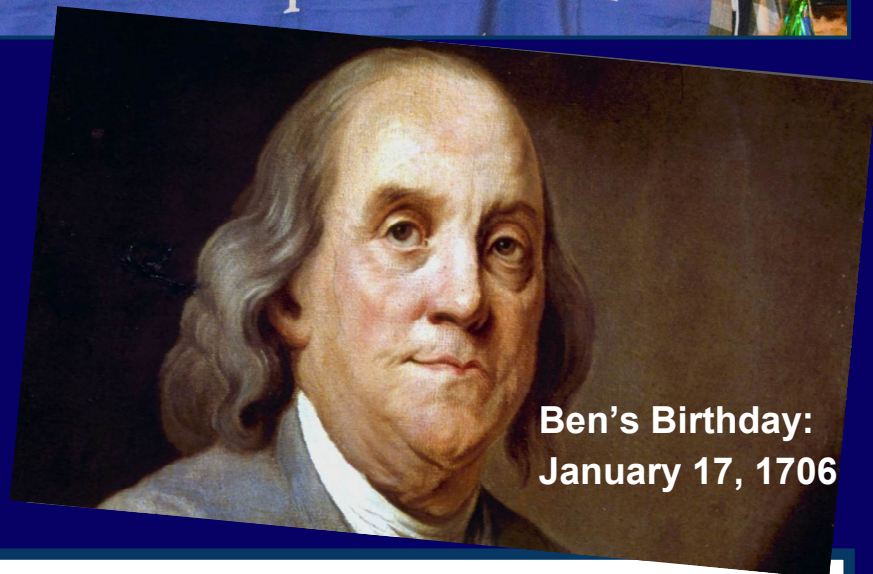
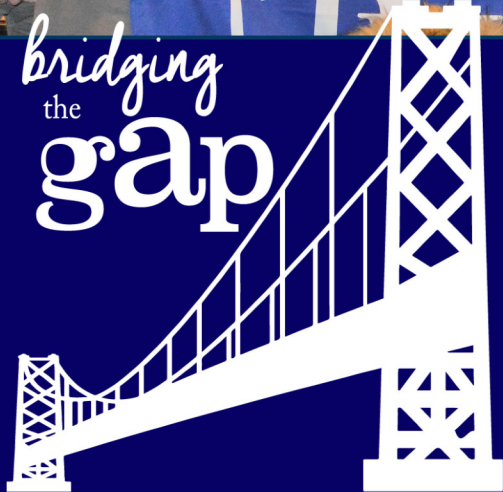


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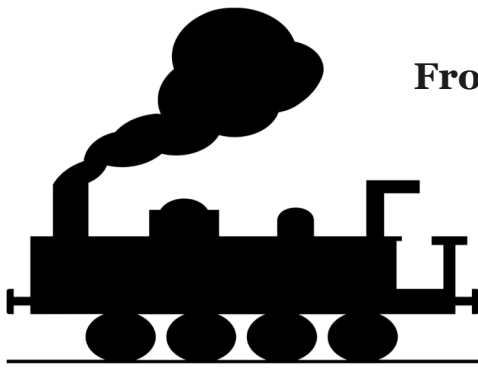


Ben's Birthday:
January 17, 1706

BWSF is a safety net to ensure students graduate. We're here to help "Bridge the Financial Gap." Our only mission is to raise money for scholarships. We help juniors and seniors who AFTER receiving financial assistance from

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From Executive Director Kate Cellucci



All aboard !!

Now that we are over 45 years old and are quickly approaching our 50th anniversary, we want to ensure the sustainability of this grass-roots efforts by alumni and friends to help students directly. The majority of our current donor base is between the ages of 65 and 85 years old. Younger alumni and recipients of the scholarships are being asked to step up but this will take considerable time. **There is a solution. Due to the unexpected generosity of one of our donor's children'. Their son has given us \$25,000 with a "Matching Gift" request to launch an Endowment.**

When the Wildcat Club was established in 1973 the focus was sports because the student athletes needed things like equipment, uniforms, and transportation to and from away games. By the year 2000, VU had grown to a point where the Wildcat Club was replaced by professional fundraisers and the University decided that the WCC was longer needed to help the student athletes.

Over the intervening years, the school has become wildly successful, winning the NCAA Men's Basketball Championships both in 2016 and 2018, generating millions of dollars from merchandising and television licensing fees. Hurray! We have a wonderful windfall for our sports programs, including more money for athletic scholarships. What a great job Coach Wright has done!

And what a fantastic job BWSF donors have done in continuing to help students where they had a need. Since the Wildcat Club changed it's name and its purpose to The Blue White Scholarship Foundation, you have all supported "Needs based" Scholarships. As the focus of all major Universities shifts from "Needs Based" to other politically correct criteria, there is a real danger that mainstream students will be left out of badly needed scholarships. Blue White is here to "Bridge That Gap".

There are two main criteria for a Blue White Scholarship Foundation. First – is the student "Working his/her Way through School" doing what they can to pay for their own expenses, and do they have an "Unmet Financial Need. " All other issues aside, the question of unmet financial need is the main focus of our criteria for awarding scholarships.

So, what do we mean by "Unmet" financial need? This means that, although a student may have been awarded tuition grants by the University, or other financial aid in the form of state and federal or private scholarships, including the maximum amount of private and government loans, are they **still short** the money they need to pay for their tuition and room and board expenses? This is their unmet need.

After the University has done all they deem appropriate to assist the student, we are here as a safety net. The alumni that have provided this safety net through the BWSF for nearly the past twenty years, are the most selfless and giving of people. I cannot give you enough accolades.

