

BWSF Newsletter Fall 2020

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**Executive Director's
Message**

To all of you that have suffered during this pandemic, I want you to know that everyone in our Blue White family has been in the prayers of our 2019-2020 Scholars. I know people feel a sense of despair from the isolation and all of us know someone who

has been lost to this hideous virus. The students last March and April responded by writing to all of you their H.O.P.E Newsletters. The HOPE acronym stands for the following:

H– Happy thoughts

O– Our Student (Update from the student)

P– Prayer (the students picked their favorite Saint and the accompanying Prayer said on behalf on that Saint)

E– Educational tip

Since businesses have been shut down and sending out a hard copy Newsletter was impossible during the Spring and Summer months, the HOPE Newsletters were sent every other week by E-mail. Now we are sending out new messages bimonthly, called **SMILE**

S - Student Update **M** - My Favorite... **I** - Interesting Trivia **L** - Laugh a Little Video's **E**- Educational Tips

If you are interested in receiving a SMILE, email me your information to KateCellucci@BlueWhiteClub.com.

So..... why is there something to cheer about?

After being shut down for four months due to the Covid -19 Virus and re-opening with no volunteers or interns and having no support from either our printer or accounting firm, during the Summer months we still managed to process the applications, and you all still donated so we raised \$130,000 in scholarship monies! In September we caught up on processing all contributions and getting "Thank you" notes out and getting our annual audit complete, and starting the '20-'21 Scholarship Program. The program is comprised of the cash for tuition, mentoring, and teaching the "Pay It Forward" concept starting with the student's 15 hours each semester of "Give Back" time to the Foundation. Unfortunately, we are facing a crisis. We can't have our

events this year due to Covid restrictions. How do we make up \$60,000 that is automatically lost by not having our 3 live Events? - #1. The Benjamin Franklin "Pay It Forward" Pledge Ceremony (Corporate Sponsorship is now lost) #2. Fall Oktoberfest Party & Live Silent Auction – and #3 - Casino Night held in the Spring. (70% of all restaurants in PA are reporting that they have or will be closing their doors permanently. A good part of our Auction items are Gift Cards for a Night Out and Entertainment. This includes movies, theatre tickets, concerts, sports tickets etc. We now have effectively lost our ability to raise money through a Silent Auction.)

To make up the loss we have become very creative. The students are helping by having 5 "Virtual Dance Parties" in the Fall. See the notice on the next page.

We are also selling a Fall Raffle with three prizes: It's called the "Cyber Monday Cash Pass" named after



the Monday after Thanksgiving when many shop bargains on-line. Students, & their parents, our Board of Directors and all of you who support the foundation are being asked to both buy & sell tickets. The cost is \$50 and the **drawing will be on Black Friday.**

1st Prize is \$1,000, 2nd Prize is \$750 and 3rd is \$500 *Please buy one and get a friend to buy one, too!*

Lastly, I want to say how grateful we are to all of those who donated multiple times during the year, to those of you who contributed on the website after reading the HOPE Newsletters, and those of you who mailed in checks without ever even being asked. You pulled these students through this year.

We were also blessed with a miracle. During this time of need, one of our donors left us a part of their estate. God answered our prayers during COVID. We now had the money for scholarships for 2020-2021. The joy this brought and the relief felt can not be expressed in mere words. The University raised tuition again even during this Pandemic, so this year was even more important for students to have a safety net. PLEASE, I ask that each of you consider leaving a small part of your estate to the Foundation. You will make it possible for us to continue our momentum towards making our program sustainable for the next generation. My warmest regards,

Kate



**Read About Makenna Higgins '21
Pictured: #3 from the left side– Story Page 17**

Makenna and her friends from the dance team are helping raise money by hosting a “Virtual Hip Hop Dance Night” every other Friday this Fall.

“Everybody Dance Now”

Since no In-Person events are possible during the Covid-19 pandemic, we became creative. The students are asking their friends to come to a Virtual Dance Party for \$5 to benefit the Foundation.

**We are looking for (5) \$90 sponsors so that all 18 scholars can go as guests. Call Kate if you like this idea and can help us out.
(610) 304-3848**

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Blue White Scholarship



Emily Bresnan '22
Psychology



Stefanie DelVecchio '21
Nursing



Colin Donnelly '21
Civil Engineering
(Repeat Scholar)



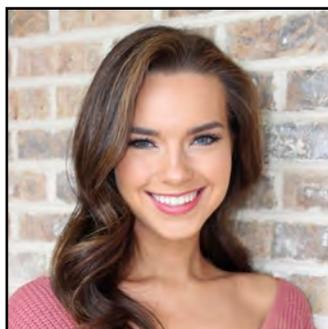
Anna Dos Santos '21
Biology & Spanish
(Repeat Scholar)



Madison Dugan '21
Accounting &
Management
(Repeat Scholar)



Paige Erdman '22
Marketing & Business
Analytics



Makenna Higgins '21
Biochemistry
& Spanish
(Repeat Scholar)



Michael Hirsch '21
Accountancy &
Business Analytics
(Repeat Scholar)



Dan Lewis '22
Computer Engineering



Kevin Lu '21
Biology



Ryleigh McCue '21
Nursing



Colleen Miller '21
Nursing
(Repeat Scholar)

Announcing Our 2020-2021 Recipients



Emily Pingelski '22
Civil Engineering



Chris "CJ" Shaw '22
Finance & Accounting



Natalie Synder '21
Communications
Public Relations
(Repeat Scholar)



Francesca Stadtman '22
Chemical Engineering



Natalie Williams '21
Biology



Andrew Todaro '21
Finance &
Accounting
(Repeat Scholar)



Thank You To Our Judges

Many of you spent countless hours in the reading, evaluating, and scoring of the student's applications. This took place along with the hours spent by the Villanova University Office of Financial Assistance, determining which students had the most need and who would best reflect the values of a Blue White Scholar.



