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Alumnae E-News

Save the Date!

**Plan to join us for the
Annual Alumnae Brunch on
Sunday March 12, 2023, 1-3 pm**

The brunch will be held prior to the Sunday performance
of the Villa musical

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

directed by Villa grad Kimberly Trasatti Topper '05.

RSVP to Devin Butchko '10 at 609-540-0094 (call or text)
or email Devin [here](#).

(Here's a photo from the 2022 brunch
when some Seussical cast members
stopped in to say hello to the Villa alumnae).



Villa girls together for the holidays!

First photo: Villa grad Arielle Giegerich '98 (center) and sister Alexa Giegerich (8th grade VVA grad) gather with their mom Grace Egan and their families at Christmas.

Second photo: Villa grads Leigh Machion '21, Kate DeHaven '20, Brianna Palmer '19 and Mary Zsolway '18 show off their new VILLA scarves at Peddler's Village.





The Katherine Albe Shaftel '98 Memorial Scholarship

The Villa Class of 1998 is establishing a scholarship in loving memory of their classmate and friend Katherine Albe Shaftel. This scholarship will be given to a young woman who gives back to her community through contributions in volunteering, fine arts, leadership, mentorship or being a good friend and ally to those in need. One award will be given per year.

Kate was an actress and singer at VVA and then graduated from Westminster Choir College, where she earned a BA in Music and sang under the batons of some of the greatest conductors of our time. In her career, she was an award-winning fine-arts fundraiser who was essential to the ongoing transformation of the Ohio University College of Fine Arts. Prior to that she helped alumni and friends to make positive change as a fundraiser at Westminster Choir College and the American Boychoir School in Princeton, New Jersey. During her lifetime she raised over \$15 million to support the arts.

Kate's life was short but left the world a better place. Her actions and presence filled the world with more light, love, and empathy. She is pictured below with her daughter Elena.

To contribute to this scholarship fund you can click on the online link below or send a check to VVA (address is 376. W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628 and indicate in the memo line Kate Albe Shaftel Scholarship). For more information contact the Villa class rep from 1998 [here](#).



Have you made your 2022-23 gift to the Villa Annual Fund?

Thanks to all who have already donated
to the 2022-23 VVA Annual Fund. We appreciate it!

All gifts must be received by June 30, 2023 to be counted for this
Annual Fund year.

Read last year's Annual Report online also!

[Make an online donation](#)

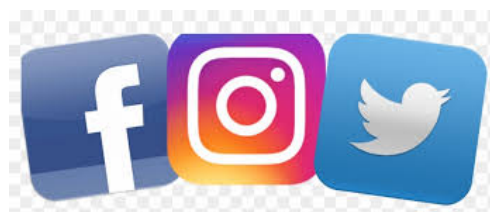
[2021-22 Annual Report](#)

Villa Girls from the classes of 2019,
2020, 2021 and 2022:
Did you pick up your Villa yearbook?

If you did not please email
[Mrs. White](#) to schedule a pick-up time.



Alumnae-share your update now!



Connect with us!

Would you like to be the Villa Rep for your class? Email Colleen White [here](#). We need you! Thank you to those who have already responded. We will soon be publishing our list of reps so sign on now.

Would you like to connect with your fellow Villa girls? Join our LinkedIn page [here](#).

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The Villa Alumnae E-newsletter is produced twice per month during the school year and once per month in the summer for Villa alumnae, alumnae parents, current students, and other friends of Villa Victoria Academy. Any corrections, questions or news should be sent to cwhite@villavictoria.org.

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