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(Last man on the right)*



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Blue White Bridges the Financial Aid Gap- The Joy of Graduation!

\$150,000 in Scholarship Monies Awarded for Academic Year 2024-25



**Executive Director's
Message
Kate Cellucci**

The end of the school year is upon us and I have an update for you. It's not a pretty one. We lost 3 extremely generous donors this year that accounted for approximately 1/4 of all of our annual funding.

One donor was a victim of the Palisades fire in California. He single handily kept Blue White Scholarship going in 2014 when I started and has given over \$500,000 over the past 10 years. We are just one of many charities that he supports, but now he has an entire city to re-build. We wish him God's blessing and thank him for his dedication to our young Villanova students.

The second donor had a sudden death. He was just in the middle of purchasing Annuities through the Blue White Scholarship Foundation and he was meeting to add a Codicil to his Will to leave 2% of his estate to the Foundation. I had filled out his paperwork as requested and I thought he was busy with the Christmas holidays, but it was very unlike him to take more than a week to reply back. When I followed up I was shocked to find he had a heart attack and wasn't with us anymore. He was a mentor to me and an extremely successful business man and venture capitalist. I truly miss him.

The last gentleman was older and one of Bob Capone's friends. He was special. He had seen an apparition of Mary at his place of

business and sent me the picture. I'm sure he went straight to heaven.

So the question is this. What to do? The Board of Directors went to work and as I mentioned we working with past Blue White Scholars and other Villanova alumni who benefitted from receiving a scholarship when they attended Villanova, on resolving this dilemma.

Here is the game plan:



Short Term:

1. We are introducing March Madness Pools and football pools.
(If don ' t have your email and you want to play, then please email @ KateCellucci@BlueWhiteClub.com or text @610-304-3848 or This idea was



introduced and is being run by board member and Blue White Scholar, Steve Szaroleta '05.

2. We are recruiting Corporate Sponsors for Events:

\$500
\$1,500
\$2,500

3. We are bringing back Live Event fundraisers. We will have 3 major events. **Casino Night**, which will probably be switched to the Fall next year, A **Golf Outing**—late Spring/ early Summer and the **Christmas Party**.

We will continue to host in the Fall The Benjamin Franklin "**Pay It Forward**" **Commitment Ceremony** and the Virtual "**Pet Blessing**"

Long Term:

1. Our "Where Are They Now"

book will be coming out soon after two years of work. Going back 25 years and trying to reach past scholars has been a massive undertaking, but it is the best way I know to showcase the enormous impact you all have made on the lives of others. Giving to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation has truly mattered.

The donations have changed lives. You should be extremely proud of yourself, but the "Where Are They Now" bios book, soon to be published, will show you the success of the foundation.

I hope the book will encourage you to do a couple of things:

- A. **If you were a Scholarship Recipient**, I hope you will want to help a current student relieve the stress in their lives by helping them pay for school. PLEASE, donate back monthly.
- B. **If you are in your 40's or 50's** please ask your company to be a **Corporate Sponsor** or contact a fellow alumni that has a successful career who can afford to donate big!
- C. If you are older and at a point in your life that you are **thinking of what type of legacy you want to create**, then please, PLEASE leave the Foundation a token portion of your estate. If everyone leaves a little it will ensure our mission is funded in perpetuity. Our ask— **2% + NOTE: Assets that have a designated beneficiary like Life Insurance or your 401(k) are separate from your estate.**
- D. Our mission will always be the same— to help students who need it. Want to talk? Call me 610-304-3848 Go Cats!

Kate

Jump Ball, Get it! Get it! Join the Winning Team



Call to Action for Classes 2001-2021

In honor of our 25th anniversary please donate \$25 a month (for those who graduated more than 5 years ago —And you're a former scholarship recipient.)



Why? This organization is now 53 years old. Our donors are ageing out. We will not be able to continue without the support of the Classes of 2001-2020



Donating \$25 per month will equal \$300 per year.

It takes 33 former scholars to fund 1 student.

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My Thank-You Letter — Nick Gross '25

Dear Donor,



I hope this correspondence finds you well in the midst of a happy and fulfilling year. I am writing to thank you again for the amazing opportunity you have provided me in the form of a Blue White Scholarship. I am a Senior at Villanova from Kensington, Maryland. I am pursuing a double major in Environmental Studies, on a policy and management track, and Economics, with a business specialization. This is my second year being awarded this scholarship. This scholarship does more than you could know for me and my family. Your generous support and steadfast commitment to the Villanova student body inspires me. It is hard to convey the excitement it brings me to have the privilege of being selected once again for such a unique and valued scholarship. I will do my best in the following letter.

The Blue White Scholarship has played and will continue to play, a pivotal role in shaping my Villanovan journey. Getting to Villanova, and remaining at the school, has been tumultuous. I grew up in a large house with two loving parents and a great community of friends around me. In 2006, my father was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. However, he managed the symptoms well and it was never a huge factor in our lives. After the recession, combined with worsening symptoms from my dad in the early 2010's (decreasing his ability to work), and increasing medical care costs, my family's finances grew worrisome. In 2016, when I was a freshman in high school, we moved out of our house, and my brother and I got part-time jobs to help support the family. In July 2018, everything took a turn for the worse. My mom was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS. Just months later, my life as a student changed completely, and I went from captain of my crew team to a caretaker for my mom.



