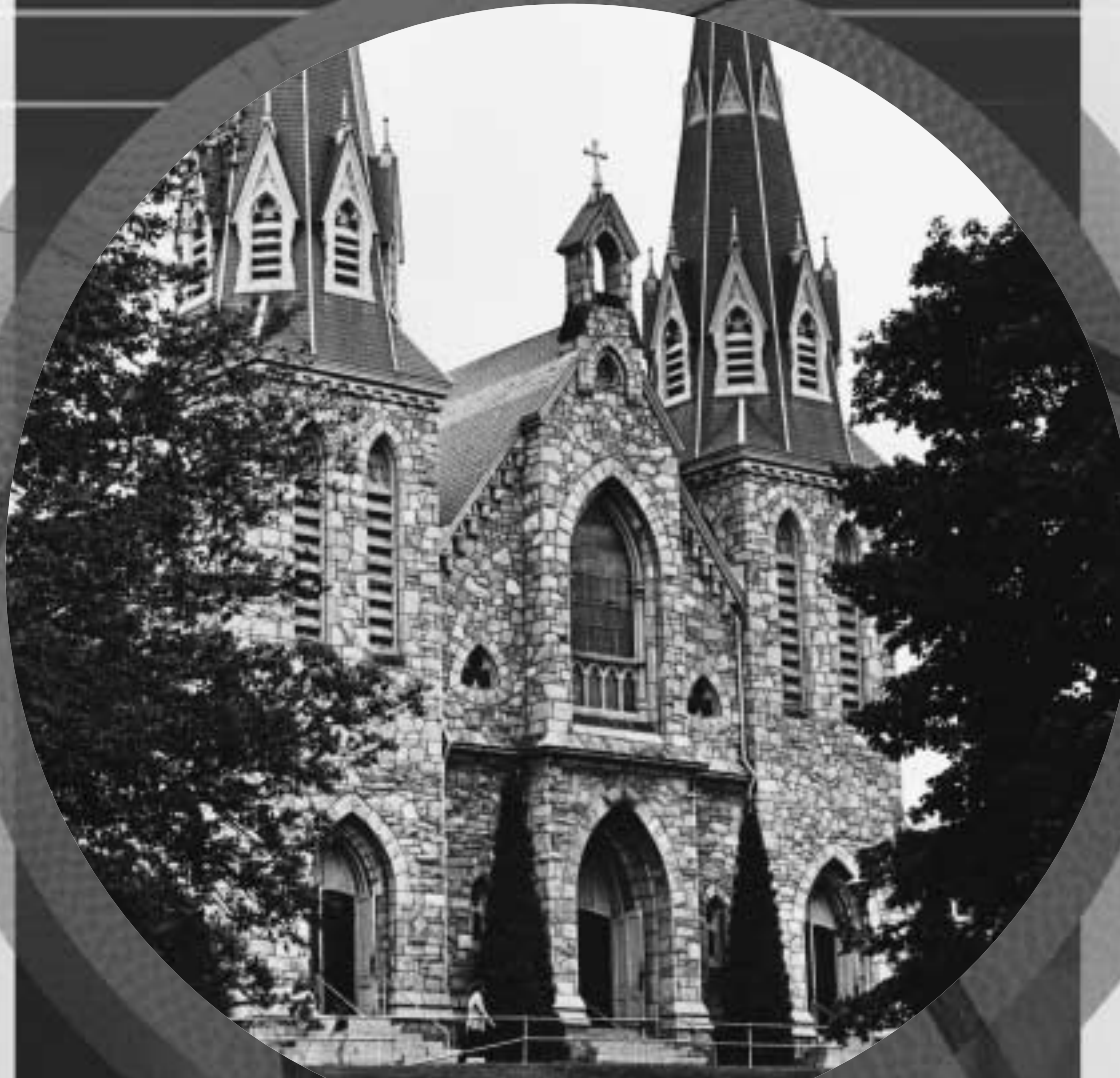


# VILLANOVA TODAY





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Villanova University's treasured traditions and enduring values have brought us to the forefront of higher education. As we look forward to the 21st century, it has been this rich heritage which has inspired the members of our community to seek new opportunities, realize new potentials, establish new goals and respond in fresh and innovative ways to an increasing number of challenges. The strategic planning process in which we are now fully engaged is a means of harnessing our energies, thoughts and visions into a comprehensive, coordinated and relevant plan of thinking, planning and acting.

