

Blue White Scholars Sign Franklin Pledge to “Pay It Forward”

The Benjamin Franklin Pledge Ceremony to “Pay It Forward” took place on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the Liberty View Ballroom of the Independence Visitor Center in Independence Mall. The event was hosted by none other than Mr. Benjamin Franklin, a.k.a Robert Carroll. At this ceremony, the scholarship recipients signed the Franklin Pledge so named after Mr. Franklin who invented the concept of “Paying It Forward.” When accepting a scholarship award from the Foundation, the students agree to make a nonbinding pledge to return the good favor of the award to someone else in the future ... Pg. 2



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Executive Director's Message

This month has been a shock to everyone connected with Villanova University, with the passing of Coach Rollie Massimino, former VU Alumni Director and Executive Director of the Blue White Scholarship Foundation, Bob Capone, and VU School of Nursing Dean Louis Fitzpatrick. All three of these wonderful people had enormous influence over the Villanova Community during their many years of leadership. And of course, over the years of their tenure at Villanova, Bob, Rollie, and Dean Fitzpatrick spent many days and evenings cheering on the VU men's basketball teams as they competed successful at home and on the road. In their heyday, all of these individuals seemed bigger than life, and in their special focuses, made a tremendous impact on everyone they came in contact with, especially members of the Villanova student body.



This is why we have included tributes to all three of these special people in this month's newsletter. They were all Villanova greats, all unique in their own ways, and all will be missed whenever Alumni, friends and family gather to celebrate the University's pride and progress. But for friends and supporters of the Blue White Scholarship Foundation, and its predecessor, the Wildcat Club, none will be missed more than Bob Capone. We have included a number of expressions of sadness that we received in response to the news of Bob's passing on Page 16, such as this one, by Bob's good friend Ed McCarthy: "Kate thanks for the info. Bob was truly the face of Villanova Alumni.

He was a good friend to the Class of '58. Peace " Ed McCarthy '58.

Continued from Cover.....although the scholarship are an outright grant, the students will be encouraged by the Foundation's donors and leadership to commit to "pay-it-forward" by pledging to help others with a similar financial need in the future.

Interestingly enough, "paying it forward" has a firm foundation in our nation's history. Ben Franklin is credited with initiating the concept in a letter he wrote to his friend, Benjamin Webb. In 1784, Franklin wrote to Webb about his intention to help him by lending him some money. Franklin did not want to be repaid directly, however. Instead, he expressed his hope that Webb would one day repay the debt, not to Franklin, but to someone else in need of financial aid. This act of kindness or charity is known today as "Paying Forward." Franklin commented "By lending my money in this manner, my one investment will lead to helping not just one, but many."



Somich family at the Revolutionary War Museum

It is our hope that current students who are helped by Blue White donors will give back to the Foundation, and those future students helped will also give back to the Foundation, thus continuing this charity in perpetuity. We hope that the solemnity surrounding the signing of the documents, as well as the address by our Benjamin Franklin reenactor, and the historic tour (this year it was the Revolutionary Museum), will have a lasting influence on our scholarship recipients, imprinting on them the concept of "Paying It Forward". The event began with an invocation by board member, Dr. Alfred Wolanin. The Pledge Document is featured on the next page along with pictures of the ceremony. As with all of our events this was also an opportunity to encourage donations. A special "Thank You" to our Corporate Sponsors: Univest Bank, MacHenry Auto Parts and UBS, the net proceeds from this event were over \$5,000, which will allow us to fund one full scholarship in 2018.

Don't Miss Out on Our Homecoming Tailgate, October 28th, RSVP





Allyson Weaver and Dr. Franklin



Maverick Somich and Dr. Franklin



Sara Monahan and Dr. Franklin

HISTORY

In 1784, while Benjamin Franklin was soliciting the support of the French government for the newly-formed United States, and residing in Pass'y, a suburb of the city of Paris, France, he received a letter from an old friend, Benjamin Webb, requesting his financial assistance. Being of limited means, Franklin was hesitant to comply with his friend's request, but ultimately agreed to help, but under one condition - that his friend repay the debt, not to Franklin, but to someone else in similar need. This charitable gesture has become better known today as "Paying Forward" an act of kindness or charity.