Our mission is to “Bridge the Financial Aid Gap” You are making a real difference!
 Please help spread the word of our mission with other alumni and your children who attended Villanova. making a real difference, then spread the word!
 —Ask others to support our Students



Joey Carmody '20

Hometown

Albertson, New York

Major

Finance and Management Information Systems

SUCCESS— Joey was a scholarship recipient in 2019, but did not need our help this year. Joey’s internship company, FTI Consulting in NYC made him an offer. He will graduate at mid year & received enough in grants for this semester so he had no financial gap.

School Activities:

Dean’s Undergraduate Student Advisory Council, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Villanova Applied Finance Lab Intern, Outdoors Club, VSB Peer Advisor

Career Aspirations

Investment Banking Analyst

Favorite Quote:

“The future depends on what you do today” – Mahatma Gandhi

Extraordinary Circumstances: Single Mom-cancer

Jobs worked to help pay for school

This past summer, I worked as an Intern in the Asset Backed Finance Department at Nord/LB in New York. On campus, I currently work as an intern at Bloomberg’s Applied Finance Lab and an Economics Research Assistant. In the past, I have has worked at J. Crew as a Sales Associate and in the Villanova Mail Room. Growing up, I spent many hours working for my mother’s small business, Wrap With Us Inc., which has recently closed.

I’m incredibly honored to have been a Blue White Scholar. Thank you for your generosity, which has lifted a huge burden off of my family. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to “Pay it Forward”.



Lee (Robby) Hill '21

Hometown

Greenwood Village, Colorado

Major

Finance & Accounting

SUCCESS— Robby was a scholarship recipient in 2019, but did not need our help this year. Robby’s internship company, Perella Weinberg, has made him an offer & his Dad’s business took off.!

School Activities:

M&A Society, Equity Society, Alternative Investments Society, VSB Peer Advisor, Club Tennis

Career Aspirations:

Venture Capital, Growth Equity under Private Equity, Investment Banking

Favorite Quote: "Luck Is What -Happens When Preparation Meets Opportunity" -Seneca

Work Experience:

I have been working since my freshman year of high school where I was the youngest hire ever at my tennis club. In addition to teaching tennis lessons, I tutored kids in Spanish. After my freshman year at Villanova, I worked at a distressed debt fund under Fortress Investment Group in Denver where I assisted the underwriting team in the valuation and analysis of possible investments. 2019 -summer, I worked at a boutique Investment Bank in Denver called Integris Partners which focuses on Food Consumer and Retail M&A advisory. 2020- summer I worked remotely for Perella Weinberg Partners doing Investment Banking. Upon graduation I will work for Perella Weinberg and move to NYC.

I am so proud to represent the blue and white family, Your generosity allows me to start my career focused on what I can do in the future and not on what I need to pay back.



Giavanna Piazza– Graduated

You may recognize this picture from the Cover of the 2019 Summer Issue and the Starfish Story telling how helping just one person doe make a difference. We never got to feature Gia and several others this past Spring and Summer due to Covid shutting down all non-essential business like our printer.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Gia Piazza received her Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics 2017-2020 and is now enrolled in VU’s Master’s of Science program. This is a combined program with the undergraduate program allowing Gia to receive both her BS in Mathematics and a Master’s of Science in Applied Statics in



Andrew Donofrio ‘21

Hometown
Hamilton, VA

Major
Mathematics & Statistics

SUCCESS– Andrew was a scholarship recipient in 2019, but did not need our help this year. Andrew’s internship company, Centauri, is paying 100% of Andrew’s Senior Year tuition bill!

School Activities: Villanova Baseball Manager, Pickup basketball & billiards, Member of the Ryan Society (social and political discussions). It should be noted that Andrew is also an Eagle Scout.

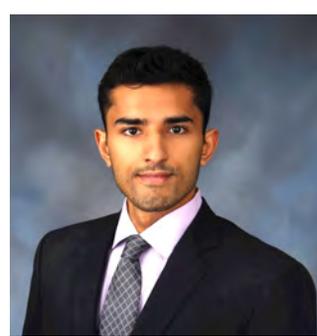
Career Aspiration: Data Analytics

Favorite Quote:
“It’s the job that’s never started that takes the longest to finish.” -J.R.R. Tolkien

Extraordinary Circumstances: Andrew is the second oldest of six children. “The Blue White Scholarship is the only source of additional aid I have received since my freshman year”

Work Experience:: I worked at Chick-fil-A at from age 16 –19 and then at Centauri doing research relationship and confounding factors between TLE (eGP) and CSpOC position data for derelict objects.

