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MARIE
HIGH SCHOOL 

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ALL ABOUT VILLA JOSEPH MARIE

100%

of graduates accepted to four-year colleges and universities

More than **95%** of classrooms equipped with Smart Board technology

8 PERIODS A DAY

(EACH 44 MINUTES)

MORE THAN
\$26 MILLION
in merit-based scholarships and grants offered to the 118 members of last year's graduating class

10:1

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

400

students from across Bucks and Montgomery counties, Northeast Philadelphia, and nearby towns in New Jersey

87 YEARS
of empowering girls through faith, learning, and service

14 INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

36 CLUBS
—from Environmental Club and International Club to Mock Trial and Media Club

22 AP COURSES & 35 HONORS COURSES

Dozens of unforgettable traditions, from the Thanksgiving Feast to the Mother-Daughter Tea

SET YOUR DVR

A documentary to honor Mother Maria Kaupas will air on EWTN sometime this Spring. It will tell the life story of Mother Maria and feature an interview with Sister Margaret Petcavage, of the Sisters of St. Casimir, and Jake Betz, Director of the Maria Kaupas Center in Mount Carmel.

VILLA ADMINISTRATION

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Founded and sponsored by the *Sisters of St. Casimir*, Villa Joseph Marie High School, a private Catholic college-preparatory school for young women, defines itself by the special charism of its Foundress, *The Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas*, and by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Modeling Mother Maria's belief in a life of faith, love, and service, the dedicated faculty encourages and celebrates the dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each student. A Villa graduate is a Christ-like woman committed to a life of faith and service, a lifelong learner, and an empowered global citizen.




Photo taken in January 2019. Shown here is one of the new entrances to Villa's auditorium, set to be completed in Summer 2019.

Always more. Always better. Always with love

EXPANDING OUR MINDS ...AND FACILITIES

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In words of encouragement to her fellow sisters, Mother Maria Kaupas recalled their motto, "God is here! God wills this...Our Heavenly Father...is at hand to assist us and see us through the changes of life. Accept his assistance and in this way honor Him." As a school founded in faith, these are words that have resounded at Villa Joseph Marie during this year of expansion and improvement. We have much for which to be thankful. For the 2019-2020 school year, we anticipate a strong enrollment. Our Education Committee, spearheaded by our Board of Directors, has started developing a plan for our curriculum for the next ten years and courses such as American Law and Women's Studies, Introduction to Engineering, and Drone Piloting have already been included as options for student electives for next school year. Rowing has joined our already strong athletics program and Villa Soccer took home its 11th State Championship trophy in November. Mission and Ministry now extends globally with the addition of our semi-annual service trips to Chicago and Haiti. Our ever-growing Fine Arts program boasts a more than 60% participation rate with our current student body now involved in art, dance, performance art, or vocal and instrumental music.

This positive momentum has required Villa to confront a challenge in pursuit of our goal to provide a strong, faith-based education for students now and for future generations. While well maintained, our main building, built in 1957, has remained relatively unchanged since its construction. Even though our curriculum, athletics, service opportunities, and Fine Arts have changed to meet the needs of the 21st Century learner, our facility has not.

The Villa Joseph Marie Annual Fund is vital to the continued operations of our school. Tuition dollars cover only 85% of the costs associated with educating a Villa student. The remaining 15% is covered by fundraising activities, such as the Annual Fund and the Annual Spring Auction. These activities, however, do not cover the extraordinary expenses that would result from a major expansion of our facilities.

To continue our tradition of excellence in the education of young women, Villa must continue to invest in the Mission. To that end, the Board of Directors has approved ***Founded in Faith. Fulfilling the Mission.*** This campaign will dramatically impact our future by providing the funds necessary to advance our goal to become the region's leader in girls' secondary education. It is the first of its kind in the history of the school.

Construction of Villa's new Auditorium will create new space for Villa's burgeoning population. The attorneys of tomorrow will have the venue to develop public speaking skills. The budding scientists will use the stage to showcase their experiments and newest findings. In the new Auditorium, musicians, vocalists, and performers will have the setting to hone their craft. This state-of-the-art space will provide for all of this while simultaneously allowing for the availability of the existing gymnasium where our athletic programs can continue to shine. Every Villa girl will have the facilities she needs to be the person God calls her to be. All of this is possible while staying true to Villa's Mission to encourage and celebrate the dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each student.

A recent trend in academia focuses on STEM, a curriculum focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. With the addition of the needed facilities for the Arts, Villa's students will also be able to create that engineering project in a space that aids them in constructing the perfect design and utility.

Developing structures where students not only have the proper tools and training, but also the configuration to collaborate with their peers, will provide them with the 21st Century critical thinking skills that colleges, universities, and employers actively seek. These spaces will prepare our students for success now, but also for jobs and careers that have yet to be invented.



Together

WE WILL ENSURE THAT
VILLA STUDENTS FOR
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FOUNDRRESS, THE
VENERABLE MOTHER
MARIA KAUPAS...
ALWAYS MORE,
ALWAYS BETTER,
ALWAYS WITH LOVE.

Villa Joseph Marie would like to thank the following families for their generous pledges to our ***Founded in Faith. Fulfilling the Mission*** campaign. Special thanks to our Sisters of St. Casimir for their continued support of and dedication to creating an environment at Villa that nurtures the spiritual, scholastic, and personal growth of each young woman.

