and will be able to make changes to it at certain times during the year, if necessary.

Students who have food allergies, food intolerances or other special needs should contact Dining Services to speak with a registered dietitian.

STUDENT MAIL AND PACKAGES
Resident students are assigned a VU Box number that will remain the same for as long as they have on-campus housing. This box number will be sent out in late July and must be used on all mail and packages sent to campus. When your student’s box number is sent to them, they’ll receive instructions for mailing packages to the University for Move-In Day and for the remainder of the academic year.
LIVING THE MISSION

"You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in You."
- St. Augustine, Confessions, I, 1

Just as St. Augustine did, students today ask questions about God, the meaning of life, freedom, evil and values. Some continue in the religious practice they grew up with, while others pursue answers along new paths. Villanova’s Office for Mission and Ministry provides spaces for students of all or no faith traditions, individually and in community, to explore the intersection of personal beliefs, spirituality, justice and the world around them. They also offer pastoral care and counsel, helping students deal with value conflicts, grief, spiritual discernment and other issues connected with faith and life.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP
Villanova’s Augustinian heritage embraces the search for meaning at the heart of the human journey. Through open, honest dialogue and interaction, we seek to deepen the identities and practices of people of all faith backgrounds and those who do not affiliate with any faith. Mission and Ministry offers an array of services, retreats, education and programs for students of any or no religious tradition to help in their journey to become what they are not yet.

SCAN HERE
for more about Villanova’s Office for Mission and Ministry.

SCAN HERE
for a list of religious services, times and locations at Villanova and in the local community.
Catholic Masses are celebrated at special events like New Student Orientation, Family Weekend and Commencement. Masses are also offered on Sundays and weekdays at St. Thomas of Villanova Church and Corr Chapel, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered several times a week.

SERVICE AND ADVOCACY
All students can find service and advocacy opportunities throughout Villanova’s campus. Within the Office for Mission and Ministry, three major centers allow students to serve, learn and advocate, surrounded by supportive community members. The Center for the Common Good (CCG) is the focal point for community service and engaged learning at Villanova, collaborating with local and global partners and advocating for systems that advance the common good. The Center for Peace and Justice Education (CPJE) empowers students to think critically, engage in difficult but transformative discussions, challenge institutions that render people vulnerable and participate in efforts to realize dignity for all. Additionally, the Office for Sustainability integrates Villanova’s value-centered principles with environmental stewardship, promoting the inclusion of all members of the University and all aspects of sustainability.

RETREATS
Mission and Ministry offers a number of retreats that give students the opportunity to stop their routines, reflect on their values and share their stories. Of particular interest to first-year students is the First-Year Escape retreat, which helps students connect with others in their incoming class cohort.

CAN MY STUDENT JOIN A SERVICE GROUP IN THEIR FIRST YEAR?
Yes! Scan here for a list of Mission and Ministry service groups and related opportunities.

SCAN HERE
for a list of retreats offered by Mission and Ministry.

As an Augustinian Catholic community, we see the worth and dignity of all people, of all faiths and backgrounds, and we find unity not in uniformity but in mutual respect and care—knowing that we learn best from and with each other. From worship to spiritual growth; to pastoral care and accompaniment of all backgrounds and faiths; to advocacy; to service; to sustainable living and care for the earth; to integration of mind and heart, Mission and Ministry strives to embody and advance the University’s Catholic and Augustinian identity.
“When we show someone for the first time imposing and beautiful sights in the city or the countryside, which we who see them all the time pass over without taking any pleasure in them, isn’t our own sense of delight frequently awakened again by their delight in what is new to them?”

- St. Augustine, *Instruction of Beginners*, XII, 17

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**EXPLORING**

Villanova’s mission statement stresses the development of the total person: intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, culturally, socially and physically. This view reflects our Augustinian focus on both heart and mind, on both individual and community. Villanova provides many opportunities for students to get involved in co-curricular activities, all of which enrich campus life and students’ own development.

**CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

Villanova offers more than 250 student clubs and organizations. There is something for everyone! Trying something new and being active in the community outside of the classroom gives students the opportunity to learn valuable communication, time management and leadership skills. Participating in co-curricular activities connects students with new friends and helps to build a great resume!

**SCAN HERE**

for more about clubs and organizations at Villanova.
CLUB SPORTS AND INTRAMURALS

Villanova Recreation offers a number of athletic activities for students with varying levels of experience, interest and commitment levels. Club sports provide Villanovans who are still passionate about their sport with a higher level of competition without the varsity sport level of commitment, while intramural sports offer a fun, safe environment in which students can compete in a team setting against other Villanovans.

OFFICE OF BELONGING AND INCLUSION

The Office of Belonging and Inclusion (OBI) commits to improving the experiences of all students on campus, with an emphasis on students from underrepresented groups, through programming and initiatives to cultivate a community of respect and inclusion. OBI staff oversee The SUITE (Space for Underrepresented Identities Together for Empowerment) in Corr Hall, an area designated for students of different identities to gather. Visit villanova.edu/obi to learn more.

OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Approximately 35% of the undergraduate population belongs to groups that compose the fraternity and sorority community at Villanova. Members of these organizations live in the residence halls with other students. Recruitment and intake processes become available to students in the second semester of their first year. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) will provide community-wide programming to assist in education and engagement.

Parents and families should be aware that some fraternities are not recognized by Villanova University and/or national fraternal organizations, and that official recruitment activities do not take place in the first semester of a student’s first year. Visit villanova.edu/fsl to learn more.

WHAT CLUB AND INTRAMURAL SPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY VILLANOVAN?

It’s important to know that team signups occur throughout the year, so encourage your Villanovan to watch for information in the Wildcat Newswire, follow @villanovarec on Instagram, and regularly visit villanova.edu/rec.

FITNESS CENTERS

Villanovans have access to five fitness centers, 12 open recreation facilities and a range of options—from fitness classes and personal training to free weights, cardio equipment and more—to keep them moving all year long.

STUDENT PERFORMING ARTS

Empowering creativity, fostering growth and inspiring excellence—Student Performing Arts (SPA) provides a vibrant and inclusive platform for students to explore, express and excel in their artistic passions in dance, instrumental music and vocal music. Through dynamic performances, collaborative experiences, and dedicated mentorship, SPA aims to enrich the campus community and nurture the next generation of talented performers and artists. To learn more, visit villanova.edu/arts.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

The University offers a number of activities on campus for students. On a typical weekend, there are food trucks, firepits, a band, movies, a comedian or some other form of entertainment for students. The entertainment is student-run and is offered at a low cost or is free. Your Villanovan will receive an email each week from the Office of Student Involvement letting them know what’s happening on campus that weekend.

Villanova students often take advantage of the area’s excellent public transportation system, which includes a regional rail line, shuttle buses and ride-sharing services, to travel to Philadelphia and nearby towns.

SCAN HERE

for a look at Villanova’s fitness and recreation offerings.

SCAN HERE

to access Student Performing Arts’ interest form.
Villanova provides many opportunities for students to learn more about how to prevent illness and how to have a happy and healthy collegiate experience. However, they are bound to get sick or stressed now and again, especially when they “burn the candle at both ends.” We know that when our students are stressed, they are also more likely to become ill more easily and frequently. As a caretaker, it is natural to worry about your Villanovan’s health, but you should know that they are in good hands.

**STUDENT HEALTH CENTER**

The Student Health Center is open 24/7 when classes are in session and offers online weekday self-scheduling. The Health Center operates very similar to a primary care provider that your Villanovan uses while at home. Just as you would expect from your primary care provider, our staff of physicians (who are also associated with local hospitals), nurse practitioners, RNs and other professionals deal with many medical conditions and refer more serious issues either to specialists in the area or to local hospitals. In addition to having excellent training, these professionals also have a lot of experience dealing with the health problems associated with college-age students.

**UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER**

The Patricia B. and Gary M. Holloway University Counseling Center provides confidential counseling and psychological services free of charge to students who are currently enrolled in classes on campus. The student may schedule an appointment to discuss normal developmental concerns such as homesickness, relationship issues, managing emotions and clarifying personal values. The student may also seek help with anxiety, panic disorder, depression, eating disorders, drug and alcohol use, loss of a loved one, trauma, sexual assault and any other concern. Telehealth appointments are available for clients who are physically located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as required under Pennsylvania law. Villanova also partners with UWill, a leading mental health platform for colleges and universities, which allows students to connect quickly and at no cost with licensed mental health counselors based on their unique needs and preferences, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**THE OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION**

The Office of Health Promotion provides resources and services to help students thrive, not just survive, during their college years. Topics commonly discussed with Health Promotion staff and students include nutrition, fitness, sleep, stress, alcohol and other drugs, sexual health and sexual violence. Students can access Health Promotion’s 24/7, confidential THRIVE 365 online portal for Villanova resources and services, as well as an ever-evolving library of information on health and well-being that adapts to them the more they use it. Students can also download the Nod mobile app to set up prompts and small challenges to support their social well-being.

**WHAT CAN THE UNIVERSITY TELL ME ABOUT MY VILLANOVAN’S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING?**

Under federal HIPAA and FERPA laws, students are legally considered adults and have the right to medical privacy. Your Villanovan will have the option to sign a waiver allowing family members access to health information. If your child requires hospitalization, you will receive a call from the University.
EMERGENCIES
Villanova’s Department of Public Safety coordinates emergency responses, which may include first responder teams from local communities and townships, as well as Villanova Emergency Medical Service (VEMS), a 24-hour emergency service comprised of students who are trained EMT staff. We also have access to on-call paramedics who can be on campus within minutes to deal with more serious issues. In addition, Bryn Mawr Hospital is a short distance away.

DOES MY CHILD NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?
All undergraduate students are required to have health insurance; visit villanova.edu/shc for details and information on the University’s health insurance plan (if needed). Your Villanovan should bring a copy of their health insurance card to campus. Your health insurance plan can tell you more about what kinds of services are included in your plan.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
Every community member shares the responsibility of creating and maintaining an environment that promotes healthy, respectful and safe relationships. While the University has strong policies and resources in place to help prevent and address violations of these community standards, we are also looking to partner with families in these efforts.

Before and upon arrival to campus, your Villanovan will have opportunities to engage in conversations about respect, consent and boundaries. However, it is crucial for families to initiate these conversations before students arrive. We recognize that these are complex issues that can be difficult to talk about. With that in mind, we created a guide containing information and tools you can use to initiate meaningful conversations with your Villanovan.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES
Pennsylvania state law and Villanova’s policies forbid the purchase, possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by anyone under 21 years old.

ON-CAMPUS EMERGENCIES: Call 9-4444
ALL OTHER CALLS: Call 9-5800

Your Villanovan will confront choices about alcohol and other substances while in college. You want them to make wise choices, and so do we. Sometimes a poor choice can impact a student’s life long after the party is over. Remember, excessive drinking and substance use are not the norm and students have a good time at Villanova without them. Talk with your Villanovan about choices and the consequences of their actions. The conversations you have will strongly impact the decisions they make while away at college and lead them to healthier choices.

Later this summer, you’ll receive our Guide to Health and Well-Being, a comprehensive listing of the health services provided to students at Villanova.
NAVIGATING NECESSITIES

BILLING

Bills, or V-Bills, are presented electronically by the Office of the Bursar to students and can be accessed through the MyNova student portal or at bursar.villanova.edu. Each student can register others as “Authorized Users” to view and pay the bill online.

Information from the Office of Financial Assistance, including deadline reminders, is sent directly to the student’s Villanova email address after the student enrolls at Villanova. The Bursar’s Office is responsible for presenting the tuition bill electronically to the student and all parties designated by the student.

