

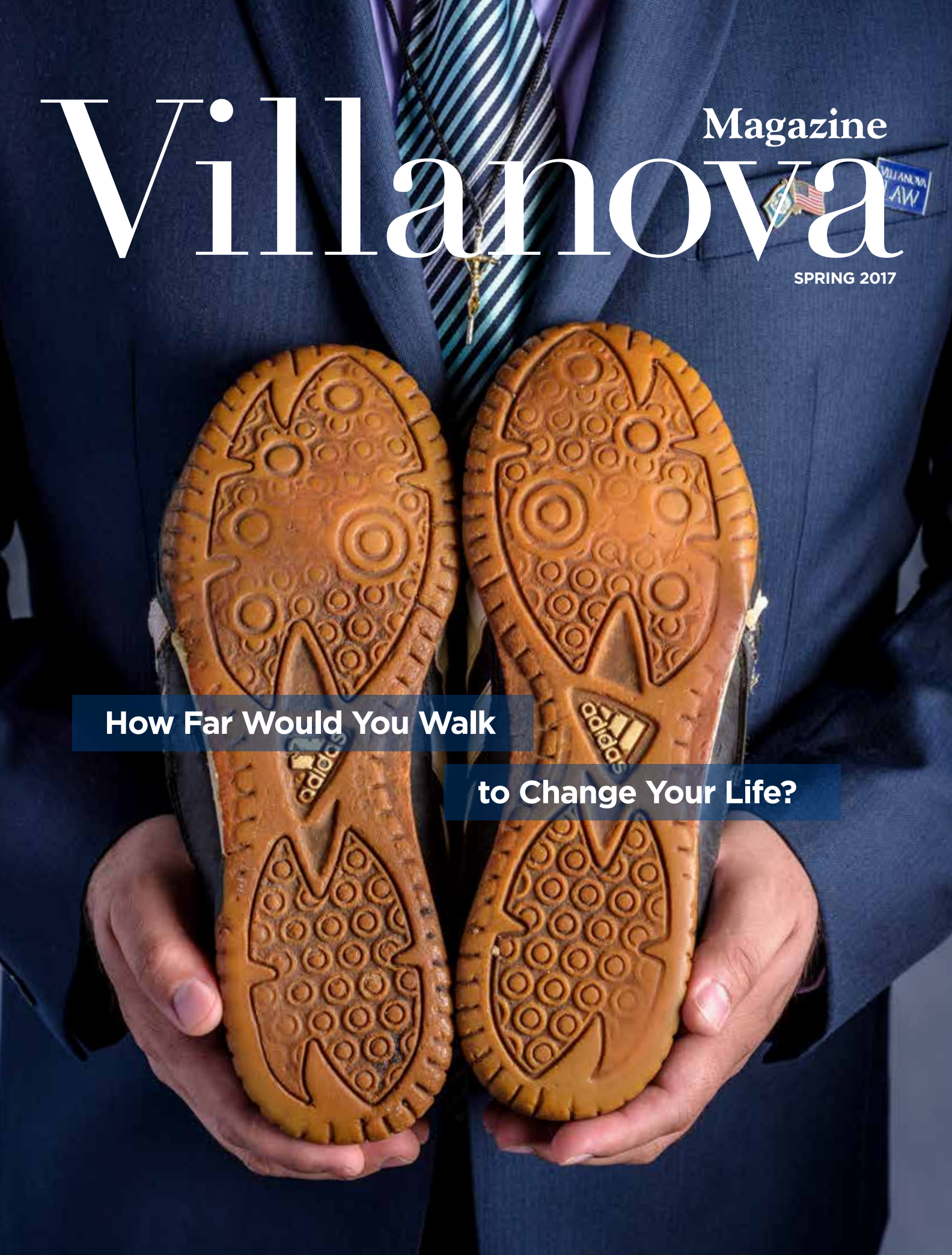
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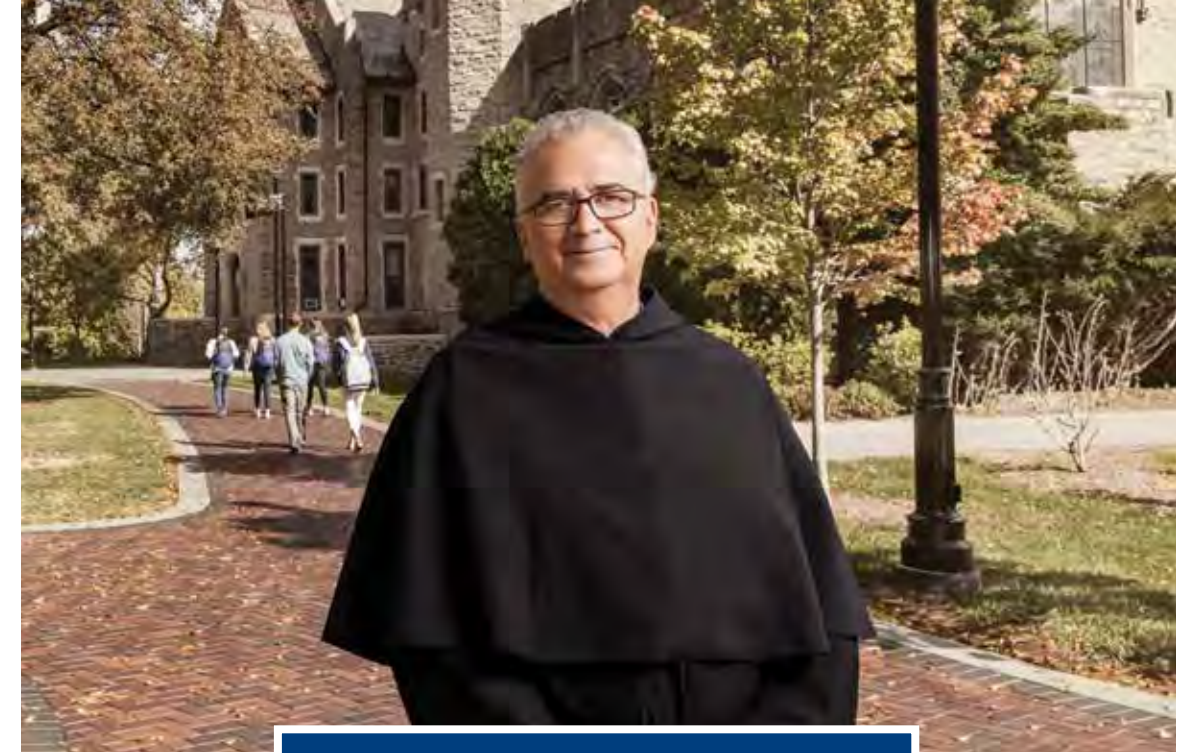
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How Far Would You Walk

to Change Your Life?





FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

We are all Luis Canales.

We have all come from somewhere else to gather here at Villanova and to be shaped by this community.

Luis Canales has traveled farther than many of us. As you'll read in this issue's cover story, Luis fled Honduras on foot—four times—as a teenager to escape gang members who had targeted him and to seek refuge in the United States. He is now a proud US citizen, a husband, a father, an advocate for the vulnerable and, as of May 19, a Villanova Law graduate.

Luis chose the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law because he was drawn to the University's mission and to its origin story, one that we recount frequently, especially now during our 175th anniversary year. Villanova was founded by and for Irish immigrants in 1842, a time when the Irish were marginalized and often denied access to education in Philadelphia and around the country.

Today, we continue to welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from all over the globe to our campus. They bring the world to Villanova, sharing rich cultural and religious traditions that become woven into the fabric of this community.

As an Augustinian Catholic institution, we are called to be in service to one another, embracing our differences while also celebrating our shared goals and values. So many of our students, faculty, staff and alumni are living the Augustinian mission in their research, their professional activities and their work in local communities, and we are proud to highlight many of their stories in this magazine.

It's no wonder that Luis Canales—who has overcome enormous challenges and courageously confronted injustice throughout his life—was drawn to this community. He saw Villanova as a place where he could be welcomed, educated and nurtured to reach his full potential. He is now going into the world as a Villanova lawyer who will ignite change and be a powerful voice for those who, like him, have faced injustice.

Luis Canales is a Villanovan.

As Villanovans, we are all Luis Canales.

Sincerely,

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

“What should draw us to contemplation is ... the opportunity to search for and discover truth, knowing that as we make progress in this search, we share our discoveries with others.”

St. Augustine, *City of God* XIX, 19

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A single pair of shoes carried him on a harrowing trek from Honduras. Now, his life's journey has led him to become a Villanova lawyer.



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SPEAKING FROM THE ART



Two works of art captured the spirit of the Christians in the Contemporary Middle East Conference, held at Villanova in December (see Page 22). The Rev. Richard Cannuli, OSA, MFA, '73 CLAS, an accomplished liturgical artist, "wrote" the icon *Mary Queen of Peace* because all Christians and Muslims venerate the mother of Jesus. In the icon, Mary is an intercessor for peace and stability in the Middle East.



Kamal Boullata, considered one of Palestine's great modernist artists, created this cartouche in 1983 for the University's Center for Arabic and Islamic Studies. Based on a modernized rendering of a traditional, angular Arabic script, the calligraphic lettering reads "Villanova."

ABBREVIATIONS OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

- CLAS:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- COE:** College of Engineering
- CON:** College of Nursing
- CPS:** College of Professional Studies
- CWSL:** Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- VS:** Villanova School of Business

The 175th Celebration Begins



The sights and sounds of Villanova's launch of its 175th anniversary celebration transformed campus the week of Jan. 15. The kickoff to a year filled with special events included a food drive that yielded 1.75 tons, a dinner à la 1842, an anniversary Mass, a student gala and a winter festival. ■



NIH Immunologist Receives Mendel Medal

Members of the Villanova community gathered Nov. 10 to honor the 2016 recipient of the University's Mendel Medal, Anthony Fauci, MD, a pioneering HIV/AIDS researcher and the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health. The next day, Dr. Fauci delivered the Mendel Medal Lecture, in which he described the extraordinary progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS, as well as the remaining challenges. ■

Trustees Assume New Roles

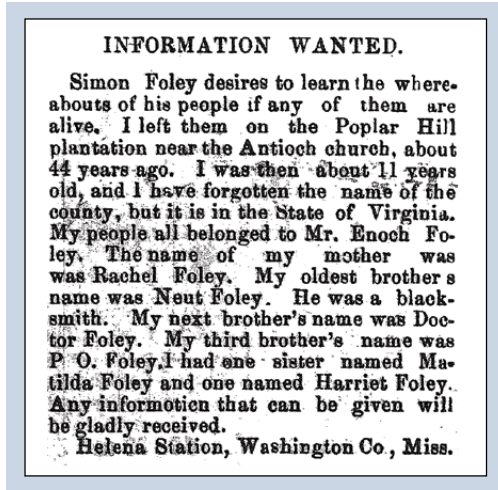


Villanova University's newly elected Board of Trustees officers took up their posts Jan. 1. Joseph V. Topper Jr. '77 VSB, retired president and CEO of CrossAmerica Partners LLP (on right in the picture), now serves as chairperson; Justin G. Gmelich '90 VSB, global head of Credit

Trading at the Goldman Sachs Group Inc., as vice chair; and Nance K. Dicciani, PhD, '69 COE, co-founder and CEO of RTM Vital Signs LLC, as secretary. All three trustees have been dedicated members of the board and of the Villanova community. In addition, Kerry Kittles '96 VSB, '09 MBA, assistant men's basketball coach at Princeton University and NBA veteran, was elected to the 34-member board. ■

Tool Uses Civil War-Era Ads to Reconnect Families

After the Civil War, "Information Wanted" ads appeared in African-American publications around the nation as newly freed slaves tried to reunite with loved ones. A collaboration between History graduate students and their professor, Judith Giesberg, PhD, and Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia is making these classified ads easily accessible to the public. "Last Seen: Finding Family After Slavery," which was featured on the *CBS Evening News*, offers genealogists and researchers a new tool for telling family stories of separation and survival. The database (informationwanted.org) holds names of former slaves, owners, traders, plantation locations and missing relatives. ■



INFORMATION WANTED.

Simon Foley desires to learn the whereabouts of his people if any of them are alive. I left them on the Poplar Hill plantation near the Antioch church, about 44 years ago. I was then about 11 years old, and I have forgotten the name of the county, but it is in the State of Virginia. My people all belonged to Mr. Enoch Foley. The name of my mother was Rachel Foley. My oldest brother's name was Neut Foley. He was a blacksmith. My next brother's name was Doctor Foley. My third brother's name was P. O. Foley. I had one sister named Matilda Foley and one named Harriet Foley. Any information that can be given will be gladly received.
Helena Station, Washington Co., Miss.

Top Producer of Fulbrighters

The Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announced that Villanova was a top producer of 2016-17 Fulbright U.S. Students. The Fulbright Program is the federal government's flagship international educational exchange program. Top producers were highlighted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. ■

No. 4 for Online Graduate Business



The Villanova School of Business earned the No. 4 spot in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual Best Online Graduate Business Programs ranking. The placement validates VSB's ability to deliver a high-quality education, regardless of the mode. VSB was also ranked No. 3 for Student Services and Technology, and No. 4 for Student Engagement. ■

Science Majors to Be Beckman Scholars

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences received a Beckman Scholars Program Award. One of 11 conferred nationally for 2017 by the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, the award provides \$130,000 to support the science research of five undergraduate students over three years. ■

Groundbreaking Theologian Honored



Dominican priest Gustavo Gutiérrez, PhD, the John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, received Villanova's Civitas Dei Medal Nov. 16 in St. Thomas of Villanova Church. A leading thinker in the development of liberation theology in Latin America, Father Gutiérrez also helped to articulate the principle of Catholic social teaching that puts the needs of the poor first. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president, along with Barbara Wall, PhD, vice president for Mission and Ministry, presented the medal. ■

LILLY ENDOWMENT GRANT FOR CHURCH MANAGEMENT CENTER

The Lilly Endowment awarded a \$750,000 grant to the Villanova School of Business' Center for Church Management and Business Ethics, which provides programming to help church leaders be better stewards of their resources. The funding will allow the center to work with seminaries to incorporate financial literacy into curricula. ■



National Kudos for Sentencing Expert

One of the nation's foremost experts on criminal sentencing, Professor of Law Steven Chanenson received the National Association of

Sentencing Commissions' Richard P. Kern Memorial Award for his contributions to the development of sentencing policy and research. At Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Professor Chanenson teaches courses on sentencing, criminal law and procedure, and white-collar crime. ■

Lecture Series Named for Nursing Dean



Thanks to the generosity of J. Brien Murphy, MD, and his wife, Maggie (left), nurses and colleagues from Main Line Health institutions and Villanova's College of Nursing enjoyed the first Dr. Louise Fitzpatrick Lecture. Kathryn Bowles, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, '90 MSN (third from left) delivered the inaugural talk Nov. 7 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. The lecture series was established to honor M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of Nursing (third from right). Joining in the celebratory evening were Andrea Gilbert, president of Bryn Mawr Hospital (second from right); and Marianne Harkin, vice president of Patient Care Services.