Mr. Louis Altomari
 Mr. Gregory & Capt. Aileen Kevane
 Alexander '94
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Amspacher
 Mr. & Mrs. David Aniloff
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ardito
 Mr. James & Mrs. Christine Heys
 Armetta '84
 Mr. Michael & Mrs. Sharon Citak
 Bell '86
 Mrs. Bernadette Boedewig
 Mr. & Mrs. Eric Borell
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Boyk
 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Campolongo
 Mr. Brian & Mrs. Lauren Gaughan
 Carr '00
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 Ms. Amy Drobile
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Durnin
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 Mr. & Mrs. David Pastorek
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lasky
 Mr. & Mrs. David Pfiester

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 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Taylor
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Tolkach
 Mr. John & Mrs. Mary K. Nagle
 Wade '81
 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Whitten

Already, nearly 100 families have chosen to partner with Villa in this historic endeavor. Through their generous investments, \$3 million has been raised in support of ***Founded in Faith. Fulfilling the Mission***. These necessary funds will dramatically impact the future of Villa Joseph Marie and help further its Mission. In the coming months, you will be asked to join this effort. We trust that together, our Villa Family will resolve to address the needs Villa faces today and ensure a strong, faith-based education for young women in the future.



The Villa Joseph Marie experience has benefited more than 4,000 remarkable women during our first 86 years. Blessed by the Holy Spirit and the continued generosity of our Villa Family, a thriving school community has been cultivated. ***Founded in Faith. Fulfilling the Mission*** challenges our community to unite in preparations for the next 86 years. Thus, we respectfully and prayerfully seek your support as we embark on this Campaign. Together, we will ensure that Villa students for generations to come receive the finest Catholic education possible and are inspired to live by the words of our foundress, the Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas...

Always more, Always better, Always with love.



“FOR DANIELLE, AND EVERY VILLAN AND JEM, I SUPPORT ***FOUNDED IN FAITH. FULFILLING THE MISSION.*** I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME!”

“Time – it’s a curious concept, isn’t it?” This was the opening line to a speech my daughter, Danielle, gave at her 2015 graduation from Villa.

During her speech, she went on to further discuss time and, more importantly, the impact of her time at Villa. The speech was quite the testament to Villa, and this time well spent has resulted in a confident and intelligent young woman now in her Senior year at Johns Hopkins University. Before her lies a bright future, filled with a myriad of opportunities. Villa empowered and nurtured my Danielle and I am forever grateful and humble.

The theatre, orchestra, and arts were a highlight of Danielle’s Villa experience. As a student, she proudly participated in all eight Villa theatrical performances, as did countless young women before and after her. Up on that gymnasium stage, our girls sang, danced, and played their hearts out. During our time at Villa, an auditorium was a dream – a dream far out of reach. Among the parents and girls at that time, there was talk that the school did not properly support the arts. It was a struggle, but the girls played on.

That talk is no more. With the construction of the new Auditorium, Villa is continuing to fulfill its Mission to embrace the unique gifts and talents of every young woman. Always more, Always better, Always with love is on full display outside the windows of Maria Hall, the original school building.

When Tom Kardish reached out to me about the ***Founded in Faith. Fulfilling the Mission*** campaign, I was fully on board. You might wonder why, as my daughter graduated years before and will not have the benefit of performing in this new venue. I am on board, first and foremost, because I believe in the Mission of Villa and the need to empower every girl that walks through that door. Secondly, I believe that this Auditorium is the legacy of every young woman that has performed at Villa – Danielle’s legacy; the legacy of young women who sang like they were on Broadway, danced like it was the Lincoln Center, and played as if Villa was Carnegie Hall. The heart of this Auditorium is found in each one of those girls. It would not be a reality without their efforts. Finally, I believe that each of us is called to raise-up our neighbor and to do what we can to make the world a better place than we found it.

For Danielle, and every Villan and Jem, I support ***Founded in Faith. Fulfilling the Mission.*** I hope you will join me!

Mary Rigau
Mother of Danielle '15

How far we've come...



April 2018



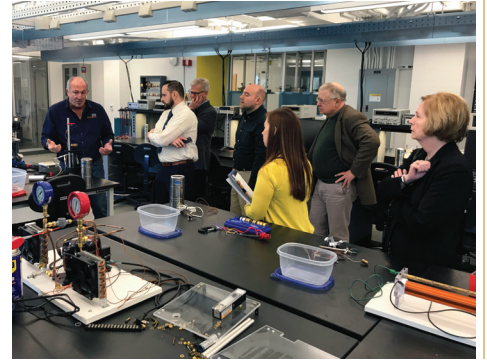
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VILLA VISITS PRINCETON

As we embark on modernizing Villa's STEM space with help from a \$1.5 million grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a core team of Villa Administration, Board, and Faculty visited the campus of Princeton University this past January to tour facilities and hear first-hand from professors how to best prepare the next generation of students for their university studies. During this trip, the Villa team toured a variety of engineering and science labs to better understand how to utilize our space to create a variety of meaningful, hands-on learning experiences for our girls. They were taken aback at how open and flexible these rooms were. Students were able to truly explore and engage in new discoveries on their own, with assistance from their instructors. Villa will keep these designs in mind when our school's main hallway is converted into state-of-the-art STEM classrooms.

One highlight of the trip was the ability to have lunch with numerous faculty members who teach underclass lab courses at Princeton. During this meeting, the Villa team asked them, "What could we do to improve student preparedness for university academics?" The biggest thing that the Princeton staff mentioned was imparting on students the confidence and skills to think outside the routine problem, so that when they are faced with an unfamiliar situation — unlike those encountered in a lesson — they can still persevere with finding a solution. Specific examples of this mindset utilized by the Princeton faculty are labs taken home to be done in the dorms or labs that take several weeks to finish. Another recurring theme that the Villa team heard was coursework that focused on the intersection of STEM and other disciplines. It is interesting to note that one of the most popular courses in all of Princeton is one that covers technological advances across US history. In this class, students use real artifacts, laser cutters, 3D printers and Knex to build bridges, combustion engines, telephones, and a working computer.

