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A newsletter for students, alumni, faculty and staff of the Part-Time Studies program.

2011 Alpha Sigma Lambda and Medallion Awards

On May 6, 2011, 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 average in their respective academic disciplines.

In addition to the awards and induction ceremony, this annual spring gala event included 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 contributed to make the evening a uniquely joyous occasion.

The new inductees in ASL were: Scott Blau, Bronwyn Golaszewski, Timothy Hunt, Tyrone Lacy, Chantha Luk, Lynda Migliaccio, Kristen Nolan, Theresa O'Brien, Mark Setzer, Sonya Shiflet, Howard Swope and Angela Woods.

The Medallion Award recipients were: Vanessa Cohen, Sean Devine, Tamara Measler, Jeffrey Small and Angela Woods.

John A. Doody, Ph.D., Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Robert M. Birmingham Endowed Chair in Core Humanities and Professor of Philosophy, 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 for more information about ASL scholarship opportunities, please visit alphasigmalambda.org.



Top: Part-Time Studies students, faculty and staff at awards ceremony. Bottom: Robert Stokes Ed.D., assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, presents Medallion Award to Angela M. Woods, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Leadership Studies.

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Jim Johnson
Director, Part-Time
Studies

From the Director

A warm welcome to you who are new part-time students and our continuing students as we work together to assist you in achieving your aim of earning a Villanova degree or certificate. Our returning students will notice some physical changes to the campus as the University pursues long range improvements that are part of

the campus master plan. These changes started in summer 2011 and will continue for the next three years. The first phase from Bartley Hall up through the center of campus to the Connelly Center involves new walkways and landscaping as part of making the core campus primarily a pedestrian oriented campus.

The new Villanova website speaks of “Ignite Change. Go Nova.” To quote St. Augustine: “The degree to which you are concerned for the common good rather than for your own sake is the criterion by which you can judge how much progress you have made.” In his address to the University community, Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D., president, speaks of Villanovans as being people who want to and work to ignite change; that this is part of our Augustinian tradition that guides us as members of the Villanova community—an academic community in which students learn to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others. Please go to the University homepage to learn more about what makes Villanova distinctive.

Although our office works to track all students in their progress toward graduation, it is important for each student to inform us as they are approaching their last semesters at Villanova. On the part-time division website at parttime.villanova.edu, under forms, there is a “prospective graduate” form which students must complete and submit to us prior to their last semester at Villanova. This form tells us how you want your name placed on your diploma; but more importantly it causes us to do a graduation audit of your progress and notify you of remaining degree requirements prior to the start of your last semester in case there are any misunderstandings. If you are in your senior year and nearing graduation please complete and send this form to us. In addition to the web, there are paper copies in Vasey Hall 107.

My best wishes for success to all of our part-time, adult students as we enter this school year!

PTS Graduate List: May 2011

John A. Barthmaier

*Bachelor of Science,
Computer Science*

Ann Marie A. Botros

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Leadership*

Adam Jacob Cohen

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Media and
Technology*

Vanessa Suzanne Cohen

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Media and
Technology*

Hilary Barclay Cooke

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, General Studies*

Sean P. Devine

*Bachelor of Science,
Accountancy*

Stephen J. DiBattista

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, General Studies*

Stephen J. Filoramo

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Information Systems*

Christopher J. Johnston

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Information Systems*

Emily Dana Mosier

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, General Studies*

Kimberly L. Omrod

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Leadership*

Shannon Marie Orlando

*Bachelor of Arts, General
Arts*

Justine A. Raspanti

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, General Studies*

Jeffrey Robert Small

*Bachelor of Science, Business
Administration, Finance*

Gavin Scott Smith

*Bachelor of Arts, General
Arts*

Damon A. Taylor

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Media and
Technology*

Nora Anne Torppey

*Bachelor of Arts,
Communication*

Angela M. Woods

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Leadership*

PTS Graduate List: September 2011

Nathan A. Achey

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Information Systems*

Jerrel D. Bynum

*Bachelor of Arts, Political
Science*

Katherine M. Collins

Bachelor of Arts, Humanities

Alicia Rachael Cook

*Bachelor of Arts, General
Arts*

Alice H. Fei

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Leadership*

Megan M. Hackett

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, General Studies*

Daniel James Ognissanti

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Information Systems*

Mark Edward Setzer

*Bachelor of Interdisciplinary
Studies, Information Systems*



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

Support for Part-Time Students

As adults, we find ourselves filling many roles: Parent, employee, child and student all at once. Here at Villanova, we cannot raise your toddler or complete your corporate expense report, however, we can support your academic and professional goals. As a Villanova student, you have services available to you.