Our planning efforts are planted firmly in the Mission Statement of the University, a strong and vital document that has served to inspire and guide our institution for many years. In December 1991, the Board of Trustees approved A Future of Promise, the strategic vision of the University, providing broad direction and purpose for our future planning efforts. Since that time, each of the colleges and administrative units has developed its own strategic plan, reflecting the specific needs of its operations within the overall context of A Future of Promise.

As the strategic planning process continues to unfold, the importance of integrating the global vision articulated in A Future of Promise, A Future of Excellence, is by no means the culmination of our strategic planning efforts. Indeed, we must remain ever mindful that strategic planning is a dynamic, flexible process that calls for all of us to continually evaluate our efforts in light of the goals we strive to achieve and the challenges that we face. By its very nature, strategic planning attempts to help an institution not only survive but flourish in a changing environment. The publication of *A Future of Promise, A Future of Excellence* is but one step in our continuing efforts to rise to new heights of academic and professional excellence.

*A Future of Promise, A Future of Excellence* blends the traditions of our Catholic, Augustinian identity, the Mission Statement and the visions expressed in A Future of Promise with the specific goals and directions articulated by colleges and administrative units in their specific strategic plans. Using the goals outlined in A Future of Promise, this comprehensive plan is a further refinement of our strategic direction on a broad level, having considered the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and priorities of our campus community.

The essence of our strategic planning efforts has been the involvement of all members of the University community in using reliable and accurate data to make decisions and establish priorities. Our continuing planning efforts will emphasize the active participation of our whole community; participation in the development, discussion, review, critique and implementation of the strategic direction contained within this comprehensive plan.

Without question, the University is committed to intensifying its ongoing efforts to recruit scholarly faculty, provide undergraduate and graduate programs of the highest quality, attract bright and motivated students, improve instructional and living facilities, offer co-curricular programs to enhance student development on all-levels, beautify our environment, enhance our endowment and other financial resources, and meet the needs of our many constituents with the highest quality and efficiency.

Our initiatives are dedicated to securing the future of Villanova University and enhancing its ability to meet the role of providing our students with the finest education available. It is only through our combined efforts, our combined commitment, and our combined dedications that these goals become realities. Strategic planning requires strategic thinking and strategic action. I encourage all members of the community to participate in shaping our future — A Future of Promise, A Future of Excellence.

*Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A.*  
*President*





## CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Villanova University is located 12 miles west of the city of Philadelphia, Pa., birthplace of American independence. Philadelphia is an absolutely indispensable resource easily accessible for Villanova's student community. Buses and trains stop regularly on our campus, and you can be in Center City in a matter of minutes.

There, the cultural attractions of one of the nation's most historic areas are yours to choose from: Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was adopted, and the U.S. Constitution was written; the Academy of Music, home of the world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra; the Liberty Bell; the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the country's third-largest art museum; and countless theaters, galleries, nightclubs and historical sites.

Philadelphia is also home to some of the country's most exciting professional sports teams. You can watch the Philadelphia Phillies play baseball at Veterans Stadium, which is also home to the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. Just across the street is the Wachovia Center, home to the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers and the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers. The Major Indoor Lacrosse League's Philadelphia Wings play at the Wachovia Spectrum.

There is also Philadelphia's famous South Street for shopping and strolling. Philadelphia's excellent restaurants are world-famous; equally famous is the city's more casual cuisine, like cheesesteaks, hoagies and soft pretzels.

Philadelphia also contains one of the country's largest concentrations of colleges, with over 30 campuses located within a 15 mile radius of Villanova. This gives students an opportunity to take advantage of libraries, cultural offerings, and other facilities, as well as giving them thousands of students and peers with whom to share good times.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VILLANOVA:

For information on admissions and campus tours, contact the Villanova University Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 1-800-338-7927, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For information on Villanova University's Athletic Schedules, contact the Athletic Department at 610-519-4090.



