



2021-2022 IMPACT REPORT

# VILLA

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OUR MISSION

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.”**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

How do I begin to thank this community?

Being invited home by the Sisters and the Board and experiencing such a warm welcome from faculty, students, and families has been a gift.

This opportunity is both my highest honor and greatest challenge. I am grateful to be the first alumna president of our Dear Villa. Empowering women through faith, education, and service to be positive, innovative, and intentional leaders strengthens our global community. Our community needs Villa’s contribution more than ever, and your support enables our mission. Your generosity of time, energy, and resources ensures Mother Maria’s legacy will be here for generations to come.

After decades of working in higher education and private industry, I’ve experienced in many spaces the positive impact of women’s education. I accepted this role because, as the sole women’s school in Bucks County, we have a responsibility to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and respect, providing our future leaders with a foundation for lifelong learning. Our work is essential.

- Faith – Inviting women to find and foster their faith provides a center in a chaotic world.
- Education – Academically challenging our women leads to diversified workforces. In a world where women account for only 27% of STEM workers, despite making up nearly half of the workforce, we can boast that over 55% of our graduates are pursuing STEM careers.
- Service – The spirit of service has never been more critical. Our students complete over 6,000 hours of community service annually, preparing them to be servant leaders when they leave these hallowed halls.

Outcomes matter. My commitment to you is that we will challenge the women of Villa to intentionally discern who they are called to be, explore new careers, and practice other-centered leadership.

In Mother Maria’s words, “What a paradise life would be if each and every one, forgetting self, were to strive to manifest love for others by first cultivating it within one’s own heart, and then expressing this in word and deed.”

Thank you for contributing to our paradise. Your support — in word and deed — makes us stronger.

Gratefully,

Jeanne Frawley '94  
President

With the recent addition of Frawley, five of Villa’s thirteen administrators are graduates: Jeanne Frawley '94, president; Lauren Carr '00, principal; Becky Flynn Hensel '99, athletic director; Bailey Gorman '10, admissions director; and Erica Franzzo '03, communications manager. With the help of the entire faculty and staff, these proud alumnae are ready to kick off the new school year, leading by example, and inspire the next generation of Villa students to find who God calls them to be.



# 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## A TIME TO HONOR VILLA’S PAST, WHILE LOOKING TOWARD OUR BRIGHT FUTURE

Ninety years strong! As we welcome the Class of 2026, we note that they are the 91st class to walk the grounds of our beloved Villa. The Class of 2026 will build on a 90-year history of women who didn’t know the words, “I can’t...,” who believed that women could follow God’s calling to do and be anything; who supported each another, as well as those students that followed behind them.

In recognizing the women who walk Villa’s halls today, we also honor those women who came before them and announce the 2022-2023 school year theme as “Year of the Alumna.” Events and activities throughout the year will bring this theme to life by focusing on our Alumnae and their achievements, featuring them in our print publications and social media, and inviting them to campus for planned and special events. It is also an opportunity for current students to consider the future — after they graduate Villa — and learn about what it means to be an Alumna. Many opportunities will be provided this year for Alumnae-student interaction.

Alumnae, we invite you to get involved! Share your updates with Villa at [www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/update](http://www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/update) or through the Alumnae Association at [alumnae@vjmhs.org](mailto:alumnae@vjmhs.org).

We want to celebrate **YOU**, the foundation you have set for the Villa’s current students, and the groundwork you have laid for future students. In what field are you working or studying? Have you gotten married or celebrated a milestone anniversary? Have you taken a vacation of a lifetime or gathered with fellow alumnae? Send a photo or two, if you have them. If it means something to you, we want to know!

To the entire Villa community, we are grateful to you for your strength and perseverance throughout Villa’s 90 years. Because of you, the Class of 2026 will have opportunities like never before. Because of you, our future is bright!



### A History of Our Campus

**1907**  
The Sisters of Saint Casimir of Chicago is founded by Venerable Servant of God Maria Kaupas in Scranton, PA.

**1932**  
The Sisters of St. Casimir purchase Maple Lane Farm to be used as a retreat for the Sisters and a school for young girls. They boarded in Regina Hall and walked to Maria Hall for classes.

