VILLA VICTORIA

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2025-2026 Annual Report of Giving



Our Mission Statement: *The mission of Villa Victoria Academy, consistent with the Catholic vision of the Religious Teachers Filippini, is to respect the inherent dignity of each individual, to educate the whole person, and to empower young women to reach their full potential and influence the world in a truly Christian manner.*

President's Message



"We are deeply grateful for those who have supported the Villa mission throughout the past year."

Dear Villa Victoria Family,

Thank you to our Villa Victoria Academy Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, parents, grandparents, alumnae, students, faculty, and staff who helped make the 2025–2026 school year such a wonderful year for our school.

For generations, Villa Victoria Academy has had the privilege of educating young women and helping them grow in faith, knowledge, confidence, and service. Because of the generosity and commitment of so many members of our Villa family, young women have been given the opportunity to receive a Villa education and prepare for their futures. We are deeply grateful for those who have supported the Villa mission throughout the past year.

Now, more than ever, your support is needed so that we can welcome and educate future generations of young women. Whether through your prayers, your time, your talents, or your financial support, each of us has a role in ensuring that the Villa tradition continues.

Please take a look at our calendar of activities for the year and join us in the theater, on the field, or at an event. If you would like to visit, please call the Development Office at VVA. We are always happy to welcome you here.

Please know that you and your family remain always in the prayers of the Religious Teachers Filippini. God bless you, and thank you for the support you continue to show to Villa Victoria Academy.

Together in Christ,

Sr. Lillian Harrington, MPF,
President



Sr. Lillian at VVA graduation 2026

Principal's Message



"At VVA, every member of our community is known, cherished, and valued."

Dear VVA Family,

As we look back on the 2025–2026 school year, we are filled with gratitude for the many ways our VVA community has grown, celebrated, and supported one another. Our theme from Isaiah 43:1, "**I have called you by name and you are Mine**," has been a beautiful reminder of who we are. At VVA, every member of our community is known, cherished, and valued.

We believe God has a purpose for everyone, and we are committed to helping each student discover that purpose by identifying, nurturing, and growing each one's unique gifts and talents. This year, those gifts were evident throughout our school—in classrooms, on athletic fields, in competitions, and on stage.

We are especially proud of the **Class of 2026, which achieved 100% acceptance to higher education and earned more than $5 million in scholarship awards**. Our partnership with The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) also expanded academic opportunities through dual enrollment connected to our offering of Advanced Placement courses.

Perhaps most importantly, this year reminded us that VVA is a community that cares. In times of joy and in times of grief, we come together to celebrate, support, comfort, and care for one another.

We give thanks to our faculty and staff, students, and parents for their presence in a community where each person is known by name, cherished, and encouraged to discover and share the gifts God has graciously bestowed.

With gratitude,

Sr. Lesley Draper, MSF

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Principal



Villa Alumnae Induction 2026

Villa Awards



We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and the dedicated educators who guide and support them.

Special congratulations to Mrs. Ann Conway-Konzelman and the 2025–2026 Villa Victoria Academy Advanced Math Team for earning first place nationally in the Catholic Math League's Advanced Math Division 2. The team competed against 42 schools and 675 students from across the league.

Each team member devoted significant time, effort, and dedication to achieving this outstanding result. In recognition of their accomplishments, team members received merit pins, certificates, and recognition for their individual placements in the Villa Victoria competition and the league.

Individual accomplishments included: **Katerine Sosa '26** — fourth place at Villa Victoria and tied for ninth place in the league. **Madelyn McNair '26** — third place at Villa Victoria and tied for seventh place in the league. **Gabriela Fitzpatrick '26** — second place at Villa Victoria and tied for fifth place in the league. **Amy Perez '26** — (pictured above) first place at Villa Victoria, first place in the Advanced Math Division 2, and Catholic Math League Advanced Math National Champion. Congratulations to the entire Villa Victoria Advanced Math Team on these remarkable achievements!