No perks have been had by BWSF donors. No tickets, no free entertainment, no name on a building. Instead you have been asked to work and get involved by becoming a Judge and evaluating the student applications. This input determines which students are recommended to receive scholarship awards. How much of a scholarship each student receives is then determined by the BWSF Scholarship Committee after reviewing information provided by the V.U. Financial Assistance Department.

The Endowment Campaign

Meet the Newly Launched Endowment Committee (Philadelphia based)



Olga Blyweiss '03

Managing Director
Federal Tax Practice, KPMG



Robert Catelli '98

First VP of Wealth
Management - UBS



Brenden Cox '92

Managing Director
Federal Tax Practice
Ernst & Young



Joseph Hare '72

VP of Shipyard Operations
Rhoads Industries, Inc.



Mike Helmick '64

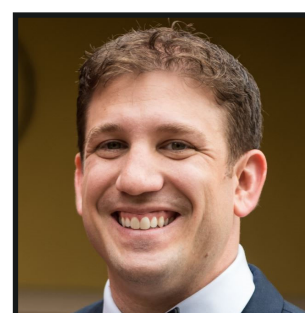
Retired Partner
First Manhattan Company



Pamela Laudadio '80

CLU/ChFC
Financial Planner

Meet A Past Scholarship Recipient on the Committee (NYC-based)



Vincent Chisari '03

Senior Manager
Deloitte Digital

We Need Your Help.

Do you have 1 or 2 days per month that you can meet a fellow Villanovan for lunch or cocktails in your own city?

If so, then please consider becoming a National Advisor to the Endowment

Pictured: Dr. Rick Wells (Left side representing Bethesda, Maryland) & Hank Neil (Wash. D.C.) & Joe Hare



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ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY 50/50 RAFFLE

THIS IS THE LAST FUNDRAISER FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR

***100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR THE ENDOWMENT
TO ENSURE THE FOUNDATION'S SUSTAINABILITY***

ONLY 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE @ \$100 EACH

**The value of the winning ticket is based on the total number of tickets sold
IF FULLY SOLD**

**FIRST PRIZE \$5,000
SECOND PRIZE \$3,000
THIRD PRIZE \$2,000**

Name _____

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**BLUE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
PO BOX 412
VILLANOVA, PA 19085**

ALTERNATIVELY, TO USE A CREDIT CARD- PHONE (610) 519-0777

Blue White Scholarship "Bridges the Gap"

Please join us April 12, but if you can't make it....please get involved

Sponsor a BW Student's attendance \$90 with date \$180

Donate an Auction Item/Gift Card

Go all the way and be a sponsor - \$2,500 +



Who's In?



Gambling to The Sounds of Sinatra

Casino Night

For the Benefit of the Blue White Scholars
Of Villanova University

Friday, April 12, 2019

Overbrook Golf Club
Villanova, PA

7 PM to 11 PM
\$125 per person



Suits for the Gents



Rat Pack Chic for the Ladies

Casino



Black Jack, Craps and
Roulette!

Includes \$100 of chips per
person, drinks, dinner and
Silent Auction

Floor Show

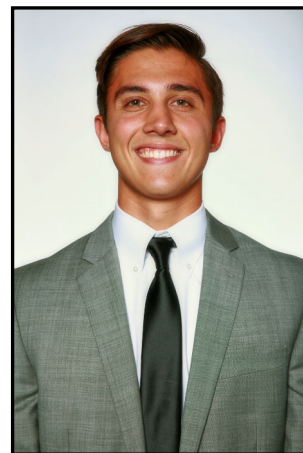


Mark DiMattia- Broadway Star

No Tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase call (610) 519-0777
or buy online under the Events Tab @ www.BlueWhiteScholarship.org

Meet Our Blue White Scholars

Our students drive the Blue White Mission year-in and year-out. Each newsletter will feature some of our outstanding scholars, sharing their backgrounds, and showing you how your contributions are assisting them. **Our goal is to inspire you to share our mission.....We continue to provide one-on-one mentoring for our Blue White Scholars. A month ago I received a phone call from Christian Mazzie '18. He was questioning his career industry choice so I put him in touch with Vinny Chisari. Both are incredible people persons. Vinny not only met with him; he is providing advice and support. Read more about Vinny Chisari '03 - pg. 13.**



Daniel Gomez '19



Hometown

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Major

Finance

Activities & Involvement:

M&A Society, VSB Undergraduate Mentor Program, SEO Career, Hispanic Society, Poetry Club, Intramural Indoor Soccer

Career Aspiration:

Becoming Governor of Puerto Rico

Favorite Quote:

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive-to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love-" **Marcus Aurelius**

Extraordinary Circumstances:

Money always seemed be a problem, and like a rainy cloud cast over our heads, it followed our every move.. In getting the scholarship, I help to ease the burden on my parents shoulders. Nothing could make me feel more accomplished, truly.

Work Experience:

Dan worked this summer as a Corporate & Investment Banking Summer Analyst for Mitsubishi UF Financial Group, in NYC. The previous Summer he worked for Banco Popular de Puerto Rico.

Kellan Short '20



Hometown

Indiana, PA

Major

Mathematics & Economics

Activities & Involvement:

Math Club,-President Augustian Values Organization, Caritas Member, Intramurals-Team Captain

Career Aspiration:

A position with the opportunity to use analytics and mathematic skills to help others.

Favorite Quote:

"There is no normal life that is free of pain. It's the very wrestling with our problems that can be the impetus for our growth." - **Fred Rogers**

Extraordinary Circumstances: When my older brother, born with a congenital heart defect, required a second open-heart surgery in high school, more stress was placed on my single mother. She set the best example for me as a young teenager. We were never concerned with what we could not control. Instead, she showed me how to focus on what can be controlled, namely attitude, work ethic, and mindset.