Professor Selected as Fulbright Distinguished Chair



Moeness Amin, PhD, director of the College of Engineering's Center for Advanced Communications, was awarded the 2017 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology. Fulbright Distinguished Chair Awards are among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Dr. Amin will

travel to Australia to collaborate on new applications of radar and communications technologies. ■

Enhanced EMBA Experience

Beginning September 2017, the Villanova Executive MBA will be offered in 19 months, reducing the completion schedule by two months. EMBA students will stay at the Inn at Villanova University, where their classes will be held. This remodeled venue provides a modern, collaborative environment for working professionals. ■



Prestigious Scholarships Take Students Abroad

Pablo Guzman '19, Abbey Smith '18 and Fares Sukkar '18, all in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, were awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study or intern abroad during the spring semester. Administered by the Institute of International Education, the program gives scholars the opportunity to better understand other cultures, countries, languages and economies. ■

CPS Customizes Corporate Offerings

Villanova University College of Professional Studies is sought out for its flexible programming on campus and online. CPS also reaches out through an increasing number of corporate education engagements. Most recently, it partnered with two companies to provide on-site training in continuous improvement through the CPS Six Sigma program, which equips organizations to reduce waste and increase output. Both companies have Villanova ties: BlackTree Healthcare Consulting, whose founders include Michael Freytag '04 VSB and Nick Seabrook '00 VSB; and the global pharmaceutical capability-and-technology platform WuXi AppTec, where Holly Brunbeck '06 MS, a chemical engineer and project director, spearheads the liaison. ■

First Environmental Science Graduate Students Welcomed

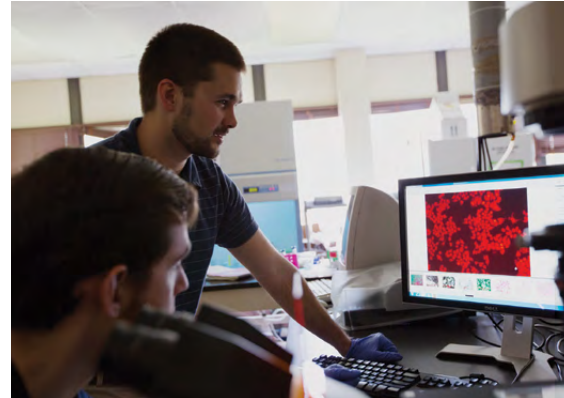
The 11 students in the new Master of Science in Environmental Science program joined in the launch festivities Jan. 26. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president, and Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, shared opening remarks. Christine Knapp '01 CLAS, director of the Office of Sustainability, City of Philadelphia (fourth from the right), delivered the keynote. ■



Center for History in the Public Interest Opens

A center of excellence named for Albert Lepage '69 CLAS and funded by his \$10 million commitment opened in January. At the helm as director is public historian Jason Steinhauer, who has more than 15 years of experience in museums, archives, government and academia at institutions such as the Library of Congress, the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Paul Steege, PhD, associate professor, History, is the inaugural faculty director. ■

Rising Scholar Nets \$1M in Grants



In the 2016-17 academic year, Jacob Elmer, PhD, assistant professor of Chemical Engineering (standing), has earned three national research awards. From the National Science Foundation, Dr. Elmer received \$300,000 to streamline the production of genetically engineered T cells to treat leukemia patients, as well as the NSF's prestigious \$500,000 CAREER award. The National Institutes of Health awarded him \$254,000—part of a grant with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia—to study earthworm hemoglobin as a potential blood substitute. ■

Engineers Vie at International Competition

In December, students advised by Mechanical Engineering Professor C. Nataraj, PhD, and Associate Professor Garrett Clayton, PhD, traveled to Hawaii to take part in RobotX, a selective competition on autonomous surface vehicles. Villanova teamed with Florida Atlantic University for the international event. ■



Saluting Marathon Bombing Survivors

Villanova University's Office of Disability Services bestowed the fifth annual Father Bill Atkinson, OSA Humanitarian Award Feb. 23 on Celeste Corcoran and her daughter, Sydney, both of whom survived the Boston Marathon bombing. Celeste and Sydney (fourth and fifth from the right) also were honored at the Feb. 22 Men's Basketball game. ■



Innovative Nursing Program Earns National Acclaim

More than five years ago, the College of Nursing introduced the Standardized Patients With Disabilities Program to give students the opportunity to interact with individuals trained to simulate the health conditions of people with disabilities and to learn about the health issues that affect them. The program has been so successful in improving students' clinical skills and reshaping the health care landscape to be more inclusive of people with disabilities that the College received the American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2016 Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Award. ■



Former Governor Urges Civility in Politics

Villanova Law's David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo Center for Ethics, Integrity and Compliance hosted a discussion Oct. 17 featuring Jon M. Huntsman Jr. The two-term governor of Utah, former US ambassador to China and Singapore, and 2012 presidential candidate shared his views on how citizens and lawmakers can repair the politics of Washington, D.C., by putting national needs above partisan ones. Brian Tierney, CEO of Brian and Realtime Media, and former CEO and publisher of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, moderated. ■

Engineering Lauds Outstanding Alumni



University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS and Drosdick Endowed Dean Gary A. Gabriele, PhD (sixth from left), join the Engineering Alumni Society's 2016 awardees: Anne Roby, PhD, '86; Brian Bozzo '07; Brian Glaister '03; Joanne Dahme '80; Karen Damara '11; Hasshi Sudler '92; Sachin "Dave" Duggal '01; Alexander Myers '08, '10 MS; Joshua Smolinsky '03, '13 MS; Stephanie Dantos '16 CLAS (on behalf of the late Christos Dantos '80); and William Brown '84, '87 MS.

Symposium Focuses on Healthy Communities



Tyonne Hinson, DrPH, RN, NE-BC, '01 MSN, director of Nursing, International Medicine and Global Health at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, keynoted the College of Nursing's Annual Research Symposium March 28 in the Connelly Center. Dr. Hinson, a member of the College's Board of Consultors, discussed innovative partnerships that promote healthy communities. The event showcases the scholarship of faculty, students and colleagues. ■

Healing Through Puppetry

The Center for Peace and Justice Education presented the 2016 Adela Dwyer-St. Thomas of Villanova Peace Award to No Strings International, a nonprofit led by master puppeteers from Jim Henson's *The Muppet Show*, Oct. 26. The organization produces puppet-based films that help some of the world's most vulnerable children build lifesaving skills and overcome trauma. ■



Law Students Win National Competition



Two students from Villanova Law took first place at the 2017 John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition, held March 24-25 at Seton Hall University School of Law. Sarah Burke '18 and Kaitlyn Macaulay '18 beat out 43 teams for top honors at the competition. Previously, Burke and Macaulay won Villanova Law's 57th annual Theodore L. Reimel '24 CLAS Moot Court Competition. ■

Refurbished Study Area Unveiled



The exquisitely upgraded Dugan Polk Family Reading Room in Falvey Memorial Library opened in October. This 24-hour study space was made possible by more than \$1.5 million in gifts from Villanova parents, including a lead gift from Trisha and Michael Polk P '16, '19. ■

Career Compass Guides Engineers' Professional Development

Introduced in fall 2016 with first-year students, the College of Engineering's Career Compass professional development curriculum will explore dozens of topics, help with internships and connect all engineering undergraduates with mentors. The College is working with the University Career Center to facilitate the program, which is overseen by Frank Falcone '70 COE, '73 MS, director of Professional Development and Experiential Education. ■

RUSSIA EXPERT SERVES AS PANELIST

CLAS Dean Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, a renowned expert in modern Russian history, was a panelist at an event hosted by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' Kennan Institute to mark the centennial of the 1917 Russian Revolution. Chartered by Congress, the Wilson Center is the nation's key nonpartisan policy forum for tackling global issues through independent research and open dialogue. ■

LAW CENTER'S NAME RECOGNIZES \$5M IN GIFTS

The Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy will be named in honor of Eleanor H. McCullen, recognizing recent gifts totaling \$5 million from her husband, Joseph T. McCullen Jr. '57 CLAS. Housed in the Charles Widger School of Law, the center will offer academic programming and serve as a hub for conferences and seminars on emerging advocacy issues. ■

IN GRATITUDE TO CARR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Members of the Matthew Carr Society were recognized with a Mass and dinner on campus Oct. 9. Jay Wright, the William B. Finneran Endowed Athletic Fund Head Coach, was the featured speaker. The Carr Society honors benefactors who have supported Villanova with lifetime gifts of \$1 million or more. ■

New Council Comprises Real Estate Leaders



The Villanova School of Business' Daniel M. DiLella Center for Real Estate has created the Nova Next Council, which brings together rising leaders in the real estate industry. The members will serve as a conduit between students and professionals by shaping the center's programming, philanthropic efforts and networking opportunities. Mark Thomson '05 VSB, senior managing director and co-head of Philadelphia, HFF, and Ian Christ '04 VSB, vice president, US transactions, PGIM Real Estate, are the 2016-17 co-chairs. ■

Opening Bell for Curley Family Exchange



The newly renovated Kevin M. Curley Family Exchange in Bartley Hall—made possible by a \$2.5 million commitment from Kevin M. Curley '80 VSB, pictured here with his son, Kevin II '09 VSB, and daughter, Kathleen—was dedicated in September. This enhanced space provides a multifunctional environment for students, faculty and staff.

Alumni Challenge Bolsters Senior Class Giving

The Giunco family has partnered with the Senior Class Gift program to inspire the Class of 2017 to leave their mark on Villanova. Through the Giunco Family Match, the family will donate \$100 in honor of each senior who makes a gift of any size to the University. This year's goal is to reach 62 percent class participation by May 31. ■

Wall Street Expert Talks "Futures"



Raymond Tierney III '81 CLAS, P '10, former global head of Trading Solutions at Bloomberg LP and a passionate champion of Villanova, visits College of Liberal Arts and Sciences students to talk about launching their careers.

Ward Lecture Reinforces Professional Ethics



Nicholas DeNichilo, PE, FASCE, NAC, president and CEO of Mott MacDonald, delivered the 2017 Patrick J. Cunningham, Jr. and Susan Ward '80 Endowed Lecture in Engineering. His talk was titled "Business and Professional Ethics—Managing With Integrity." ■

Finishing With National Title



In his final race as a Wildcat, senior Patrick Tiernan, a Mathematics major, became the second men's runner in school history to win a national championship in cross country. He finished first at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. In addition, Tiernan became the first four-time cross country All-American from the Wildcats Men's program, as well as the first male or female athlete in conference history to win the Big East cross country title four times. ■

Varsity Club's 2016 Class



Nine former Villanova student-athletes, along with the Jake Nevin Special Recognition Award winner, were saluted at the 41st annual Hall of Fame Dinner Jan. 28 in the Connelly Center. The 2016 Hall of Fame Class comprises the following inductees: Brian Westbrook '01 VSB, Football; Jackie Pasquerella '01 CLAS, Softball; Meghan Sarbanis '99 CLAS, Rowing; Carrie Tollefson '99 CLAS, Women's Track and Field; Matt Longo '01 VSB, Baseball; Jill Basile '97 CLAS, Field Hockey; Mike Schwankl '96 COE, Men's Swimming; Mary Anne Gabuzda, longtime Athletics staff member (Nevin Award); Steve Lappas, former head coach, Men's Basketball; Jenn Beisel '98 CLAS, Women's Basketball.

GLORY DAY FOR REVERED COACH



Marty Stern was inducted into the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Coaches Hall of Fame Dec. 14, his 80th birthday. Stern (pictured here with two-time Olympian Vicki Huber Rudawsky '89 CLAS) led the Wildcats Women's Cross Country and Track and Field programs 1984-94. During his tenure, the Cross Country program won five consecutive national titles. ■

POOLING THEIR TALENTS

The Villanova Women's Swimming and Diving team won its fourth consecutive Big East title Feb. 25 at the Nassau County Aquatic Center. Darby Goodwin was named the Big East Women's Most Outstanding Swimmer for the second year in a row. Head Coach Rick Simpson earned Big East Women's Coach of the Year honors, and Todd Michael was named the Women's Co-Diving Coach of the Year. ■



MEN'S SOCCER STRIKES BIG



Capping a successful season, the Villanova Men's Soccer team, led by Tom Carlin, head coach, qualified in November for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history. Villanova also notched the fifth season with at least 10 victories.



A relocated and revamped main entrance to the Finneran Pavilion will provide a gathering space for the Villanova community.

Home-Court Advantage

It's game time for an impressive transformation of the Pavilion

By Marian Butcher

THE PAVILION IS best known as the place where the Nova Nation—in all its loyal, boisterous glory—has united for more than 30 years to cheer the Men's and Women's Basketball teams to victory over and over again.

It's also where prospective students have been introduced to Villanova and inspired to find their place here. It is where new

students and their families have been welcomed into the Villanova community during Orientation. It is where volunteers have gathered before being dispatched to serve during the Special Olympics Fall Festival and the St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service. It is where graduates have come together for Commencement to celebrate all they have achieved.

As a place for community and competition, celebration and commemoration, the Pavilion has been well-loved, and the wear and tear shows. Now, a massive renovation project is getting under way to ensure that the energy of the facility itself matches the energy of the people and events it hosts.



New seating will be installed throughout the arena, and student sections will be repositioned along both baselines.

A LANDMARK MAKEOVER

When it reopens, the Pavilion will have more amenities, expanded gathering spaces, new seating, enhanced technology and a revamped main entrance that will serve as the front doorstep for Villanova's basketball programs and signature events.

It will also have a new name—Finneran Pavilion, in honor of William B. Finneran '63 VSB, whose \$22.6 million leadership gift in spring 2016 was the largest ever to Villanova Athletics and kicked off a fundraising effort to raise a total of \$60 million for the project.

"As Villanova's national prominence continues to rise, it is time for the Pavilion to undergo a significant renovation that, when finished, will more closely represent the tradition of excellence of Villanova Athletics and the high caliber of the University as a whole," says the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, Villanova's president. "It is perfectly fitting for the Pavilion to bear Bill's name since he was integral to making its transformation possible."

Construction is scheduled to begin this spring and be completed in fall 2018. During the 2017-18 basketball season, the Men's Basketball team will play most of its home games in Philadelphia at the Wells Fargo Center, while the Women's Basketball

team will play its home games on campus in Jake Nevin Field House.

The Pavilion opened in 1986, one year after Villanova's first-ever NCAA Men's Basketball national championship, and it will close for a complete overhaul one year after the team hoisted its second national championship trophy. Over the decades, more than 2.2 million fans attended Men's Basketball games in the arena, and they watched Villanova win nearly 300 times. The Women's Basketball team won 262 games on the storied court.

CROWD-PLEASING UPGRADES

In the renovated Finneran Pavilion, the fan experience will be paramount. A concourse will wrap around the arena, offering concessions and merchandise stands, and a new Hall of Fame exhibit will connect modern-day fans to the long, proud history of Villanova Athletics. A new hospitality area, the Court One Club, will allow fans to literally walk where Villanova basketball stars have trod, as it will feature the actual hardwood court from the 2016 Men's Basketball national championship game in Houston.

Although the seating capacity will not be increased, the seating areas will be made more comfortable. And the student section—the heart of game-day excitement—will be situated along both baselines and shifted closer to the court.

"The new Finneran Pavilion will provide an even stronger home-court advantage, enhance our ability to recruit and train the nation's best and brightest student-athletes, help support all of our 24 varsity programs, and deliver a first-class, game-day atmosphere for the best fans in college sports," says Director of Athletics Mark Jackson.



Right: An aerial view of the new Pavilion entrance. Right, top: A new Hall of Fame exhibit will showcase the proud legacy of Villanova Athletics.



Renovated locker rooms, meeting areas and other team spaces will enhance the amenities offered at the Finneran Pavilion.

“This is truly a community effort that will benefit generations of Villanova fans.”

The Men’s Basketball team will continue to play certain home games at the Wells Fargo Center, even after the renovation is completed. The University is in the unique position of being able to give fans the experience of watching games in an elite, professional sports venue, as well as in a more intimate, on-campus arena, where they can be closer to the on-court action.

