

VILLANOVA TRACK & FIELD

NCAA CHAMPION CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

1966 - VILLANOVA 79 points; Tom Donnelly (7), Charlie Messenger (8), Frank Murphy (25), Ian Hamilton (33), Dave Patrick (39), John O'Leary (113)

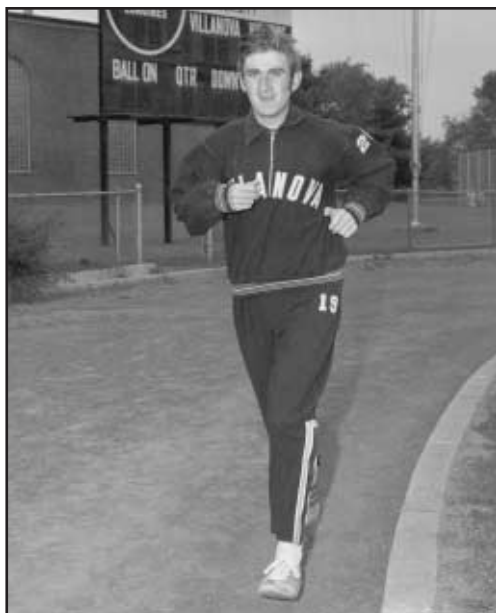
With just one NCAA team championship to the school's credit, the 1957 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, Villanova entered the 1966 NCAA Cross Country meet at the University of Kansas looking for number two. Led by sophomore Tom Donnelly and junior Charles Messenger, the Wildcats simply overwhelmed the country, winning by a margin of 76 points. Donnelly placed seventh in 30:10.0, just one place ahead of Messenger who was eighth in 30:10.3. Three Wildcats then finished within 14 places of each other as Frank Murphy was 25th, Ian Hamilton was 33rd and Dave Patrick was 39th.

1967 - VILLANOVA 91 points; Charlie Messenger (10), Tom Donnelly (23), Des McCormack (31), Dave Patrick (34), Ian Hamilton (36), Dick Buerkle (63), Frank Murphy (68)

Not only was Villanova the defending national champion in 1967, but they returned all five scorers from the 1966 championship squad. Despite all this, 1967 was a much different story, as the Wildcats won by just five points with 91 over Air Force in Laramie, Wyoming. Charlie Messenger led the charge of Wildcats across the line with a tenth place finish. Tom Donnelly, the team's first finisher a year earlier, was next at 23rd. The lone newcomer to the top five scorers, Des McCormack was 31st, followed very closely by Dave Patrick in 34th and Ian Hamilton in 36th place.

1968 - VILLANOVA 78 points; Tom Donnelly (8), Dick Buerkle (22), Des McCormack (29), Chris Mason (36), Frank Murphy (47), Andy O'Reilly (185)

The Wildcats captured their third consecutive national championship at historic Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, New York with a low score of 78 points to easily outdistance runner-up Stanford's 100. Tom Donnelly and Frank Murphy each collected their third NCAA team title, with Donnelly once again pacing the Wildcats. Donnelly placed eighth overall, the second top 10 finish of his career at these championships. Senior Dick Buerkle, who had beaten Donnelly a week earlier at the IC4A Championships, was 22nd. Villanova's scoring was rounded out by Des McCormack in 29th, Chris Mason 36th and Frank Murphy in 47th place. Only Drake University in 1944-46 had won three consecutive NCAA Cross Country titles prior to the Wildcats in 1966-68.



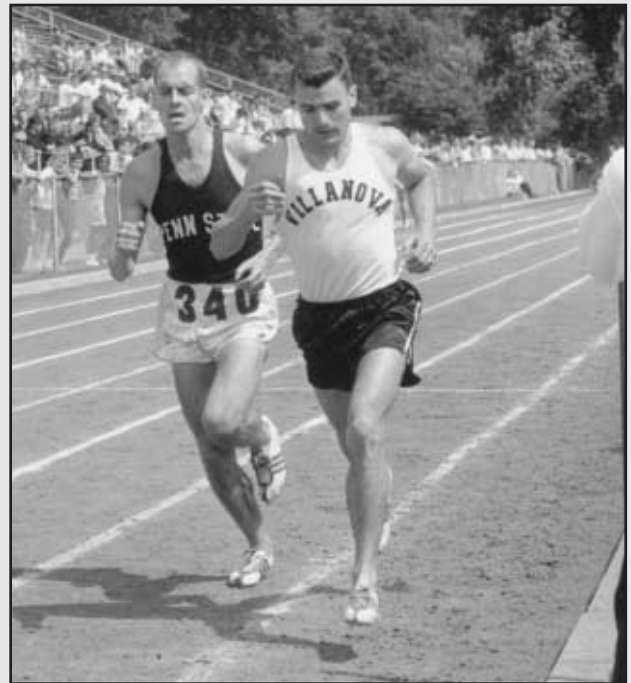
Donal Walsh helped lead Villanova to the 1970 NCAA Cross Country Championship.

1970 - VILLANOVA 85 points; Jerry Bouma, Marty Liquori, Chris Mason, Les Nagy, Wilson Smith, Donal Walsh, Dave Wright

Villanova's fourth title in five years was by far their most difficult. In fact, another team left the meet with the championship trophy thinking they had won. In Williamsburg, Va., the Wildcats and the University of Oregon were two evenly matched squads. When the results became official the Ducks had captured the championship with 86 points to 88 over Villanova. Oregon left the course for the airport to fly home assuming they were national champions, but Villanova's Les Nagy noticed a mistake in the results. He was listed below runners he knew he had beaten, but they apparently had passed him in the finish chute after the finish line but before being given their place card. Led by Villanova's top runner, Donal Walsh, the Wildcats refused to leave until the film used as a back-up had been reviewed. After review the new score was Villanova 85 and Oregon 86, giving the Wildcats their fourth national championship in five years.

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

1963 - Vic Zwolak



Vic Zwolak won a NCAA Cross Country individual title in 1963.

