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Happy New Year!

It's a greeting I have offered to many in our school community last week, as July 1 marks the beginning of a "new" school year. I find that I am optimistic every New Year's Day about the future and I am certainly optimistic about the future of our beloved Villa. Better days have to be ahead – don't they?

These past few months certainly have been anything but the usual, and each and every Villa (*and world, for that matter*) family has been significantly affected by the triple crises of Covid-19, its economic impact, and the ignition of the effort needed to create substantial change to combat the systemic racism in our society. In my own home, we have faced job loss, the sudden loss of a senior's Spring semester and graduation, the inability to visit grandparents or attend weddings and funerals, the alteration of job and graduate school plans, and, very recently, the notice that our youngest daughter's senior year of college will be taught online. Nothing is as we had hoped it to be.

These challenging times have prompted me to take stock of the good things we DO have in our lives. And I am SO very thankful that I get to call Villa "home." This community has proven its resilience (*we DID have a graduation ceremony!*) and an agility and competence that was able to respond to the challenge of continuing our Jems' education while nearly all were in their homes rather than in the building (special shout-out to Mrs. Carr and our faculty and staff for "making it happen").

This New Year also brings a new Board Chair to Villa, Mary Smithson. If you have been to any of Villa's celebrations, fundraisers, or Masses, I am sure you have seen her in attendance. Her unwavering support of our Mission and our girls is an inspiration, and her gift for fostering meaningful relationships will assist all of us in our simple goal of helping each and every student to pursue the life to which God calls her. Mary, and the entire Board, are driving Villa towards a more just and equitable community, which is certainly in the spirit of our mantra, "Always more, Always better, Always with love."

I am pleased Mary is guiding us to live out the examples of Mother Maria and the Sisters of Saint Casimir as we strive to address the racial inequity in our community and in our world. I would encourage all of those interested to watch the State of the School address on our website – www.vjmhs.org/aboutvilla/stateofschool – where I lay out the steps we are taking to move Villa forward. Already this summer, we have made significant progress in all of the initiatives laid out. Since the tragedy of the George Floyd killing,

I have been especially heartened to have personally engaged many Alumnae and current students, listened to their views, concerns and suggestions, and been inspired by their passion for change. As I have said to all who reached out, I count on you to keep us accountable as we move forward. I would continue to encourage each of you to please reach out to me directly; I'd love to hear your thoughts and would welcome the opportunity to share with you all that is happening here on Holland Road.

I wish you all good health and peace. I find it so very helpful in facing the challenges of the day to return to our Mission for comfort and direction, and I remain forever grateful to have Villa as a safe home to return to each day in these troubling times.

I truly can't wait to see you again here on our beautiful campus.

Love and prayers,
Tom Kardish
President

Anne Perez Director of Guidance

Karla Hurlbert
Director of Technology

Becky Flynn Hensel '99
Athletic Director

Bernard Labencki
Business Manager

Erica Franzzo '03
Communications and
Public Relations Manager

Armand Adams
Facilities Manager

Dear Villa families,

It's July and we are in full planning mode for our Fall reopening. We have been provided with numerous guidelines to adhere to for the safety of our students and our staff. We have been diligently adjusting classroom layouts to spread our students' desks apart and have been ordering ample supplies to keep us disinfected and ahead of the curve upon reopening.

Our plan at this time is a full opening for our students. Studies show that students need in-person schooling, not only for academic purposes but also for socialization and mental health. We want you to be sure that Villa will do everything in our power to keep our families up to date on changes in protocols and guidelines.

A few items that you can count on in the Fall:

- continuing small class sizes to maximize the distance between desks in each room
- independent symptom screenings at home
- temperature checks upon arrival for students and staff
- mask wearing on district buses and upon arrival, but not mandated within the classroom setting
- backpacks permitted to reduce gathering at the lockers
- pre-ordering (using a website/app) of cafeteria food with boxed style meals
- enhanced cleaning and sanitation of the entire building
- adjusted daily bell schedule to permit staggered dismissal times both in between classes and at the end of day

Please keep in mind everything mentioned above is where we are thinking right now. This situation has remained fluid since day one and will continue to be for the foreseeable future. If studies or mandates are provided that guide us to adjust some of the recommendations, we absolutely will do so.

We will be inviting the families of our current students to attend an in-person or online update of our plans. Multiple dates and times will be sent out later this month. An exact replica of the presentation, as well as our Health and Safety Plan, will be posted to our website. We want everyone to have the opportunity to hear the many ways we will educate our girls this upcoming school year amidst this global crisis.

As you know, many of our Spring events had to be altered and, in some cases, postponed or canceled. The students scheduled



to participate in our summer Haiti trip will have the opportunity to attend our next one in its place. Our prom was postponed to June, and then postponed again. At this time, we are not able to find a venue that could feasibly and safely welcome our students and their guests, either with or without mask wearing as part of both the attire and the meal portion of the night. Our goal is to continue to reimagine this event and plan for a large gathering when possible. Our *Legally Blonde: The Musical* performance that was scheduled for this past Spring will now be the feature production this Fall in our Performing Arts Center.

While the past few months may have looked and felt a little different, please know that we are still Villa. We still have our traditions – both old, like Spirit Days and the Feast, and new, like our "Be the Light" car parade – that make being in person at Villa that much more special. We are beyond excited to see our Jems back in the building, cheering each other on, celebrating accomplishments, and supporting one another always.

Lauren Carr '00
Principal

STRATEGIC PLAN

Villa's Strategic Planning Committee completed and shared our new strategic plan for the school after almost a year of development and research. The full plan is available at www.vjmhs.org/strategicplan if you'd like to read the specific goals that were set, spanning six different areas: development, education, enrollment, finance and facilities, governance and mission, and marketing. We expect to update this document yearly, with progress updates and additional plans. Our first update to the plan is the revision of our school's Mission Statement.