*Philadelphia provides Villanova University students with a big city atmosphere.*



*The Liberty Bell is just one of the many tourist attractions that the city of Philadelphia has to offer.*



*Allen Iverson and his 76er teammates play their home games at the beautiful Wachovia Center.*



## UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, REV. EDMUND J. DOBBIN, O.S.A.



In his inaugural address on October 5, 1988, the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., likened an institution's identity to an individual person's identity; as something ultimately unique. Villanova University's identity is embodied in its charter and its mission statement, but it also includes a collective consciousness. "Our identity is who and what we are, have been and aspire to become," Father Dobbin said.

Serving as the 31st president of Villanova University, Father Dobbin has guided the Villanova community into the 21st century with an enhanced sense of identity and a reaffirmed commitment to the University's Catholic, Augustinian mission.

Through a comprehensive strategic planning process and the careful management of endowment resources, Villanova has implemented innovative curricula, increased scholarship funding, expanded faculty endowments and improved its physical plant during Father Dobbin's tenure.

Villanova's record of achievement under the Dobbin presidency has had a wide-reaching impact. This year, for the 13th time, *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized the University's commitment to teaching and learning in its selection of Villanova as the number one ranked regional institution in the North.

The hallmarks of an Augustinian education — the relentless pursuit of knowledge, the commitment to community, and the integration of mind, heart and spirit — shape the thoughts and values of every member of the Villanova community. These traditions, combined with a commitment to educational excellence, solidify the University's mission and provide guidance for a future of unprecedented achievement.

### *A Superior Student Body*

Over 10,000 students, including approximately 6,300 full-time undergraduates, from every state in the nation and nearly 50 foreign countries, are pursuing their education at Villanova. Of those students accepted for enrollment each year, more than 100 are invited to participate in the University's prestigious Honors Program, and 44 percent of Villanova's incoming first-year students rank in the top 10 percentile of their high school class.

While Villanova students work hard and take advantage of the academic, professional and spiritual opportunities available to them, they also participate in 130 registered student organizations, compete on 11 men's and 13 women's sports teams at the NCAA Division I level, and more than 75 percent of Villanova students volunteer for community service.

### *Distinguished Faculty*

Villanova's national and international reputation, as well as its students' academic experience, has been enhanced by its distinguished faculty. More than 90 percent of the 490 full-time faculty hold the highest degree in their respective fields. Members of the University's faculty have steadily garnered national recognition, including Fulbright Fellowships, Guggenheim Fellowships, and a host of teaching awards.

### *A Fellow Alumnus*

Raised in Staten Island, N.Y., Father Dobbin received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Villanova in 1958. In 1962, he received his Master of Arts from Augustinian College as theological preparation for his ordination to the priesthood. In 1964, Father Dobbin received his Master of Science in Mathematics, with a minor in Physics, and in 1968, he received his Licentiate in Sacred Theology, both degrees from the Catholic University of America. In 1971, he received his Doctor of Sacred Theology from the University of Louvain, Belgium.

A recognized scholar and administrator, Father Dobbin served as a member of the Villanova University Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1987. He was appointed associate vice president for Academic Affairs in 1987, a position he held until his inauguration as University president in 1988.

## VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY'S VICE-PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

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Director of Athletics

### **Rev. John Stack, O.S.A.**

Vice President for Student Life

### **Dr. Barbara Wall, O.P.**

Special Assistant to the President for Admission



## DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, VINCE NICASTRO



Vince Nicastro enters his fourth year as the Villanova University Director of Athletics in 2003-2004. Nicastro oversees all aspects of the Wildcat athletics program and provides the leadership to bolster the Villanova tradition of excellence into the 21st century.

In his first three seasons at the helm, Nicastro has overseen significant growth in the key areas of intercollegiate athletics.

Under his stewardship, the Wildcats' women's basketball team has appeared in three NCAA Tournaments, including a visit to the Elite Eight in 2003. The women's soccer team posted consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances in 2002 and 2003, while the Men's Track and Field program has undergone a resurgence that has included several NCAA titles. In addition, the Men's Basketball program has seen postseason action in each of the past three seasons. The football team reached the NCAA I-AA semifinals in 2003 and Brian Westbrook earned the Walter Payton Award in 2001.

During the 2002-03 campaign, Villanova finished third among all Big East Conference schools and 46th overall in the National Association of Collegiate Directors' of Athletics Cup. Those standings reflect across the board athletic strength through results in most intercollegiate sports.

