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Welcome Back to Campus
Sr. Rose Anthony

Sister Rose Anthony Spingler is no stranger to Villa Maria Academy. She taught 3rd through 8th grades in the lower school from 1960 to 1967, which used to be on the same campus as the current high school. She fondly remembers many of the Villa traditions that still exist today and even some that are no longer part of our culture, such as student boarders. Villa girls had the option to stay on site until the late 70’s and filled dormitories in the convent and Good Counsel Hall (no longer a building on the property).

After a brief reassignment, Sister Rose returned in 1973 to teach Chemistry, Physics and other science classes. She was also the moderator of the Blue and White Club, Athletic Association, and musicals until 1978 when she left VMA to work at Bishop McDevitt High School.

A self-proclaimed “12th woman” at athletic events, you will surely meet Sister Rose on the field or in the gym cheering on our girls. She has a healthy dose of competitive spirit that keeps everyone on their toes! And when you do get the opportunity to share a moment with her, you immediately sense her high-energy, enthusiasm, and cheerful personality.

Sister is excited to return to Villa Maria after working very different roles at Cardinal Dougherty, Lancaster Catholic, and even a literacy center in West Philadelphia. She said, “I am eager to reconnect and connect with families and get to know the daughters of the students who were in my classroom. I am also thrilled to be playing the role of ‘grandmother’ to a group of special young women.”

The students at Villa Maria will truly benefit from the wisdom, knowledge, and spirit Sister radiates from conversations. She is a member of the Guidance Department, mentoring sophomores, juniors and seniors one-on-one. “I enjoy getting to know the whole person,” she said about her role at school.

A lot of exterior changes and updates have been made to the campus since she last served at VMA, but when she was asked what seemed to be the biggest change her response was directed to the intangible transformation that has taken place at Villa Maria. She said, “I’ve noticed in my time back how the IHM charism has grown and taken center stage among the students and faculty. There is a depth of spirituality that is somehow visible and I can’t tell you how happy that makes me.”

All of the Villa Maria family — especially the alumnae — join in welcoming Sister Rose Anthony Spingler back home.
Villa Maria alumnae from eight decades returned to campus on Sunday, April 19, for the 2015 Alumnae Luncheon. The day featured campus tours, Mass, the presentation of the Ars Liberalis and Maxis Awards, and brunch and cocktails in the gym.

**Sr. Theresa Maxis Award for Leadership**

Kathi Novelli Clapham ’89 received the Maxis Award for her work on the boards of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Penn Medicine to raise funds to find a cure for the congenital life-threatening illness. Kathi drew on her own life struggle with cystic fibrosis and, nine years ago, a double lung transplant to become a noted health care advocate and motivational speaker. Kathi is an active volunteer and spokesperson for the Gift of Life Foundation which promotes the life-saving gifts of organ and tissue transplants. She is the creator and co-author of the book *Mommy Can Play Again*, a book that explains the process of transplantation to children and families. Through her dedicated efforts, great medical strides have been made in organ donation from living donors, in anti-rejection therapies, and in medical devices that allow those awaiting a transplant to wait at home. Great social strides have been made as well in education about transplantation to children and families. Through her dedicated efforts, great medical

** Ars Liberalis Award for Service**

Sister John Sheila Galligan, IHM, S.T.L., S.T.D. ’65 (Susie Galligan) received the Ars Liberalis Award for her innovative approaches to fostering a deeper understanding of God in the community at large. Her ability to deliver compelling messages in familiar language has helped many people embrace the path of Christian discipleship. She has published many articles and spoken across the country about how important it is for Catholics to be proud of their faith and to engage a culture that is indifferent to religion with an ability to explain and proclaim the faith. Sister Sheila’s current research is focused on the topic of forgiveness, with her primary interest in its theological and pastoral aspects. She is delving into contemporary behavioral research on the means, processes, and effects of forgiveness. The goal of her research is to understand the interpersonal, intra-personal, and group processes that lead to effective Christian forgiveness. Sister is presently a professor of theology at Immaculata University. She is a graduate of Immaculata University, St Charles Seminary, and the Angelicum in Rome.

**Golden Girls**

Members of the Class of 1965, the Golden Girls, brought back memories for many by singing their class song and performing Bless This House.
Friends, family and faculty reunited at the annual alumnae luncheon held on campus in April.