THE FRANKLIN PLEDGE

I hereby agree to make the Franklin Pledge to return the good favor of this scholarship award bestowed upon me by the Blue White Scholarship Foundation, by financially supporting another Blue White Scholarship Candidate at some time in the future, thereby "Paying It Forward" to another person in financial need.

I hereby certify that I have read the above, and I understand that by accepting a scholarship from the Blue White Scholarship Foundation, I am undertaking a non-binding commitment to donate back to the Foundation in the future, as I am able, so that another student in financial need may benefit by the work done by the Blue White Scholarship Foundation. By doing so, I will carry on the Franklin tradition of "Paying It Forward" to another individual in need.

Name: **Blue White Scholars Signed their Names Here** Date: _____

WITNESSED BY: **Members of the Board of Directors Signed Here**



Sara Rose Monahan, Michelle Milone, Ryan Mazzie, and Christian Mazzie signing the Franklin Pledge to Pay it Forward

Franklin Pledge



David Castelli with parents Marie and David



Michelle Milone with parents Barbara and Ken



Kayla Quigley with parents John and Marie



Preston Whiteman with his mom Pam



Bill Wright, Esq., Joe Cervini, Pam Laudadio, Mike Helmick, John Maguire, Alfred Wolanin, DDS witness students pledge



Kylie Frankowski and Dr. Franklin



Tricia Gresco with parents Kristen and John



Chris Rura with parents Ed and Suzanne



Matt Hughes with mom Maureen



Katie Hirthler with parents Kathleen and Gary



Chris and Ryan Mazzie



Loren Paz with Dr. Franklin



Victoria Kenney with parents



Brian Foley with Dr. Franklin

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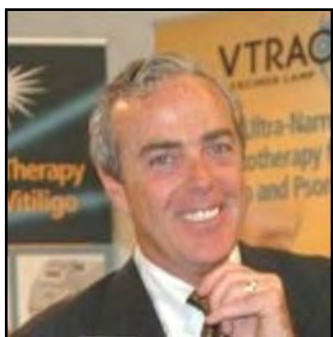
David Miller '70

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Institute



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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 to meet the scholars in person, so we are bringing them to you. Each Newsletter will feature some of 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 and your children who attended Villanova, so they too will be inspired to support the Blue White mission to "Bridge the Gap." for students who have unmet financial need, and are "Working Their Way" through college.



Sara Rose Monahan

Hometown
New Rochelle, NY

Major
Chemical Engineering

Activities & Involvement: Villanova Band, Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Society of Women Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Chemical Engineers

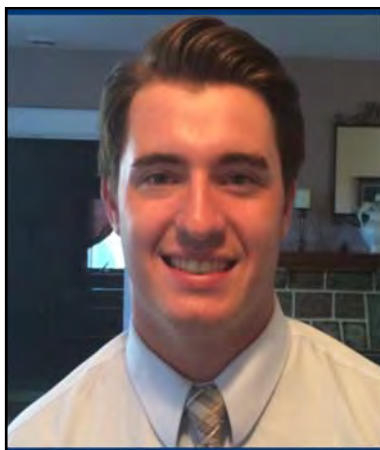
Career Aspiration: Earn a Doctorate in Chemical Engineering

Favorite Quote: "Don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot." -Alan Jay Lerner

Extraordinary Circumstances: Sara Rose's father suffered from a traumatic brain injury and is no longer able to work.

Work Experience: She has worked in the campus mailroom, as well as a cashier on campus. Over the summer she did analytical water testing work for Aquarian Water Company.

Read more about Sara on page 8



Matthew Hughes

Hometown
Drexel Hill, PA

Major
Chemical Engineering

Activities & Involvement: Captain and Treasurer of Villanova Rugby

Career Aspiration: Executive in the Process/Manufacturing Industry

Favorite Quote: "Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts." -John Wooden

Extraordinary Circumstances: Matt is one of three children currently in college. Medical issues have caused a financial hardship.