“The combination of the renovated Pavilion, the Wells Fargo Center and the Davis Center gives Villanova Basketball a unique advantage for training, recruit-

ment and competition,” says Jay Wright, William B. Finneran Endowed Athletic Fund Head Coach for Men’s Basketball. “These facilities are a great representation of our proud tradition.”

The Pavilion project is just one piece of a large-scale construction plan that will bring impressive changes to Villanova’s campus in the coming years. The transformation of the University’s main parking lots on Lancaster Avenue is well under way. New surface parking and a multistory parking garage were completed last year, and crews have begun work on an expansive complex of six residence halls, a fitness center and a retail space on the south side of Lancaster Avenue. The

A 360-degree concourse around the arena will include concessions, merchandise stands and other fan amenities.

first residents will move into their rooms in the complex in fall 2019.

Also currently under construction is a pedestrian walkway that will span Lancaster Avenue in front of St. Thomas of Villanova Church, providing a safe crossing for students, faculty, staff, church parishioners and campus visitors.

A state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center will rise along Lancaster Avenue as the final phase of the project, providing space for the University’s music, dance and drama programs.

“These projects, from the Finneran Pavilion to the residence halls to the Performing Arts Center, are visible evidence that Villanova is a university with impressive forward momentum,” says Father Donohue. “It is certainly an exciting moment for Villanova, and our community has a lot to look forward to.” ■

For more information on the Finneran Pavilion renovation timeline, including the latest details and additional renderings, visit finneranpavilion.com. For more information on the development of the main parking lots, visit designconceptforlancastravenue.com.

PLAYMAKERS AND RECORD BREAKERS



The Wildcats took men’s basketball fans on a thrilling ride in 2016-17, following up their 2016 national championship season with another year of impressive victories and memorable moments.

The team added to the program’s legacy with a 32-4 record, a No. 1 national ranking for eight weeks, and Big East regular season and tournament championships.

Exceptional team play has always defined the Wildcats’ greatness, and this year’s seniors continued that tradition. Josh Hart, Kris Jenkins and Darryl Reynolds will graduate as the winningest class in Villanova Basketball history. Throughout four seasons with the program, the teams to which this trio belonged notched 129 victories and never lost two games in a row.

The Wildcats also stood tall in individual recognition. Hart was named Big East Player of the Year, won the Julius Irving Award as the nation’s top small forward and was a finalist for

other national player-of-the-year awards. Sophomore Mikal Bridges and Hart shared Big East Defensive Player of the Year honors. Sophomore Jalen Brunson and Hart were also first team all-Big East selections.

There were many moments to celebrate throughout the season: Head Coach Jay Wright’s 500th career win, the final game played in the Pavilion before its full-scale renovation, and the remarkable achievements and winning records of graduating senior players. Wright, his returning players and fans around the country are already looking ahead to building on the program’s incredible momentum in seasons to come.



MEET LUIS CANALES

HIS 9,500-MILE TREK



Luis Canales '17 CWSL shares his story of traveling four times from Honduras to seek asylum in the US at the Center for Migration Studies Conference in New York City.

Luis Canales '17 CWSL walks the halls of the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law wearing symbols of his deepest values, common to many Villanovans—faith and country. Around his neck, he wears a silver cross. On his lapel is a pin with two flags: the United Nations and the United States.

Canales also carries in his backpack a symbol of his journey to Villanova: the worn-out, black, white and blue Adidas sneakers that he wore on his path from gang target in Honduras to asylum-seeker to US citizen.

Today, along with his classmates, Canales is transitioning from accomplished law student to proud alumnus and practicing lawyer. A perilous road is behind him, and his legal degree's academic rigor and ethical principles have prepared him to navigate the path ahead.

"My sole purpose in getting an education is to give back in a better way. I want to continue the path God has set and see how far I get," Canales says. "We cannot always help en masse, but we can always do it on a personal level. One to another, we can create change."

SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

Mornings started early for the Canales family in their humble, white mud-and-wood home in Siguatepeque, Honduras, whether

The injustice incensed young Canales. He voiced his opposition in school, where gangs recruited new members. Word rippled back to the gang leadership.

"I was voicing defiance, and they took it personally," Canales says.

Gang members waited for Canales outside of school and tried to cajole him into joining. He refused. Canales continued speaking out, this time to the municipal government. He did not realize that his words were carried over the radio to homes across his area.

As soon as they heard him, the gang members decided they would kill Canales.

At school, the gang members brandished knives. They attacked him when he left for home. Canales avoided them on backstreets or ran toward the police station to scare them away.

One morning, Canales encountered a gang member, who gave chase. Speeding on their bikes, the boys neared where the road divided. The gang member stopped, aimed a homemade gun and fired a bullet. Canales fell from his bike and crashed to the gravel road, where he lay unconscious.

Both the assailant and the target thought Canales had been killed. Fifteen minutes later, Canales woke up to find people surrounding him. He was bloody, and his head throbbed from the impact. He had

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BY SHAWN PROCTOR

they were at the mill grinding corn for the day or at school. Just as clay bound their home, faith bound their family. Luis, the 12th of 14 children, once dreamed of becoming a priest. He was turned away from the seminary due to limited space, but the depth of his faith remained.

"I knew God had other plans for me," he says.

Honduras had long been beset by violent street gangs who extorted from citizens and businesses. However, Canales only realized the full extent of their violence when he began interning on a news show at a local radio station.

not been shot, but rocks from the road had raked his chest, chin and shoulder, and punctured his right elbow and left knee. The injuries would take more than a month to heal. The scars—physical and emotional—remain to this day.

"When gang members target someone, they attack everyone with the person," Canales says.

If the gang broke into the family's home, for example, they could kill his brothers and sisters, parents and even Canales' 1-year-old son.

Sixteen years old and terrified of the next ambush, Canales decided to do the only thing he could: flee north.



“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

—ST. AUGUSTINE

FLIGHT FROM DANGER

Canales had saved 2,000 lempiras—about 50 to 75 American dollars at the time—and he traveled by bus from Honduras to Guatemala to Mexico, avoiding the border guards who would have detained him as a minor and sent him back.

At one point, Mexican police removed Canales from a small bus and threatened to send him home if he did not give them his money and belongings. He handed over all that he had. Starving and penniless, by raft and by foot, Canales persisted in his trek north.

“I left everything behind, but I had no choice. I had to keep going. I had to get to safety,” he says.

In Tapachula, Mexico, like so many destitute immigrants, he sneaked aboard a massive cargo train, stretching more than 100 cars long. He used his belt to secure himself between the train cars or to the roof, to prevent himself from falling. On two occasions, he saw others lose their balance and end up underneath the train, killed by the metal wheels.



Canales visits with his extended family in Omoa, Honduras.

thing without giving something in return. He herded goats on an estate in Monterrey in order to earn money.

From Piedras Negras, Mexico, Canales crossed the border to the United States, where American immigration officials apprehended him and sent him to a shelter for three months. He knew of no relatives in the US. The officials said Canales could voluntarily leave the US and return home, or be deported, which would bar him from crossing the border again for more than five years. He chose to leave on his own.

It was the first of three unsuccessful attempts, each of which forced Canales back to Siguatepeque. After the final journey to the US, he was held in the same shelter and provided the name of a relative who lived in Scranton, Pa. Officials released him to the family member in February 2005, while he applied for asylum.

He had already traveled almost 7,500 miles in the same shoes, through incredible hardships. Yet Canales knew the journey ahead would be just as difficult.

FAITH REWARDED

The asylum case was active in the courts for five-and-a-half years, with Canales unable to start a life while he was in limbo. He learned English by translating immigration documents and newspaper articles.

It was a time thick with hope and despair. One day, Canales wandered into the National Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia, and he prayed. “I promised God and St. John Neumann that if I was

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is to give back in a better way. and see how far I get.”

—LUIS CANALES '17 CWSL

It was difficult to see people fall to their deaths, he says. It was difficult to make the trip, leaving his family and home, to be robbed and starving. But, for Canales, there was no path back.

“I knew it was a risk I had to take. If I gave up, I would be killed for certain,” he says.

In Mexico, Canales refused to beg. He would not ask for some-

granted asylum in the United States, I would become a lawyer. I would come to Philadelphia and study there to help other people like me. All of those things came true. Not right away, but they did happen,” he says.

His final immigration hearing in 2010 was the most terrifying moment of his journey. Canales broke down during his testimony, recounting the peril he faced in Honduras. His words were so powerful

that the government’s lawyer asked the judge to grant asylum.

“My life was in their hands,” Canales says. “I remember the lawyer told me, ‘Congratulations and good luck.’”

By this point, he had met and fallen in love with a young woman in Scranton. Maryori was a member of the same Catholic youth group and also from Honduras. Canales proposed atop the Empire State Building, and they were married in 2010. Later, he received a green card and became a US citizen on Aug. 1, 2014.

“To me, being a United States citizen is a dream come true—one of the most amazing things that can ever happen. Some people take being a citizen for granted, and before 2014 I would think, ‘What would I do to trade places with them?’”

Maryori says that they had been dating for a year before she learned about his experiences in Honduras. She has seen firsthand how the trauma that might break other people mentally only strengthened her husband’s resolve. “He was always a natural leader, always motivating people in the community to do good for others. Helping makes him feel like he is accomplishing something. It heals some of the scars.”

BECOMING A VILLANOVAN

Canales graduated with honors from Marywood University in Scranton and, remembering his vow, he researched law schools, trying to find one that spoke to his sense of purpose and his journey.

“When I was looking at law schools, I read their missions. Reading Villanova’s mission—knowing all the work they’ve done and that it was founded for immigrants—I knew I must go to this university,” Canales says.

He applied to Villanova and was placed on the waitlist. Undeterred, Canales began law school in western Massachusetts and applied again to Villanova the following year. He was accepted.



Canales at United Nations headquarters before speaking at the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants

Recently, Canales learned that one of his former CARES clients was granted asylum.

Tuan Samahon, JD, professor of Law at Villanova, says personal experiences give Canales empathy for his clients and insight into immigration law. “He understands, as only a former asylum-seeker could, what is at stake in an asylum proceeding. He appreciates the enormous difficulty of trying to document and prove one’s case across international borders. And he understands the human cost of an asylum system that might improperly adjudicate the rights of an applicant who lacks any legal representation.”

In 2016, Canales spoke at the United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants. He brought along the shoes that carried him from Honduras to the United States four times. It was the proudest moment of his journey to become a US citizen.



Canales; Villanova Law Professor Michele Pistone, JD; Paw Say Ku, a refugee from Myanmar; and Donald Kerwin Jr., executive director of the Center for Migration Studies, at the CMS Conference in New York City

“It was amazing to be holding those shoes and having the opportunity to speak to the world, after not having had any shoes to wear to school as a boy,” he says.

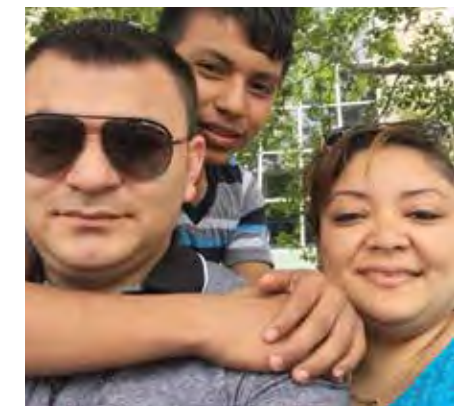
“Luis is a fighter who will make tremendous contributions as a US citizen,” Pistone says. “His ability to transcend cultures and differences will make him a capable lawyer and leader, able to use his strong oratory skills to gain support from communities.”

ALWAYS IGNITING CHANGE

Even when Canales graduates in May, he knows there will be challenges: helping his wife finish her Social Work degree; repaying their student loans; launching a legal career that will keep his promise to God, country and family.

Every time doubt arises, when the journey seems too hard, Canales remembers the many who had a hand in helping him and all of those who are reaching out, in turn, for help.

“There are people who are waiting for me to become a lawyer, for someone like me to be their voice,” he says. “That’s my goal all of the time. Everyone has potential, if they are only given an opportunity. I know that if I am in a better position, I will be able to better help other people.” ■



Canales with his wife, Maryori, and his son, Luis Jr., who came to the US in 2015



PROCEED WITH CANDOR



VILLANOVA CONVENES INTERNATIONAL PANEL FOR COMPELLING VIEWS OF PEOPLES IN PERIL

BY SUZANNE WENTZEL

A bomb explosion kills dozens of worshipers at St. Mark’s Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Cairo. Refugee Christians express fear about returning home to Qaraqosh, a recently liberated city in northern Iraq. Pope Francis appeals to President Bashar Assad for an end to violence in Syria.

Such are the stories that made headlines in early December 2016, the very time when experts from around the world were gathered at Villanova to delve into the complex and often misunderstood crises that have escalated in the Middle East in recent decades.

ADVANCING THE CONVERSATION

The conference “Christians in the Contemporary Middle East: Religious Minorities and the Struggle for Secular Nationalism and Citizenship” shed light on how declining pluralism, geopolitical tensions, Shiite-Sunni conflicts and other factors are threatening the region’s ethnic and religious minorities, especially Christians.

In certain sections of the Middle East today, Christians live in dire circumstances. Yet, as the conference emphasized, their roots in the Arab-Islamic world run deep, and their cultural contributions have been considerable. Raising awareness of this historical context can lead to a more tolerant tomorrow.

“CHRISTIANS ARE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF THIS REGION. THEY ... ARE ... THE HEIRS TO APOSTOLIC ORIGINS AND THE GUARDIANS OF ANCIENT TRADITIONS.”

—Excerpt of a letter from Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, read at the opening of Villanova’s Christians in the Contemporary Middle East Conference

“In the politically and religiously charged Middle East, there is no better way to look forward to a future of coexistence and mutual respect than to look back at its history,” says conference presenter Sami El-Yousef, a regional director for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association–Pontifical Mission for Palestine. “The conference was a great opportunity not only to look back, but also to offer ideas on how we can move forward to ensure that this precious Christian presence is maintained and flourishes.”

El-Yousef and other invited guests traveled as many as 6,000 miles to Villanova to share their perspectives. A breadth of voices received air time. Attendees heard from a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council; a scholar of conflict resolution at Tufts; and a special adviser in the US Department of State, among others. One of the presenters was especially familiar: retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni ’65 VSB, whose former roles include that of special envoy for the US to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and commander-in-chief of the US Central Command.

Sobering exchanges, occasional heated debates and positive participant feedback signaled the conference’s success. That was great news to the Rev. Kail Ellis, OSA, PhD, ’69 MA, assistant to the president and dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For more than a year, Father Ellis and colleagues had planned what proved to be, according to presenter Rami Khouri, a noteworthy forum that set new standards for how to discuss these issues.

“First, the organizers consulted with colleagues from across the Middle East and in the US to shape an agenda that touched on several critical dimensions, rather than pursuing the traditional pattern of organizing panels in response to Western assumptions on a narrow issue,” says Khouri, a senior public policy fellow at the American University of Beirut. “Second, the panels addressed the dynamics that shape the conditions of minorities in the region, including new vulnerabilities that all Arab citizens face in today’s political climate.”

NATURAL VENUE

Villanova’s ability to raise the bar of discourse about the Middle East stems from its commitment to understanding the peoples and movements in that part of the world. In 1983, Father Ellis founded the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, one of the first of its kind in the country. The center steeps learners in multidisciplinary coursework, topical programming and cultural events. It encourages them to study abroad and connects them with leading scholars, including those at Villanova.