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

Villa Joseph Marie High School is a Catholic college-preparatory school committed to helping young women discern who they are and grow into the disciples God calls them to be, as revealed by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The legacy of our foundress, Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, and the Sisters of St. Casimir inspire the dedicated faculty and staff to provide a challenging environment and nurturing community which celebrates the dignity and uniqueness of each student and empowers young women through faith, education, and service, doing so in the spirit of "Always more, Always better, Always with love."

ALWAYS JEMS

Congratulations to our Jems for these special achievements — and so much more — that occurred during the 2019-2020 school year.

Autumn Andrejczak '22 and Allison DeFrieece '22 were selected as Semi-finalists of a poetry competition, which had over 500 poetry submissions, that took place at the 36th Annual Poetry Festival at De Sales University. Allison received an Honorable Mention, placing her in the top five of submissions for her poem "7th Floor Musings."

Olivia Glunz '20 and Jenna Pintimalli '19 (represented by her Reel History teacher, Maggie May) were honored as essay contest winners for the Holocaust Remembrance Program following Mr. Danny Goldsmith's visit to Villa last Fall. Thank you to the Levittown Post 697 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States for a beautiful dinner celebration! Olivia and Jenna were presented with citations from both the Senate of Pennsylvania and the United States House of Representatives. Thank you to U.S. Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick and State Representative Frank Farry for their support.

Sabrina DiNofa '20 (clarinet) and Dakota McNally '22 (baritone saxophone) were selected for and performed with the 2020 All Catholic Concert Band at Bishop Shanahan High School. Also, Sabrina was acknowledged for being selected for four years consecutively. Thank you to Mr. Facenda for his constant dedication and mentoring of our musicians!

AACA ALL-STARS

BASKETBALL

1st Team

Julia Beck

SWIMMING

1st Team

Sabina Hartmann
(100 Yard Breaststroke)

PIAA

Sabina Hartman was awarded the
2A third place medal for the
100 Yard Breaststroke.

Although the race was canceled,
the 22nd Kiwanis Sesame Place
Classic Scholarships were awarded
to 34 top scholar-athletes in
Bucks County high schools,
including Lily Dineen '20.

VILLA ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

The team started their season 2-0, with a big win over Nazareth, and later advanced to the championship game in the Christmas tournament. After key wins against St. Hubert, Merion Mercy, Nazareth, and Boyertown, the team made it to the district playoffs, beating Lower Moreland to advance to the District Championship for the first time in nine years. They made it to the first round of States, ending a very successful season and leaving the expectations for next season even greater.

SWIMMING

The "Aqua Jems" grew their (still) small but mighty team both in size and in pride. Leading the team to Districts were senior captains Jillian Reifsnyder and Caitlin Whalen, who celebrated Villa's 12 All-District awarded events across six swimmers. A new accomplishment this year was having two relays qualify for States (Corino, Hartman, Iannaccone, Patrick, and Whalen). In addition, new record times were set by Megan Iannaccone, Sabina Hartman, and Caitlin Whalen, securing individual event qualification to States. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic left this event canceled, but the girls hope to make a splash of a comeback next season, kicking all the way back to States in 2021.

TO OUR CLASS OF 2020 SPRING ATHLETES

We were looking forward to seeing you shine for one more season, and we want to thank you for your hard work and dedication. Although your preparation and time spent at practice won't get the recognition you deserve in competition this Spring, it's important to know that the athletic department and entire school is proud of what you've accomplished. We are incredibly thankful for how you've represented Villa Joseph Marie and everything that you've put into your program. Lacrosse, Rowing, Sailing, Softball, and Track & Field Seniors, we applaud you.

Grace Matwijec '21 and Gabby Lyons '21 were selected as Diocesan Scholars for the 2020-2021 school year.

Cait Carolan '20 and Olivia Glunz '20 were named as National Merit Finalists, and Shannon Henes '20, Madeline Marriott '20, Jillian Reifsnyder '20, and Greta Wilkinson '20 were named as National Merit Commended Scholars.

The English Department's 2020 Poets Laureate were Allison DeFrieece '22, Anna McCarthy '21, and Maddie Marriott '20. The VJMHS 2020 School Laureate was Maddie Marriott '20. We also acknowledged all of the submissions received this year from our Poet Laureate Medalists: Autumn Andrejczak '22, Valarie Rubinstein '22, Lia Caucci '21, Jillian Reifsnyder '20, and Gabriella DaPrato '20. Check out the Villa website — www.vjmhs.org/academics/poets — to read poems from our Poets Laureate and selections from our Poet Laureate Medalists.

Villa students completed 5,353 hours of service this year, contributing \$124,000 in economic value to the community. This is an especially impressive number, because it's equivalent to last year's total, even though this year was hindered by almost three months of the quarantine. We are so proud of our Jems' dedication and commitment to service!

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020



FORE! THE GIRLS

VILLA JOSEPH MARIE HIGH SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
GOLF OUTING

JERICHO NATIONAL GOLF CLUB
250 BROWNSBURG ROAD EAST
NEW HOPE, PA 18938

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.VJMHS.ORG/GOLFOUTING



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

"The self is not something ready-made, but something in continuous formation through choice of action."
- John Dewey

This past school year was certainly one for the ages; it will be remembered as much for what was canceled or rescheduled as for what transpired. Throughout the successes and struggles of distance learning, an outdoor graduation, virtual college tours, and countless other accommodations, Villa experienced a real breakthrough this year as a school community. For not only was this the year of Covid-19, it was also the year that Growth Mindset came to Villa Joseph Marie High School.

The issue of student mental health has struck a chord with schools across the globe in recent years, forcing leadership to examine the role of schools in supporting a student's social-emotional well-being. In response, Villa leadership supported the formation of a committee to explore ways Villa could respond to the crisis in a meaningful way that aligns with our school Mission. After researching a variety of programs, the committee decided to partner with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit to bring the Growth Mindset curriculum to our school.