1. 1965 Golden Girls
2. Alex Orvieto ‘15, Holly Funk ‘15, Marge Potts Pufrey ‘59, Kayleigh Shrader ‘16 and Jackie Brignola ‘15
3. Rose Marie Wells ‘45 and Lauren Davis ‘14
4. Judith DeSimone ‘72 and Donna Bertolini Ramage ‘72
5. Hannah Chambers ‘15 escorts alumnae on a campus tour
6. Class of 1975 grads: Standing Mary Ehart, Eileen Hamilton Valentik, Barbara Kent彭利well, Janet McNeeve Coady, Cindy DelSordo Moronondo, Kathleen Pannese, Patricia Welsh Balko and MaryBeth Kramer; Sitting: Christ Stemple Meagher, Elizabeth Casalnova Shriver, Sharon Burns McWilliams and Deborah Blair Mischo.
7. Kate, Marie Mercaldo Frankiewicz ‘65, Linda Romano Wiley ‘65
8. Megan Grote Stearns ‘77 and Elizabeth Welsh Ferrigno ‘77
9. Former VMA faculty members: Joan Treisbach and Sr. Maita Carmel, IHM
10. Diana Toomey ‘03 and Maureen Lyons Scott ‘65
11. Monica Burke ‘05 and Allie Wells Colman ‘05
12. Dottie Martin Toomey ‘77 and Patricia Grote Galli ‘65
13. Class of 1965: Karen Fusco Garvey, Billie Slezak Chapak, Chris Murphy, Lynn Bonder Knapp, Mary Colona Hefton
14. Catherine Whalen Mulqueen ‘87, Maureen Donohue Shrader ‘87 and Mary Johnson Kinka ‘87
15. Class of 1965 grads: Nancy Masino, Sue Medoff Tully, and Lynn Bonder Knapp
16. Welsh sisters: Elizabeth Welsh Ferrigno ‘77, Patricia Welsh Balko ‘75, Mary Welsh Sendi ‘85

Views of Villa
We Celebrate Our Graduates

Graduation Week
1. Seniors walk in the Daisy Chain procession as juniors line the path.
2. Class of 2015 hat toss.
3. New graduate Julia Giampietro examines her diploma.
4. A new generation of alumnae: grads and their alumnae moms. Left to right: Shea ’15 and Kristen Everlof Saturno ’81; Amelia ’15 and Andrea Deegan Iacobucci ’83; Brenna ’15 and Kathleen Phillips McGuire ’83; Erika ’15 and Susan Shea Miller ’83; Jaime ’15 and Christine Kane Becker Brown ’74; Kiersten ’15 and MarySheila McGarvey McDonald ’79.
5. New grads Carolina Zimmerman, Erika Miller, Catherine Sloat and Dustin Mintzer.
7. The daisy chain represents the class of 2016.
We Celebrate Our Graduates

2015 Valedictorian Emily Legaard

Valedictorian Emily Legaard addressed her classmates at graduation with a quote from C.S. Lewis: “Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another: ‘What? You too? I thought I was the only one.” Emily recounted days at Villa when she and her classmates would find themselves up late for a research paper and could count on someone else to say “You too?” She quoted Matched trilogy author Ally Condie, saying, “Growing apart doesn’t change the fact that for a long time we grew side by side; our roots will always be tangled. I’m glad for that.”

Emily was a National Merit finalist and co-captain of the Mock Trial team. In her sophomore year, Emily won Best Advocate at the final competition. She was also Vice-President of Children of Mary and a member of the Reflections writing staff. Besides being a member of the National Honor Society and Latin Honor Society, Emily achieved distinguished honors all four years and won numerous awards for excellence. Emily will attend Carnegie Mellon University and major in Engineering.

2015 Salutatorian Meaghan Dyal

Meaghan Dyal was the Salutatorian for 2015, welcoming one and all with a question that many hear while traveling: “Where are you from?” Although the answer is as obvious as your hometown, Meaghan explained that this question can be answered with “the people around us that have shaped us into the class of 2015” and begged her classmates to “never forget that we are from this place and from these people, and from all these things that Villa Maria has given us which will forever be a part of who we are and who we will become.”

Meaghan was Vice-President of the Latin Honor Society and a member of the National Honor Society both junior and senior years. She was also a member of the World Language club, and Peer Ministry in her senior year. She was on the Reflections yearbook staff for three years. Meaghan will attend Colgate University and major in English and Economics.

2015 Elinor Langton Award Honoree Katie Manta

Villa Maria alumnae named Kathleen Manta the 2015 winner of the Dr. Elinor M. Langton Award. Based on input from classmates and faculty, Katie was selected for the depth of the comments written about her. One classmate wrote that Katie is “everything the classmate wishes she were – humble, genuine, optimistic and selfless.” Many students remarked on her strong faith.

Katie is a four-year varsity athlete in both soccer and lacrosse, and was a captain for soccer, lacrosse, and winter track in her senior year. Her athletic feats earned her multiple recognitions from teammates and coaches over her high school career. She served four years on the Student Council, including the Executive Board as a senior, and was active in the Light and Sound Crew, Peer Ministry, and the Student Integrity Committee, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Katie will attend the University of Delaware where she will continue her lacrosse career at the Division I level.
College Choices for the Class of 2015