Work Experience: Matt has been working full time every summer since he turned 16. He has a work study job and interned for PBF Energy.

Read more about Matt on page 9



Kylie Frankowski

Hometown

Mullica Hill, NJ

Majors

Accounting and Marketing

Activities & Involvement: Founder and host of professional dress seminar “Backpack to Blazer”, VSB Ambassador, intramural flag football

Career Aspirations: Accountant

Favorite Quote: “Don’t compromise yourself. You are all you’ve got. There is no yesterday, no tomorrow, it’s all the same day.” -Janis Joplin

Extraordinary Circumstances: Kylie’s father lost his job when his place of work sold and has found difficulty in finding a job with the downturn in the restaurant industry. Thus, there is a gap between what her parents can pay and the financial aid she receives.

Work Experience: Financial analyst intern at Lincoln Financial Group, Coordinator at Villanova’s Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship Institute, and babysitter

“My name is Kylie Frankowski and I am a rising junior in the Villanova School of Business and a Blue White Scholar. I wanted to send my sincerest thanks for contributing to the Blue White Scholarship fund.”

“I needed Blue White because my father recently lost his job and my mom was working two jobs to support our family. This has made paying for school a significant burden, receiving the Blue White Scholarship means that I can continue following my dream of graduating from Villanova. I get some scholarship from Villanova, but it wasn’t meeting my needs. This scholarship means so much to me and my family. It will help me continue all the projects I want to work on and go to school at Villanova, which is my dream school”

“I want to thank the donors from the bottom of my heart for helping to make my dreams for me and my family come true.”

“This scholarship means I can worry about grades and developing myself as a professional without worrying if or when the bills will be paid. This scholarship gives me the freedom to pursue my dreams for both me and my parents. For that freedom I am eternally grateful. Thank you kindly for believing in students like me and making dreams come true.— Kylie Frankowski; Accounting & Marketing ‘19

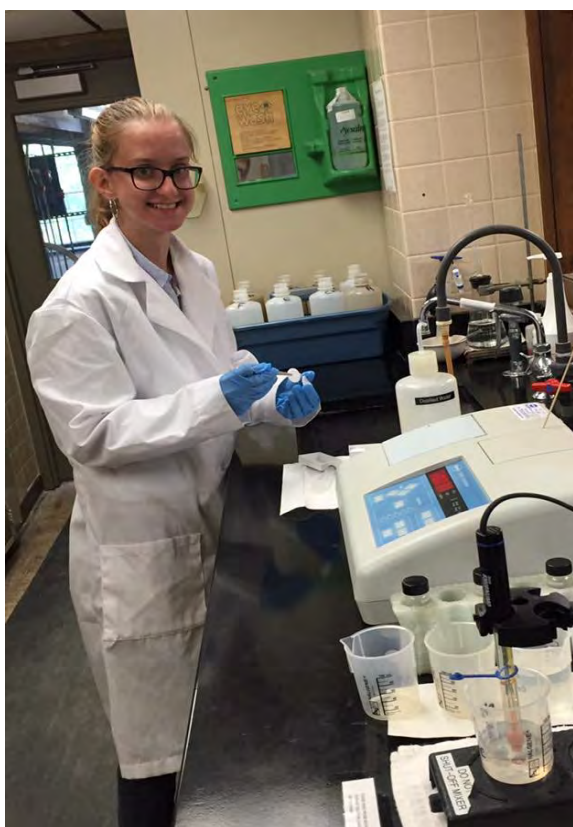


Student Spotlight: Sara Rose Monahan– Band

“In Greek, the word Agape means the highest form of love; love that transcends and shows no boundaries. The agape that you’ve shown me by having faith in my academic career and supporting my dream of finishing college even though you don’t know me personally empowers me to work harder. I will be forever grateful, and I hope one day to be able to do the same for future students.” -Sara Rose Monahan



Sara playing the flute for the Villanova Band



Sara measuring the amount of organic matter in the water at Aquarion Water Company

Last year, I was the service chair for Villanova’s chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). As the service chair, I got to prepare a lot of our service events. I organized events with a Girl Scout Troop, elementary schools, and even got faculty members involved with these events. Our biggest event this year is our annual networking dinner. Held in November, the dinner is free to engineering professionals and Villanova students. Students submit their resumes and employers get to meet and network with students while enjoying a catered dinner. A lot of work goes into planning this event, but it’s great to see how many students get internships and job offers from our dinner.