Based on numerous psychology studies and grounded in neuroscience research about brain plasticity, Growth Mindset is a program developed by Carol Dweck, Ph.D., that reevaluates how we think about how we think. Essentially, our brains have the ability to physically grow as we learn new things, creating

GROWTH MINDSET



new connections between neurons that enable us to learn and grow academically, socially, and emotionally as we experience success and failure. In short, by teaching students to embrace a Growth Mindset, they can become better learners and reduce their stress levels and anxieties.

To launch the Growth Mindset program, the committee decided to implement some "stress-reduction" days beginning in January with an adjusted school schedule to allow students to participate in a variety of activities. Students were asked to leave their phones in homeroom and sign up to participate in everything from yoga to art therapy to comedy improv and even an open gym. The goal was to show the students ways to release their stresses that could be replicated at home with the long-term goal of eventually blending the fun with some learning about Growth Mindset. Unfortunately, the closing of school interrupted our plans, but student feedback during distance learning reinforced how Growth Mindset was helping them get through the new challenges. And, of course, the ideas of Growth Mindset were artfully woven into our Valedictorian Address at Villa's Senior Recognition Ceremony out on the soccer field.

As we look to the next school year, Growth Mindset will be even more important as a support for students and faculty, and the committee has an eye on how it will be implemented in the new year. As Carol Dweck says, "If parents [and teachers] want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning."

With the recent curriculum and campus updates, it's certainly an exciting time to be a part of the Villa community, and it's especially thrilling if you are passionate about science and STEM. Over the last two years, the science department has integrated engineering and technology into the current curriculum. The first phase of our curriculum improvement plan involved converting all current content to inquiry-based learning with more STEM-based projects implemented throughout the year. The second phase saw the creation of three STEM-based clubs — Robotics, Rocketry, and Girls Who Code — that experienced the highest levels of success right from the start in 2019, including both Robotics and Rocketry's advancement to the finals of national competitions and Girls Who Code's participation in a national conference. The final phase of the plan included the launch of a full engineering curriculum that would allow all students the opportunity to participate, enabling them to stand out when applying to college for engineering or other science programs. After years of research on high school engineering programs, Villa chose Project Lead the Way.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a non-profit organization that is revolutionizing the way science and engineering should be taught; it is the number one program for students PreK-12 in America. During the 2019-2020 school year, the Engineering pathway, one of three offered by PLTW, was officially integrated into the science curriculum for Villa students to take as an elective. The first class in the Engineering pathway (of a total of ten classes offered) is Intro to Engineering and Design (IED). This

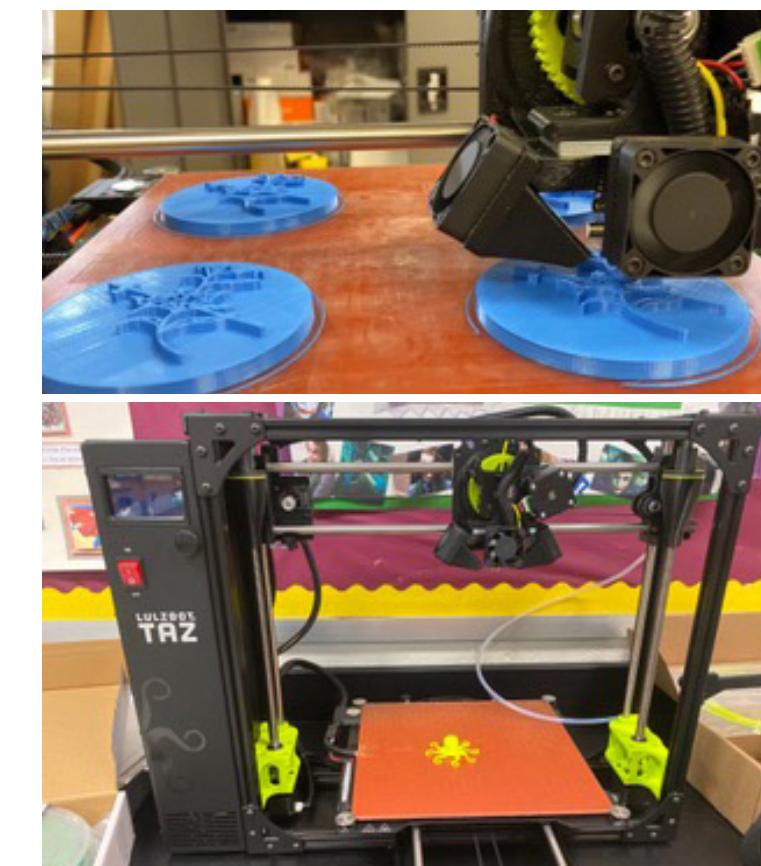
class had two sections of students totaling 27 in the program at launch. In this class, students used their creativity and imagination to learn and perfect skills like technical sketching, problem solving, working in team settings, and presenting solutions to problems, while utilizing CAD software and a 3D printer.

Even though year one of the program was altered, the class continued to advance their skills and have fun with the help of the Disney Imagineering Project. A culmination of the skills learned during IED gave students the ability to design their own theme parks. This included everything from the landscapes, buildings, smells, colors, restaurants, maps and sights to roller-coaster design and character development. The final ten weeks of virtual learning saw the creation of great theme parks dedicated to *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, *Narnia*, *The Office*, *Aladdin*, *Frozen*, and *Inside Out*, among many others.

Overall, the PLTW Engineering program at Villa was a huge success and has already experienced growth moving into year two. The IED class will have 33 students and the next PLTW class running is Environmental Sustainability. With the new STEAM hallway expansion on the horizon, Villa's engineering program has the potential to include classes like aerospace engineering, civil engineering and architecture, and computer science. Stay tuned to hear much more about this exciting new venture for our students!

Villa is empowering the makers of tomorrow, TODAY.