**2006-2007**  
The school expands into the first two floors of the former nursing home. (South wing)

**JANUARY 2017**  
The Sisters of St. Casimir give \$1 million to the school for expansion.

**MAY 2017**  
The Sisters of St. Casimir gift the school campus to the school.

**SEPTEMBER 2019**  
Construction on the new Performing Arts Center (PAC) is complete. This expansion also includes renovations to the school’s main offices and front entrance to provide additional security.

**NOW**  
Our Facilities Committee continues to evaluate the needs and priorities of the school to determine and plan a facility that supports our Mission today and for the future.

**1911**  
With the construction of the Motherhouse completed in Chicago, Sr. Maria is elected first Superior General, a position she held until her death.

**1957**  
Because of a growing student population, the Sisters build a new school (current school building) and move to a traditional day-school structure.

**2010**  
The school expands into the third floor of the former nursing home. (South wing)

**2017**  
The school further expands into the former nursing home. (North wing)

**DECEMBER 2017 & AUGUST 2018**  
Villa Joseph Marie receives two redevelopment grants from the state for STEAM expansion, totaling \$1.5 million.

**JUNE 2022**  
In honor and remembrance of Sister Regina, the Sisters of St. Casimir give \$1 million to the school, which is restricted to enhancing Villa’s long-term sustainability.

Villa’s growth is possible as a result of the vision of the Sisters of St. Casimir and generous investments from the Villa community.

*Six Easy Steps...  
Thirty-Seven Donors...  
More Than Forty Students Assisted...*

# THE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT

The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program allows Pennsylvania tax liabilities to be diverted to financial aid programs here, rather than to the Commonwealth, ensuring that Villa’s socioeconomic profile remains broad and diverse. We thank the following businesses and individuals who took the initiative to participate in this valuable initiative that ensures all qualified young women have access to a strong, Catholic, Villa education.

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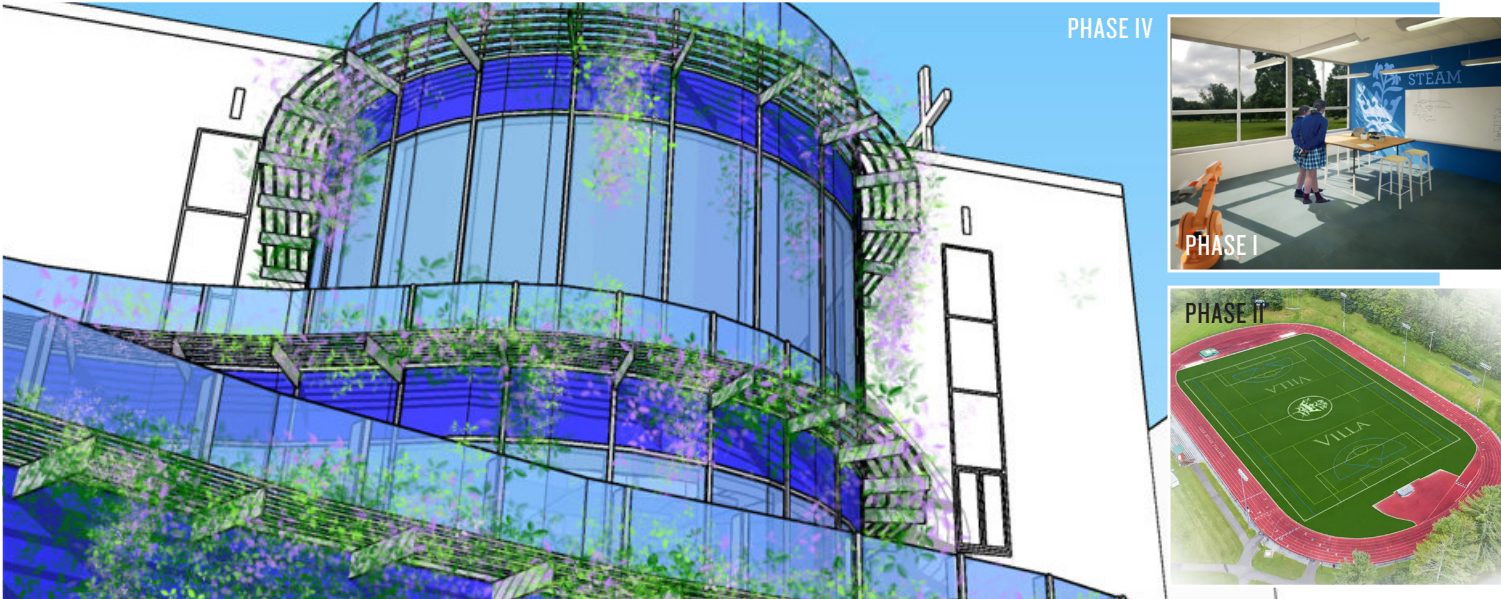


