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Alumnae Reunite at Luncheon

MA Alumnae gathered at the Springfield Country Club on a beautiful sunny Sunday in April for the annual spring luncheon and liturgy. The day began with Mass celebrated by Reverend John Joseph Novielli, O. Praem. Villa’s music ministry, under the direction of Sr. Marie Claire, IHM, led the singing. After Mass, the alumnae presented their annual awards, including new awards that recognize outstanding Villa Maria faculty. Several classes took advantage of the day to celebrate their anniversaries, and organized tables.

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Ars Liberalis Award for Service

This year's Ars Liberalis award was presented by 2011 recipient Sue Pillarella Magargee '78 to Christine Rouse '93. Christine, Founder and Executive Director of Acting Without Boundaries, created AWB in 2004 because of her personal experiences growing up with cerebral palsy. Since 1991, Christine has been a source of inspiration and motivation for thousands of children through her disabled-awareness educational workshop, Kids are Kids. Following her graduation from Saint Joseph's University in 2002, Christine began to further develop her interest in theater and the performing arts. She has received extensive training at various acting programs across the country and is the recipient of a number of awards, including the 1994...
Presidential Award from the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine. In March of 2012 Christine was featured on The Today Show’s “Everyone Has a Story” segment.

**Order of the Veritas Awards**

For the first time this year, the Alumnae Association presented Order of the Veritas teaching awards to five Villa educators. The award honors distinguished teaching and contributions to the culture of Villa Maria Academy. The recipients were Rose Coghlan and Sr. Kathleen Dunn, IHM, from the English department, and Pat Markowski, Kathy McCartney, and Jean Treisbach from the Math department. A former student presented each award with a heartfelt speech detailing why the recipient was deserving of this honor.

Meg Nolan ’01 introduced Kathy McCartney by saying, “Great teachers educate. Great teachers inspire. Great teachers guide. Henry Brook Adams once said, ‘Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops.’ McCart, your influence in my life has never stopped, long after I graduated from Villa Maria. You have become a very loyal friend over the years, but you will always be, first and foremost, my ultimate teacher.”

**St. Theresa Maxis Award for Leadership**

Lauren Bohn ’05 is the 2016 winner of the Sister Theresa Maxis Award for leadership. Because Lauren was in Turkey at the time of the lunch, the award was presented to her on June 1 at the Alumnae Induction, where she was the guest speaker. Lauren is The GroundTruth Project’s inaugural Middle East correspondent, and formerly a columnist for Foreign Policy magazine. She is the co-founder of Foreign Policy Interrupted, a start-up incubator and fellowship program dedicated to changing the ratio and getting more women miked and bylined. Lauren is also the co-founder of SchoolCycle, a United Nations Foundation campaign to provide bikes for adolescent girls in developing countries so they can get to school.
Scenes from Graduation Week 2016

Top: Seniors process past the juniors on Daisy Chain Day.

Above left: Executive council officers Sarahrose Jonik, Alianna Buck, Devi Donthineni, and Kaleigh Oates carried the flags to lead the procession into the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation.

Above right: New graduates Megan Vermeil, Lauren Dunn, and Olivia D'Antonio display their diplomas after the ceremony.

2016 Valedictorian DanaRose Negro

Citing all the changes that had taken place at Villa Maria during their four years in high school – new principal, new school hours, new block scheduling – DanaRose encouraged her classmates to lean on their experience navigating the changes and challenges of high school when they face the new world of college. DanaRose is an accomplished and well-rounded scholar. She is a National Merit Scholarship winner, vice president of the senior class, and editor of the school yearbook, Reflections. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Respect Life Club, PA Mathematics League, Public Relations Club, Big Sister Mentor Program, and Senior Lounge Committee. In 2015 she was an AP Scholar with Distinction, and was inducted into the school’s Mathematics and Spanish Honor Societies. Outside of Villa Maria, she serves as a volunteer at St. Anastasia Church and at Riddle Hospital. DanaRose is headed to Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

2016 Salutatorian Olivia McCloskey

In her speech at graduation, Olivia talked about hand holding, citing scientific studies analyzing its importance as a sign of comfort and affection. Using handholding as a metaphor, she went on to thank parents, faculty and classmates for the literal and figurative hand holding they have provided over the years that brought all the girls to the successful conclusion of their high school careers. “Whether we join hands to impart comfort, fellowship, guidance, or love, this action will have a significant impact on the lives of those we encounter,” she said. Olivia is a National Merit scholarship winner, an AP Scholar with Honor, and a member of the Math and Latin Honor Societies and Pennsylvania Math League. She is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and was named Villa’s Tri-M Musician of the Year for 2014-15. She is also an avid horseback rider. Olivia will attend the University of Rhode Island in the fall, and plans to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon.