Work Experience: On campus through-out the year, Kellan works in VU Dining Services.



Kristina Day '20



Hometown

Haverhill, MA

Majors

Cognitive &
Behavioral
Neuroscience

Activities/Involvement:

POWER peer educator, Relay for Life leadership chair, Nothing But Treble (all female A Cappella singing group) Psi Chi Honors Society

Career Aspirations:

To obtain a Masters in Public Health

Favorite Quote:

"It always seems impossible until it's done."-
Nelson Mandela

Extraordinary Circumstances:

Kristina's Father had a major accident leaving him with a traumatic brain injury and unable to work.

Work Experience:

Kristina works on campus as a psychology lab research assistant and a standardized patient for the College of Nursing. Outside of Villanova she works as a Fitness and Wellness Intern at Supportive Living Inc. Summers she is working at a rehabilitation center.

Lynne Kelley '20



Hometown

Wrentham, MA

Major

Nursing

Activities & Involvement:

NovaDance, Back on My Feet, Nursing Association of Pennsylvania, Breakthrough to Nursing Chair, Club Swim Rays of Sunshine Tutoring, Nurses Without Borders

Career Aspiration:

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Favorite Quote: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us" -**Emerson**

Extraordinary Circumstances:

The Blue and White Scholarship is lifting a huge weight off of my family's shoulders, as well as my own. With my workload and extracurricular activities, I would not have enough time to get all my work done and still sleep if I worked any more hours than I do now.

Work Experience:

Lynne works in VU Dining Services during the school year and at The Hole In The Wall Gang Summer Camp.

Student Thank-You by Dan Gomez



My name is Daniel Gomez and I'm writing to you to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation. This year, I was blessed to have been awarded a scholarship, and words

cannot begin to describe how grateful I am and how lucky I feel to be personally impacted by *your* generosity.

A little bit about myself, I was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to a very small but incredibly loving family. I grew up primarily with just my mother and brother, and we would spend most of our time together at the beach, going out to eat, and exploring our little island. As for my hobbies, I'm incredibly passionate about philosophy, writing, literature, fine art, travelling, and boxing. A voracious reader, I spend most of my time reading anything I can get my hands on. Back home in Puerto Rico, whenever I get tired of reading, I then go out to exercise (preferably at the



Being silly at my favorite place in the entire world: the beach!

club related events (which are mostly either for the M&A Society or the Hispanic Society), I'm usually at my home having people over. As I like to say, good food and good company are the ingredients to a good life.



Me, Mom and my brother

beach) and usually end up meeting with friends over food and drinks.

As for Villanova, I'm currently a senior majoring in finance at the School of Business. Whenever I'm not studying, or attending

Regarding my career path, I've chosen to start off by working in the investment banking industry, where I'm currently interning at as a summer analyst in the Latin American group of a Japanese bank. Within this sector of finance, **my goal is to learn as much as possible about businesses and how they revolve around money so that I can one day successfully launch my own agricultural company back in Puerto Rico, with the end goal of becoming big enough so as to export food to neighboring countries. Ultimately, however, my desire is to become**

governor of Puerto Rico. I'm not sure how I'll pull it off, but for some reason, I've never had any doubt that I'll be able to do it. Sounds crazy, but my gut has never failed me — fingers crossed!

Yet, my gut has never been the true reason behind my success, but rather *people*. I would be no one if not for the continuous love and support of the people that

surround me; and, most importantly, without the generosity of others. If I'm

being completely honest with you, growing up in my household was not easy. We struggled a lot with being able to afford things and so even from an early age, I've had to deal with many responsibilities and anxieties far beyond my maturity. That being so, we always got help. Be it family or friends, someone was always there to lend a helping hand. Therefore, I'm glad it all happened because it taught me to not only be humble, but also grateful for all the help that I get, and every single thing that I have. I am forever indebted to you.



With my closest friends cheering on the Wildcats!

How My Father's Accident Changed My Life -Kristina Day



Life can change in an instant. Seven years ago, on an ordinary Tuesday morning in January, my dad experienced just how true this sentiment is. As the crashing of metal on metal echoed through the air, life as my dad

knew it came to a screeching halt. In the blink of an eye, my dad became the victim of a traumatic brain injury.

Life for my family became divided between pre-accident and post-accident as my dad battled—and still battles—his traumatic brain injury. Pre-accident, my dad was the senior vice president of sales for a large and successful company; post-accident, my dad is unable to return to work of any kind. Pre-accident, my family of six (and two dogs) lived in my beautiful childhood home; post-accident, all eight of us had to move into a two bedroom apartment. Pre-accident, life was simple; post-accident, life was unpredictable. In a moment, our finances became unstable and the future became uncertain. Life changed in an instant. But, the way I see it, you can let that change hold you back from achieving your dreams, or you can use it to push you forward. And that is exactly what I did.



Me, and my Dad pre-injury

My dad was, for lack of a better word, just a normal guy. He coached my sisters' and my softball team, he was the grill-master at any and all family barbecues, he went all out decorating for Halloween and Christmas, he was your stereotypical father. How then could this one impact have such detrimental effects? .

How then could this accident completely change him and his life?

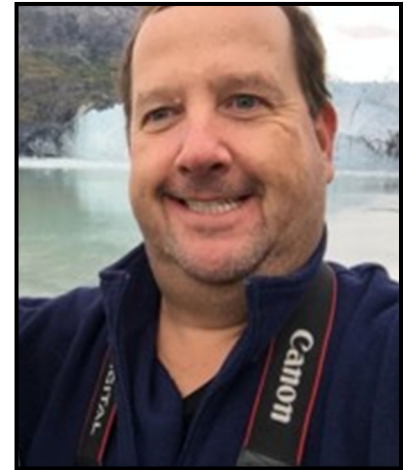
I craved the answers to these questions, and that's how I stumbled upon the field of neuroscience.