# LOOKING TO VILLA’S BRIGHT FUTURE

At the start of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, several factors required Villa to press pause on the forward momentum of the planned STEAM project. COVID was one factor. Another was our Board of Director’s request for time to carefully review the financial feasibility of moving forward on this project given Villa’s current \$4.9M outstanding debt on the Performing Arts Center. The third was the necessity to review Villa’s facilities in light of current and future curricular needs.

As it turns out, these pauses were fortuitous, as they gave us time this year to develop a Master Plan for Villa’s facilities development across all disciplines and all 125,000 square feet of our existing physical campus. The vision was the creation of an aesthetically pleasing and mission-aligned campus that perfectly supports the needs of the Villa community now and in the future through a collaborative, diverse, and sustainable process. This plan is unique in

Villa’s history for three reasons. First, in the past, Villa has developed numerous designs for various spaces, but these designs have occurred without integration into an overall vision for the school. The Master Plan integrates Villa’s needs for STEAM infrastructure, athletics, the arts, theology, and the humanities into a cohesive plan for the school’s plant development over the next 10-15 years. Second, the development of this plan was the result of the work of a diverse and comprehensive stakeholder group that included parents, staff, faculty, students, our new facilities director, and alumnae. Third, prior to beginning renovations, we will have a sustainable fundraising process in place to avoid any additional long-term debt to Villa’s financials. With the final stages of the Master Plan nearing completion, this committee, in conjunction with the Board, has agreed that STEM is the top priority for the next phase.



## MASTER PLAN PHASING AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

...along with a sustainable fundraising process, achieving our vision...

PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	PHASE V
STEM and Office Renovation	Gym Additions and Renovations Cafeteria and Kitchen Renovation Turf Soccer Field with Track Legacy Space Chapel Renovations	St. Joe’s 1st Floor Arts Renovation St. Joe’s 2nd Floor Humanities Renovation St. Joe’s 3rd Floor Theology Retreat Center	Student Center Lacrosse Field	St. Joe’s 4th Floor Student Residence Center St. Joe’s 1st Floor Classroom and Storage Tennis Courts Regina Hall Renovation

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Dear Villa Joseph Marie Alumna, Parents and dear Friends,

As a proud parent of an Alumna from the Class of 2008, I have witnessed first-hand the impact of support received from our Alumnae, current and past parents, and friends. Your generous donations to Villa Joseph Marie have secured a tradition of strong Catholic education for young women, supported an exceptional faculty, administration, and staff in their efforts to educate and inspire our students, and helped define and protect our presence in society. We are grateful.

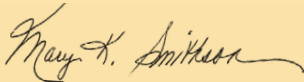
Never underestimate the impact you make on Villa’s present and future students. We are all aware of the many challenges we face in preserving and advancing the critical mission of Catholic education. Your investments in Villa ensure that our students have the tools needed to advance themselves to become tomorrow’s leaders.

Villa Alumnae are assuming leadership roles on our Villa team, serving not only on our faculty and administrative staff, but also as Board and Board Committee members. We are honored by their commitment to safeguarding Villa’s mission and their dedication to advancing innovative education for EVERY student, in the classroom, on the field, court, or stage, and in works of mercy for those in need.

As Villa begins our celebration of 90 years of the education of young women, we are pleased to welcome our new President, Jeanne Frawley ’94. Her experience and commitment to our community and understanding of our mission will enable Villa to further our growth of faith, education, and service to others. With the firm foundation of Mother Maria Kaupas, the Sisters of St. Casimir, and our Alumnae, and the continued generosity of our Villa community, we affirm our motto: Always more, Always better, Always with love.

Please take the time to read our Impact Report to see the effect you have had on our beloved school and how you can contribute to our students for the future. Whether through financing a scholarship, committing to participate in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), sponsorship of an event, or an annual gift, YOU make a difference in the lives of our students and your support is greatly appreciated.

Warmly,



Mary K. Smithson  
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Villa Joseph Marie is not as much a place as it is a family — a diverse community of people who have participated in Villa’s proud history, vibrant present, and future success.