High School Graduation with my brother (left) and my Mom and Dad.



Christmas (2019) with family. I am a junior in High School. Pictured from the left is me, my dad, my mom, and my brother. Each year my parents would buy me and my brother matching pajamas for Christmas.

My life consisted solely of school, crew, and caretaking. I'd wake up at 6:00 AM to help my mom prepare for the day and start homework around 10:00 PM after getting her to bed. It was undoubtedly the hardest time of my life. What carried me through, however, was our community. It was people like you, who so selflessly donated, that allowed us not only to keep her in our home but provide her with a quality of life that so many are not fortunate enough to receive. I am forever grateful to those who helped in our time of need, just as I am grateful to you now for helping me once again in another time of need.

As a freshman in college, pursuing two majors, working 10 hours a week, and visiting home twice a week, I was spread thin. **I didn't spend a weekend on campus my first semester, I went home to alleviate the insurmountable caretaker costs. [During winter break that first year, my mom passed away. Depressed, overwhelmed, and poor, I considered transferring schools or dropping out altogether.](#)** I applied to the University of Maryland, knowing I wouldn't

be able to pay for another semester of school. I knew, however, that my mom would hate me dropping out of Villanova, a school I worked so hard to get into, because of her death. So I increased the hours at my job, barely scraped by, and incessantly looked for ways to finance the following years. (continued on next page)

Nick Gross '25 (continued)

No semester has come easy since then. [That summer I worked over 80 hours per week at a restaurant, working 15-hour days five to six days a week. The following summer I worked 40 hours at a restaurant and 40 hours at an internship, usually getting home after midnight and starting the next day at 7:00 AM. That is when the Blue White Scholarship came in.](#) Last summer, given your donations, I was able to breathe a sigh of relief. It provided the exact amount I needed to fund my 2023 school year. **Because of your donation, I was able to, for the first time, not have a job during the school year. It was also the first time I ever received a 4.0 GPA in college.** Your donations have a real, lasting impact on students. With my newfound time, I was able to refocus my Villanovan life. I recommitted to community service, something that had always been important to me but had faltered with time constraints. I began volunteering at an all-organic community farm that donates its produce to a local food shelter. I was accepted to the Student Sustainability Committee. I was appointed Service Site Director for Villanova's Day of Service. Lastly, I was able to spend more time involved in Villanova's community and now have the closest friends I've had since arriving at Villanova.

I want to make it clear your donations go beyond numbers on a tuition bill. For me, it changed the trajectory of my Villanova career and frankly, my life. I was awarded a spot on the Core English Honor Roll, awarded by each Professor to one student for exceptional aptitude in scholarly writing on English literature. **I was accepted** into the Economics Honors Society, Omicron Delta Epsilon, for excellence in economic coursework. Lastly, **I was nominated** by the Chief of Sustainability at Villanova to apply for the Fulbright program. This summer I am applying to be an English Teaching Assistant in rural Lithuania for underserved youth after I graduate, in one of the most prestigious post-grad programs in the world. I truly believe none of this would be possible without your support.

Once again, thank you for another year of donating, and thank you for another changed life. Your commitment is admirable and I hope to one day meet you so I can thank you in person.

Your friend, Nick Gross

Each student who is awarded a scholarship is asked to write a "Thank you" note. Each are assigned a group of donors. When you read this note by Nick you can understand why I would do anything to help our Blue White Scholars and why this organization is so badly needed.

I can keep telling the student stories, but it is up to you all to keep the mission to "Bridge the Gap."

- Please, become a Corporate Sponsor if you are working and in an upper management position.
- Please, give monthly even if you're a recent graduate
- Please, remember us in your 401K or Insurance proceeds at any age, in any portion.
- Please, leave 2 % of your estate to the Foundation.
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 - Insurance Proceeds
 - Stock portfolio
 - 401k
 - Real Estate
- Most importantly, for the 4 items listed above, you could add BWSF as a beneficiary



This is me on the right side with my brother in front of the White House in Washington D.C. I have a brother who is three years older than me, and people often say we are like carbon copies of each other. Despite the age gap, we share a lot of similar traits and interests. Our close bond is something I really value