Villa is thankful to have a relationship in the Engineering Department at Princeton to assist us in our plans for the future curriculum. As Villa modernizes our school's physical layout, we hope to take some of this mindset with us in reshaping our curriculum to achieve these goals. It is our hope that once this new space opens in the coming school years, we are poised to prepare future Jems of the 21st Century to have the resiliency to solve the problems of the 22nd Century and beyond!



January 2019



February 2019

MISSION & MINISTRY in Haiti

“You never really leave the place you love. You take part of it with you and leave part of you there.” I have had the privilege of traveling to Bois de Laurence, Haiti two times. Both experiences were absolutely life-changing. Through these experiences, I was given the opportunity to grow as a person, grow in my relationships with God and others, and grow in my understanding of faith, solidarity, service, and love. From the moment I stepped out of the airport in Port-au-Prince, I was welcomed with open arms by Father Bavón. Father, as well as several other hosts, provided us with care and hospitality during the entire week. They welcomed us into their home with open arms, as did the rest of the community and parish. The Mass was eye-opening for me. I thought it was amazing that people who live in entirely separate parts of the world worship the same God. I was moved by the way the members of this community professed their gratitude to God, and I was in awe at the realization that we are all united in our faith. It was visible that God was present in every moment and new encounter during both of these trips.



Haiti has allowed me to find myself. Because of this trip, I have blossomed into a confident, outgoing young woman and leader. I was able to make true friends who I know I will cherish for the rest of my life. I was also able to learn many valuable lessons that I try to carry with me each day. I learned that there is beauty in simplicity, as I witnessed the community of Haiti living simply each day. I learned that friendship

is a gift that we are all capable of giving. I came to understand that service does not require one to “fix” all of the problems of the receiving party, but rather it requires us to spread love to each other. I learned that we are all “healers in need of healing.” I had originally expected to give to the community, but the people I met gave me healing in return. Originally, I had expected it to be a barrier that we were not speaking the same language as the Haitians. However, I found myself not even realizing this while I was on my trips. These experiences taught me that my hands hold the power to change the world. Mother Teresa once said, “We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.” I realized that the easiest way to make a difference is by doing small things with great love.

The people of this community are ones that I will never forget. Although each person touched my life, there was one girl in particular who I know will always have a huge place in my heart. Bien, a nine-year-old girl, opened my heart in so many ways. She was gentle and motherly to me, someone who was twice her age. Our relationship has grown in both times I have spent the week in Haiti. Bien is a beautiful girl who manages to smile despite the hardships she may face. She has taught me that the little moments are what matter most and that love is the greatest gift from God. Finally, though, she has taught me that there is always a reason to smile, and that a smile is the beginning of love and friendship. Leaving Bien and my other friends was difficult, but I will hold the memories inside my heart forever. Haiti is my happy place.

Brooke Matteson '19

AACA ALL-STARS

CROSS COUNTRY

Brianna Kling — 1st Team

Lily Dineen — 2nd Team

Ella Koors — 2nd Team

Alyssa Austin — Honorable Mention

FIELD HOCKEY

Marissa Mangione

Nicky Oxenford

GOLF

Elizabeth Rafferty

SOCCER

Sam Agnew — 1st Team

Jillian Hunter — 1st Team

Riley Regan — 1st Team

Julia Beck — 2nd Team

Kennedy Kilchrist — 2nd Team

Katie Sullivan — 2nd Team

VILLA ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY

had a successful season, in which the team placed second at the District 1 Championships at Lehigh University. **Katie Irelan '19** qualified for the PIAA State Championships for the fourth consecutive year.

FIELD HOCKEY

was determined to make the playoffs for the first time in three years. They worked hard and focused on improving their skills all season. Their perseverance paid off and, even though they lost in the first round of the playoffs, their overall improvement this season is one to be proud of. They finished seventh of twelve teams in their division.

GOLF

enjoyed their 2018 season. They started the season strong and placed 3rd in the league. **Grace Ridgway '19** and **Bridget Shultz '21** played in district qualifiers, as did **Elizabeth Rafferty '20**, who qualified individually.

Special congratulations goes out to the soccer team, who finished their season ranked #18 nationally for the

The Villa service days in Chicago are definitely times to remember. A group of Villa juniors and seniors send in applications to Campus Ministry and are chosen for this 3-day journey of reflection and prayer. I was fortunate enough to be chosen as the student leader for this experience.

On the second day of the trip, we were able to spend the whole day with the Sisters of St. Casimir. It is a day I will never forget! All of the Sisters were so welcoming and made us feel right at home. I didn't even want to leave! My group and I greatly enjoyed talking and interacting with the Sisters. I especially loved sewing with Sister Elizabeth Ann, learning more about Villa's history with Sister Margaret, hearing a joke from Sister Delphine, and talking to Sister Lorraine Therese about her experience with Mother Maria.

We even had the opportunity to visit the new Legacy space and take in all that rich history, wisdom, and beauty the Sisters have to pass on to the world. These Sisters touched my heart and I will be forever changed by the marks they left on me.

In addition, my group got to experience many other service sites. First, we visited SWOP (Southwest Organizing Project), which helps immigrant families avoid foreclosure on their homes and builds new houses to help those who cannot buy homes at market prices.

