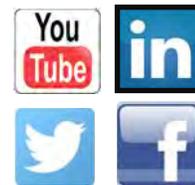


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You did it! BWSF Rated "2017 Top Rated Non-profit"

For the first time, Blue White Scholarship is honored to announce that we have been named "2017 Top-Rated Nonprofit" by GreatNonprofits, the leading website where people like Bill Gates share stories about their personal experiences. Over 1.3 million charities and nonprofits have been vetted. The GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Awards are the only awards for nonprofits that are determined by those who have direct experience with the charities — that means you! We want to thank all the donors, recipients, parents of recipients, and vol-



TO: YOU — FROM: US (The students) "Thank-You" from the bottom of our hearts for donating to help us with tuition bills." Happy Valentine's !



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Farewell to Coach Andy Talley



As the 2016 football season came to an end in December, we were all too sad to say goodbye to Head Coach Andy Talley who has been with Villanova's football team for 37 seasons. Talley will surely be missed as he has made a significant impact on Villanova and our football team. Talley truly lived up to Villanova's motto: Ignite Change. In 1984, when the Villanova football program had been dropped for 4 years, Talley took on the task of re-building the football team from the ground up. He did not lose faith and over the course of 36 years, Talley has

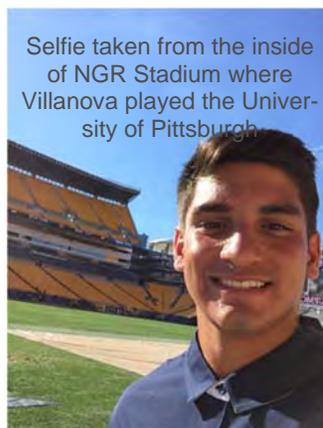
brought all kinds of recognition to the Villanova football program. Now, the Villanova football team is a FCS power, holding the record of winning 221 games in 31 years on the Main Line. Under Coach Talley, three Villanova players won the Walter Payton Award, one of them being Philadelphia Eagle's very own Brian Westbrook. 2014 was a monumental year in Talley and Villanova football as Talley led Villanova to the NCAA playoffs for the 11th time. Talley also has six conference championships and the 2009 national title under his belt. Off the field, however, Talley makes an impact



in other ways. He founded The Andy Talley Bone Marrow Foundation!

BWSF Scholar David Castelli worked hard for Coach Talley -My Work Study Position...

In order to ease the daily expenses of your typical college student, I was very eager to get an on-campus job. When I heard about the opening as a student manager for the Villanova football team, I immediately applied. Since I used to play football in high school and being a NFL fanatic, I thought this would be an interesting job; and interesting it has been. The job description for this position includes the following: attending all football practices (class-permitting) and attending Saturday games both home and away. Though this job may sound simple on the outside, it has been quite the opposite. There is a lot of work to be completed behind the scenes of daily practices and weekly games for this team. This past



Selfie taken from the inside of NGR Stadium where Villanova played the University of Pittsburgh

football season, we had 12 people on staff. As student equipment managers, we were required to be at practice from 7:15 am to 11:15 am Tuesday through Thursday to setup the field with all of the specific equipment needs for each position. Thursday nights we would have "helmet night" for 2 hours, which was used to clean every player's helmet and hand out their walk-through gear. This walkthrough was a lighter practice every Friday from 2-4:30pm, but we still needed to setup equipment on the field. After the practice, we would either



Sideline shot of the equipment staff

begin to setup the locker room by distributing game-day uniforms and dressing player's pads – or if the game was away, we would load the football truck with all of the equipment needed for the game. Saturdays were completely dedicated to Villanova football. Depending if the game was home or away would determine the amount of hours we needed to work. Home games were much easier; much of the equipment that we usually brought to games was stored in about 10 trunks, so we would simply push these trunks to the turf field and make sure the team had everything they needed. For away games, every manager traveled and once we arrived at the rival school, we would go straight to the locker room to set up equipment and player's uniforms. Our role during the game was more of a relief ; we would simply answer to coach and player needs. Still, the job had plenty of benefits that outweighed the stressful work weeks. These benefits included: free Villanova football gear (shirts, shorts, sweatshirts, etc.), paid hotel for away games, free snacks/meals for both home and away games, and the most invaluable benefit, working alongside the legend, Andy Talley. Even though as a first-year manager I didn't work extensively with "coach" we still exchanged meaningful conversations on the sideline throughout the season. Outside of his outstanding coaching career with 258 career wins, 12 playoff appearances, 6 conference championships, 3 national semifinalist appearances, and 1 national championship, Andy Talley is a giving, driven, and influential lead-

Executive Director's Message



New & Improved 2017-2018 Application is now available!

- It's that time of the year again! It's time for you to select another group of Villanova Juniors and Seniors who will receive scholarships to help them pay their college tuition. This year we improved the process for the students by making it a "fillable form" available on our website.
- To take a peak at the questions asked and read the entire application, please download the form from our website: www.BlueWhiteClub.org.

New Investment Strategy Policy for Sustainment of BWSF!

- Our program is unique. The students have told me over and over how grateful they are to have a program that rewards them for their work ethic and work history. They are also amazed that the donors care about them so much. We are incredibly lucky to be able to continue to support these bright, young students through these scholarships, and it is all through YOU!!! With this said, I am worried about what will happen to students in the future because of the demographics of our non-profit. Our donor base is primarily between 65 and 85 years young and although I hate to talk about this, I must. I urge all of you to consider setting aside a small portion of your estate for the Blue White Scholarship Foundation so we can establish a long term fund. There will be "Naming Rights" for a Scholarship in your family's name and your children and grand children can be involved with the judging process to determine which students will receive a scholarship. Creating a legacy will insure that your good will last a lifetime!
- The BWSF Board has now developed an Endowment Investment Strategy and Spending Formula. This year and next we will be selecting donors for the Finance Committee.

