

New Leadership Program Officially Launched

On August 31st Villanova University Part-Time Studies Division launched its first off-site undergraduate degree program at Montgomery County Community College's West Campus in Pottstown. Students enrolled at the new location will be able to complete a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Leadership Studies through a combination of in-class and on-line courses.

The new students starting the program were excited that Villanova now had this unique program available to residents of Western Montgomery County. "It's great to see the Leadership Studies program expand to the Pottstown location to better serve the western suburbs. It's exciting to teach one of the first classes being offered in this location. We have a talented group of students completing their Villanova degree who may not have been able to make the drive to main campus due to work and family responsibilities," states Terry Welford, adjunct instructor for the Leadership Studies program.

Robert Stokes, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, shared, "The response to the Leadership Studies program has been very positive by student comments as well as enrollments. Walk into any bookstore and you will find books by political, business and even religious leaders sharing views and findings about the role of the leader. In these economic times, leaders need to be ethical, strategic, compassionate and well versed in topics that our program covers. When we developed this program, we wanted to offer classes that challenge, inspire and educate students on leadership theories, issues and practices that they also can use to develop their own leadership style."

The Leadership Program at the Pottstown campus is designed for students with an Associates Degree who wish to complete an undergraduate degree program on a part-time basis. Students enrolled in the program are juggling full-time work, family responsibilities, and volunteer commitments. The schedule enables students to complete the remaining 60 credits (20 courses) in their degree program in approximately two and a half years.

All Pottstown Leadership Studies classes meet in North Hall, a completely refurbished building at 16 High Street which features state-of-the-art technology and classroom facilities. For more information, visit www.parttime.villanova.edu or call 610.519.4300.



Students in the Leadership Studies program at Pottstown. From left to right: Keeta Bostick, Marlene Musso, Penny Mest, Mario Salas, Erica Erb, Ed Feliciano and Terry Welford (Instructor).

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The Office of Continuing Studies held its annual Paralegal Studies Program reception, dinner and graduation on September 23, 2010 at the Villanova Conference Center. The graduate-level 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-five graduates completed their studies over the course of a year, taking evening classes, and 31 graduates opted for the accelerated four-month program, which Villanova offers three times a year.

Guests were invited for cocktails, light hors d'oeuvres and group pictures on the Montrose Mansion patio before the ceremony. Representatives from area law firms were available to meet the graduates and their guests and discussed the paralegal profession and opportunities available.

Samuel A. DiLullo, coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program, provided the welcome address. He congratulated the guests — graduates, family, friends, faculty, staff and advisory board — for their

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Jim Johnson
Director, Part-Time Studies

From the Director

With each fall semester there is a rebirth of activity and enthusiasm on campus as we look forward to another academic year. To our new students, I welcome you to Villanova. And, to our returning students, a sincere welcome back as you continue your academic journey toward your bachelor's degree or certificate.

Again this fall *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges Ranking lists Villanova:

- **#1 Regional University in the North overall category for the 18th consecutive year**
- **#1 Regional University in the North category "Great Schools, Great Prices"**
- **#9 Nationwide, College of Engineering**

Bloomberg Business Week Ranking:

- **#1 Nationwide for Value**

We have started offering the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership Studies major at the Montgomery County Community College campus in Pottstown this fall. Our plan is to schedule two FastForward courses and one Distance Learning class each semester at Pottstown. Our goal is to attract students completing an associate's degree at MCCC or students who have over 48 credits from another college and live or work in the Pottstown area. We are off to a good start with LDR 2000 and LDR 2010 being scheduled this fall.

In the Office of Part-Time Studies our experienced and knowledgeable front office staff, our academic advisors and I are here to support you in the achievement of your academic goals. Please feel free to contact us to assist you along the way. One of our main tasks is to work with you in planning course registrations for future semesters to ensure you are taking appropriate courses for your program. Registration pins for the spring 2011 semester are available and may be obtained from your advisor. Spring semester registration starts on October 25th. If you plan to graduate this spring, please complete a "prospective graduate" form prior to January 2011. This form is on our web site or in our office and causes us to review your graduation status prior to your last semester and notify you of outstanding degree requirements.