2016 Elinor Langton Award Winner Katherine Krepelka

Villa Maria alumnae named Katherine the 2016 winner of the Dr. Elinor M. Langton Award. The award is given annually to the senior who consistently shares with her classmates the traits of kindness, humility, faithfulness, joy for life, and love of Villa Maria, as determined by her classmates, faculty, and the alumnae. Katherine received a record number of nominations from her classmates for this award. Her classmates said: “I envy her personality because she is so close to God;” “I have many times said things like ‘I hope my daughter turns out like Kathy K’;” “I have witnessed her giving up her Sunday to tutor her entire Spanish class;” and, “She even has extra blazers that she keeps in her locker and offers them to anyone who needs one.” Katherine is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and sings with the Villa Madrigals and Chorus. She is a Eucharistic minister, Kairos leader, and member of the golf team. She will attend St. Joseph’s University in the fall.
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Swim Team Captures Sixth Consecutive State Title

Villa Maria’s swim team captured its sixth consecutive PIAA Class AA State Swimming title on March 19, with a team point total of 314.5. The title caps a season in which they also won their 14th consecutive PIAA District 1 championship and 12th consecutive AACA title. The team’s extraordinary achievement of continued excellence was celebrated by the entire school at the Spring 2016 pep rally.

Overall, the strong Villa Maria team of 15 swimmers scored points across a range of events at the state meet for a dominating team victory. Thirteen Villa Maria girls earned All-State honors. Key performances included a first place finish by team captain and senior Emily Cornell in the 200 Freestyle, with a time of 1:49.56, 2 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Cornell captured Villa’s only individual gold medal of the meet.

Villa Maria’s 200 Freestyle relay team of Emily Cornell, Nina Smith, Olivia Giampietro, and Maura McManus won their race with a new state record time. Cornell and juniors Katelyn Chick, Olivia Giampietro, and Maura McManus combined to take second place in the 200 Medley Relay.

On day two of the meet, three Villa Maria backstroke swimmers qualified for the finals. Emily Cornell took second with a time of 55.27, Hope Reynolds finished sixth in 58.28, and sophomore Kira Buchler was seventh in 58.80. The Villa Maria team also won third place in the 400 Freestyle relay with a time of 3:35.86. The final score of the meet was Villa 314.5, Gwynedd Mercy 214, Shady Side Academy 116.
The 9th Annual Hurricane Golf and Tennis Classic was held at Chester Valley Golf Club on Monday, May 2, 2016. Thanks to the event committee led by Dan Ostien P’14, ’16 and Tom Mallon P’13, ’14, the new venue and new program with tennis included was well attended. Chester Valley hosted 109 golfers and 21 tennis players. Sue Mattei P’14, ’18 and Kelly Mullen P’11, ’16 chaired the tennis.

A day of round robins and a golf scramble was followed by drinks, an auction, dinner, and awards in the ballroom at CVGC. The atmosphere was fun and energized and the event was a wonderful success, raising over $42,000 for Villa Maria Academy.

Special thanks go to the Hurricane Classic committee. We are grateful to our event, hole and ad sponsors for making this event possible. We are blessed to have the golfers and tennis players come out for a day of fun and fellowship.

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“Accept the Challenges”
Alumnae Share Experiences at Career Day

On January 29th, 24 alumnae came back to campus to share career insights and experiences with the Villa students at Career Day.

Keynote speaker Carmen Twillie Ambar, J.D., president of Cedar Crest College, a women’s college in Allentown, PA, inspired the girls with the story of her upbringing in rural Arkansas and her path to her present position. She focused her talk on the characteristics of strong women leaders, telling the girls, “Success is a planned event… You need to think about it.” She encouraged the students to always give their best, volunteer for the tough assignment, and combat inexperience with over-preparation. “[Leaders] discover that all the rewards in life come from when you give your best and go that extra mile,” Ambar said.