Getting to Know You, Getting to Know all about you!

- Congratulations to all new members of the Loyalty Society We had 26 new Loyalty Society donors in 2016. We now have a total of 196 donors who have given for 20+ years.
- I love talking with all of you and getting to know you better. Get ready for my calls to ask about being a Judge for 2017-2018.



Donors, Hank and Judy Neil sent me an update -



A Tribute to Bob Capone

“Best Wishes” to a Great Leader **Robert J. Capone '62** Executive Director **The Blue White Scholarship Foundation** 1992-2014

During the holidays, so many of you ask me “How is Bob doing?” I am always saddened to say that no one knows for sure since the family has asked that no one contact him at the nursing home, but I did think that you would all enjoy reading an article I put together. After a few months on the job I was amazed at all the different stories I heard about Bob helping people. I would hear “Bob got me my first job.” Bob got my son into Villanova.” Bob, fed me and the band when we went on away games.” “I bartended for Bob.” “Bob and I played football together” or “Bob was my coach.” All the stories were about the good old-fashioned concept of networking and helping a person in need. He followed the golden rule—do unto others as you would like them to do unto you.” My immediate thought was to build an Endowment in Bob’s name, but I had just started in this position. That never materialized however during the Summer of 2014 I wrote and distributed at the football games the following article commemorating Bob’s career at Villanova and The Blue White Scholarship Foundation.

On November 2, 1992, **Robert J. Capone '62** became Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the then **Villanova Educational Foundation**, later renamed the **Blue White Scholarship Foundation**, bringing with him a unique experience gleaned over the course of more than 20 years of successful association with Villanova University as Assistant Vice President for Alumni Affairs. Bob came to the Foundation at a time of great anticipation, and brought with him integrity, talent and purpose. He very quickly made the Foundation’s mission his own.

From 1992 until his retirement in 2014, Bob led the Foundation’s charitable efforts, raising more than three million dollars, initially for the University’s athletic programs, and, since 2002, for scholarships for Villanova juniors and seniors. The Foundation, composed of family and friends of Villanova University, is the only independent organization continuously supporting University programs over the past forty years. Through Bob’s efforts, along with the support of thousands of loyal alumni, the Foundation is now poised to celebrate nearly a half-century of charitable fund-raising benefitting the University and students.

Bob Capone’ long history with the Foundation and the University began soon after his graduation in 1962. He was a volunteer, assistant varsity football coach and director of football recruiting in the University’s athletic department for many years. He was therefore no stranger to the University staff, or to an incredibly wide circle of alumni, when he moved from the athletic department in 1980 to accept the executive directorship of the Villanova General Alumni Association. During his tenure in that position, the Alumni Association grew from 35,000 members to more than 70,000 when he retired from the University in 1992. With a special blend of ingenuity, personal involvement and determination, he had led the effort to organize alumni clubs across the country and in Europe, rewriting the alumni club handbook, and expanding the 20 existing alumni clubs and societies to an all-time high of 70. During his long tenure as head of alumni functions, Bob enlarged the scope of reunion and homecoming weekends and re-established Blue/White Weekend, an early spring festival centered on the closing of spring football practice. As editor of the alumni magazine *THE SPIRES*, the Association’s newspaper was transformed, adopting a striking new format that included, among other features, a wider focus on alumni personal news, photographs, and a regular update on Association activities and plans called “From the Director’s Chair”.

In collaboration with the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Bob inaugurated the Alumni Medallion Award, recognizing the distinguished achievements of Arts and Sciences graduates at an

PhD '74, leading astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics; General Paul X. Kelley USMC '50, Marine Corps Commandant 1983-87; Gerald M. Lemole, M.D. '58, internationally recognized heart surgeon; and Stanley A. Moore '62, a leading California developer.

Bob also initiated the first complete revision of the Alumni Association Constitution and its by-laws, and set up an advisory committee to the Alumni Association Executive Committee and a liaison committee to the University board of trustees. He founded the Student/Alumni Association and the networking system known as V.A.L.U.E. (Villanova Alumni Lending Undergraduates Experience). He was also responsible for organizing the Navy/Marine ROTC Society.

The Villanova Financial Club was born of an unprecedented concept introduced by Bob and a small group of alumni from New York's Wall Street district. Chartered in 1982, the club, whose membership is limited to those Villanovans involved in the financial business, for more than 30 years has continued to be a source of significant support for the University, both economically as well as professionally. In 1987 Bob helped to establish the Nursing Alumni Society and he has the distinction of being the first male ever named an honorary member. In 1988 he assisted in founding the Engineering Alumni Society, which today has more than 1,000 graduate engineers in membership. Until recently, he played a key role with the Engineering Awards Committee as they seek to annually recognize a number of outstanding Villanova engineers.

. A special area of interest in which Bob has spent most of his adult life, is his own alumni/admissions advocacy program, through which he has advised and counseled thousands of alumni and their children as they seek admission to Villanova. This special mission has fostered innumerable strong and lasting friendships with alumni and their extended families.. Along with the Villanova football and basketball coaches, Bob perennially supported the various fund-raising golf outings, including the annual Jake Nevin Scholarship Golf Outing to fund scholarships for student managers and trainers, the Mike Danaher Golf Outing for athletic scholarships, and of course, the Howie Long Classic, benefitting our own Blue White Scholarship Foundation.