ENGINEERING



CLASS OF 2020



VALEDICTORIAN:
Olivia Glunz
SALUTATORIAN:
Isabelle Anzabi

Villa would like to congratulate the members of the Class of 2020 for the following awards:

National Merit Commended Scholar Finalists: Caitriona Carolan, Olivia Glunz | National Merit Commended Scholars: Shannon Henes, Madeline Marriott, Jillian Reifsnyder, Greta Wilkinson | Archdiocesan Academic Honors Convocation Honorees: Isabelle Anzabi, Olivia Glunz, Greta Wilkinson | Venerable Servant of God Maria Kaupas Award for Exemplifying the Mission of Villa Joseph Marie High School: Olivia Glunz | Sisters of St. Casimir Award: Emily Borell | Father Sirvaitis Award for Outstanding Display of Catholic Values: Elizabeth Dineen | J.E.M. Community Service Award: Emma Garrison | President's Awards for Excellence: (Always More) Isabelle Anzabi, (Always Better) Madeline Marriott, (Always With Love) Emma Garrison, (Always Villa) Shannon Henes, (Always a JEM) Chloe Niemczak | Principal's Awards for Excellence: (Award for Outstanding School Leadership) Elizabeth Dineen, Madeline Marriott, Emily Noone, Ana Postowski, (Villa Joseph Marie Faculty Award) Emily Cahill, (Diamond Key Student Ambassador Award) Katherine Bruni | Good Citizenship Awards: Kathryn Boesch, Emily Cahill, Kathleen Campbell, Caitriona Carolan, Tara Czekner, Amelia Fisher, Julia Glatfelter, Jillian Hunter, Elizabeth Iwasyk, Gianna LaMena, Kara Linden, Catherine Maloney, Catherine Monteith, Gabriella Perotti, Jessica Peterson, Elizabeth Rafferty, Jillian Reifsnyder, Mackenzie Smith, Anna Stollsteimer, Casey Taylor, Isabel Taylor, Molly Taylor, Greta Wilkinson, Abby Wyatt, Kaitlyn Zink | Perfect Attendance Award - 4 Years: Amy Boesch, Rachel Bricker, Katherine Bruni, Kristina Filip | Diocesan Scholars 2019-2020: Isabelle Anzabi, Olivia Glunz | The Presidential Award for Educational Excellence (Gold Medal Awards): Jessica Aniloff, Isabelle Anzabi, Rachel Bricker, Katherine Bruni, Emily Cahill, Sarah Cahill, Caitriona Carolan, Tara Czekner, Sabrina DiNofa, Emily Dwyer, Amelia Fisher, Alyssa Fortunato, Julia Glatfelter, Olivia Glunz, Shannon Henes, Jillian Hunter, Elizabeth Iwasyk, Gianna LaMena, Gabrielle Leonardi, Kara Linden, Catherine Maloney, Madeline Marriott, Madeline Miller, Catherine Monteith, Brooke Morrell, Hunter Odias, Nadia O'Hara, Gabriella Perotti, Jillian Reifsnyder, Preeti Shenoy, Charlotte Stubbs, Casey Taylor, Greta Wilkinson, Tina Zhang | WPVI Best of the Class of 2020: Olivia Glunz | 2019-2020 Courier-Kiwanis Student Athlete Award: Elizabeth Dineen | Many students in the Class of 2020 also won awards for individual subjects. | We wish congratulations to all members of the graduating class for their outstanding accomplishments. We will surely miss you and hope that you come back to visit us!

CLASS OF 2020

Sarah Abdalla | Jessica Aniloff | Isabelle Ellen Anzabi | Avamarie Backich | Abigail Reese Barats | Taylor Batt | Jordan Benner | Amy Bloesch | Julianne Bloesch | Kathryn Boesch | Emily Borell | Grace Brennan | Rachel Bricker | Katherine Bruni | Emily Cahill | Sarah Cahill | Kathleen Campbell | Caitriona Carolan | Helen Chimbos | Alexandra Chomenko | Sofia Cordero | Sofia Costanzo | Tara Czekner | Gabriella DaPrato | Mireille Dina | Elizabeth Dineen | Sabrina DiNofa | Emily Dwyer | Danielle Ferone | Gabrielle Fife | Kristina Filip | Amelia Fisher | Alyssa Fortunato | Krista Galasso | Emma Garrison | Julia Glatfelter | Olivia Glunz | Sophie Goldberg | Emerson Grasela | Shannon Henes | Jillian Hunter | Elizabeth Iwasyk | Caroline Kuzy | Gianna LaMena | Anna Lee | Gabrielle Leonardi | Jacqueline Levins | Kara Linden | Catherine Maloney | Marissa Mangione | Madeline Marriott | Kiersten McKenna | Kathryn McLaughlin | Shannon Menarde | Madeline Miller | Catherine Monteith | Brooke Morrell | Kristina Murray | Chloe Niemczak | Madeline Nocella | Angela Nolan | Emily Noone | Nadia O'Hara | Hunter Odias | Amanda Christine Pennett | Gabriella Perotti | Jessica Danielle Peterson | Lucy Pickersgill | Ana Postowski | Elizabeth Rafferty | Ciara Rago | Jillian Reifsnyder | Mackenzie Anne Robertson | Paige Santoro | Preeti Shenoy | Jaclyn Anne Skalski | Mackenzie Smith | Anna Stollsteimer | Jessica Stott | Jillian Stott | Charlotte Stubbs | Nicole Sullivan | Ava Talerico | Casey Taylor | Isabel Taylor | Molly Taylor | Rose Vizza | Caitlin Webster | Ashley Whalen | Caitlin Whalen | Greta Wilkinson | Abby Wyatt | Tina Zhang | Kaitlyn Zink

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE *Class of 2020* VILLA JOSEPH MARIE HIGH SCHOOL

The VJMH Class of 2020 accrued \$16.9 million in scholarships and grants and was recognized through a variety of awards, including full tuition scholarships, Catholic High School recognition awards, and scholarships for excellence in athletics, community service, music and art portfolios. We are so proud of them for their strength, achievement and success!

