



VILLA VICTORIA  
ACADEMY

# Alumnae E-News Volume 97 May 2023

**Villa Welcomes our Spring  
Alumnae Speaker  
Dr. Poppy McLeod '75!**



Poppy will speak to the Villa students on  
Friday, May 19, 2023 in the VVA Theatre.

All are welcome!

If you wish to attend, please use the main school doors and sign in.  
Please arrive by 1:40 pm.

**Education:**

Villa Victoria Academy, 1975

B.S. in Psychology from Syracuse University, 1979

M.A. and Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Harvard University, 1985

**Current Job:**

Full Professor, Department of Communication, Cornell University

**Honors and Career Highlights:**

Faculty at the following schools prior to her current position: faculty of the University of Michigan Business School (now the Ross School), the University of Iowa College of Business (now the Tippie School) and the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University.

Teaching honors received at Cornell: SUNY Chancellor's award for teaching excellence; College of Agriculture and Life Sciences award for innovation in teaching, the Stephen H. Weiss Senior Fellows award for teaching excellence. the Kenneth J. Bissett '89 Senior Professor in recognition of service as the Department Chair for the Department of Communication.

**Growing up:**

Poppy grew up in Trenton, NJ. Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, she attended Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd school (now closed), and then transferred to Villa. Poppy's sister, Aleta (VVA class of 1977) is also a VVA graduate.

**Favorite Villa Memory-in Poppy's own words:**

It's hard to choose just one. I loved being in the choir, especially the spring recitals and our visits to nursing homes. I loved being involved in forensics – the experience of public speaking gave me the foundation to be a confident and clear communicator in my classes.

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## Tickets now on sale for Villa's Bag Bingo

### Here are all the details!

- Tickets are \$35 each. Includes 10 rounds of bag bingo, coffee and dessert and one sheet of Tier I tickets.
- 50/50 that night.
- Over 30 great baskets too.
- LENOX silent auction.
- Bring your own food and drink. (No alcohol per state law).
- Over 18 years of age only. (Per state law)
- Tickets on sale now. Two ways to purchase! 1. Click on the button below. Once on that page, navigate to the **events** section. The link to purchase tickets is there. Pay with a credit card, debit card or PayPal. 2. Use the printable order form below and send in cash

or check to Villa Victoria Academy.

- Questions? Email [cwhite@villavictoria.org](mailto:cwhite@villavictoria.org) or call 609-882-1700 ext. 419 or respond to this email directly.

[Link to buy tickets](#)

[Order Form](#)



Don't miss this!



# DESIGNER BAG BINGO



Friday, June 23, 2023

6 - 10:00 PM

Villa Victoria Academy Gym

376 West Upper Ferry Road

Ewing, NJ 08628

**Tickets now on sale! Go here and then click on EVENTS.**  
**<https://villavictoria.org/giving/>**



## Villa is hiring!

The Villa Admissions Office is seeking a part-time Admissions Recruiter to assist in the Admissions office. More information can be found here.

[Visit our Employment Page](#)

# Villa Grad Performs in NYC Opera

Kate Jones, a 2022 graduate of VVA, recently performed in Manhattan School of Music's opera *The Cunning Little Vixen*, Music and Libretto by Leoš Janáček. Kate is a first year student at Manhattan School of Music.

Photo credit to:

[Brian Hatton Photography](#)





**Time to get ready for our  
Spring Giving Campaign!**

**STRONG PAST, STRONG FUTURE**

Mark your calendars for May 11 and 12

(Saint Lucy Day)  
and get ready to give back to VVA!



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## **We need Class Reps!**

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.

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hey villa grads!  
do you have an update?  
wedding?  
job promotion?  
new baby?  
fill out the form below.

We would love to hear from  
you!



Alumnae-share your update now!



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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](mailto:cwhite@villavictoria.org).

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