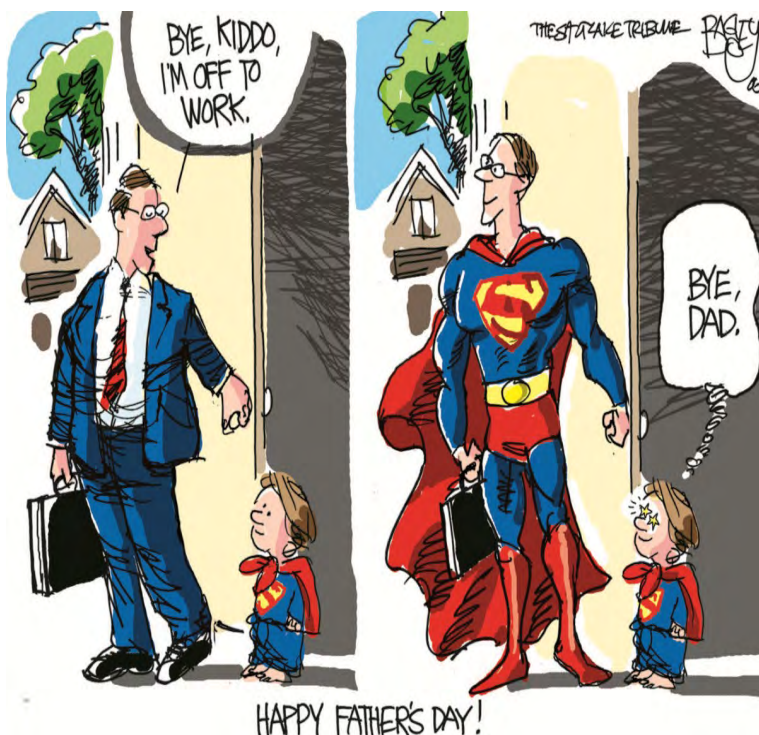


There are lots of everyday heroes out there. Our donors who help students in school are heroes to the students. But in May and June let's celebrate our personal heroes. Some of us are blessed to have both a Mom and Dad.

A Few Chuckles



From EnchantedLittleWorld.com



From Pat Bagley-Southern Utah Independent



**Margaret Mary
(Maggie) Boyle '25**

Hometown
Jenkintown, PA

Major
Statistics & Computer
Science

School Activities:

- Manager of the Villanova Women's Basketball team
- Member of Kappa Delta Sorority
- Student Facilitator for VU Communitas Healthy Living
- Volunteer for Special Olympics of PA
- Volunteer for Blake Gives Back Foundation
- Intramural Sports-Coed Basketball

Career Aspirations:

To work in the sports industry analyzing team and player stats..

Favorite Quote:

"Empowered women empower women".

How the Blue White Scholarship is helping me:

The Blue White Scholarship is a tremendous help for my family this year, as we have three children in college. I'm a senior at Villanova, while my two brothers are at Saint Joseph's University—one as a junior and one starting as a freshman. Although my parents have supported my education, I've worked hard to secure scholarships, student loans, and part-time jobs to cover daily expenses. This year is especially challenging financially, so the Blue White Scholarship is a crucial relief. We are deeply grateful for this support and for the new community that the foundation will connect me with throughout my senior year and beyond.

Jobs you have worked to help pay for school:

- Villanova Athletics Student Equipment Manager
- New York Life Insurance Company Corporate Intern
- Rover Dogsitter
- Clean Juice Juicerista and Shift Lead
- Local Bryn Mawr family babysitting

Extraordinary Circumstances

To echo my response from above, my parents have managed to cover my tuition without loans so far, relying only on subsidized and unsubsidized loans from FAFSA. However, with three of us in college this year, our family's financial situation is strained.



Michael Ferry '25

Hometown
Newtown Square, PA

Major
Electrical Engineering

School Activities:

- CEER PEER's
- Villanova IEEE Chapter
- Special Olympics
- Intramural Sports

Career Aspiration:

Become an electrical engineer at a defense contractor company.

Favorite Quote:

"Do or do not. There is no try."-Yoda

How the Blue White Scholarship is helping:

The Blue White Scholarship is helping me afford my Villanova education, and in doing so, is alleviating a great amount of stress on both my parents and me. I am responsible for paying for most of my college loans. My parents are striving to help me out where they can. A strong education has been a very important aspect of my life, as well as my two younger siblings. Receiving this scholarship is invaluable to me.

Jobs I have worked to help pay for school:

- Morning Maintenance at my High School
- Food Expeditor and Food Runner
- Barback at the Ocean Drive in Sea Isle City
- Engineering Internship at the Phila. Navy Yard

Extraordinary Circumstances

Throughout my freshman year, my dad started to think about leaving his almost twenty-year teaching career. During his first weeks back to in person teaching, after teaching virtually for two years, he was working a football game in his assistant athletic director role. At the game, there was a shooting in which a little girl died. Education was never the same for him. He struggled the rest of the school year and made the tough decision to leave education, resulting in a substantial decrease in income. The amount my parents were going to contribute has been significantly impacted. The Blue White Scholarship is helping my family as we navigate through these financial changes.



Nick Gross '25

Hometown
Bethesda, Maryland

Major
Environmental Science
& Economics

School Activities:

- Executive Board Member of the Villanova Environmental Group (VEG)
- Member of the GEV Student Association
- Member of the Badminton Club
- Member of the Donate Life

Career Aspirations:

I want to work in government relations regarding environmental policy, the energy transition, or sustainable development plan to be involved in international politics.

Favorite Quote:

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."
- Winston Churchill

How the Blue White Scholarship is helping:

The Blue White Scholarship takes some of the financial stress off my shoulders and allows me to refocus on my studies and career goals. It is incredibly encouraging to receive and from the bottom of my heart: thank you to the donors for providing such a wonderful opportunity.

Jobs I've worked to help pay for school:

- Caregiver for Mom until she died 5 years later
- Waiter (20 hours a week during school year)
- Waiter (70-80 hours a week-summers)
- Internship with a Natural Gas Company

Extraordinary Circumstances

My mom passed away my freshman year after battling ALS for three years. My dad has Parkinson's Disease. Both illnesses are extraordinarily costly and time-consuming for caretaking. This has left my brother with over \$100,000 in debt and me with total responsibility for my financial situation.