COLLEGE DESTINATIONS

Alvernia University | American University | Arcadia University | Auburn University | Bryn Athyn College of the New Church | Bucknell University | Catholic University of America | Coastal Carolina University | Cornell University | Drexel University | Duquesne University | Esthetic Institute | Fordham University | George Washington University | Gwynedd Mercy University | Harvard College | James Madison University | Jefferson University | Johnson & Wales University, Providence | Lafayette College | La Salle University | Lehigh University | LIU Post | Louisiana State University | Northeastern University | Pennsylvania State University | Purdue University | Rochester Institute of Technology | Saint Joseph's University | Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania | Stanford University | Stevens Institute of Technology | Temple University | The College of New Jersey | The New School - All Divisions | The University of Alabama | The University of Scranton | The University of Tampa | Ursinus College | University of Delaware | University of Georgia | University of Notre Dame | University of Pittsburgh | University of South Carolina-Columbia | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Ursinus College | Villanova University | West Chester University of Pennsylvania | West Virginia University | Widener University



We honor our senior athletes who have committed to continue their athletic careers beyond Villa.

Congratulations to the following students:

- **Helen Chimbos:** Riding, Long Island University
- **Lily Dineen:** Cross Country, Lafayette College
- **Sophie Goldberg:** Fencing, The Pennsylvania State University
- **Amanda Pennett:** Rowing, Bucknell University
- **Elizabeth Rafferty:** Golf, West Chester University
- **Ciara Rago:** Soccer, Ursinus College
- **Jackie Skalski:** Basketball, Arcadia University

We are so proud of your successes here at Villa and we celebrate your commitment to athletics at the next level! Way to go, Jems!

WELCOME TO VILLA • WELCOME TO VILLA

30
FROM
DIFFERENT SCHOOLS
including 5 new schools

2 NEW
TRANSPORTATION
ROUTES
THIS YEAR

Princeton, NJ and Upper Dublin, PA

19 EARLY
CANDIDATES
IN THIS CLASS

Meet the

CLASS OF 2024



MADALEN BENTIVOGLIO '24
WITH HER GREAT AUNT,
DIANE BENTIVOGLIO BARKLEY '62



MK AND MADALYN PETERS '24



SARAH WARUNEK '24



FAITH SULLIVAN '24
WITH HER SISTER,
KATIE SULLIVAN '21



ABBI TURCO '24



ALYSSA LEVITO '24



ABBY MCGRODY '24



ALEXA BEERHALTER '24



GIANNA POTERO '24, ERIN MALLEE '24,
MAGGIE PERRI '24, ISABELLA CLARK '24



ERIN BUTLER '24,
SARAH BARATS '24, AND
MIKAYLA SPEARING '24



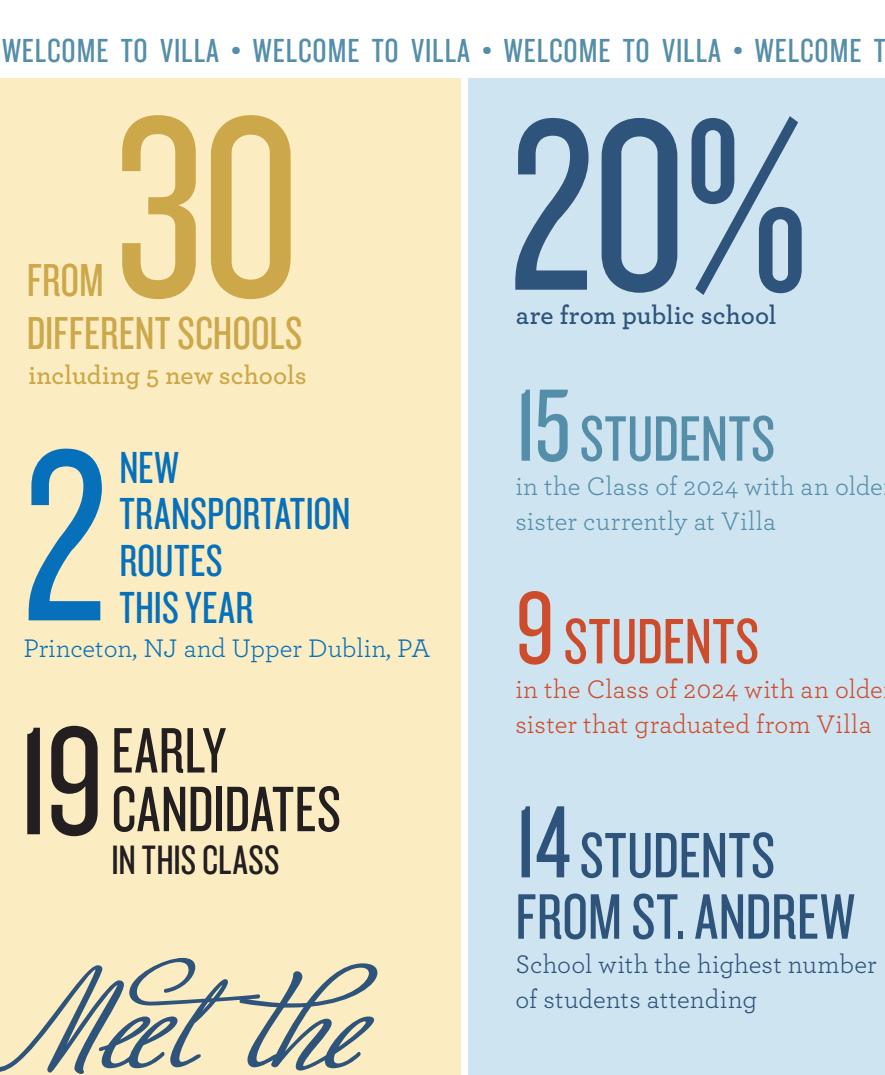
CATHERINE FIORE '24
WITH HER SISTER,
KELLETT FISCUS '19,
AND FRIENDS



ERICA JOHNSON '24,
LANA LEITER '24,
ABBY GILLESPIE '24,
AND
JULIA SCHUMAN '24



ABIGAIL GILLESPIE '24 WITH HER MOTHER,
JEN GILLESPIE '90 (VILLA FACULTY '94-'97)



5 LEGACY STUDENTS
Students whose mothers
attended Villa

WHO IS TRAVELING THE FARDEST?

