

Alpha Sigma Lambda and Medallion Awards Dinner

On May 1, 2009 a dinner and awards ceremony were held on campus at the Connelly Center to recognize and induct Part-Time Studies students into Alpha Sigma Lambda, the premier national honor society for adult students in higher education. Alpha Sigma Lambda is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and recognizes high scholastic achievement in an adult student's career. Also presented that evening were the Medallion Awards to those Part-Time Studies students who have achieved the highest cumulative grade point average in their respective academic disciplines.

As well as the awards and induction ceremony, this annual gala spring event includes a celebratory reception hour, followed by dinner complete with a guest speaker who has a connection to the adult learner. The attendance and participation of past inductees, families, friends and many Villanova faculty and staff all contribute to make the evening a uniquely joyous occasion.

The new inductees in Alpha Sigma Lambda this year were Maureen Best, Vanessa Cohen, Eric Holmquist, Felicia Rivers, Miwako Shimizu, Jeffrey Small and James Tate.

In addition, the following students received the Medallion Award for Academic Excellence: Maureen V. Best, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy; Gregory A. Hixenbaugh, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration; Eric C. Holmquist, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership Studies; and Timothy A. Johnson, Bachelor of Arts, History.

P. Greg Bonner, Ph.D., chairperson of Marketing and Business Law at Villanova University's School of Business, was inducted as an honorary member and gave the keynote address.

Part-Time Studies extends congratulations to all the inductees and award recipients and looks forward to continuing this proud tradition which so beautifully reflects the outstanding contributions our students have made over the years to the University community.

To find out more about Alpha Sigma Lambda and information about ASL scholarship opportunities, please go to the organization's website at www.alphasigmalambda.org.



From left to right: Timothy A. Johnson, Vanessa Cohen, James Tate, Gregory A. Hixenbaugh, Felicia Rivers, Maureen V. Best, Jeffrey Small, P. Greg Bonner, Ph.D., Miwako Shimizu and Eric C. Holmquist.



Robert D. Stokes, Ed.D., Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs presents Maureen V. Best with the Medallion Award for Academic Excellence.

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Jim Johnson
Director, Part-Time Studies

From the Director

The fall 2009 semester is underway and I welcome our new and returning Part-Time Studies students to another school year and wish you success as you pursue your degree program at Villanova. Villanova was again ranked the #1 University, Master's level in the northern region by *U.S. News & World Report*, UNIT has introduced the "my NOVA"

portal to facilitate access to online programs, and the new Villanova School of Law building has opened.

While saddened by the departure of professor Sue Metzger who left Part-Time Studies to become a full-time faculty member in VSB, we warmly welcome Nancy Bercich, the new director of the Information Systems and Media & Technology degree programs, to our staff. Although new to Part-Time Studies, Nancy has been an adjunct faculty member in the department of Computing Sciences and will be a strong addition to our staff. Nancy will be working primarily with our students in the B.I.S., I.S. and Media & Technology degree programs.

In addition to the academic courses our students take as part of their degree, there are many facets of Villanova as a community of which you should be aware. Many of these are listed on the PTS website including career services, the counseling center, the writing center and mathematics learning resource center (for tutoring support) and learning support services (for students requiring accommodation for learning disabilities). Also, throughout the semester there are numerous lectures by visiting scholars, a cultural film series in the cinema, a variety of social, entertaining and cultural activities celebrating the diversity of our community and, of course, sporting events. These are regularly advertised in the *Villanovan* newspaper or on the University website. Our part-time students are encouraged to utilize all of the University facilities available to them.

Spring 2010 registration PINs are now available and spring registration started on October 27. Please contact your academic advisor or our front office staff for assistance with spring registration. For those planning to graduate in spring, please complete and submit a "prospective graduate" form prior to January 2010. Completion of this form helps us to review your degree requirements prior to your last semester. The form is available on the Part-Time website or in Vasey Hall 107.

Best wishes for a successful year!