SPOTLIGHT: Maggie Boyle'25 *Title IX Impacts on Women's Sports*



As I reflect on my journey at

Villanova University, where I've had the privilege of serving as one of the women's basketball team managers since my freshman year, I am struck by the profound impact Title IX has had on my life and the lives of countless women. As I enter my senior year, I am more aware than ever of the significance of this landmark legislation, not only in the realm of sports but also in the academic and social spheres.

Title IX, enacted in 1972, was a transformative piece of legislation prohibiting sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities. This law has been pivotal in creating equal opportunities for women in sports, ensuring that women like me have access to the same resources, opportunities, and recognition as our male counterparts. As a manager for the women's basketball team, I have witnessed firsthand how Title IX has leveled the playing field, allowing our team to thrive and compete at the highest levels.

One of the most exciting developments in college sports in recent years has been the introduction of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) rights. This new era allows student-athletes to monetize their personal brands, providing them with opportunities to earn income through endorsements and partnerships. For female athletes, NIL rights represent a significant advancement. This amplifying their visibility and financial independence. The connection

between NIL and Title IX is profound; Title IX laid the groundwork for gender equality in sports, and NIL builds on this foundation by empowering female athletes to leverage their talents and hard work into tangible economic benefits. This development not only promotes fairness but also encourages a new generation of young women to pursue their athletic dreams with the knowledge that their efforts will be justly rewarded.

Beyond the sports arena, Title IX has been instrumental in fostering a safer and more inclusive campus environment. It provides essential protections against sexual harassment and assault, ensuring that women can pursue their academic and extracurricular activities without fear.



A group shot of all the managers.

This legal framework supports a culture of respect and equality, which is crucial for the holistic development of all students. As someone deeply invested in the well-being of my peers, I am grateful for the safeguards Title IX offers, allowing us to focus on our studies and athletic endeavors in a supportive environment.

The impact of Title IX extends into the academic realm as well. By mandating equal opportunities for women in education, Title IX has significantly increased female participation in STEM fields, leadership roles, and higher



A photo of me, another manager, and two of the players at one of their NIL events at a men's game at Wells Fargo Center

education in general. This progress is evident in the diverse and talented student body at Villanova, where women are excelling in various disciplines and making significant contributions to the university community. My experience as a manager for the women's basketball team has given me a unique perspective on the importance of equality and the power of Title IX. It has taught me the value of teamwork, perseverance, and leadership, which are qualities that I carry into every aspect of my life. The Blue White Scholarship Foundation is going to play a crucial role in supporting my education and enabling me to pursue my passion for sports management. With this support, I have been able to fully dedicate myself to my studies and the basketball team, knowing that I am part of a community that values and upholds the principles of equality and fairness.

In conclusion, Title IX has been a cornerstone of progress for women in sports, academics, and beyond. It has opened doors, created opportunities, and provided protections that have empowered women to succeed. As I prepare to graduate and embark on the next chapter of my life, I am committed to continuing the legacy of Title IX by advocating for equality and supporting the next generation of female leaders and athletes.

3 Things You May Not Know About Maggie

1

I am one of the Medjugorje Five

My parents were having a hard time having a baby when they first got married. My Nana went to the Shrine of Medjugorje and prayed that they would be blessed with children. It worked...my mom got pregnant, so did both of her sisters, and so did both of her sister in laws.

There were five babies born in eight months. We all think that my Nana has a direct line to the Blessed Mother. My Nana brought back rosary beads from Medjugorje, and they have worked baby miracles for the last 22 years for many people. My mom always says that the Blessed Mother hears our prayers, and she answers them.



I am fascinated by Sister Rose, also known as Shelly Pennefather.

2

If you haven't heard of Shelly Pennefather, you're missing a crucial chapter in Villanova basketball history. Before Maddy Siegrist, she was considered the greatest women's basketball player the school has ever seen. Pennefather was the leading scorer for Villanova, won the Wade Trophy in 1987, and received a remarkable offer of \$200,000 to play professional basketball in Japan—at the time, the highest offer ever made to a female player. In 1991, Pennefather felt a calling to become a nun and joined the Poor Clares, one of the strictest religious orders in the world. This order lives a life cut off from society, with family visits occurring only twice a year through a screen. Though it may seem harsh, it was the path she felt called to take. Her journey is truly remarkable and inspires awe every time I think about it. For more on her extraordinary story, check out the ESPN article from 2019 titled “Whatever Happened to Villanova Basketball Star Shelly Pennefather? ‘So I Made This Deal with God.’”



3

I am the shortest person in my family.

This might not sound particularly exciting, but I find it quite interesting. When I'm out shopping with my little sister, she often gets mistaken for the older one—even though I'm six years older than her. Right now, she's about five inches taller than me, having outgrown me four years ago when she was just eleven. My brothers are even more noticeable, standing at 6'4" and 6'3", which makes them tower over me. Though my parents aren't exceptionally tall, they are both taller than I am. I used to feel self-conscious about my height, but I've come to appreciate it. I realized that in my family, the oldest women are usually the shortest, yet they are the most confident and powerful. Embracing that energy, I've learned to take pride in my height and the unique perspective it brings.