Even after assuming the Executive Directorship of the Foundation, Bob continued his involvement in the University community, as a member of the University Senate, the Pi Kappa Alpha National Fraternity, the college of Commerce and Finance Alumni Survey Committee, as a moderator for the Right to Life Student Association, and as a supporter of a number of student activities and organizations. He has been listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*; *Outstanding Young Men of America*; and was a member of the national leadership honor society *Omicron Delta Kappa*. In collaboration with the Villanova University Department of Music, he was a founder of the de Pasquale Concert Series, featuring members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and world famous artists such as Yo Yo Mah, Emanuel Ax and Wolfgang Sawallisch. This concert series also included the Villanova Jazz Festival, when it was an annual spring offering on campus.

Bob's community service leadership was extraordinary. He was a chairman of the board of St. Agnes Hospital in Philadelphia, a former president of the St. John Neumann High School Alumni Association (where the former teacher chaired the business education department); and was a past president of the Central Delcom of the American Sons of Italy. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Casa Fermi Retirement Home in Philadelphia and a member of the Patrons Foundation and the Comcast Cable Television Network. Frequently sought as a speaker at both University and community events, he has been honored in both arenas, including "Man of the Year" by the St. John Neumann Alumni Society, and at The Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame as the first winner of the Jake Nevin Award. Bob holds a B.S. degree in economics and a master's degree in educational administration. He taught in the Philadelphia Catholic High School system for 13 years. As an undergraduate he was a varsity football

Is Your Estate Plan Arranged So Your Family Can Rest in Peace?

When it comes to financial planning, many people overlook the critical aspect of planning for their estate when they pass away. Over half of Americans don't have the basic documents that comprise an estate plan, including a will, living will or medical and financial power of attorney.



can be a bit daunting due to the numerous federal and state laws and potential estate and income taxes. It can also get confusing as many of today's families are split and/or combined with additional members

Important Estate Planning Docu-

The importance of an estate plan cannot be expressed enough. Do you want to leave your hard earned money to chance or to your loved ones? Establishing an estate plan specific to your individual circumstances will help streamline the settlement of your estate and ensure that your intentions come to fruition after your passing.

Why Do You Need an Estate Plan?

The primary purpose of estate planning is to preserve your wealth and try to ensure that what you spent a lifetime achieving is transferred to the proper, designated beneficiaries at the time and in the manner you chose with minimal costs, tax burdens, and the least amount of pain and suffering.

No one is immune to the complications that may arise after their loved ones pass away.

One of the richest men in the world, Howard Hughes died in 1976 (intestate-without a will), leaving his \$2.5 billion estate to decades of litigation, finally closing in 2010, 34 years after his death.

When Elvis Presley died in 1977, his estate was valued at more than \$10 million. His estate went through probate and after taxes and fees that devoured 73% of the estate's worth, his heirs received less than \$3 million.

The estate planning objectives that most people have can be grouped into two major categories: financial and non-financial. Most of us have accumulated some kind of financial wealth, that is, things that can be measured monetarily. We have also accumulated non-financial things, or personal possessions. These are items that mean a lot to us like heirlooms and family traditions. Both of these should

Your Will: First and foremost, you should have a will - and keep it updated. Make sure that it includes language that protects you against potential change in estate tax exemption amounts. Instead of naming a specific sum that will fund a trust, many estate planning documents refer to a percentage. Phrases such as "that amount," or "that fraction," or "that portion" are many times standard practice.

Living Will, Health Proxy and Durable Powers of Attorney for medical wishes. Your family members will not be left guessing your wishes if you have clear instructions that are expressed in these documents.

Durable Financial Power of Attorney for financial activities should you become incapacitated.

Letter of Instructions. This is an important document that addresses specific personal requests not in your will. It should be opened in the case of a severe illness or post-mortem. It can be used as a roadmap that shows the locations and the details of important documents and items from safe deposit boxes to checkbooks. Remember also to safely store all of your key documents and note where they are in your Letter of Instructions so your heirs can find them.

Review of all beneficiary designation forms on all of your trusts, retirement accounts and life insurance policies. Many people feel that if they have a will, retirement accounts and life insurance policies will be distributed according to these documents. Please be aware that the beneficiaries designated on your retirement accounts and life insurance policies will override everything – including

estate plan. Make sure that the beneficiaries are consistent in all cases.

Review titles on all non-retirement and non-life insurance assets. For example, joint tenants, also known as joint tenants with right of survivorship, will override everything, including your Will, trust, and any other estate plan.

Your Attorney: Life changes that can affect your estate plan such as divorce, death, new children, grandchildren or new assets that may warrant a modification in your plan

Your Financial Advisor: Uncertainty and confusion still reign supreme when it comes to estate planning. With the proper guidance and planning you should be able to take advantage of any tax saving opportunities and avoid taxing pitfalls.

Estate Planning Tax Considerations

Estate Tax Exemption Amount: In 2016, individuals can transfer up to \$5.45 million of assets without owing federal gift or estate tax. *Remember to check your state exemption amount as this is often different than the federal exemption.*

Bypass Trust (AB trust): If you have more than \$5.45 million of assets (\$10.9 for married couples), you may want to consider a Bypass Trust (AB Trust) to help reduce taxes by leaving some of your property to your children, but allowing your surviving spouse to use it during his/her lifetime. You can make the portability election on a spouse's death to preserve the exemption as well.

Reduce Your Estate: There are several ways to reduce the assets from your estate to help reduce taxes. Besides spending and enjoying it, among these strategies are tax-free gifts, creating an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (ILIT) and creating charitable trusts. A knowledgeable financial advisor and estate attorney can help create the best plan for you based upon your individual situation.