We also had a chance to visit Harmony, Hope, and Healing, which is a service site that helps men and women suffering and recovering from addictions through the power of music. This site truly impacted me. I saw how the music was really able to touch their lives and help them regain their balance. Participating in a drum circle to represent how we all march to our own beat,

yet are all part of one community, and ringing a choir chime along to a tune that translated to "never give up" really inspired me to want to go out into the world and give people second chances.

Finally, we went to Mercy Home, a safe place for boys and girls to recover if their families are not stable at times. This site has inspired me to hopefully participate in a year of service once I graduate college. I want to spread the compassion that I have for others in progressive ways, and I saw that through the people who worked at Mercy Home.

Mother Maria Kaupas was ahead of her time; she created a legacy that will last forever. I have been inspired to use the newfound courage that was awakened in me on this trip to help others and to continue to spread Mother Maria's message. Villa really promotes her message; it is a community where everyone can feel welcome and safe. Her motto of "Always More, Always Better, Always with Love" has created a foundation at Villa that has really been able to grow and flourish into a phrase that is imprinted on the very soul of every Villa student.

I know that I have been changed by Mother Maria's calling, and I hope that one day I can pass on the inspiration and love that the Sisters showed me to someone who will be able to make the world an even better place.



Erin Devine '19

SOCCER had an outstanding season, which was attributed to the focus on team building, hard work, and determination to overcome the "rebuilding year" title. The team won the District Championship for the 9th year in a row. To conclude their season, the girls won the PIAA State Championship game on November 16, 2018, bringing home the Championship trophy along with the 5-pound chocolate bar!

TENNIS had a season of rebuilding. Losing almost all of the varsity team, a combination of sophomores, juniors and one senior worked hard to fill in their spots. The team did better than expected and is ready to make next year a great season.

VOLLEYBALL defeated William Tennent High school and Merion Mercy Volleyball teams for the first time in school history. These victories helped the team earn its first district playoff appearance in school history.

2018 season by the United Soccer Coaches National Top Twenty-Five High School Girls Soccer Poll Fall Season.

BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES ALL-STARS

SOCCER

Sam Agnew — 1st Team
Jillian Hunter — 1st Team
Kennedy Kilchrist — 2nd Team
Riley Regan — 2nd Team
Katie Sullivan — 2nd Team

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COACH!

Soccer coach, Rich Finneyfrock, received the SEPSCA (Southeast PA Soccer Coaches Association) High School Soccer Women's Coach of the Year award and was a finalist for the PSCA (PA Soccer Coaches Association) Coach of the Year Award.

ALL ABOUT ALUMNAE



Lena Ann Murphy Souza '59 and



Anthony E. Souza have been married for 58 years. She says, "58 years, time goes so fast. Just seems like yesterday.

Except on this day we had a foot of snow on the ground. And then more snow that week. Take care everyone, we love you."

Carol Garczynski '63 received Ocean



County Personnel and Guidance Association's Lifetime Service Award on May 16, 2018. More than 50

years of teaching experience — and her countless additional hours in pursuit of professional growth for herself and others — earned her this distinction.

Toni Ann DiLisio Lemley '78 has one child, Joy, who is 25 years old. Joy attends Florida Atlantic University, School of Medicine in Boca Raton, FL, and she plans on being a Doctor of Emergency Medicine.

Jocelyn A. McBride Rocco '81 shared



this photo of her brother — the honorary mascot at Villa basketball games for many years. Jocelyn's

sisters, **Lizanne McBride '74** & **Melissa McBride Elmasian '78**, both played basketball, and Jocelyn was a cheerleader. Their mother made their brother, Bill, a track suit to match the team, and all of the girls loved him. Bill McBride is now the Sr. Vice President - Investments for Western International Securities. Bill says, "It is an honor to finally get some recognition for my 7 years of unpaid labor as Villa mascot! Just kidding — really some of my earliest and best memories were by the basketball court and in hallowed halls of Villa."

Tracey E. Reese Blaney '84 would like to announce that her identical twins, Jill

Regina and Victoria Claire Wible have both received full academic scholarships to Drexel University, where they are focusing their studies toward medicine and biomedical engineering. She could not be more proud of their accomplishments, which include graduating in the top 5% of their class at Neshaminy High School. She is also thrilled to have Kelsey Rose return stateside after successfully completing her first year undergrad at the University of Dublin, Ireland with a double major in chemistry and pharmacology. She plans to continue at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Krista Marie Brusco '90 continues to teach Kindergarten for Anne Arundel



County Public Schools. She is involved in the PTA and the Community Involvement Committee. Her

husband, Chuck, will be retiring this July from his work in the Pentagon for the Army Staff. They have two children: Abigail (age 14), and Charlie (age 12).

Katelyn M. Adams Felus '04 married Nicholas M. Felus on May 19, 2018. Kate



is a graduate of Arcadia University in Glenside. She is a financial manager at Pacifico Marple Co. in Broomall. Nicholas

is a graduate of Lock Haven University and West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV, with a master's degree in educational leadership. He is a behavior modification specialist and football coach at the Altoona Area High School.

Dr. Tara Mastoris Carleton, PhD '07



and her husband Mr. Anthony J. "A.J." Carleton welcomed their third child, Theresa, on September 5, 2018.

Shown here are Christopher (age 2), Theresa (6 months) & Mary Claire (age 3).

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THIS WEEK AT VILLA

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

Kelly N. Whitten '07 was recently named one of the Observer's 15 Rising Stars in the PR Industry for 2018. Check out the full article: <https://observer.com/2018/12/pr-power-list-rising-stars/>.