Students from

PRINCETON, NJ
approximately 25 miles from Villa

SAME NAME

There are:
• 4 girls named Abigail/Abigail/Abby
• 2 girls named Anna
• 2 girls named Ava
• 3 girls named Caitlin/Kaitlyn
• 2 girls named Catherine/Katherine
• 3 girls named Erin
• 2 girls named Grace
• 3 girls named Julia
• 2 girls named Lauren
• 6 girls named Madalen/Madalyn/
Madeleine/Madeline
• 2 girls named Nicole
• 2 girls named Sara

WOMEN TODAY LEADING TOMORROW

A Symposium on Empowerment for Women

Saturday, February 27, 2021 | www.vjmhs.org/WTLT

SPEAKERS WANTED

WTLT is a symposium designed to *educate* young women about opportunities for representation and leadership of women in all career sectors; *empower* participants to pursue or continue on a path of leadership in the workplace, marketplace, and community; and *encourage* a multi-generational commitment to supporting future cohorts.

Do you know someone that may be interested in speaking?
Visit www.vjmhs.org/WTLT for a Speaker Application form by September 25, 2020.

WALL OF FAME

Our 2020 Wall of Fame inductees are two truly amazing women. Villa is delighted to announce that our 2020 inductees are **Sister Margaret Petcavage, SSC** and **Marie Politowski**. Congratulations to both of our very deserving inductees!



SISTER MARGARET PETCAVAGE, SSC

Attended Villa with the Class of 1952
Former Member of Villa's Board of Directors, 1998-2008
Former Assistant General Superior and Councilor for the Sisters of St. Casimir
Vice Postulator for Mother Maria's Cause for Sainthood

Sister Margaret Petcavage, SSC, former member of Villa Joseph Marie's Board of Directors and Former Assistant General Superior and Councilor for the Sisters of St. Casimir, is devoting her time as the Vice Postulator for Mother Maria Kaupas' cause for Sainthood. Through her tireless efforts, Sister Margaret hopes to one day help bring Mother Maria to Sainthood. We are grateful to Sister Margaret for her dedication and commitment to this cause and are honored to induct her into Villa's Wall of Fame for 2020.



MARIE POLITOWSKI
Science Department Teacher, 1990-2012
Science Department Chair

Marie Politowski was a teacher in Villa's Science Department from 1990-2012 and served as Science Department Chair. Through her efforts, Villa's Science Department grew and thrived thanks to events such as the Sciathlon, which Marie was instrumental in bringing to the school and continues to be a Villa tradition today. Marie regularly returns to campus and acts as a judge at Villa's annual Science Fair. It is fitting that she is inducted into our Wall of Fame at this time in Villa's history, as we are on the verge of a new STEAM hallway expansion, which will allow young women to continue to make advancements in the field of science, something to which Marie was dedicated during her time at Villa. We are grateful to Marie for her efforts to cultivate a love for the sciences in young women and are honored to induct her into Villa's Wall of Fame for 2020.

WE WELCOME YOUR PERSONAL TRIBUTES!

If you have a reflection to share about Sister Margaret Petcavage, SSC or Marie Politowski
please send them to mwalinskas@vjmhs.org with the subject *Wall of Fame*.

ALL ABOUT ALUMNAE

Maureen R. McGrath Devlin '66

shares, "It constantly amazes me how often my Villa education comes into conversation. I am so grateful to my parents and the sacrifices they made so I could attend. Over the years I've talked with other alums and always we end with fond memories. I'm especially grateful to Sodality and a weekend retreat we made in Senior year. We each received a crucifix which is always on my night table."



girls hosted by the Widener University School of Business. The highlight of the day was the Keynote Address by Villa alumna, **Jeanne Frawley '94**. The day concluded with a guided tour of the University's campus.

Jeni Massi '78 shares, "I'm a licensed psychologist in private practice. I am currently posting "flash tips" of less than 2 minutes on how to get through the quarantine. Look my channel up on YouTube under "Doctor Gemma". It's free and it's my gift for mental health at this time. Love to all my sisters!"



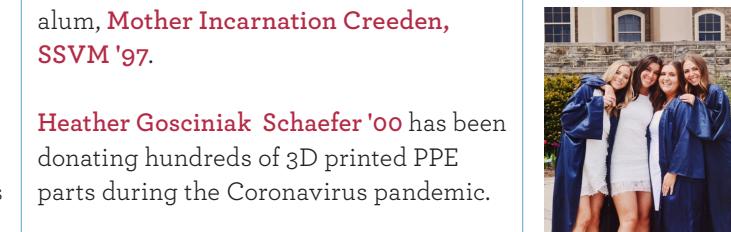
BethAnn Campbell Crilly '83 shares, "Sadly I lost both my mother and my father in 2019. Dr. Neil Campbell on June 25th and MaryAnn Campbell on October 7th. Happier news, our daughter **Kate Crilly '12** became engaged to her boyfriend Chris. A 2021 wedding will be in Cape May, NJ!"

Members of the VJM Future Business Leaders Club recently attended a Business Leadership Workshop for high school



Philadelphia, Villa Principal **Lauren Carr '00**, Directory of Mission and Ministry **Stephanie McCarthy**, and President **Tom Kardish** connected with Villa alum, **Mother Incarnation Creeden, SSVM '97**.

Heather Gosciniak Schaefer '00 has been donating hundreds of 3D printed PPE parts during the Coronavirus pandemic.



Victoria Ettorre '10 graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) class of 2020 as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. She will be starting residency at Morristown Medical Center in NJ in July, specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Hope DeVito '14 is finishing her Masters in International Communications at St. John's University and has been accepted by Pace Law School.