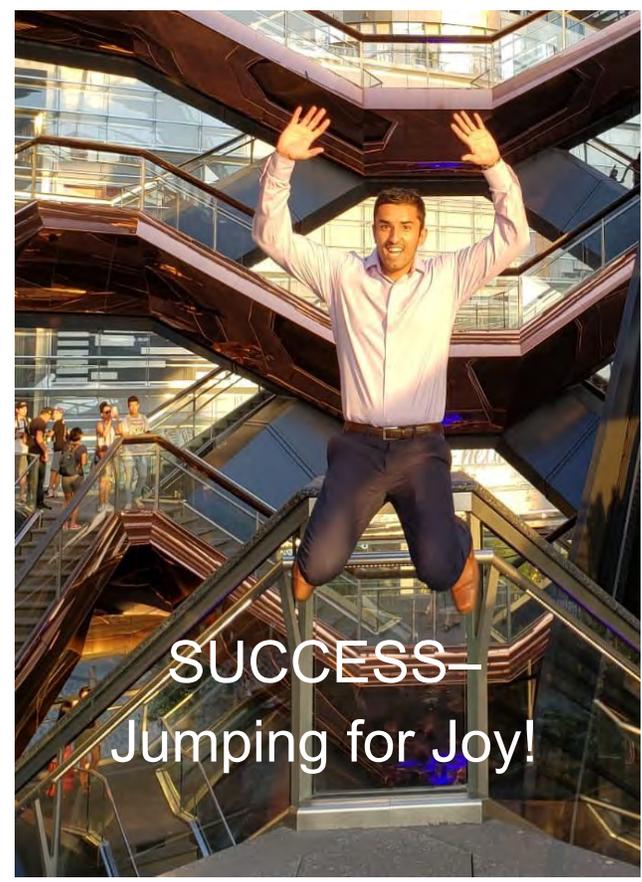
For students such as myself, this kind of opportunity can seem like a miracle, a light in the dark that keeps our dreams alive. I am incredibly grateful both that this scholarship exists and that I was selected by you as one of the few to receive it. Your contributions have ensured that my goal of becoming a data analyst and, more importantly, of understanding the world through a Catholic education is still a possibility for me. Thank you again for your support, and please know that you have aided not only my generation but also the next, as I and other Blue White Scholars will pledge to continue your example of giving.



Saurabh Verma ‘20

Hometown
Jersey City, NJ

Major
Mathematics



Saurabh graduated in May and is doing extremely well . He is working at Bloomberg LP as a Earnings Estimate Data Analyst in Princeton, NJ

This holiday season, please designate us as your charity of choice - Amazon Smile



Natalie Snyder '21

Hometown

Arvada, Colorado

Major

Communication, specialized Public Relations

School Activities:

Villanova Cheerleading, Villanova Day of Service, NOVAdance, Villanova Marketing Group

Career Aspirations

Chief Marketing Officer

Favorite Quote:

"To do list for today: Love God, love people, do stuff. We'll accomplish much if we love many." - Bob Goff

Extraordinary Circumstances:

The Blue White Scholarship threw me a lifeline when I wasn't sure how I was going to be able to pay for a Villanova education and continue cheering. Thanks to the generous donations and help of Blue White I am able to continue chasing my dreams of graduating from 'Nova and being on the sidelines, without the added stresses of holding multiple jobs throughout the semester. I would've never been able to do it without Blue White!

Jobs worked to help pay for school:

- Summer jobs at Dick's Sporting Good
- Summer internship at AARP Pennsylvania
- Internship at Moore PR Agency



Makenna Higgins '21

Hometown

Newark, Delaware

Major

Biochemistry and Spanish

School Activities:

Member and the Fundraising Chair of the Villanova University Dance Team. Member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Villanova Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Delight Villanova

Career Aspirations:

I'm hoping to have a career in pharmaceutical research. I think medicine is so interesting, and I would love to discover treatments for genetic diseases.

Favorite quote:

"They tried to bury us. They didn't know we were seeds."

How the Blue White Scholarship Helps Me:

I'm so thankful to be a Blue White Scholar. This opportunity is a huge financial help for me and my family. With this scholarship, I will be able to focus more on my academics during the school year. I can enjoy being a student without having to worry so much about saving for school.

Work Experience:

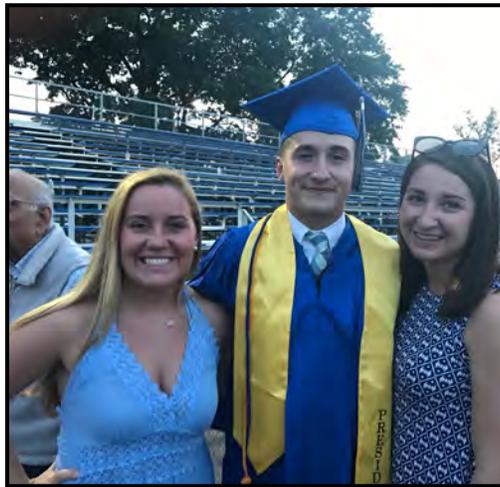
I work full time in a biotechnology lab in the summers. During the school year, I assist a DJ at events such as Bar Mitzvahs and Sweet Sixteen celebrations.

Student Thank You Letter: Joey Carmody

My name is Joey Carmody and I am writing to thank you for your generous donation to the Blue White Scholarship foundation. I was recently selected as a recipient for the Blue White Scholarship and am especially grateful for your generosity.

I'd like to tell you a little bit more about myself, so you know who your generous donation is helping. I'm from Albertson, New York and am a rising Junior pursuing a double major in Finance and Management Information Systems.

I have two older sisters that are both still in college. While supporting three children has always been difficult for my mother while we were growing up as a single mother, it has become increasingly difficult trying to help each of us get through college at the same time. *While my mother's small business selling party favors was enough for us to get by for my first two years, after my*



This picture was taken at my high school graduation with my two sisters. Katie, on the left, is going into her senior year at the University of Maryland. Jenny, on the right, is finishing her last year of her Masters in Occupational Therapy at Hofstra University.

mother was diagnosed with Stage IV uterine cancer, she was forced to close her business and declare bankruptcy.