Conclusion Thinking about dying is never easy, but planning for the inevitable is necessary, especially if you want it to be as stress-free as possible for the

Things to Avoid!

Top Eight Estate Planning Mistakes

Avoiding these eight most common mistakes can help make life easier for those who survive you.

1	Not having an estate plan! Any saver or investor at the least needs to have a current will.
2	Believing that having a will avoids probate. A will is basically a document that informs the judge and your loved ones during probate of your wishes after death. It helps with guardianship if you have minor children and it provides a safety net for the intentions you have of your personal belongings and estate.
3	Believing that establishing a revocable living trust will reduce estate taxes. After you pass away, your trust will have its own tax ID and the trustee must file an annual income tax return on its behalf. You may want to consider a Bypass Trust (AB Trust) to help reduce taxes by leaving some of your property to your children, but allowing your surviving spouse to use it during his/her lifetime.
4	Not having your estate updated regularly. Many times, when an estate plan is originally drafted to the time of death, many things have changed, from new assets to new family members.
5	Improper titling of assets. Having the wrong beneficiary named on retirement accounts, life insurance policies, and trusts regardless of what your will says, your accounts will override
6	Not having a current durable power of attorney for health care/directive to physicians. Without these, your desires may not be understood and are left to interpretation of the parties involved, which may lead to disagreements and lack of continuity between them.
7	Not having a community property agreement. This is of utmost importance to those who live in community property states.
8	Not funding your living trust properly. No matter how thorough your living trust is, it needs to be sufficiently funded. Designating the trust as the legal owner of your property and assets can help avoid probate and possi-

THANK YOU – to Rich Capasso, CPA, CFP, PFS for writing this article and helping us educate our donors. Rich is one of our Blue White Loyalty Society Donors. He is President of CPC Financial Planning, Inc., and has over 25 years of experience working with retirees and those about to retire. Rich can be reached at (610) 354-9275.



Meet Our Scholars

These students are what drive the Blue White Mission year-in and year-out. We understand that not everyone can attend Blue White's events and it is hard to meet the scholars, so we are bringing them to you. This year, each Newsletter has featured our outstanding scholars, sharing their background and showing you how your contributions are assisting them. Our goal is to inspire you to share our mission with other alumni so we may continue to help these students and our future



Ryanne Duffy

Hometown
Sandy Hook, CT

Major
Education & English

Activities & Involvement: Villanova Ambassadors; Interim President, Inter-Hall Council; Lector, Liturgical Ministry; Alpha Phi Omega, Writer, Odyssey

Career Aspiration: Teacher

Favorite Quote: "Happiness is homemade." - Anonymous

"My sister goes to school at Belmont University in the fall and my parents now have two tuition bills to pay. The Blue White Scholarship will help me lessen the financial burden my education places on my parents"



**Michael
Finocchiaro**

Hometown
Clifton, NJ

Major
Finance & Accounting
Minor
Business Analytics

Activities & Involvement: Blue Key Society; Consumer Discretionary Sector Captain, Equity Society; PR char, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity; VSB Peer Advisor

Career Aspirations: Venture Capitalist

Favorite Quote: "The human spirit is like an elastic band. The more you stretch, the greater your capacity." — Bidemi Mark-Mordi

"Between my brother and I both now attending Villanova, the money saved up to help get me through college depleted. The Blue White Scholarship really helps ease the financial burden on my family."



Congratulations!

A special “Congratulations” to two of our BWSF Mechanical Engineering Scholars David Kreiser and Annina Baker who are engaged to be married. Read more about Annina and the non-profit she founded to help children under Student Spotlight– The Princess Project. . .



Catherine Fuller

Hometown
Lafayette Hill, PA

Major
Nursing

Activities & Involvement: Tour Guide, Blue Key Society; Secretary, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity; Service Break Trips; Villanova Dance Ensemble

Career Aspiration: Pediatric or Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Favorite Quote: “Where we love is home — home that our feet may leave but not our hearts” —Oliver Wendell Holmes

“The Blue White Scholarship is helping me to lessen the financial burden of my college education. An education that I will receive at Villanova is so important, and I truly appreciate the financial help that I am able to receive.”



David Kreiser

Hometown
Jonestown, PA

Major
Mechanical Engineering

Minor
Mechatronics

Activities & Involvement: National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Marine Technology Society

Career Aspirations: Automation/robotics design

Favorite Quote: “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” — Peter Drucker

“The Blue White Scholarship is helping me by lessening the debt I will leave college with, and thus helping me to start my future with a step in the right direction.”

Extraordinary Circumstances:

David is solely responsible for paying his college tuition.

Student Spotlight: Princess Project

Graduating in 2017 with a B.S. in Engineering, engaged to be married, Annina's Dreams are really coming true but she has always been there to help children find their voice and to inspire them to dream! Read about how Annina founded a company to "give back."