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VILLANOVA IN THE MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR	NCAA OUTDOORS	NCAA INDOORS	NCAA CROSS COUNTRY	BIG EAST OUTDOORS	BIG EAST INDOORS	BIG EAST CROSS COUNTRY
2003	65th	5th				
2002	DNP	5th	12th	6th	2nd	1st
2001	DNP	DNP	8th	2nd	6th	2nd
2000	DNP	DNP	6th	9th	9th	3rd
1999	DNP	DNP	17th	8th	10th	3rd
1998	35th	40th	DNP	6th	4th	5th
1997	44th	58th	19th	3rd	6th	6th
1996	DNP	DNP	15th	8th	9th	5th
1995	59th	21st	15th	4th	6th	4th
1994	DNP	DNP	9th	7th	3rd	2nd
1993	36th(T)	36th(T)	DNP	3rd	3rd	1st
1992	44th(T)	DNP	4th	7th	3rd	2nd
1991	71st(T)	32nd(T)	DNP	7th	3rd	3rd
1990	DNP	13th(T)	DNP	4th	4th	6th
1989	68th(T)	27th(T)	DNP	4th	4th	7th
1988	60th(T)	13th(T)	DNP	4th(T)	4th(T)	6th
1987	33rd(T)	13th	DNP	3rd	3rd	8th
1986	16th(T)	2nd	DNP	1st	1st	3rd
1985	24th(T)	8th	DNP	1st	1st	6th
1984	31st	38th(T)	DNP	1st	2nd	4th
1983	32nd(T)	2nd	14th	1st	1st	1st
1982	11th	3rd	DNP	3rd	2nd	2nd
1981	17th(T)	5th	13th	1st	2nd	2nd
1980	5th	2nd	9th	-	-	2nd
1979	2nd	1st	7th			
1978	8th	3rd	15th(T)			
1977	8th	3rd	DNP			
1976	16th	2nd	21st			
1975	17th	3rd	DNP			
1974	DNP	9th	DNP			
1973	6th	15th	DNP			
1972	12th(T)	4th	DNP			
1971	12th(T)	1st	4th			
1970	9th	2nd	1st			
1969	6th	2nd	2nd			
1968	3rd	1st	1st			
1967	26th	4th	1st			
1966	10th	7th	1st			
1965	12th(T)	3rd	2nd			



Jumbo Elliott coached the Wildcats to eight NCAA team titles.

EIGHT NCAA TEAM TITLES

Men's Cross Country: 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970
All four teams coached by James "Jumbo" Elliott.

Men's Indoor Track and Field: 1968, 1971, 1979
All three teams coached by James "Jumbo" Elliott.

Men's Outdoor Track and Field: 1957
Coached by James "Jumbo" Elliott.

12 IC4A CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TITLES

1962
1966-71
1978-80
1983
1996

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VILLANOVA RECORDS

INDOOR

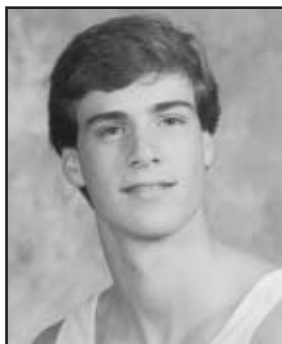
<u>EVENT</u>	<u>MARK</u>	<u>ATHLETE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
50y	5.2	Frank Budd	1/14/61
60y	6.0	Frank Budd	3/10/62
55m	6.17	Salaam Gariba	1/25/92
200m	21.12	Salaam Gariba	2/15/92
400m	46.44	Edwin Modibedi	2/22/86
440y	46.45	Carlton Young	1/9/82
500y	55.4	Larry James	2/15/69
500m	1:01.03	Edwin Modibedi	3/8/87
600y	1:08.96	Charles Jenkins, Jr.	1/18/86
800m	1:47.84	John Marshall	2/12/82
880y	1:48.1	Mark Belger	1/13/78
1000y	2:05.3	Don Paige	2/9/79
1000m	2:20.3	Don Paige	1/20/79
1500m	3:38.2	Sydney Maree	2/6/79
Mile	3:55.5	Sydney Maree	2/21/81
Two Miles	8:26.6	John Hartnett	1/9/74
3000m	7:47.4	Adrian Blincoe	1/27/02
Three Miles	13:29.0	John Hartnett	1/28/72
5000m	13:38.3	Sydney Maree	2/6/81
60y HH	7.0 (HT)	Erv Hall	3/15/69
55m HH	7.15 (AT)	Rodney Wilson	3/15/80
60m HH	7.88	Antoine Johnson	1/28/00
1600m Relay	3:09.25	Nic O'Brien, Paul Moser Carlos Bedoya, Mike Brown	2/17/02
Mile Relay	3:07.79	Grant Davis, Tony Valentine, Edwin Modibedi,	1/18/86
3200m Relay	7:19.90	Bruce Harris, Mike Seeger, Quentin Howe, Paul Rowbotham	3/11/89
Two Mile Relay	7:21.40	Bruce Harris, Mike Seeger, Quentin Howe, Paul Rowbotham	2/25/89
Four Mile Relay	16:19.0	George Mackay, Don Paige, Mark Belger, Phil Kane	1/18/76
Distance Medley Relay	9:27.37	Ryan Hayden, Mike Brown Jason Jabaut, Adrian Blincoe	3/7/02
High Jump	7'1"	David Cook	3/5/94
Shot Put	58'5 1/4"	Billy Joe	3/2/62
Triple Jump	53'11"	Nate Cooper	2/4/79
Long Jump	25'0 1/2"	Derrek Harbour	3/4/78
Pole Vault	16'7 3/4"	Vince Bizzaro	1/13/68
35 lb. Weight	59'10"	Mark Blattner	2/16/02
Pentathlon	4104 pts.	David Cook	3/5/94