While the past couple of years have been difficult for our family, I am happy to say that my mother is cancer free. It has been extremely difficult for her to get back on her feet financially to ensure that all of her children will make it through college successfully. *So, when I received the letter from the Blue White Foundation that people like you are so kind enough to help me finish my schooling, my family felt like a weight had been lifted off of our shoulders.*

Coming to Villanova, I found it overwhelming to decide my future career path. As a first-generation college student, I was unaware of the doors that a college degree could open, and found it challenging to choose the right doorways to walk through. However, the Villanova Business School has provided a wide variety of opportunities for me to learn about the wide variety of opportunities and career paths that I have taken full advantage of. Since the beginning of my Sophomore year, I have been interning in the Villanova Applied

Finance lab where I have been able to learn various financial platforms and assist other students in the lab. This year, Bartley Hall has opened a new finance lab with cutting edge technology. I'm excited to continue to continue to gain valuable skills in the finance lab that will help me beyond my years at Villanova

With your help, I will be able to focus on thriving academically without the stress of having to work long hours to cover the costs of my books and tuition, and still have time to work on finding a great career upon graduation. When working long hours while trying to balance a full course load, it can be difficult to think past the present issues of having to cover your costs. However, now, thanks to your generosity, I have the freedom to focus on the future to begin planning my career and make the most of my education.

So, thank you for not just your generosity to the Blue White Foundation, but for believing in my future. Your kindness has impacted so many lives that has inspired a community of motivated, hardworking students to follow in your footsteps. I am forever indebted to people like you that make my own aspirations possible, and I promise I will work every day to pay back your kindness and generosity forward. Best Regards - Joey Carmody



Interning in the brand-new Applied Finance Lab using Bloomberg

Keeping the Promise

BWSF Scholars take the Benjamin Franklin Pledge to "Pay It Forward"

Wills and Trusts



Since 2001, Blue White Scholarship Foundation has kept the promise of "Bridging the Gap" by providing "NEED BASED" scholarships.

Help is given to those Villanova students who are still short even AFTER receiving financial aid.

- 59.3% of VU students applied for Need-based Aid
- 47% of the students Received "Need-based" Aid-
- Only 7.1% of the "NEED" was FULLY MET

(Source: U.S. News & World Report, Best Colleges Edition 2019-2020)

We're grateful to be helped in this enduring mission by a strong community of dedicated supporters. Among this special group are thoughtful visionaries who have kindly remembered us in their wills and living trusts. We hope you will consider joining these loyal donors by also including Blue White in your future plans.

How to Give

Making a gift in your will or trust can be simple. Working with your attorney, you can add gift language to your current document(s) or to an entirely new one. Some options

- You can give a specific dollar amount or property item,
- You can give a percentage of your asset (s),
- You can give all or a portion of what remains after gifts to other beneficiaries such as your family and friends have been made,

No matter the form or the size, your legacy gift will help ensure that the promise of obtaining a V.U. degree is kept for future generations.

"As the youngest of seven children, I never had the luxury of a college fund." BWSF is unique, because it helps students who have exhausted all aid and are already working a job, sometimes two or three, to try to graduate. I have seen firsthand the passion BWSF has for helping students and fostering a community that is bigger than a one-time scholarship gift."

-Rita M.



I've decided to do a planned gift because I want to ensure that Blue White Scholarship Foundation will be around for my grandchildren and hopefully great grandchildren. A Villanova Education is something I really value.

-Mike G.

GIFT LANGUAGE FOR YOUR WILL

When making or revising a will, we encourage you to obtain the assistance of a legal professional.

Below are various types of gifts that can benefit
The Blue White Scholarship Foundation

1. Outright gift in your will

(a) Specific dollar amount:

"I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to **BWSF** (Blue White Scholarship Foundation) for its general purposes (or for a designated purpose)."

(b) Specific property (personal property):

"I bequeath <DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY> to **BWSF** (Blue White Scholarship Foundation) for its general purposes (or for a designated purpose)."

(c) Specific property (real estate):

"I devise all of my right, title and interest in and to the real property located at <DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY> to **BWSF** (Blue White Scholarship Foundation) for its general purposes (or for a designated purpose)."

(d) Percentage of estate:

"I devise and bequeath _____percent (%) of my estate to **BWSF** (Blue White Scholarship Foundation) for its general purposes (or for a designated purpose)."

(e) Share of, or entire residue, of estate:

"I devise and bequeath (all/or %) of the remainder of my property to **BWSF** (Blue White Scholarship Foundation) for its general purposes (or for a designated purpose)."

2. Conditional gift in your will

Insert the conditional language in one or more of the above provisions. For example:

"If (one or more individuals) does not survive me, I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to **BWSF** (Blue White Scholarship Foundation) for its general purposes (or for a designated purpose)."



Did you Know?

The quickest way to undo an otherwise carefully-thought-out estate plan is the use of a **bank, brokerage or retirement account**. The reason for this is because the beneficiary designations on these accounts generally **override** a will. **So, in theory, a wonderfully planned will can come undone if beneficiaries on these accounts do not match those named in the will.**



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Wayne PA 19087
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Happy Halloween!

8 Spooky Facts About Black Cats

1. Black cats' very bad reputation stems from the middle ages

Pope Gregory IX decided that black cats were used to worship the devil and saw them as evil creatures. The belief only continued to spread across the world - and the ages. Thanks, Greg.