Neuroscience—the study of the brain—seeks to answer

those questions and more, putting together the puzzle of how a three-pound organ in our head creates every aspect of ourselves and our lives. But perhaps most importantly, neuroscience shows us that we aren't all that different from one another; though we may look different, though we may lead different lives, we all have the same four lobes in our brain defining who we are.

This past summer, I had the incredible opportunity to work at a rehab center doing physical and cognitive therapy for traumatic brain injury survivors. Whether working out in the exercise program, painting in the art therapy program, or drumming in the music therapy program, these tremendously strong survivors refuse to be defined by their circumstances. Each and every day, they come in with a smile on their faces and push themselves to be better than they were the day before. They may have had a stroke or a seizure or a TBI, but that does not define them; these men and women are college graduates,, movie directors, PhD recipients, teachers, (businessmen like my dad), they are not their injury and they are not their circumstances.

Growing up, my dad always told me “you can do anything you set your mind to”. **Inspired by the strength I saw in my dad following his accident, I knew I couldn't let my circumstances or my life changes define me.** So I graduated high school, started college at Villanova with a major in Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience and a minor in Global Health, and have set my mind to an incredible dream: Getting my Masters degree in Public Health. **My father's accident changed my life, but maybe someday I will change the world!**



Student Spotlight– Kellan Short '20 Mathematics



Coming to “Nova, I really was not sure what I was passionate about academically. I was undeclared because there were lots of subjects that interested me, and I didn't know what path would be best for me to take. My first year, I surveyed different courses in various departments fulfilling core

requirements. **One of those requirements was Calculus II. I was not thrilled about having to take such a difficult math class. While I had always enjoyed math, I was convinced that math would not play a large role in my future.**

My Villanova professor for Calc II was Dr. Charles Ashley. My first impression of Dr. Ashley was that he was a very normal instructor, just like math teachers I had in high school. However, as we began exploring different ways to find an integral, I began to realize how lucky I was to have Dr. Ashley. He made class interesting, and he took a genuine interest in all of his students. For the first time in my life, I really felt a passionate interest in math, and I looked forward to our class meetings.

As the semester progressed, Dr. Ashley helped me identify the benefits of math as a major and the directions in life math could take me. He encouraged me to continue to take more math classes, and he helped me get into his Calc III class the next semester. By the end of that second semester with Dr. Ashley, I had decided that I would declare my math major. I have still gone back to Dr. Ashley's office to talk about courses, career opportunities, or even to have a casual conversation about sports.

**MATH
ROCKS**

Since becoming a math major, I have had the opportunity to become further involved in department activities as the president of the math club. One of my favorite things about working with the math club is having the chance to interact with underclassmen who also feel a passion for math. I love to discuss the possibilities of being a



Kellan Short planning a meeting for Math Club.

math major, and I hope to share my experiences with them. It is rewarding to feel like I have influenced someone in the same way Dr. Ashley influenced me. I am excited to continue to follow my interests in math in the future, and I am grateful to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation and the generous donors who allow me to do that. I hope to get in another math class with Dr. Ashley which will only reignite my intellectual spark for math. I look forward to sharing my story with other Villanovans and helping them.



Kellan visits with his family the College Basketball Experience History Museum in Kansas City, MO (Notice Jay Wright!)

Student Spotlight– Lynn Kelley '20 Nursing



My name is Lynne Kelley and I'm a Junior Nursing Major at Villanova University. I decided to go into nursing because it is a field that incorporates and combines many of the subjects I am passionate about including social work, health, teaching, science

(especially biology and chemistry), and math. It includes a lot of interaction with people as well as a lot of physical movement. Most importantly, I'm passionate about what nursing aims to do, treat people and strive towards health and wellness from a holistic perspective that considers the whole person. I am currently in Villanova's BSN program



Lynne Celebrates the Men's National Basketball Victory Parade in Philadelphia.

and my goal is to someday continue on to get my doctorate and become a nurse practitioner. I am not exactly sure which type of nurse practitioner I want to be yet. I do not think I can really say with a fully informed opinion which one I am most passionate about until I have completed my clinical rotations and have experienced providing different types of care to different populations. **As of right now, I am interested in becoming a neonatal nurse practitioner, a pediatric nurse practitioner, an acute care nurse practitioner, or a certified midwife.**

The reason I see myself working with children in the future is because of how much I loved this past summer. This past summer I lived and worked at the **Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, A Serious Fun Camp**, is a place where children with serious illnesses can "raise a little hell." The children come from all different backgrounds and because the camp is free to attend for all of the children, the children span all socioeconomic statuses.

I have never felt more love in one place or experienced such an inclusive, accepting, and inspiring environment before, and I really enjoyed working with all of the wonderful children. This summer inspired me to want to be a pediatric nurse practitioner because I really enjoyed working with this population, and I hope to maybe even someday be a nurse at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

No matter which type of nurse practitioner I end up choosing as my career though, I also aspire to be involved in research. I believe that there are always ways to improve care and I want to constantly work towards providing the best possible care. I have been assisting Dr. Mendez, a Villanova nursing professor, with his research since the beginning of the Spring semester of 2018, and I thoroughly enjoy

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp was founded by Paul Newman with one simple premise in mind: that every child, no matter their illness, could experience the transformational spirit and friendships that go hand-in-hand with camp. In June 1988, the Camp opened. When the campers arrived, they found a kid-sized old west setting inspired by "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and filled with traditional summer camp programs adapted so that children with physical and medical limitations could participate.