Our 15-member Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from all facets of the Villa community — Alumnae, past parents, Sisters of St. Casimir, current and former staff, and friends of Villa — and is responsible for the overall strategic direction of Villa Joseph Marie and the fulfillment of the school’s Mission. Unlike the school Administration, which oversees the day-to-day activities of the school, the Board works to ensure the achievement of the school’s fullest potential now and for the future.

To best equip the Board in their decision-making process and further the development of our strategic plan, the following committees of dedicated people meet regularly to share their expertise in all relevant areas of the school. Together, these eight committees contribute to Villa’s growth in abundant ways that are unique to them.

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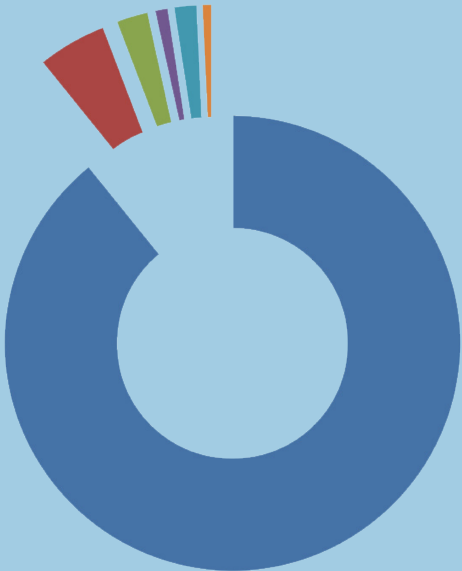
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**Are you interested in joining one of Villa’s Committees?** If you have experience in the area of one of our current eight committees, we invite you to join us in helping Villa continue to grow and flourish as we celebrate 90 years of empowering young women through faith, education, and service. **Contact Mary Smithson, Chair, VJMHS Board of Directors, at [VJMBODChair@vjmhs.org](mailto:VJMBODChair@vjmhs.org) to be connected with a committee today.**

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# SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES



## Villa's Sources of Income

- Tuition - 89%
- Fundraising - 5%
- Student Activities - 2%
- Investments - 1%
- Miscellaneous Income - 2%
- State Aid - 1%



## Villa's Expenses

- Instructional - 46%
- Administration & Staff - 20%
- Scholarships & Financial Aid - 14%
- Facilities - 10%
- Other - 4%
- Student Activities - 5%
- Interest Expense - 2%

2021-2022

# ANNUAL REPORT OF GIVING

Thank you for supporting Villa Joseph Marie High School. We are 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.”**

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## Fundraising Vehicle

- Annual Fund - 29%
- Fundraising Events - 23%
- Capital Campaign - 14%
- Major Gifts and Grants - 34%

\$580,543

Annual Fund  
\$166,157

Events  
\$133,694

Capital Campaign  
\$80,692

Major Gifts/Grants  
\$200,000



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## YOU MADE AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE

*female leaders  
of the world*

Speaking with an alumna parent recently, she commented on Villa's dedication to the mission and the result of that dedication. Specifically, she remarked that every student leadership position at Villa was held by a woman and that every award and accolade was received at Villa by a woman. She said this created an environment where being academically smart, athletically strong, or artfully talented was supported and encouraged — an environment where women were empowered, an environment where women are fierce. As Villa prepares to celebrate our 90th year, this statement has never been truer!

In looking forward to our bright future, however, we must acknowledge and embrace Villa's beautiful and blessed past, the years of toiling to build a school for young women in the farmland of then-rural Bucks County, the years of "Maple Lane," and of "Villans" and "Jems." The memories of these years and the history of our beloved school are held in the hearts of every Villa alumna. And so, in conjunction with our 90th year, it seems appropriate that we focus our 2022-2023 school year as, "The Year of the Alumna."

Villa's alumnae bear witness to 90 years of an academic environment which has been changed by the integration of technology and service learning, of stellar athletic wins and crushing defeats, of an enrollment comprised solely of Lithuanian students and one where students come from diverse ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds, of a faculty and staff who wore habits and one where a vocation is not present on a daily basis, and to a campus containing only a single, historic building that was both school and dormitory and one that spans several buildings with plans for renovation and restoration. Villa's alumnae are Villa's legacy. And it is on this legacy that, with the generosity of our donors, Villa has been built and will continue to build for future generations of young women.

