

Villanova on The Hill

Fall 2019 Cohort



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Villanova on the Hill

October 13-18, 2019

Villanova on The Hill, now in its third year, offers students a week-long immersive experience that explores all aspects of the policy-making and political ecosystem of Washington, D.C., and how individuals from a variety of backgrounds, and in a broad range of professions, make it work. The theme is **Finding Common Ground? Moving from Policy Gridlock to Discovering Policy Solutions.**

Guided by a team of highly-placed alumni, including members of the Villanova Public Policy Advisory Council, students will visit and interview Villanova alumni and friends who are **influential lawmakers, public policy advocates, lobbyists, think tank analysts, media professionals and federal agency representatives.** Each day of the program will allow students to explore a different aspect of the Washington, D.C., ecosystem with a focus on effective problem-solving.

Twelve students from across the University went through a **competitive application process** and were selected to serve as the 2019 cohort for Villanova on The Hill. They represent undergraduate and graduate students from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies.

Students prepare extensively for each visit by researching the people and organizations involved, prepping their cohort members and introducing the organization to the full group. Throughout the week, an industry advisor from **Villanova's Career Center** coaches students on how to present themselves and maximize their contacts for career or internship opportunities.

A special highlight of the week—and an important networking opportunity for the students—is a **reception that unites the Villanova D.C. community of alumni, parents and friends** for an evening with University Provost Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, and Adele Lindenmeyr, PhD, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. **The reception is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, with keynote speaker Carl Hulse, Chief Washington Correspondent at The New York Times.**

By the end of the week, students will have a clear grasp on how to forge a path toward a meaningful career in Washington, D.C., combined with a network of Villanova alumni contacts. They will also be armed with a powerful framework and specific skills on how to craft policy solutions.

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