Paul Newman, (seen in above photo) while a successful actor, was also a visionary with the heart of a child. His personality, playfulness and mischievousness are infused within every corner of Camp, from the pirate flag he raised on the tree house to the days he spent on the lake fishing with campers. It was Paul's dream that Camp, with its unobtrusive expert medical care, would provide seriously ill children with a fun-filled experience defined by compassion, laughter and acceptance.

February Donor of the Month— Dr. Chris Gostout '72

Thank you Chris for Participating in the Monthly Giving Program



From the Villanova Main Line to the Wilds of Minnesota's North Country -

Why so? The answer is as clear as a mid-winter morning- cold and snow. Lots of it. This was a daydream '72 Villanova A&S Biology major Chris Gostout had as he looked out from a hallway window in

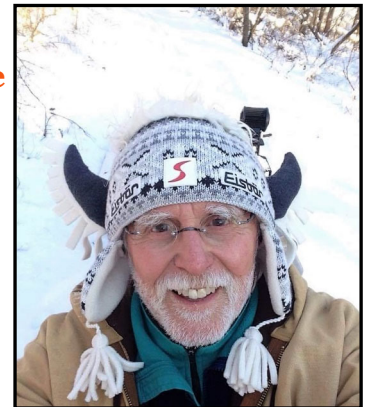
Saint Mary's Hospital, Mayo Clinic, one summer day while he was a visiting medical student sub-intern in the mid 70's. And here is how this story unfolds.

The now semi-retired gastroenterologist from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota grew up on Staten Island, where he attended Monsignor Farrell High School for boys, a brand new school graduating its first class when he was a freshman. As far back as he could remember, he wanted to be a physician and loved the winter. After attending a student candidate parent weekend pre-med presentation in Mendel Hall by the late Dr. Horowitz, Villanova appealed to him as offering an opportunity to allow his aspirations to come true and enter medical school.

After four years of a valuable Villanova education and more than memorable personal experiences, a transition was made to the SUNY Downstate Medical Center at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn. This medical school was strongly recommended by Villanova microbiology professor, the late Dr. Way, and turned out to a perfect choice, having offered an incredible education and clinical experience. After "Downstate" and that summer Mayo Clinic sub-internship, our Villanova graduate returned to the Mayo Clinic in 1976 for a residency in Internal Medicine and subsequent fellowship in Gastroenterology.

During his subsequent 33 year full time career at Mayo, Dr. Gostout became a world recognized expert in interventional endoscopy, inventor of new minimally invasive tools and procedures, and President of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

But what does this have to do with cold and snow? The medical student daydream was a vision of the northern wilderness area of Minnesota, referred to as the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area (BWCA) which he had heard so much about as an outdoor temple of tranquility, nature, and abundant wildlife, but not the



summertime canoeist and fisherman's paradise.



It was the silent pristine beauty of the winter scape that was alluring to him. Dr. Gostout did enjoy visiting the BWCA in the summer for weeks at a time with his wife, Bobbie, but winter was a

special time of the year. He became a cross-country ski enthusiast.

His love of the North country led to acquiring lakeside property along the edge of the BWCA, 400 miles from the family home in Rochester, secluded, and off the grid. In the winter he can be found there only by his tracks, both ski and snow shoe, leading from his cabin for miles and hours deep into the forests where he has observed moose, cougar, and wolves in the otherwise silent beauty of the winter snow. One of the most favorite images in his mind's eye is of the snow covering the deeply frozen lake, sparkling in the mid-morning sun. These are common to him while relaxing at the end of the day in his wood-fired sauna.

Chris lives in the country outside of Rochester where he maintains and grooms 6 miles of private cross country ski trails. His wife, Bobbie, is from Rollingstone, Minnesota, a gynecologic oncology surgeon and one of Mayo Clinic's Vice Presidents. They have three sons.

February Acts of Kindness– Vince Chisari '03 –BW Scholar

Thank you Vinny for Participating in the Monthly Giving Program



**BWSF Recipient '02 & '03
Pays It Forward
\$1000 in December and
\$100 Monthly**

ensure I could begin my academic career at Nova, but the money ran out by my junior year.

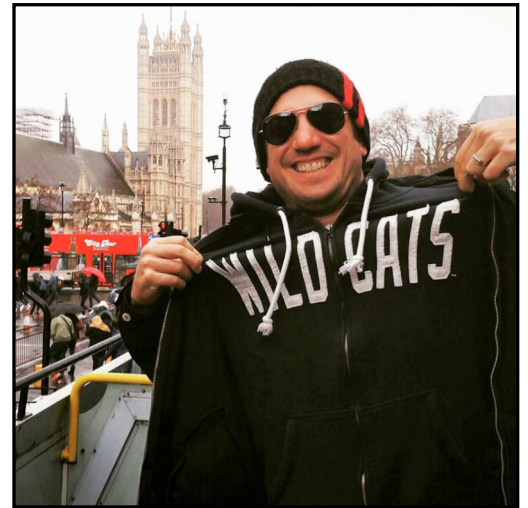
While the first couple of years were a financial strain, I maintained a strong GPA while balancing a part-time campus job. Toward the end of my Sophomore year financial circumstances changed, and there were times leading into Junior year, that I thought perhaps, I would have to take time off or transfer. **Thanks for the hard work and support of the Blue White Scholarship Foundation, they were able to 'Bridge the Gap' providing substantial tuition support over my final two years alleviating both financial anxieties and any imminent need to leave Villanova.** 15 years post-graduation, I am forever thankful for the Blue & White Scholarships that enabled me to graduate on time, securing and launching my career in management consulting. After spending much of my early career with Accenture, in late 2017 I began a career with Deloitte Digital.