Nancy Hartline Bercich
Program Director, Information Systems and Media & Technology, Part-Time Studies

Welcome to our New Program Director

Nancy Hartline Bercich is the new Part-Time Studies program director for the Information Systems and Media & Technology majors, beginning her new position in the middle of September. Bercich replaces Sue Metzger who has taken a full-time position teaching in the Villanova School of Business.

Bercich joins Part-Time Studies after five years as an adjunct instructor in the Computing Sciences department. Her experience includes over 15 years of information technology industry experience.

"We welcome Nancy Bercich as the new program director for Information Systems and Media & Technology," said Robert D. Stokes, Ed.D., assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. "Nancy is not new to Villanova in that she has taught in the Computing Sciences department for a number of years and brings a strong technical background to her new position. We appreciate all of the contributions that Sue Metzger made to both of these programs as well as her work improving the websites and technology aspects of Part-Time Studies. We are fortunate that Sue will remain at Villanova to teach in the Villanova School of Business, and that we have Nancy on board now to continue to advance these programs. Please join the faculty and me in welcoming Nancy to Part-Time Studies."

Bercich is a graduate of Kutztown University, class of 1983, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science. She earned her Master of Science in Computing Sciences from Villanova University. She is a member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

Important Dates for Winter 2009 – 2010

November 24 – 29.....	Thanksgiving recess
Thursday, January 7	In-Person registration
Monday, January 11	Classes begin
Tuesday, January 12	FastForward classes begin
March 1 – 7	Semester recess



Sue McFarland Metzger
Instructor, Department of
Accountancy & Information
Systems, Villanova School
of Business

B.I.S. Update

Dear Part-Time Studies Students,
Since 2003 I have worked in the Office of Part-Time Studies supporting the needs of adult students seeking to obtain a degree in Information Systems or Media & Technology. This position has allowed me to work with so many wonderful students, witness success stories at graduation, stay current in the information technology field and teach a variety of courses. I have

enjoyed these years thanks to the dedication and quality of our part-time students and the staff in the Office of Part-Time Studies.

Teaching has always been a personal passion from the days of playing school as a child to time spent teaching high school in Kenya and on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Beginning this fall, I am teaching full time for the Villanova School of Business. While I will miss my advising responsibilities and

relationships established over the years, I am excited to have this opportunity to follow my passion. I believe that with this focus I can find new ways to engage students and strengthen their competence and readiness for the future.

I now teach for the department of Accountancy & Information Systems. This semester I am teaching VSB2006 – Strategic Information Systems, a new required core course as a result of the changes in the business curriculum. The selected materials are technical in nature but emphasize the strategic responsibility of technology in today's organizations. In the spring, I will be teaching VSB2006 for the Leadership program. VSB2006 will be offered FastForward 3 as a replacement for LDR2030 – Leadership & Technology. So just when you think I have moved away, I may be closer than you think! I plan to continue my support of Villanova's part-time programs, just from a new office in Bartley Hall. Please stop by and visit and hopefully I will see you in the classroom (or via distance).



Jay Fleming
Leadership Studies

From Your University Senate Representative

Greetings fellow Part-Time Studies students. My name is Jay Fleming, I'm a senior majoring in Leadership Studies and I am your student representative for the Villanova University Senate. My term began this fall semester and fills the vacancy created by Rich Cullen's graduation in May 2009. We thank Rich, who served in this position

since 2004, for giving freely of his time and ideas to help improve the community at Villanova!

I thought this would be a good opportunity to reacquaint you with the role of the Villanova University Senate. According to its Constitution the Senate was created for better governance of the University and to effect greater participation in the decision-making processes of the University for faculty members, students, administrators, staff and alumni. The powers and responsibilities of the Senate include authority to legislate in major academic matters significantly affecting more than one college, legislate in all major areas of faculty concern, legislate in all major areas of student life, review and approve budgets, legislate in all major areas of policy regarding mission, social justice and athletics.

The University Senate is made up of 13 faculty members, 13 administrators, 13 students, two staff, two alumni and the President of the Alumni Association.