There have been other strides made too.

In his tenure as director, Nicastro has been instrumental in the growth of the Block V Club, the athletic department's fundraising arm. Since its inception in 2000, the Block V Club has generated over \$ 5.2 million in contributions. During that period, Nicastro has overseen the planning and development of numerous facility upgrades to benefit Villanova Athletics, including the new Villanova Ballpark at Plymouth Meeting; a new Softball Press Box; the Villanova Stadium Turf Replacement; and numerous team locker room enhancements.

Achievement in the classroom has also remained a priority under Nicastro's leadership. In the 2002-03 academic year, Villanova's student-athletes posted a 2.987 grade point average.

Those beyond the Villanova zip code have taken notice. *U.S. News & World Report* listed Villanova as one of the Top 20 athletic programs in the nation in 2002.

In 2003, Nicastro oversaw the second cycle of the NCAA's re-certification of Villanova University Athletics. He has also guided the University's implementation of a comprehensive Title IX compliance program which has increased opportunities for female student-athletes and enhanced resources for Villanova's women's programs.

Nicastro joined the Villanova Athletics Department in 1994 when he was hired as the school's Director of Ticket Operations. He was promoted to Assistant Athletics Director in 1997, then elevated to the position of Associate Athletics Director soon thereafter. As an Associate Athletics Director, he was responsible for overseeing the department's administrative functions, including business operations, personnel and staffing and the sports medicine and strength/conditioning programs.

On his path to the director's office, Nicastro served as the designated sport administrator for many of Villanova's men's and women's varsity programs, working closely to plan and develop all aspects of their sport's programs. Nicastro also coordinated Villanova's summer camp programs and the department's information technology issues.

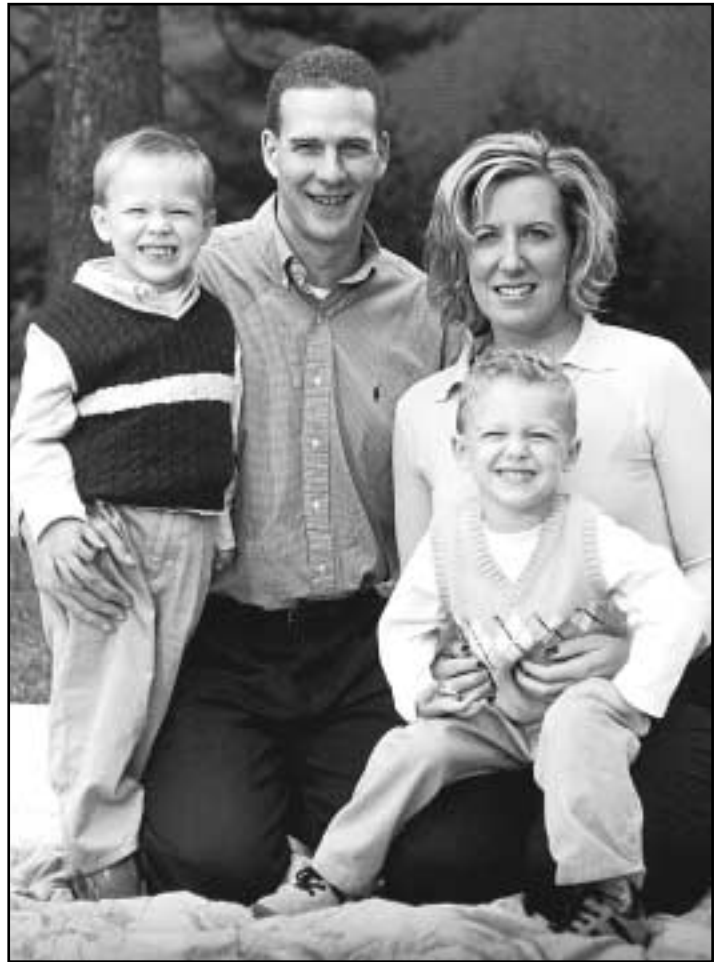
As the Director of Athletics, Nicastro is responsible for the overall supervision of a Villanova Athletics Department that is committed to excellence both in competition and in the classroom. The broad-based

Wildcat athletics program is comprised of 24 men's and women's varsity sports and 600 student-athletes. In addition, club sports and an extensive intramurals program fall under the auspices of the athletic department. Villanova is a member of the Big East Conference and the Atlantic 10 Football Conference.