Enjoy your semester at Villanova and if you have time take advantage of the many activities on campus throughout the term such as the Villanova Theatre, cultural film series, lectures by visiting scholars and sporting events to name a few.

Best wishes for continued success in your academic program.

From Your University Senate Representative



Susan Leighton
Media and Technology

"Hello" from your new Villanova University Senate Representative! My name is Susan Leighton and I am currently a sophomore in the Media and Technology major. I am honored and pleased to represent my fellow PTS students in the Senate. Thanks and congratulations to Jay Fleming who served before me and graduated this past May.

The first meeting of the 2010 – 2011 year took place on September 24 with a social gathering prior to the meeting to introduce the new Senators. The Senate was addressed by several guest speakers including the offices of Residence Life, Student Life, Faculty Congress, Student Government and the University Staff Council. The presentations informed the Senate of the items each group will be working on during the year. Of particular interest are the Student Government's goals and objectives for 2010 – 2011. They include creating a sense of community among all student groups on campus, facilitating a better relationship between students and the external community, and developing positive relationships with the various offices on campus.

Future Senate meetings will feature speakers with information about the Campus Master Plan, the Middle States Self Study and the possibility of the football team joining the Big East Conference. The December meeting will include the President's Annual Address. For more detailed information all approved minutes can be found on the Senate web page at www.unisenate.villanova.edu Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions to susan.leighton@villanova.edu

I look forward to providing you with information from the University Senate meetings. Have a great semester!
Respectfully, Susan Leighton

Important Dates for Fall 2010 – Winter 2011

November 23 – 28	Thanksgiving Recess
Thursday, January 6	In-Person Registration
Monday, January 10	Classes Begin
Tuesday, January 11	FastForward Classes Begin
February 28 – March 6.....	Semester Recess



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

B.I.S. Update: Are You Connected?

Humans are social creatures. We need to stay connected with our friends, family, colleagues and even old acquaintances. Staying connected is becoming both easier and more difficult. Are these words Greek to you: Twitter®, Facebook®, LinkedIn®, You Tube®, Four Square®? If they are, maybe you need to rethink how you stay connected.

I use social media a lot. I use it at home and here at Villanova. It has helped me network, research and reconnect.

Social media offers everyone opportunities for personal development and expanded professional networking. We all

have different training, skills and accomplishments; through blogs, tweets and emails, we can share our experience and learn from the experiences of others, even relative strangers. Social media expands your knowledge base and keeps your skill set relevant. You may not personally know a nuclear physicist but there is definitely one writing a blog and answering emails. Social media is an excellent platform for networking. Are you looking for a job? Are you looking for an employee? You may be only one click away from a connection. Are you still in touch with that coworker who moved out of state? Use LinkedIn® to stay in touch. The internet has a way of shrinking distance.

Social media affords us a powerful new way to build community. We are building a community here at Villanova. Join us on Facebook®. Link in. You will not regret it.

University Opens New Career Center

Villanova has opened a new Career Center in Garey Hall, former home of the Villanova Law School at the corner of Spring Mill Road (Route 320) and County Line Road. Part-Time Studies current students and alumni are encouraged to take advantage of this valuable resource now and throughout their careers.

The newly expanded Career Center offers on-campus recruiting, practice interviewing, networking advice, professional career counseling, job and internship searches, resume reviews, credential service and graduate school information.

The Career Center also offers regular events that you can learn more about at www.careers.villanova.edu.



