



VILLA VICTORIA  
ACADEMY

# Alumnae E-News

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### VVA Alum Leading Tech Event

Tricia Bitetto '04 manages Venture Café Cambridge, New England's largest weekly tech networking event. Under her leadership, attendance has grown by 40%, with 450 weekly participants and 20,000+ annually. She curates 300+ speakers across sectors and recently featured fellow alumna Alicia Froio '08.

Tricia is also involved with other exciting projects!

She serves on the South by Southwest (SXSW) Pitch 2026 Advisory Board. For this she is working on the startup pitch portion of the SXSW conference/festival. She will be reading 75-100 pitch decks to help vet applications for the 25 in-person spots for the event in March 2026.

She is also part of the TEDxHarvard Square 2026 Curation Team, which is choosing speakers for the annual local TED event happening in February 2026.

Tricia has spoken at MIT, the U.S. Consulate of the DRC, and Startup Boston Week. Find Tricia on LinkedIn and mention Villa Victoria.

Photo 1: Tricia Bitetto

Photo 2 and 3: Photos of Venture Café Cambridge.





## New Baby!

Mary Beth Royal Smith '11 and her husband Evan welcomed their son Royal Michael Smith (his nickname is Rory) on June 26, 2025. Mary Beth reports that he is the sweetest baby, and they are over the moon in love!

Mary Beth was our VVA Young Alum Speaker in May 2024. If you are interested in being considered as a future Young Alum Speaker please email [here](#).





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## **VVA Alum named to University Honors Program**

Kutztown University has announced that 351 students will be part of the university's Honors Program in 2025-2026, including Emilie Asch '25 of Browns Mills, New Jersey.

The Honors Program at Kutztown University provides high-achieving students with opportunities to engage in scholarship, leadership and service. The program, which is undergraduate in nature and open to full-time students, is comprised of a minimum of 21 credits in Honors courses including a senior Honors capstone project. The 21 Honors credits count toward the students' minimum of 120 credits that are regularly required for graduation. Honors students select specially designed Honors courses, course-by-contracts, independent studies and internships to earn Honors credit. Students are also required to complete 30 hours of community service before graduation.





# **Rest in Peace Villa Girl**

## **Marion Pasquito DiFilippo '60**

Marion was a "lifer" who was always proud of her association with Villa Victoria Academy. The following quote from her obituary supports this:

"Marion was very proud to start at The Villa Victoria Academy at the age of 4 ½. She was at the academy for 14 years before graduating."



**[Read Marion's obituary here](#)**

# RSVP for Alumnae Basketball Game

## Alumnae and VVA Varsity Team Up Again!

All Villa grads are invited to RSVP (choose your best date!) for the annual Alumnae Basketball Game in December.

Questions? Email Mary Zsolway [here](#).



## Alumnae Game Interest Form

## Class of 2024 and Class of 2025 Yearbooks

VVA graduates from the Class of 2024 and 2025 are encouraged to contact the Development Office to pick up your senior yearbook. If you are from the Classes of 2019-2023 in need of your yearbook from senior year, please also contact us. Please call 609-882-1700 ext. 419 or email [here](#).





## **We are kicking off our our Annual Fund Year!**

Our new VVA Annual Fund year has begun. Be on the lookout for our easy online Fall Giving Days in October, or get a jump start on the year and make your gift now!

Help us to continue to provide a fantastic experience for today's young women entrusted to us. Thank you for your support.

Our Annual Report and Donor List for the 2024-2025 Annual Fund Year will



be out later this fall.

**Make your gift  
today!**

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## **VVA Job Postings**

Villa Victoria Academy is currently seeking teachers in the following subject areas for the 2025-2026 school year. Resumes will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Math  
Science  
History

Resumes and cover letters can be sent to  
School Principal [Sr. Lesley](#)

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## **A Special and Fun Night! Villa Night at the Races**

Villa Victoria Academy Parent Alliance is excited to announce the date for the annual Night at the Races. The fundraiser will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025 in the dining hall from 7-10 pm.

This is an over 21 event. Bring your own food and drink.

Tickets (\$20), race sponsorships (\$100) and horse sponsorships (\$20 or three for \$50) go on sale soon.  
This show is a benefit for VVA Parent Alliance.

If you have a business and would like to donate a gift card or a gift basket to the event please contact us [here](#).

# NIGHT AT THE RACES

Save the date! It's time to get ready for a fun, over 21 event at VVA! Join us to "watch the races" and win betting bucks to use on raffle baskets. Tickets (\$20) & sponsorships on sale soon! 10 race and 100 horse sponsorships will be available too and you can name your horse!



**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 7, 2025**



**7:00 PM TO  
10:00 PM**



**VVA DINING HALL  
376 W. Upper Ferry Rd, Ewing**

TICKETS  
**\$20**



**Watch a video clip here from last year!**



**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!**





**Share your update  
here!**

## Connect on LinkedIn

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

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