We also congratulate Ms. Cindy Smith and our Varsity Bowling Team for earning first place in the Penn-Jersey Athletic League. The team competed in a league consisting of 27 schools from PA and NJ.

These accomplishments reflect the hard work, commitment, and excellence of our students, coaches, teachers, and the entire Villa Victoria community. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved!

Coach Conway Konzelman with Math Team



Coach Smith with Bowling Team



VVA-TV

Thanks to the generosity of a Villa family (Class of 2022) and the VVA Class of 1963, Villa has created a long-hoped-for space for students: VVA TV and the Villa TV Studio. Built in a classroom adjoining video and audio control rooms, the studio provides real-world, professional-level industry education both in front of and behind the camera.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday morning, the student TV crew produces a Morning News program with daily prayers and announcements. High school students can audition to be on-air broadcasters for the news, weather, and sports, while our school peer minister leads the prayer. Examples of these broadcasts are available on Villa's YouTube channel.

The studio features overhead lighting, a monochrome backdrop, a sound-deadening floor, and a news desk with two mounted microphones. Production equipment includes two 4K-capable cameras on wheeled tripods. The video control room houses four wall-mounted monitors and graphics computers for text overlays. The audio control room features a multi-input audio mixer which controls the studio microphones, and shares pre-recorded video, audio, and music.

Long-term, Villa plans to run cables to the theater and gym. This will allow students to record performances and sporting events, expanding their production experiences to include sports play-by-play and color commentary.

All members of the Villa community are welcome to schedule a tour of this exciting new addition to the Villa experience!

On air interview in the studio



Audio control room



School Highlights

Villa Victoria Academy had a fun, successful and productive 2025-2026 school year for its students. From the first day of school until the last, Villa provided its girls with not only a rigorous education, but also exciting events, retreats and spiritual activities, opportunities for growth, sports competitions and bonding experiences with their fellow Villa sisters. These activities included the following:

FALL EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals • Villa Talent Show • Freshman Induction and Villa Blazer Presentation • Halloween Costume Competition • Senior Sunrise • Class Spirit Points Competition • National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Reception • Fall Alumnae Speaker Series • Friendsgiving Lunch • Fall Green Thumbs Club

WINTER EVENTS

Winter Concert, including the Hallelujah Chorus with the Dad Choir and Alumnae • Secret Santa Party and Christmas Breakfast Party • Junior Ring Ceremony • Singing at the Super 50/50 Raffle • Catholic Schools Week Activities and Mass • Winter Ball • Advent Prayer Service • Tree and Nativity Lighting Ceremony • Alumnae and Varsity Basketball Game • Christmas Karaoke

SPRING EVENTS

Annual Musical: The Wizard of Oz • Spring Concert • Spirit Week and Karaoke Contest • Spring Alumnae Speaker Series • Living Stations of the Cross presented by the Junior Class • Cultural Day • Senior College Signing Ceremony • Students Singing at Trenton Thunder Game • May Crowning • Junior/Senior Prom • Senior Lunch and Field Trip • Annual Senior Retreat at the Beach • Senior Run • Spring Green Thumbs Club • Spring Drama Night • Alumnae Induction and Tree Planting

MONTHLY EVENTS

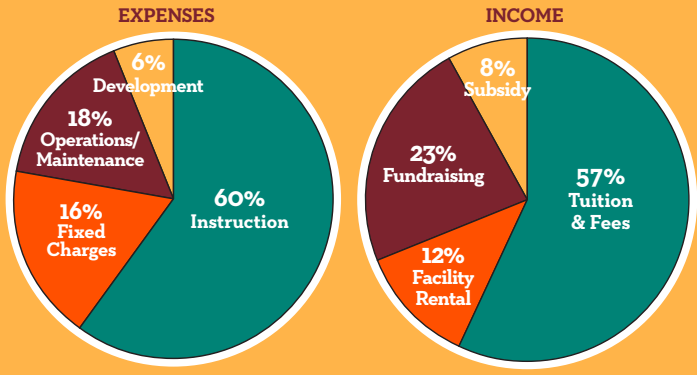
Wildflowers Cafe • PB&J Service Project • Virtual Rosary

Donor Page

Villa Victoria Academy thanks everyone who supported our school financially during the 2025–2026 school year. Because tuition does not cover the full cost of educating each student, the Villa Annual Fund helps bridge the gap.