Nicastro has also been active both inside and outside the University, serving on many key committees. He is currently Chair of the Big East Conference Championships and Competitions Committee, in addition to being a member of the Villanova University's Vice-President's Council and the Villanova Administrative Planning and Budget Committee. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Sports Congress and is on the Board of Advisors for the Florida Atlantic University Sports Management Program.

Previously, Nicastro served on the Big East Conference Golf Committee, the University E-Business Strategy Team and the most recent Institutional Self-Study Task Force.

A 1987 graduate of Bloomsburg University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Accounting, Nicastro earned his MBA from St. Joseph's University in 1994. Nicastro and his wife Liz reside in Drexel Hill, Pa., with their three-year old twin sons, Jake and Casey.



*The Nicastro Family (L-R): Casey, Vince, Liz and Jake.*



## ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION



**BOB STEITZ**

*Senior Associate AD/External Operations*

**B**ob Steitz enters his second year as Villanova's Senior Associate Athletics Director for external operations in 2003. Steitz arrived at Villanova in 2002 from the Atlantic 10 Conference where he had been since 1990.

Steitz served as Associate Commissioner at the Atlantic 10 since 1994 with his primary responsibilities being the Executive Producer of the Atlantic 10 Television Network, coordinating and implementing the league's marketing and television strategies, overseeing all aspects of the men's basketball tournament, and planning and implementing the conference's basketball and football schedules.

Prior to being named Associate Commissioner, Steitz was the Assistant Commissioner from 1990 through 1994, and served as Acting Commissioner of the Atlantic 10 from March 1994 through June 1994.

Before arriving at the Atlantic 10 Conference, Steitz was the Associate Commissioner at the Northeast Conference where he oversaw NCAA Compliance and was the Director of Championships.

He began his career in college athletics at Fordham University where he was the Athletic Operations Coordinator for one year from 1982 to 1983. He was then promoted to Assistant Director of Athletics in August of 1983, a position he held until August of 1985 when he left to become Assistant Director of Athletics at Florida International University.

Steitz has been a key figure on a number of athletic committees and currently serves on the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee. He previously served as chair of the NCAA Honor Committee. Steitz has also played key roles in a number of different events: the 2001 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball East Regional, the 1992 Basketball Tournament of the America, the 1990 Goodwill Games, and the 1984 Summer Olympics Basketball Staff.

A 1980 graduate of Springfield College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Steitz went on to earn his Master's of Education Degree in Athletic Administration from Springfield in 1981.

Steitz and his wife, Pam, reside in Blue Bell, Pa., with their seven-year old daughter Jessica and three-year old son Michael.



**DAVE WHITE**

*Senior Associate Athletics Director*

**A** 20-year member of the Villanova Athletic Department, Dave White enters his fifth season as Senior Associate Athletics Director in 2000-2001. White began his career in Villanova's athletic administration as an Assistant Athletic Director, and has been promoted twice since then assuming his current position of Senior Associate Athletics Director.

White's responsibilities include supervision of the Villanova athletic facilities, including The Pavilion, Villanova Stadium, and numerous other fields used by the Wildcat athletic teams. In the past several years, he has supervised a number of facility enhancements including field upgrades, office renovations, the Villanova Stadium Renovation Project, the expansion of the Sports Medicine area and improvements to the weight training facilities.

White's other responsibilities include serving as the day-to-day contact for football operations and baseball, and the supervision of football and men's basketball game operations.

Before moving into administration, White spent nine years on head coach Andy Talley's football staff, serving as Associate Head Coach and Offensive Backfield Coach. He previously had been head coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) from 1973 to 1981, retiring from his football duties in 1981 to become RPI's head baseball coach and Assistant Athletic Director. He held these duties until July, 1983 when he arrived at Villanova.

A native of Gouverneur, N.Y., White graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1963, and received his Masters in Education from St. Lawrence in 1966. He and his wife Nancy, have three children, Susan, David Jr., and Jill, and reside in Berwyn, Pa. Nancy is Villanova's Associate Director of Academic Advising.