During my junior year of high school, I was inspired to find a way to "give back" to my community. I wanted to do something that was not only unique, but something that I was also extremely passionate about. After much thinking and brainstorming, I decided to create *The Princess Project*. *The Princess Project*, consists of twenty college and high school students that dress as fairytale princesses and princes and visit with hospitalized, special needs and underprivileged children. The characters perform a short play that includes enchanting musical and dance numbers, and conclude with a "meet and greet" and autographs with the children. Our mission is to inspire these children to find their voice and follow their dreams while maintaining integrity and selflessness. Since the group's inception, we have performed at various Head Start programs in



Philadelphia, CHOP, and several special needs homes and schools. It is my hope that in meeting their favorite characters, these children, who have great obstacles to overcome, will see that they can accomplish anything they set their minds to, just like the princesses. I hope to bring these strong role models to life, so that the children can learn how to become strong and independent people. I want these children to know that they too have a voice and that their opinions count and their actions are powerful. There is something truly humbling in meeting with these children. At each event

we are greeted by awestruck faces wearing smiles from ear to ear. Their eyes sparkle when they see their favorite characters, and they are so full of joy that they jump into our arms for a warm embrace. These children face some of the most challenging obstacles in our world – Cancer, Autism, and poverty and yet they are so full of love and hope. We watch as each child realizes the power in their strength to dream, and we see how even little boy and girl is a prince or princess in his or her own way. To me, these children are the true heroes and heroines. They are the ones who, no matter how difficult life may seem, still sport a smile



on their faces. They are inspiring strong, and truly beautiful. There are not words to describe the admiration I feel towards these children, or how humbling it is to have the privilege to visit with them. They have impacted every facet of my life. I am empowered to dream without limitations as they do, and to approach life's struggles with a smile. As I reflect on the experiences *The Princess Project* has provided for me, I am incredibly thankful, and I want to continue this work as long as possible.



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Student Spotlight: Engineering

During Winter break, our very own BWSF Scholar David Castelli was part of the Villanova team that traveled around the world to Cambodia to promote S.T.E.M.



David showing students how to make a compass

This winter break, Villanova Mechanical Engineering junior, David Castelli, was given the extraordinary opportunity to travel to Cambodia with a group of fellow Villanova engineering students. While there, he worked with the Caramanico Foundation in order to promote S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) education at a lower secondary school in Ratanakiri Providence, Ban Lung. David and his peers organized training sessions for the teachers at this school, giving them presentations on different activities related to current science and math lessons. They also planned competitions days so that students would work in groups to successfully complete various S.T.E.M related projects. The students' favorite activity was building a paper rocket, which they



Bridge

design competition



Last day at the school Ratanakiri Providence

would design to have the longest-lasting trajectory. They also enjoyed building a mini catapult, bridge, tower, and raft. Each competition activity awarded points to the winning teams and the team with the most amount of points after all the activities were completed won a trip to participate in the annual S.T.E.M. festival in Phnom Penh, the country's capital. At the school, high level officials from Cambodia's ministry of education visited to discuss the current S.T.E.M. curriculum book that we were working on and gave us insight to further expand its content. During the week spent at the school, David and the rest of the Villanova group stayed with a Cambodian host family, allowing them to fully immerse themselves in this new and unique culture. Every day they enjoyed delicious meals consisting of rice, noodles, pork and more rice. They indulged in the country's sweet, yet strong and addicting coffee, which lead them to smuggle 10 kilos of pure Cambodia caffeine into the United States. The Villanova team was fortunate enough to have extra time during their trip to travel and explore the city of Siem Reap, where they visited breathtaking mountains, waterfalls and temples. David was even able to get an authentic Cambodian haircut! Overall, this was an enlightening experience for these motivated Villanova engineering students; it is clear that they will use their engineering degrees to ignite change not only in their home community, but also in underprivileged areas of the world



Villanova team at Angkor Watt Temple



Villanova team at Phnom Kulen Waterfall

Where Are They Now?

Whether entering their careers or areas of higher study, our students are some of the best representatives of Villanova University. Investing in Blue White Scholars is truly a wise investment. Just read their stories! We love hearing about job offers that have taken them to new places, un-



Andrew Keefe, Class of 2005

In 2005, Andrew graduated Villanova with a degree in Computer Engineering and went to work for Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, NJ. Shortly after graduating he returned to Villanova part-time to earn his Masters in Computer Engineering. After a four year stint working at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, Rhode Island, he has returned to Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, NJ where he works on Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense weapons systems for Navy ships. He and his wife have settled into nearby Bucks county with their newest Villanova fan born in May 2016. Recently Andrew and I were in contact and he told me "We had a nice first Christmas with little Andrew, he sits up without help and loves rolling over and playing with his toys. Before we know it he will be crawling all over. We are truly blessed to have a healthy and



The Boys from Manoa Road and Professor Regan

From top left: Henry (Hank Schoeller), Big Rick (Rick Perna), Porky (Ed Naughton), TR (Tom Ryan)

From bottom left: Professor Dan Regan, Murph (Pat Murphy), Little Rick (Rick Eberhardt)

Follow up to the story on RIGHT: P.S Dan & Dottie moved to Wayne in 1972!

January - Acts of Kindness –Tom Ryan

Remembering Professor Dan Regan– “MANOA ROAD MEMORIES”

Six Villanova University, Class of '71 roommates made donations to BWSF in Dan's memory to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation. Tom Ryan '71 put together their memories of Dan as his next-door neighbors and Villanova graduates in 1971. Here is their story:

Eight of us were roommates in a house on Manoa Road in Havertown, right next-door to Dan and Dottie Regan's house. Six of us, and our spouses, are still in contact and vacation together annually. We rented the house at the end of our Junior year so we were basically occupying it from May 1970 through graduation in May, 1971. The previous owner of the house sold it to an investor whose only interest was renting it.

Dan and Dot were not aware of the fact that the investor would be renting the house or that the Landlord believed, the highly fabricated statement from us, that there would only be four of us living in the house, when actually eight of us were occupants. (Our names at the time were Big Rick and Little Rick, Henry, Porky, Murph and TR as well as Duff & Day Hop.) Nonetheless, we moved in and had eight cars park not only on the short driveway but also scattered all over the yard.. We remember that within a day or two of our settling in, as very studious Seniors, Dottie came to our yard and told us that they had four children. The kids were very young at the time and they were Paula, Danny, Matthew and Katherine (Katie). Dottie made it very clear that her children were her first priority and that she would keep an eye on all 8 of us..... and our comings and goings..... to make sure that we remained "good neighbors".