Two faculty experts moderated sessions at the conference. The center’s director, Hibba Abugideiri, PhD, an associate professor of History, has carved out a niche in the area of Islamic feminism with

her seminal research on how the rise of modern medicine shaped gender roles in colonial Egypt.

Co-director Catherine Warrick, PhD, looks through the lens of political science to study comparative law and gender. With previous funding from the National Science Foundation and the Fulbright Scholar Program, she is focusing on the uses of Sharia, or Islamic law, in Western democracies, particularly the United Kingdom.



Speaker Ussama Makdisi, PhD, the first Arab-American Educational Foundation Chair of Arab Studies at Rice University, directs a question to one of the panels.

One of the benefits of the conference, says Dr. Warrick, is that it debunked the oversimplified “cartoon version” of complex realities in the Middle East. “The notion that all minorities are Christian, that they are always marginalized, that it’s always for doctrinal reasons, and that it’s consistent everywhere and over time is inaccurate. There are huge variations.”

For Brian Katulis ’94 CLAS, taking stock of these variations is part of the job. A senior fellow at the think tank Center for American Progress, Katulis advises policymakers on US national security strategy in the Middle East and South Asia. To collect data for the 2015 report “The Plight of Christians in the Middle East,” Katulis, the lead author, met with faith leaders, refugees and victims of persecution in Iraq, Egypt and other countries.

He shared lessons learned when he spoke at Villanova’s conference. Katulis, who testifies before Congress and offers commentary via sources such as *PBS NewsHour*, NPR and *The Washington Post*, was honored to present at the institution that had nurtured his fascination with the Middle East and prepared him to become a respected expert.

“I arrived as a freshman never having flown on a plane,” says the world traveler. “Because of Villanova, foreign policy is my life’s work.” ■

WITH GOOD REASON

VILLANOVA POLITICAL SCIENTIST **DANIEL MARK, PhD,**
COLLABORATES AT THE HIGHEST ECHELONS
TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

BY SUZANNE WENTZEL

When politics and religion come up in conversation, reactions vary: awkward silence, a change in subject, banal commentary, unrestrained ranting. None of them promise thoughtful dialogue. How, then, are people and nations to discuss topics crucial to human freedom and societal flourishing?

Cue Daniel Mark, PhD, assistant professor of Political Science and superb navigator of the crosscurrents of politics, law and religion. Dr. Mark advocates an effective, often overlooked approach: Weigh the best arguments on all sides of an issue, and ground civil discourse in reason.

At Villanova, Dr. Mark accompanies students on what he calls the “daunting journey” of exploring the deepest questions, seeking answers honestly, and having “the courage to change one’s opinions

and even one’s life.” He also plies his method at the global level as vice chairman of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, an independent, bipartisan government body that monitors violations of this universal human right.

SAFEGUARDING THE FIRST FREEDOM

Appointed in 2014 and again in 2016 by successive speakers of the US House of Representatives, Dr. Mark joins fellow commissioners in advising the White House, Congress and the US Department of State on foreign policy toward countries that permit or incite religious persecution. For countries with the most severe violations, as defined by the International Religious Freedom Act,

the commission recommends a specific designation: “country of particular concern,” or CPC.

Dr. Mark has traveled with small delegations to Vietnam and Nigeria, both of which the commission has recommended for designation as CPCs, as well as to Azerbaijan, Indonesia and Malaysia. Such visits allow the commissioners to meet with religious leaders, victims of persecution and those working on the ground. High on the agenda are meetings with senior government officials, who know that their countries are under scrutiny. These sometimes fraught, but always diplomatic, encounters also take place in the commission’s Washington, D.C., offices. Even when the parties vehemently disagree, Dr. Mark relies on argument based in reason to present the commission’s point of view.

“Our hope is that people will recognize and uphold religious freedom, but in places where the culture is less supportive of human rights, it helps to make the case that it is in a country’s best interest to address these problems.” Concerns about their international reputations can also spur governments to step up their efforts to get a more favorable designation.

Dr. Mark feels privileged to do his “tiny bit” for this critical cause and to support those who sacrifice so much to defend their beliefs. “People fight for their rights in different ways, but religious freedom is the one they are most willing to die for.”

His colleagues value the conviction and knowledge of the commission’s youngest member. “Dr. Mark is a passionate advocate for the rights of religious minorities and other persecuted people around the world,” says Commissioner Jackie Wolcott, whose distinguished career includes service as special envoy for Nuclear Nonproliferation and US ambassador to the United Nations Security Council. “He brings great academic precision to our work and, as vice chairman, is an exceptional and highly respected leader, both inside and outside the commission.”

Evidence of this high regard abounds. Since joining Villanova’s faculty in 2013, the Princeton-educated political scientist has published a plethora of scholarly chapters and articles. He was a visiting fellow at his alma mater last year and will be one next year at the University of Notre Dame. CNN, *U.S. News & World Report* and other media outlets have shared his insights with a worldwide audience. Listed on the cover of a recent issue of *Vital Speeches International* are the titles of addresses by the prime ministers of India and the

United Kingdom, the vice president of the Philippines, the premier of China—and Daniel Mark.

RECALCULATING

The esteem accorded Dr. Mark on the international stage is matched by the respect of learners in his classroom. In courses on political theory, law and morals, and other themes, students rise to the challenge of wrestling with issues inherently worthy and politically pressing. In addition, Dr. Mark, who received the title of Battalion Professor in 2015, inspires midshipmen in Villanova’s Naval ROTC with invigorating guest lectures.

One midshipman, Brent Sacks ’15 CLAS, had been hitting the snooze button on his political awakening, but Dr. Mark’s intellect, eloquence and fair treatment of issues roused his interest. Sacks took one of Dr. Mark’s courses, and the experience redefined the way he looked at government.

“When we expressed opinions in class, Dr. Mark would push back to test how well they were developed,” recalls Sacks, now an ensign in Virginia Beach. “He didn’t change our opinions. He changed how we arrived at them. That immersion in critical thinking transformed me.”

Dr. Mark sees Villanova as the ideal environment in which to engage students in intellectual struggles. The University’s commitment to its identity never wavers. “Villanova recognizes that the liberal arts are critical for educating young people to be responsible citizens in a free republic,” he says. At a time when civil discourse is “bitterly divisive and crass,” the need to develop and exercise the virtues of citizenship is urgent. ■



Vice Chairman Daniel Mark, PhD, flanked by the Rev. Thomas Reese, SJ, chair, and Kristina Arriaga de Bucholz, commissioner, leads a discussion at a meeting of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom at its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

HELPING *the* CURED *to be* WHOLE



Mary Ann Cantrell, PhD, '89 MSN dedicates her teaching and research to childhood cancer survivors

BY CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ SHERWOOD

In 1984, Mary Ann Cantrell was a registered nurse practicing on the adolescent unit at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia when her patient, a high school football player, awoke as she administered his 4 a.m. chemotherapy treatment. Steve, who was battling stomach cancer, turned to her and said, "Mary Ann, I'm glad it's you doing my chemo. I feel so safe with you."

"I was this itty-bitty thing. How could I protect him?" recalls Dr. Cantrell, now a professor in the College of Nursing at Villanova, where she earned her Master of Science in Nursing in 1989. "But it was more about emotional protection than anything else."

Inspired by her connection with Steve and other pediatric cancer patients, Dr. Cantrell, who had earned her Bachelor of

Science in Nursing from Duquesne University, went on to write her doctoral dissertation at the University of Maryland on the relationship between self-esteem and hope among adolescents with cancer. "About the time I finished," Dr. Cantrell says, "there was this explosion of research on childhood cancer survivors." She turned her attention to investigating this population.

In the three decades since, Dr. Cantrell has practiced as a nurse for 18 years, published widely and prepared hundreds of nurses for careers. Inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2015, she is credited with contributing to the evidence base in psychosocial care interventions for pediatric cancer patients. Dr. Cantrell's goal is to develop practice guidelines

around "nursing presence," those unmeasurable moments that build relationships with pediatric cancer patients and answer their common question: "I know you can give me chemo, but can you really take care of me?"

EXAMINING LIFE AFTER TREATMENT

Despite the often sobering side of pediatric oncology nursing, Dr. Cantrell found it was a hopeful and upbeat field in which to practice. She had an affinity for adolescents, who were already in a difficult period of life. "I was in awe of the sense of resilience many of the kids had."

Dr. Cantrell started to follow some patients after they left treatment and entered the world of survivorship. Her research illuminated the struggles of childhood cancer patients, at least two-thirds of whom live with long-term effects. Physical issues can include radiation damage, problems with fertility and digestion troubles.

While survivors have reported some positive psychosocial impacts, they also face intimacy difficulties, financial concerns, discrimination, depression and a sense of isolation. As one survivor said to Dr. Cantrell, "I'm healed, but I'm not whole."

Dr. Cantrell has pulled back the curtain on what happens after children have defeated cancer, says Teresa Conte, CRNP, '04 MSN, '11 PhD, an assistant professor of Nursing at the University of Scranton. When Dr. Conte was earning her doctorate at Villanova, the two collaborated on a study of young adults who were no longer in treatment for cancer but who hadn't hit the five-year mark when they could be officially considered "survivors."

"These kids have told us, 'When I go back to the oncology clinic, I don't want to sit with the kids in treatment, yet I'm not allowed to sit on the survivorship side. So where am I?'" Dr. Conte says. "Mary Ann's research has brought attention to that."

Currently, Dr. Cantrell has funding for two projects focused on adult female childhood cancer survivors, a subgroup that has been shown to experience higher levels of psychosocial distress and depression. In one, she is examining the health outcomes of survivors between the ages of 22 and 39 to provide more evidence for the development and testing of targeted interventions.

The other project, funded by the Oncology Nursing Society, is a feasibility study to assess the acceptability of the use of a mobile health app among this subgroup. Dr. Cantrell's interest in mobile health apps was piqued by Susan Birkhoff, RN, '10 MSN, '17 PhD, one of her doctoral students at Villanova. The app lets users track and record health and wellness information, such as symptoms, medications, mood, weight, diet and activity. Participants in the study will use the app for nine months and take questionnaires that

assess implications for their survivorship experience, their ability to manage their needs and their health-related quality of life.

INSPIRING OTHERS

One childhood cancer survivor came back into Dr. Cantrell's life in an unexpected way. Stephanie Luff '14 CON was 2 years old when she received a leukemia diagnosis, and she spent much of the next year in treatment at CHOP. Cancer-free ever since,



Mary Ann Cantrell, PhD, '89 MSN was a nurse for Stephanie Luff '14 CON when Luff was a childhood cancer patient, and was her professor when Luff studied Nursing at Villanova.

Luff came to Villanova to study Nursing. When Dr. Cantrell mentioned in class that she had been a CHOP nurse, Luff's ears perked up. After class, Luff approached Dr. Cantrell, who remembered her. "That was a really cool moment for me to be able to thank her in person," Luff says.

Luff took several courses with Dr. Cantrell and participated in her research. When Luff was ready to enter the workforce, Dr. Cantrell put her in touch with a CHOP colleague, an introduction that led to Luff's position as a nurse in outpatient oncology. "I'll never be able to repay Dr. Cantrell for taking my hand and leading me into the career of my dreams," Luff says.

Dr. Cantrell will begin her appointment as the next director of the College's PhD in Nursing Program in August. She plans to focus on how student dissertations can affect not only the nursing profession, but also patient outcomes.

"It's truly all about the patients," she says. "What are students going to investigate that can improve the care that nurses provide?" ■

VILLANOVA CAMPAIGN TO IGNITE CHANGE SURGES FORWARD



120,000 ALUMNI AND 10,000 STUDENTS
KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

The signs of Villanova's forward momentum are all around—cranes and scaffolding that signal a transformation of campus spaces, banners and signs that trumpet top rankings and a national championship, and the buzz about Villanova's national reputation for academics and innovation. You can see and feel all of these exciting developments on campus.

There are also big changes happening in the lives of students. On the next page, you'll meet a few students who are on a path to successful and fulfilling futures because of their Villanova education and because of the support they've received through the Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change.

"What the Villanova community has achieved to this point is extraordinary, and the momentum continues to build," says the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, Villanova's president. "Together, we can do more."

The campaign's milestones have been remarkable: The University has received the three largest gifts in its history—each

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DO MORE."**

THE REV. PETER M. DONOHUE, OSA,
PHD, '75 CLAS, VILLANOVA'S PRESIDENT

one worth more than \$20 million—and nearly 70,000 people have been inspired to give, helping to bring the undergraduate alumni participation rate to a record 27 percent last year.

There's still much more to do. The priorities for the remainder of the campaign include funding for campus facilities, boosting the annual participation rate to 30 percent and continuing to grow the endowment,

which allows the University to devote resources to academic programs and to making Villanova accessible to the nation's brightest students.

Current students have benefited from and been inspired by the campaign. More than half of the Class of 2017 is so committed to reaching back to help out the next generation of students that they did so before they even graduated.

"I want future Villanovans to have as great an experience as I had, if not a better one," says Christian Mattutat '17 VSB, a Senior Class Gift Committee member. "Future students inspire me to give back because I want to see them succeed."

Villanova's loyal and generous alumni, parents and friends are making life-changing opportunities possible for students.

MANNY GARCIA '18 VSB

Manaury "Manny" Garcia excels at seizing opportunities. Since his first year in the Villanova School of Business, the rising senior has accrued five internships, one co-op and four job offers. A triple major in Accounting, Economics and Finance, Manny has meshed his classroom learning with formative experiences at PwC, Johnson & Johnson, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts and other companies. Every placement has led to a bigger network, a more impressive résumé and a better sense of his career path.

Manny has followed these and other avenues—he is an officer in the Business and Leadership Society, a peer adviser to VSB students and a beneficiary of VSB's Mentor Program—courtesy of the Charlotte and James V. O'Donnell '63 Center for Professional Development. Established in 2014 with a commitment from the O'Donnells, the center consolidates and expands VSB's emphases on curriculum-integrated professional development, experiential education, career programming, student business groups and one-on-one mentorship.

The involvement of alumni in all these areas has personalized and strengthened Manny's experiences. "Our alumni network is an amazing resource, and it has enabled me to succeed in my internships."



KATE GALLEN '19 CLAS

Despite coming from a Villanova family, Kate Gallen '19 CLAS wanted to explore other options before following her parents, aunt and uncle to the University. That was until she set foot on campus.

"Villanova immediately felt like home," she says.

Her decision was made easier due to the Martell Family Endowed Scholarship's support. The scholarship helped Kate, an aspiring emergency room doctor who majors in Biology, to attend Villanova—and to seize opportunities to expand her medical knowledge. In summer 2016, the Honors student traveled to Chulucanas, Peru, for a medical mission, and then completed a two-week course in emergency and wilderness medicine in Colorado. For someone who had never even camped, both were challenging and rewarding experiences.

Perhaps equally important was her time spent volunteering recently with hospice patients. Her mother, Eileen Cassin-Gallen '86 CON, passed away when Kate was 16, and the work allowed Kate to better understand her mother's experience.

"Volunteering in a hospice care center was eye-opening," she says. "It emphasized the personal aspect of being a caregiver."



SAMANTHA SCHAFER '17 COE

Villanova Engineering Service Learning group leader and Chemical Engineering major Samantha Schafer '17 COE (on the right in the picture) and fellow students had devised a way to repair the exterior of a 120,000-gallon water-storage tank in a town in Panama that they would visit over this past winter break.

But when the students arrived, they found extensive damage to the tank's interior. For 12 days, they excavated problem areas, patched cracks, and relined the walls and floor with an advanced sealant. Their watertight solution restored the tank to operation and improved the quality of life for the local people.