**MARY ANNE DOWLING**

*Associate Athletics Director/Student Services*

**I**n her 25th year as a part of Villanova Athletics, Mary Anne Dowling begins her eighth year as Associate Athletics Director for Student Services.

In this capacity, Dowling serves both the Wildcat student-athletes and the administration in a variety of functions. Her top priority is coordinating Villanova's Student Services which is designed to counsel and advise all the Wildcat student-athletes during their stay at Villanova. In this role, she has instituted the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Awareness Program, oversees drug and alcohol education, conducts student-athlete exit interviews and acts as a liaison with the Office of Academic Advising.

Dowling graduated from West Chester State College in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education, and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education from West Chester in 1975, where she was recently inducted into the West Chester University Hall of Fame.

Prior to her most recent position at Villanova, Dowling had spent the majority of her time at Villanova as the Assistant Athletic Director for Women's and Club sports. Under her guidance, the Wildcat women's program grew from an AIAW Division I small college to national prominence in all NCAA Division I sports.

Dowling and her husband, Jim, reside in Lansdowne, Pa., Dowling has two children, Kevin and Kristen.



**LYNN TIGHE**

*Associate Athletics Director/SWA*

**L**ynn Tighe begins her sixth year at Villanova, after being named the Assistant Athletics Director and Senior Women's Administrator in November of 1998. In August 2000, Tighe earned a promotion to Associate Athletics Director.

Tighe came to the Main Line from the American Basketball League's Philadelphia Rage, where she served as the Director of Game Operations/Special Events and the Director of Merchandising from 1997-98. As the Director of Game Operations/Special Events, she was responsible for the planning, coordinating and implementing of all game day presentations and special events. In addition, Tighe created and directed the merchandising department for the Rage.

She is a 1987 graduate of Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. A four-year member of the Wildcat women's basketball team, Tighe currently ranks second on the Villanova all-time assist list. The starting point guard for three seasons, she helped lead the team to Big East Tournament titles and NCAA Tournament appearances in 1986 and 1987. Tighe was a first team All-Big East performer as a senior in 1987. She was inducted into the Villanova Athletic Hall of Fame in November 1998 and to the Big Five Hall of Fame in January 1998.

Tighe returned to Villanova in 1987, as an assistant women's basketball coach for head coach Harry Perretta, a position she maintained until 1989. From 1989-91, she served as a volunteer assistant coach for the Villanova women's basketball team. She is single and currently resides in Newtown Square, Pa.



# ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION



**DEAN KENEFICK**  
*Assistant AD/Communications*

**D**ean Kenefick begins his second year as Assistant Athletics Director for Communications in 2003. Kenefick had been the department's Director of Media Relations since 1998, before being promoted to Assistant Athletics Director in June 2002.

Kenefick oversees all aspects of Villanova's Media Relations Department. He is entering his eighth season as the contact for both the football and women's basketball

programs in 2003.

A 1994 graduate of Villanova with a B.S. degree in secondary education and a minor in geography, Kenefick earned a Master's in Education from Villanova in July of 1999. He was named Director of Media Relations in the fall of 1998 after serving as the assistant director from 1995-98. He is single and resides in Drexel Hill, Pa.



**REV. ROB HAGAN, O.S.A.**  
*Assistant AD/Compliance*

**E**ntering his first year as Assistant Athletics Director/Compliance at Villanova University is Rev. Rob Hagan, O.S.A. Hagan became a solemnly professed member of the Order of Saint Augustine and was ordained to the Order of Diaconate in 2003. He received his Ordination to the Priesthood in September 2003.

Graduating from Villanova University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1987, Hagan went on to receive his J.D. from the Widener University School of Law in 1990.

After receiving his J.D., Hagan spent seven years as an attorney at Gillin and Associates from 1990-97. He is a past member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Delaware County Bar Association and the Delaware County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

While at Gillin and Associates, Hagan served as Criminal Defense Counsel in addition to handling contract negotiations, arbitrations and mediations. He further served as Counsel to the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority and the Register of Wills in Delaware County.

Hagan has extensive ministerial experience as well. He was hospital chaplain at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia in 2000. In addition, he spent time as a Pastoral Associate at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Staten Island, N.Y., and a campus minister at the University of Maryland, College Park.