Amelia Shelley '14 was named to Muhlenberg College Softball Team of the Decade.

Gina D'Andrea '16 was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Sportsmanship Team. The MAC Sportsmanship Team recognizes student-athletes who exemplify great character and demonstrate the act of sportsmanship both on and off the field.

Some members of the **Class of 2016** celebrating their PSU graduation: **Maddie McDermott, Julie Hagen, Kayla Everett, and Abby Karch.**



Save the date

The annual Alumnae Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Invitations will be mailed soon to those classes ending in 0 or 5, but all are welcome to join us! Online registration will be available soon.

May 30, 2020 **VI**
Thank you to our Alumnae mothers who read the Alumnae Pledge during the senior recognition ceremony: **Danielle Benner '91** (mother of Jordan Benner '20), **Melissa Tartar Pickersgill '90** (mother of Lucy Pickersgill '20), and **Susan Browarek Webster '93** (mother of Caitlin Webster '20).

ALL ABOUT ALUMNAE



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please send us all of your news — awards, accomplishments, milestones, new jobs and celebrations — by emailing Cathleen Murway at cmurw@vjmhs.org.

Briana Hocker '17 shares, "I am a current junior at Alvernia University where I am a double major in biology and theology with a minor in forensic science. This past summer, I conducted research on Photodynamic Therapy in cholangiocarcinoma patients at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. In February, I was accepted to present on the social injustices of InVitro Fertilization at the Macksey Symposium at Johns Hopkins University. For this summer, I received a grant to conduct my research on the religious background of physicians and how it impacts their opinions on the lack of insurance coverage for InVitro Fertilization."

Emma Kern '17 currently attends Purdue University. She is involved in the PUDM (Purdue University Dance Marathon) and is a Membership Exec in charge of Development. She has been involved since her freshman year and each year interviewed and took on new roles. PUDM is the largest philanthropic organization on Purdue's campus. They run an 18-hour dance marathon each fall that supports Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, which is part of Children's Miracle Network/FTK. Emma's participation in and love for Mini-THON at Villa spurred her involvement in PUDM at Purdue. She is

thankful for all that she learned at Villa and has been able to take to Purdue.

Alexa Bannon '18, currently attending La Salle University, was awarded a 2020 Newman Civic Fellowship. Congratulations, Alexa!

Katherine Mangione '18 recently represented Gettysburg College at the Centennial Conference Indoor Track & Field Championship.

Emily Roth '18 shares, "I was offered an internship at a Civil Engineering firm! My second one since starting college. My first one was an amazing opportunity and I can not wait to see what this new one brings!" Congratulations, Emily!



On March 5, **Samantha O'Hara '19** visited Villa to speak to current students.

Villa was proud to host the first Women Today Leading Tomorrow Symposium on February 22, 2020. Thank you to the 10 sponsors that made this event possible

Congratulations to our new Class Agents:

KATIE BOESCH '20
SARAH CAHILL '20
EMILY NOONE '20



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Executive Board Elections were held this past Spring. Congratulations to our new officers, President **Stephanie Schlegal Shortall '01** and Secretary **Becky Flynn Hensel '99**. Thank you to **Nicole Prunetti '07**, outgoing President, for her leadership, commitment, and dedication to growing the Alumnae Association. The Executive Board is excited for the future of the Alumnae Association!

Elections for Vice President and Treasurer will be held Spring 2021. If you are interested in learning more about the Alumnae Association, including how to get involved, visit the Alumnae section of our webpage.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

In a private ceremony at their home, **Megan Adams '99** married Michael Jones on October 10, 2019. The wedding was officiated by the bride's sister **Katelyn Adams Felus '04**.



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Megan Adams '99 and her husband Michael Jones welcomed a baby girl on September 3, 2019 at 12:11 pm. Helaina Christine Jones was 7 pounds 2 oz, 20 1/4 inches. Lainey is already being spoiled by her Mannie and Poopa (**Mr. & Mrs. Adams**) — the dynamic duo who keep everything running at Villa! and Aunt **Kelly Jourdain '97** and Aunt **Katelyn Adams Felus '04**.



JUNE 17, 2020

Happy 100th Birthday to Sister M. Concetta Petruskas, Villa staff member from 1970 to 2007.

AUGUST 15, 2020

Congratulations to Sr. Margaret Zalot, SSC '67, current VJM Board member, on her golden jubilee as a Sister of St. Casimir.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE

Alice Martha Kurkauskas Hinkle '39
Mercedes Emily Mastrangelo Grant '46, Cousin of Josephine C. Seamone Crivelli '60 & the late Joan Cavatta Hess '52
Therese D. Matalavage King '49
Barbara Ann Greblunas Nieds '60
Loretta Ann Cronin Rypinski '60, Sister of the late Mary Agnes Cronin Taylor '57 & the late Frances Claire Cronin Radosti '62
Marilyn J. Friedrich Long '62, Cousin of Joanne T. Eksterowicz Boardman '60
Jacqueline Harris, Mother of Dr. Christine A. Metzger Ph.D '97
Stephanie J. Creachan Gehring '72, Sister of Deborah A. Creachan Gracen '68

IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

Julian A. Beaulieu, Father of the late Sandra J. Beaulieu McCulley '69
Frances M. Bevan, Mother of Carol A. Bevan Alvarez '79
Wentzel J. Briar, Sr., Father of Gabrielle I. Briar '87 & Susan L. Briar Lamb '90
Filomena "Fanny" Buccello, Mother of Maria Elena Zerbe '59 & Great-Aunt of Dr. Colleen N. Feriod Cuffaro, Ph.D '02
Alfred J. Lee, Father of Barbara A. Lee Zurflueh '67 & Patricia J. Lee '70
Kenneth W. Cahall, Husband of Bernice M. Franco Cahall '68
Salvatore A. "Ted" Calandra, Husband of Judith A. Furno Calandra '66
MaryAnn Denise Campbell, Mother of BethAnn Campbell Crilly '83 & Grandmother of Katherine E. Crilly '12
Edward J. Cannon, Husband of Mary Geraldine Kelly Cannon '61
Allison M. Crozier, Sister of Emily H. Crozier '15
James A. DeCore, Husband of Roberta A. Henderson DeCore '61
Margaret "Janet" Donohue, Mother of Margaret M. Donohue Rappo '78, Colleen M. Donohue Foti '80 & Kathleen R. Donohue Munsch '82