24/7 Access to Hundreds of Full-time Jobs, Internships and the On-Campus Recruiting Program

Undergraduate Students:

Access your GoNOVA account by going to careers.villanova.edu

Alumni/Graduate Students:

Fill out a registration form to activate your GoNOVA account:

http://www.villanova.edu/vpaa/careers/findjob/joblistings/experience_form.htm

1. Log into your GoNOVA account.
2. Complete your profile and upload your resume in the documents section.
3. Access:
 - Jobs and internships: Search and apply to current opportunities
 - On-campus recruiting program: View 300+ positions with employers recruiting on campus, submit resumes, schedule campus interviews
 - Publish your resume to the appropriate resume book to be included in database searches by employers and the Career Center

Congratulations to Our May and September 2010 Graduates

May 2010

Vincent P. Checchia
Associate of Arts, Posthumously

Kevin J. Bertocin
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Michael Anthony Boyce
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Stephen William Brooks
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Andrew Mark Brown
Bachelor of Arts, History

Alison M. Carlin
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Mary Anne D. Curran
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Walter J. Fleming
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Christopher S. Grebe
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Cynthia Ann Halas
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Nancy Anne Cloud Hushen
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Paul Eugene Keating
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Thomas P. Macre
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy

David Maldonado
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Kelly Ann McGarvey
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts

James Patrick Newby
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership



Commencement 2010: Left to right, Robert D. Stokes, Ed.D., assistant vice president of Academic Affairs for Part-Time and Continuing Studies, Javier Piquero '10, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership, and James Johnson, director of Part-Time Studies.

Anna Undine Peeples
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Hilary Carter Peeples
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

William Gerard Pierce
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Javier Piquero
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Joseph Porrini
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Thomas J. Schilk
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Miwako Shimizu
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Anne Marie Singh
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

J. Christian G. Skonier
Bachelor of Arts, English

Marc Randolph Sperg
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

William E. Steurer
Bachelor of Science, Accountancy

James A. Tate
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Ricardo Torres
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Julia Keyes Turnbull
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Brian John Turner
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Krishna K. Veeravalli
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Richard E. Wack
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Ryan Guy Warming
Bachelor of Science, Accountancy

Olta Zyberaj
Bachelor of Science, Accountancy

September 2010

David Mahan Conicella
Associate of Arts

Nathaniel Joseph Anderson
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Tracy A. Brockman
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

John F. Drugan, II
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Verdmon K. Keller
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Christopher Le
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Joann Theresa Martin
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies

Tamara April Measler
Bachelor of Arts, History

Daniel Patrick Monzo
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts

Lorann B. Morse
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

Donna B. Murdoch
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Media and Technology

Andrea Hermine Glaser Schuessler
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership

William Rogan Shaw
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Michael Anthony Spence, Jr.
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Information Systems

Przemyslaw Jan Strosin
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Media and Technology

Mark David Terrey
Bachelor of Arts, General Arts Business Minor

Anthony Leo Yankowsky, III
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Management Major

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active role in the Paralegal Program. “We know that behind or beside every person is a special person who helped the graduates,” he said.

Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., vice president for Academic Affairs, offered the invocation and reflection before dinner, and was joined at dinner by Father Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., president of the University, Gary Olsen, associate vice president of Alumni Relations, and Robert Stokes, assistant vice president of Part-Time and Continuing Studies.

After dinner, Father Donohue offered congratulations and talked about how the paralegal students were an important part of the Villanova Community both as graduates and alumni, and represent Villanova’s mission in a special way. He connected the paralegal profession with the University’s core mission. “You’re working in a field where people are looking for help in some fashion,” he said. “That’s what Villanova prides itself on: Reaching out to help people.”

James Kane, director of Continuing Studies, called up each of the graduates to receive their certificate from Father Donohue and Professor DiLullo and pose for pictures. In addition, the Academic Excellence Award recipients were also recognized. This award is given to all students who achieve an A in all courses. This year’s recipients included Lori Bingham, Marie Cunnane, Angela Farrell, Marnie O’Brien, Arlene Palmieri, Vicki Rosentraub and Amanda Lenhart.

Jonathan Schiffman, Legal Writing Instructor, presented the West Legal Studies award for outstanding Scholastic Achievement in Legal Writing to Marie Cunnane, Amanda Lenhart, Robert Margolis, Arlene Palmieri and Rebecca Warfel.

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. A seminar on October 19, as part of Villanova’s Graduate Open House, was held to answer any questions potential candidates may have about this exciting field. Contact Continuing Studies at **610.519.4310** to inquire about the next stating dates – November 17 for evening classes and January 11 for the spring day program.