Generous support came from alumnae, alumnae parents, faculty and staff, current parents, Filippini sisters and Board members. Throughout the year, we held two mini-giving campaigns: **Giving Thanks** in the fall and **Every Girl Counts** in the spring. We also celebrated **Giving Tuesday** on December 2, 2025. Villa Victoria received over $175,000 in Annual Fund gifts in the 2025-2026 school year.

Financial Summary 2025-2026



Special thanks go to our Board members and Filippini sisters who contacted past donors during the spring. Their calls and notes helped remind our community to remember Villa when making charitable gifts. It takes a Villa!

Click on the QR code on this page to go to Villa's Giving and Events page. Once on the page scroll down to click on a full copy of the Villa Annual Report which includes a listing of all donors to our Villa Victoria Annual Fund Campaign. You can also access the donor list at https://villavictoria.org/giving/.

Colleen White,

Director of Admissions and Development

Parent Alliance Activities



The 2025–2026 school year was another wonderful year for the Villa Victoria Academy Parent Alliance. Throughout the year, our parents and families came together to support our school, strengthen our community, and create memorable experiences for our students.

Our annual fundraisers, including Night at the Races and Bag Bingo, were once again highlights of the year. These events were not only successful fundraisers for Villa, but also great opportunities for parents, families, and friends to come together, have fun, and support our school community.

The Parent Alliance was also proud to help organize and support many of the traditions and activities that make Villa such a special place. Events such as our Back-to-School Social and Christmas Tree Lighting gave our families opportunities to connect outside of the classroom and celebrate together. Our volunteers also continued to give their time through service efforts such as Green Thumbs, helping to keep our campus looking beautiful and welcoming throughout the year.

None of these events or activities would be possible without the many parents and volunteers who generously give their time, ideas, talents, and support. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended an event, volunteered, donated, helped behind the scenes, or supported the Parent Alliance in any way.

Thank you to our parents, faculty, staff, students, and the entire Villa Victoria community for making 2025–2026 such a successful and enjoyable year. We look forward to continuing to build on these traditions and creating even more great memories together.

David Bailey,
President



Guests at Night at the Races

Alumnae Speaker Series

For the 10th year, Villa Victoria Academy hosted the Alumnae Speaker Series for the VVA student body. Each year, the Villa Board of Directors selects two graduates to speak to the students about how Villa benefited them and also to introduce students to a wide range of career opportunities. Victoria Woolfolk ’13 was the Fall speaker and Elise Stankus ’21 was the Spring speaker.

Victoria is the Renewal Sales Operations Manager at CheckPoint Software Technologies. She holds an MBA in International Business and Marketing from Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Business Administration (dual majors). Victoria serves as the Vice President of the Trenton Torch Club and the Treasurer of the International Torch Foundation. She also serves as the Pearl Institute Committee Chairman of the Epsilon Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. She spends her free time exploring new destinations, immersing herself in literature, and contributing to causes that promote education and community development.

Elise is a teacher in the English department at Villa Victoria and the moderator of the school’s Creative Writing Club. In addition, she is a graduate student at Rosemont College working towards her MFA in Creative Writing, with a focus on long-form fiction (degree expected December 2026). She graduated from Rosemont College with her Bachelor’s in English. Over the years she has worked as a freelance writer, journalist, social services intern, and as a gardener on a local organic flower farm. Through her involvement in the Synod on Synodality as a representative of Catholic colleges in the Philadelphia area, Elise had the privilege to travel on pilgrimage to Rome in 2023 and 2024, and continues to work towards creating and building collaborative communities for young adults in the Catholic Church.

Victoria with Student Council officers



Elise with her former teachers



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Flag bearers at VVA graduation

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