In the summer of 1999, I remember being just as excited about starting at Villanova University in the fall, as I was anxious about affording the steadily increasing cost of higher education. My family had just sacrificed a lot to support me through high school. While other options for higher education might have been more easily accommodated, they sacrificed again to

Vinny's career in consulting has taken him virtually around the world. The picture to the top left: Vinny in the French Riviera bottom left: eating a waffle — in of course- Belgium. Below: picture taken in front of Westminster Abbey in London.

At Deloitte, I am a leader in our advertising technology group and manage our partnership with Google Marketing. My work focuses on helping clients to take ownership and control over their customer and marketing data to enable a better customer experience using advanced insights and analytics. My work enables me to travel all over the world, while working with some really great clients/brands, technology partners, and cutting edge capabilities (e.g. machine learning, cloud, digital reality, advanced data management).



Technology has certainly changed a lot since I attended my CSC classes in Mendel Hall, but what hasn't changed is the BWSF's commitment to 'Bridge the Gap' for Villanova students that were just like me. No matter the path you take, nor the number of miles you travel, it is important that current and past scholarship recipients continue to help empower the future needs of our fellow Wildcats!

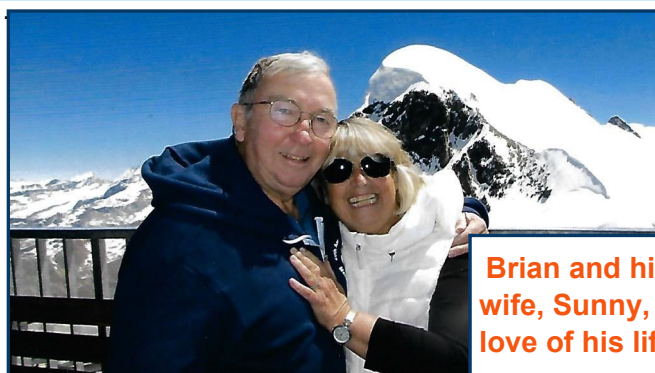
Go 'Nova!- Vinny Chisari

Congratulations to Vinny! He's been selected for the Endowment National Advisory Team based in NYC. If you live in NY and would like to meet Vinny call (201) 417-5034.



January Donor of the Month-The Honorable Brian O'Toole '68

Thank you for Giving at the Ambassador Level !



Brian and his wife, Sunny, the love of his life

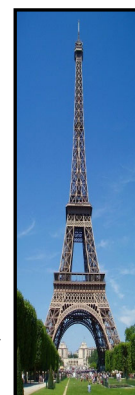
Villanova has afforded me a life I could never have imagined. Before graduating, we were encouraged to take any pre-requisite tests that might interest us in the future. For me, that was the LSATs. After enlisting in the Navy and serving in Vietnam, I did, in fact, enroll in law school on the GI Bill, being admitted based on the testing I had done when I graduated Villanova. (Could I have passed them if I had to take them at the later time? I don't know.)

For many years I have been a practicing attorney and municipal judge.

This has enabled our family to experience some great vacations. Among them, rafting down the Colorado River, hiking the Grand Canyon, seeing Mount Rushmore, walking the streets of London, and trips to Ireland.



Fast forward just a "few" years – I am now semi-retired. My wife, Sunny, and I are catching up with some additional traveling from our younger-day wish lists. We never imagined we would be dog-sledding in Alaska, truly a memorable experience. We stood on top of the Eiffel Tower – Really? Most recently, we traveled to Switzerland in search of Heidi's homeland. OK, this was on Sunny's list, but I will tell you we have never seen a more beautiful mountain side.



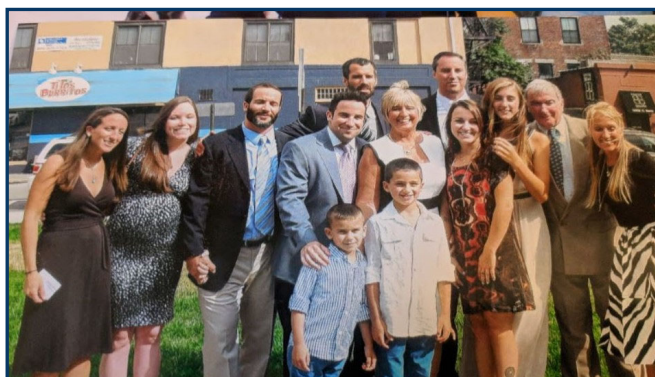
We were there in June on a train tour, and never, ever tired of seeing the beautiful snow-capped mountains or the quaint little villages. (Coincidentally, we were there during the World Cup when Switzerland was playing Costa Rica. The game ended in a 2-2 tie, but it certainly was a happening. We



Still VU friends after all these years!

will never watch the World Cup again without remembering our time in Switzerland.

The point of this article is to explain why we are supporters of the Blue and White Scholarship Foundation. I thank God every day for the life I have with my wife and children, but I haven't forgotten that Villanova has played a large part as well. That is why we want to give the same opportunity to future generations. They may not want to dog sled in Alaska, but they will have dreams that might be realized because they will be graduates of Villanova University.



(How could we not visit Ireland with the name "O'Toole" ?) Since this picture was taken of the O'Toole Clan, there have been three more Grandchildren born. Our five children attended college. Two of them are Villanova graduates.

January Acts of Kindness– Bob and Traudi Thomason Auction Donee– Overnight Stay @ The Wayne Bed & Breakfast

BY TARA BEHAN; PUBLISHED JANUARY 22, 2013.