Rose C. Oelkers '09 has worked in the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory as a technician in the Tree-ring Lab for the last 4 years. Currently, she is a new PhD student at Columbia University in New York. She is studying trees in South America with the intent to better understand climate change and the future of the environment.

Marie A. Schoenenberger Forney '09 married Rob Forney on Saturday, September 1, 2018. They met at the World Meeting of Families in September 2015, in the security line for the Papal Mass! Neither of them made it past the checkpoint due to the volume of people, but they found each other instead.

From our Alumnae Association...

2018 was an exciting year for the Villa Joseph Marie Alumnae Association! After a successful re-launch in January 2018, the leadership team hit the ground running and built out a full calendar of events. From organizing networking events with our New York City and Philadelphia-based Alumnae, to featuring prominent Alumnae on Career Day, to sponsoring free cookies for the entire student body in celebration of Alumnae Week, the Association has relished its role in helping to reconnect Alumnae with each other and with our beloved Alma Mater.

Two particular highlights of last year were the Soccer Celebration and the Villa Vendor Fair in conjunction with Christmas at Maria Hall. The soccer event, held in October, recognized the 25th anniversary of the first PIAA State Championship and the sports dynasty that developed from that accomplishment. The 1993 Team was recognized at a happy hour reception. Following this pre-celebration, dozens of Alumnae players, coaches, families, and fans from all years returned to campus to celebrate Villa Soccer's designation as the Top Sports Dynasty in Pennsylvania by PennLive. Attendees shared stories of their time on the field, enjoyed food truck refreshments, and cheered on Villa's current team in a great game under the lights. In December, the Villa Vendor Fair was set up in the school, where the hallway was lined with Villa Alumnae who own their own businesses. From clothes to handmade cards to food, we had it covered. Villa Alumnae are creating successful businesses as well as serving the community. Looking back, 2018 was certainly a year of growth for the Association, but with the talented leadership team, support of the Administration, and energy of our Alumnae base, we were able to accomplish a lot and have fun while doing it.

Now that we are in 2019, we are even more excited about what the future holds. The leadership team recently finalized the Association's Bylaws setting out the Association's mission, goals, and structure. We are passionate about the vision they represent for the Alumnae community, and we look forward to sharing them once approved by Villa's Board of Directors. We are also gearing up to launch our first Executive Board general election in early 2020, and are excited by the prospect of new voices and talents joining the leadership ranks. And, true to form, we have already begun eagerly planning a variety of social and professional activities for the entire Alumnae community, including a Women's Empowerment Symposium to be held in Villa's brand new Auditorium in February 2020. We invite you to check in with Villa's website and social media pages to hear about upcoming events at the school or in your area.

As Alumnae, we all know that our time spent at Villa was truly a gift, and the community to which we belonged even more so. Even though we no longer walk the hallway (hallways now, I guess!) on a daily basis, we are all still very much a part of that Villa community, and our hope is that the Alumnae Association will serve as a constant reminder of this.

Always more, Always better, Always with love,



Nicole Prunetti '07

President, Villa Joseph Marie Alumnae Association

PS - Please stay in touch! We'd love to hear from you about what you have been up to, any ideas you have for the Association, or if you would like to be involved! Please visit www.vjmhs.org/alumnae or contact Mary Beth Davis Walinskas '96, Alumnae Relations Coordinator at mwalinskas@vjmhs.org.



LEADERSHIP TEAM OF THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION AT FIRST MEETING

Left to right: Stephanie Schlegel Shortall '01, Renee Kitchenman McGovern '02, Nicole DiEnna '02, Nicole Prunetti '07, and Jeannine Bradbury '07. Not pictured: Sharon Citak Bell '86, Sara Couch '04, and Andrea Bradbury Sorial '04.



SENIOR CLASS MOTHERS' TREE TRIMMING

Senior moms enjoyed cocktails, canapés and great company as they mingled and shared stories of their daughters. The highlight of the evening was the trimming of the Villa Christmas tree. Each mother was presented with a hand painted "clarion bell" ornament bearing the name and class of her daughter. It was a joyous and blessed evening full of laughter and a few tears.



FIRST ANNUAL VENDOR FAIR

The community supported many Villa Alumnae who own their own businesses at this inaugural event.

ALL ABOUT ALUMNAE

ALUMNAE REUNION

Remember how excited you were looking forward to your graduation day from Villa Joseph Marie? It meant starting a new chapter in your life with many new opportunities and adventures. You felt confident and ready to take on the world. However, as that June date approached, you may have been a little apprehensive leaving the world you knew at Villa and the friends you had made, whom you now considered your sisters. While you have moved on, have you also looked back?

Once I graduated from Villa in 1978, I didn't think too much about my high school. I was busy moving forward with my college life and then, of course, my professional career and family. Yes, there were a couple reunion events I went to, but I never seriously thought about the school until my daughter came home saying, "Mom - I'd like to look at Villa for high school." We went to an Open House and other events for prospective students. At that time in late 2008, I saw a few physical differences: no apple orchard, the lack of typing and home economics rooms, a more impressive art room, and a new front entrance. As I learned about the teaching staff, I came to realize that there were only a few Sisters of St. Casimir still on-site, and the nursing home was no longer operational. The curriculum had changed a bit as well, in that Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses were now being offered. The athletic program had also advanced beyond basketball to multiple sports, including softball, which was my daughter's interest.