After the keynote talk, the girls dispersed to hear panel discussions focused on overall career areas. The STEM panel included alumnae working as engineers and scientists. The Liberal Arts group featured alumnae in law, communications, and policing. Business panel alumnae discussed their work in financial management, government contracting and clinical research. The Health Sciences panel included doctors, nurses, and a medical legal strategist. A fifth panel, geared to career areas requested by students, included a veterinary oncologist, a clinical neuropsychologist, a physical therapist, a pharmacist, and a professor of sports management.

Villa “girls” on both sides of the event found it to be rewarding. Dr. Sara Lally Barth ’90 noted, “It seems like yesterday I was sitting in class at Villa. Villa provided the academic foundation for me to be successful in life. It was great to share my career journey in medicine with the current students.”

Sophomore Lauren O’Donnell found it, “hard to image that women so accomplished started out exactly where we are now.”

Throughout the day students heard several key messages: don’t fear failure, accept the hard challenges, and don’t worry if you don’t have it all figured out by the time you graduate college.

The event was a huge success because of the willingness and enthusiasm of our alumnae to share their wisdom and advice with the girls.

Environmental scientist Lauren Weinrich ’98 commented, “Returning to Villa to participate in career day was inspiring! Sharing highlights about my educational and career paths hopefully encouraged students to consider the environmental field. All the women on the panel were leaders in their fields. It was very inspirational for me as well!”

Colleen Rohr ’16 also found career day to be informative and inspiring. “It was so impressive that the women all chose such different career paths. I got a lot of good advice by hearing the stories of their educational journeys.”

Many alumnae invited the students to contact them in the future for advice and guidance as they pursue careers of their own.
In its twenty-fifth year, FEST (Fostering Educational Support Together), chaired by Anna Cozzone P'17 and co-chaired by Jen Pizzi P'17, '19, raised over $111,000 for Villa Maria on Saturday, February 27. The call from the floor for donations raised over $19,000 to remodel two classrooms. The redesigned rooms will receive new adaptable furniture to allow for a more collaborative learning and teaching experience.

The FEST Committee and Villa Maria Academy are grateful to our sponsors, who made FEST 2016 a successful event. Special acknowledgment goes to our event sponsors. We are also grateful for the many business and group advertisers who placed ads to support our efforts, and to the businesses and friends of Villa who made gift donations to the event to make our bidding opportunities spectacular. All proceeds directly benefit students. Thank you!

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1. Event chairs Jen Pizzi and Anna Cozzone
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4. Annie Raymond Eversman ’82, Gary and Karen Raubenheimer
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9. Gabby Brogan, Amy McHale, Carly Brogan and Sophia Cozzone
Class Notes

Keep in touch! Tell us your news, update your contact information, or send a photo on our Class Notes page at www.vmahs.org/alumnae/class-notes. And sign up for our monthly e-newsletter The Villa Martian to stay up to date on happenings around campus and with our alumnae.

**VMA 60s**

Linda Gormley Hanna ’66, Ed.D., published “Rolling Green Golf Club...our history, traditions, and legacy”. Golf Association of Philadelphia Magazine wrote, “In a comprehensively-written and well-researched coffee table book on Rolling Green Club, Dr. Linda Hanna has presented the essence of this Quaker-spirited club's emergence at the onset of Prohibition... She has captured all aspects of one of William Flynn’s finest gems, the emergence and refinement of the physical golf course over 90-plus years, the club’s engaging traditions and activities over these many decades, and its brightest gifts.”

**VMA 70s**

Angela Falco, VMA ’76, was guest speaker at the VMA Tri-M Music Honor Society induction. Ms. Falco is a composer, pianist, flutist, music therapist, music instructor, author and adjunct professor at Rosemont College. She spoke to the students about music and mentors, and performed her composition *Deep in My Heart*.

**VMA 80s**

Members of the Class of 1978 gathered for a Christmas luncheon. Tina Hanley, who traveled up from Virginia, had not seen many classmates in 20 years. Maureen Polley also joined the festivities.

