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### **Panel Discussion on Digital Currency Educates Villanova Students, Enthusiasts**

PHILADELPHIA — A dynamic conversation about the future of digital currency took place at the Villanova School of Business on Thursday night, drawing students from the “Bitcoin & Cryptocurrency Club,” among other spectators. The hour-long event featured a panel of experts discussing emerging developments in the world of cryptocurrency and the evolving regulatory landscape, as well as the latest trends impacting enthusiasts and entrepreneurs alike.

Moderated by PA Blockchain Coalition Founder Dominic Folino, the panel featured Charles Scrimalli, Associate at Bull Blockchain Law, and New Jersey Innovation & Technology Alliance Executive Director Carlos Ivan Merino.

“Clear, forward-thinking regulations are essential for fostering innovation while ensuring consumer protection with cryptocurrency,” said Scrimalli, emphasizing the need for regulatory clarity as federal lawmakers continue to grapple with the future of digital currency.

Merino highlighted the role of blockchain technology in transforming industries and fueling economic growth, noting that local businesses – especially in the tech and innovation sectors – are uniquely positioned to leverage these advancements. He also discussed the growing need for collaboration between the public and private sectors to create a supportive environment for blockchain-based ventures.

“The conversation around cryptocurrency and blockchain technology is no longer just a niche discussion,” said Merino, who also serves as Chapter President of New Jersey Stand with Crypto. “It’s becoming a mainstream topic with significant relevance to the future of business and technology.”

Folino noted the increasing importance of demystifying crypto. For the nation to remain competitive globally, federal lawmakers must support blockchain technologies with logical policies that foster their growth and innovation.

“The interest from students and professionals alike demonstrates the growing desire to engage with this transformative technology,” he said.

The event was well-attended by students. Spectators inquired about regulatory clarity and how digital assets are shaping the future of finance.

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