The first meeting of the fall semester was held on Friday, September 11, 2009. Senator Thomas Way provided a moving invocation remembering those who had lost their lives in the terrorist attacks eight years earlier. The session included a report on the financial state of the University by Mr. Ken Valosky, vice president for Administration and Finance, who said that while these have been challenging financial times for individuals and organizations, Villanova has successfully weathered this storm with a number of prudent actions. These steps have allowed the University to experience the lowest tuition increase in 35 years and a 9% increase in University funded undergraduate aid. Recommendations related to campus parking from the ad hoc parking committee were reviewed and voted upon. All details of the meeting are available on www.villanova.edu/organizations/unisenate.

I invite your comments and suggestions on ways to help enhance the community of Villanova University; you can send them via email to walter.fleming@villanova.edu. I believe a quote from Peter McWilliams summarizes it well, "If you're not actively involved in getting what you want, you don't really want it." Best regards, Jay.

Congratulations to Our May 2009 Graduates

Matthew Frederick Anderson
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Christine Victoria Baker
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

David Leslie Bannister
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

James David Coates
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Marketing Major

Richard Francis Cullen
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Yvette Maria Dunbar
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Brett Dunston
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Alonzo L. Garwood
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Kimberly A. Grevera
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Marie Martin Halamar
Bachelor of Arts, English

Gregory Anthony Hixenbaugh
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Eric Cameron Holmquist
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Allan Hurlock, Jr.
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Timothy Anthony Johnson
Bachelor of Arts, History

Mark A. Ligambi
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Marketing Major

Judy Stockton Mannix
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Andrew Thomas Miles
Bachelor of Arts, English

Cristina M. Nelson
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Finance Major

Kelly Ann Paul
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Jonathan Michael Pizzi
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Anthony Rossi
Bachelor of Science Comprehensive, Business Minor

Adrienne Malia Silver
Bachelor of Arts, Communication

Johanna Marie Sisto
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Mimi Cooper Snyder
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Robert Paul Taylor
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

James Edward Thomas
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Stephen Alan Walter
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Daniel Patrick Yingling
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration



Left to right: Sue McFarland Metzger, former program director of Information Systems and Media & Technology degree programs, with Eric C. Holmquist, B.I.S. in Leadership Studies, and Robert D. Stokes, Ed.D., Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.



Left to right: James R. Johnson, Director of Part-Time Studies, and Gregory A. Hixenbaugh, B.S. Business Administration.

Paralegal Program Graduates 64

The Office of Continuing Studies held its annual Paralegal Studies Program reception, dinner and graduation on September 24th at the Villanova Conference Center. The post-baccalaureate paralegal program, accredited by the American Bar Association, is considered the premiere paralegal program in the greater Philadelphia region.

After months of intense course work, many of the paralegal graduates, with their guests, attended the ceremony to receive their certificates. Twenty-four graduates completed their studies over the course of a year, taking evening classes; 41 graduates opted for the accelerated four-month program.

Representatives from area law firms were available to meet many of the graduates and their guests and discussed the paralegal profession and opportunities available.

Samuel A. DiLullo, J.D., coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program, congratulated the guests including graduates, family, friends, faculty and advisory board, for their active role in the paralegal program. "We know that behind or beside every person is a special person who helped the graduates," he said.

After dinner, James Kane, director of Continuing Studies, called up each of the graduates to receive their certificate from professor DiLullo. In addition, students who achieved an A in all courses received Academic Excellence Awards. This year's recipients included Donald Bunnell, Jamie Schairer, Cynthia Spangrud, Patricia Kirkland, Rita Hallam, Margaret Shockley, Robyn Sinclair and Sharon Weber.

Meryl Friedman and Jonathan Schiffman, legal writing instructors, presented the West Legal Studies award for outstanding scholastic achievement in legal writing to Donald Bunnell, Jamie Schairer, Simone Saxon, Cynthia Spangrud, Kevin Decker, Muska Nassery, Patricia Kirkland and Charles Howells.

In closing, Kane noted that all gathered were an important part of the Villanova community. "You're always going to be members of our community family, and welcomed back always," said Kane. "You are entering into the field of law where people are looking for justice. You have been prepared to work for justice and we want you to remember that Villanova's values of truth, respect and community will support you along the way."