Several of her Villa friends and family were in attendance for Class of 1984’s Stasia McGarvey’s wedding to Stephen Lozinak in September. Guests included Shearerie Sileo Welsh ’84, Analiese Uhlman Larson ’84, Tricia McCahon ’84, Kathy McGarvey Hidy ’81, Patty McGarvey Knebels ’80, and MarySheila McGarvey McDonald ’79. Also in attendance were Mary Sheila’s daughters Michaela McDonald ’06, Kara McDonald ’11 and Kiersten McDonald ’15.

Members of the Class of 1978 gathered for lunch.
Jen Wollman ’88 married Andy Weiler in the spring of 2016. The couple lives in sunny Florida.

VMA 90s

Janice Johnson Luck ‘92 earned her fourth Coach of the Year honor after leading the Albright Lions to their best basketball season in school history. Luck, who was also named the MAC Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year in 2005-06, 2007-08 and 2014-15, has guided Albright to a 24-2 overall and 15-1 conference record this season. Luck just completed her 19th season on the Bollman center court; four as a player, three as an assistant coach, and 12 as head coach.

Kate Vickery ’94 attended veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania and then completed a combined Residency and Master’s Degree in Medical Oncology and Cancer Biology at the Flint Animal Cancer Center at Colorado State University. She is currently a staff veterinarian, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of pets with cancer, at Hope Veterinary Specialists in Malvern. She is an active collaborator for clinical trials, and is also certified in veterinary acupuncture.

Grace Kelly Herbert ’92’s organization Finding Shelter Animal Rescue was the beneficiary of the Villa Maria's Charity Art show, which raised over $3,400.

VMA 00s

Pamela Kraljevich Ruiz ’94 and Lisa Piliero Drozdowski ’94 ran the 40th Marine Corps Marathon on October 25, 2015. This was the third Marine Corps Marathon for both women, and the overall ninth marathon for Drozdowski. Ruiz lives in Silver Spring, MD with her husband Orlando and three sons, and Drozdowski lives in Downingtown, PA with her husband and daughter.

The Class of 1995 celebrated 20 years at Villa with a reunion back on campus in October. Alexis Loughran Heilila and Dee Ruley Person organized the night.

Mary Pat Loeliger Berman ’00 and her husband welcomed daughter Olivia Ann on January 25th. Olivia joins big brother Connor, who turned 2 on December 24. Grandmother Pat Loeliger ’67 is thrilled.

Jessica Kindon Gonska ’03 and husband Brent welcomed their first child, Charlotte Marie, on December 21, 2015.

Members of the Class of 1995.
Megan Griffith ’03 returns to her college alma mater as Columbia women’s basketball head coach. Griffith spent six seasons as assistant coach with the Princeton women’s basketball team. As a player at Columbia, Griffith captained the Lions for three seasons and was a two-time All-Ivy League selection. Griffith is one of nine Lions to score more than 1,000 points during her career. She was twice named Academic All-Ivy League and was a member of the Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar Team two straight years.

Meghan Loughran Stine ’03 gave birth to Callum Raymond Stine on April 4, 2016.

Kristen Wiedersum ’04 married Bill Gennaro, Jr., in a ceremony at St. Agnes Church in West Chester, followed by a reception at RiverCrest Golf Club. Kristen’s Class of ’04 friends took part in the ceremony as bridesmaids, reader and Eucharistic Minister.

Maggie Hewes Mallon ’04 and husband Greg welcomed their first baby, Louie Mae, in November. Louie Mae attended a Villa basketball game this year and hopes to follow in her mother’s footsteps on the court!

Mandy Pennewell ’05 is assistant coach for the Iona College Gaels. Before joining Iona, Mandy served as the recruiting coordinator for Southern New Hampshire University, and spent four seasons as assistant coach at Le Moyne College. As a student at Quinnipiac, Mandy scored 1,231 career points, and was team captain for two seasons.

The Class of 2005 enjoyed catching up at their 10-year reunion at The Great American Pub in November 2015.

Caroline Egan ’06 graduated from Stanford University with her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature in June 2016. She will join the faculty of the University of Cambridge in the UK, in the Spanish and Portuguese Department.