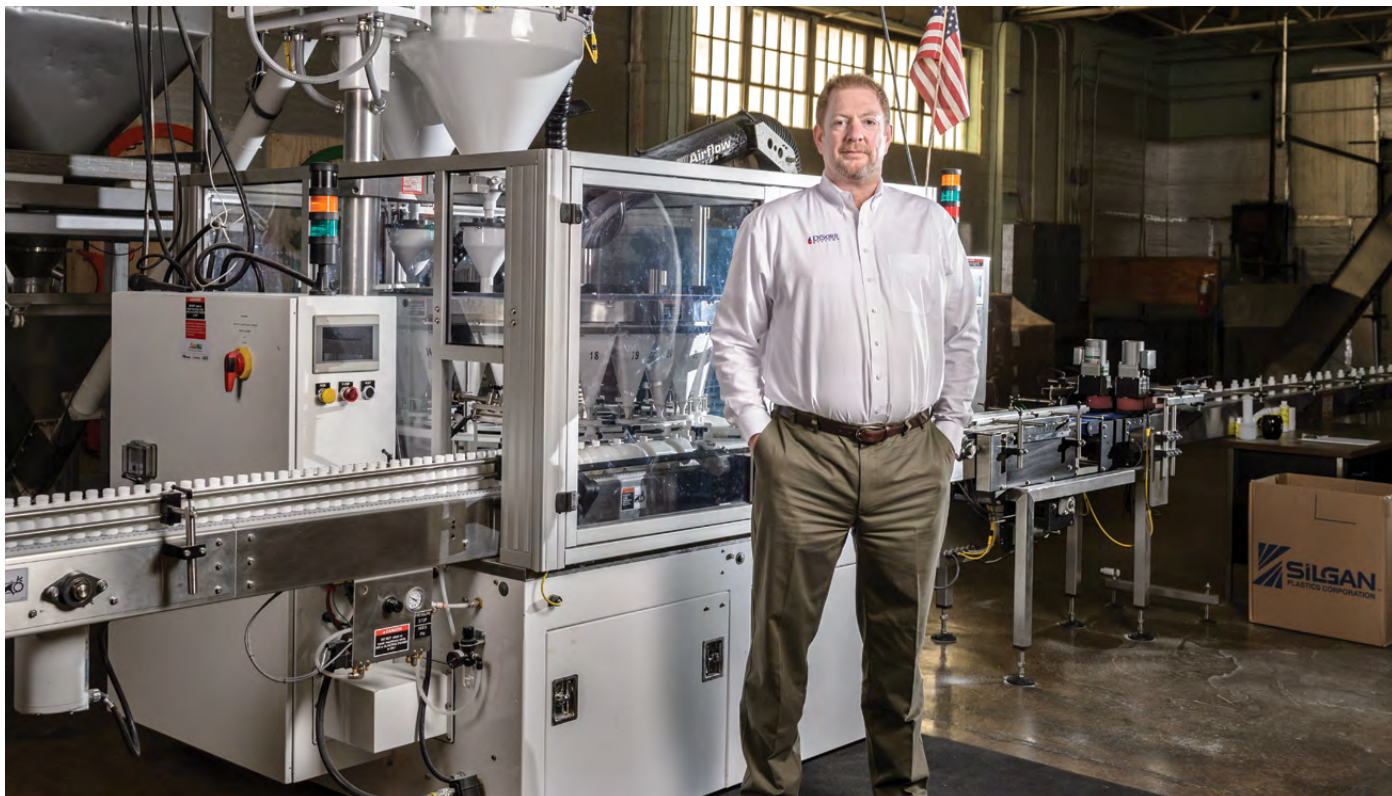
Robert Pizzano '70 COE, P '19 knows firsthand how powerful the experience of applying technical knowledge in a developing country is. After accompanying a different group of students to Panama, he was inspired to make an estate gift to the University to offset the cost of future trips.

His gift ensures that more Villanovans will be transformed as Samantha was. "My time in Panama has yielded some of my favorite memories," she recently reflected. "My service there has made me a better student not only of engineering, but of life."



IGNITING CHANGE

Villanovans contributing to the community



Ted McLaughlin '90 CLAS founded DiSorB Systems, a leading manufacturer of medical waste treatment products, in 2000. The company's operations are based in an economically challenged area of North Philadelphia, where he is committed to hiring local residents who are military veterans or have criminal records.

Economic Boon

Entrepreneur's company revitalizes community and empowers veterans

By Susan Cousins Breen

Four years in the US Navy taught Edward "Ted" McLaughlin Jr. '90 CLAS the importance of discipline and service. His undergraduate education at Villanova instilled the value of community and the spirit of an entrepreneur.

McLaughlin has combined those experiences to launch an impressive career, founding and leading DiSorB Systems. His medical product manufacturing company, which increases hygiene and safety in health care facilities around the world, has had a dramatic effect locally as well. It hires veterans and people in need of second chances, bolstering the North Philadelphia neighborhood DiSorB calls home.

As his business has grown, so have McLaughlin's connections to the neighborhood in which DiSorB has been located since 2006. Most of his employees live within blocks of the headquarters, an 80,000-square-foot facility, and many may

have had trouble finding work because of military service-related disabilities or criminal records.

Serviceman, student and CEO

McLaughlin's own career got a kick-start when he enlisted in the US Navy at the age of 20. After four years as a gunner's mate and as a search-and-rescue diver, McLaughlin was honorably discharged with a back injury in 1987. He then enrolled at Villanova. "The discipline and maturity that I developed in the Navy, combined with the desire to learn, had a profound impact on my Villanova experience," he says. "I received a great education, loved the culture of the school and did better academically than I ever had."

After completing his studies in Economics in three years, McLaughlin landed a job in corporate sales with Baxter Healthcare. In 1998, he started his first business: selling

used medical equipment. During that time, he came across an overseas developer of a solidifier of liquid medical waste. "Testing revealed that the product was vastly superior to products in the US market," says McLaughlin. "Initially, I negotiated distribution rights for the product and, in 2000, purchased the technology and started DiSorB Systems."

In June 2016, the veteran-owned company completed a \$1.5 million expansion project, installing a second high-speed production line and enlarging the state-of-the-art facility. Five employees have been added, and 75 percent of the 23 staff members are veterans. "The new system can produce enough solidifier to meet the entire US demand," says McLaughlin, DiSorB's CEO. "This year, we expect to more than triple sales and add more employees."

DiSorB's solidifiers, sold under two brand names, help health care facilities comply with federal regulations, reduce potential exposure to blood-borne pathogens and save money. SafeSorb® is a fluid solidifier, designed to be preloaded in an empty suction canister before a medical procedure starts. SuperSolid Plus® solidifies and disinfects liquid medical waste so that treated canisters can be disposed of as municipal solid waste in most states, significantly reducing transportation and disposal costs.

"We believe it's important to take care of our vets, and we live that philosophy."

—Ted McLaughlin Jr.

Investing in the community

By moving DiSorB's operations to a section of North Philadelphia that is designated a Historically Underutilized Business Zone, McLaughlin spurred the neighborhood's economic development. HUBZone and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business certifications help the company qualify for preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. "When we purchased a city block, we did a lot of work to improve the building, and that improves the neighborhood," he says. "We also help the city's tax base by generating more revenue."

Perhaps the biggest economic impact has been management's commitment to hiring veterans, former prisoners and local residents who have difficulty finding work. "We always hire vets first," McLaughlin says. "We believe it's important to take care of our vets, and we live that philosophy."

Employees have a generous benefits package, training programs and a gym.

The company helps them to open checking accounts, improve their reading and earn GEDs. "As a result," says McLaughlin, "we get higher quality work, lower turnover and happy employees."

In December, DiSorB held its first Criminal Records Expungement Fair for the community. Seventy veterans turned out to begin their applications, assisted by nonprofit attorneys. The next day, about 100 queries came in, so the company plans to host a second fair. "Lives change when an arrest record is expunged," McLaughlin says.

McLaughlin also makes time to give back to his alma mater. When Il Luscri, executive director of Villanova's Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship Institute, invited McLaughlin to join the ICE Advisory Council, he "jumped at the opportunity to reconnect with the University."

McLaughlin shares his expertise with students, from evaluating their business plans to meeting with them to help advance their ideas. "Ted has been an incredible advocate for our students and alumni as they work toward their entrepreneurial dreams," Luscri says. "His efforts to support and engage veteran entrepreneurs have also been inspiring."

Villanova is a family tradition. McLaughlin and his wife, Melissa (Miller) '93 VSB, were married in St. Thomas of Villanova Church in 1997. His father, Edward McLaughlin Sr., graduated from the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law in 1959, and Melissa's mother, Carol Miller, earned a master's degree in Education in 1969. The McLaughlins and their four sons live in Whitpain Township, Pa.

With his blend of acumen and compassion, McLaughlin defines what it means to succeed in business: Everybody wins. Employees, neighbors, customers and fellow Villanovans benefit from his entrepreneurial drive and his eagerness to be a force for good. When it comes to generosity of spirit, McLaughlin is a veteran. ■



DiSorB employees Everton Blair, William Moyes and Justin Harris are military veterans who also live in the North Philadelphia neighborhood where the company is headquartered.

Air of Excellence

Anne Roby, PhD, credits her engineering education with her rise at an industrial gases company

Before she embarked on a career that took her from the Gulf Coast to Shanghai, Anne Roby '86 had to clear a hurdle closer to home. As a Chemical Engineering major at Villanova, she faced a daunting challenge courtesy of Robert White, PhD, then chair of the department.

"We had a rigorous lab course, and Dr. White was one of the professors," Dr. Roby recalls. "He was famous for not settling for anything less than excellence. He wouldn't tolerate sloppy data or a misplaced comma. Our work had to be perfect."

MOVING UP, MOVING ABOUT

That drive for excellence has propelled Dr. Roby throughout her career, including her latest role as senior vice president at Praxair Inc., a leading industrial gases company. She oversees Praxair's operations in engineering and project execution, procurement, research and development, market development, sustainability, global strategic sales, electronic materials and safety, and health and environment.

After completing her doctorate in Chemical Engineering at the University of Delaware, Dr. Roby started at Praxair in the research and development of new uses for gases in the chemical industry—work for which she was granted four patents. She was then tapped to be the global marketing manager for the chemical and refining markets. The one downside for Dr. Roby: The job required lots of travel. As her family was growing to include three daughters with her husband, Larry, Dr. Roby decided to move into a position in sales and business management in Houston. The new role brought new challenges.

"Houston rises and falls with the prices of oil and natural gas—changing fivefold during my time there," Dr. Roby says. "We also went through the crisis with Enron. It was incredible to see how quickly things can change. It was a real wake-up call to all industries about the importance of ethics and compliance to the sustainability of a company."

In 2011, Dr. Roby was named president of Praxair's operations in Asia, and she and her family moved to Shanghai. "As I traveled through China, India and other countries, I worked hard

to apply American safety standards while also respecting local norms," she says. "Finding the right balance was sometimes difficult, but it is one of the achievements I am most proud of."

RETURNING TO HER ROOTS

Dr. Roby draws from her experiences to further strengthen the College of Engineering's reputation for excellence. A member of the College's Advisory Board, she shares her expertise and advises administrators on industry trends.

"Anne has challenged and supported us as we grow our national profile," says Drosdick Endowed Dean Gary Gabriele, PhD. "She exemplifies the modern executive who understands how Villanova's values can enhance today's business environment."

As part of a subcommittee that advises the College's Career Compass professional development program, Dr. Roby provides content on topics such as diversity and ethics, and has been, says Keith Argue, the College's assistant dean of External Relations, a great advocate for students.

"Dr. Roby has opened up avenues to internships and jobs at Praxair, and she has spoken to students about coming up through the technical ranks and then going into management."

As a senior executive, Dr. Roby sponsors Praxair's participation in the Resilient Innovation through Sustainable Engineering (RISE) Forum. This College initiative brings together technical leaders from across industries to promote corporate sustainability practices, and it engages Sustainable Engineering graduate students in real-world projects. "RISE helps us understand the academic thinking around sustainability," Dr. Roby says. "At the same time, we bring to the forum our company's needs and approaches to sustainability."

The critical thinking and innovative team skills that Dr. Roby developed at her alma mater have powered her to success, and she wants the same for current students. "Villanova taught me to ask questions and look more deeply," she says. "I stress this approach with students, even as they face new problems." She knows that no Villanova engineer would settle for less. ■

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—GARY GABRIELE, PhD, Drosdick Endowed Dean of the College of Engineering

BY BRIAN HUDGINS



“Brando is smart, driven and innovative in how he pushes his knowledge in new directions.”

DEBORAH J. TYKSINSKI, PhD,
founding dean of CPS

An Eye on Tomorrow

Brando Brandolini '15 CLAS, '16 CPS draws on experiences in technology and politics to bolster leaders

BY SHAWN PROCTOR

Those who cannot anticipate how policy may affect the future will be unprepared for emerging challenges and changes in the world. That's why futurists—people like Brando Brandolini '15 CLAS, '16 CPS—can provide essential insight for today's leaders in the public and private sectors.

Brandolini's experience in emerging technologies and political policy—developed at Villanova and honed through research projects and a White House internship—provides insight into how these critical areas intersect and influence one another. This wisdom, in short, helps leaders lead.

“I don't necessarily want to go into politics,” says Brandolini, who is currently pursuing opportunities in cybersecurity. “But I want to put myself in a position where I can help bridge that disconnect between politics and the emergence of the digital realm.”

While his undergraduate studies in Political Science and in Fluency and Information Technology at Villanova provided strong academic foundations in those fields, Brandolini knew he needed additional education in technology to round out his knowledge. He enrolled in Villanova's College of Professional Studies to pursue a certificate in Information Systems, which he completed in 2016.

“There is often a lack of understanding of politics and technology. In this day and age, it is critical to understand their importance to one another. That's why it is the focus of my research,” he says.

PREPARED FOR SUCCESS

Brandolini noticed how cybersecurity threats and breaches—confidential information made public—could affect geopolitics and foreign policy, as well as how government policies could steer the development of new technologies, such as automated vehicles. He realized that those theoretical ideas had the potential to become very real.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Brandolini wanted to further his education to prepare himself to face these challenges, and CPS was a natural choice. The Information Systems curriculum, which emphasizes application of technology in the modern workplace, ended up complementing the FIT certificate he had earned previously and opened doors to new learning experiences.

Through his coursework, real-world experience and interaction with his mentor, Sandy Kearney '00 MS, assistant

dean in CPS, Brandolini gained critical insight about computer science in the field. He also worked as a teaching and research assistant on projects, including a National Science Foundation grant and Villanova's CAVE Automatic Virtual Environment, an enclosure that uses computer graphics to create 3-D environments. And Kearney helped connect Brandolini with an internship opportunity in fall 2016 at the White House as a research assistant for President Barack Obama's senior adviser for Technology and Economic Policy.

Brandolini's research at the White House included new and emerging technologies, encryption, cybersecurity, data breaches, and drones and artificial intelligence, often as they related to national security. He also contributed to a developing autonomous vehicle policy, which examines the security risks of driverless cars and offers a framework for how companies could work on implementing an autonomous driving system.

Brandolini drew on what he had learned in Disney Institute leadership excellence courses he took through CPS in June 2016 to navigate the levels of administration and to gain confidence in speaking to White House officials at the highest levels.

“I dealt with a wide spectrum of subject areas, but everything closely related to my education at Villanova,” he says.

INSPIRING OTHERS

His success in the internship program was a direct result of the professional growth Brandolini experienced throughout his career at Villanova. “Brando embodies Villanova as a person,” Kearney says, adding that in his classes Brandolini would take time to mentor fellow students, inspiring robust discussions.

