

New Student Orientation
Class of 2015
Thursday, September 1 – Monday, September 5, 2011

Items Highlighted Indicate Parent Programming Opportunities

Day 1 (Thursday, September 1)

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast in Serra Hall

All meals free for commuters throughout opening weekend

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Move-in to Residence Halls

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Vendor Fair: Lonnstrom Landing (Located between Serra Hall and the Sarazen Student Union; Rain Location: SSU Atrium)

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Health Services: Sarazen Student Union Del Grosso Marketplace

A representative from the Health Services Office will be available to accept student medical records. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities and the Center for Counseling and Student Development will also be available at this time in their Foy Hall Offices.

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Information and Technology Services: All first-year residence halls.

ITS staff will be stationed in all first-year residence halls throughout the move in process to assist with your computer and networking questions.

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Academic Resources

Academic Affairs offices will be open, and representatives will be available to meet with students and families to help address any last-minute questions about schedules and the upcoming academic year

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. SAINT Card Pictures: Hennepin Hall Main Lounge.

Come to the Hennepin Hall Main Lounge to take your Student I.D. picture, and receive your SAINT Card.

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. SAINT Card Office Open: Sarazen Student Union Del Grosso Marketplace

The SAINT Card Office will be open for students to ask any last-minute questions pertaining to their SAINT Card.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch in Serra Hall

12:00 p.m. Transfer Orientation Begins

3:00 p.m. Introduction to Academic Affairs: Sarazen Student Union 240-243

Parents!! Join Peter Ellard, PhD, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs to discuss your student's academic life, and academic expectations while at Siena.

3:00 p.m. Alumni Photo for New Students of Siena College Graduates: Standish Library

If one of your parents is an alumni of Siena please congregate in front of the J. Spencer and Patricia Standish Library to pose for our Students of Siena Alumni photo.

4:15 p.m. Conversation with Parents of Commuter Students: Sarazen Student Union 240-243

Parents!! Join Camille Girardi-Levy, Director of Academic Advising for a discussion about your student's transition to Siena's academic experience.

5:30 p.m. Opening Liturgy – Alumni Recreation Complex (ARC)

Fr. Kevin Mullen, OFM, President, will preside over the liturgy officially welcoming the Class of 2015, transfer students and their families. A special blessing and remembrance for students and families will be part of the celebration. All are welcome!

6:30 p.m. Cookout for Parents and Students – Academic Quad - Giffy's BBQ

Following the liturgy, enjoy a meal and meet other parents of the Class of 2015.

7:45 p.m. Students and Families Say Good-bye to each other

As schedules for parents and students will differ from this point, be sure to take this time to wish your students well.

**8:00 p.m. Meet the Resident Assistants and SAINTS on your wing
Commuter Student Meeting- Sarazen Student Union Rooms 240-243**

SAINTS Meetings with Small Groups (Outdoors with classroom rain locations)

This time will be spent with the upper-class mentor with whom you will work throughout the weekend to discuss the schedule, get to know one another, and ask any questions you may have.

9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Late Night Sarazen- Alumni Recreation Complex (ARC)

Meet up with your SAINT, and come to the ARC to see comic hypnotist Dan LaRosa. Members of the class of 2015 will take part in this show, and will have the opportunity to be hypnotized. Free snacks and drinks provided!

11:30 p.m. Late Night Desserts – Sarazen Student Union

Day 2 (Friday, September 2)

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast for Students in Serra Hall

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast for Parents - Marcelle Athletic Complex

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While you enjoy breakfast, Dr. Maryellen Gilroy, Vice President for Student Affairs, John Felio, Dean of Students, and Fr. Greg Jakubowicz, OFM, College Chaplain, will focus on the important role parents can play in supporting students to be successful and how to advocate for themselves. The panelists will also discuss how the Franciscan and Catholic traditions influence student life and learning at Siena.

Departure from Campus: 9:45 am. Make that last trip to the bookstore to purchase your Siena sticker for your vehicle!

All New Students

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Introduction to the Franciscan Tradition at Siena – Alumni Recreation Complex (ARC)

Join Fr. Greg Jakubowicz, Chaplain of Siena College, as he welcomes you to “The Good Life” at Siena and discusses our Franciscan life on campus.