Elizabeth Zwaan ’05 and William Milne
Elizabeth Zwaan ’05 married William Milne on Friday, October 2, 2015 at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. The reception at the Curtis Center in Philadelphia was attended by family and friends. Elizabeth and Will share a home in Berwyn, PA.
Emily Walsh ‘06 married Christopher Irving in June 2015 at St. Thomas of Villanova Church. A reception at St. David’s Golf Club followed. Emily and Chris met through the student musical theatre organization at Villanova University. Emily works in Advancement at Villanova and the couple resides in Bryn Mawr.

Chelsea McTigue ‘07 married Travis Turgeon at St. Agnes Church on December 19, 2015.

Kelsey Nawalinski ‘07 earned a second Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University. She was inducted into the nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau International, and received an award for her outstanding contribution to both the Thomas Jefferson University and Philadelphia communities. Kelsey is involved with Back on My Feet Philadelphia, an organization focused on with Philadelphia’s homeless community. She will work in the Neuro-Intensive Care Unit at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Meghan Price ‘07 is working as an Assistant District Attorney in Delaware County, after receiving her degree from Villanova Law School in the spring of 2015.

In April, Julianne Rees ‘07 married Tom Swartz. They were classmates at the University of Scranton. In June, Julianne graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. The couple will live in the Lancaster area, where she will practice family medicine.

Catherine Ostoich ‘09 has been named head field hockey coach at Missouri State, after two years coaching at Davidson College. Prior to Davidson, Catherine was head coach at Lower Merion, served as an in-house and travel coach for Filia Field Hockey and Lacrosse, and worked with the Vipers Club Team at the U14, U16 and U19 levels. In college, Ostoich was a four-year starter and defender for the University of Richmond, and helped the team to Atlantic 10 Championships and NCAA Tournament appearances in 2009 and 2011.

Lauren Whalen ‘08 and Jerry Scherwin

Engaged! Lauren Whalen ‘08 said “yes” to Jerry Scherwin on February 26. They met at the University of Iowa and dated for five years before Jerry proposed on a beach in Florida. The couple then boarded a plane for Malvern to celebrate with family and friends.

Hannah Saylor ‘07 on the beach in Mallorca

Hannah Saylor ‘07 is teaching English as a Second Language on the island of Mallorca in Spain. She has a degree from Hunter College in Romance languages, is fluent in Spanish and Italian, and is learning Catalan, one of the languages spoken on the island.
VMA 10s

Lauren Murphy ‘12 ran the Boston Marathon on April 18, 2016 in a time of 3:26:19.

Dana Reigner ‘12 is a chemistry major at Arcadia University. This past summer she was a research assistant at the University of Delaware in the chemistry and biochemistry department through the Science and Engineering Leadership Initiative. She expects her contributions to be published. She also attended the American Chemical Society conference in March, in San Diego.

Alesandra Doughty ‘12 graduated from the University of Dayton this past May with a degree in Exercise Physiology. She has been a competitive Irish dancer from an early age, and won the World Championships in 2014 in London, England. Alesandra recently joined the non-profit Trinity Irish Dance Company, and will embark on a tour of Japan with the company this summer.

Katie Hitchens Fleck ‘04 proudly reports that her sister, Sarah Hitchens ‘13, is a swimmer for the University of North Carolina, and is competing in the Olympic trials this summer. Sarah will race in the 50 meter freestyle, 100 meter backstroke, and 200 meter backstroke. Going into her senior year at college, the Division 1 athlete is an All American, All ACC team scholar athlete, and holds multiple records at UNC.

Kat Napoli ‘14 is part of the crew team at Fordham University and won her first medal in the Varsity Club 8 at the Head of the Schuykill in late October. Her boat came in third and won the bronze medal.

Kat Miller ‘15 was named to the All-Tournament Team for volleyball at Quinnipiac University after a sensational day on the court. Miller posted a combined 64 assists, 22 digs, 15 total blocks and 10 kills.

Colleen Kozacheck ‘14 was published in the Odyssey online, a social content platform that crowdsources ideas from millennial thought leaders in their local communities. It features an otherwise untapped diversity of stories and viewpoints to share with an audience seeking a variety of perspectives. Visit www.theodysseyonline.com to read some of Colleen’s work.