Learning Support Services:

Located in Vasey Hall 202, Learning Support Services' (LSS) mission is to help you maximize your academic success. LSS is there for both successful students wishing to take their academic skills to the next level and struggling students reaching for a lifeline. LSS, in conjunction with faculty, is committed to providing "reasonable academic accommodations for students with learning disabilities, other neurologically based disorders, and those disabled by chronic illnesses."

Mathematics and Writing Centers: For students whose academic strengths are clearly one-sided, Villanova provides two valuable resource centers, The Mathematics

Learning Resource Center (MLRC) and The Villanova Writing Center (VWC).

Located on the second floor of Old Falvey, the MLRC tutoring staff is there to help students with all first- and second-year mathematics courses. Students gather to discuss math, work on group projects or study solo. There is also a comprehensive collection of tutorial software in algebra, trigonometry, calculus, statistics and differential equations, available for independent learning.

The VWC is located in Falvey 202. It provides a "comfortable atmosphere for a one-to-one session with a qualified tutor." Students who bring their paper, assignment, and a positive attitude will find the VWC tutors will do their best to help them improve their writing. It also provides online resources such as a writing guide and 30-Minute Workshop handouts.

Career Services: Finally, located in Garey Hall, The Villanova Career Center provides counselors to help you establish or refine your career goals, write your résumé or prepare for an interview and search for a job or internship.

As a Villanova student, all of these services are available to you. Use them and maximize your education.

From Your University Senate Representative



Susan Leighton
Media and Technology

Dear fellow Part-Time Studies students:

As I write this we have nearly completed our first FastForward courses of the semester, so it seems a little late to say welcome back, but one group that has just begun its work this year is the University Senate. The first official meeting of the Villanova University Senate for the academic year 2011 – 2012

was held on Friday, September 23, 2011.

Guest speaker David Tedjeske, director of Public Safety, informed the Senate of the significant progress his office is making with the NOVA alert system. Through NOVA alert system via text message, Public Safety is able to immediately notify students of impending weather threats. The system was particularly helpful during the recent hurricane, Irene. Enrollment in this important system is strongly suggested and students can do so through MyNova.

Reports of the goals and objectives of Faculty Congress, Student Government, University Staff Council and the Graduate Student Council were presented. Particularly interesting is a new goal of Student Government to increase the civic engagement of students. This may include more opportunities for political involvement and guest lecturers.

Future meetings will feature speakers from various offices on campus and also information about the University-wide Climate Survey. For detailed information about the September meeting or any past meeting, approved minutes are posted on the Senate's web page:

villanova.edu/organizations/unisenate. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact me at susan.leighton@villanova.edu.

I wish all of you an excellent semester, see you in class!

Respectfully,
Susan Leighton

Villanova University's Paralegal Studies Program Graduates 57 New Paralegals

The Office of Continuing Studies held its annual Paralegal Studies Program reception, dinner and graduation on September 29, 2011 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.

Samuel A. DiLullo, coordinator of the paralegal education program, provided the welcome address. He congratulated the guests—graduates, family, friends, faculty, staff 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.

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

After dinner, Father Donohue recognized the graduates who are entering a challenging field focused on law and justice. He indicated that their work would be a reflection of what they learned here at Villanova and noted how the paralegal program grew in the past year, reflecting the opportunities offered by Continuing Studies at Villanova to adult students to change their careers.

James S. Kane, Jr., M.S., SPHR, director of Continuing Studies, invited each of the graduates to receive their certificate from Father Donohue and Professor DiLullo and pose for pictures. Awards for Academic Excellence, for students who received As in all classes, were given to Lauren A. Murray, Craig A. Timberlake, Jeanne M. Weil,



Jennifer Chang, Eric Wagner, Teresa A. Stettner and Iryna Yursha.

The West Legal Studies awards for outstanding scholastic achievement in legal writing were awarded to Taylor Battista, Joseph Good, Jacqueline Lubrano, Christie Manzo, Scott Michaelis, Francis E. Myers, Laura Schwarz, Teresa Stettner and Craig Timberlake.

Villanova University's outstanding paralegal program offers both full-time day and part-time evening classes. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of paralegals is projected to grow 28 percent over the next seven years, much faster than the average for all occupations. A seminar on October 18, 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 starting dates: November 21, 2011 for evening classes and January 10, 2012 for the spring day program.

Important Dates for Spring 2012

January 12	In-person registration for evening and Saturday classes, 4-7 p.m.	March 12	Classes resume
January 16	MLK Day - No classes	April 4	Last Day for authorized withdrawal (WX)
January 17	Evening classes begin	April 4	Easter recess begins after last class
January 23	Last day for satisfactory/unsatisfactory requests	April 10	Classes resume
January 23	Last day for drop/add	May 3	Final day of classes
March 5 - 11	Semester recess	May 5 - 11	Final examinations (No exams on Sunday)
March 10	FastForward 4 Saturday begins		

Human Resources Certificate Program Now Available In Lancaster and Lebanon Counties

IU 13 and Villanova University form a new partnership to expand services locally.