Over the years when we returned to Villanova we always made it a point to stop and see Dan and Dottie and we met with them several times over the past 45 years. We were saddened when Dot passed away. In fact, we were down for our 45th reunion in June, 2016 and we made it a point to again have dinner with Dan. We would meet him at his house and have a cocktail and then go out to dinner. That, in fact, was the last time that we saw Dan in June 2016. At dinner after patting ourselves on the back for our VU NCAA Victory, we chuckled at the fact that Dan had just retired and that he still had his office. He told us that he was getting a bit of pressure to clean up all his stuff and "don't let the door hit him in the rear end" on the way out; however, he did tell us that Father Peter told him to take his time and move from his office at his own pace. We also reminisced about the fall of 1970 when he came over and asked us to rake the leaves not only on our lawn (that endeavor would never have crossed our minds) but also to come over and play with the kids and rake the leaves off their lawn as well. This was kind of a "bribe" because, in return, Dottie would be very lenient about the tiny bit of noise that might possibly emanate from our Manoa Road multi-occupant house on the occasions of our numerous parties. Of course this brought up all six former occupants of Manoa Road clearly recalling our phone ringing anywhere from 1 o'clock to 2:00 AM by Mrs. Regan asking us to please ask Dan to come home. Of course, we were puzzled by this because all that we were doing (and 40+ attendees) was talking about Dan's courses in Philosophy and how that would impact our lives after we graduated and began our various careers. We do not think that Dottie, seeing several kegs of beer being brought into the house earlier that evening, had any impact on her calling and wanting her loving husband to immediately retreat from our home to theirs. They also had an outdoor dinner bell that Dottie would ring to bring the kids in at dinner time. And, on more than one occasion, in the early morning hours as we partied, we would hear the dinner bell go off..... and somehow..... Dan would immediately excuse himself from our gathering. Henry and Little Rick also remembered about playing flag football with Dan and his buddies one Sunday. The hangovers we had sort of negated our age advantage. The entire Regan family was great and all six of us recall playing football and baseball with the kids, shoveling their driveway and raking the leaves in return for them permitting us to party (or at least.....not call the cops) and we all have many very, very fond memories to this day of Dan and Dottie and their lovely 4 children.

Sincerely, Big & Little Rick, Porky, Henry, Murph & TR

Donors of The Month

JANUARY: **Michael E. Gray '67**



Mike with daughter's Mallory L (accepted to UMass Amherst) and Cassidy R (junior at Northeastern)

Mike was chosen because he was the first donor to sign up for monthly giving last year. These reoccurring gifts go a long way to sustain operations. Here is Mike's story: "I came to Villanova in 1962 not knowing exactly what I wanted to do in life. I did know from my SAT scores that I was much better in Mathematics than English, so engineering was a natural choice. I also knew I would be in the Navy for at least four years because I was on a Navy ROTC scholarship. I graduated with a BCE in 1967 and was accepted for Navy flight training. In 1973, I left active duty and got my first civilian job as a sales engineer with an air pollution control firm, Envirotech, in Lancaster, PA. I also transition to the Naval Reserves and

spent twenty three and a half years at NAS Willow Grove, PA. I retired from the Naval Reserves in 1997 as a Navy Captain. I left Envirotech after one year and began an eighteen year career in sales and marketing in the textile industry in New York City. In 1992, while working toward a MBA at Fordham, I made another career change and joined Merrill Lynch as a Financial Advisor. I will begin a two year phase out this spring before full retirement in the spring of 2019. I look forward to spending more time visiting my two daughters at Northeastern and UMass Amherst. I also look forward to watching my older grandson, Nick, fence at Stevens Institute of Technology and my middle grandson, Tom, play lacrosse in college. He is a sophomore at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, NY and several colleges are looking at him. Villanova University is my dream for him. I am so grateful to 'Nova for my entire experience there and love wearing my 'colors'

FEBRUARY-ACTS OF KINDNESS & DONOR OF THE MONTH:

Neil Young– A True Christian Man



Every month a very generous check arrives in an envelop from a man who didn't even go to school at Villanova. He gives to students he doesn't know and to a school he never attended. He is not a rich man in fact he lives off of his U.S Postal Service pension. He lives in the area of one of our Board of Directors, John Maguire, so I asked him if he knew this gentleman. John told me, " I first met Neil in about 1956 while caddying at Old York Road Country Club. He was a

good golfer and worked his entire life for the postal service. He's retired now living in Jenkintown. He keeps busy as health allows with nieces and nephews birthdays and sports activities." When I asked John how he could be so generous as a retiree, he told me that "Neil gives not from surplus, but from what he could use to live. He is an example of the biblical story of the poor widow who gave two small coins compared to the wealthy man who put in more BUT from his excess." God Bless You Neil. You have such a

Donors of The Month



FEBRUARY: Michael Gigliotti '70

Mike Gigliotti is one of our Ambassadors who increased his donation this past year by 50% !!! Michael Gigliotti was born and raised about 30 miles southeast of Villanova's campus, in the town of Avondale, PA, in southern Chester County. Michael worked throughout his entire undergraduate experience, pumping gasoline at an Arco gas station in his hometown. He recalls that his first semester's tuition was about \$750; books, for all his first semester classes cost less than \$100. Michael majored in Civil Engineering, graduating in May of 1970. While an undergraduate, he participated on the staff of the *Villanova Engineer*, and the American Society of Civil Engineers - Student Chapter. Because he worked Thursday nights, Friday nights, all day Saturday, and some Sunday nights – to fund his education, he was unable to participate in many more campus extracurricular activities.