Golfer Cara Basso ‘15 competed in the Nittany Lion Invitational and the Powerade Cougar Classic in the fall season. In Basso’s first ever collegiate tournament round she posted her lowest score of a 75. Her average round score for the fall season was 80.17.

Olivia Bolles ‘13 and Amelia Iacobucci ‘15 played field hockey together at UConn. Both have garnered accolades, with Olivia earning 2014 All–Big East Second Team, and 2015 preseason All–Big East Team. Amelia, as a freshman, earned her first career Big East honor as Rookie of the Week in October.
In Memoriam

Villa Maria offers its prayers and condolences to the family and friends of the following deceased members of the Villa community. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Edward Larson, father of Erin Wisler ’78, Mary Walker ’80; grandfather of Aubrey Williams ’05, Julia Wisler ’11
Margret Elizabeth Lawlor, grandmother of Tracy Fauls ’96
James Malloy, grandfather of Emily Gervasi ’04, Elizabeth Kelly ’07 and Erin Kelly ’11
Laura O’Donnell, mother of Laura O’Donnell Olejniczak ’74
Michael Nicolas, brother of Kathryn Nicolas ’08
Gabriele Guglielmo, father of Mary Jo Guglielmo Tomaszewski ’63
Elizabeth Ann Conroy, mother of Catherine dePaulo, VMA Theology teacher
Christopher Fuga, brother of Stephanie Fuga ’08, cousin of Grace Giampietro ’12, Julia Giampietro ’15 and Olivia Giampietro ’17
Kathleen McCready, mother of Mary McCready McNichol ’73
Brian Douglas, brother of Christine Douglas-Dixon ’74
Baby Eric Miller, son of Kristin Teufel Miller ’01
Frances Strycharski, mother of Stefanie Strycharski Owen ’92
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Sarah Ann (Sally) Kelly ’62, sister of Eileen Huber Kelly ’64 and Susan Kelly ’71
Paula Mikolajczyk Ballard ’71
Sister Maria Martin, IHM (Sister Rosemary Reher) former VMA faculty
Renee Mansell Fashaw ’44
Margaret Mary Klinges, mother of Elizabeth Anne Klinges ’79, grandmother of Rachel Klinges ’10 and Emily Klinges ’14
Lydia L. Feeny, mother of Lauren M. Feeny ’07
Mary McGreal, mother of Maureen McGreal Shiland ’70, grandmother of Patricia McGreal Wilkin ’97, Kristen McGreal Repsher ’98 and Megan McGreal Ferraro ’00
Gary Templeton, husband of Alison Eggem Templeton ’02
Terrence M. Mulhern, brother of Maureen Mulhern Segal ’78
Robert McNabb, father of Mary Mulvihily ’77
Sheila M. Gaffney, mother of Kara Gaffney Gallagher ’89, Maura Gaffney Nash ’91 and Elise Gaffney ’99
Elyn Clare Queitzsch, sister of Sarah McGovern, VMA Advancement Office
Martin T. Brennan, father of Elizabeth Anne Donegan ’80
Jacquelyn Fulton, mother of Rachel Fulton ’12
Raymond A. Campli, grandfather of Brittany Campli ’05 and Christy Campli ’11
Catherine Stein, grandmother of Natalie Stein ’16 and Emily Stein ’19
Anne McElvenny, mother of Eileen McElvenny Gatti ’79 and Patty McElvenny Mueller ’82
Nancy Lenaghan, grandmother of Alianna Buck ’16 and Grace Buck ’18
Emilio Calderin, grandfather of Marissa Calderin ’14
John Eberl, father of Cayt Eberl Kirkman ’02
Rose Scenna, grandmother of Cayt Eberl Kirkman ’02
Philomena Di Paola, mother of Dr. Rosemary DiPaola Bieg ’66
J. Jay Monteith, father of Morgan Monteith ’17
Elizabeth Horvath Stewart ’84
Edith Kremen, great aunt of Elizabeth McKenzie ’17
William Joseph Vignola, father of Jill Vignola Shaddock ’81 and Susan Vignola Dunphy ’83
Alumnae and their families came back to campus on Saturday, January 9, for the “Battle of the Villas” basketball game. In addition to cheering the team on to a 47-40 victory over Villa Joe, the alumnae enjoyed socializing and snacks, while their children received T-shirts, snacks, and the chance to take the court at halftime.