Erin Ahern  
Loyola University Maryland

Erin Alessandroni  
Pennsylvania State University

Claire Bagley  
Georgetown University

Jillian Ballard  
University of Delaware

Cara Basso  
Pennsylvania State University

Kristen Bennett  
Franklin and Marshall College

Madison Bickert  
University of Pittsburgh

Sydney Blasi  
Villanova University

Meredith Blythe  
Arizona State University

Allison Bozzi  
John Cabot University

Mary Kathryn Braun  
King’s College

Jacqueline Brignola  
University of Delaware

Jenna Brignola  
University of Virginia

Jaime Brown  
West Chester University

Mary Catherine Butler  
University of Delaware

Jessica Castillo  
Drexel University

Hannah Chambers  
Lafayette College

Abigail Chick  
Fairfield University

Danielle Ciampoli  
Duquesne University

Nicole Ciervo  
Villanova University

Megan Condello  
Pennsylvania State University

Megan Conrad  
Pennsylvania State University

Brigid Curley  
West Chester University

Susan Dalton  
Virginia Tech

Maria Daly  
Univ. of South Carolina

Kerrianne Davies  
The University of Scranton

Alexa DeAnnunzi  
Towson University

Adeline DelGatto  
Villanova University

Katherine DiDonato  
Virginia Tech

Elizabeth DiFilippo  
Saint Joseph’s University

Chelsey Dillon  
University of South Carolina

Gabrielle DiPietro  
Boston University

Julie Dobson  
Boston College

Meaghan Dyal  
Colgate University

Emily Ermer  
La Salle University

Jacquelyn Ficco  
Pennsylvania State University

Meghan Flood  
Saint Joseph’s University

Hannah Fullman  
Purdue University

Holly Funk  
The University of Scranton

Julia Giampietro  
Fairfield University

Erin Hall  
University of San Francisco

Madeleine Hardie  
Pennsylvania State University

Lauren Hennigan  
Fairfield University

Samantha Hickey  
Georgetown University

Jillian Hoban  
Manhattan College

Madeline Hone  
New York University

Cecilia Horchos  
The University of Scranton

Amelia Iacobucci  
University of Connecticut

Danielle Knopp  
James Madison University

Morgan Koresko  
Savannah College of Art and Design

Emily Legaard  
Carnegie Mellon University

Emma Liberi  
Bloomsburg University

Yilin Liu  
Pennsylvania State University, Abington

Jingxuan Lu  
Pennsylvania State University, Abington

Caroline Mackrides  
The Ohio State University

Kristie Mak  
University of Pittsburgh

Margaret Malecki  
Pennsylvania State University

Alexandra Manders  
Saint Joseph’s University

Michelle Manos  
The University of Scranton

Kathleen Manta  
University of Delaware

Molly Mc Ardle  
University of Delaware

Keely McAveney  
Temple University

Kiersten McDonald  
La Salle University

Madison McEntee  
Saint Joseph’s University

Brenna McGuire  
University of South Carolina

Mary Metkus  
Villanova University

Erika Miller  
Villanova University

Katherine Miller  
Quinnipiac University

Dustin Mintzer  
Pennsylvania State University

Megan Monastra  
The University of Scranton

Kathleen O’Malley  
Temple University

Margaret O’Neill  
The University of Scranton

Sophia Succolowski  
The University of Scranton

Caitlin Touey  
Drexel University

Keeley Washel  
Virginia Tech

Anne Wermuth  
West Chester University

Taylor Winslow  
James Madison University

Kelly Wright  
 Ursinus College

Madison Wright  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Caroline Zielinski  
Villanova University

Carolina Zimmerman  
The Catholic University of America
Winning at Villa Maria Academy is no real surprise to spectators. With fantastic teams, plays, and training, Villa culture has made winning part of the expectation. However, any Villa athlete knows that the most important part of their inevitable success is the coach, and this statement can be validated when hearing the many achievements of the Villa swim team coached by Mrs. Catherine Hay.

Villa’s swim team is among the best in the state. Actually, it has been the best in the state for the past five years, winning five consecutive state championships and 13 district championships. It’s an impressive feat, but even more impressive are the swimmers who win them, according to Mrs. Hay. She says “We have won 5 consecutive State Championships and 13 consecutive District 1 Championships, all with a high level of sportsmanship and class, and that is truly a testament to both the character of the athletes that we have coming through the program as well as the outstanding ability of Villa Maria Academy to turn young girls into well-rounded, fine young women.”

Her team speaks with equally high praise. Some students have had Mrs. Hay as a swim coach for most of their lives if they swam at Villa Maria in grade school. Senior Cara Basso comments, “Coming to upper Villa, I was so excited Mrs. Hay would be the swim coach. She genuinely supports everyone on the team and wants to see everyone improve.”

Improve they did. As of 2015, no other swim team affiliated with PIAA has achieved six consecutive wins, and Villa Maria is setting their sights on the title. While some groups might crumble under the pressure of a state record, Mrs. Hay believes that this expectation, when matched with the family atmosphere of the team, will create greatness. She says, “The level of support the athletes show each other and the ability to diffuse pressure and have fun as a team has led to a program and culture that has thus far allowed us to overcome nearly every obstacle we have faced in the last 5 years, and unrivaled success throughout our program’s history.”

Although all of her champion swimmers are graduating, she remains confident that the swimmers in the Class of 2016 will serve as fantastic leaders as well.

This amount of unwavering confidence is surely something to be envied. How can one ensure such success? In swimming, Mrs. Hay notes that it’s all about the best coaches available, the most devoted team members, the support of parents and alumnae, and most importantly, being there for one another. Her swimmers are all expected to try their hardest, enjoy their victories, but always keep a sense of humility. Senior swimmer Dana Ratner comments, “[Coach Hay] always reminds us to keep a fire in your belly. She is a competitor herself and encourages good sportsmanship, courage, and positivity in her swimmers.”