Michael's first job after graduation was for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as a Civil Engineer. Prior to leaving Penn DOT in 1973, he was the Assistant Resident Engineer on the interchange of the Blue Route and Schuylkill Expressway construction project in West Conshohocken. Michael married his high school sweetheart, Linda McDowell, in 1972 when she was a senior at the University of Delaware. Michael and Linda just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in January 2017. After getting married, they lived in Newtown Square. Linda taught school, worked for Dairy Council, and taught at Abington Hospital School of Nursing. Michael became affiliated with the Newtown Square Fire Company. He became Fire Chief in 1981. While living in Newtown Square, Michael took a smattering of graduate courses in civil engineering at Villanova, where he was elected to Tau Beta Pi a national engineering honor society.

In 1973 Michael left Penn DOT and took a job with Paoli Construction Company (a.k.a. Exton Materials, Inc.), where he learned the highway and bridge construction business, first hand. In 1980 his daughter, Katherine, was born; followed by the birth of a son, Matthew, in 1984. Katie is now a practicing attorney living in Washington, DC; and Matt is in law school in Dallas, TX. Seeking more opportunity in highway and bridge construction, in 1985 Mike and Linda moved their young family to Phoenix, AZ, where he took a position with Tanner Construction Company. While in Phoenix, Michael managed several large highway construction projects, the most notable being the "Stack" interchange in downtown Phoenix; the interchange of I-10 and I-17, a \$65 million project. At the time, it was the largest highway construction project built in AZ

In 1991 the family again moved; this time to southern California where Michael took a position as a Project Manager for Steve P. Rados, Inc. His first project in California was the construction of a \$70 million segment of the Metro Greeline, a lite rail transit system near LAX International Airport. Michael managed several large projects for Rados in the ensuing years. In 2000, he was promoted to Southern California Division Manager, overseeing all of the company's construction operations in southern California. He remained in that position until 2012, when took over the operation of the company's Contract Administration department. He currently serves as Vice President of Contract Administration, where his main role is negotiating Alternative Delivery pursuits; Design-Build and Construction Manager/General Contractor {CMGC} projects.

In CA Linda worked for 20 years as the Director of the Weight Management Program at U. of California – Irvine. She now works as a Wellness Consultant for the Diocese of in Orange County, CA. Both are active members of Our Lady Queen of Angels church.-Newport Beach, CA. Michael serves as a Eucharistic Minister, was a member of Parish Council 2006 -'09, and served 1 year as president. Linda serves as a Lector.

Michael has been an active and dedicated member of the Villanova Alumni Association. He has participated in the Alumni Recruitment Network (through the Admissions Office since 1992), conducting College Nights at many of the Orange County high schools, served as an alumni interviewer for the Villanova Scholarship and in 2011 he received the Goodwill Ambassador Award for his support of student recruitment for the Ad-

A Look Back at 2016: Gold Medals, National Titles, and One Crazy Election

It's hard to sum up a year like 2016 into just 10 moments, so here are the ones I'll remember the most.

10. Brexit

On June 23, the citizens of Great Britain went out to vote on whether or not they wanted their nation to stay a part of the European Union. To many people's surprise, the vote passed, meaning Britain would exit the union, hence Brexit. This result had a mixed range of reactions, but the largest and most drastic came from then-Prime Minister David Cameron who announced he was resigning the day after the vote.



9. The Loss of Too Many Greats

It's always sad to wake up to the news that a great has passed away. This year was, unfortunately, full of days like that. From Prince to Muhammad Ali, to David Bowie and Florence Henderson, these people made a huge impact during their time with us, and their legacies will continue to live on through their beautiful music, movies, TV shows, and achievements.



8. Super Bowl

Super Bowl 50 was one I will definitely remember. Not only did Peyton Manning and Von Miller carry the Broncos to a 24-10 victory over Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers, but the Halftime show consisted of Coldplay, Bruno Mars, and Beyoncé. And even though Peyton Manning announced his retirement soon after the victory, we continue to see him shine in those Nationwide commercials.

7. Pokémon Go

The Pokémon Go app took the summer of 2016 by storm. It seemed as though almost everyone was running around with their phones out, trying to "catch them all". Personally, I didn't understand the fuss over it, but students sure had a good time taking detours from the mall so they could go to a random shopping center to go get some Pokémon they didn't have. I am very proud to say that our own 2015-2016 Scholarship Recipient Asim Ahmed was the Product Manager for this game launch!



6. Movie Franchise Success

2016 was a great year for movies, especially because many successful franchises made a return! Just to name a few, we had Star Wars, Finding Dory, (Marvel) Captain America, and Fantastic Beasts and Where

5. TV shows

In every other conversation I have with someone, friend or not, the question of “Do you watch (insert show here)” always comes up. Games of Thrones and the Walking Dead have been popular for the past few years, but this year’s newcomer, Westworld, is causing a stir. Word of advice: if you watch any of these shows and are discussing a recent episode with someone, keep the spoilers to a minimum. You never know if someone is nearby who isn’t caught up yet.

4. Samsung under Fire

This is meant figuratively and literally. The Samsung Galaxy Note 7 and S7 phones had to be recalled and replaced because they would explode and catch on fire due to a glitch in the phone’s wiring. Videos and pictures popped up everywhere on social media of the post-exploded phones. TSA actually banned people from having those phones.

3. U.S. Election

It was one for the history books. There were many factors that led to this election being one of a kind: the candidates, the media coverage, the social media usage, and the side scandals from both party’s candidates. So much can be said about it, general and controversial, but no matter anyone’s political views let’s hope all remember we live in the greatest county in the world! God Bless America!