When Bob and Traudi Thomason's youngest daughter left for college, the empty nesters were faced with a decision: either remain in their Wayne home or downsize. **Then there was the actual size of their nest: a five-bedroom Victorian Arts & Crafts estate from the 1890s.**

No doubt, it was too much house for two people—and that gave Traudi an idea. “A B&B seemed like the perfect way to repurpose,” she says.

Once the couple began to seriously consider the prospect, they realized that the odds were in their favor. The home is on Strafford Avenue, a short walk from downtown Wayne's many restaurants and shops, not to mention the train station. And a pool on the one-acre property would be a nice bonus for guests in the summer months.

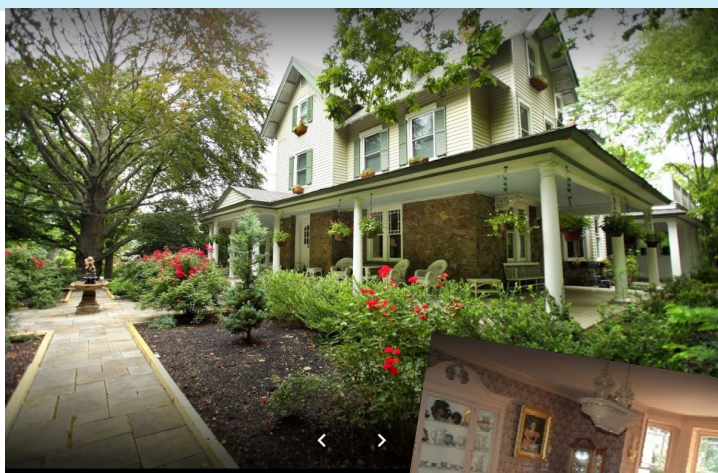
Inside, the layout lent itself perfectly to operating an inn, from the spacious formal living areas on the first floor to the five bedrooms—all with en-suite bathrooms—on the second and third floors.

The Thomasons could also bill their venture the first B&B on the proper Main Line—not a bad selling point. “Everyone assumes I had a life-long desire to open a bed and breakfast, which isn't the case,” Traudi says. “We lived here for 10 years before it even crossed my mind.”

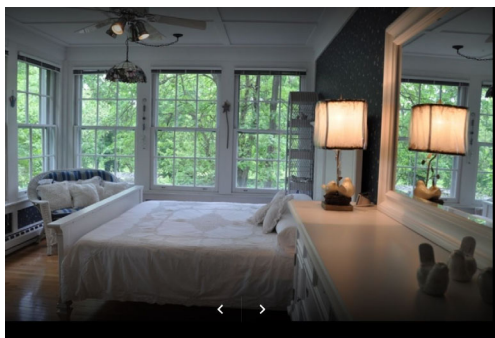
It took three long years to get all the zoning permits and paperwork finalized for the Wayne Bed & Breakfast Inn. “When everything was approved, it was a great feeling because it was real,” says Traudi. “We just needed people to want to stay.”

In the family room/great room, the owners refinished the extensive cherry woodwork and added beautiful floral William Morris reproduction wallpaper authentic to the home's era. “I have an eclectic style,” says Traudi, as she points to the abstract paintings hanging in the room. “I like to mix antiques with modern pieces.”

The roomy kitchen's modern amenities are now necessities, and an adjoining sunroom doubles as an office. “I like to spend a lot of time there because it's almost like being outside,” says Traudi.



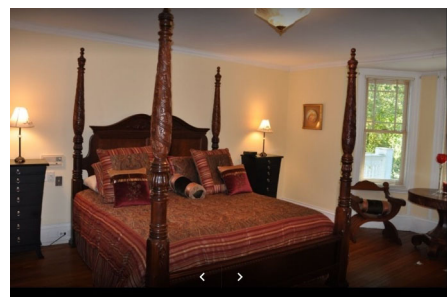
Traudi serves breakfast to her guests in the dining room, with its striking china cabinet and a three-paneled mirror on the opposite wall. Also original is the oval crystal chandelier hanging above the antique dining set. “I wasn't sure how people would feel sitting at the same table having breakfast together, but they seem to love it,” she says.



Elsewhere, bedrooms once claimed by their daughters are now comfortable accommodations for visitors. But perhaps the biggest transition for the Thomasons was moving their personal living quarters to what is essentially an in-law suite. “We truly lived in every room,” says Traudi. “We had to reorganize everything. We were downsizing, but staying in the same home.”

Running a B&B is a major lifestyle change for the couple—one they've had no choice but to fully embrace. In the first six months, and they've already hosted visitors from 22 states and around the world. **Among the highlights — a WWF female wrestler and a Canadian artist turned paleontologist after being asked to reconstruct missing dinosaur bones early in his career.**

If you are visiting Villanova University and want a lovely experience, then you must stay here. **Wayne Bed & Breakfast Inn • 211 Strafford Ave., Wayne; (610) 715-2224**



December Donor of the Month Patsy (Pat) Aguanno '55

Passing the Torch to his Grandchildren– “Paying It Forward”

We have some really, really smart graduates, but Patsy J (Pat) Aguanno is not only brilliant, but he's an ambitious and extremely successful entrepreneur!

Patsy graduated from Villanova in 1956. He received a BS in Civil Engineering and became a Licensed Professional Engineer in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. He is married to **Jacqueline** and has three daughters: **Sally, Lisa, and Amy**, seven grand children, and three great grand children.

He started his career as a Structural Engineer in 1956 for Blaw Knox in Pittsburgh, PA, but duty called during the Korean War and he served in the US Army - Huah! as a Topographic Surveyor with the Corps of Engineers. He resided for two years in San Francisco with his wife, and first daughter and his second daughter was born there. He then moved back to New York and began work for one year as a Materials Engineer and then found his professional niche.