So, the end question remains: Will there be a sixth championship for Villa Maria to add to the list? Nothing is for certain, but Mrs. Hay is optimistic. “If we work hard, together, and as a team, we will be in good position to continue our current trend of success.”
Hurricanes Swim to 5th Consecutive State Title

When your team has won four consecutive state championships, what do you do for an encore? Win a fifth one, of course. The Villa Maria swim team won its 5th straight PIAA AA State Championship, after collecting its 13th consecutive District I title. State team members Kaitlyn Agger, Kira Buchler, Grace Carey, Katelyn Chick, Mary Katherine Clark, Emily Cornell, Susan Dalton, Julie Dobson, Olivia Giampietro, Maggie Malecki, Maura McManus, Alyssa Myers, Hope Reynolds, and Nicole Saladino took the state meet by storm, sweeping the relay races and turning in strong individual performances in other events as well.

The 200 Medley relay of Emily Cornell, Katelyn Chick, Olivia Giampietro, and Julie Dobson got things started by taking the gold and breaking the PIAA State record (previously held by Villa). Giampietro, a member of all three relays, took 6th place in her individual event the 50 free in 24.59.

Villa Maria made a statement in the 100 fly with Dobson capturing 5th (58.17), freshmen Kaitlyn Agger capturing 6th (58.38), and sophomore Mary Katherine Clark finishing 9th (59.23).

In the 200 Freestyle relay, Maura McManus joined Giampietro, Cornell, and Dobson to bring home the second relay gold of the evening in 1:37.20.

In the 100 Free, Maura McManus took 4th place and Katelyn Chick took 14th. The 100 Back saw Emily Cornell win the silver medal and Hope Reynolds finishing 5th.

The 400 Free Relay was extremely close, but the Hurricanes took first, completing a sweep of the 3 relays.
Villa Breaks Ground for Turf Field

By Kathleen McCartney

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the willingness of so many to share their time and talents, it is groundbreaking time at Villa Maria for the Maurene Polley Field! Our lead donors Ali Bruder, Jack and Nancy Hewes, and Gary and Patty Holloway led the charge, with more than 315 other donors adding their support. It is amazing how our community has come together in support of this initiative.

We officially broke ground on June 22, but there was much to celebrate along the way. On May 2, Anna Wilson ’90 and her husband Monty Powell performed an unbelievably great concert. The show ended with Anna singing “Green Tree,” an original composition that she wrote just for her alma mater. Those in attendance were treated to exceptional music peppered with comedy and sentimental storytelling. It was so nice to have Anna back home, and we are so grateful to Monty and to her for spending the night with us. Villa Alum and current faculty member Sally Jeffries summed up the evening by saying, “The Turf It barbecue and concert was the event of the spring. It was a triple honor; an honor to be with past players who joined together to thank Maurene Polley; an honor to be with our future, the parents and athletes who will create their own special memories on the new field; and lastly, an honor to be in the presence of such enormous talent as Anna Wilson and her husband Monty Powell. They were beyond superb.” The concert raised $11,500.

If all goes according to plan, the field will be ready for play in early September. Watch Villa’s social media accounts for construction updates.

When you drive by and see the bulldozers moving dirt, please realize our work is not finished. Our elation over starting the field construction is tempered by some trepidation because we have not reached our fundraising goal. To date, we have raised approximately $1.2 million of the $1.5 million we need to fund the field fully.

If you have not done so already, please give some serious consideration to making a gift to support the Turf It campaign!

Villa Maria Athletes Compete in State Playoffs

The 2014-15 school year was a banner year for Villa athletes competing at the state level.

The VMA field hockey and swim teams won state titles, but many other Villa athletes achieved at the state level this past school year.

Freshman Kira Buchler participated in the cross country state meet at Hershey. She placed 64th, and ran the third fastest time ever for a Villa student in the state meet.

Golfer Cara Basso, the 2012 state champion, competed at states this year, finishing tenth.

The tennis doubles team of Danielle Rufus and Regan Hatcher made it to the quarterfinals of the state doubles tournament in Hershey. They lost to Mercyhurst Prep, the eventual winner of the tournament.

Sophomore javelin thrower Erin Zimmerman finished 9th in the state meet.

The 2015 softball team made a state playoff run to the quarter final, advancing farther in the state playoffs than any other Villa Maria softball team.
Villa Maria athletes are used to aiming high, but one alumna is shooting for the very top of her sport. Marie Elena Bolles ’10 is training in Lancaster, PA for the 2016 Olympics as a member of the USA National Women’s field hockey team. Bolles earned a spot on the team after successfully trying out at a tournament at the end of her senior year of college.

Marie Elena already has a long list of accomplishments on her field hockey resume. She played at the international level in the FIH Junior World Cup in Mochengladbach, Germany as a member of the U-21 National Team. As a senior at the University of Connecticut in 2013, Bolles helped lead the Huskies to an NCAA national championship. She was named National Player of the Year, CWSA Honda Award Winner, Mideast Region Player of the Year, and Division I National Player of the Year, and was named to the All-Big East First Team, First Team All-American, All-Mideast Region First Team, 2013 NCAA All-Tournament Team, and All-Big East Tournament Team.

As a senior Bolles proved to be an unstoppable threat on the UConn offense. She scored in 17 of the team’s 25 games, including 6 multi-point performances highlighted by a hat trick against Georgetown and a career-high four goals against Temple. The senior totaled 25 goals and 17 assists for a 48 point season.