Alumnae, Families Return for “Battle of the Villas”

The 5th Annual Shoppes at Villa Maria was held on Saturday, November 21, and was sponsored by the Villa Maria Alumnae Association. A big thanks goes out to the chairs of the event, Nancy Veronesi ’72 and Elizabeth Zwaan Milne ’05, and the Shoppes committee, Mary Ellen O’Neill Golden ’72, Megan Miller Mayhew ’03, Courtney Scardellette ’06, and Tessa Cleveland Scheurle ’03.

“Shoppes” Benefits Alumnae Association

Thirty one unique vendors were on Villa’s campus to sell their wares to numerous eager Villa shoppers. After a great day of shopping, the Alumnae Association was able to realize a profit of $4,194 from the event, a portion of which goes to the Sister Mary Kelly Scholarship Fund.

The Alumnae Association is grateful to the volunteers, vendors and shoppers for their support. We are already looking forward to next year’s event. If you are interested in participating in the 2016 Shoppes at Villa Maria, please contact: vmashoppes@gmail.com.

Emily Coady ’11 sells items from Mainline Monograms

Lindsay Holloway Fox ’05, owner of the frey boutique, and Aynsleigh Pellarine are wearing the pom pom hat that was a big hit this past winter.

Sally McClatchy Jeffries ’73 enjoys the game with her grandon, Jason

Stephanie Nolan Deviney ’90 brought her son, Seamus, to the game
Wear Your Villa Pride

Order from a large selection of Villa Wear for Alumnae, Dad, Mom, Grandparents and of course our Villa Students. Your order can be shipped to your home or delivered to school.

And remember:

Anytime you shop at the Villa Maria Academy Online School Store, you are supporting programs throughout the Academy.

Shop online:
www.bandesportswear.com/villamariastore.html
From March 15 to April 5 this year, Villa Maria alumnae competed in Villa’s March Madness giving campaign. This campaign was all about participation, not the amount raised. Classes were challenged to compete for the highest participation percentage. Our winners, the Class of 1997, will have a private hospitality tent at Homecoming on October 8th. Thanks to the generosity and competitive spirit of our alumnae, here are some great results!

**Final Standings**

- **March Madness '97**: The Class of '97 won March Madness with a 78.48% participation rate.
- **March Madness '78**: The Class of 1978 achieved a participation rate of 73.68%.
- **March Madness '85**: The Class of '85 finished third with a participation rate of 49.32%.
- **March Madness '14**: The young women of the Class of 2014 finished fourth with 32.04%.

**Why Participation Rate?** Alumnae donor participation at Villa Maria is an important benchmark of internal support. We report giving by all different constituencies when we apply for grants or when we are engaging new donors. If the alumnae are not invested, it is hard to encourage others to invest.

**Game Stats**

- **346**: We gained 346 new donors to the Villa Fund.
- **15.5%**: Overall participation from alumnae rose from 4% to 15.5%.
- **$40K**: March Madness raised $40,035 for the Villa Fund.

**All Stars**

We thank Eustace and Sue Devine Mita ’73 for their tremendous generosity in matching all donations made during VMA March Madness, doubling the impact of all our alumnae's gifts!

**Elite Eight**

- '71
- '78
- '85
- '86
- '92
- '97
- '14
- '06
Calendar of Events

Villa Storms the Shore
Saturday, August 6, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Avalon home of Laura DelRaso Melvin ’73

Capstone Reception
Thursday, October 6, 2016, evening

Hall of Fame Dinner
Friday, October 7, 2016

Homecoming
Saturday, October 8, 2016, all day
On campus

Open House
Sunday, October 16, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
On campus

Memorial Mass
Saturday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.
Villa Chapel

Shoppes at Villa Maria
Saturday, November 19,
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Marian Center

Alumnae Luncheon
Sunday, April 2, 2017,
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Chester Valley Golf Club

Alumnae Induction
Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 10:30 am
Marian Center

Honors Convocation
Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Marian Center

Board Meetings
Sunday, September 18, 2016,
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 19, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. - officer elections
Sunday, May 14, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
All board meetings are held in the
Advancement Office