SPOTLIGHT: Mike Ferry – My Voyage at NAVSEA Philly



what was expected of me, I was also informed about the various resources NSWCPD provides to its employees. However, I still was not used to life in the workplace. On my first day of work, I did not realize that I was free to leave on my own once I put my hours in; I stayed an hour extra waiting to be dismissed as if class had just ended!



This past summer, I was extremely fortunate to receive the opportunity to intern at the Naval Surface Warfare Center – Philadelphia Division (NSWCPD)! Located at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, NSWCPD is a branch of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) whose mission is to “design, build, deliver and maintain ships, submarines and systems reliably, on-time and on-cost for the United States Navy.” It was very fascinating to be able to contribute to this mission and be a part of the force behind the fleet!



This internship was my first, so it came with mixed flurries of anticipation and anxiety. I had no clue what to expect, but I was also eager to learn and contribute. My first week of work was focused on familiarizing myself with NSWCPD. On top of learning about the Navy Yard or

Working for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, our work was obviously focused on ships and submarines. That being said,

I thought it was very captivating getting to learn about all of the different types of ships and subs and their purposes. Ships such as aircraft carriers and destroyers might be the most frequent to make a news headlines, but the Navy supports many other types of ships which I had not heard of before this internship. While I did not get a chance to go out on a ship, I observed various test sites and was able to receive a little bit of an idea about what it is like to be on a ship!

I had a great experience at NSWCPD! The biggest contributors to my growth this summer were the people around me. I had countless questions, and I always found someone willing to answer them and ensure that I understood a concept. This help was especially important as I attempted to put my Villanova education to use in the real world! It was very intriguing to see how the theory I learn in class translates to reality in electrical drawings and equipment in real life.



Above: Mike in front of the aircraft carrier USS John F Kennedy. This ship patrolled the seas from 1968 to 2007. It's quite large compared to me!

Left My first day of work! I am fourth when going left to right.

4 Things You May Not Know About Mike

1

I love basketball!

I have played basketball my entire life, and I have continued this passion at Villanova both by playing with my friends and attending Villanova basketball games! I watch basketball every day, and I have even played against several of the current Villanova Wildcats during my CYO and high school years. Here's me and current NBA player Jalen Duren!



2

I'm left-handed!

I take after my dad, who is also left-handed. As a kid, I always found it fascinating how I would write or throw with a different hand than everyone else. As a sports fan, my favorite athletes were Philadelphia Phillies players Ryan Howard and Cole Hamels, who are also left-handed! Check me out on the right dressed up as Cole Hamels!



3

I was diagnosed with moderate to severe hearing loss in my right ear when I was three years old.

My family and I are still not sure what caused this to happen as it was not genetic. Though it was sometimes difficult to understand as a child, I always enjoyed picking the color for my hearing aid molds. They often shared the colors of whatever sports team I was on the bandwagon for when I picked the colors!



4

My Dad & Pop Pop are both Saint Joe's Hawks

Despite being local to Villanova, I actually did not like Villanova before my college search. My Dad and Pop Pop are both Saint Joe's Hawks, so I was taught to be on that side of the Holy War. Additionally, I liked the Kansas Jayhawks basketball team, who seemed to always lose to Villanova. Now I love Villanova, and I've unfortunately watched the Wildcats lose to both teams during my time as a student. I guess I'm bad luck!



More Etiquette News: Practices in Shared Workspaces

Here is another few pages of the BWSF 47 page Business Etiquette manual. It is important to maintain proper coworking space etiquette . It is integral to fostering a productive and peaceful shared workspace atmosphere. To ensure a smooth and enjoyable shared office experience, it is essential that all parties communicate respectfully and with consideration.

Respect Space

When using a coworking space, it is important to respect the shared environment. Keeping the workspace clean and organized is crucial to maintaining a welcoming and productive environment for everyone. Remember that the space is not exclusively yours, so avoid leaving personal items lying around, clean up after yourself, and dispose of waste properly. Following these guidelines can help create a collaborative and comfortable workspace for all.

overhearing private conversations, keeping personal boundaries in mind is important. This etiquette fosters a sense of trust and openness among coworkers and is essential to working in a shared office space.

Meeting Room Decorum

Adherence to meeting room schedules demonstrates good coworking space etiquette.



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Book meeting rooms in advance and limit your usage time to what you have reserved. This allows everyone to utilize the facilities and shows respect for others' time and needs. Also, leave the room in the same condition you found it.

Be Considerate of Others

Understanding the diverse nature of shared workspaces means respecting different working styles. Everyone has their unique working rhythm, so acknowledge this and appreciate the work ethics of those around you. This form of coworking space etiquette enhances the harmony within the shared workspace.

Be Tech Considerate

Technological devices are integral to our work lives, especially for those working remotely. However, be considerate about the noise and distractions they might cause. For instance, mute your devices when not in use, use headphones for video conferences, and avoid unnecessary, loud notifications. This digital coworking space etiquette promotes a less disruptive environment.

Community Participation

Coworking spaces are not just about work; they are about community. If you feel comfortable, participate in events, socials, or networking sessions. However, remember to respect others' choices if they prefer not to partake.