**Whitey Rigsby**  
*Director,  
Block V Club*



**Steve Pinone**  
*Director of Athletic  
Development*



**Mary Mitchell**  
*Secretary,  
External Oper.*



**Donna Woodruff**  
*Director, Admin.  
Services*



**Susan Guarino**  
*Coordinator for  
Office Services*



**Mick Keelan**  
*Director of  
Facilities/Oper.*



**Don DiCarlo**  
*Events &  
Facilities Coord.*



**Bob Weiseman**  
*Asst. Director  
of Facilities*



**Bette Plunkett**  
*Secretary*



**Patrick McGowan**  
*Coord./Promotions  
& Events*



**Jo Israel**  
*Asst. Coord. of  
Promotions/Events*



**Chris Heck**  
*Villanova  
ISP Sports*



**Eric Major**  
*Villanova  
ISP Sports*



**Marlene McDade**  
*Villanova  
ISP Sports*



**Leslie McNamee**  
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*Asst. Compliance  
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*Athletics Business  
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*Athletics Business  
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**Jen Brotschul**  
*Travel  
Coordinator*



**Gerry LaJoie**  
*Ticket  
Manager*



**Jeff Pierce**  
*Head Athletic  
Trainer*



**Mike Maerten**  
*Equipment  
Manager*



**Tom Dunphy**  
*Assoc. Director  
Manager*



**Nancy White**  
*Asst. Director  
Academic Support*



**Roxie McNabb**  
*Asst. Director  
Academic Support*



**Mary Anne Gabuzda**  
*Secretary,  
Men's Basketball*



**Cindy May**  
*Coaches  
Secretary*



**Ilene Lee**  
*WBB, T&F  
Secretary*



## VILLANOVA FACILITIES

### THE JOHN "JAKE" NEVIN FIELD HOUSE

Officially opened on April 1, 1932 as the Villanova Field House, the Field House was renamed to honor long-time Wildcat athletic trainer John "Jake" Nevin on November 22, 1985. Once the home of both the Wildcat men's and women's basketball teams, the building is currently home to the women's volleyball squad, as well as administrative offices and training facilities. Originally built at a cost of \$350,000, the field house has hosted Villanova's commencement exercises, numerous high school commencements, concerts, lectures, funerals, masses, dances and plays.



*The Jake Nevin Field House*

### THE PAVILION

Officially opened in February 1986, The Pavilion is the current home of the Wildcat men's and women's basketball teams. With a seating capacity of 6,500, the Pavilion also has hosted commencements, receptions, banquets, dances and concerts since the opening. Also included in The Pavilion is a 200-meter indoor track, tennis courts and batting cages for the baseball and softball teams.

### VILLANOVA STADIUM, GOODREAU FIELD & THE JUMBO ELLIOTT TRACK

Dedicated on October 8, 1927, and built at a cost of \$500,000, numerous improvements and additions have been made to the original home of the Wildcats since then. The structure is officially known as Villanova Stadium and seats 12,000 spectators. It has hosted football, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and international track meets, as well as commencements and other functions. The playing field was dedicated to the memory of Leo J. Goodreau, a football player who died due to injuries in practice, on May 7, 1930. On September 27, 1980, the running track was dedicated to Villanova's legendary track & field coach, James "Jumbo" Elliott. In the summer of 1992, new surfaces were placed on the playing field (Astroturf-8) and track (Rekortan S). During the summer of 1997, state-of-the-art lights were installed, improving the quality of all Wildcat night contests. In the summer of 1999, a Stadium Renovation project took place with the addition of a press facility that includes a 100-person meeting room for all athletic department members to utilize, along with a first-class facility for all media members to use. In the spring of 2002, the Stadium got a new look when the astro-turf playing field was replaced with a synthetic grass surface known as AstroPlay. The new surface was used for game competition by both the men's and women's lacrosse teams and for practice by the Wildcat football squad during the spring of 2002.



*The Jumbo Elliott Track*

### VILLANOVA SOFTBALL FIELD

Located behind Bartley Hall on the Main Campus is Villanova's softball field. In the Spring of 1998, the field was completely refurbished, improving the facility to one of the best in the Big East Conference. Improvements to the field include dugouts, warm-up areas and a new playing surface. To commemorate the opening of the new field, USA Softball Olympian and gold medalist Dot Richardson christened the new field by throwing out the first pitch in the Wildcats' doubleheader with Boston College on April 7, 1997. During the spring of 2001, a press box was added to the Villanova Softball Field and was host to the 2001 Big East Softball Championship.