Through a newly formed partnership between Lancaster–Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU 13) and Villanova, local human resources professionals will have an opportunity to increase skills and organizational practices by earning the Professional in Human Resources (PHR®) or Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR®) certification. For the first time in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, the program is now offered locally at The Conference and Training Center at IU 13, in Lancaster, PA.

“Until now, participants had to study online, travel a significant distance for the preparatory course, or find other local HR professionals and form their own study group,” commented Flip Steinour, director of Human Resources Services for IU 13. “Through this partnership with Villanova, professionals in the area will have local access to this program, which enriches the experience and helps participants develop local networking communities for future needs. The PHR® and SPHR® accreditation are highly valued by IU 13 and within the HR profession.”

Classes at the new site began this September with The SHRM Learning System®, which is rated as a top preparatory course and has been designed by subject matter experts. That course will lead up to the Human Resources Certification tests in December and January. Participants who complete the program and pass all assessments will receive a certificate and 3.6 continuing education units from Villanova, as well as a certificate from SHRM®.

“The idea behind this partnership came from the staff at IU 13,” commented Steinour. “Several staff within the

department recently earned the PHR® or SPHR® credentials and had to travel for the study course. The staff suggested hosting a course, which led to the partnership discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity for local professionals looking to increase their knowledge of the field.”

James S. Kane, Jr., M.S., SPHR, director of Continuing Studies at Villanova commented, “It began with a phone call and in less than two months we had a class ready to go. The partnership with IU 13 reflects our belief that the Lancaster and Lebanon areas are growing and developing new industries and businesses. The HR class is one of many courses we hope to offer in these areas over the next few years. As in the HR program, those who participate in all of our future programs at IU 13 will earn certifications that are nationally recognized and valued by employers.”

According to the SHRM® website, there are roughly 100,000 HR professionals worldwide with the PHR® or SPHR® accreditation. To the employer’s benefit, having an accredited HR professional will strengthen the HR department and support organizational growth. To the individual’s benefit, earning the PHR® or SPHR® credentials adds to employability, demonstrates a mastered body of knowledge for the HR field, strengthens knowledge of HR topics and legislations, and provides professional growth.

The SHRM Learning System® prep course began on September 28, 2011. It will be hosted at The Conference and Training Center at IU 13, 1020 New Holland Avenue, in Lancaster. For additional details about the SHRM® course or future courses in the Lancaster/Lebanon area please visit continuingstudies.villanova.edu or contact us by calling 610.519.4310.

Continuing Studies Adds to University Initiatives in Sustainability

Villanova University’s Office of Continuing Studies has expanded the role of the facility professional with a new green initiative. In September, Villanova began offering the Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP®) certificate — a non-credit certificate course offered in partnership with the International Facility Management Association (IFMA®) over six alternating Saturdays through mid-November. The course is taught by Tad Radzinski, a sustainability leader with a diverse background in the corporate world (Exelon), government (EPA) and small business (Sustainable Solutions Corporation).

The course is designed to help facilities management professionals integrate sustainability efforts with the

organization’s values and strategies, present a business case for a sustainability initiative, evaluate initiatives from a financial point of view and track/report accomplishments.

In addition to the SFP®, Villanova offers the Facilities Management Professional (FMP®) certificate for facilities professionals who want to improve their knowledge and upgrade their credentials in the highly competitive world of facility and building management.

More information can be found online at continuingstudies.villanova.edu or by calling Villanova’s Office of Continuing Studies at 610.519.4310.



Carlotta Johnston-Pugh
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, General Studies, Political Science concentration

Alumni Profile

Going to Villanova was a very positive experience for me. I really liked the one-on-one treatment I received from my professors, who made me feel like they were just there for me. Neither the office staff nor the faculty made me feel any different from the full-time students. From the first time I went to Villanova for an open house until the day I graduated, Mr. Johnson and all of the staff in the Part-Time Studies office worked to make sure I stayed on the right track.

One of the reasons why I picked Villanova to finish up my education was the Villanova Law School. I wanted to study political science and what better prerequisite could you have than to say that you graduated from Villanova? Having Villanova on your record should be a plus for any law school admission. With that in mind I worked full time, went to Harrisburg once a week to do an internship in the office of State Representative Harold James of the 186th District, and took classes. In May of 2006 I received my B.I.S. with a concentration in political science.

With my degree from Villanova I went on to apply to and was accepted by the University of Pennsylvania in November of 2007. Over the next three years, I took the foundation of what I learned at Villanova and carried it through with me. I am now in the process of working on my Capstone project. Once it is complete I will be receiving a master's in Health Law, which, without the help from everyone at Villanova, I would not have been able to achieve.