We are grateful for the continued support of our many benefactors. Each gift, regardless of size, is a partnership with Villa that ensures that our mission will carry on for the next 90 years — or more!

Jennifer McDonald  
*Director of Institutional Advancement*





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YOU MADE AN IMPACT  
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future

Faith-filled servants, innovative thinkers, explorative students, compassionate alumnae, collaborative leaders, and empowered citizens: These are the attributes of every student that graduates from Villa Joseph Marie High School.

The *Profile of the Graduate* initiative encompasses these six pillars, each with specific characteristics and qualities that help develop the young women of VJM. The motive for the development of this profile is to provide a high-quality educational experience based on the 21st Century Skills required of learners in the Information Age.

Throughout the *Profile’s* development phase during the 2021-2022 school year, the question became, “Who is she?” Who is a Villa graduate? This profile serves several key purposes:

- Maintains regular curricular reviews,
- Develops strategic plan goals for education and curriculum development,
- Reflects on long-term planning for campus facilities,
- Functions as a living document to assist with athletics and other programs.

All in all, the *Profile of the Graduate* will work cohesively to reflect how every student at Villa is unique, every student has distinct areas of focus and joy and how, by the time they complete their four-year transformation, every Villa graduate will embody each of the six pillars.

With donor support, our *Profile of the Graduate* will enhance our students’ experiences during their time at Villa: Becoming faith filled servants requires opportunities for spiritual growth at mission-centered retreat houses; Innovative thinkers need state-of-the-art technology to remain competitive with students of other area schools for seats at the nation’s top colleges and universities; Explorative learning can happen with university visits and tours, as well as with dual enrollment course offerings; Compassionate alumnae can demonstrate an awareness of the impact of historical events, through both individual and group experiences; Collaborative leaders can be formed when a student utilizes her skills and talents to connect with alumnae and others in the Villa community, both during and beyond her high school years; Empowered citizens lead others, gaining a better understanding of her authentic self, and helping to break down barriers among others. With your support, Villa will foster experiences and opportunities to have our *Profile of the Graduate* be a living example of fierce females in education.

Lauren Carr ’00  
*Principal, Mathematics Teacher*





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YOU MADE AN IMPACT  
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ability to  
attend Villa

Seven Alumnae now proudly serve on the faculty and staff of Villa Joseph Marie. My fellow Alum and I often find ourselves casually saying, “That’s so Villa!” while walking the hallways of our alma mater. *But what exactly does that comment mean?*

Being “So Villa” is Christa Chirico ’11 laughing about students opting to play *Just Dance* on Jem Choice days in advisory. It is Stephanie Weaver ’05 commenting on how authentically our students engage in acts of service. It is even Lauren Gaughan Carr ’00 painstakingly bedazzling our beloved mascot. And, if you are a fellow Alumna, I’m sure you and your Villa sisters have even more heartwarming and hysterical definitions.

As the new Director of Admissions, I want each student whose eyes light up while traveling our halls to find her version of, “That’s so Villa.” This is possible only with the generosity of our donors.

As a tuition-based school, we are limited in what we can provide. Tuition covers only a percentage of what it truly costs to educate a student at Villa. Donations to the Always Villa Fund, participation in fundraisers like the Annual Spring Auction, Golf Outing, and Designer Handbag Bingo, or a commitment to Villa’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit program provide the necessary resources to support students with financial aid who, otherwise, would have been unable to make a Villa education possible or who would have had their education interrupted while a student. Your generosity ensures that faculty can continue their own education to stay current on the most effective instructional strategies for high school students, and it is truly because of you that our students are able to create and share effective experiences outside the classroom through service-learning, athletics, and fine arts programs.

Your generosity supports the next generation of young women creating their own “So Villa.” On their behalf, thank you!

Bailey Gorman ’10  
*Admissions Director, Teacher*

**Commitment:** \ kə-'mit-mənt \  
**a:** an agreement or pledge to do something in the future (a *commitment* to improve conditions at the nursing home)  
**b:** something pledged (the *commitment* of troops to the war)  
**c:** the state or an instance of being obligated or emotionally impelled (a *commitment* to a cause)  
- MerriamWebster.com

Witnessing the joy of Villa’s faculty and staff each day, there can be no question that they embody each definition of the word, “Commitment.” It can be seen in their dedication to their craft, the relationships they build with students and with one another, and their willingness to do more and be more for the betterment of each young woman who walks Villa’s halls. Mentoring and empowering our girls through education is so much more than a job for them. It is a ministry. One they embrace as a calling from God as a part of their “being.”