OUTDOOR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>MARK</u>	<u>ATHLETE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
100y	9.2	Frank Budd	6/24/61
100m (ht)	9.9	Salaam Gariba	4/6/91
200m/220y (straightaway)	20.0	Frank Budd	6/12/62
200m (turn)	20.4	Paul Drayton	9/13/64
400m	43.97	Larry James	10/18/68
440y	45.2	Larry James	6/1/68
800m	1:43.92	John Marshall	6/24/84
880y	1:46.9	Ken Schappert	6/16/73
1500m	3:32.20	Sydney Maree	9/12/81
Mile	3:48.83	Sydney Maree	9/9/81
3000m	7:43.0	Sydney Maree	6/9/79
Two mile	8:29.4	Ross Donoghue	6/12/82
Three mile	13:04.6	Sydney Maree	4/14/79
5000m	13:20.7	Sydney Maree	6/2/79
Six mile	28:00.0	Donal Walsh	6/26/72
10,000m	28:21.5	Sydney Maree	4/11/80
3000m Steeple	8:18.57	Amos Korir	6/6/81
110m hurdles	13.38	Erv Hall	10/17/68
400m hurdles	48.80	Kareem Archer	5/25/97
440y/400m Relay	40.08m	Keith Brown, Al Graves Derrek Harbour, Tim Dale	5/21/77
880y/800m Relay	1:23.2y	Keith Brown, Glenn Bogue Derrek Harbour, Tim Dale	4/16/77
1600 relay	3:02.95	Grant Davis, Tony Valentine, Edwin Modibedi, Charles Jenkins, Jr.	6/7/86
Sprint Medley Relay	3:14.9	Tim Dale, Keith Brown Al Graves, Mark Belger	4/29/78
Mile relay	3:03.8	Keith Brown, A. Tufariello, Glenn Bogue, Tim Dale	5/27/78
3200 Relay	7:12.29	Marcus O'Sullivan, Michael England, John Hunter, John Marshall	4/24/82
Two Mile Relay	7:17.8	Charlie Messenger, Ian Hamilton, Frank Murphy, Dave Patrick	5/25/68
Distance Medley Relay	9:21.02 M	Sean O'Neill, Gerry O'Reilly Edwin Modibedi, Bruce Harris	4/24/87
Distance Medley Relay	9:28.2 Y	Ken Schappert, Greg Eckmann, Tom Gregan Eamonn Coghlan	4/25/75
6000m Relay	14:52.81	Sean O'Neill, Brian O'Keefe John Keyworth, Marcus O'Sullivan	4/25/75
Four Mile Relay	16:10.6	Tom Gregan, Brian McElroy Eamonn Coghlan, John Hartnett	4/29/74
High jump	6'11 1/2"	David Cook	4/26/94
Shot put	60'6"	Billy Joe	5/26/62
Discus	172' 11"	Steve Bienko	5/23/98
Triple jump	56'1 1/2"	Nate Cooper	6/2/79
Javelin	252'2"	Joe Mitrovich	4/28/79
Long jump	25'10"	Jermaine Deans	5/2/98
Pole vault	16'4"	Vince Bizzaro	6/1/68
Hammer	188'2"	Mark Blattner	5/13/02
Decathlon	7520 pts.	David Cook	4/20-21/93



Salaam Gariba



Quentin Howe



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WORLD RECORDS

INDOOR RECORDS

60y

George Sydnor, 6.1 (tied world record), 2/4/56, Millrose Games
George Sydnor, 6.1 (tied world record), 3/3/56, NY Knights of Col. Meet
Ed Collymore, 6.1 (tied world record), 2/8/58
Frank Budd, 6.0 (tied world record), 3/10/62, IC4A

440y (11 lap)

*Larry James, 47.0, 3/16/68, NCAA

500y

George Guida, 56.9, 2/12/49, NYAC Games
Charlie Jenkins, 56.4, 2/18/56, NYAC Games
Larry James, 55.4, 2/15/69, Mason-Dixon Games
Larry James, 53.9, 5/25/73, Salt Lake City, Utah

500m

Edwin Modibedi, 1:01.1, 1/26/86, vs. Syracuse/Toronto

880y

Dave Patrick, 1:48.9, 3/10/67, NCAA

1000y

Dave Patrick, 2:08.8 (12-lap), 3/1/68, Cleveland Knights of Columbus
Don Paige, 2:05.3 (11-lap), 2/9/79, Millrose Games
Don Paige, 2:04.9, 2/6/81, Millrose Games
Don Paige, 2:04.7, 2/5/82, LA Times Invitational

1500m

*Marcus O'Sullivan, 3:35.6, 2/10/89, Vitalis Invitational
*Eamonn Coghlan, 3:35.6, 2/20/81, Jack in the Box Invitational

Mile

Ron Delany, 4:03.4, 3/14/58, Chicago Daily News
Ron Delany, 4:03.5, 2/21/59, AAU Championships
Ron Delany, 401.4m 3/7/59, NY Knights of Columbus Meet
Dick Buerkle, 3:54.93, 1/3/78, CYO Meet
Eamonn Coghlan, 3:52.6, 2/16/79, Jack in the Box Invitational
Eamonn Coghlan, 3:50.6, 2/20/81, Jack in the Box Invitational
*Eamonn Coghlan, 3:49.78 1/27/83, Olympic Invitational

Pole Vault

Don Bragg, 15-5 1/4, 3/3/56, NY Knights of Columbus Meet
Don Bragg, 15-9 1/2, 2/12/59, Philadelphia Inquirer Games

WORLD INDOOR BESTS (for events run only in U.S.)