2010 Alpha Sigma Lambda and Medallion Awards

On April 30, 2010, 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 (ASL) 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 average in their respective academic disciplines.

In addition to the awards and induction ceremony, this annual gala event includes a celebratory reception hour, followed by a three-course dinner complete with a guest speaker who has a connection to the adult learner. The attendance and participation of past inductees, families, friends and an assortment of Villanova faculty and staff all contribute to make the evening a uniquely joyous occasion.

The new inductees in ASL were Karen Christie, Walter Fleming, Nancy Hushen, Gwenda Keller, Susan Leighton,

Iesha Lewis, Tamara Measler, Kimberly Omrod and Justine Raspanti.

The Medallion Award recipients were Mary Anne Curran, Cynthia Ann Halas, Riccardo Torres and Ryan Warming.

John P. Groch, M.A., M.S., professor of theology and religious studies, was inducted as an honorary member and gave the keynote address. Mary Bustamante, associate director of Part-Time Studies, was also inducted as an honorary member.

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 for more information about ASL scholarship opportunities, please go to the organization’s web site at www.aphasigmalambda.org



Scott Blau

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies,
Information Systems
Director, Information Technology
Asher's Chocolates

Student Spotlight

Scott Blau enrolled at Villanova because he realized that in order to achieve his next career goal of becoming a chief information officer that he would first need to obtain his undergraduate degree. Having gone to several other Universities prior to enrolling at Villanova he knew that he was capable of doing the work. Until now, the schools he had attended did not keep him interested or motivated enough to continue. Villanova is different. "Since I transferred I have found myself eager to learn, focused on my education and extremely dedicated to earning the best grades possible," said Blau. In addition he finds the courses to be challenging, relevant and valuable in his pursuit for a leadership role within his industry.

To further enhance his college experience Blau gets involved in as many extracurricular activities as possible. He enjoys going to Villanova sporting events and participating in discussion groups and attending presentations and seminars hosted by the University. Last semester Blau was given an opportunity to be a guest lecturer as an industry expert in information technology management where he was able to share his work experiences with fellow students.

In his current role at Asher's Chocolates, Blau is responsible for all new technology initiatives as well as supporting and maintaining the existing infrastructure and enterprise systems. "My focus is on using technology, innovation and leadership to help this family-owned chocolate manufacturing company gain competitive advantage, navigate through the tough economic climate and to cultivate a culture that allows us to be in business for at long time to come," he explained. Blau is looking forward to going to graduate school upon completion of his undergraduate degree from Villanova.



Cynthia Halas

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration
External Affairs Project Manager,
Healthcare Information Company

Alumni Profile

Cynthia Halas' story will sound familiar to many non-traditional students. She began her college career intending to pursue a degree in communication. Unable to complete her education due to financial reasons, she put her dream of obtaining a degree on hold. Entering the workforce, Halas was fortunate, working her way up into supervisory and management positions within the health insurance industry.

Although she experienced success in her professional life, Halas realized that the lack of a degree placed her at a disadvantage. She earned an associate's degree from Montgomery County Community College, but the knowledge that she had left something undone led her to Villanova, where she enrolled as a part-time student in January 2005 with the goal of completing a B.S. in Business Administration.

"I was very pleased with my experience at Villanova and enjoyed being part of its close-knit community," said Halas. "The education that I received has made me better-rounded personally and professionally. I cannot say enough about the knowledgeable faculty who guided me and the caring administrative staff who always took the time to patiently address my questions. I am grateful to everyone who helped me to achieve my goal; especially my family who supported me in this endeavor as well as my advisor, Mary Bustamante, James Johnson, Director of Part-Time Studies, and Professors James Reaves, John Groch and William Fitzpatrick."

Since graduating in May, Halas is seeking new opportunities in insurance or employee benefits. Once she is settled into a new position, she hopes to begin pursuit of a professional M.B.A.