In the 2021-2022 school year, Villa Joseph Marie’s faculty embraced their commitment like never before. Knowing of the struggles of many Villa students, 100% of our faculty and staff contributed to the Always Villa Fund, specifically for financial aid. These gifts totaled more than \$7,000. We hope that the impact and example demonstrated by these men and women will inspire others to join them in making a commitment to Villa Joseph Marie.

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# YOU MADE AN IMPACT ON OUR STUDENTS AND *our community*

As we enter Villa's 90th anniversary year, I find myself feeling extraordinarily grateful for this special place I have come to call home over the last eight years. I am grateful for the students I have met and the encounters with them that have left me with a better understanding of what it means to be a Christian. I am grateful for the colleagues I am honored to learn from and work alongside. I am grateful for the individuals I've had the privilege of meeting during day and overnight service experiences to Chicago, Mount Carmel, Blessed Sarnelli Community, Caring for Friends, and Churchville Nature Center, to name a few. It is because of the generosity of our alumnae, our Villa families, and our benefactors that Villa's ministry program continues to offer faith-based programs where students can build community and encounter Christ in each other and those they serve.

I think of some of our recent alumnae who, while at Villa, were provided opportunities to deepen their faith through liturgies, retreats, and service experiences. As these seeds of faith, sown on the strong foundations of their families, grew here at Villa, they left ready to carry on Villa's mission in the broader world. alumnae who are living their own vocational callings as educators in Catholic schools; who volunteer their time with local charities; who are doing a year of volunteer service; who serve as mentors to our Villa students; who use their college degrees to travel to poverty-stricken areas of our world to educate and care for God's people.



Brigid Conmy '18 is one such alumna. Brigid shares, "During my six weeks in Uganda, I was able to serve the people of Kyarusozzi and work in the medical clinic that is founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. I fell in love with service and health care during my time at Villa and I truly feel called to live out this vocation all over the world. I try to serve by helping those in need and also learning from all of the amazing people that I encountered during my time in Uganda." Brigid's message is only a glimpse of the long-term impact of a Villa education, of the fruit that is grown from the faith foundations and service experiences they participated in while at 1180 Holland Road.

This past school year, 100% of Villa students were involved in the faith-life of Villa through liturgies, prayer services, and retreats. Additionally, 90% of Villa students participated in optional ministry programs. Our Mission and Ministry program offered 170 leadership positions and 42 optional service and retreat programs, allowing our students the opportunity to practice servant leadership, while gaining a better understanding of their own God-given gifts and talents. The 6,000 service hours submitted by our students this year is evidence that our young women are striving to discern ways they can make an impact on our local community. Without the prayerful and financial support of so many benefactors Villa would not be able to provide these offerings to our students.

Mother Maria Kaupas wrote, "Trust God in your difficulties and place the future in God's hands... have great concern for the needs of one another. As our Lord asks: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'" Thank you for providing an abundance of opportunities for our students *to love one another as Jesus loved us*. Our students continually amaze me with their desire to serve as God has called them to, to put their faith into action and to have hearts filled with concern for the needs of their sisters and brothers in Christ. I am proud to know and work with our Villa students who carry out the legacy of our foundress and of our Sisters so well, doing all things in the spirit of *Always more, Always better, and Always for the love of God and neighbor*.

*Mother Maria, Pray for Us. May God continue to bless you and your families.  
May God continue to bless Villa Joseph Marie High School.*

Stephanie McCarthy  
Director of Mission and Ministry





FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Alumnae,

The 2021-2022 fiscal year for the Alumnae Association was marked by continued efforts to engage our alum and reconnect them with Villa. We were able to hold our first annual meeting since 2019 and those who attended, both in-person and virtually, provided great feedback to the association that has already been put into practice.

First, we reimagined our alumnae newsletter with the feedback we received in mind. These digital newsletters now spotlight alumnae accomplishments, highlight activities of the current students and announce upcoming events for alumnae, family and friends, as well as opportunities to get involved and reconnect with Villa. The first newsletter was published online and sent to your email boxes in June and will continue every other month.