2. Black cats were often thought to be witches

The Puritans (circa 1600s) believed that witches could actually shape-shift into black cats and spy on their neighbors.



3. Black cats were thought to be a sailor's best friend.

Sailors and their wives saw black cats as guardians of safe passage. These inky felines were seen as harbingers of such good fortune that they became a hot commodity, and some sailors couldn't even afford to buy them.



4. In Ireland, Cait Sidhe, pronounced "caught shee," were mythical, fairy-like creatures who took the form of large, all-black cats were said to be the King of the Cats.

On the night of Samhain (a Celtic festival similar to Halloween), if you left a saucer of milk out for the fairy cat, your house would be blessed. If no milk was left for the mysterious black cat, you would be cursed and all your cows' milk would dry up.



5. They are said to be "super cats."

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health discovered that the genetic mutations that cause cats to have black coats may offer them some protection from diseases.



6. They can rust.

It's true. If your black cat has a tabby stripe gene and spends hours napping in a sunbeam, then their fur can turn a rusty brown color. Why? The sun's rays break down the pigment in their fur to reveal the underlying tabby stripes.

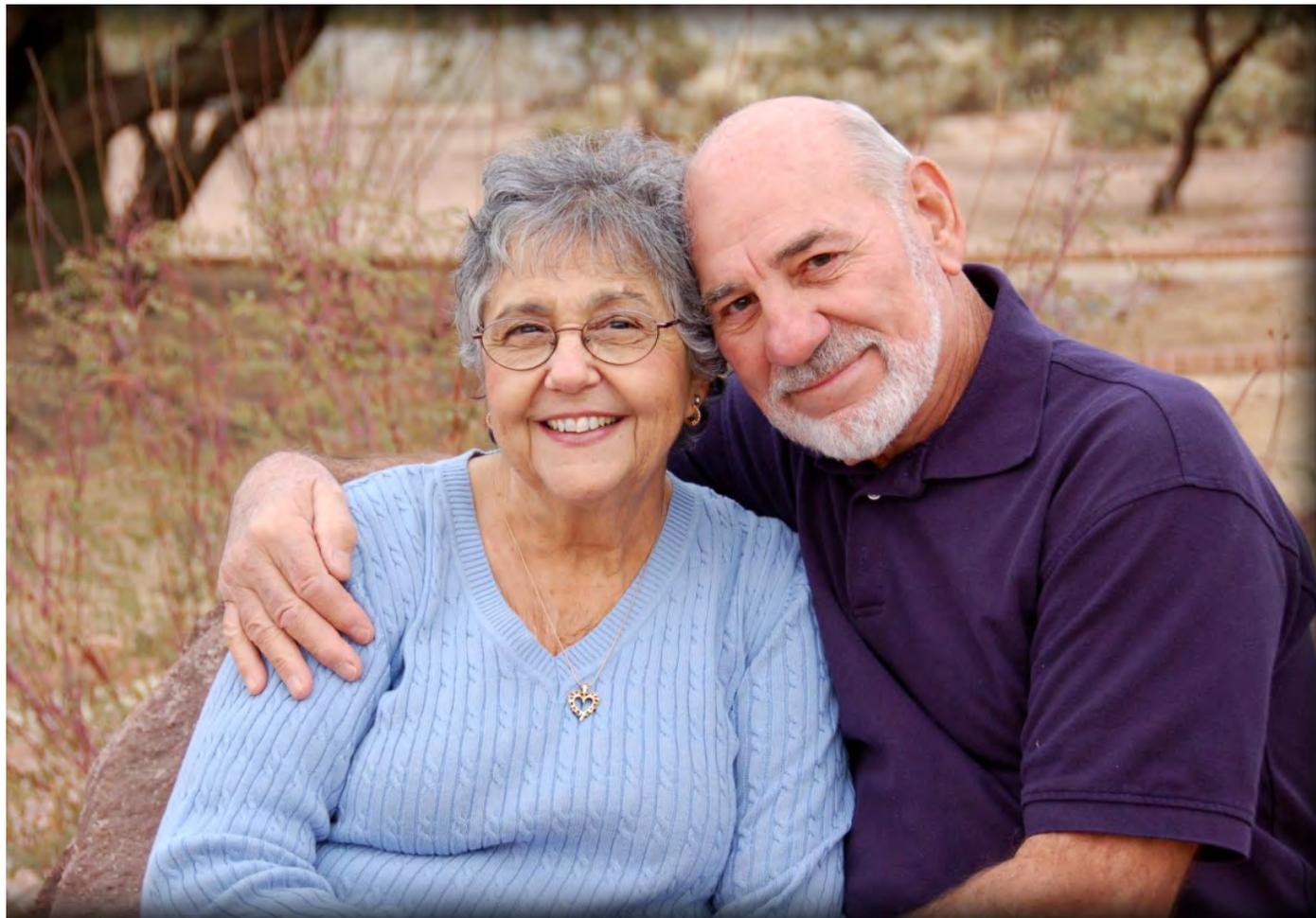
7. Black cats make excellent wingmen.

In Japan, young women are encouraged to own black felines to increase their chance of romance. And in the English Midlands, giving a bride the gift of a black cat was thought to bring her good luck.