Sprint medley relay

Jim McKenna, John McCreary, John Furlinger, John Holmes,
1:53.6, 2/18/50, AAU Championships

Two mile relay

Jim Orr, Al Adams, Tom Sullivan, Noel Carroll, 7:24.9,
(8-lap), Mason Dixon Games
Noel Carroll, Tom Sullivan, Al Adams, Jim Orr, 7:24.6,
(8-lap), Mason Dixon Games
Ian Hamilton, Charlie Messenger, Frank Murphy, Dave Patrick, 7:23.8,
2/17/68, Mason Dixon Games
Marcus O'Sullivan, Kevin Dillon, Anthony Tufariello, John Hunter, 7:24.9
(11-lap), 2/6/81, Millrose Games
Phil Kane, Eamonn Coghlan, Mark Belger, Ken Schappert, 7:25.5, (11-lap),
2/15/75, Knights of Columbus Meet

(World Indoor Bests Continued)

Distance medley relay (yards)

Mark Belger, Glenn Bogue, Phil Kane, Eamonn Coghlan,
9:38.4, 2/7/76, Mason Dixon Games
*John Marshall, Carlton Young, John Hunter, Ross Donoghue, 9:35.37,
2/13/82, Husker Invitational

Four mile relay

*George MacKay, Don Paige, Mark Belger, Phil Kane,
16:19.0, 1/16/78, Dartmouth USTFF Relays

OUTDOOR RECORDS

100y

Frank Budd, 9.3 (tied world record), 5/6/61, vs. St. Joseph's/Georgetown
Frank Budd, 9.3 (tied world record), 6/11/61, Mid Atlantic AAU
Frank Budd, 9.2, 7/24/61, AAU Championships

200m

Paul Drayton, 20.5y (actual time for 220y), 6/23/62, AAU Championships

220y

Paul Drayton, 20.5 (tied world record), 6/23/62

220y (straightaway)

Frank Budd, 20.0, 5/12/62, vs. Quantico

400m

Larry James, 44.1, 9/14/68, Olympic Trials

1500m

Sydney Maree, 3:31.24, 8/28/83, Cologne, West Germany

Pole Vault

Don Bragg, 4.80m/15'9 1/4", 7/2/60, Olympic Trials

400m Relay

H. Jones, Frank Budd, C. Frazier, Paul Drayton, 39.1, 7/15/61,
USA vs. USSR
Paul Drayton, G. Ashworth, R. Stebbins, B. Hayes, 39.0, 10/21/64,
Tokyo, Japan Olympic Games

1600m Relay

V. Matthews, R. Freeman II, Larry James, L. Evans, 2:58.6,
7/24/68, Mexico City Olympic Games
semi-finals V. Matthews, R. Freeman II, Larry James, L. Evans,
2:56.1, 10/20/68, Mexico City Olympic Games

Two mile Relay

Vic Zwolak, Al Adams, Tom Sullivan, Noel Carroll,
7:19.0 (tied world record), 5/15/64, Coliseum Relays

Distance medley Relay

Ken Schappert, Greg Eckman, Tom Gregan, Eamonn Coghlan,
9:28.2 (yards), 4/25/80, Penn Relays

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TOP PERFORMERS (TIMES RECORDED WHILE ATTENDING VU)

100 yards

9.2 Frank Budd
9.3 Paul Drayton
9.4 Ed Collymore
9.4 Erv Hall

100m

9.9 Salaam Gariba
10.2 Ed Collymore
10.2 Frank Budd
10.2 Erv Hall
10.45 Matt Whigham

200m/220 yd

20.0 Frank Budd
20.1 Paul Drayton
20.3 Ed Collymore
20.6 Don Webster
21.01 Carlos Bedoya

400m/440 yd

43.97 Larry James
45.32 Carlton Young
45.45 Edwin Modibedi
45.5 Tim Dale

500m

1:00.24 Edwin Modibedi
1:01.08 Charles Jenkins, Jr
1:02.05 John Marshall
1:02.05 Anthony Tufariello
1:02.14 Paul Moser

600 yards

1:08.96 Charles Jenkins, Jr.
1:09.2 Larry James
1:09.41 Anthony Tufariello

800m

1:43.92 John Marshall
1:44.6 Don Paige
1:45.9 Mark Belger
1:46.10 Ken Schappert

880 yards

1:46.9 Ken Schappert
1:46.9 Dave Patrick
1:47.4 Noel Carroll
1:47.6 Ed Takacs

1000 yards

2:05.3 Don Paige
2:06.9 Brian McElroy
2:07.1 Frank Murphy
2:07.21 John Hunter

1000m

2:16.7 John Marshall
2:19.0 Don Paige
2:21.4 Brian McElroy
2:21.78 Sean O'Neill

1500m

3:32.30 Sydney Maree
3:36.0 Marty Liquori
3:37.01 Eamonn Coghlan
3:37.40 Gerry O'Reilly

Mile

3:47.5 Sydney Maree
3:53.3 Eamonn Coghlan
3:54.63 Gerry O'Reilly
3:54.6 Marty Liquori

3000m

7:43.0 Sydney Maree
7:47.4 Adrian Blincoe
7:51.65 Gerry O'Reilly
7:58.73 Louie Quintana
7:59.30 Dean Childs

Two Miles

8:26.6 John Hartnett
8:29.4 Ross Donoghue
8:35.4 Kevin McCarey
8:37.1 Marty Liquori

Three Miles

13:04.6 Sydney Maree
13:06.4 John Hartnett
13:26.6 Eamonn Coghlan
13:27.20 Marty Liquori

Six Miles

28:00.0 Donal Walsh
28:07.2 John Hartnett
28:34.7 Dick Buerkle
28:41.80 Kevin McCarey

5000m

13:20.7 Sydney Maree
13:39.9 Ross Donoghue
13:43.4 John Hartnett
13:46.0 John Keyworth

10,000m

28:21.5 Sydney Maree
28:35.2 Amos Korir
28:52.6 Donal Walsh
29:00.44 Terrence Mahon

3000m Steeplechase

8:18.57 Amos Korir
8:42.0 Vic Zwolak
8:43.6 Pat Traynor
8:45.6 Tom Donnelly

110m/120 yard High Hurdles

13.2 Y Erv Hall
13.46 M Rodney Wilson
13.51 M Martin Booker
13.74 M Kareem Archer

400m/440 yard Intermediate Hurdles

48.80 Kareem Archer
49.66 Tony Valentine
49.90 Nic O'Brien
50.20 Larry James
50.52 Martin Booker
50.43 Mike Brown

Long Jump

25' 10" Jermaine Deans
25' 7 1/2" Mark Rainey
25' 6 1/2" John Buckley
25' 1/2" Derrek Harbour

Triple Jump

56' 1 1/2" Nate Cooper
52' 10" Jermaine Deans
48' 7 1/2" Jeremy Worrell
48' 1 1/2" Leon Pras