Come Back to Villa Maria for Homecoming 2016
Saturday, October 8

Events
- 11:00 am: Volleyball game vs. Notre Dame Academy
- 12:00 pm: Soccer game vs. Marple Newtown
- 1:45 pm: Opening ceremony at the Maurene Polley Field, honoring the state championship teams from 1993, 1994 and 2014
- 2:30 pm: Field hockey game vs. Gwynedd Academy
- 3:30 pm: Half time introduction of Villa Maria Hall of Fame Inductees
- 4:30 pm: Mass in the Marian Center Auditorium
- 5:30 pm: Beef and Beer

Plus
- B&E Sportswear will be selling Villa wear
- Bounce houses for the kids
- Food vendor trucks

See www.vmahs.org for details on Villa’s first-ever Homecoming celebration.
Planned Giving Plants Seeds for the Future

“This Greek proverb nicely sums up planned giving. Members of our Green Tree Society are doing exactly that. These men and women have named Villa Maria Academy in their wills and realize that their gift will provide an education for the next generation of Villa Marians.

Eileen O’Malley Spangler ’69, found planned giving a way to honor her own mother. “My mother, Claire O’Malley, made the unshakeable decision to send my sister Karen (’64) and me to Villa Maria because she believed that the benefits of a private, IHM-directed school were essential to our formation as individuals of character, and to our success in life. I have been grateful to my mother for her decision since the day I started as a freshman in the fall of 1965. Villa has given me lifelong friends; it has given me skills and attitudes that have been invaluable in my professional career; it has given me a home-away-from-home that I return to as often as I can; and it has given me a community that I’m terrifically proud to be a part of. I’ve named Villa Maria in my will to honor my mother and to do my small part to ensure that the benefits of Villa Maria Academy remain available to future generations of girls.”

Eileen’s unselfish act and those of the other members of the Green Tree Society are exactly what the Greeks were thinking about when they referenced a society growing great. If you would like to make a gift that will make a difference long after your work on this earth is done, a legacy gift may be right for you. Contact the Advancement Office and we can help you through the process.

Friends, family, faculty, staff and the Villa Maria Academy spirit squad gathered in the new Pam Petrella Winning Dance and Fitness Studio on November 19, 2015, for a dedication ceremony honoring Pam Petrella Winning ’67. Anita Gabler ’67, Pam Winning’s classmate and dear friend, led the fundraising effort that helped transform a storage facility into a multipurpose room for athletes, cheerleaders, and the entire Villa community to enjoy. At the ceremony, Pam Petrella Winning ’67 was lovingly remembered in her Villa days as a girl who always led the class in dance routines and cheers, and whose positive energy made every day sunnier.
Give the way that’s best for you

ONLINE: Villa Maria’s online giving page is safe and secure. To make a one-time or recurring gift with your credit card, visit www.vmahs.org/donate-online/.

RECURRING GIFTS: Setting up monthly or quarterly gifts is a fast and convenient way to make your gift. Recurring gifts can be adjusted or canceled at any time. Use our on-line giving page or contact the Advancement Office to set this up.

PHONE: Villa Maria’s Advancement Office staff would be delighted to discuss your giving options or to accept your gift by phone.

MAIL: Checks can be made payable to Villa Maria Academy and mailed to the Villa Maria Advancement Office.

MATCHING GIFTS: You can double or triple the impact of your gift by adding a corporate match. Some companies even give donations to match your volunteer hours. If you are unsure about your employer’s matching gift program, contact your HR department or send an email to Maureen Egan and we’ll look it up for you.

EITC/OSTC: These innovative Pennsylvania tax credit programs are a benefit to both businesses and Villa Maria Academy. Please contact Kathy McCartney to discuss how your business or employer can take advantage of these opportunities.

PLANNED GIVING: Villa Maria Academy can help you meet your financial goals and maximize your philanthropic giving through sound and timely estate planning. To include Villa Maria in your will, contact the Advancement Office.
Parents of Alumnae: If this issue is addressed to your daughter who no longer maintains a permanent address in your home, please email the new address to advancement@vmahs.org, or call Sarah McGovern at 610-854-6129.

Save the Date for Villa Maria’s Homecoming 2016

Come back to campus on Saturday, October 8, 2016
for Villa Maria’s first Homecoming Celebration!