Brandolini's desire to elevate the learning of his fellow students had its origins back in his undergraduate days, according to David M. Barrett, PhD, professor of Political Science, with whom Brandolini took courses on the US presidency and government intelligence. “His outgoing personality and contagious enthusiasm for the subject matter sparked lively discussions in the classroom,” Dr. Barrett says.

“Brando is an excellent example of the type of high-caliber student that CPS attracts,” says Deborah J. Tyksinski, PhD, founding dean of CPS. “He is smart, driven and innovative in how he pushes his knowledge in new directions.” ■



THEOLOGY IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

High-impact faculty foster the dynamic relationship between faith and society

>> By Suzanne Wentzel

Engineers, biologists and business analysts on campus don't pursue their disciplines without reference to the real world. Neither do Villanova's theologians.

Religious beliefs shape—and are shaped by—people, events and eras. To do their work, then, faculty in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies approach Christianity not as a set of abstractions but as a “lived experience” in a particular time and place.

“If we don't relate our faith tradition to

contemporary life, theology has no impact on people's minds and hearts,” says Peter Spitaler, ThD, associate professor and department chair.

At the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels, the department has re-emphasized the Augustinian mantra of “faith engaging culture.” Theology can and should interact with current thinking in science, the liberal arts and other areas of inquiry in the common pursuit of truth.

“Augustine was involved in the social,

political and theological movements of his day, and he wanted people to dialogue about them,” says Barbara Wall, PhD, vice president for Mission and Ministry.

Three theologians famed for carrying on such dialogues recently joined the department's distinguished faculty. They are quoted in the media, popular speakers and prolific writers. These scholars enrich intellectual life and amplify Villanova's voice in the public square. Stories of their journeys and interests are offered here.

MASSIMO FAGGIOLI, PhD



If it weren't being used by the pope, “Pontifex”—Latin for “bridge builder”—would be an apt Twitter handle for church historian and professor Massimo Faggioli. The Italian-born theologian and Vatican II expert helps the different worlds of European and American Catholicism understand each other.

After years of study at the universities of

Bologna and Turin, research in the Vatican archives, and teaching in other countries, Dr. Faggioli came to the United States during the 2008 presidential campaign. He was promptly tapped to write articles for European audiences, explaining the religious aspects of US politics, and for American audiences, explaining the qualities unique to Catholicism in this country. That task continues.

“Having had a more universal experience of Catholicism, I try to cast light on ideas that are distinctly American, some of which may be worth questioning,” Dr. Faggioli says.

The 2013 election of Pope Francis catapulted Dr. Faggioli, then a faculty member at

the University of St. Thomas, back onto the international stage. He provided expert commentary for respected US and European media outlets, and has continued to do so since coming to Villanova in 2016.

In addition to bringing his European perspective to the classroom, Dr. Faggioli draws upon it as he writes what will be a trilogy of books on Francis' papacy. Unlike many scholars in the US, he “follows what the pope says and does directly from Vatican sources, without having to rely on translations. It's fascinating.”



ILIA DELIO, OSF, PhD

With doctoral degrees in Pharmacology and Theology, Sister Ilia Delio is eminently qualified not only to speak authoritatively about two distinct fields but also to show that, contrary to popular opinion, science and religion can work together.



Since fall 2015, she has pursued this calling as the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Christian Theology at Villanova.

Sister Ilia has deep roots in both fields. The Newark, N.J., native had been researching a drug for diabetic neuropathy when she decided to enter the Sisters of St. Francis. The community sent her to Fordham University, where she earned her second doctoral degree, this one in Historical Theology. The convergence of her interests in cells and souls transformed her. “I was like a fish who had finally found water.”

In her various posts at prestigious institutions, most recently, Georgetown University, Sister Ilia has developed new ways of understanding how God is present and active in an evolving, dynamic

universe. Her award-winning books go beyond academia to show people how they can “reclaim a living God for a living world of change and complexity.”

As one who appreciates Villanova's Augustinian heritage, Sister Ilia is excited about a doctoral program that has faith and reason at its core. “We need more people thinking about how science and religion fit together. My hope is to have PhD students who will further this work.”



VINCENT LLOYD, PhD

Curiosity leads adolescents down many a path. When Associate Professor Vincent Lloyd was growing up in Minnesota, his inquisitive mind led him to church—a different one each Sunday. Religion became the object of



his undergraduate studies at Princeton, his dissertation at the University of California, Berkeley, and an academic career that this year brought him from Syracuse

University to Villanova.

Dr. Lloyd arrived brimming with credentials from his research in religion, race and politics. His pace hasn't slackened. Questions about the religious dimensions of mass incarceration, the relationship between charisma and moral excellence, and the theological response to racial injustice, especially anti-blackness, intrigue Dr. Lloyd—and resonate at Villanova.

“I'm excited to meet so many colleagues, not just in the department but across campus, who are thinking about issues concerning religion,” he says.

Since 2012, Dr. Lloyd has served as co-editor for *Political Theology*. Now the

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is hosting the international journal, which has an online forum accessible to nonacademic readers. In January, Dr. Lloyd took on a new role as editor of the book series *Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion*, published by the American Academy of Religion, the largest association in its field in the world.

“Having the series and editorship based here will make Villanova a center of these conversations,” he says. “The department is well-positioned for this role.” ■





“He taught football fundamentals, but he also taught us what matters in life. That’s the most important lesson.”

—Brian Westbrook, a Villanova Football player from 1998 to 2001 who spent nine years in the NFL



PLAYBOOK FOR LIFE

RETIRING HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

ANDY TALLEY

LEAVES VILLANOVA A LEGACY OF SUCCESS AND SERVICE

BY MICHAEL BRADLEY

Andy Talley, Villanova’s head football coach for more than 30 years, was known as much for his football expertise as for his mentorship of hundreds of student-athletes.

ANDY Talley sat at his desk in the building named for him, a pile of index cards in front of him, and the words coming slowly for a man accustomed to speaking in public. In just four days, 200 guests would gather on a mid-February evening at Overbrook Country Club to celebrate Talley’s 32 years as Villanova’s head football coach and help ease him into retirement and emeritus status within the program.

Former players, high school friends, college roommates from Southern Connecticut State, family, members of the Villanova community, conference administrators and other college athletics types would salute Talley’s achievements and his effect on their lives, the University and football in general. It would be a night of stories and reminiscing, of laughter and gratitude. It would be a fitting tribute to the man who revived a football program and built it into a national power, and a gleaming emblem of success and athletic virtue. And Talley was more worried about that night than he had been about any opponent during his 37-year head coaching career.

“This is the first time I have ever done something like this,” he said, clearly uneasy with the whole idea. “It’s certainly something I appreciate, but I don’t have the words. Usually, I’m pretty good at having words, but I don’t want to hurt anybody’s feelings. I don’t want to leave anybody out.”

Talley had been intimately involved in the event’s planning, making sure the invitation list included those most important to him and the program. He had chosen three former players—one from each of his decades as the head coach at Villanova—to address the crowd, and he would serve as the master of ceremonies.

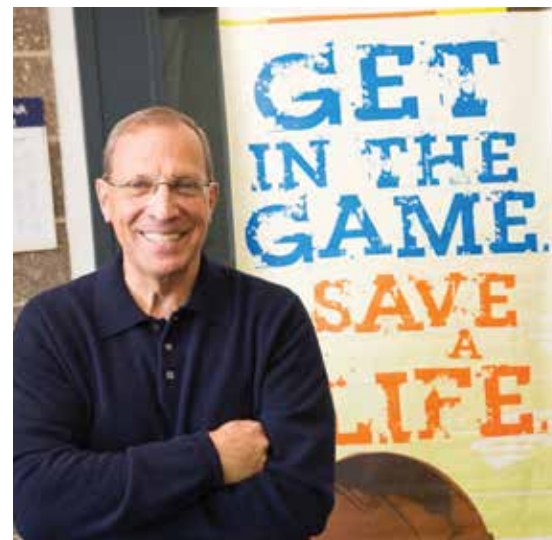
GOING LONG

The night was a huge success and provided a symbolic close to Talley’s time at Villanova. The official conclusion had come Dec. 3, when the Wildcats dropped a 10-7 decision at South Dakota State in the second round of the NCAA tournament, the 12th time one of Talley’s teams had reached the playoffs. Though the loss was disappointing, the coach’s tenure ended in the postseason, with the Wildcats again among the nation’s best.

“Although Andy’s retirement signals the end of an era of unprecedented success for Villanova Football, it’s also an opportunity to celebrate all that he built on and off the field,” says University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 CLAS.

Talley’s teams accomplished plenty during his 32 seasons, including 229 victories, shares of six conference titles and the 2009 national championship. But his positive influence on the Villanova community goes beyond the football field. Talley created a program that embodied the University’s principles, with education and service valued ahead of wins and losses. His teams provided a strong public face for the school’s mission and embraced Talley’s decades-long commitment to registering bone marrow donors.

“He had a large impact not just from a football perspective but on how the program benefited the University,” says Brett Gordon ’02 VSB, a Villanova quarterback from 1999 to 2002 who graduated with seven school passing records and led the Wildcats to the 2002 national semifinals. “Since the beginning, Coach Talley has run a first-class program both



Above, left: Andy Talley led Villanova Football to the 2009 FCS national championship. Above, right: One of Talley's signature achievements was his leadership in increasing the number of people registered as potential bone marrow donors. Fourteen Villanovans—including Matt Szczur '11 CLAS, a star wide receiver on the national championship team and now a Major League Baseball player—have matched through the registry and donated marrow to patients in need of transplants.

on and off the field. Under his leadership, Villanova Football has always represented the values of the University, and that message was always being communicated to his players."

Talley arrived at Villanova in 1984 after five seasons at St. Lawrence University, charged with the substantial task of beginning the Football program anew. Three years earlier, a variety of circumstances had led the University to suspend the program. Talley had few players at his disposal and limited resources. He squired the Wildcats through fledgling campaigns as independents, without a conference home, and eventually led them into the Yankee Conference, where in 1989 he tied for the league title and earned Villanova's first-ever trip to the NCAA playoffs. Over the next 27 seasons, he produced consistent success while influencing the lives of hundreds of players.

"He taught football fundamentals, but he also taught us what matters in life," says Brian Westbrook '01 VSB, who, under Talley, won the Walter Payton Award in 2001 as the nation's best FCS player and who spent nine years in the NFL. "That's the most important lesson."

SMOOTH HANDOFF

During the first half of his career, Talley was intimately involved in all aspects of the

program, particularly on the offensive side. His tiny, windowless office served as the site of weekly quarterback meetings, where signal-callers reviewed game film with Talley. But a heart attack in 2002 forced Talley to step away from the more stressful aspects of the job.

"I don't know if you can call it an epiphany, but as I was on this cold table in the emergency room with all those lines in me, I said, 'I could die here,'" Talley recalls.

After having two stents put into arteries, Talley realized he had to make a change. "It's tough when you are a type A person, but I had to redo my personality." He delegated more to his coaching staff, most notably his successor, Mark Ferrante, while continuing to oversee big decisions, recruit players and shape the culture of the program.

The step back preserved Talley's health and prepared him well for his new role as mentor to Ferrante, whose office is down the hall from his former boss' spot. Talley says he provides counsel and suggestions "behind the scenes" and acts as a sounding board. Ferrante's football knowledge and 18 years of experience as an assistant coach at Villanova will ensure a smooth transition, and the new head coach is glad to have access to Talley's expertise.

"He says to me all the time, 'I don't want

to step on toes. I don't want to get in the way,'" Ferrante says. "As I've stated to Coach, 'I'm going to use you as a consultant and utilize your experience and knowledge.' He did this job for more than 30 years, so if something comes up, I'm going down the hall."

"It's ideal to have Andy continue to be present at Villanova throughout this transition and beyond, and Mark Ferrante is the perfect successor to build on the impressive foundation that Andy established," says Director of Athletics Mark Jackson.

Talley's perspective is a big reason he was able to thrive in the same position through the tenures of three University presidents and five athletic directors. By understanding Villanova's culture so thoroughly and propagating it enthusiastically, Talley became part of the institutional fabric. "He brought consistency and continuity," says Vince Nicastro, the University's previous director of Athletics and now the deputy commissioner and chief operating officer of the Big East Conference. "He set the tone. There was very little turnover in his staff, and he was able to create a culture where the team was successful while doing it the right way. That sticks with you. He made a big impact on the people he worked with."

Talley instilled the Augustinian ethos in

his players, who volunteered for Special Olympics, St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service, Campus Ministry outreach and other activities hosted by the University and in the wider community. Their willingness to step up and help made him proud.

FROM FIELD TO FOUNDATION

Despite his fabulous football résumé, Talley's biggest legacy is his tireless efforts to increase the number of potential bone marrow donors. With the help of his players, Talley began on-campus registration drives in 1992, after he learned of the devastating odds facing blood cancer patients in need of transplants. He partnered with Be The Match® in 2008, creating the "Get in the Game. Save a Life" initiative. Since then, more than 71,000 people have registered. Talley expects to add 10,000 to 12,000 this year. He is particularly excited that Penn State has joined the dozens of college football programs involved in this cause.



The Andrew J. Talley Athletic Center was officially dedicated in October 2016. The center, located in the west end zone of Villanova Stadium, houses the Football program and other amenities for student-athletes, including meeting space, training, weight and locker rooms, and lounge areas.

"I'm going to do this until I die," says Talley, who founded the Andy Talley Bone Marrow Foundation in 2010. "I have more energy for it, now that I don't have to worry about recruiting and practices."

Those and other gridiron concerns are Ferrante's now, and he has a proven platform of success on which to build. Bob Brady '89 VSB, '91 MBA, who played on some of Talley's earliest teams, remembers

how tough the coach could be on the players but also how well he prepared them to succeed after they left campus.

"I think he served the University's mission unbelievably well," Brady says. "He lived the culture, and that was why he was so successful on the field and off the field while positively impacting the lives of so many."

Now, those are just the right words. ■

ANDY'S TALLIES





A Tireless Advocate

George Coleman '78 VSB has never slowed down in his work for Villanova and its students

BY MARIAN BUTCHER

When George Coleman '78 VSB took a summer job at age 16 at the Larchmont Shore Club in New York, he had no idea that it would be his first introduction to the power of the Villanova network.

The president of the club, Edward Riley '43 VSB, took a liking to Coleman and suggested that he consider Villanova for college. Coleman knew little of the school, but was intrigued by Riley's descriptions and guided by his mentorship.

Coleman would later tap into the Villanova network to launch his 30-year career in finance, to prepare Villanova students for jobs on Wall Street, and to inspire other alumni to stay engaged and involved with their alma mater.

"Villanova changed my life, so it's very easy for me to give back," Coleman says.

FINDING A BROTHERHOOD

Coleman sees his life as a series of milestones, and one of the most influential for him was the decision to join Delta Tau Delta fraternity soon after coming to Villanova as an Accounting major. He eventually became president of the group.

"It gave me an enormous amount of confidence, not only that the brothers had faith in me that I could do the job, but also that, in return, I could deliver," Coleman says.

The next milestone also came courtesy of his DTD affiliation. A few years after graduation, he was working in sales but hoping to break into finance. At a dinner with fraternity brothers in New York City one night, Coleman sat next to Jim Giordano '77 CLAS, who worked at a hedge fund and offered to make a call on Coleman's behalf to the investment banking firm First Boston.

Coleman started in the associate training program at First Boston, which later became Credit Suisse, and worked his way up to become a managing director in the firm's Securities division and vice chairman of the Global Equities department.