Noise Control

To ensure a productive environment for all professionals using coworking spaces, it is essential to be considerate of noise levels. This means keeping conversations at a low volume, using headphones while listening to music, and taking phone calls in designated areas such as [private](#) offices. These simple actions can help reduce distractions and create a conducive atmosphere for work.

Privacy Matters

In coworking spaces, it is crucial to maintain a sense of privacy and respect for others. Rather than looking at others' screens or accidentally

Respect Operating Hours

Respecting the operating hours of the coworking space is a crucial aspect of shared workspace etiquette. While these spaces often offer flexibility, it is important not to abuse this by consistently working outside designated hours and potentially causing resentment

Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Maintain awareness of your surroundings, particularly in open, shared workspaces. For example, if someone is on an important call or deeply focused on their work, be conscious of your actions to not

Communicate Clearly

Effective communication is crucial in coworking spaces. Transparent and respectful communication is essential when discussing shared resources, potential collaborations, or day-to-day interactions. Remember, working remotely does not equate to working in isolation.

Network, But Don't Disturb

Networking is one of the benefits of coworking spaces, but shared office space etiquette extends to this area too. While meeting like-minded professionals and building connections is beneficial, avoid disturbing others. Not everyone may be open to sudden interruptions, so be considerate and find the appropriate time to interact.

Follow the Rules

Every coworking space has its own rules, often including specific aspects of coworking space etiquette. Understand and follow these rules as they exist to maintain a productive and friendly atmosphere for all members.

Share the Amenities

Shared workspaces often provide printers, coffee machines, and kitchen facilities. When using these, always keep shared office space etiquette in mind. Avoid monopolizing these facilities and always leave them clean and ready for the next person.

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Written by Thomas Matthew

Working Space Etiquette: Best Practices in Shared Workspaces



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SPOTLIGHT: Nick Gross *Balancing Life in the Face of Adversity*



During the last three years as a student at Villanova, and through four years of high school, I have almost always held at

least one job. Many times these jobs coincided with school, sports, caretaking, or more generally; life. Finding a way to balance trying to finance both my family's well-being and my college education took time and dedication.

There were times I failed and there were times I blew past my own expectations. The one constant throughout was strong community support behind me. When I was little, my dad instilled in me the notion of *making it work*. He used it as a response to how he would react to his Parkinson's Diagnosis at the peak of his professional and family life.

In 2016, my freshman year of high school, I got my first job. I worked as a lifeguard at my childhood pool. It was a part-time gig to help cover the expenses of my summer fun. At the time it was really just a way to hang out with friends and spend the summer in the sun. As my family's finances grew troubling and it became apparent that I had to chip in, I grew more serious about my employment. The next summer I picked up a second job helping around my dad's office, taking calls and filing mail. It was boring and monotonous for a high school freshman, but it was always worth it.

There wasn't a massive change until my mom was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS, in July of 2018. The yearly cost for ALS can be up to \$200,000 a year. The financial burden was insurmountable, every time me and my brother worked from there on out it was to support the family. My brother, being in school, had to take out massive unexpected loans to achieve his degree, and today lives with over \$120,000 in student loan debt. As a high school junior, I was applying to colleges, captain of my crew team, and a full-time caretaker, so I didn't have time for a job. Fortunately, that is where the community stepped in. They provided the

funds we needed to keep my mom in our house and out of a nursing facility (famously horrific during the COVID-19 Pandemic). My brother took any work he could find and landed a job as a birdseed delivery driver. Together, my family and community *made it work*.

The notion of *making it work* continued once I got to Villanova. I worked over 10 hours a week my first semester, took 19.5 credits, and visited home twice a week (2.5-hour drive each way), once during the week (where I'd



My mom pictured a year into the disease with my cat, Lola.

miss class and have to make up for it once I got back), and each weekend. It was undoubtedly hard to make friends and build a community being spread so thin, but I knew the importance of having people in your corner, so I made it work. That winter my mom passed away. I was depressed, overwhelmed, and poor. I knew I couldn't pay for another semester of Villanovan education, so I began applying to Maryland schools where I could be closer to home and benefit from in-state tuition.

I knew, however, that my mom would've killed me for dropping out of something I worked so hard for. So I reapplied myself, found work at a

restaurant, and got to the task of *making it work*. That

following semester I worked over 20 hours a week on top of school, still visiting home once a week to meal prep for my elderly, disabled

father. That summer I leveraged my experience at the restaurant to work at a high-end seafood restaurant, where I made four times the amount of tips than my previous place. I worked 15-hour days 5-6 days a week. I'd get to work at 10:00 AM, leave at 1:00 AM, and repeat the next day. That's how I paid for school for the next year. The following summer I got an internship, however, the low wage forced me to pick up the restaurant job. I split my time, 40 hours at the restaurant, and 40 hours at the internship. This unfortunately made me ineligible for overtime pay at either position, but I *made it work*. For my junior year, I was fortunate enough to receive funds from the Blue White Scholarship, which allowed me to refocus my efforts on school and once again proved why having a strong supporting community is so crucial to success.