*Villanova Softball Field*

### VILLANOVA SOCCER COMPLEX

Located behind St. Mary's Hall on the ever-growing West Campus is Villanova's soccer field. It was established in the fall of 1992 as the new home for the Wildcat men's and women's soccer programs and was recently leveled and re-sodded for a top-notch facility. During the summer of 1999, new bleachers were added to the facility that seats 1,500 people. In the fall of 2001, new locker rooms for the men's and women's soccer teams were added.

### VILLANOVA SWIM CENTER

Completed in July 1985 at a cost of \$1.5 million, The Swimming Center is home to Villanova's men's and women's swimming and diving teams, and the women's water polo squad. Measuring 25 meter by 25 yards, with depths ranging from 4 1/2 feet to 13 feet, it features 10 lanes for competitive swimming, two 1-meter diving boards, and 3-meter diving platforms. During the summer of 1999, new offices were constructed for the swimming and women's water polo coaching staffs, as well as a meeting room.



*The Pavilion*



## VILLANOVA FACILITIES

### PIKE FIELD

Located across the street from Villanova Stadium, this practice facility was re-built in 1994 at a cost of \$350,000 to include a complete state-of-the-art throwing area for track and field meets that allows three events to be contested simultaneously. This field, equipped with a drainage system to ensure high quality conditions year-round, also serves as an outstanding practice field for Villanova's varsity teams as well as intramural competition.

### VILLANOVA TENNIS COMPLEX

A brand new tennis facility was constructed on Villanova's West Campus during the summer of 1999. This new facility is home to both the Wildcat men's and women's tennis teams. Recreational courts are also available on the South Campus adjacent to Stanford Hall, and on the Main Campus behind Kennedy Hall. As part of the West Campus construction, new locker rooms will also be added to the facility.



*West Campus Tennis Courts*

### ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM

Villanova's Jake Nevin Field House features a full-service athletic training room. The facility contains state-of-the-art equipment specifically for the treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. This facility now contains 2,200 square feet of training space. All advanced treatment and rehabilitation is performed under the supervision of four full-time National Athletic Training Association Certified personnel. In the cases requiring physical therapy needs, or subspecialized medical evaluation, outside consultants are utilized.



*Athletic Training Room*

### WEIGHT TRAINING & CONDITIONING FACILITIES

Under the direction of Strength & Conditioning Coach Jeff Watson, Villanova University offers one main weight training & conditioning facility underneath Villanova Stadium for all Wildcat student-athletes. Recently, the weight room was renovated to a 5,900 square foot training center with weight training and cardiovascular machines. There are also other weight training and conditioning facilities for the general Villanova University community on the South Campus and the West Campus. The South Campus facility was also renovated in the summer of 1998 to fit the needs of the general student body.



*Villanova Stadium Weight & Conditioning Center*

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

Located within the Jake Nevin Field House is the Villanova Athletic Support Center. Working in conjunction with Dr. Dan Regan, Villanova's Academic Advisor for Athletics, Associate Director of Academic Support Nancy White administers the daily operations of this full-service facility. In addition to an on-line computer which monitors the academic progress of all Wildcat student-athletes, the center includes work space for student-athletes and computer workstations with word-processing and laserjets for use by student-athletes. Also, various computer programs are offered, such as a résumé writing program.

### ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The Villanova Department of Athletics expanded Academic Support's domain into the newly renovated stadium. With the addition of a new infrastructure during the summer of 1999, the department's new Academic Resource Center was formed. The benefits of the ARC include:

- Improved efficiency of academic support services to student-athletes.
- Expansion and consolidation of several academic resources, such as freshmen-mentoring and tutoring programs.
- Ability to offer a more personally tailored academic support system to those student-athletes in need.

*The ARC includes:*

- Private and semi-private tutoring areas.
- Computer equipped study hall housing 50-60 laptop computers.
- Increased space for freshmen-mentoring.
- Conference area for lectures and studyhall.



*Academic Resource Center*