High Jump

7' 1" David Cook
7' 1/2" Steve Blais
6' 10" Phil Reavis

Discus

172' 11" Steve Bienko
167' 3" Walt Fitzwilliams
161' 11" Cummin Clancy
159' 10 1/2" Joe Mitrovich

35-lb. Weight Throw

59' 10" Mark Blattner
51' 10" Greg Mirecki
47' 7" Patrick Moore

Javelin (Pre-1986)

252' 2" Joe Mitrovich
241' 6" Jim Shillow
227' 1" Doug Kerr

Javelin (Post-1986)

219' 9" Barry Flicker
215' 6" Dave Cook
197' 1" Ben Heebner

Shot Put

60' 6" Billy Joe
56' 8 1/2" Dick Kurnick
56' 3 1/2" Brian Dabiri

Pole Vault

16' 7 3/4" Vince Bizzarro
16' 4 1/2" Jerry Klyop
16' 3 1/2" Rolando Cruz

Hammer Throw

188' 2" Mark Blattner
177' 6" Greg Mirecki
175' 5" Augie Zilinear

Pentathlon

4101 Dave Cook
3736 Jeremy Worrell
3519 Steve Blais

Decathlon

7520 Dave Cook
7380 Vince Bizzarro
6476 Jeff Keehn
6335 Jay Derent

1600m Relay

3:02.95 NCAA (1986)
3:03.51 NCAA (1982)
3:03.71 NCAA (1985)

Sprint Medley

3:14.9 Penn Relays (1978)
3:15.3 Penn Relays (1977)
3:15.51 Penn Relays (1985)

3200m Relay

7:12.29 Penn Relays (1982)
7:15.17 Penn Relays (1984)
7:15.55 Penn Relays (1991)

Distance Medley

9:21.02 Penn Relays (1987)
9:24.2 Penn Relays (1980)
9:24.3 Penn Relays (1986)

6000m Relay

14:52.81 Penn Relays (1981)
14:59.4 Penn Relays (1974)
15:00.23 Penn Relays (1993)

400m/440y Relay

40.08m IC4A (1977)
40.1m IC4A (1978)
40.42y Dogwood Relays (1977)
40.5m Phila. Metro. (1977)
40.62m IC4A (1980)

Four Mile Relay

16:10.6 Penn Relays (1974)
16:16.2 Dogwood Relays (1977)
16:16.9 Dogwood Relays (1978)
16:19.0 Dartmouth Relays (1976)
16:20.83 Penn Relays (2002)
16:21.0 Dogwood Relays (1975)

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WILDCAT HISTORY

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What does it take to sustain a great athletic program? Simple question — multi-faceted answer. The anatomy of Villanova's track and field program has all the necessary requirements. The past and present stars have left their marks on record books both nationally and internationally. The future looks quite promising as well.

OLYMPIC METAL

In the Olympic track and field competitions, 28 Villanova male student-athletes have made a total of 40 appearances. They have combined to win seven gold and three silver medals. The first Villanovan Olympian was J.E. O'Connell, broad jump, in the 1908 London Games. Since the 1948 London games, at least one Villanovan has competed in every Olympic track and field competition. In the 1996 Atlanta games, five Villanova alumni competed.

The seven gold medalists are:

- **1956 Melbourne Games** — Ron Delany (Ireland), 1500m; and Charlie Jenkins (U.S.), 400m and third leg of the 1600m relay. Jenkins, who later became a Villanova head coach, is the University's only two-time gold medalist — and his son would win one in 1992.

- **1960 Rome Game** — Don Bragg (U.S.), pole vault;

- **1964 Tokyo Games** — Paul Drayton (U.S.), 400m relay;

- **1968 Mexico Games** — Larry James (U.S.), 1600m relay;

- **1992 Barcelona Games** — Chip Jenkins (U.S.), 1600m relay.

He continued the Jenkins' family gold-medal tradition.

The three silver medalists were: Paul Drayton in the 200m in Tokyo; and Erv Hall, 110m hurdles, and Larry James, 400m, both in Mexico City

THE HEAD COACH

While each team over the years had its own character and personality, its own way of winning, one element remained constant — the value of a great head coach. Villanova's list of head coaches is surprisingly short:

- **Men's program** — Harry Coates, 1927-33; Bob Regan, 1933-36; James "Jumbo" Elliott '35, 1937-81; Charlie Jenkins '58, 1981-90; Marty Stern, 1991-94; and John Marshall '85, 1994-98; Marcus O'Sullivan '84, 1998-present.

PENN RELAY CARNIVAL

Over the last century, there have been many shining lights and victorious competitions for the Wildcats in track. Perhaps Villanova's greatest presence has come at the Penn Relays.

Making their debut in 1924, the Wildcats won their first championship during the 1955 Carnival, with wins in the one-mile relay and the sprint medley relay. In 1951, the men came very close to winning in the 4x800m. Although it was a collegiate race, the team from Lackland Air Force Base competed and won. Technically, Villanova was the collegiate winner.



Don Bragg (pictured here with former Athletics Director Gene DiFilippo) won a gold medal in the pole vault at the 1960 Olympic Games.

Since 1955, Villanovans have won 112 Relays championships, the most by any team. They posted victories in all but five of those 45 years. The sheer number of victories seems to overshadow each accomplishment, but that's part of the tradition.

Jim Tuppenny was assistant to Jumbo for 13 years and long-time director of the Penn Relays. He noted, "Villanova's participation in the Penn Relays has been extremely important and beneficial to Villanova and the Relays. Jumbo and I both grew up in West Philly, and from childhood appreciated the level of the competition and talented athletes it takes to successfully compete in the Relays."