I also spend a lot of my time playing flute with the Villanova band. We not only perform at all the basketball and football games, but we also perform for the community. We perform at special events around campus, like the 175th Anniversary, and we also go on a yearly service trip to bring our music to other parts of the country. On our service trip, which happens every Fall break, we perform at Veterans homes, nursing homes, and schools. I love performing for children because they get so excited to hear us play. My favorite event was performing at an elementary school in Miami my freshman year on our service trip. The kids were so excited to hear us play and sang along to

a lot of the songs. I also really enjoy performing with the band at basketball games. We get great seats and I love when the crowd continues singing the songs we play after we stop. Although it can be exhausting to spend a lot of time performing, I love all the friends that I’ve made through the band.

Student Spotlight: Matt Hughes-Rugby Captain

“My family and I really appreciate your generosity. Over my four years at Villanova my family’s financial aid has significantly decreased and I have taken out several student loans along with working during the school year, That being said, this scholarship means so much to my family. We can’t thank you enough.” -Matt Hughes



2017 Men’s Rugby Team

The Villanova University Rugby Football Club is one of the oldest collegiate rugby teams in the United States, founded in 1958

by Villanova professor Francis Coghlan. The club is currently competing in the D-1AA Keystone Conference. This will be the 3rd season for the Wildcats in this division.

The 2017 fall season started with more excitement than ever with a strong preseason. The team took convincing wins over Doylestown and the University of Penn in strong fashion. Over the course of the preseason, the team was able to field multiple games for both sides and this was critical to player development and camaraderie. These wins allowed the club to improve all aspects of their game

heading into league play. Despite such strong early success, the wildcats have a tough road ahead on them in the competitive Keystone Conference. Looking forward to the spring semester, the team will compete in 15s and 7s, with majority of 7s play taking place in tournaments. Examples of these upcoming tournaments are the ACRC tournaments, Keystone Conference league play, City 6 tournaments, and the Collegiate Rugby Championship: Philadelphia Cup. For the club, I am the treasurer, captain and officer. I have tried to be involved as much as possible with the club over my four years here. I really enjoy the sport and being more involved has made my experience at Villanova that much better. As my Villanova career is in its final year, I’m looking to work in the process/manufacturing industry as a process engineer at a company like Exxon Mobile.



Matt and his Mom at BWSF Tailgate

Did anyone make it out alive?



In Memoriam: Rollie Massimino



Rollie Urging His Team to Victory

Rollie Massimino

November 13, 1934 – August 30, 2017



Rollie Massimino was the head coach of Villanova's men's basketball team from 1973 to 1992. He won 816 games as a college basketball coach, including 355 in his 19 years at Villanova. He has been called the architect of one of the great underdog championship wins in sports history when he coached No. 8 seed Villanova to the 1985 NCAA title, knocking off Patrick Ewing and heavily favored Georgetown in the championship game. During his nearly fifty years as a college basketball coach, the Hillside, N.J., native was also head coach at Stony Brook, UNLV, Cleveland State, and recently at Keiser University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. But none of his

coaching successes would ever rival the 1985 miracle win at Lexington, Kentucky.

In his first college head coaching job at Stony Brook, he led the program to the NCAA small colleges tournament in his first season. After two years at Stony Brook, he became Chuck Daly's assistant at Penn, and two years later he took over the Villanova program when it was an independent in 1973-74, and helped lead it into a previous version of the Atlantic 10 and then into the Big East in 1980. He reached the NCAA tournament six times in his first 11 years with the Wildcats, but the 1984-85 team became legendary. After finishing the 1985 regular season tied for third in the Big East, then losing to St. John's in the semifinal game of the Big East tournament, Villanova entered the NCAA tournament at 19-10, and despite being a No. 8 seed, the Wildcats advanced steadily to the Final Four, along with St. John's and Georgetown, in the only Final Four in tournament history to include three schools from the same conference.