Another request from our association members that we have been able to fulfill is to identify new opportunities for alumnae to visit Villa. These include the ability to attend planned school events like the annual Opening Mass, Open House and Casino Night, as well as social and networking events hosted by the Alumnae Association. It is our hope that these opportunities will help us connect with each other, as well as with the current school community. The first school event that alumnae were invited to was the Opening Mass on September 19. The first Alumnae Association event was a special alumnae social before the annual Designer Handbag Bingo on October 7. You can find information about more upcoming events at [www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/events](http://www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/events) and by joining the private Alumnae Facebook page or following any of Villa’s social channels.

If you are not receiving our newsletter, please be sure to reach out to [Alumnae@vmhs.org](mailto:Alumnae@vmhs.org) and give us your updated contact information.

As we embark upon Villa’s 90th year, and celebrate this milestone anniversary as well as all Villa does to empower young women, we hold our memories of Villa in our hearts and continue to strive to be “Always more, Always better, Always with love.”

Warm regards,

Stephanie M. (Schlegel) Shortall '01  
President, VJMHS Alumnae Association



Share good news with us — awards, accomplishments, milestones, new jobs, and celebrations of marriage or children — by emailing Cathleen Murway, VJMHS Alumnae Relations, at [cmurw@vmhs.org](mailto:cmurw@vmhs.org) or by filling out the form on Villa’s website at [www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/update](http://www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/update). We love hearing from our Alumnae sisters!

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*Athletic Director, Social Studies Teacher*

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Ed London Wreath Co.  
Mr. Chuck Esposito  
Jericho National Golf Club  
Lookaway Golf Club  
The Mad Golfer  
Mrs. Jennifer McDonald  
Mr. Roger Messina  
The Noone Family  
Philadelphia Cricket Club  
Philmont Country Club  
SEI Investments Company  
Mr. John Smithson  
Sullivan’s Scrap Metals  
Trenton Country Club  
Vault Brewing Company  
Villa Joseph Marie Parents’ Guild

**Many thanks to the sponsors, donors, and golfers that contributed to the success of our 2021 Outing. Mark your calendars now for this year’s Outing: Monday, May 1, 2023 at the beautiful Jericho National Golf Club.**



## OCTOBER

<b>7</b>	Designer Handbag Bingo
<b>15 &amp; 22</b>	8th Grade Examination
<b>24-28</b>	Alumnae Week
<b>25</b>	Always Villa Fund Kickoff

## NOVEMBER

<b>10-13</b>	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>
<b>20</b>	Christmas at Villa Photoshoot
<b>22</b>	Thanksgiving Feast
<b>23</b>	Yearbook Party for the Class of 2022
<b>23-25</b>	Holiday Break
<b>26</b>	Kate Abel Memorial Tournament & Social
<b>29</b>	Giving Tuesday

## DECEMBER

<b>23-31</b>	Winter Break
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## JANUARY

<b>1-6</b>	Winter Break ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>9-13</b>	Mid-Year Teacher Prep Week

## FEBRUARY

<b>4</b>	Quizzo
<b>10</b>	Erg-A-Thon
<b>26-28</b>	St. Casimir Week of Giving

## MARCH

<b>1-6</b>	St. Casimir Week of Giving ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>3</b>	St. Casimir Mass & Legacy Pinning
<b>3</b>	School-Wide Service Day
<b>11</b>	6th & 7th Grade Practice Test
<b>14-18</b>	Annual Spring Auction
<b>30-31</b>	<i>Descendants: The Musical</i>

## APRIL

<b>1-2</b>	<i>Descendants: The Musical</i>
<b>4</b>	Bring-Your-Sister- to-School Day
<b>5-10</b>	Spring Break
<b>25</b>	Art Show
<b>27</b>	Spring Open House
<b>28</b>	School-Wide Charity Fundraiser

## MAY

<b>1</b>	<i>Fore! the Girls</i> Golf Outing
<b>24</b>	Baccalaureate

## JUNE

<b>3</b>	Graduation
<b>TBD</b>	State of the School Address

*Note: Please check the school website for the most up-to-date school calendar.*

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Alumnae & Friends of Villa: [www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/update](http://www.vjmhs.org/alumnae/update)  
Current Villa families: [www.vjmhs.org/parents/update](http://www.vjmhs.org/parents/update)