Villanova University's premiere paralegal program offers both day and evening classes. Paralegal studies continue to be an area that is growing and popular with people looking for a meaningful career change. For information about the Paralegal Studies Program, visit www.continuingstudies.villanova.edu.



Spring Day 2009 Paralegal Program Class Members

Back Row: Brian Donovan, Kaitlin Hein, Don Bunnell and Tom Durkin
Front Row: Stephen Schwoebel, Shannyn King, Stephanie Woodruff, Jamie Schairer, Dominick Bartone and Christopher Gregg

Are You Linking In or Out?

If you've been searching for more success and security, you need to look no further than your college relationships, which can be viewed as both a career library and bank account.

Investing time to grow these connections can start with linking to classmates, staff or speakers through social media. The value increases when you commit to an action plan to share information and quality time with your contacts, then continue with follow-up. A positive personal brand is the natural result of how you connect and make a difference.

The Villanova community provides a wealth of opportunities to engage outside of the classroom. Many events can be found on the web-based Campus Calendar.

Professional groups meeting on campus often welcome students and create opportunities to make or enhance new connections. Upcoming meetings include the Consultants Group of The American Society for Training & Development on December 4. The group meets monthly.

Even when your schedule is tight, "Never Eat Alone" says one of the world's most connected professionals, author Keith Ferrazzi.

For networking ideas, contact Brenda Grove, Director of College Outreach & On-site Programs at brenda.grove@villanova.edu or www.linkedin.com/in/brendagrove.



Jeff Small

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration,
Finance Major

Student Spotlight

Jeff Small is a senior in the Part-Time Studies program working towards a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, majoring in finance. After a long absence, he returned to the classroom a few years ago in order to complete his finance degree after studying engineering at Penn State.

"I always knew that I wanted to finish what I had started at Penn State long ago, but like many people I didn't think that fitting college into an already busy schedule was a realistic option," said Small. Becoming a father to son Ryan, 8, and daughter Erin, 6, only made the choice easier for him. "As a parent, I've always stressed to my kids the importance of education and the enjoyment provided by learning something new. It is that reignited passion for learning during my time here at Villanova that has driven me to success as a returning adult student."

Small was encouraged by his wife and friends to return to school, and after a walk-in registration session he knew he had come to the right place at Villanova. A few days later he was sitting in his first classroom in twenty years, more than a little nervous, but he had a feeling that things were going to be fine. "Right from my first contact with the school until the present, there has always been a feeling that I belong here. The staff and faculty here at Villanova have an obvious passion for their work and it is reflected in the success of their students. I am living proof of that." This past spring Small was inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda and has made the Dean's List every semester.

He has been employed by Sunoco as a quality analyst for the past 18 years, and hopes that his degree will enhance his opportunities in the future. Small and his wife, Suzie, reside in Malvern with their two children and keep busy working full-time, volunteering at school and coaching various sports teams.



Justin Keefer

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Alumni Profile

At Justin Keefer's graduation in May of 2008 his family joked, "How long did it take you to graduate—eight years? Oh, I know a lot of people who take eight years, they call themselves doctors." We all have different stories of how we got our degree; such is the life of a part-time student. Keefer has come to believe that people who survive a part-time program are capable of doing whatever their heart desires. When the times get tough, they are able to put their heads down and power through anything. In the end, success comes down to dedication and support from family and friends. Keefer had both of these throughout his time at Villanova.

Keefer's college career started at Drexel University in 1999. After one year, he left due to financial reasons and continued his studies at Harrisburg Area Community College and Millersville University. Meanwhile, he found a job at ING working in the information technology department. He soon found himself at Villanova and instantly fell in love with the quality of education and the support of the Part-Time Studies department. He received his bachelor of science in Business Administration in December of 2007. During his time at Villanova, he was a member of the honor society, Alpha Sigma Lambda, and was the recipient of the Part-Time Studies Medallion for Business Administration. Keefer is currently working at ING as an IT project manager and pursuing his M.B.A. at Villanova.