Emil Ricci, Ph.D.
Adjunct Faculty, Department of History

Focus on Faculty - Emil Ricci, Ph.D.

Since joining the department of history in 1985, Emil Ricci has had the opportunity to teach many students in the Part-Time Studies division. These students are a unique group at Villanova, balancing their work, their families, and their academic studies. As an academic historian, Ricci tries to develop a special relationship with each student in the hope of inspiring a deep appreciation for the study of history.

Before coming to Villanova, Ricci earned a B.A. in history from LaSalle University, then an M.A. in history and an M.A. in educational administration from Villanova and a doctorate in higher education leadership from Widener University. Discussing this background with his students establishes an important pedagogical foundation centered on the intellectual development of the faculty member entrusted with building knowledge with students and helping them progress in their academic careers.

Today, Ricci teaches a variety of history courses, from themes in modern world history, to more specialized electives such as British history and early modern Europe. He also teaches in the doctoral program in education at Widener.

In June, Ricci was appointed by the new president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities to conduct various research projects on Catholic higher education. This assignment allows him to advance the mission and identity of Catholic academic institutions while teaching, advising and writing.

As Ricci begins 25 years at Villanova, he is constantly mindful of the unique place the Part-Time Studies Division occupies on campus. Villanova has a proud tradition of serving its part-time students, a tradition which continues through the hard work and commitment of its administrative leaders and faculty members.



Sandra Kearney
Adjunct Faculty, Villanova University
CEO, e426.org

Focus on Faculty - Sandra Kearney

Sandra Kearney is an adjunct professor for Villanova University with focus on business and computer science courses. She is also a member of the University of Washington's Advisory Board for Virtual Worlds. Professor Kearney received a B.S. in mathematics from Grand Canyon University and an M.S. in computer science from Villanova University.

Kearney is currently the CEO of e426.org a not-for-profit innovation organization focused on enabling micro business and displaced technology professionals. At e426.org Kearney is building on her prior roles as an executive at IBM and instructor pilot in the United States Air Force. She continues to be involved in multi-disciplinary research and teaching activities focused on information technologies and transformation of business organizations and the institutions of society.

At IBM Kearney lead a team focused on emerging technologies and marketplace developments. In 2007, she led the effort to formulate IBM's 3d Internet and Virtual World strategy. In this role, she initiated direction for the future of the IT industry, and collaborated in organizing appropriate activities in and outside IBM in order to capitalize on this and other emerging technologies. Kearney served in multiple U.S. operations and conflicts as a military instructor pilot, operations planner and strategy officer.

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Continuing Studies Received SHRM Awards

Villanova was recognized at the 16th SHRM Coordinators Conference, held in May in Las Vegas, as the #1 College/University program offering the SHRM Learning System – classroom and online. The SHRM Learning System prepares students to take the certification exam administered nationally twice a year through the HR Certification Institute. Villanova was also recognized with five other schools tied for #1 in offering the Global Professional in Human Resources certification in only its first year, and as a Top 5 school in offering the Essentials of HR, which prepares those who are new to HR with the basics of HR management.

Jim Kane, Director of Continuing Studies, said, “Villanova is looked at as a model by other college and universities nationwide in offering continuing studies programs. We received a number of calls and e-mails after the conference asking about how we operate at such a high level. We feel that our strong relationship with professional chapters, our diversified marketing approaches and our dedication to putting together quality programs that are career-focused place Villanova in a leadership role in adult education.

Enrollments during the fall 2010 were at levels not seen in the past two years, and the HR programs were among the

most successful, according to Kane. “Our hope is that as the economy continues its incremental upward swing, more business owners and corporations will see the value in programs that we offer, such as Human Resources, Project Management, and Internal Audit, as well as a certification course in Facilities Management, and will look to Villanova to grow their business with training and certification.”

More information about Villanova’s Continuing Studies programs are available at www.continuingstudies.villanova.edu.



Jim Kane (second from left) accepted the awards on behalf of Villanova and is joined by Kim Rudrud, Tom Schmelz and Diane Taylor from Holmes Corporation, who produces the SHRM Learning System for SHRM.