10:15 a.m. Academic Rotations Begin: Please follow the schedules listed below

Ryan Hall, Commuter, and Transfer Students

10:15 a.m. “Surviving and Thriving in Your First Year at Siena”: Sarazen Student Union 240-243
Presented by Dr. Peter Ellard

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

11:15 a.m. “The Keys to Academic Success”: Alumni Recreation Complex (ARC)

Presented by Camille Girardi-Levy

Director of Academic Advising

Study Abroad Opportunities: ARC

Presented by Br. Brian Belanger, O.F.M.

Guardian of the Siena Friary and Director of International Programs

Plassmann Hall and Hines Hall

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12:15 p.m. Majors Meetings with Faculty

At this time, all students will have the opportunity to speak with faculty about their intended area of study and ask any last-minute questions before the start of the academic year. Meeting locations will be sent to your Siena e-mail, and distributed during orientation by the S.A.I.N.T.S.

1:00 p.m. Lunch with Faculty and Administrators - Serra Hall and New Residence Hall

2:15 p.m. “Crash” Viewing and Discussion Groups

All students will meet in their First year Seminar sections to watch the movie “Crash”. Meeting locations for each section will be sent to each students’ Siena e-mail account and distributed by the SAINTS.

4:15 – 5:00 Post-film Conversation

5:00 p.m. Dinner with the faculty - Serra Hall

Honors Fellows Meeting with Dr. Lois Daly – Serra Hall West Room

7:00 p.m. Small Group Meetings with SAINTS

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Late Night Sarazen: Team Trivia Night – Maloney Great Room, Sarazen Student Union

Organize a group of friends and come to the Maloney Great Room for a friendly competition to determine who knows the most about general knowledge, and Siena college facts. Great prizes are available! Free pizza, wings, and desserts will be served.

Day 3 (Saturday, September 3)

9:00 a.m. Breakfast - Serra Hall

10:15 a.m. Meet up with your SAINT and Small Group

Program Rotations: Please follow the Schedules Listed Below:

Hines Hall and Transfer Students:

10:30 a.m. Using the Library: Standish Library

Join the staff of the J. Spencer and Patricia Standish Library as they introduce you to many important resources you will need throughout your academic career at Siena College.

12:00 p.m. Speak Out and Stand Up – Various Classrooms (Room Assignments will be distributed by the SAINTS)

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1:00 p.m.: Lunch with SAINT Small Groups

Plassmann Hall and Hines Hall

2:30 p.m. Introduction to Student Leadership Opportunities and Campus Involvement – Alumni Recreation Complex

Siena's student leaders will introduce you to the endless opportunities for involvement on campus, and discuss the many clubs, organizations and activities at Siena.

3:45 p.m. Introduction to the Chaplain's Office and Franciscan Center for Service and Advocacy – Sarazen Student Union Rooms 240-243

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5:00 p.m. SAINT Small Groups

Join your SAINTS at this time for a walkthrough of the academic buildings, and to see where your classes are located. Be sure to bring a copy of your class schedule.

6:00 p.m. Class BBQ - Academic Quad

All member of the class of 2015 are invited to join the class for an evening of food, music, and fun on the academic quad. Put together teams, and compete in events including volleyball, kickball, and ultimate. Will one of the residence hall teams, or will the commuter student team be victorious?

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service - St. Mary of the Angels Chapel

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Join the Office of Residence Life, the Office of Campus Programs and Student Activities, the Resident

Advisors, Residence Hall Directors, and Commuter Council for a night of movies, video game tournaments, pool, and ping pong throughout the residence halls and the Sarazen Student Union. Also, be sure to stop by the Atrium of the Sarazen Student Union for free food samplings from local vendors.

Day 4 (Sunday, September 4)

9:00 a.m. Breakfast – Serra Hall

10:00 a.m. Programming Rotations Begin: Please follow the schedules listed below

Ryan Hall

10:00 a.m. Seeing You, Seeing Me – Alumni Recreation Complex

Join the SAINTS and nationally known speaker Signe Harriday as they guide you through an interactive workshop to enhance community and communication, and to discover how to live and work together.

11:45 a.m. Student Life Plays – Beaudoin Theatre

The members of Stage III, Siena's own student theatre group, present this series of vignettes to increase awareness of some of the situations you may face as a college student. A conversation with the Dean's Office to discuss community expectations will follow the performance.