T I M E L I N E

1897	Track starts as a varsity sport at Villanova.	1956	Ron Delany and Charlie Jenkins both win Gold Medals at Melbourne Games.
1908	First Olympian, J.E. O'Connell, broad jump.	1957	"Greatest Team Ever" wins NCAA Outdoor title, Villanova's first NCAA title
1924	First Penn Relays appearance.	1960	Don Bragg wins Gold Medal at Rome Games
1933	James "Jumbo" Elliott becomes track coach as a junior.	1964	Paul Drayton wins Gold Medal at Tokyo Games
1948	Browning Ross, steeplechase, becomes first NCAA individual champion.	1966	Men win first NCAA Cross Country title
1948	George Guida and Browning Ross meet Ireland's Jimmy Reardon who becomes first member of Irish Pipeline	1968	Men win first NCAA Indoor title
1955	First Penn Relays Championship of America in one-mile relay and Sprint Medley relay.		

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WILDCAT HISTORY

THE GLORY TEAM

Villanova's 1957 Wildcats have been called perhaps the greatest track team in collegiate history. Well-balanced in both track and field events, they won every major American collegiate and AAU competition, both indoor and outdoor. In the back of the team's 1957 poster, the following passage appeared: "There is no other, nor has there ever been any other, university or college in the world which can, or could, send forth 15 track men to better the 15 which comprise the present Villanova University track team. Villanova, indeed, has attained a most unique position in the world of intercollegiate track competition."

THE IRISH COMPONENT

During the 1948 London Games, Villanovans George Guida '49 and Browning Ross '51, members of the U.S. Team, became friends with Jimmy Reardon, a quarter-miler for the Irish team. Their friendship eventually led Jumbo to offer Reardon a track scholarship.

Since then, 25 talented Irish men and women have committed their collegiate track careers to Villanova. Alumni of this "Irish Pipeline" include these world-renowned and accomplished athletes:

- legendary miler Ron Delany '58;
- Eamonn Coghlan '76, who competed in four Olympic Games and established the indoor mile world record in January 1983.
- Marcus O'Sullivan '84, who also competed in four Olympic Games; and middle distance runner Sonia O'Sullivan '91, who in July 1994 set the current world record in the 2000m.

While Villanova has had many international student-athletes, the Irish influence endures both in strength and tradition.

CROSS COUNTRY

Eight National Championships

The men's cross country team set their own national records for excellence. In 1966, '67, '68 and '70, the men's team was on top of the collegiate competition. The win in 1970 came with a measure of drama. According to the Cross Country Media Guide, "The Wildcats and the University of Oregon were two evenly matched squads." When the results became official, the Oregon's Ducks led by Steve Prefontaine captured the championship with 86 points to Villanova's 88.

The Ducks left for the airport, assuming they were national champions. But Villanova's Les Nagy noticed a mistake in the results. He was listed below the runners he knew he had beaten, but they apparently had passed him in the finish chute after the finish line but before being given their place cards. Led by Villanova's top runner, Donal Walsh, the Wildcats refused to leave until the backup film had been reviewed. The result? The new score was Villanova 85, Oregon 86; a championship for the Wildcats.

On the track, the Villanova men have won three indoor national championships in 1968, 1971, and 1979, and one outdoor title in 1957.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TRACK MEMORY?

It could have been at the 1963 NCAA cross country championships, when Vic Zwolak notched the only individual title won by the men.

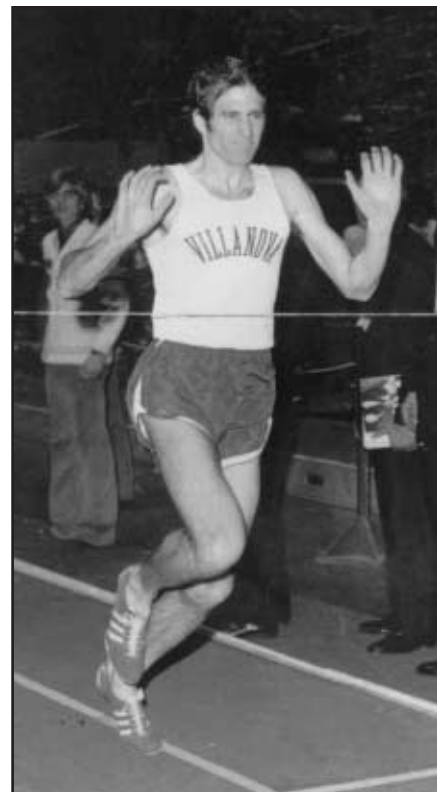
Or was it Frank Budd's victory that broke Jesse Owen's world record in the 100 yards during the 1961 AAU Championships at Randall's Island?

Maybe it was the mile race at the 1971 Martin Luther King Games, when Marty Liquori, sprinting neck-and-neck with Jim Ryun in the last 600 yards, nudged out the legendary miler at the tape.

For many people, it could have been at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, when Sydney Maree set collegiate records that today remain the standard: in the 1500m in 1979 and in the 5000m in 1981.

Or maybe your favorite memory was another mile-post set by Villanovans. The list is very long and most impressive — you choose.

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In 1971, Marty Liquori (pictured above) beat Jim Ryun in the Dream Mile.

T I M E L I N E

1968	Larry James win Gold Medal at Mexico City Games	1994	Olympian John Marshall named men's and women's head coach. In his first year women win sixth straight NCAA Cross Country title.
1970	Men win fourth NCAA Cross Country title in five years	1998	Marcus O'Sullivan runs his 100th sub-4:00 minute mile and retires from professional running to be named Villanova's head men and women's coach.
1971	Marty Liquori beats Jim Ryun in Dream Mile	2000	The Villanova men and women's programs were split, with Marcus O'Sullivan handling the head coaching duties for the men, and Gina Procaccio taking over as the women's head coach.
1979	Don Paige completes "Delany Double" at NCAA Outdoor Championships.		
1981	March 22, 1981 Jumbo Elliott passes away at the age of 66, including 47 years as head coach. He is succeeded later that year by Olympian Charlie Jenkins.		
1992	Chip Jenkins wins Gold Medal at Barcelona Games		