During my daughter's four years at Villa, I came to appreciate many other changes that had occurred since my graduation. It gave me the opportunity to see and reflect that a Villa girl graduates with much more than just a high school diploma. Over her four high school years, she has been empowered and encouraged to make a difference. She's been provided various leadership opportunities in the classroom, on the playing field and as part of volunteering activities. She's gained confidence to take on the world whether she goes to a small private college, large university, or enters one of the US Service Academies. She's lived and embodied the words of Mother Maria Kaupas — "Always More, Always Better, Always with Love."

The Annual Alumnae Reunion event allows us to re-visit the school, as well as community and friends that we may not have stayed connected with. During the November 24, 2018 Alumnae Reunion, we were able to take a tour of the school, which showed much potential. We also had an enjoyable evening re-connecting with friends. While I was a member of one of the "older" classes, it was enjoyable talking with everyone, including the girls from the Class of 2013, as it was their first 5-year reunion.

I encourage you to come back to Villa — especially if you haven't been there in a while — to visit and witness the exciting changes and leaps forward for yourself. Come learn about the innovative learning opportunities, missionary experiences, and athletic diversity now offered to the young women aspiring to be a Villa Alumnae like yourself. By getting involved with the various Alumnae events, you have the opportunity to not only re-connect with your friends, but also be part of the bright future ahead for Villa Joseph Marie.

Laura Wescoat Shelley '78
Mother of Amelia '14



LOOKING BACK...



LOOKING FORWARD...



Alumnae Reunion
November 24, 2018

REFLECTING ON A TRUE DYNASTY

The year Villa won the first Pennsylvania State Championship was something out of a fairytale (if fairytales existed about girls playing soccer). In 1993, the PIAA hadn't divided the State into divisions based on a school's size yet. Villa played against teams 10 times its size. In each of the three rounds of district games, Villa fell behind in the beginning, only to come back with the win. After winning the District Championship and the first round of State playoffs, Villa moved on to the State Semi-final game, where they played Mount Lebanon High School, the #1 ranked team in the nation. This game was the wettest, muddiest game in the history of soccer! There were puddles the size of lakes on the field. The tying goal was unforgettable — off a corner kick from **Erin Schlusssel Stever '94**, **Cindy Long Pellegrino '95** scored a fearless header and broke her nose. Remaining in the game until the end, Cindy assisted Erin as she scored with 77 seconds left in the game to earn Villa the win. The State Championship was no less exciting. Down by a goal (again) at halftime, Villa stayed in the game with exceptional goal keeping by **Aileen Kevane Alexander '94** and then tied the game with a goal from **Tina Kuchler Pozesky '97**. Finally, in sudden death overtime, as if it were meant to be, Villa secured the State Championship with an incredibly gritty goal by Senior **Michele Canning '94**.

This team was so special. They learned what it meant to be true team players. They knew that if they wanted to win the State Championship, they would need to work harder than anyone else. They fine-tuned their fundamentals and improved their fitness. They played each game like it was the Championship and never underestimated their opponents. As the season went on, they became like a second family and formed an unbreakable bond. And together, they proved that if you believe in something — if you truly believe it — you can achieve it.

On October 5, 2018, the team all came together to celebrate the twenty-five year reunion of this notable Championship. **Aileen Kevane Alexander '94**, **Erin Schlusssel Stever '94**, **Melina Kuchinov '94**, **Cindy Long Pellegrino '95**, **Kelly Pedrotty-Stump '95**, **Colleen McDonald Barone '95**, **Colleen Eves '95**, **Briar MacAdams DiEnna '96**, **Erica Rauchut Sobieralski '96**, **Cara Sweeney Herzog '96**, **Katie Craig '97**, **Bridget Rauchut Speranza '97**, **Tina Kuchler Pozesky '97** and **Lauren Cameron Tate '96**, as well as their incredible coaches John McOwen, John Byford, Marc Khodarkovsky, and Dave Dilts were all there. Coach John Byford traveled 3,890 miles from his home in Spain, and Katie Craig flew in from Colorado just for this reunion! Others came from near and far — some with their families in tow — to take part in the festivities at the Green Parrot and then to Villa for a home soccer game. And, just like you do when you haven't seen an old, dear friend in a while, you pick up right where you left off. It was a wonderful celebration honoring such a special, unforgettable time in all of their lives.

It's no wonder PennLive named Villa Soccer Pennsylvania's best sports dynasty in April 2018. John McOwen started the first soccer team at Villa in 1981, and to date Villa has won 34 Academy League Championships, 20 District One Championships since 1991, and 11 State Championships (plus 6-time runners-up) since 1992. Impressive, to say the least! And pretty awesome that Villa won the State Championship again this past Fall, 25 years after winning the first one.

Lauren Cameron Tate '96 reflected on the reunion by saying, "Coming back to celebrate the twenty-five year anniversary was certainly nostalgic. When I think of this time, this team, and what we accomplished, I am overcome with the same sense of pride that I had back then. The traditions, the spirit, and the passion is still so very familiar. Watching the team play — and the girls on the sidelines cheering just like we used to — brings a tremendous amount of pride and joy to us as Alumnae. It's been an honor and privilege to have been a part of such an incredible program. A true dynasty."



ALUMNAE LEGACY STUDENTS

This fall, Villa began a new tradition. We recognized our Alumnae Legacy Students — current students who are daughters or granddaughters of Villa Alumnae. These 16 students received a pin, which was blessed during the All Saints Day Mass and placed on their uniform by their Alumna relative (or someone in her honor). The students are invited to wear the pin throughout their years at Villa. We are excited to begin this new tradition, which honors Villa's past while celebrating Villa's future.



