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## Alumni Spotlight:

### Chris Gallo '06 Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry Environmental Scientist for the EPA

In this interview series we bring you inside the world of Villanova alumni and explore how their work relates to creating a sustainable future. In this issue we hear from Chris Gallo, an Environmental Scientist for the EPA.

#### What did you study while attending Villanova?

While at Villanova I majored in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry.

#### In your own words, how would you define sustainability?

Sustainability is the way in which we as humans can both use the Earth's resources and protect these resources at the same time.



#### Why is sustainability important to you?

Sustainability is important to me because it ensures that the Earth will continue to provide for us for generations to come.

#### How have you supported or been involved in sustainability efforts through your career or personal life?

Because I work for the Environmental Protection Agency, I try to work and live a sustainable lifestyle. Choosing ways to help clean up Superfund sites using green technologies and spending my time talking about sustainability are a part of my job every day. I own and drive a fully electronic Smart Car to and from work to reduce on my greenhouse gas emissions. I strive to eat at places that use locally and sustainable grown produce. All of these choices help support sustainability.

#### What are your favorite weekend/evening leisure or hobby?

I enjoy hanging out with friends and family, seeing movies, relaxing on my porch at night, playing hockey and enjoying time with my son.

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## **What is your favorite memory as a Villanova student?**

I have so many fond memories of Villanova. The last few weeks of senior year were some of the most memorable, including Senior Week. I spent my last weeks of senior year hanging out with my friends, walking around campus and thinking about how this place has shaped me as a person. It was both fun and sad at the same time. I am very glad that I still keep in touch with many of the friends I gained while at Nova.

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