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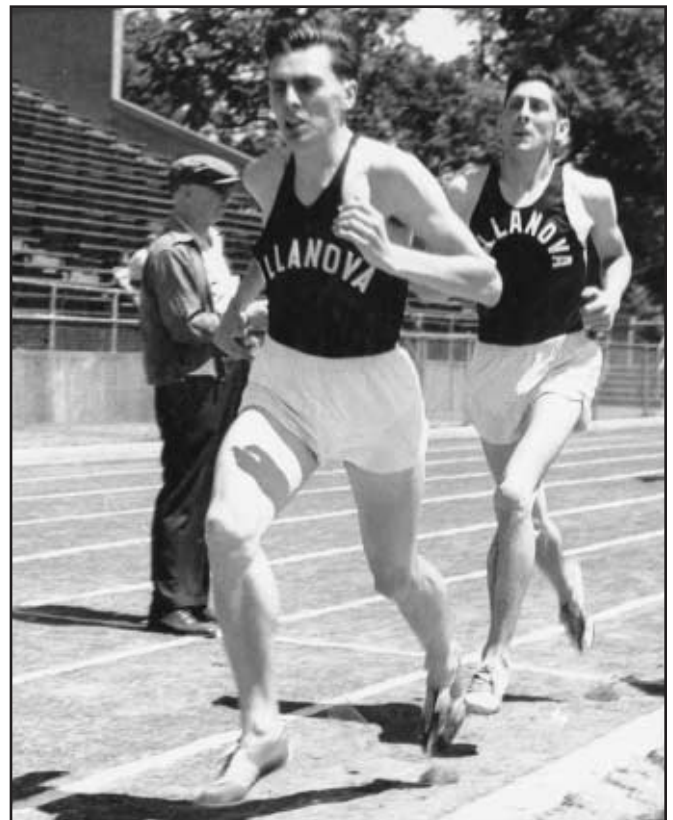
WILDCAT OLYMPIANS

VILLANOVA WILDCATS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

<u>Runner</u>	<u>Year</u>		
J.E. O'Connell	1908	Frank Murphy	1968, 1972
George Guida	1948	John Hartnett	1972
Browning Ross	1948, 1952	Donal Walsh	1972
Ron Delany	1956, 1960	Glenn Bogue	1976
Charles Jenkins	1956	Dick Buerkle	1976, 1980
Phil Reavis	1956	Eamonn Coghlan	1976, 1980, 1984, 1988
Don Bragg	1960	Don Paige	1980
Alex Breckenridge	1960	Sydney Maree	1984, 1988
Frank Budd	1960	John Marshall	1984
Noel Carroll	1964, 1968	Marcus O'Sullivan	1984, 1988, 1992, 1996
Rolando Cruz	1964	Gerry O'Reilly	1988
Paul Drayton	1964	Charles Jenkins, Jr.	1992
Vic Zwolak	1964		
Erv Hall	1968		
Larry James	1968		
Marty Liquori	1968		

ABOUT VILLANOVA IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- Villanova has had 28 male track and field Olympians who have combined to appear in 40 Olympiads in 54 events
- Villanovans have won 10 Olympic medals, including seven Gold Medals and three Silver Medals.
- Villanova's gold medalists are: Ron Delany (1500m, 1956 Melbourne Games), Charlie Jenkins (400m and 1600m relay, 1956 Melbourne Games), Don Bragg (pole vault, 1960 Rome Games), Paul Drayton (400m relay, 1964 Tokyo Games), Larry James (1600m relay, 1968 Mexico Games), and Chip Jenkins (1600m relay 1992 Barcelona Games).
- Villanova's silver medalists are: Paul Drayton (200m, 1964 Tokyo Games), Larry James (400m 1968 Mexico Games), and Erv Hall (110m hurdles, 1968 Mexico Games).
- When Larry James won his silver medal in the 400m in 1968, it took a world record-setting performance to beat him. In fact, James' time of 43.97 was not only the second fastest ever run at that time, but remained the second-fastest time in the world for the next 20 years.
- George Guida and Browning Ross were members of the 1948 United States Olympic Team. While at the London Games, they became friends with Ireland's Jimmy Reardon, who eventually became the first of 25 Irish runners to compete for Villanova, thus starting the Irish Pipeline.
- J.E. O'Connell was Villanova's first Olympian at the 1908 London Olympic Games.



(Left to Right) Alex Breckenridge (1960) and Ron Delaney (1956, 1960) were two of the Wildcats who participated in the Olympic Games.

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RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

In 1995, the Villanova University Athletic Department began the annual tradition of honoring former Wildcat track & field standouts. Each year, a select number of former Wildcat greats is brought back for a weekend on the Main Line, helping alumni and current students to relive the glory days of Villanova track & field.

OCTOBER 7, 1995

Don Bragg	1955-57
Frank Budd	1960-62
Ron Delany	1956-58
Paul Drayton	1960-62
James "Jumbo" Elliott	1933-35
	coach 1935-81
Larry James	1969-70
Charlie Jenkins	1955-57



Don Paige

NOVEMBER 2, 1996

Ed Collymore	1957-59
Rolando Cruz	1961-64
Erv Hall	1967-69
Sydney Maree	1979-81
Dave Patrick	1965-68

OCTOBER 4, 1997

Eamonn Coghlan	1973-76
Marty Liquori	1969-72
Don Paige	1978-80
Phil Reavis	1956-58
Browning Ross	1946-48
Vic Zwolak	1962-64



Dick Buerkle

Sept. 26, 1998

Dick Buerkle	1967-70
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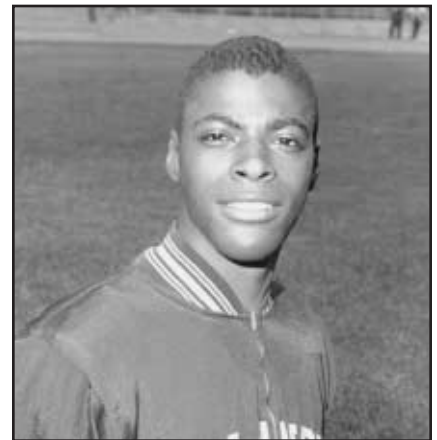
1957 Team

Sept. 8, 2001

Jim Tuppeny
Jack Pyrah



On Sept. 8, 2001, Jack Pyrah was inducted into the Villanova Wall of Fame.