The rest was more College Basketball history, with Villanova beating Memphis State to reach the championship game against the reigning champions Georgetown, and then shooting an amazing 78.6 percent from the field to defeat Ewing and the Hoyas for the 1985 Championship. This game has been watched with fascination over and over, has been written about endlessly, and is clearly a significant reason for Rollie's induction into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013.

Rollie's career at Villanova began without controversy in 1973, possibly because he had never visited the school before taking the head coaching job, yet he would become just the third coach to lead the Wildcats in the team's 36-year history, and he would later say that he knew immediately that it was his "dream job". During the next four years, under his aggressive leadership, the Villanova team's reputation grew, as they joined the Eastern Eight Conference and won two titles in three years, and then joined the Big East Conference in just the third year of its existence, His recruits from the New York area propelled the team to many

In Memoriam: Rollie Massimino

successes, and coming into the '84-'85 season the wildcat fans had reason to be optimistic, with talent like John Pinone, Ed Pinckney, and Stewart Granger contributing to winning seasons. Which is why the Villanova fans were somewhat disappointed with the team's lackluster season finish of 18-9 going into the 1985 NCAA postseason tournament. But that was where the disappointment ended. The team chemistry came together with successive wins over Dayton, Michigan, and Maryland, all by low-score close margin, but the real challenge came against perennial champion North Carolina at the Mid-East Regional Finals. Trailing the No. 2-seeded Tar Heels at halftime by five points, the Wildcats were inspired by a most passionate, but most unusual, performance by "Coach Mass", with references to pasta and athletic performance all mixed together with shouting and waving arms. Whatever the effect, it worked, and Villanova was on its way to the Final Four for just the second time in its history, with a 56-44 win over arguably one of the best teams in the country.



Rollie at the 1985 Championship Game

The rest, as they say, is history. Even after his departure from Villanova, Rollie would continue to be long remembered for his inimitable coaching style, his famous spaghetti dinners, his "you are part of the family" relationship with his players, and the permanent imprint he left on the basketball history of Philadelphia. Coach Wright's close relationship with Rollie allowed for him to once again be involved with the Villanova Basketball program in recent years, and the reaction of the fans to his presence at the 2016 Final Four added significantly to the mood of the crowd throughout that heady weekend in Houston. Although Rollie was suffering visibly from his various illnesses, you could see that he was both giving and getting energy from the Villanova faithful during that momentous occasion. "This was great," Rollie said. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything." - And neither would we. Rollie's presence made the occasion even more special, if that could be possible.

Rollie continued to coach Keiser University for the past eleven years, building an impressive record there, and showing that he still had a knack for bringing out the best in his players, regardless of the venue, and despite his age. He was recently quoted in Sports Illustrated as saying, "I wouldn't be coaching if I didn't enjoy it. It keeps me young. I can yell, I can scream. I can still punch a little bit, you know what I mean?". With a career record of 816-462, Rollie is one of 22 men's basketball coaches with at least 800 wins at four-year colleges. He will be missed by everyone who knew him and who appreciated his unique contribution to Villanova sports history.

Rollie is survived by his wife Mary Jane, of nearly sixty years, along with his three sons, Tom, R.C. and Andrew; two daughters, Lee Ann and Michelle; and 17 grandchildren.

In Memoriam: Robert Capone '62



A Tribute to Bob Capone '62 May He Rest In Peace

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 more than 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 its students.

Bob Capone's 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 annual black tie dinner. This award has now continued for nearly fifty years. Some of the distinguished alumni honored during Bob's tenure as Alumni Director included Thomas G. Labrecque '60, then president of Chase Manhattan Bank; Hon. Robert N.C. Nix, Jr. '50, chief justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Francis H. Dunne, Esq. '64, assistant General Counsel, General Motors Corporation; Sallie L. Baliunas, 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.