With the funds, I was able to remain jobless for the entirety of my junior year. I earned my first 4.0 GPA of college, was selected for multiple honors awards (English Core Honor Roll, Economics Honor Society, 2x Dean's List), was selected for two competitive volunteer-based organization. (Villanova Day of Service Committee, Student Sustainability Committee), was nominated to apply for the Fulbright



program, began a weekly volunteer group at an all-organic community farm, and found lifelong friends. Without my community, and without *making it work*, I'd probably be at a school in Maryland or dropped out altogether. I wouldn't have rekindled my commitment to service. I wouldn't have the successes I am enjoying today. Worst of all, I wouldn't have the friends that I now call family. I wouldn't be anywhere near the man I am today. —Nick Gross



SPOTLIGHT: *Nick Gross—An Overview of Natural Gas*



Natural gas, a versatile and environmentally advantageous energy source, plays a pivotal role in meeting the energy

demands of American households, businesses, and industries. Extracted primarily through hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, the process involves injecting a mixture of water, sand, and chemicals into the ground to release gas trapped in rock formations. Once extracted, natural gas undergoes a purification process, ensuring its quality for consumption.

One of the key merits of natural gas is its relatively lower carbon footprint compared to other fossil fuels, making it a cleaner-burning option for various applications. The combustion of natural gas emits fewer greenhouse gasses, contributing to improved air quality and a more sustainable energy profile. This characteristic positions natural gas as a transitional energy source, aiding in the reduction of carbon emissions as the world shifts towards renewable energy alternatives.

The extensive network of pipelines crisscrossing the country ensures a seamless distribution of natural gas, delivering a reliable and efficient energy supply. Whether powering heating systems during winter, fueling stoves for cooking, or serving as a source for electricity generation, natural gas has become an integral part of our daily lives. Additionally, natural gas extracted in the US can be exported as liquid natural gas (LNG), which is then sold to a plethora of countries, reducing their demand for coal and oil while generating trillions in US profits.

In addition to its environmental advantages, natural gas offers notable financial benefits, contributing to economic stability and energy affordability. The abundant domestic production of natural gas has led to a more secure and diversified energy supply, reducing dependence on foreign sources and promoting energy independence. This not only enhances national security but also helps mitigate the impact of global energy market fluctuations on domestic prices. Furthermore, the cost-effectiveness of natural gas makes it an attractive option for consumers, leading to lower utility



billions and making energy more accessible to a broader segment of the population. The economic ripple effects extend beyond households, positively impacting industries that rely on affordable and reliable energy sources, fostering economic growth and job creation.

However, it's essential to acknowledge the environmental concerns associated with natural gas extraction, particularly the impact of fracking on local ecosystems and water sources. Striking a balance between the benefits and drawbacks is crucial in fostering responsible energy practices. As the global community grapples with climate



change, the role of natural gas as a "bridge" fuel in the transition to a more sustainable energy future is an aspect to consider. While it offers immediate environmental advantages, the long-term goal remains a gradual shift towards renewable and cleaner energy sources.

In conclusion, natural gas serves as a valuable energy resource, providing a cleaner alternative to traditional fossil fuels. Its role as a bridge fuel in the transition to a more sustainable energy landscape is noteworthy. Understanding the complexities of natural gas extraction and distribution allows us to appreciate its significance in our daily lives while also encouraging

a responsible approach to energy consumption. As we navigate the delicate balance between energy needs and environmental considerations, the continued exploration of cleaner alternatives remains paramount for a more sustainable future.



15 Car Maintenance Tips: By Magnus Sellén

1. Wash Your Vehicle Regularly

Road salt, dirt, and debris can cause rust and corrosion. Washing your car frequently protects the paint and undercarriage.



2. Check And Maintain Fluid Levels

Engine oil, transmission fluid, coolant, and brake fluid must be kept at the right levels for optimal performance and to prevent damage

3. Replace Windshield Wipers

Worn wipers reduce visibility. Replace them yearly or sooner if they leave streaks.



4. Rotate The Tires

By rotating the tires every 5,000 to 7,500 miles, you help the tread wear evenly. However, rotating the tires isn't always a simple task.

5. Check And Maintain Tire Pressure

The tires are the only part of your vehicle that touch the road. For that reason, it's imperative that there's an appropriate amount of pressure inside them. You can find the recommended psi on the label inside the driver's side door. We recommend checking the tire pressures once a month and topping off the air if necessary. You also want to check them when the temperatures change significantly. If you find a leak in any of the tires, have it repaired or replaced immediately.



6. Pay Attention To Your Tire Tread

While you fill up the tires, perform a quick inspection of the tread. If you notice uneven tire wear, you may be able to get away with a rotation, but you should figure out what's causing the problem and fix that as well.

7. Check Your Headlights, Turn Signals, Brake, And Parking Lights

While checking the lights on your car isn't going to keep it running better, it can prevent an accident. You have a lot of exterior lights that must be working correctly to protect you. For example, you need the headlights when driving in low-light situations, or you may not be able to see far enough.



8. Keep The Battery Terminals Clean

For your vehicle to start, you need a functioning battery to provide plenty of voltage. If any of the connections become corrupted, the voltage won't be able to flow freely and you may get stranded in an uncomfortable location.

9. Change The Motor Oil

Changing the oil is one of the most important ways to keep your car running at its best. Depending on what type of oil you use, you may need to change it every 3,000 to 10,000 miles.