8. Black cats are often overlooked for adoption.

Black cats are often the last to get adopted and may be passed over for cats of other colors despite the fact that they're just cats like any other cat. It could be because of the superstitions surrounding their inky fur or the belief that black cats are harder to photograph

Happy Thanksgiving & a Message of Thanks from Our October Donor of the Month Michael DeLucia '61



Every Fall I am reminded of my beautiful wife Rosemary whom I was privileged to share my life with for 49 years. We met after my college years at Villanova. We married in September of 1961 and started a family. Over several years we were blessed with 6 children. We settled in Phoenix, Arizona where I worked in the construction industry and eventually started my own contracting business.

Rosemary was along side me every step of the way. From the moment I met her she was someone who always gave more of herself than that of what she received. So, I knew that making a home and family with my wife was going to be one of the greatest adventures of my life. I had a front row seat to watch what I can only describe as living with a true angel on earth.

So, it was a privilege to have her with me in 2006 when I was inducted into the Villanova Football Hall of Fame. And I can still see the joy in her eyes when I shared my walk down memory lane with her, strolling through the beautiful Villanova campus. I will always remember my youthful years at Villanova, but that time with my wife and children in PA will be a memory I cherish forever.

Fortunately, we have memories to stay with us when the actual moments have passed. So, I hope this Thanksgiving you too have a wonderful memory to hold onto of a loving wife and mother. To all those Villanova women who sacrifice day in and day out, who stand by us through the joys and sorrows of our life, we give thanks for having you in our lives. During this pandemic, we especially give thanks for our loved ones and extended Blue White family.

Happy Thanksgiving. From Mike and everyone from Blue White Scholarship

In Honor of Veterans Day We Bring You the True Story of the Chu Lai Luau

LITTLE JOHN COX WANTED TO THROW A LUAU ON THE BEACH AT CHU LAI FOR THE TROOPS DURING OUR STAND-DOWN. Little John was Lieutenant Colonel Cox, my squadron commander. A luau was and is a Hawaiian beach party. A stand-down is a 24 hour period when combat operations are suspended in order to give the squadron a break - thus Little John's luau for his Marines. *Little John, however, had a problem. He did not believe that it was possible to have a luau without watermelons. Of course, there were no watermelons in Quang Nai province.*



Little John did have a solution because he knew that watermelons could be had at Ubon Ratchathani.



The difficulty was that Ubon Ratchathani is located in northeastern Thailand about 400 miles west from Chu Lai across Laos. That was a problem but Little John had a solution.

The solution was Jack and Rich. Step 1. Put the centerline fuel tank on an F-4 Phantom. This centerline fuel tank however was peculiar because it could not carry fuel. Rather, Little John closed off the fuel lines and cut a door on the side of the tank and had the inside scrubbed out, Presto! A baggage compartment 15 feet long and 3 feet wide. Unfortunately, *Little John had no authority to send an F-4 fighter to Thailand for watermelons. Nevertheless, he had a plan and therein lies a story.*

From time to time our squadron in Chu Lai was ordered to fly night flak suppression missions over the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos. Since I had flown over 50 of these missions when with VMFA 542 in Danang before we flew that squadron back to the U.S., I was the obvious choice for the upcoming night flak suppression mission. Rich, of course, had no choice but to go. After all, he was my pilot. We briefed the

mission at 9:00 p.m. and Little John joined the briefing with some unusual orders. First, he told us that we would have 12 Zuni rockets on our wing stations. Second, he told us that we would have a center line tank modified as a baggage carrier attached. He also had further orders of which more below.

We launched at about 10:00 p.m. and met the A-6 Intruder at 5,000 feet over Danang and followed in trail to the trail north of Tchepone (a very bad place!). Once in position the A-6 started hunting up the trail and we followed shooting rockets at the guns that shot at the A-6. This continued for 40 minutes until the A-6 was out of bombs and left for Danang. We on the other hand did not go back to Chu Lai. Recall Little John's further orders? Here they are. Once the A-6 completed its bomb runs we were to declare an emergency fuel state and "bingo" to Ubon Ratchathani which had a well-appointed Air Force base (we had to be very nice to the Air Force at Ubon since Freddy Meyer from our squadron bombed the runway but that is another story). We had no right to go to Air Force Ubon except in an emergency so Little John simply ordered us to declare one! We landed at about midnight and left our flight gear in our cockpits and then got a ride to the officers' club. The officers club in Ubon was famous for being open 24 hours per day, linen table cloths and silverware - not to mention a 12 piece orchestra! Rich and I had salads and steaks; both of which were not to be had at Chu Lai. Super meal. Driving back to the flight line Rich said he was feeling a little sick and our driver dropped him at the base clinic.

At about 6:00 a.m. I woke up and commenced my primary mission. You guessed it - buy watermelons! I got a ride to the main gate and got a jitney from there to the market where I bought 200 watermelons (Thai melons are round and smaller than ours). We loaded the melons into a small 3 wheeled truck and went back to the airbase. I talked the gate guards into permitting the little truck onto the flight line next to my aircraft. We loaded the melons into the centerline tank and the little truck left. Ready to go - except no Rich. The flight line jeep took me over to the clinic and I asked for Rich. I was told that he had dysentery and could not leave. I was upset and I was loud. Rich must have heard me because as the jeep slowly rolled down the side of the clinic, Rich popped out of a window. **Just like bolting the check at the Howard Johnson's in Villanova.** We went over to the flight line and fired up our F-4.