2. Rio Olympics 2016

Every night in August, I would be on my couch watching the Olympics. From Michael Phelps concluding his Olympic career with six more medals, five gold and one silver, to Simone Biles soaring her way to five medals in women’s gymnastics, it’s safe to say the United States had a successful 2016 Olympic Games.

1. Villanova Men’s Basketball Win the National Title in 4.7 Seconds

This is a moment I will never forget. Ochefu mops the floor. Jenkin inbound the ball to Archi. Archi rushes down the court, immediately gets covered. He passes the ball off to Jenkins and... bang. Clock hits zero and the Nova Nation rushes the court to congratulate the boys on the victory. Everyone back at Villanova runs out of the Pavilion to celebrate.

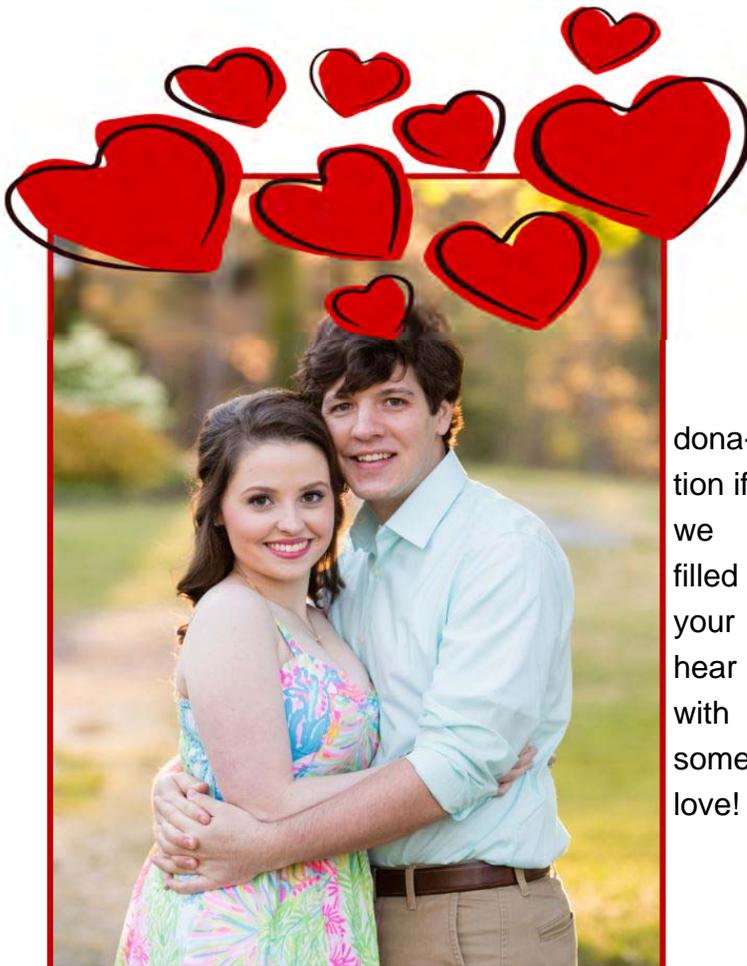


Love is in the air!

We Love You! The students appreciate your help soooooo much! To show their appreciation they asked me, What can we do? During the Summer they write a personal "Thank You" note to our Donors who have taken the time to be Judges of the BWSF scholarship application. This past year we had over 150 Judges . They know these donors have allowed them to stay in school and they are happy to write a note, but they wanted to do more. So for Christmas we made Peppermint Bark Candy and packaged it in Coffee Mugs with the students pictures on them. These mugs also went to all of our donors in the Ambassador Society Level. Now, in February they are hand making Valentine's Cards to again say "Thank-You" and to also see if we can entice back some lapsed donors.

Bottom line—They appreciate your generosity. Happy Valentine's Day!

P.S.— We have a Valentine's Contest on our Facebook Page which you can join by visiting our website and clicking on the Facebook Icon at the top of the Home page. Please choose your favorite and consider making a



donation if we filled your hear with some love!

We want to give the warmest shout out to our current scholars Annina Baker and David Kreiser who are engaged! Annina and David met at Villanova and they are both majoring in mechanical engineers. We are so happy for them!



Above Right: Ryanne Duffy and Matt Hughes wearing Christmas bells are smiling after mastering the art of Chocolate making. It took a couple of pans of chocolate in the freezer to discover the secret of layering. **Right Page:** Top Row: Matt Hughes, Greg Branigan, Liana Benjamin, David Castelli, Bottom Row: Annina Baker, David Kreiser, Rita Marino, Ryanne Duffy & Catherine Fuller making Valentine's cards for donors. As they say, "We love you to the moon and back!" Thank-you



Top Left: Mike Finocchiaro, Luke Hensley, Marie Bouffard, Caitlyn McGorry and Francesca Cocchi. The nights were filled with loud noises as everyone took different kitchen utensils to smash the peppermint candy into small pieces to top off the melted chocolate.

Top Right: A lot of the candy was so badly smashed that it became almost like pixie dust and the students decided to play Tic Tac Toe in it. The top far right



Above: David Castelli (Career aspiration: Engineering project leader) spent his Friday afternoon making Valentine's Day cards for lapse donors.



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2. Make sure you use Smile.Amazon when purchasing gifts on line. Just go to www.smile.amazon.com and select Blue White Scholarship Foundation as your charity. (Amazon will remember this selection every time you shop and will donate .5% back to BWSF at no extra charge to you.!) Please spread the word.