25TH ANNIVERSARY SOCCER REUNION

The 1993 Soccer Team celebrated with family and friends at the 25th anniversary reunion of the first Villa PIAA State Championship win.

ALUMNAE

Lois Gallagher Bentz '66, Sister of Susan Gallagher Tomlinson '64 & Aunt of Megan Tomlinson '91
Janet T. Jaskelovich Forrest '73, Sister of Loretta Jaskelovich Alex '70 & Dorothea Jaskelovich Kerr '72
Marianne E. Grafenstine Powers '60
Jane T. Rupsis Kelly '43

FORMER STAFF

Thomas E. Armbruster, Jr., Former Villa Faculty/ Coach & Uncle of Jennifer Leichner Dunn '03
Edward J. Bader, Sr., Former Villa Board member
Sister Mary Balkus, S.S.C., Former Villa Principal

FAMILY MEMBERS

Lauren Adler, Aunt of Erin Hillegas '14 & Kyle Hillegas '19
John H. Ashton, Father of Stephanie Shaeffer '96 & Heather Shaeffer McGuinness '97
Phyllis J. Atkins, Mother of Karen Atkins McDonald '82 & June Atkins Branagan '83
Marcy MacKenzie Bachert, Cousin of Susan Gallagher Tomlinson '64, Megan Tomlinson '91 & the late Lois Gallagher Bentz '66
Hannah M. Baranoski, Grandmother of Megan Bones Correia '05
Stanley [Baran] Baranowski, Grandfather of Mollie McHugh Scheuermann '03
Agnes M. Bennett, Aunt of Villa President, Thomas A. Kardish
Wilhelmina E. Berlecky, Mother of Diana Berlecky Hennessy '66
Marie R. Berry, Mother of Kathleen Berry Quintus '71 & Grandmother of Courtney Quintus Maya '92 & Becky Quintus Shuker '95
Mary E. Conway Bethman, Sister-in-law of Helen Eno Conway '55
Charles R. Bill, Grandfather of Jacquelyn Bill '10
Merriam S. Brelsford, Grandmother of Briana Hocker '17 & Gabrielle Hocker '19
Patrick W. Brooks, Brother of Villa faculty, Ellen Brooks
Thomas M. Callanan, Grandfather of Meghan Callanan Hess '06

Carmine E. Camerlengo, Uncle of Angeleen Holroyd Coppolino '98
Clare E. Campellone, Mother of Colette Campellone '81 & Jennifer Campellone '88
Joan B. Cassidy, Grandmother of Alexanne Marousis '15
Antonio Rose Castillejo, Grandmother of Alexandria Castillejo '13
Regina M. Cawley, Grandmother of Olivia Toscano '10 & Mary Toscano Reale, J.D. '10
James D. Celli, III, Uncle of Samantha Celli '11
Silvanus Christie, Grandfather of Glory Daniel '21
David M. Chubb, Uncle of Abigail Lehman '21
Andrew Clauson, Brother of June Clauson O'Bryon '76, Nancy Clauson '77 & the late Mary T. Clauson '80
Joseph A. Collins, Grandfather of Tracey Wuestkamp Sloan '92
Martha P. Connolly, Aunt of Patricia Fenningham Somma '63 & Denise Fenningham Ladden '67
Elizabeth A. Conway, Mother-in-law of Michelle Juliff Conway '83
Rev. Philip Aloysius Cordisco, O.S.S.T., Uncle of Christie Antonelli Farinella '82, Gina Antonelli King '86, & Great-Uncle of Brittany King Criss '10
Elizabeth A. Creamer, Grandmother of Elizabeth Kingman '03
Kathleen O'Connor Coughlin, Grandmother of Theresa Coughlin, Esq. '03
Doris K. Daly, Grandmother of Kristin Daly-Barnes '07
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Rosemary A. Davis, Sister of Jo Anne Coffey '57 & Maureen Coffey Shomer '59
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John F. DiFelice, Grandfather of Lauren Waterson '10
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Arthur W. Doyle, Grandfather of Erin Gusty '10
Christopher B. Dwyer, Uncle of Emily Dwyer '20
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Rosalie J. Gorniak, Mother of Sharon Gorniak Wright '86
Shirley Ann Harvey, Mother of Lisa Harvey Foster '98
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Margaret B. Hiteshow, Grandmother of Melyssa Hammond '09
Anna Holzinger, Grandmother of Katherine Kelly '13
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Michael P. Kane, Father of Dr. Ilona Kane Duffy '02, Colleen Kane Eckel '03 & Kerriann Kane '08
Barbara A. Kelly, Aunt of Andrea Eble Slavin '95
Rita Kiefer, Grandmother of Kimberly Kiefer '13
Estelle Knecht, Mother of Jean Knecht Wagner '72
Anne M. Kraunelis, Grandmother of Molly Kraunelis '19 & Megan Kraunelis '22
Charles F. Kuizinas, Brother of Former Villa Principal, Sister M. Elaine Kuizinas, S.S.C.
Edward M. Lacy, Father of Megan Lacy Fenton '03
Jeanne F. Lambert, Grandmother of Villa Faculty member Anastasia Tolkach '13, Alexandra Tolkach '15 & Margaret Tolkach '18
Joseph J. LaMena, Sr., Grandfather of Gianna LaMena '20

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Sister Mary was my first experience with a real live human being with a heart, who happened to wear a nun's habit. Somehow, Sister Mary, with that sparkle in her eye, had my number from day one. She tolerated my overzealous defense of chewing gum, open and honest discussions, broad vernacular and testing of appropriate slang, my 'in your face' confrontations on any injustices that I perceived at the time. She encouraged me to get involved in student government, glee and other clubs. She was firm, but friendly, and earned my trust in short order. To say that I flourished at Villa would be an understatement. With all of the opportunities that Villa provided me, I was able to go on to graduate from Villanova University and Widener University Law School, then started my own law practice in 1993.