As we started rolling down the runway my stomach began to dance-as did Rich's No question but that we were both about to explode. *Rich poured on the power and we flew over Laos and South Vietnam at 1,100 miles per hour at 2,000 feet over the ground. The result must have been the sonic boom to end all sonic booms!* We got to Chu Lai in 18 minutes and landed straight in without a break overhead. Rich taxied straight up to the 4 holer (latrine) by our hanger and shut down the aircraft without parking it in a revetment. We both climbed down and dashed for the 4 holer shedding flight gear on the way. We both made it with but seconds to spare. I sat for at least 1/2 hour while my body drained. I must have lost 5 pounds and had amoebic dysentery; in bed for 6 days. So much for Air Force food - but Little John got his watermelons! - Jack Fitzmaurice, Esq.

NOVEMBER DONOR OF THE MONTH GOES TO JACK FITMAURICE '66

Thank you Jack for Your Service & the story!

Jack graduated from Villanova in 1966 and immediately was sent to Viet Nam. He served as a Marine Corps Captain. "It was a maturing experience," he says, "the lessons I learned about leadership stay with me to this day."

When he was honorably discharged he applied and was accepted into Notre Dame Law School in 1971. He received his Juris Doctor in 1974 and started his career and his own business. An experienced international business lawyer, Mr. Fitzmaurice has more than thirty-five years' experience in the practice of law and more than fifteen years as a commercial and international mediator and arbitrator. In 2014 he was written up in San Diego magazine

under the prestigious "Super Lawyer" feature. Here is what was said about this American hero and Villanova alumnus.

"When your legal needs require a bridge across the cultures of the United States and Latin America, there's no better choice for an attorney or arbitrator than San Diego's own Jack F. Fitzmaurice. With a legendary positive attitude, Jack Fitzmaurice has more than 35 years of experience in the practice of law and more than 15 years as a mediator/arbitrator.

A Spanish speaker, he regularly represents American parties in international disputes involving Mexico and other Latin American countries. Fitzmaurice handles such issues as maquila and maquiladora matters, cross-border real estate transactions and transactions regarding the Mexican gaming industry. "My years of dealing with the Spanish-speaking world have given me a unique perspective on the legal cultures that unite and also divide our countries," he says. A primary focus of his practice is the reorganization of businesses under the auspices of the Chapter 11 provisions. In a Chapter 11 reorganization, Fitzmaurice will transform a seemingly negative experience into a positive tool for innovative business planning. "Besides reorganizing your debt, we can accomplish some positive goals like terminating burdensome contracts and removing junior liens," he says. "My job is to help clients find resolutions that leave them prepared to take on the future." In addition, his areas of expertise include the litigation and trial of complex business disputes and the reorganization of businesses. Fitzmaurice also handles the dissolution of corporate and partnership joint venture entities such as the sale of franchise businesses, real estate projects and operating entities of various sorts. On the arbitration front, Fitzmaurice has been an American Arbitration Association arbitrator for 19 years and on the association's international panel for 14 years, resulting in extensive experience as a commercial arbitrator in Southern California and as an international arbitrator handling arbitrations between American and Latin American companies. In that regard, Fitzmaurice, as a member of the law faculty of Universidad Iberoamericana, taught a course in international arbitration as part of the university's masters program.



Student Spotlight: Natalie Snyder-Cheering!

When I think of what life is like as a Villanova Cheerleader, a lot of things come to mind. I think of the grit and determination it takes to complete the skills we do on a daily basis, at both games and competition. I think of the sacrifice we each make – sacrifice to spend hours a week at practices and games, sacrifices of ourselves to save someone else from falling harder, sacrifices of what we want for the

betterment of the

team. *I think of the energy and excitement that fills the Pavilion as we lead the crowd in a “Lets Go Nova” cheer, or as we run onto the court for a t-shirt toss. I think of the friendships that can be made, after spending hours on end with your teammates. I think of the laughs, and the inside jokes. The people who are willing to put off homework a little bit longer to take you to get ice cream after a bad practice. The people who cheer the loudest for you when you do something that you were scared of. Villanova Cheerleading is each of these things in its own way, but a cumulation of all of the best aspects.*

Life as a Villanova Cheerleader can be painful and frustrating but will forever be my favorite experience I had in college. Yes, I may have had to sacrifice weekends and breaks, or give up some study time to go cheer at a late-night game that ran into overtime, but these are the moments that taught me the most in college, and the moments that I look back on and hold closely. This program has opened up so many opportunities for me, more than just being courtside at all the biggest games. Even though those moments are my most cherished. Life as a Villanova Cheerleader is entering into a network of alumni that have a deep



Me and two of my teammates before a football game last fall.

love for this school and its teams. I have met the most passionate people through this program, and where I want to be in my career. Not only that, but I have been given the opportunities to meet people that I would've never been able to. Thanks to the team, I was recently able to hold a meeting with the former marketing director of the Dallas Cowboys football team – an experience I will never forget.

Right now, though, life as a Villanova Cheerleader looks a lot different than I would've ever pictured for my senior year. Last spring, I was supposed to travel to New York for the Men's Big East tournament. I was five minutes away from boarding a charter bus and driving to the Garden for our first game when the tournament got canceled. But it was all okay because I was going to be going to round 1 of NCAA the next weekend. And then that got canceled. This semester, I was supposed to be leading my team on the sidelines at football, but that was

canceled. And now we are anxiously awaiting a basketball season, in hopes that we will be allowed to attend. *While we all grapple with the loss of these things, there is one thing that continues to bring us together and continues to encourage us to push forward. Grit. We may*

not have the cheer season we expected this year, but we are pushing through the best way we know how. With smiles and jokes and laughter. And grit. Being a Villanova Cheerleader in these times is dealing with all of the uncertainty but remaining steadfast.