Erv Hall was one of five former Wildcats to join the Wall of Fame in 1996.



Frank Budd was one of the first inductees to the Wall of Fame in its inaugural year in 1995.



Jumbo Elliott and Jim Tuppeny (both pictured in the team photo above) were inducted into the Wall of Fame in 1995 and 2001 respectively

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IRISH PIPELINE/SUB-4:00 MILES



Phil Kane ran 14 sub-4:00 miles, including a personal best 3:55.87 on July 3, 1979.

At the 1948 London Olympic Games, Villanova University track standouts George Guida and Browning Ross were members of the U.S Olympic squad. While participating in the games, Guida and Ross became friends with Jimmy Reardon, a quarter-miler on the Irish Olympic team. Reardon's friendship with the two Wildcats eventually led Villanova head track coach James "Jumbo" Elliott to offer Reardon a track scholarship at Villanova.

From such a modest beginning 54 years ago, 26 talented Irish men and Irish women have made the trip over to Villanova's Main Line campus. Alumni of Villanova's "Irish Pipeline" include such world-renowned and accomplished track athletes as current indoor mile world record holder Eamonn Coghlan, legendary miler Ron Delany, Marcus O'Sullivan, and distance greats like John Hartnett and Noel Carroll, among others.

IRISH TRACK ATHLETES AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, 1948-1997

Jimmy Reardon ('53), quarter-mile
 Cummin Clancy ('53), discus
 John Joe Barry ('53), mile
 Ron Delany ('58), mile
 Noel Carroll ('65), middle distances
 Ian Hamilton ('68), distances
 Frank Murphy ('69), middle distances
 Desmond McCormack ('70), steeplechase
 Donal Walsh ('72), distances
 John Hartnett ('74), distances
 Tom Gregan ('75), mile
 Eamonn Coghlan ('76), mile
 John Hunter ('81), middle distances
 Brian O'Keeffe ('84), distances
 Marcus O'Sullivan ('84), mile
 Anthony O'Reilly ('86), distances
 Sean O'Neill ('87), middle distances
 Gerry O'Reilly ('87), distances
 Olive Burke ('88)
 Paul O'Regan ('90), middle distance
 Aidan O'Regan ('91), middle distance
 Sonia O'Sullivan ('91)
 Emer Malloy ('95)
 Ken Nason ('95), middle distance
 Paul Carroll ('99), middle distance
 Geraldine McCarthy (2001)

SUB-4:00 MILERS

BEST TIMES AND TOTALS AS OF Oct. 1, 2000

ATHLETE	MILE	DATE	NO.	1500M	DATE	NO.
1. Sydney Maree ('81)	3:48.83	9/9/81	51	3:29.77+	8/25/85	46
2. Eamonn Coghlan ('76)	3:49.78x	1/27/83	75	3:35.6x	2/20/81	26
3. Marcus O'Sullivan ('84)	3:50.96	2/14/87	101	3:34.57	5/20/92	83
4. Marty Liquori ('71)	3:52.2	5/17/75	26	3:36.0	6/30/71	19
5. Don Paige ('80)	3:54.19	5/9/82	10	3:37.33	6/17/79	6
6. Adrian Blincoe ('03)	3:54.4	9/7/03	2	3:36	6/9/01	1
7. Gerry O'Reilly ('87)	3:54.63	6/14/86	7	3:37.40	7/10/87	5
8. Dick Buerkle ('70)	3:54.93x	1/13/78	6	3:39.8	1/13/78	5
9. John Hartnett ('74)	3:54.7	6/21/73	4	3:38.1	6/22/74	4
10. Ross Donoghue ('82)	3:55.29	5/13/84	8	3:36.95	4/28/84	4
11. Phil Kane ('77)	3:55.87	7/3/79	14	3:39.1	7/6/78	23
12. Dave Patrick ('68)	3:56.8	6/1/68	3	3:39.9	6/15/68	1
13. Mark Belger ('78)	3:57.4	4/16/80	5	3:39.3	8/19/79	2
14. Ron Delany ('58)	3:57.5	8/6/58	3	3:41.2	12/1/56	1
15. Frank Murphy ('69)	3:58.1	6/7/69	3	3:38.5	6/14/72	6
16. Ryan Hayden	3:58.27	5/18/02	1			
17. Stephen Howard ('97)	3:58.8	5/14/97	1			
18. Amos Korir ('81)	3:59.3	1/12/79	2			
19. John Keyworth ('86)	3:59.43	7/14/84	1	3:41.78	5/11/85	2
20. Pat Traynor ('63)	3:59.6	8/10/68	1			
21. Chris Mason ('71)	3:59.9	5/30/70	1			
22. Ken Nason ('95)	3:58.91	4/1/95	1	3:41.24	6/2/95	2
23. Louie Quintana ('95)				3:40.37	5/23/93	4
24. Sean O'Neill ('87)				3:38.86	5/30/87	3
25. Ken Schappert ('75)				3:42.0	4/24/76	1
26. Jan Friedli ('90)				3:42.08	5/28/88	1
27. Dean Childs ('76)				3:42.1	7/4/78	1

Totals Sub-4:00 Miles—323; Sub-3:42.2 1500m—231

+Current American Record

*Current World Record indoors

xWorld Record performance indoors

NOTES: Cutoff time for 1500-meters is 3:42.2. The mile/1500m time listed is that athlete's personal best in the event, with the date of the performance; the number indicates how many times the athlete has recorded a sub 4:00 or sub 3:42.2 performance in his career...Ranked by fastest mile time, career.



Gerry O'Reilly



John Hartnett

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REV. EDMUND J. DOBBIN, O.S.A.



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

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

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

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

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

A Superior Student Body

Over 10,000 students, including approximately 6,500 full-time undergraduates, from every state in the nation and nearly 50 foreign countries, are pursuing their education at Villanova. Of those students accepted for enrollment each year, more than 100 are invited to participate in the University's prestigious Honors Program, and 44 percent of Villanova's incoming first-year students rank in the top 10 percentile of their high school class.

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

Distinguished Faculty

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

A Fellow Alumnus

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

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

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