In her four years at UConn, Bolles amassed 129 total points to finish in sixth place on UConn’s all-time points list. Her 47 career tallies earn her eighth on the Huskies’ all-time goals list, while her 35 helpers tie for ninth in the career assists column. Bolles was a three-time All-Mideast Region selection, a three-time All-Big East First Team recipient, a two-time All-American, and was recognized as the 2012 Big East Offensive Player of the Year. She has been part of a championship squad in some capacity in three of her four college seasons, including the 2013 National Championship team.

Bolles credits some of her success to her time as a Hurricane coached by Maureen Polley. “Mrs. Polley is still one of the toughest coaches I’ve ever had, in a good

"Being a nursing student and being a DI field hockey player was really tough, but Villa prepared me.”
But even an accomplished multi-tasker like Bolles has limits. While working and studying at Duke, she was training remotely with the national team. "I was in a full time program but I was still taking classes. And I was coming back [to Lancaster] for training every time I had a big chunk [of time] off," Bolles said. "[The team] wanted me to come train full time."

Knowing that a shot at the Olympics is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, she talked to her supervisor at Duke, who agreed that she should put her nurse residency on hold and focus on her goal to play in the 2016 Olympics. Bolles joined the team full-time in April 2015.

Marie Elena said her training schedule, which consists of a combination of lifting and team practices, and includes yoga and working on individual skills, "...is intense. It’s like preseason for your whole life: doing two a-days every single day. I’m with these Olympic athletes who are such hard workers and it is cool to know that I can do it.”

Currently, there are 30 players on the team, with 16 on the travel team and 14 practicing at home. The team played in the Valencia Hockey World League championships, in Spain, in June, where they missed qualifying outright for the Olympics. They will have a must-win chance to qualify when they travel to Canada for the Pan American games.

Bolles doesn’t know if she will make the Olympic group. “I’m really new,” she says, noting that for some of the team members, 2016 would be their third trip to the Olympic games, and for most it will be their second. “I’m just lucky to play with them.”

Asked about the long term, Bolles sounds like she is still balancing Olympic field hockey and nursing. “I really love nursing,” she said. She hopes that her Villa-inspired multi-tasking will serve her well again. “If I could get some kind of part time nursing job I could see myself sticking with field hockey.”

Whether attacking on the field or providing care in the hospital, this tough competitor has an attitude that will serve her well. “Never count yourself out,” she said emphatically. “I had coaches tell me I wasn’t good enough to play DI… Don’t take what people say too seriously and just keep trying your hardest. I never thought I would be here (on the Olympic team)… It sounds corny, but believe in yourself. You can do it.”
Fifteen members of the Class of 2015 plan on continuing their athletic careers when they attend college in the fall. Their sports include field hockey, golf, soccer, swimming and volleyball. Many of the young women will compete at NCAA Division I, while others will be competing at Division III schools. Pictured below are the athletes who held celebrations at Villa Maria during the past year. Not shown are Julie Dobson, who will swim for Boston College, and Alyssa Myers, who will swim at Widener University. Villa Maria wishes all our student athletes continued success in college.

Field hockey: (front row left to right) Alexa Ostoich, Old Dominion; Erika Miller, Villanova; Amelia Iacobucci, Univ. of Connecticut. (Back row left to right) Mary Cate Butler, Univ. of Delaware; Samantha Hickey, Georgetown.

Caroline Mackrides, soccer, Ohio State
Katie Manta, soccer, Univ. of Delaware
Megan Monastra, volleyball, Univ. of Scranton
Dana Ratner, swimming, Dickinson College
Carolina Zimmerman, track, Catholic Univ.
Sunflowers, soccer, rain, butterflies. These are some of the things that Abbey Mallon ’14 loved, and that inspired the student artists who participated in Villa Maria’s fifth annual charity art show. The show was both a tribute to Abbey, who passed away last year, and a benefit for the Abbey Mallon ’14 Memorial Scholarship Fund.

“Abbey was an exemplary art student and it was a privilege for both Villa fine arts faculty member Sara Bacastow and myself to work with her during her time here,” said Kate Brown, Villa Maria art teacher and curator of the show. “The art students took so much pride in the show, and they were thrilled to do it to give back to the community and to honor Abbey.”

Villa Maria and Malvern Prep art students created paintings, drawings, graphic design and ceramics that recalled Abbey and her joyful approach to art, nature, and spirituality. The artwork was sold at the show, with all proceeds going to the Abbey Mallon ’14 Memorial Scholarship Fund. A special painting of sunflowers created for the show by Abbey’s mother, Diane Mallon, and sister, Rebecca Mallon ’13, was auctioned at the event.

Prints of Abbey’s own work were also offered for sale, along with prints of the Mallons’ sunflower painting. One of each print is now framed and displayed around the Villa Maria campus, providing beauty and inspiration for students and staff.

The show raised $20,358 for an endowed scholarship that will recognize a student who embodies the mission and charism of the Villa Maria community and whose family might otherwise not be able to afford a Villa education. If you would like to donate to the fund, please contact Ann Sinatra at asinatra@vmahs.org.

A limited number of prints of Abbey’s paintings are available for purchase at $50 each. Prints of the Mallons’ sunflower painting are $75. Contact Kate Brown at kbrown@vmahs.org to order for September 2015 pick up.