In Memoriam: Robert Capone '62

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 had 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 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 was 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 held 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 player, a member of Turf and Tinsel, Delta Pi Epsilon Fraternity, the Villanova Law Society and the PLC Corps. Bob is survived by his wife, Frances, two children, Alexandra and Robert, and a grandchild, Robert.

REQUESCAT IN PACE



Bob's pride and joy was establishing the Bob Capone/ Howie Long Blue White Classic

I received many emails from all of you in response to the passing of Bob Capone. Here's a few:



Kate, thanks for sharing with us.

He was always "Coach" to me when I played football at Villanova. He was my position coach. Always friendly, always helpful, always considerate. He saved my bacon more than twice!

So when he created the Wildcat Club that later became the Blue/White Foundation, I was one of his disciples. Coach Bob gave me the incentive to start my own charity golf tournament that lasted for 25 years. He made sure that I always had everything I needed for prizes from campus to promote Villanova in my tournament. With his encouragement and

support, we made a big difference in my community. He taught me (by example) the Augustinian philosophy of being a steward of our neighbors. I still try to do that daily.

While I will miss Coach, I have some nice photos of us together. I won't "miss" him, because he will always be with me in fond memories of him laughing, watching him hustling at events to make sure he's covering all of the bases, making everyone happy, keeping the wheels turning. I choose to remember him in that light, which I am sure he would want us all to do.

To quote the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy:

"Beloved, I am already being poured out like a libation, and my time of departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race, I have kept the faith...." 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Coach Bob has truly kept the faith of his Villanova, and his God. As was said in another passage "Well done, my good and faithful servant". Rest well, Coach. You will be remembered for your mighty deeds done in quiet, your humble demeanor and your love for giving. You humble us all.

With Much Love and Admiration,. -Joe Graziano, Villanova 1974

Kate: Awesome tribute to Bob, Thank you so very much. He and I were close for many years, even well before he recruited me to help fight the good fight for the Wildcat Club. He was responsible for my Alumni Medal. Never met anyone, anywhere, so committed to VU. Don't know what lasting memorial we can cast in his memory. If any way I can contribute, please let me know. No bench. No tree. Something really lasting. Like maybe an endowed "Bob Capone Make a Difference Scholarship" for a student, selected by the BWSF, who represents extraordinary vision, in our view, toward the future of the university. Bill Jones



Roy Zimmerman
Special Counsel
Eckert-Seamans

Thank you for the copy of that beautiful tribute to Bob Capone. It was a very comprehensive statement of his life and his career with appropriate emphasis on his love and service to our great Villanova University.

I was proud to have him as a very active supporter in my state-wide campaign to be Pennsylvania's first elected attorney general. Bob was very much aware of my proud Italian heritage. During my campaigns he was always in attendance at many of my south Philadelphia events.

It is wonderful of you as the Executive Director of his Foundation to spread the word about his long and proud history with Villanova University.

May his soul rest in peace. Let me know if there are any memorials, etc. in his memory.

For all of his accomplishments, Bob was, best of all, a good man and a family man. RIP. Jerry Bruderle

Thanks for reprinting the tribute to Bob! He also helped students on the personal level in need of financial or academic help. He is likely busy organizing an alumni association in heaven given all of his contacts! He was and is a perfect example of a Christian Catholic.

What do you think of establishing a "club" or contribution level for Bob including contributors above a certain level during a financial or calendar year - perhaps \$1000 or higher? -Tom Bruderle

In Memoriam – Dr. Louise Fitzpatrick



We are saddened by the loss of Dr. Louise Fitzpatrick, whose longstanding service to the University, and her relentless pursuit of excellence in the College of Nursing was legendary.