Emilie A. Galeone, Mother of the late Kathryn Grayce Galeone '68
Frederick A. Garofalo, Father of Kathryn Garofalo Wagner '75

Josephine B. Greenberg, Mother of Roseann M. Greenberg '78

Ada Louise Maldonado-Gurriel, Mother of Lisa M. Gonzalez-Donavan '88

Richard R. Hafner, Father of Carol Hafner Harris '88 & Sharon M. Hafner '93 & grandfather of Kayley A. Harris '18

Jacqueline Harris, Mother of Dr. Christine A. Metzger Ph.D '97

Howard Francis Hayden, Husband of Mary Elaine Maguire Hayden '59

Olga S. Hiltwine, Mother of Stephanie A. Hiltwine Hezel '85

Charles L. Holderried, Father of Anne F. Holderried '79

Leona J. Yesacavage Kopena, Mother of Christine A. Kopena Christine '90

Grace E. Kovitch, Mother of Barbara G. Kovitch Galambos '81 & Lisa M. Kovitch Otero '84

Alfred J. Lee, Father of Barbara A. Lee Zurflueh '67 & Patricia J. Lee '70

Kathryn A. Luning, Mother of Eileen K. Luning Ensinger '86 & Diane E. Luning Fisher '89

John Conrad Maurer, Husband of Joanne A. Knotts Maurer '66

Anna M. McNeill, Mother of Anne M. McNeill Kopanski '63

Helen Salanik Meszaros, Mother of Lorraine G. Meszaros Di Ilio '65

Catherine D. Michalczyk, Mother of Dolores T. Ritzheimer Smith '60

William R. Milks, Father of Lisa A. Milks Byrne '88 & Britta N. Milks '92

William Moos, Jr., Husband of Adele C. Zawad Moos '63

Adam E. Muzyka, Father of Mary Victoria Muzyka '85

William A. Myers, Father of Elizabeth R. Myers Konieczny '79

Gerald Dale Paterson, Sr., Father of Jessica M. Paterson '95

Dr. Dwaine J. Peetz, Sr., Husband of Carmen T. Kreivenas Peetz '52

Kathleen F. Souders Pregartner, Mother of Kimberly A. Pregartner Weber '87

Mary Bomentre Sionne, Mother of Karen A. Sionne Cohn '83

Frank J. Somma, Jr., Husband of Patricia H. Fenningham Somma '63 & brother-in-law of Denise B. Fenningham Ladden '67

Joseph J. "Stosh" Tunney, Father of Maria E. Tunney '18

Angelina D. Vendetti, Mother of Marie C. Vendetti Gumber '68

Charles Maurice Weber, Father of Barbara Weber Lyon '73

Dale Kent Wetherill, Husband of Joray A. Ortona Wetherill '62

Rosemary B. Wilson, Mother of Roseann Wilson Siegel '66

VJM COMMUNITY

Walter Victor Bernacki, Former VJM faculty

Rose Mary Flynn, Mother of Ellen Leaper, VJM faculty

Saturnina G. Fontanos, Mother of Cecile F. Shocket, former VJM Board member

Benjamin J. Franko, Father of Michael P. Franko, VJM Board member, & Grandfather of Emily F. Franko '13

Nancy Duffy Marriott, Mother of Amy A. Marriott Estroff, Former VJM faculty, & Grandmother of Madeline N. Marriott '20

Joseph F. Plunkett III, Former VJM staff

SAVE THE DATE

8/30	Freshman Prayer Service & Welcome Picnic
9/1-3	New Student Orientation/Retreat
9/3	First Day of School for All Students
9/10	Commissioning Mass & Legacy Pinning
9/12	Wall of Fame Induction
9/16	Back-to-School Night
9/22	Financial Aid Planning Night
9/25	Fall Spirit Day
9/26	Alumnae Reunion
9/28	<i>Fore! the Girls</i> Golf Outing
10/2	Ring Day
10/4	Mass & Fall Open House
10/9	Sciathlon
10/14	Early Candidates Evening
10/22	Real World Day
10/24	8th Grade Entrance Exam
10/26-30	Alumnae Week

10/27	Annual Fund Kickoff	2/27	<i>Women Today Leading Tomorrow</i>
10/30	Halloween Parade	3/2	College Planning Night
11/6	Handbag Bingo	3/4	St. Casimir Day of Giving
11/13-22	Fall Play	3/5	St. Casimir Mass
11/24	Thanksgiving Feast	3/6	Father-Daughter Dance
11/25	Yearbook Party	3/7	Day of Service
11/28	Kate Abel Memorial Basketball Tournament	3/13	6th & 7th Grade Practice Test
11/30	Barnes & Noble Night	3/20	Annual Spring Auction
12/1	Giving Tuesday	3/20	STEM event
12/6	Christmas at Maria Hall, Vendor Fair, Santa Brunch	4/7-13	Spring Play
12/11	Hope-A-Thon	4/21	Bring-Your-Sister-to-School Day
12/15	Christmas Concert	4/22	Career Day
12/19-1/3	Winter Break	4/22	Spring Open House
1/16	Winter Formal	4/23	Prom
1/21	Real World Day	5/10	Incoming Freshman Prayer Service
1/25-29	Spirit Week	5/21	Spring Spirit Day
2/6	Quizzo	5/26	Baccalaureate
2/23	Science Fair	6/5	Graduation

Due to the changeable nature of the current pandemic, the events listed above may be held virtually, postponed, or canceled. Please check the school website for the most up-to-date school calendar and announcements.