As his career bloomed, Coleman turned back to Villanova, hiring graduates for Credit Suisse jobs and also finding opportunities to help them achieve at an even higher level.

"The interview process on Wall Street is very complicated, and I was seeing that Villanova students had the academic credentials but needed more preparation in the soft skills," Coleman says. For several years in the early 2000s, he pulled together Villanova alumni who were also top executives on Wall Street to present to students on how financial institutions operate and on best practices for successful interviews.

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—Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD,
Villanova's Provost

"George's efforts are indicative of how generous and dedicated our alumni are to helping fellow Villanovans," says Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, provost and former dean of the Villanova School of Business. "It is invaluable to have alumni of George's caliber willing to share their

insights and give back in ways that significantly benefit our students."

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Coleman is known to VSB students who attended the interviewing workshops he moderated for nearly 10 years, and he's known to other VSB students because they've managed the \$100,000 he gave to a student-managed fund in the endowment. Some students in the College of Nursing also know Coleman for a scholarship he established in memory of his mother, a nurse who earned a PhD in public health at the age of 63. Men's Basketball players benefit from his support of the building of the Davis Center, his generosity to the upcoming Pavilion renovation project, and his endowment of the team's strength and conditioning coach position.

Now retired, Coleman is even more active as a Villanova ambassador. His roles as New York regional chairman and member of the Campaign Executive Committee for the Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change keep him doing what he loves—building relationships, inspiring others to do their part and sharing his own Villanova story.

"I tell people that Villanova has not been a four-year decision. It's been a 40-year decision," Coleman says. "Those four years have stayed with me the entire time."

For those who have known him the longest, it comes as no surprise that Coleman is still connecting people and raising his hand for leadership roles.

"George doesn't do anything halfway," says Bill Donnell '77 VSB, a classmate and DTD brother. "He goes all in or he doesn't go in at all, and he has done that consistently since I met him in 1974." ■

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VALUE OF VILLANOVA

ALWAYS A WILDCAT

CREATING LIFELONG VALUE

BY CHRISTINE GUERRINI

Fourth in a five-part series on the Villanova University Alumni Association's new platform for alumni engagement

V VALUE OF VILLANOVA: The value of a Villanova degree continues to grow, benefiting all alumni.

When asked about their affiliation with Villanova University, alumni relate powerful stories of academic, professional and personal opportunities that continue to have an influence on their lives. And they're willing to share their passion with today's students.

Ashley Ferguson '09 COE enjoyed a competitive edge when starting her career. In summer 2008, Ferguson interned for College of Engineering alumnus Joe Posillico '81, CEO of Posillico Civil Inc. That experience helped her secure a position after graduation at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, where she was hired by Michael Bouve '83 COE.



Students who volunteer for the Reunion Crew create a welcoming atmosphere for returning alumni and offer support for events throughout the weekend.



Members of the Black Alumni Society meet for brunch to wrap up Homecoming Weekend and discuss plans for supporting this community of students and alumni.



Bob Merkert '59, outgoing president of Villanova University's Engineering Alumni Society, passes the ceremonial gavel to incoming president Ashley Ferguson '09.

"My Villanova degree gave me credibility with my colleagues from day one," Ferguson says.

She strengthened her industry relationships and leadership skills by joining the Engineering Alumni Society. Now president of EAS, Ferguson strives to inspire and mentor current students and graduates—as other alumni did for her.

Each year, more alumni can testify that Villanova's national reputation and strong alumni network have positioned them for successful, rewarding careers. Over the past five years, the University has reported a successful placement rate of more than 96 percent, with graduates in diverse industries around the world.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

Alumni affiliation with Villanova can yield opportunities to engage with others and play a role in students' experiences. Louis Manon '97 CLAS transferred to Villanova during his junior year and never lived on campus, so he felt a different connection to campus from his peers. The friends, faculty and staff he met, however, had a positive influence on his journey.

During Reunion 2016, DeVon Jackson '00 CLAS, '03 MA invited Manon to a happy hour for the VUAA's new Black Alumni Society. "I was glad to learn that opportunities like this existed," says Manon. "I realized that my best contribution as an alumnus is my involvement."

As co-chair of the affinity group, he has spoken with students to learn how the society can be a resource for them. Manon also has explored ways to bring more BAS members back to campus. "I'm proud to help create a new outlet for Villanovans to engage, no matter how long they've been away."

RETURNING VALUE

Alumni also understand the importance of reinvesting in the University's future. Across the country, Villanova University Clubs host

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scholarship events to raise money for students from their regions, further cultivating Villanova's community of scholars with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

When John J. Reilly '89 CLAS became chair of the Scholarship Golf Outing in Charlotte, N.C., in 2012, he saw an opportunity to increase results through collaboration with other clubs. "We're all working toward the same goal," says Reilly. "We started to swap best practices and have learned a lot from one another."

In 2016, 14 clubs raised more than \$312,000 through scholarship programming—a nearly 25 percent increase from 2015. Certain clubs, including Charlotte and Long Island, have been so successful that they have created endowed funds to support local students in perpetuity.

"The Villanova brand keeps getting better—from academics to athletics," Reilly says. "I think we all feel a responsibility to keep pace and support that success."

INSPIRING NEW GENERATIONS

Through their engagement and support, alumni pass on a strong sense of community spirit. Mary Yachnik '19 VSB had heard about the benefits of being a Villanovan from her parents, Catherine '89 VSB and Michael '89 VSB, and her sister Denise '17 VSB. When it came time to choose a school, Villanova was a natural fit.

"It had everything I wanted: excellent academics, faculty with real-world expertise, and strong alumni and industry relationships," says Mary, a Marketing and Communication double major.

Mary is a member of the Student Alumni Association and Reunion Crew—initiatives sponsored by the VUAA to forge bonds between students and alumni. The pride and loyalty of the Nova Network amaze her. "I have met so many alumni eager to offer advice or connect me with an internship opportunity," she says. "With my education and the support of this community, I know I have a bright future." ■

HOME COMING

SCHOOL SPIRIT SOARS AT HOMECOMING

At Homecoming 2016, a crowd of Villanova fans—alumni, family and friends—visited campus to celebrate and rally together. The Homecoming Festival featured performances from student a cappella and dance groups; the Villanova Band; cheerleaders; and the Villanova mascot, Will D. Cat. Families enjoyed lively music, caricature artists and giant lawn games.



In the Homecoming football game that afternoon, the Wildcats thrilled thousands in attendance, defeating Albany 24–13. Before kickoff, Villanova's players entered the field for the first time from the team's locker room in the new Andrew J. Talley Athletic Center. They were greeted by a throng of alumni and supporters who cheered them on to victory. ■



John G. Hughes '84 CLAS is joined by the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, University president; Terry Delaney '83 CLAS, president of the Villanova University Alumni Association; and George Kolb '84 VSB, associate vice president for Alumni Relations, as he accepts the Nova Challenge Award on behalf of the Villanova University Club of Fairfield and Westchester.



Tracy Setlock Brala '90 VSB, immediate past president of the Villanova University Alumni Association, networks with Victor J. Maggitti '56 VSB, Reunion Volunteer Service Award winner, and Ronald Abbazio '18 VSB, Outstanding Student Volunteer Award recipient.

Volunteer Leaders Conference Marks Alumni Accomplishments

The annual Volunteer Leaders Conference offers Villanova University Alumni Association volunteers from around the country the chance to engage with one another and University leadership through a day of networking, education and collaboration.

Through interactive workshop sessions and panels, attendees at the 2016 event, held Oct. 21, learned how to become more effective and strategic in their roles and how to engage and inspire future leaders.

During a lunch led by University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, '75 CLAS, outstanding leaders were recognized for their volunteer accomplishments. The following were the 2016 award recipients:

- David C. Ridenour '79 VSB, Goodwill Ambassador Award
- Katrina Ercole '86 VSB, Distinguished Service Award
- Victor J. Maggitti '56 VSB, Reunion Volunteer Service Award
- Matt Clark '11 MBA, Leadership Award
- Villanovans in Healthcare, Creative Achievement Award
- Villanova University Club of New York City, the Rev. Ray Jackson Community Service Award
- Ronald Abbazio '18 VSB, Outstanding Student Volunteer Award

ALWAYS TRUE TO VILLANOVA

Patty Esposito '80 CLAS, a dedicated supporter of the University for three decades, was presented with the 2016 Villanova University Loyalty Award at Homecoming.

Esposito serves on the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors and is an active member of the Villanova University Club of North Central Jersey. She received the inaugural Reunion Volunteer Service Award for her longtime leadership on Class of 1980 Reunion committees. Esposito is also a former member of the Villanova Parent Ambassadors and is a college fair volunteer in North Jersey for the Alumni Recruitment Network.

Instituted in 1932 by the Villanova University Club of Greater Philadelphia, the Loyalty Award is one of the University's oldest awards. The recipient is selected by the vote of previous award winners.



Patty Esposito '80 CLAS—with her husband, Jim '79 VSB, and children, Reilly '16 CLAS, Connor '10 VSB and Emily '13 VSB—receives the Villanova University Loyalty Award.

Class Notes

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1950s

CLASS OF 1952
65th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1957
60th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Robert Fredericks, PhD, '57 CLAS wrote "The Changing Nature of Prison Ministry" for *Hospitallers*, an Order of Malta publication.

Walter F. Hayes '57 COE married Jeffeny Metz.

1960s

CLASS OF 1962
55th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1967
50th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Al Reinoso '63 CLAS was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame after serving as head coach of Wrestling at Seton Hall University for 21 years, until 1996.

Herbert J. Davis '65 VSB was recently named the Senior Scowcroft Fellow in International Affairs for the 2016-17 academic year at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

James Kostecky '65 COE was hired as executive vice president at Quandel Enterprises.

Thomas DiSessa, MD, '66 CLAS is a retired professor of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Kentucky. He continues to volunteer as a surgeon, operating on pediatric heart-disease patients in developing nations. He recently completed his 47th medical mission in 21 years.

William May '67 COE launched the Marriage Reality Movement with Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

Gerard Vernot, PhD, '68 MS wrote the book *Helping Students Eliminate Inappropriate School Behavior: A Group Activities' Guide for Teachers and Counselors*.

1970s

CLASS OF 1972
45th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1977
40th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Robert J. Simone '71 VSB, the managing principal of Simone Healthcare Consultants, was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Home Care & Hospice Financial Managers Association.

William Shakalis '72 CLAS is an associate librarian at Worcester State University and was granted tenure in April 2016.

John "Marc" Goodman '74 CWSL was elected to a fifth term as county attorney for Lyon County, Kan.

Robert R. Kulesher, PhD, '74 CLAS was promoted to professor in the Department of Health Services & Information Management at East Carolina University.

Robert E. Biddle Jr. '75 VSB, a principal with Bowman & Co. LLP, was recently elected chair of the CPA Firm Management Association.

Frank Porreca, PhD, '75 CLAS, associate head of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson, was honored with the Ronald Melzack Lecture Award by the International Association for the Study of Pain.

William E. Webster Jr. '75 COE was appointed a member of Duke Energy's board of directors.

John Costello '76 VSB was installed as the newest member of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America's executive

committee at the Big "I" Fall Leadership Conference in Chicago.

Kevin Holleran '76 CWSL, a partner with the law firm Gawthrop Greenwood PC, was elected trustee of the Chester County Hospital Foundation.

Retired Navy Rear Adm. Gerard Maurer '76 VSB is director of Capstone, Keystone, Pinnacle at the National Defense University.

Carl Solano '76 CWSL was appointed by Gov. Tom Wolf to be a judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Denise Devine '77 VSB, '83 MT, founder and CEO of FNB Holding LLC, and former member of the Villanova University Board of Trustees, was presented with the 2016 Iris Newman Award by the Alliance for Women Entrepreneurs.

John A. Bednarz '78 CWSL was recertified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Joseph P. Dwyer '78 VSB was presented with the CFO 2016 Award and a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his work with Asplundh Tree Expert Co.

R. Lee Freitag Jr. '79 CLAS is executive director of the Highlands Retirement Community.

Henry Major Poteat, EdD, '79 MA was selected by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators as one of three regional 2017 Superintendents of the Year. Dr. Poteat also was named the 2017 Camden County Superintendent of the Year.

Marc S. Raspanti '79 CLAS, a partner with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP, was named chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's 2016 Bench-Bar

& Annual Conference Committee. He is also the recipient of the 22nd annual Beccaria Award.

Mark Redmond '79 VSB, executive director of Spectrum Youth & Family Services, received the 2016 Distinguished Citizen Award from Champlain College.

Richard Skorny '79 VSB was named a member of Citizant's IRS strategic advisory board.

1980s

CLASS OF 1982
35th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

CLASS OF 1987
30th Reunion
June 8-11, 2017

Jim Agnew '80 CLAS was named enterprise vice president, Corporate Development and Acquisitions, for Tufts Health Plan and Tufts Health Ventures.

Frank J. Cerza '80 CWSL, a shareholder of Carlton Fields, was honored by Visions Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Frank D. Martell '80 VSB, chief operating officer of CoreLogic, was named a 2016 HW Vanguard Award winner.

Brian Muscarella '80 VSB competed in his fifth Cycle to the Sea.

Nancy O'Mara Ezold '80 CWSL was named a board member of The Forum of Executive Women.

John R. Pascal '80 CLAS is a contributing author to the book *Mark Twain and Youth: Studies in His Life and Writings*.

William J. Miller '81 CLAS wrote the book *Decision at Tom's Brook: George Custer, Tom Rosser, and the Joy of the Fight*.

Matt Novak, CFA, '81 VSB, financial advisor for Everence in Souderton, Pa., received the Advisor of the Year Award at the 2016 Everence National Conference.

Norman M. Powell '81 CWSL was appointed American Bar Association Business Law Section Liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight's Strategy and Resources Subcommittee.

Bob Lutz '83 COE received the Outstanding Teaching Award at Georgia Gwinnett College for the 2015-16 academic year.

Jim Preston '83 CWSL, assistant US attorney, received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Coast Guard.

Joe Clees '84 CWSL was named to the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center board of directors.

Lenore Donohue Perrott '84 MS is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Wayne, Pa.

Thomas J. Tamburelli '84 CWSL, a shareholder of Sherman Silverstein, was appointed to the board of trustees of the Food Bank of South Jersey.

Judith Yanacek '84 CLAS, president and CEO of New Vitae Wellness and Recovery, obtained her license as a clinical social worker.

Madeleine G. Barber '85 VSB, '88 CWSL, '92 LLM joined CBRE Group Inc. as senior vice president and chief tax officer.

Chris Catalano '85 COE was named chief financial officer of Catapult Learning Inc.

James P. Scanlan '85 VSB was promoted to the rank of major general in the Air Force. He was nominated for promotion by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the US Senate.

Tricia Buck Horter '86 was named a board member of The Forum of Executive Women.

Mark J. Powell '86 CLAS, a partner in Powell Law, was recertified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

STRENGTHENING THE REGION'S HEALTH CARE



A merger between Aria Health and Jefferson University Health last summer resulted in the expansion of a regional health care system with more than 23,000 employees and 2,200 inpatient beds. **Sandra "Sandy" Gomberg '85 CON**, who formerly served as chief operating officer of Aria, was named its president. Aria added the Jefferson Health brand to complement its legacy name, moving forward as Aria-Jefferson Health.

Greg Acken '87 VSB published the book *Service With the Signal Corps: The Civil War Memoir of Captain Louis R. Fortescue*.

Robert Deal '87 CWSL is an associate professor of History at Marshall University and the author of *The Law of the Whale Hunt: Dispute Resolution, Property Law, and American Whalers, 1780-1880*.