Both offices occasionally send official notifications to students via email. An email notifying the student that the aid package is complete will be sent to the student, and the student can then view their financial aid in MyNova. It’s important that you communicate with your Villanovan to make sure they share this information with you.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE TUITION BILLS?

Fall semester bills are issued in July; spring semester bills are issued in November. Once your Villanovan registers you for “parent access,” you will receive an email when bills are available.

THE WILDCARD

The Wildcard, Villanova’s official identification card, is your Villanovan’s key to the University. Students will submit individual photos to the Wildcard Office by early July in order to receive their Wildcards when they check into their residence halls on Move-in Day. Commuter students will receive their Wildcards during Orientation.

The Wildcard gives students access to their residence hall, meal plan and meal points, restricted areas around campus, the library and athletic events.

The Wildcard also accesses your Villanovan’s NovaBucks account. NovaBucks is a restricted debit account that allows students to enjoy purchasing power all across campus and in the surrounding community without carrying cash or credit cards. Students can also use their NovaBucks to buy merchandise in the Villanova University Shop and will receive a 5% discount on the total purchase.

OTHER EXPENSES

We encourage you to have an open and consistent dialogue with your Villanovan regarding expenses that come up during their time on campus. The costs of school supplies, activities, entertainment, ride sharing and meal delivery services can add up quickly, and it’s important to have a plan to cover these expenses.

Through the Villanova Textbook Access Program, introduced in the summer of 2024, a fee charged directly to your Villanovan’s account at the start of the semester will cover all textbook materials required for their courses. Students have the opportunity to opt out of the program each semester. To learn more, visit provost.villanova.edu.

Similarly, through the Affordable Materials Project, Villanova assists faculty members in choosing high-quality yet affordable course materials, helping students and families maximize their savings.
LOOKING AHEAD
Your Villanovan’s first year will be filled with discoveries—they’ll learn more about who they are, what they love, and what they want for their future. Through their academic colleges, their advisors, the Division of Student Life, their various extracurricular activities, their roommates and peers, they’ll also discover the many options available to them as they travel through the next years on their journey to commencement and beyond.

While it’s tempting to help plan out your student’s trajectory, we encourage you to let your Villanovan take the lead when it comes to things like securing on- or off-campus housing, changing majors or choosing to double-major, finding an internship or study abroad opportunity, even embarking on a career. Discovering who they are is an experience only they can fully navigate, but they’ll do so with the help of Villanova’s vast networks and resources and the support of their family and friends.

TECH NEEDS
University Information Technologies (UNIT) supports and provides access to a wide variety of student computing needs, ranging from wireless connectivity and software distribution to walk-up support assistance for students’ personal laptops and devices at its three TechZone locations.

SCAN HERE to explore the full range of UNIT’s services.

WORKING
Many students find jobs on campus through work-study programs and on-campus student job fairs, held throughout the year. Your Villanovan can also visit jobs.villanova.edu for a list of available on-campus jobs.

WHAT ABOUT LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?
Villanova’s Career Center helps students secure internships, prepare for interviews and embark on their careers—and continues to offer assistance long after graduation. Explore the many services they provide at villanova.edu/careers.
UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Villanova hosts a number of events for students and families, from Move-In Day and New Student Orientation to Family Weekend and Homecoming.

VISITING VILLANOVA?
ALLOW US TO SUGGEST...

- Shopping in downtown Wayne, the King of Prussia Mall or Suburban Square.
- Grabbing tickets to a Phillies, Sixers, Eagles, Flyers or Union game—or catching the Wildcats men's or women's basketball teams at the Wells Fargo Center.
- Checking out historical sites like St. Augustine Church, Valley Forge National Historic Park, the Academy of Natural Sciences, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the Constitution Center, the Philadelphia Museum of Art or the Betsy Ross House.
- Seeing a show at the Villanova Theatre at the John and Joan Mullen Center for the Performing Arts, the Academy of Music, Kimmel Center or the Forrest, Merriam, Wilma or Walnut Street Theatres.

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