Louise passed away peacefully on September 1st, 2017, after a heroic battle with cancer for nearly three years. Serving as Dean of the College of Nursing for almost 40 years, Dr. Fitzpatrick lived and breathed Villanova and the nursing profession. She embodied the spirit of what it means to be a Villanova nurse—competent and compassionate, fully committed to bettering the lives of patients and the community at large. She loved nursing, the College, her students and everything Villanova. She was a

true Villanova fan, especially her love for basketball, cheering on the Wildcats when they won the 1985 NCAA Championship and rejoicing when they did it again in 2016.

Dr. Fitzpatrick was a Villanovan who made sure the Augustinian tradition infused every aspect of the work of the College. She nurtured a culture of intellectual excellence in teaching and inquiry, service to others, and nursing as a healing ministry. She fully committed herself to helping others, both at home and abroad. She sought to globalize the College of Nursing through study abroad and health promotion experiences for students in countries around the world. She also emphasized multicultural experiences in underserved areas in the United States—from the Western Shoshone Native American reservation to the Delaplaine McDaniel Elementary School in South Philadelphia.

Under her leadership, the College of Nursing developed into a premier professional and academic program, recognized repeatedly by the National League for Nursing (NLN) as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. She expanded the College's academic programs, including initiating the master's and doctoral programs, as well as an accelerated BSN program for second-degree students. Dr. Fitzpatrick developed distance learning strategies and clinical simulation initiatives with a focus on scholarship and research. During her tenure, three centers were established: the Center for Nursing Research, the Center for Global and Public Health, and the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education.

A proud native of South River, N.J., Dr. Fitzpatrick was the only child of John Fitzpatrick and Bettina Galassi Fitzpatrick, who both demonstrated to her in their work and in their lives the importance of caring for others around them. Her upbringing led her to Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, where she focused her work on public health in the city of Baltimore. Dr. Fitzpatrick went on to earn a BSN at The Catholic University of America, and her MA, MEd and Ed.D from Columbia University.

Dr. Fitzpatrick was a visionary whose heart and soul were dedicated to advancing the nursing and health care field. Her leadership in creating the College of Nursing as a tangible expression of Villanova's mission is unparalleled. Her reach was immeasurable, as she touched the lives of thousands of students, other nursing professionals, her staff and faculty, and many others in the Villanova community and beyond. Dr. Fitzpatrick's scholarship and leadership truly reflected our core values at Villanova of Veritas, Unitas, Caritas. Her legacy will live on at Villanova and in the College of Nursing, and her tireless commitment to improving lives will always be remembered and cherished.

Parents Weekend

Michelle Milone & Tricia Gresco



Preston Whiteman,
David Castelli & Matt Hughes

Spoiled Rotten, as it
should be!



Bottom row left to right, Bill Fessler, Brian Muscarella '80. Second row left to right, Mary Beth Fessler, Gerrie Mussico, Nancy Gibson (daughter Caroline 2020 grad), Karen Deane, Stacey Reisman, Chris Poch '83. Third row left to right, Elias Bahou, Kevin Scanlon, Kelsey Goldstoft (Nova '18 Nurse), Sara Hannan (Nova '18 Nurse) ***both Kelsey and Sarah were superstars on the pilgrimage to Lourdes France (May 2017) as they donated their time as nurses, Peter Maloy (son Liam Nova class '18 not pictured), & Connie Deutmeyer (son James Villanova pole vaulter 2018 grad).