Abbey’s mother, Diane Mallon, and sister, Rebecca Mallon ’13, created a painting of sunflowers, auctioned at the art show.
Prints of Abbey's work are available for purchase at $50 each, with proceeds going to the Abbey Mallon Scholarship Fund. Contact Kate Brown at kbrown@vmahs.org to arrange for pick up in September 2015. The Mallons' sunflower print can be purchased for $75.

Top: Willows (left), Abbey Mallon ’14 (right).
Middle: Footbridge (left), Goldfish (right).
Bottom: Spaghetti (left), Lemons (right).
In its twenty-fourth year, FEST (Fostering Educational Support Together), chaired by Anna Cozzone P’17 and co-chaired by Linda Calderin P’14, raised over $111,000 for Villa Maria Academy. The call from the floor for donations for a new sound and lighting board for the Marian Center auditorium, raised more than $27,000 thanks to our generous donors.

The event took place at Aronimink Golf Club, where party-goers bid on silent and live auction items. Purple, gold and green adorned the tables making it feel like New Orleans at Marti Gras.

Villa Maria is grateful to our sponsors who made FESTival 2015 a successful event. A special acknowledgment goes to:

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Many thanks to our business and group advertisers who placed ads to support our efforts. To our FEST committee and student volunteers thank you for your commitment and dedication to the cause.

Save the date! FEST 2016 is Saturday, February 27, 2016.

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**Photos**

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2. Rusty Liberi, Mike O’Rourke and Joe Hoban
3. Student volunteers, Kate Spellman, Julia Curry, Caitlin Azarian, Halle Kopecki, Alexandra Pizzi
4. Frances Biondi and Joanne Bamber ’91
5. Douglas and Wendy Leland
6. Lisa Czyzewski, Anthony and Carrie Smith, and Michele and Jack Dickinson
7. Jim and Chris Tressel with Bonnie and John Van Grinsven
8. Dottie Toomey ’77 with Tony and Margie Carini
9. Joe and Pauline Heater, and Lisa and Gregory Czyzewski
10. Andreina Sigala and Clara Tiburcio-Brogan
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 Marian to stay up to date on happenings around campus and with our alumnae.

VMA 40s
Celeste Fischer Kalina ’41 celebrated her 90th birthday with a party given by her family, which includes three children, four grandchildren and one great grandson.

VMA 50s
Agnes Walsh McEneaney ’56 became a great grandmother in November 2014 to Caroline Grace. Granddaughter Mary Pat Lechich and husband Mike are proud parents.

Congratuations to Carole Wallowitch ’58 who has been elected as Minority Inspector in the City and County of Philadelphia.

VMA 60s
Mary Talone Cavalier ’61 and her husband Frank are enjoying retirement, traveling and their five children, spouses plus fourteen grandchildren. Mary’s twin, Sr. Alice Talone, SBS, is semi-retired.

Sue Warner Cermignano ’68 welcomed a second grandchild, Nicholas Gregory, who joins his sister Aria Rose and Amber.

VMA 70s
Sheila Murphy McLaughlin ’70 reports that she is the new business manager for her parish, San Antonio Catholic Church, in Port Charlotte, FL. Her husband, Charlie, has been named Marshall for the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus for the state of Florida.

Dr. Kathleen Spaltro ’73, received an award for community service from her employer, Pearson. The money received goes to the nonprofit Kathleen founded in her community to host events related to the humanities. Kathleen also serves as a Diversity and Inclusion advocate for Pearson.

Ms. Jeannette Notaro reports that her daughter, Jeannine Notaro Pratt ’85 was elected judge for Miami County in Troy, Ohio. Jeannine holds a juris doctorate from the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law in Lansing, MI, and worked as an assistant prosecutor for 18 years before her election. Ms. Notaro also sent daughters Tracy ’83 and Holly ’91 to Villa and has “nothing but praise, admiration and love for Villa and the good sisters over the years and teachers, too.”

VMA 90s
Katie Duffy McDonnell ’97 and her husband Jake welcomed their son, Declan Kenneth Duffy McDonnell, on September 18, 2014. Declan joined big brother Jack (5) and sister Grace (3). The family lives in suburban Boston.

VMA 80s
Colleen Weed Scallion ’82 enjoyed a fabulous reunion weekend with ’82 classmates Kathleen Swanick Connelly, Robbie Bugey Curley and Dr. Patty McElvennney Mueller in Marco Island, FL, complete with renditions of “In Old Judea” and the school song. Great selfie!

Mary Pat Montone Walsh ’74 is thrilled to share the picture of her new grandson, John Christian Walsh in his Villa bib!

John Christian Walsh

1982 classmates on their Florida getaway

Jennifer Olenik ’05 graduated from the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine in 2014 after taking a year to do clinical work abroad in El Salvador. She is a resident in internal medicine at University of California San Francisco (UCSF), and is happy to report that fellow alum Anna Lacey Hooven ’05 and her husband Ted, moved out to San Francisco as well. Jennifer hopes to work with “another inspiration VMA ’05 graduate, Lauren Bohn, on an international medical project, while she reports and saves the world one story at a time.”

Jennifer Olenik ’05 with her grandfather at her graduation from medical school

Views of Villa
Sarah Weber Furtado ‘07 and husband Nathan welcomed Grace Elizabeth on October 23, 2014. The family relocated to Bristol, CT, from Orlando.