For nine years he worked in the Precast Concrete business and became the plant engineer and discovered the sales world. That experience opened the door for him. He starting his own business, Fairway Testing in February 1969. Yes, that means he is celebrating his 50th year in business. He still works every day and serves as the company's CEO. His website is www.fairwaytesting.com

When asking Pat to provide me with a some details on his life he told me about a few interesting notes relative to life at Villanova 1952 – 1956: In his Freshman Year, Villanova was a College of Engineering with classes Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings. Students attended Evening Chapel during the week! Sunday Mass was 8:20 AM. His residence was in a barracks – that was the last year for barracks. In his Sophomore year Villanova College became a University. He began during a true building transformation for VU.

A current photo of Pat taken in front of a picture from 22 years ago. His grandchildren properly attired in Villanova garb. Look closely at the license plate **V Nova56**.



Difficult as it is to believe now, as we watch the new facilities crawl towards completion, from 1954 until 1963, the University built or acquired 10 new buildings. These buildings were: Sullivan Hall in 1954, Dougherty Hall in 1955, Sheehan Hall in 1956, Garey Hall in 1957, the Com-

merce and Finance building, and acquisition of the new Alumni building in 1958, the Augustinian Guild acquisition in 1959, the Nursing Building's acquisition in 1960, the construction of new Mendel Hall in 1961 and the building of the new St. Mary's Hall in 1963.

As they say -“We’ve Come A Long Way Baby!”

Pat’s Grandchildren & Villanova graduates.

Meet Amy’s daughter, Chloe, a Presidential Scholar, who graduated in 2016 with a BS in the Arts Honors Program/SBI Summa Cum Laude.



Meet Lisa’s son Patrick, a 2013 graduate who is a double V. Patrick graduated Magna Qum Laude in 2013 receiving a BS in Mechanical Engineering/Metratronics and in 2016 he received his MS in Mechanical Engineering. He again graduated Magna Qum Laude and was the recipient of the Dean’s Award for “Outstanding Graduate Student in Mechanical Engineering”

We thank Pat not only for his decades of serving as a Judge for applications and generous donations, but also for encouraging his grandchildren to start supporting the BWSF Mission.

December Act of Kindness- Jane & Deacon Ed McCarthy '58



There are many of our Blue White donors who are passing away due to the age of our donor base. I cannot write a story about each one, but I have to feature a man and his wife who have done nothing but "Give Back" or as we like to say "Pay It Forward". Ed McCarthy, 82, passed away peacefully November 4, 2018. In December his wife dutifully wrote a check out to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation and comforted me. (I was distressed over my own Mother's progressive illness) Jane's love had passed away, but she was still helping others. Here is Ed's story: He was born in New York City, graduated from Xavier High School in 1954 and Villanova University in 1958. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He married in 1961.

Ed's work with Metropolitan Life Insurance took him from New York City via Allentown, PA to the Cleveland Ohio area where the family settled and lived in Chardon for over 30 years. Answering the call to ministry, Ed was ordained a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Cleveland in 1983 and served as Pastoral Minister at St. Mary's Parish in Chardon. Upon retirement, he served as Deacon at St. Agnes Church in Naples, Florida. He spent his summer months as an associate in the Religion Department at Chautauqua Institution in upstate New York.

He had a significant impact on many lives as he presided over weddings, baptized children and held the hands of many during joyous and sad occasions. He was truly a remarkable man who gave of himself to help others at all times. He and his wife Jane never met a person that they treated like a stranger; theirs was an open, tolerant and loving faith, which Ed lived every day of his life.

Charlie Brown said: ***"I love the kind of hugs where you can feel the sadness leaving your body" It took only one meeting to be drawn by Ed's booming voice, gentle spirit and an oversized bear hug. He never failed to be an amazing example of love, faith, fidelity and true happiness.***

His wife Jane picked up the ball and immediately began to heal family and friends and those to whom Ed had ministered . She wrote to them the following: " I thank you for whatever it is that you have done to help ease the pain that we all feel right now. If you have lost a loved one recently, be comforted to know that they are safe in the arms of Jesus. They are always a part of your life. The love they have shared will live on in your heart."

Charlie Brown also said....***"Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings which our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." Ed surely is a beacon of light. Shine on Deacon!***

Ed married his high school sweetheart, **Jane** (nee Giddings) 57 years ago and had six children.....**Kevin** (Natalie Dunmire), **Kathleen** (Michael Hoffmann), **Kristine** (Jim McNicholas), **Kerry** (Cindy Mason), **Kenneth** (Karen Kausek) and **Kara** (Brian Pasow). They also have 21 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Right: Every Summer the family vacationed together at there lake home in Chautauqua, located in upstate New York



Student's White Elephant



Christmas Gift Exchange





1. Connor has everyone pick a number out of the sleigh dish. The laughing begins as less desirable numbers are pulled.
2. Wannabe Charles Dickens Carolers?
3. Liz opens a basketball hoops game but doesn't like it, but it's stolen away quickly. See #9
4. Camille looks at her gift and steals for fuzzy socks.
5. Shelly steals the make-up gift.
6. Chris holds onto his ping pong set for dear life.
7. Game on.
8. A Villanova blanket– a definite favorite.
9. Andrew gets the Hoops Game!
10. Maggie watches Kathy laughing as she keeps picking.

Receiving a present is always a treat, but when you get to battle it out, it becomes really interesting and quite a fun event.. Students by a \$15 dollar present to exchange with each other and Executive Director Kate Cellucci buys every student a more expensive present which is wrapped up for a White Elephant. How do you play? You draw numbers and pick out a present based on your number.. You can keep the present you pick from the table or steal from another person who's already picked.





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