Rear Adm. Kirk Foster '87 CWSL was relieved as the commander, Naval Civil Law Support Activity, and the assistant judge advocate general upon his retirement after 28 years of honorable and dedicated service in the Navy.

John L. Lehr '87 CLAS, '90 MA was appointed CEO of the Parkinson's Foundation.

Gene M. Linkmeyer '87 CLAS of Jacobs Law Group was named a hearing officer for National Arbitration and Mediation.

Robert F. Preston '87 CWSL joined Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in its New York City office.

Steve DeAngelis '88 VSB is executive vice president and head of Distribution at FS Investments.

Thomas Oxenreiter '88 VSB welcomed a boy.

Jill J. Cobb '89 CON is the director of Case Management at LifeCare Hospital in West Chester, Pa.

Patrick J. Donahoe '89 CLAS was appointed brigadier general in the US Army.


Brad A. Molotsky '89 CWSL, '89 MBA joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the firm's Real Estate and Energy, Environment and Resources practice groups.

Martin Monaco '89 LLM joined Akerman LLP as a health care transactional partner.

Mark Van Blargan '89 CWSL, chair of McNees Wallace & Nurick's Healthcare group and a member of the Education Law group, is the 2016 recipient of the Yenkowski Client Service Award.

Robin Ward '89 MA published the book *Count on Villanova: Fun Facts From 1 to 12*.

Thea Williams '89 CLAS had her short story "Phoenix" published in *Fifty Women Over Fifty: A Celebration of Established and Emerging Women Writers*. She presented the piece at a launch party hosted by Rosemont College.



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PROUD AMERICANS AND VILLANOVANS



The day of the Men's Basketball's 2016 championship, Naval ROTC graduates **Kyle Lewis '14 COE**, **Brian Moscioni '15 COE** and **Chris Honeycutt '14 VSB** unfurled Villanova's colors in front of a T-45C Goshawk at Naval Air Station Kingsville in Texas.

Joseph T. Muffler '58 VSB, July 15, 2016.

Theresa M. St. Leger '58 CON, Jan. 3.

Richard A. Stotler '58 COE, Jan. 11.

Raymond E. Barrett '59 VSB, July 20, 2016.

Joseph B. Callaghan '59 COE, Oct. 9, 2016.

Terence E. Flynn '59 VSB, Oct. 26, 2016.

Arthur J. Greenwood '59 VSB, June 26, 2016.

William P. Horan '59 VSB, Aug. 29, 2016.

The Rev. Brian J. Miller, TOR, '59 MA, Nov. 6, 2016.

Catherine E. Phillips '59 CON, Nov. 7, 2016.

James T. Rae '59 VSB, Jan. 11.

John Regan '59 COE, Jan. 9.

1960s

Patrick A. Brennan '60 VSB, Nov. 27, 2016.

John G. Daniel '60 CLAS, Sept. 20, 2016.

John J. Guilfoyle '60 CWSL, Dec. 25, 2016.

Robert J. Holt Sr. '60 VSB, Nov. 8, 2016.

Robert L. Lawler Sr. '60 COE, Dec. 13, 2016.

Thomas F. Slattery '60 VSB, Nov. 19, 2016.

James E. Turner '60 CLAS, Sept. 22, 2016.

Carl W. Engblom '61 COE, Aug. 1, 2016.

Royal B. Giffin, Esq., '61 CLAS, Nov. 13, 2016.

Donald MacEoin '61 CLAS, Sept. 29, 2016.

David C. Maxwell '61 CLAS, Sept. 12, 2016.

James W. Palsir '61 VSB, July 8, 2016.

Harley G. Selkregg '61 MS, Aug. 13, 2016.

James G. Leaming '62 COE, June 11, 2016.

Francis J. Thornton '62 CLAS, '64 MA, Jan. 13.

Thomas Tumola '62 VSB, '66 CWSL, Jan. 19.

Michael P. Donlevy '63 VSB, April 26, 2016.

Joseph W. Farber '63 VSB, Nov. 23, 2016.

Gordon R. Kittel '63 COE, Dec. 11, 2016.

Michael K. Neville '63 VSB, Jan. 1.

Edward James O'Malley '63 CLAS, '66 CWSL, Feb. 3.

The Rev. Maximo J. Ortiz, OSA, '63 VSB, '70 MA, Oct. 12, 2016.

Martin J. Reddington '63 VSB, Sept. 1, 2016.

Roger W. Sotak '63 COE, Nov. 12, 2016.

Elio J. Colussi '64 COE, Sept. 9, 2016.

Clare T. Golazeski '64 MA, July 14, 2016.

Harry J. Haaf '64 VSB, Dec. 16, 2016.

Theodore J. Kompa '64 VSB, Nov. 12, 2016.

Richard C. Pazdan '64 CLAS, Nov. 13, 2016.

J. Bruce Thomas '64 CLAS, Dec. 8, 2016.

Frederick W. Wallen '64 CLAS, July 10, 2016.

Edward J. Finn '65 VSB, Sept. 18, 2016.

Susan M. Randour '65 CLAS, Dec. 16, 2016.

Daniel T. Regan, PhD, '65 MA, Dec. 17, 2016.

George H. Schruender '65 VSB, Oct. 18, 2016.

The Rev. O. Hugh Stout, PhD, '65 MA, May 2, 2016.

The Rev. William F. Davis, OSFS, '66 MA, July 4, 2016.

Terrence J. Donohue '66 VSB, Sept. 13, 2016.

Lawrence A. Jones '66 VSB, Jan. 11.

Fred J. Link '66 COE, Sept. 10, 2016.

The Rev. Owen J. Mullen '66 MA, Oct. 19, 2016.

Jon H. Oscarson '66 MA, Dec. 14, 2016.

Frances P. Owens '66 MS, July 20, 2016.

Robert J. Vent '66 VSB, '75 MA, March 30, 2016.

Walter T. Miller '67 COE, Nov. 11, 2016.

John P. Benigno '68 VSB, Oct. 7, 2016.

Frances A. Brouse '68 CON, Aug. 30, 2016.

Thomas A. Connell '68 COE, Sept. 11, 2016.

William "Nick" Dane '68 CLAS, Oct. 20, 2016.

James R. Hiebler '68 CLAS, '72 CWSL, Nov. 8, 2016.

John M. Kilduff '68 CLAS, July 30, 2016.

Daniel J. Vaughan '68 CLAS, Sept. 4, 2016.

Helen N. Bambach, PhD, '69 MA, Nov. 17, 2016.

Charles M. Bartish, PhD, '69 CLAS, Dec. 1, 2016.

George F. Bates '69 MA, July 1, 2016.

Thomas Divincenzo '69 VSB, Nov. 21, 2016.

Edward G. Fitzgerald '69 CWSL, Dec. 4, 2016.

Pauline Foster, PhD, '69 MA, Aug. 28, 2016.

1970s

The Rev. Joseph H. Burns '70 MA, Aug. 10, 2016.

Eleanor M. Cugini '70 MS, Dec. 29, 2016.

Joseph J. Deeney '70 VSB, April 24, 2014.

Edward W. Galloway '70 CLAS, Aug. 27, 2016.

George P. Kalas '70 CLAS, Aug. 15, 2016.

Frank Murphy '70 VSB, Jan. 5.

Richard E. Orose, MD, '70 CLAS, July 12, 2016.

Sister Claire T. Pelletier '70 MS, July 1, 2016.

Thomas M. Baldwin '71 MS, Oct. 20, 2016.

Dorothy B. Cellini '71 MS, Sept. 19, 2016.

Joseph E. Trojak, MD, '71 CLAS, Oct. 20, 2016.

Lawrence J. Hogan '72 CLAS, July 29, 2016.

David J. Mikowychok '72 COE, Aug. 13, 2016.

Michael J. Ferguson '73 CLAS, Aug. 3, 2016.

Thomas L. Jones '73 VSB, Jan. 14, 2015.

John R. Polito '73 CLAS, Sept. 1, 2016.

Paul G. Venezia '73 VSB, July 22, 2016.

Robert M. Chorba '74 VSB, Dec. 25, 2016.

Joseph V. Makoski '74 VSB, July 17, 2016.

Robert F. McCormick '74 COE, Nov. 11, 2016.

Barbara Tobin Hartnett '74 CON, Dec. 11, 2016.

Patrick J. Bona '75 VSB, Oct. 8, 2016.

Thomas Frank Jakubiak '75 CWSL, Feb. 3.

Michael F. Keவில் '75 CLAS, Nov. 30, 2016.

Leo B. Pedrotty '75 VSB, Nov. 8, 2016.

Rhoda R. Shralow '75 MS, Aug. 20, 2016.

Edward W. Atkinson '76 VSB, Jan. 9.

Fred Zygyfryd Bankowski '76 COE, Oct. 14, 2016.

Lawrence B. DiJoseph '76 CLAS, July 17, 2016.

William Hollenbach '76 MA, Oct. 29, 2016.

John J. Wojcik '76 CLAS, Aug. 21, 2016.

William T. Iacone '77 MA, Sept. 23, 2016.

Paul Worthington '77 MS, Dec. 23, 2015.

Audrey Caldwell '78 MA, Sept. 10, 2016.

Robert W. Jones '78 VSB, Aug. 3, 2016.

Christopher Kulseth '78 COE, Oct. 8, 2016.

Joseph G. McCormick '78 VSB, July 17, 2016.

Anthony J. Palma '78 VSB, July 13, 2016.

Mary Ann Sommers '78 MS, Feb. 27, 2016.

Mark Valente III '78 VSB, Aug. 3, 2016.

Roger T. Knollmeyer '79 VSB, July 19, 2016.

Frank B. Walker '79 VSB, Nov. 13, 2016.

1980s

Christos E. Dantos '80 COE, Oct. 2, 2016.

Raymond G. Hufnagel '80 VSB, July 22, 2016.

Andrea B. Crawford '81 MS, Aug. 27, 2016.

Robert W. Sullivan '81 VSB, '86 MBA, Aug. 10, 2016.

Daniel T. Boland '82 VSB, Oct. 19, 2016.

Mary Kay Myers '82 MA, Nov. 2, 2016.

Nancy Bernhardt '84 CLAS, Sept. 22, 2016.

Andrea Tillis Solomon '84 CWSL, June 14, 2016.

Sandra Labkoff Marano '85 CLAS, Sept. 16, 2016.

Barbara Dively '86 CWSL, Jan. 17.

Aileen R. Reynolds '86 VSB, Jan. 4.

Sister Eileen Patricia Hegarty, SND, '87 CON, Nov. 20, 2016.

Brian P. Copeland '88 VSB, May 21, 2016.

Patricia Schreck '88 CWSL, March 21, 2016.

Felice Spatola McElwaine '88 CWSL, Dec. 11, 2016.

Bryan E. Fischer '89 MBA, Aug. 12, 2016.

Elizabeth Kase Morelli '89 CLAS, Aug. 6, 2016.

William H. Scott '89 VSB, Aug. 25, 2015.

Anthony B. Viola '89 VSB, Dec. 22, 2016.

1990s

John J. Dougherty Jr. '90 CLAS, May 6, 2016.

LEGAL STANDOUT PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL



Elizabeth "Beth" Hernandez '04 CWSL joined the US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps upon graduation. The move opened the door to a varied legal career and distinguished service. After three years of

service in the Army, Hernandez completed an interservice transfer to the US Air Force JAG Corps, where she continues to serve. In January, she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. During her career, she has worked as a civil law attorney, prosecutor, defense counsel and legislative fellow, during which she served for one year on the personal staff of a member of Congress. Hernandez is currently assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force's Legislative Liaison office, where she serves as a liaison between the Air Force and Congress. This summer, she will become the staff judge advocate at Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, overseeing base legal operations and providing counsel to commanders. "When I entered law school, I had no idea what type of law I wanted to practice," Hernandez says. "It was through the classes at Villanova Law, particularly Professor Steve Chanenson's Sentencing Workshop, that I learned I loved criminal law."

John F. Oresic '91 MS, June 12, 2014.

Stephen John Anderer '92 CWSL, August 28, 2016.

Jeffrey M. Finken '94 VSB, Nov. 10, 2016.

Holly M. Stratts '96 CLAS, Aug. 24, 2016.

Lorne Zwaresh '96 CLAS, Sept. 6, 2016.

2000s

Amy E. Pizzi '01 CLAS, Oct. 23, 2016.

John T. Cunningham '02 CLAS, Aug. 16, 2016.

Judith A. Vicchio '07 MPA, July 23, 2016.

2010s

Nicholas Campellone '11 CWSL, Jan. 1.

Ryan V. Holihan '12 COE, July 2016.

Ashley Stang Esposito '13 MA, Oct. 4, 2016.

Students

John J. Flanagan CLAS, Oct. 30, 2016.

Faculty & Staff

Gerald Abraham, Feb. 9.

WISTAR “STAR” LANGHORNE HARDISON

Retired US Navy Capt. Star Hardison '90 CLAS is a proud Villanova Naval ROTC alumna and 26-year Navy veteran whose passion for service began at Villanova and has taken her around the world.

What inspired you to join the Navy?

I was born into a military family, although by that time my father had already retired from the US Army as a Purple Heart recipient for injuries sustained in the Vietnam War. While I didn't move around from duty station to duty station, I was exposed to the military. We lived near the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and visited often. With that exposure, I was all in!

What was your experience as an ROTC midshipman?

In a word: challenging. I transferred to Villanova as a sophomore but was not offered a Naval ROTC scholarship initially. I had to make up for missed coursework, so I carried 18 to 21 credits every semester. The program was physically rigorous as well. I was a high school sprinter who had to work hard at becoming a strong endurance runner in NROTC. It wasn't easy, and I wanted to give up a few times, but with encouragement from the unit leadership and my fellow midshipmen, I made it through—and was offered a scholarship my junior year.

What stands out as a military career highlight?

Hands down—my first duty station with US Naval Support, Antarctica. I was deployed three times to McMurdo Station in Antarctica, where I served as public affairs officer. At 22 years old, I led 15 people and managed more than \$1 million of communications equipment, a radio and television station, and a weekly base newspaper. I also hosted many distinguished visitors interested in the Navy's logistical support of the National Science Foundation's research and exploration, including work on the Mars Rover prototype, studies about penguins, ozone and atmosphere, and dinosaur fossil discoveries.

How does your Villanova education influence your endeavors?

I grew up as an Episcopalian, and I wasn't sure how I would fit into an Augustinian tradition, but I quickly learned that Villanova is about community and service. I love being able to serve others, and Villanova strengthened that desire. In the Navy, I ran a tutoring program for youth, led an Adopt-a-Highway effort and was involved in other projects. In Djibouti, I was able to get “outside the wire” to participate in a discussion group for young people who wanted to improve their English skills. Those opportunities to serve and the exposure to new people and cultures were priceless.

Any advice for those interested in the armed forces?

I would tell them to do it! The Navy—as with all branches of the military—has an important mission to protect the world while working to develop and support service members and their families. I will always be proud of and grateful for the opportunity to serve my Navy and my country. ■



SNAPSHOT

Retired US Navy Capt. Star Hardison lives in the Washington, D.C., area with her husband, Damion, who was extremely supportive of her naval career. The couple has five children: Charity, Robin, Scott, Robert and Noah.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

First African-American commissioned through the Naval ROTC at Villanova and the third African-American naval officer to deploy to Antarctica; served as a naval human resources officer after 9/11, helping to deploy sailors to Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti and other locations; is building a business as a nutrition and wellness coach and working as a senior manpower consultant for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Fort Belvoir, Va.

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