VMA 10s

Jillian O’Hara ‘10 is engaged to Ethan Noss of Etters, PA. The two met at West Chester University. An April 2016 wedding is planned.

Kasey Schiavoni ‘11 was named Female Athlete of the Year for her contributions on the field and in the class room at Fairleigh Dickinson, where she graduated cum laude. On the soccer field, Kasey helped her team to the best record in the team’s history 14-6-1. The Knights went all the way to the Northeast Conference Tournament championship where they eventually fell to Central Connecticut.

Schiavoni was the recipient of the prestigious Richard Panicucci Service Award presented to the FDU student athlete that best displays community involvement. In Schiavoni’s case she served on the FDU Student Athletic Advisory Board, was active in “Relay for Life”, volunteered at Five Star Retirement Community where she entertained residents by playing games, and participated in “U-KNIGHTED Against Cancer” a college group dedicated to raising funds for children’s cancer research. The recent graduate may be hanging up the cleats but she isn’t finished with school. Schiavoni will attend Sacred Heart University in the fall for graduate school in pursuit of a career in physical therapy.

Classmates Maria Ferrari ‘11 and Carolyn Greisser ‘11 celebrated their graduation from Boston College with their sisters, Shannon ’09 and Megan ’12 Greisser, and Christine Ferrari ’09.

The Greisser and Ferrari sisters at Boston College’s graduation

Kailyn Angelo ‘14 was voted First Team All-Landmark Conference as a freshman on The University of Scranton women’s lacrosse team. During the season, she was named the “Landmark Conference Defensive Athlete of the Week”, as well. Angelo was a dominating presence in the middle of the field, setting a new Scranton single-season record for most draw controls (94), which shattered previous mark of 75 set last year. She also scored seven goals in 13 shot attempts and finished with 28 ground balls and five caused turnovers.

The Villa Maria Academy community celebrated the Diamond and Golden Jubilees of Sr. Anne Marie Lavan, IHM, and Sr. Mary Smith, IHM. The school gathered in the Marian Center for a Celebration of Faithfulness to recognize Sr. Anne Marie’s 60 years and Sr. Mary’s 50 years of commitment, faith and service. The Sisters renewed their vows during the Mass, which was also attended by family and friends of the jubilarians. Afterwards, they were presented with gifts and then enthusiastically serenaded by the student body. Villa Maria thanks these wonderful Sisters for their outstanding examples of faith and service to others.
Freshman Kyra Kowaleski at the Phone-a-thon

Ring Ring…. Villa Calling!

Villa Maria volunteers were “dialing for dollars” in April and we are grateful to the many parents and alumnae who made a donation or pledge to the Villa Fund. We have raised more than $20,000 so far and had some lovely conversations with members of the Villa community. The students particularly enjoyed talking to alumnae. A special thank you goes out to Rob Wermuth and Tom Mallon for spearheading this endeavor and guiding us with their expertise and commitment. We couldn’t have done it without these two very dedicated Villa dads!

Correction
Oops! Here are a few donors we missed in the 2013-14 Villa Fund Honor Roll in the Winter 2015 Views of Villa.

Abigail Mallon ’14  Alicia Carey ’99
Rebecca Mallon ’13  Marianne Cardis ’64

We sincerely apologize for this oversight and thank our donors for their loyal support. The Annual Report for the 2014-15 school year will be included in the Fall 2015 Views of Villa.

Turn your business tax dollars into scholarships!

Companies that do business and pay corporate and other taxes in Pennsylvania can receive substantial tax credits by redirecting their state tax dollars to Villa Maria in support of scholarships for underserved and deserving students. Think about it. Your business can give $10,000 to scholarships at Villa Maria Academy High School and it will cost you less than $1,000. The two innovative programs that benefit businesses and students alike are known as EITC and OSTC.

Who
- C-Corporations, S-Corporations, Single & Multi-Member LLCs, and LLPs all qualify

What
- Receive a tax credit in exchange for supporting Pennsylvania students

Why
- Tax credits are more beneficial than deductions—it’s like sending your tax dollars to VMA instead of to Harrisburg
- The paperwork is a breeze—just a simple online application for each program
- You also receive a deduction against net income as a charitable donation
- Supporting a rigorous education for girls, steeped in Gospel values, is a cause that deserves our attention

When
- May 15 – Business applicants who have fulfilled their two-year commitment and wish to reapply for 2014-2015 to renew their two-year commitment
- May 15 – Businesses who are in the middle of their two-year commitment
- July 1 – All other businesses
- OSTC applications are available NOW for immediate tax credits

How
- It’s easy and we can help. The Advancement team at Villa Maria Academy is ready to answer your questions and walk you through the application process (610-644-2551 x1031).
- Visit Villa Maria’s website (http://www.vmahs.org/support-villa-maria/eitc-ostc/) for details and links to the online applications.

Thank you for investing in the future – your participation opens doors and changes lives.
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.

Here is a listing of deaths we have learned about since our last issue.