Daniel Driscoll
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership Studies

Student Spotlight

The small company I work for was recently sold. The new company believes in the leadership model they have instilled in the employees. After I attended their leadership forum and found that this will be the new way of operating, I knew it was in my best interest to become a better leader. After little research it seemed that Villanova was the best fit to start my journey. The B.I.S. leadership degree was a perfect way for me to be a frontrunner with the new concept of leadership in my career. The courses that are required are a good fit for my current position. I have been able to use new concepts I have learned to help lead teams and also share with them how to become more effective. With my previous military (U.S. Navy) experience and the new skills from Villanova, I will be able to live the leadership model set forth by my company's new owner.

I am currently the quality system leader for John Middleton Co., an Altria Company. With this position comes many different hats, from project manager to audit manager, and taking classes through the FastForward program allows me to balance my career and home life while still executing my schoolwork. When I complete my degree in leadership, I hope to use my new knowledge to pursue advancement within my current company.

The balance with my home life has been the most difficult. I have a three-year-old daughter, Riley, and if you have kids you know that once you miss something you can't get it back. My wife, Brenda, has been very supportive and understands the importance of finishing this program. She makes it a little easier to go to class two days a week.



Melody Templeton
Professor, Communication Department

Focus on Faculty - Melody Templeton

Melody Templeton is chief inspiration officer of Templeton Consulting, based in suburban Philadelphia. For 20 years Melody has partnered with companies of all sizes, from Fortune 500 to small family-owned businesses, to improve organizational and individual effectiveness. She has coached thousands of managers, students and executives to improve their presentation skills. Melody is a dynamic speaker who helps audiences across the country laugh while they learn.

Melody draws upon her combined experience as a business consultant and educator to teach the organizational communication course in the Leadership Studies degree currently offered at the Montgomery County Community College – West Campus in Pottstown. Her goal is to provide practical course content that the adult students can immediately apply at work and at home.

Melody also serves on the faculty of Villanova's Master Certificate in Project Management program in Continuing Studies where she teaches both online and in the classroom. She has also taught presentation skills for Villanova, Drexel University and the Wharton MBA and Executive MBA programs at the University of Pennsylvania. Melody's clients include ARAMARK, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Philadelphia Federal Reserve, General Motors and the UAW, Wharton Executive Education Department, UC San Diego, University of Wyoming, Boeing Creative Services, McGraw-Hill and many more.

Her first book, "Schaum's Quick Guide to Great Presentation Skills," was published by McGraw-Hill, has sold over 10,000 copies and has been translated into five languages. Her second book, "Public Speaking and Presentations Demystified," was released in 2010 and is experiencing brisk sales.



Maria Baranski
Professor, Mathematics Department

Focus on Faculty - Maria Baranski

Maria Baranski joined Villanova in 1985 as a part-time faculty member for the mathematics department. She attended Villanova for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees, was offered a teaching position upon completion of her graduate degree and gladly accepted the opportunity. While teaching part time for the last 25 years, Maria has held a full-time position at Unisys Corp., where she has held different positions ranging from programmer to project manager.

A dream of Maria's has always been to teach full time. This past summer Maria's dream came true when she was offered a position as a full-time faculty member for the mathematics department. After 30 successful years at Unisys, Maria decided to leave the corporate world and to begin the next phase of her career in the academic environment.

In her first semester as a full-time faculty member, Maria is teaching Math and Engineering Calculus, Liberal Arts Calculus, and Elementary Statistics. Her Elementary Statistics course is offered only to Part-Time Studies students. Maria enjoys working with the students in the Part-Time Studies program and will go out of her way to help them succeed. Since the majority of the evening students work full-time jobs, Maria makes every effort to be available and work within their time constraints. Most students come into the course with a fear of mathematics and by the time they have completed the course she makes sure their fear has vanished. Maria has kept in touch over the years with a number of her former students who have gone on to have successful careers after their graduation from Villanova.

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Job Searching and Networking in the Digital Age

Showcase Your Professional Identity and Navigate Social Media

The internet can be a powerful tool for job seekers. From researching jobs and organizations to learning top tips for your career, finding information to fuel your search has never been easier. With the rise of social media and networking on the web, making key connections and discovering how close you are to your dream job is an ever-present possibility. It is important to remember that your presence on the web creates an impression of you, and managing that impression is critical to a successful job search. The results of a recent survey, conducted by CareerBuilder.com, of over 2,600 hiring managers are telling. They found:

- 45% reported searching for information on candidates using social networking sites
- 11% reported that candidate screening by social media will be implemented in the very near future
- 35% reported that they found content on social networking sites which caused them not to hire a candidate

Given this, the Career Center has advice to share with you on how you can maintain professionalism and connect successfully with others in social media. Visit the Career Services website and learn all you need to know about LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and more.

villanova.edu/vpaa/careers/resources/tips/socialmedia.htm