My teammates and I after competing at UCA College Nationals, where the team placed 5th!

Student Spotlight: Makenna Higgins – Dancing!



A picture of me, taken from the wings, as a swan in Swan Lake

ballet throughout high school. You could find me at the studio almost every day of the week, taking classes or in rehearsals for upcoming performances or competitions. My ballet school also runs a professional company, so it was a very unique and exciting experience to be cast in productions alongside professionals. When I was younger, *I had debated a career as a professional dancer, but during high school I decided I would rather focus on my interest in science. I put my deposit down for Villanova still wondering how I would keep dance a part of my life.*

I did a little research and found the Villanova Dance Team. To be honest, I had practically no idea what I was getting myself into. The team is completely different from the ballet style I had grown accustomed to over the previous 5 years, but something inside me wanted to give it a shot. I showed up at the audition



Me and some teammates at the 2019 Big East Championship after Villanova's win! I've had the privilege of attending so many cool events thanks to the Villanova Dance Team.

Ever since I can remember, dance has been a passion of mine. My mom put me in dance lessons at the age of three, without any knowledge of just how important the activity would become in my life. Being a dancer has shaped me in every way imaginable and

I know it will always be a part of my life.

As a kid, I took all the basic styles- jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop- at a studio less than ten minutes from my house. My studio had the most warm and welcoming community of dancers and families, creating the perfect

environment for me to explore my love of the art. I was especially passionate about ballet, and in 8th grade I left my studio to pursue more technical ballet training at a school half an hour away.

I was extensively trained in classical



The 2019-2020 V.U. Dance Team

in May of my senior year and ended up making the team. Looking back, it's crazy how such a spontaneous decision would come to have the biggest impact on my college life. Being a member of the Villanova Dance Team is hands down the

best thing I do at Villanova. I'm thankful that I've found a way to continue dancing through college, but more than that the team has helped me grow in ways I never expected.

As a freshman on the team, I was a little shy. I wasn't used to the team's style of dance, so I felt out of my comfort zone, while my peers seemed to feel right at home. It took some getting used to, but I definitely gained a lot of confidence in myself throughout the year. I'm a much more outgoing person now and being on the team has definitely contributed to that. I'm a Senior now, and I feel such a responsibility to the underclassmen. I want to be a role model /friend to all the underclassmen, because I know how overwhelming and crazy it can all seem at first. I've learned from those who came before me how to be a good leader and I hope I can emulate that in my role as upperclassman. I'm super excited to give back!

September Donor of the Month: Peter Stenner '68

For the month of October, we are honoring col. Stenner as our donor of the month for graciously donating back 50% of the 1st Prize Mother's Day Raffle ticket proceeds.

Villanova has always met something special to me because of the friendships made and strong "Catholic"



education that it provided. I will always remember that day in August 1964, when my parents brought me to campus to begin a new journey. Why Villanova? Two reasons- First, a Catholic education and second, NROTC. My father was a WWII veteran and had instilled in me, that one owes service to their country for the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans. The four years flew by, with sports (soccer and rugby), NROTC, fraternity, and most importantly academics. In May 1968, I graduated and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

After spending 5 months at the Officer Basic School in Quantico, I became an infantry officer and like most of my classmates was assigned to Vietnam. So, in December 1968, I arrived in Vietnam as was sent to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment as a platoon commander. I had just turned 22 years old and was awestruck by the responsibility of leading 30+ Marines and trying to keep them out of harms way. Things were rocky at times, but we worked

together as a team and survived the ordeal. Returning from Vietnam, things returned to normal (whatever normal means). I got married in May of 1970 and my wife and I began an adventure as we navigated 29-year career in the Marine Corps. We had tours in California, North Carolina, Illinois, multiple postings in Virginia, and a one-year unaccompanied tour in Okinawa. *Highlights include serving in all three Marine Divisions, teaching a two service schools and the Illinois Institute of Technology, serving with the Multinational Force in Beirut, and establishing migrant camps at Guantanamo Bay during the Haitian migrant crisis in 1991/92.*



Since retiring for the Marine Corps, in 1998, I worked as a Chief Financial Officer in a Non-Profit providing scholarships to spouses, and children of servicemen and women, killed in action or permanent disabled. After 9/11, I returned to the Marine Corps as a civilian, where I worked in military personnel planning and budgeting. In 2013, I left the Marine Corps for a second time and went to work for the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia. In 2016, both my wife (teacher) and I retired and moved to Washington, Virginia, where we have become active volunteers to include the local food pantry.

Why Blue and White? I became involved with Blue and White when



Bob Capone was the President. We were both Marines, and I realized that, like myself, not everyone's parents can afford to pay for a full college education, especially with today's costs and with multiple siblings attending school. I also learned from my time as a CFO in the Non-Profit how important scholarships are to allow our recipients are to getting an education and fulfilling their dream of a college education. Villanova is not cheap, but the quality of education, the reputation/performance of its graduates, and opportunities a degree from Villanova offer cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The scholarships awarded by the Blue and White Scholarship Foundation offers recipients help fund their education without taking on high debt from more student loans. **Your donation does not have to be large, but making any donation helps the cause and many small donations add up over time and will support additional scholarships. Consistency is the key, and over time one can increase their amount based on your financial situation. The heart of the Foundation's is the doner base and past recipients, and it is important to give back, so others can benefit.**

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Natalie Snyder



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