

# PC Magazine and The Princeton Review name Villanova University the No. 1 “Most Wired” college in the country

On Dec. 26, Villanova University was named the No. 1 most connected, plugged-in and top high-tech campus in the country by *PC Magazine*, a leading technology publication, and The Princeton Review, the premier test prep and educational services company.

The Princeton Review surveyed college administrators from the schools featured in the 2007 edition of the Princeton Review’s college guide, Best 361 Colleges. The criteria focused on three main areas of technology: academics, student resources and infrastructure; and included questions on everything from faculty computer training to streaming media from the college’s radio or television station to the types of tech support

available to students. The “Top 20 Wired Colleges” honors colleges, in terms of size, scope and quality, with the most comprehensive computing and technology offerings.

Villanova University effectively uses technology across all areas of campus. All incoming freshmen receive Dell laptops, preloaded with standard software and applications specific to their course of study. Nursing doctoral students receive PDAs and engineering faculty have experimented with tablet PCs. The Computer Refresh Program ensures replacement state of the art computers for students in their junior year and for faculty and staff every three to four years. The laptops, and 60 percent of campus, are

wireless. Students register for classes, access the library, download lectures, take exams, submit papers and receive grades online. An online basketball ticket lottery ensures equal opportunity for all students to receive tickets.

Faculty enhance teaching and learning with their use of technology in the classroom. Faculty submit grades, provide course work, create websites, podcasts and video, and have access to conferencing technology. Faculty and staff view vacation and sick days, salary, parking, career history and have access to an online appointment scheduler.

The University has worked hard to establish a vision to provide the community with technology and we are very honored and excited to be named No. 1 in the entire country.

## Media technologies joins UNIT

We are delighted to announce that Falvey Library’s Media Technologies & Creative Design (MT/CD) department, formerly IMS, will divide and move into two different University areas. The Media Technologies group is now part of the Instructional Technology group within the UNIT organization. The Creative Design group is part of the new University Communication division.

We will try to make the transition as smooth and seamless as possible for the many faculty, staff and students that Media Technologies serves throughout the Villanova

campus. A few operations, such as Classroom Engineering & Maintenance will move to the Technical Services Building and Tolentine during the spring. Other services, such as equipment loans, satellite teleconferencing, viewing room access, equipment repair, etc. will remain within the Falvey building to maintain central access. Starting with spring semester 2007, viewing rooms and media equipment reservations will be processed by the Media Technologies reservation desk ([//library.villanova.edu/forms/imsform.htm](http://library.villanova.edu/forms/imsform.htm) or call 94467). Please note

that all advance reservations, retrievals and check-out needs for media collection items such as VHS, DVD, etc., will be handled directly by Falvey Library’s Circulation desk ([library.villanova.edu/forms/mixedmedia.html](http://library.villanova.edu/forms/mixedmedia.html) or 94271).

We are all very excited about the positive synergies that will inevitably result from combining the existing UNIT expertise and capabilities with the talent and resources of Media Technologies. As a direct result of the merger, we are already planning to expand the technological capabilities of several

campus classrooms, including the Media Technologies classroom in Falvey Library, into teleconferencing and distance learning centers. The rooms will be utilized as they always have, as standard multi-media classrooms; however, they will also be able to fulfill the growing academic demands for two-way video conferencing and webcasting.

If all goes as planned, the transition period should have little or no impact on our clients, but we do appreciate your patience during relocations and upgrades this spring.



## UNIT Workshops February 19-28



To see the entire UNIT Workshops calendar, read course descriptions and register online, [unit.villanova.edu/workshops/](http://unit.villanova.edu/workshops/)  
You can also register by phone at 94409.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 <b>Presidents’ Day WebCT/Vista Introduction</b> 1:30-2:30 - T4	20 <b>PowerPoint: Creating Powerful Presentations</b> 2:30-4 – Chapel	21 <b>Discoverer: Using Plus</b> 10-12 – Chapel *** <b>Word: Formatting Like a Professional</b> 2:30-4 – Chapel	22 <b>Intro. to VU’s E-mail System</b> 3:30-4:45 – Chapel	23 <b>Adobe Acrobat: Creating Fillable PDF Forms</b> 10-11:45 – Chapel
26 <b>Excel: Intro &amp; Formulas</b> 2-4 – Chapel	27 <b>WebCT/Vista: Advanced</b> 11:30-12:30 – T4	28 <b>Word: Using Mail Merge</b> 2-3:30 – Chapel		

**Workshop Locations:** T4 =Tolentine B4; Chapel = Technology Services Building Chapel Room