Marybeth Kessler, board member-
Kevin Scanlon '81 and Chris Poch '83



Chris Rura with parents, Suzanne & Ed

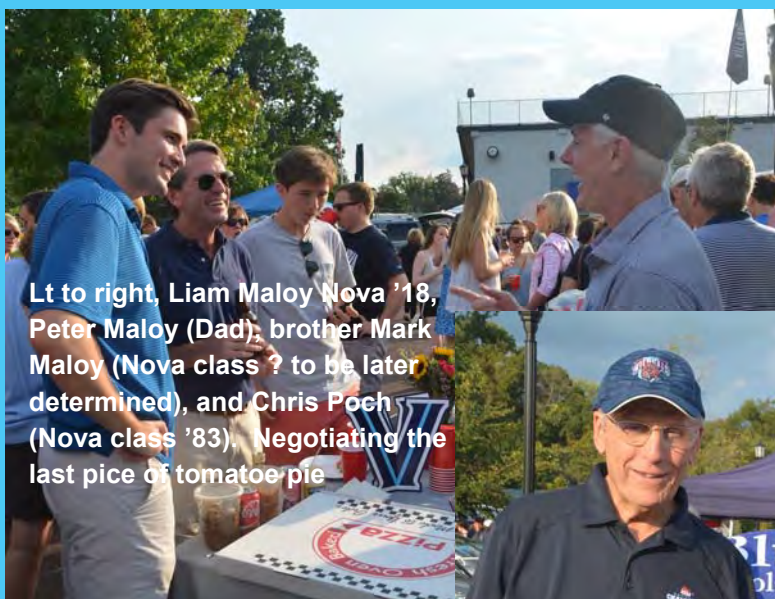
BWSF Football Tailgate



Left to right Jill, and Michael Hough daughter Mary-Michael a 2020 student, next is Dennis Deutmeyer (son James Villanova pole vaulter 2018 grad) and far right Bill Fessler.



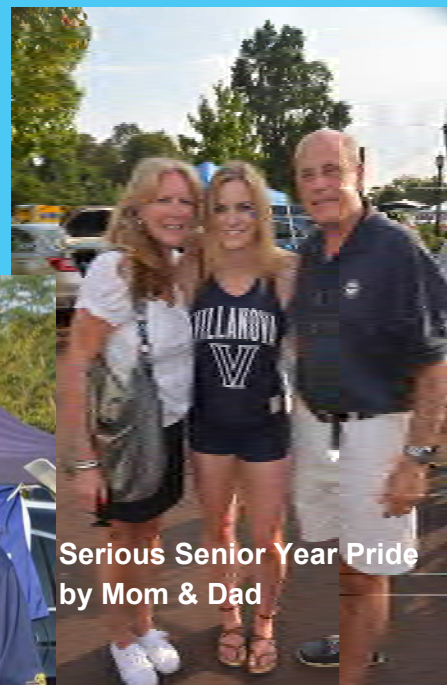
Jack Graham, Mary Beth Fessler and Tom Graham, just spotted the Wildcat!!



Lt to right, Liam Maloy Nova '18, Peter Maloy (Dad), brother Mark Maloy (Nova class ? to be later determined), and Chris Poch (Nova class '83). Negotiating the last piece of tomatoe pie



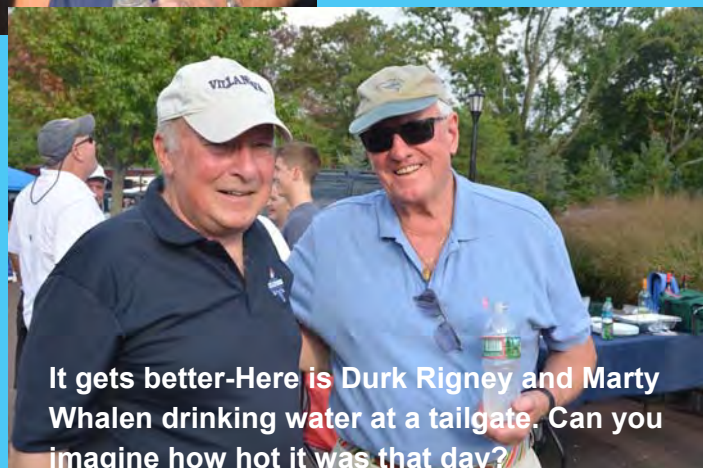
Walt Houck and Mike Helmick.—true Blue and White supporters!



Serious Senior Year Pride by Mom & Dad



Seriously, you want me to drink soda?



It gets better-Here is Durk Rigney and Marty Whalen drinking water at a tailgate. Can you imagine how hot it was that day?



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Call Kate and let her know what goodies
you will be bringing: (610)-519-0777
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Register online @ www.BlueWhiteScholarship.org
Sunday October 22
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Cost \$50 per car
Includes lunch
and prizes