10. Replace The Brake Pads

There is no set interval on when brake pads should be replaced. They may need to be replaced as early as 25,000 miles if you spend a lot of time in stop-and-go traffic. Otherwise, they could last up to 75,000 miles. The key is to make sure they get replaced at the first sign of wear.



11. Replace The Cabin Air Filter, Fuel Filter, And Air Filter

Your car has multiple filters installed to keep it running at optimal conditions. Each filter has its own recommended replacement interval that should always be followed. If it isn't, damage could occur to the engine or other vital components. Find the recommended intervals for your car in the manufacturer's maintenance schedule.

12. Inspect Belts and Hoses

While you aren't required to change the belts and hoses on a regular basis, you do want to check them often. If there's one with a malfunction, tear or crack, you want to know it sooner than later.



13. Check Brake Pads & Rotors

While it's important to change the brake pads regularly, it might be even more valuable to check them often. Dirt and debris can get trapped in the brakes, leading to mechanical problems.

14. Lubricate Door Hinges

If you've ever driven a car with a squeaky door, you know how annoying it can be. By applying lube regularly, you can keep these noises at bay. Additionally, if hinges are dry, they can bend or wear out over time. It's also a common area for rust to occur, which we dealt with earlier.

15. Wheel Alignment Every Two Years

If the wheels aren't aligned, the tire tread is going to wear unevenly. It can also cause trouble keeping the vehicle on the road as you fight the alignment. It's best to have the wheels aligned every two years. If you change the wheels, tires or have any other suspension work, you may also need to get another alignment.



What monthly maintenance should I do on my car?

Every month, you want to inspect the tires and check the air pressure. It's also a good time to check all of the fluids and top them off. Additionally, you want to clean the vehicle and check the headlights to ensure they are bright. While you are at it, check the turn signals and hazard blinker.

What is the most important part of car maintenance?

Every part of the recommended maintenance schedule is important, but the oil change is properly the most vital. You don't want dirty oil circulating through the engine, or it could lead to premature failure. Make sure the oil and filter are changed at regular intervals to protect the motor.

15 Father's Day Trivia Questions

1. The first Father's Day celebration was held in Spokane, Washington, in 1910.

It was initiated by Sonora Smart Dodd, who wanted to honor her father, a Civil War veteran who raised her and her siblings after their mother passed away.

2. Father's Day is celebrated on different dates around the world.

In the United States, it is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. In many European countries, it is celebrated on the third Sunday in June or in March.

3. The most common Father's Day gift is a tie.

It is estimated that around 20 million ties are given as gifts on Father's Day each year.

4. The word "dad" is believed to have originated from the Welsh word "tad" or the Old English word "dada," both of which mean father.

5. The official flower for Father's Day is the rose.

A red rose is worn to honor a living father, while a white rose is worn to honor a deceased father.

6. The tradition of giving gifts on Father's Day can be traced back to ancient times.

In ancient Rome, fathers were honored with a festival called "Feriae Parentalia," during which they would receive gifts and offerings.

7. The world's oldest father is believed to be Ramjit Raghav from India, who fathered his first child at the age of 94 in 2010.

He later had another child at the age of 96.

8. The most popular Father's Day activities include grilling/barbecuing, playing sports, and spending time outdoors.

Many families also enjoy going fishing or camping with their fathers on this special day.

9. The average amount spent on Father's Day gifts in the United States is around \$135 per person.

Popular gifts include electronics, tools, clothing and personalized items.

10. Father's Day is not just for human fathers.

Many people also celebrate their pet dads on this day by pampering their furry friends with treats and toys.

11. The first Father's Day card was created in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd.

Today, it is estimated that over 90 million Father's Day cards are given each year.

12. The most famous fictional father is Homer Simpson from the TV show "The Simpsons."

He is known for his humorous and often bumbling parenting style.

13. The first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966.

However, it was President Richard Nixon who signed Father's Day into law as a permanent national holiday in 1972.

14. The tie between Father's Day and neckties goes beyond just being a popular gift.

The tradition of giving ties on Father's Day is said to have started in the 1920s when a department store in New York City noticed a spike in tie sales around this time.

15. Father's Day is a day to celebrate and appreciate the important role that fathers play in our lives.

It is a time to show gratitude and love for all the sacrifices and support they provide.

Whether you are planning a special Father's Day celebration for your own dad or just want to learn more about this holiday, these fun facts are sure to be interesting and informative. So take a moment to learn something new about Father's Day and show your dad how much you appreciate him on this special day.

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Mike Ferry (middle) with brother and dad.

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Father's Day Jokes

- Why did the dad bring a ladder to the bar?** Because he heard the drinks were on the house!
- **Why do dads take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?** In case they get a hole in one!
 - **What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?** "Where's popcorn?"
 - **Why don't eggs tell jokes to their dads?** Because they might crack up!
 - **What's Dad's favorite type of music?** *Pop!*
 - **Why did the dad sit on the remote?** Because the TV said he needed more *parental controls!*
 - **Why did the scarecrow win an award on Father's Day?** Because he was outstanding in his field!
 - **How do you know your Dad is planning for the future?** He buys two cases of beer instead of one

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