Sister Mary was the real deal. She read me like a book, could put a positive spin on the worst scenarios, brought a smile and a hug to a desperate-to-find-herself young woman who had a ridiculous amount of extra energy, encouraged me to find my heart and make my own path, to never forget from where I came, and keep my head up and look towards the light. She believed in me when I no longer could and allowed me to rest in her heart when the burdens of teenagerhood became overwhelming. She earned my respect, my trust and my love. Her influence on me and the molding of my life course is right behind my parents, grandparents and siblings. If I had not attended Villa and Sister Mary not taken me under her wing, I wouldn't be the woman that I am today. We referred to Sr. Mary as Bubbles — light, effervescent and happy — and she carries on in my heart today.

Lisa A. Charleston, Esq. '77

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Sister Mary was born on December 1, 1925 to Konstant and Mary Balkus. She was the third in a family of four children. Her sister, Sister Mary Constance, SSC, her brother Bernard, and her sister Lee preceded her in death. Sister Mary always spoke of growing up “in a good Catholic family with loving parents who stressed the importance of love, responsibility, loyalty, and cooperation in becoming caring adults.” They expected their children to practice their faith and share love and respect with all they would meet along life's way.

Sister Mary attended Ambrose E. Burnside public school for her elementary education and St. Casimir Academy for her high school years. It was here that she came to know the Sisters of St. Casimir and began feeling attracted to the religious life. What began as an inkling of an attraction soon became a compelling desire to accept Jesus's invitation and to live and work for the people of God. At the age of 20, Sister Mary entered the Sisters of St. Casimir, professed her first vows in 1948, and had the joy of celebrating her Diamond Jubilee (60 years) in 2008.

All those years were filled with what became one of Sister Mary's greatest joys and accomplishments, that of being a teacher. She earned a B.S. degree in education in 1962 from



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LTC Laurence J. Young, Great Uncle of Kathleen Crane Munson '00, Kristin Crane Myers '03 & Brigid Crane '09

Ernest Zima, Grandfather of Katherine Sullivan '21

Andrew K. Zorn, Jr., Brother of Loretta Zorn '69

Marywood in Scranton, PA and her M. A. in History in 1967 from Loyola University, Chicago, IL. From 1948 until 1960, Sister Mary taught in elementary schools: Sts. Peter and Paul, Our Lady of Vilna, and St. George schools in Chicago, IL, and St. Alphonsus school in Baltimore, MD. In 1960, she was asked to move into the world of secondary education.

From 1967-1976, Sister Mary served as principal of Villa Joseph Marie. As quoted in a 1973 Bucks County Courier Times article, Sister Mary said, "We're interested in educating the whole person. The academics they can get anywhere, but if we can train our girls to stand up on their two feet in any given situation, and still respect the other individual, that I count as one of our greatest contributions...Each girl here is an individual. Everyone is known by name...When they are corrected, they know it is because we love them...We are trying to make our student a leader or a career person or whatever she chooses to be. We want them to step into the world as they see it with their values intact." In 2014 Sister Mary was inducted into the Villa Joseph Marie Wall of Fame in recognition of her excellence as Principal.

The rest of Sister Mary's years in secondary education were spent at Maria High School in Chicago, IL where she taught U. S. Government, History, and English.

When she retired from full time ministry in 2004, she continued to live at Maria Convent. In 2009, she came to the Motherhouse infirmary, because she needed more care. When

the decision was made to transfer the Motherhouse to Catholic Charities and move to Franciscan Village, Sister Mary became part of the little community of Sisters of St. Casimir at Our Lady of Victory Convent, and later, became a resident of Mother Theresa Home. Initially, she was able to take part in some of the activities, including using her history and educational background to become a winner in a game of Trivial Pursuit. While Sister Mary was still able, she called friends, former colleagues, students, and classmates to offer them her support and prayers.

What pervaded all of Sister Mary's life was her relationship with Jesus. She valued her religious life. Her gratitude to God for calling her to be a Sister of St. Casimir only deepened with the years. She was especially devoted to Mary, the Mother of God, having a special devotion to Our Lady of Medjugorje. Many people requested Sister Mary to pray for them, sometimes needing help in desperate situations with little hope of solution. The miracle of answered prayer brought her great joy when she would receive a call or a letter thanking her for her prayers.

Sister Mary's wonderful, smiling presence was a gift. Her eyesight was failing but her inner sight beheld beauty.

Rest in God's arms, Sister Mary. Thank you for the lives you touched and changed.

SAVE THE DATES

- 3/28** Alumnae Networking Event (Bucks County)
- 3/30** Annual Spring Auction
- 3/31-4/6** Fine Arts Week
- 4/5-4/7** Spring Musical
- 4/13-4/22** Easter Holiday
- 4/25** Spring Open House and Career Day
- 4/26** Junior/Senior Prom
- 4/30** Choir/Band Concert
- 5/1** Parents' Guild Senior/ Alumnae Tribute Dinner
- 5/3** Senior Athlete Recognition Day
- 5/4** Villa 5K for Catholic Relief Services
- 5/22** Baccalaureate Dinner
- 5/24-5/27** Senior Disney Trip
- 6/1** Graduation



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