Matthew Rimoldi, cousin of Erin ’11 and Cassidy Conners ’13
Anthony L. Farnese, brother of Elaine Farnese Bistok ’64
Ann Hassel Solominow ’59
Mary Coacher Leonardi ’50
Mary Therese Rumsey, mother of Mary Sharon Rumsey ’74
Mary Alice Logue Sullivan ’38
Luigi Cardone, uncle of Laura Davis ’16
Lara Arabalian, sister of Celine Arabalian ’16
Mrs. Dennis Krepelka, grandmother of Suzanne, ’12 and Katherine, ’16, mother-in-law of Jacqueline Lamb Krepelka ’82
Carolyn Dioxey King ’63, mother of Sheilah King Pesek ’88
Marie Utz Carroll ’36, mother of Anne M. Carroll ’71, sister of Helen Utz Rothrock ’38 (deceased)
Loretta Williamson Greim ’56, mother of Christine Greim Groener ’82, sister of Joan Williamson Smith ’60, and Emma Williamson Wood ’65
Marilyn Livengood Kalteux ’59
Mary L. Fogliano, mother of Josephine Gudowicz ’69
Patricia Nice ’52 Wellock
John “Jack” Blair, father of Deborah Blair Mischo ’75

Correction: Our sincere apologies to Christine Campbell ’70 who was incorrectly listed as deceased in our Winter 2015 Views of Villa. We thank Christine for her gracious forgiveness of our error. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Christine and her family for the loss of her mother, Josephine, and father, Bill Campbell, who died in January and October of 2014 respectively. May they be blessed with eternal peace.

The following alumna was omitted from our last Views of Villa: Dr. Jeanne Dise-Lewis ’71 who died September 18, 2014, sister of Marianne Dise ’68, Joan Dise Perami ’72 and Dr. Nancy Dise ’76

Summer 2015

Calendar of Events

We love to have our alumnae return to campus. Please join us for any and all of the following upcoming events.

Villa Storms the Shore
Saturday, August 8, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Home of Laura Melvin
Chairs: Bernadette DelRaso Dougherty ’78, Courtney Scardellette ’06

Board Meeting
Sunday, September 20, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Advancement Office
Chair: Mary Jane Raymond ’78

Open House
Sunday, Oct 18, 11:00am - 2:00pm
On Campus
Chair: Stephanie Nolan Deviney ’90

Board Meeting
Sunday, October 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Advancement Office
Chair: Mary Jane Raymond ’78

Memorial Mass
Saturday, November 7, 4:00 pm
Villa Chapel
Chair: Patti Shea Murphy ’81

Shoppes at Villa Maria
Saturday, November 21, 9:30 – 3:30 pm
Marian Center
Chairs: Nancy Veronesi ’72, Elizabeth Zwaan ’05, Courtney Scardellette ’06

Happy Hour
Saturday, December 26, 6:00 pm
Location TBD
Chairs: Courtney Scardellette ’06, Monica Burke ’05

Alumnae Luncheon
Sunday, April 10, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
VMA Campus
Chairs: Dottie Toomey ’77, Michelle Deegan Ralph ’79

UPCOMING REUNIONS

The Class of 2005 is planning a reunion at Thanksgiving time 2015. Contact Allie Wells Colman ’05 at alliecolman1@gmail.com.
A Letter to the Friends of Pam Petrella Winning ’67

As you may know, we lost a vibrant member of our class last December when Pam Petrella Winning ’67 succumbed after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. A group of her classmates have been thinking about a meaningful way to honor her vivacious memory, so we contacted Villa Maria for suggestions.

We learned that Villa is beginning a dance program for interested students regardless of their dance experience. The first step is to provide a space for this new program to develop. A large room on the ground floor of the Marian Center has been selected and plans are under way to transform this into a combination dance studio and training room.

This multi-purpose room will be shared by several groups, including dance program students, athletes, and cheerleaders. We thought that supporting this project would be a fitting tribute to the girl who always led us in dance routines and whose boundless enthusiasm and positive energy made every day sunnier.

VMA hopes to begin renovations on July 1, and the scope of work includes new athletic flooring, mirrors, ballet bars, and other miscellaneous enhancements. With your gift, we can ensure this room becomes a reality and a lasting connection to our alma mater.

There will be a plaque dedicated in memory of Pam and listing the names of all the donors to the room renovation fund.

Thank you for considering this meaningful way to provide a legacy for Pam at Villa Maria Academy and help the students who love to express themselves through dance.

Ways to participate: Please mail your check (include “Dance Studio” in the memo) to VMA, 370 Central Ave., Malvern, PA 19355. Or visit the website (www.vmahs.org/support-villa-maria/) for other options or to give online.

Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to realizing our goal. I hope you will join your classmates in this tribute to the “Class Choreographer,” Pam Petrella Winning.

Hooray to you for helping!

Anita Baldi Gabler ’67
425 excellent reasons to give — The Villa Fund

Your gift matters to every student every day.

We have more than 425 outstanding young women enrolled at Villa Maria Academy. Every single one is an excellent reason to give. Your investment is actively enabling Villa Maria to move forward with initiatives to increase enrollment through scholarships, to enhance our technology infrastructure, to attract and retain a dedicated faculty, and to preserve our historical architecture and grounds. Make your gift to the Villa Fund online at www.vmahs.org/donate-online. We are most grateful for the blessing of your support.
Put your PA business tax dollars to work as scholarships for Villa Maria Academy High School students. It’s simple and we can help.

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Give the gift of a promising future through education. Give the gift of school choice. For more information, contact Villa Maria Academy at 610-644-2551 ext. 1031, or advancement@vmahs.org.