Constance O'Connor
Adjunct Faculty, Theatre–Studio Art Department

Focus on Faculty

“I came to Villanova via a shopping cart 20 years ago” says Constance O’Connor, a member of the Theatre–Studio Art department faculty. Brother Richard Cannuli, now Father Richard, and O’Connor were in the same Acme that day, and he would not let O’Connor out of the store until she promised to teach an art course for him. Father Richard, chair of the department, had been calling O’Connor each semester to recruit her. “I guess it was the thought of spending my life inside that store that made me change my mind!” said O’Connor.

O’Connor first met Brother Richard and Brother Jack Stagliano while on the art faculty at Rosemont College. In the early 1970s, Rosemont College and Villanova University opened their joint summer program in Siena, Italy. O’Connor taught the watercolor course that both Brothers took that summer, and thus began a life-long friendship.

She left academia in 1979 to pursue a career in insurance. Although she was working full time as an insurance broker, O’Connor agreed to become part of Villanova’s part-time faculty—a decision she still cherishes. She has taught calligraphy on both Monday and Tuesday nights for the last 20 years. O’Connor has also taught some basic drawing and watercolor courses over the same period. She loves teaching and enjoys her students more each year. O’Connor tells people; “If the future of our world depends on our college students, we are in great shape!”

She gets quite enthusiastic over her students’ accomplishments both in the studio and outside the classroom. She is an avid fan of the ‘Cats and follows all her students’ sports activities with great interest and encouragement.

O’Connor, a Rosemont College graduate herself, earned her master’s degree from Notre Dame University and has done advanced graduate studies in art history at Bryn Mawr College and in studio art at Tyler School of Art.

While on the faculty at Rosemont College, O’Connor founded a summer program, RESPONSE-ABILITY. In this program, college students joined Sisters of the Holy Child to teach the less fortunate in Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi and South Dakota. The program continues today as a full-year teaching program in inner city schools.

O’Connor was a vice-president for Johnson & Higgins, an international insurance brokerage firm. She earned her CPCU degree shortly after joining the firm in 1979, and taught many insurance professionals at night who were pursuing their CPCU degrees. She continues ad hoc to work as an insurance consultant and also for a company preparing students for taking their CPCU exams.

When O’Connor and her husband, Peter Izzo, were married, she continued with her first love—teaching. She has served on the board of directors for Mercy Community Hospital, and even taught art history at the Overbrook School for the Blind. “That was a teaching challenge if there ever was one, and the students loved it. I used every one of their senses to get them to understand the concepts of art.”

O’Connor and Izzo live in Strafford, Pennsylvania with their dog, Connor. They love to travel and spend as much time as possible in their Ocean City home and with their six grandchildren.

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Attention Part-Time Studies alumni! As an alumnus of Villanova University, you are encouraged to take advantage of many opportunities that are supported by the Alumni Association, including:

- **Nova Network:** the online alumni network; searchable database, online class notes, career connections and more at www.villanova.edu/advance/alumni/vuonline.htm
- **Local Events:** the Greater Philadelphia Chapter has been reinvigorated in the last year and plans frequent and diverse activities. All events are listed on the events calendar. Click on "Alumni Events" at www.alumni.villanova.edu
- **Benefits and Services:** there are great perks (discounts, special access, etc) to being a Villanova graduate. Visit www.villanova.edu/advance/alumni/benefits

Visit the Villanova Alumni Association on Facebook!
www.villanova.edu/advance/alumni/getstayconn/facebook.htm

Campus Events: Villanova Theatre

Enjoy Villanova's award-winning theatre programs!
For ticket information visit www.theatre.villanova.edu



"Medea"
February 2 – 14, 2010
By Euripides
Directed by Shawn Kairschner

"Medea" is a scorching tale of passion, love, and vengeance. When her husband is granted permission to marry another woman, Medea is banished from her home and sent away from her young children. Unhinged by grief, she lays plans for swift and terrible retribution, leaving catastrophe in her wake.

A towering figure in Greek tragedy, Medea remains an enthralling character centuries after her creation.