1:30 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. Last Call – Sarazen Student Union Rooms 240-243

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5:00 p.m. Dinner with SAINTS

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass - St. Mary of the Angels Chapel

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.: Late Night Sarazen - Musical Showcase and Open Mic Night

Come to the Sarazen Student Union for a musical performance by artist Scott Krokoff. An open mic portion of the night will also allow the newest members of the Siena community to showcase their talent. Free coffee and desserts (including a chocolate fountain) will be provided throughout the night.

Day 5 (Monday, September 5)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast in Serra Hall

Off-Campus Excursions

All trips are **FREE**, and require pre-registration no later than August 19, 2011. A \$20.00 deposit (check written out to “Siena College”) is required to hold a space on each of the trips, with the exception of the Community Service Project. This deposit will be returned when students check in at the busses as they depart for the excursions. Any student who registers for an excursion must notify the Office of Campus Programs and Student Activities **no later than 48 hours prior to the departure time** if he/she will not attend. If notification is not received within this time frame, deposits will be forfeited.

White Water Rafting –North River, New York

Students who participate in White Water Rafting will enjoy a 17 mile trip of action packed adventure on Class II-III rapids through the Hudson River Gorge located inside the beautiful Adirondack Park. The participants will find this a challenging experience as they focus on the values of teamwork, leadership, diversity, communication and personal safety. Approximately halfway through the trip, you will break for a riverside lunch before completing the rest of the trip. Students will depart campus at 6:30 a.m., and return at approximately 7:00 p.m.. Buses depart campus from the parking lot in front of Siena Hall.

North Point Day Hike

Join professor of Economics Dr. Jim Booker, and Dean of Students John Felio on this point to point hike in the Catskills with stunning views of the Hudson Valley. This 5 mile hike along the famous Escarpment Trail is moderate in difficulty, and can be completed by hikers of any skill level. Lunch will be served on the trail. Please be sure to wear very sturdy shoes. Students depart campus at 8:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 3:00 p.m.. Buses depart campus from the parking lot in front of Siena Hall.

Six Flags Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom

Head off campus to Six Flags Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom for a day filled with rides, games, and water slides. Please be sure to bring a bathing suit and towel if you’re interested in using the water park. A

private barbeque will also be provided for Siena students in the park. Student will depart from campus at 9:30 a.m., and return at 4:00 p.m.. Buses depart campus from the parking lot in front of Siena Hall.

Outdoor Adventure and Aerial Park at Jiminy Peak Ski Resort

Spend a day at Jiminy Peak Ski Resort and experience great outdoor attractions including a rock climbing wall, the Alpine Slide, the Mountain Coaster, and a ski lift to the top of the mountain. For environmentalists, a tour of the mountain's wind turbine will be also available. In addition, use the Aerial Adventure park with zip lines, elevated challenge elements, and climbing elements. For those interested in using the Aerial Park, please be sure to indicate this on your registration form. Pre-registration for the Aerial Park is required. A barbeque will be provided at the mountain. Please wear sneakers or hiking boots. Students depart campus at 9:30 a.m., and return at approximately 3:00 p.m.. Buses depart campus from the parking lot in front of the Chapel.

Community Service Experience

As Siena's Catholic and Franciscan Tradition calls us to serve with our brothers and sisters, this volunteer experience will allow new students to give their time and energy to those local communities in need of assistance. Join Oscar Mayorga, the Director of the Damietta Cross Cultural Center for a day of service at the Emmaus House in Albany, New York. Participants will depart from campus at 9:30 a.m., and will return at 2:00 p.m.. Buses depart campus from the parking lot next to Foy Hall.

Shuttle Buses to Latham Farms and Crossgates Mall – Departs from the Parking Lot in front of Siena Hall (No sign ups required for this service. Show up in front of Siena Hall when you want a ride)

Need some last minute items for your Residence Hall Room? Want to see a movie? Need some groceries? Take advantage of this FREE shuttle service to local areas of interest.

Shuttles depart from Campus: 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Pick up Times:

Latham Farms (location: In front of Walmart): 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., and 5:15 pm..

Crossgates Mall (location: Outside Houlihan's Restaurant): 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:45 p.m., and 6:45 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Dinner in Serra Hall

Tuesday, September 6

Classes Begin

9:00 p.m. Mandatory Floor Meetings with your Resident Advisor.

Thursday, September 8

New Residence Hall Open House – Please be on the lookout for additional information and advertisements

7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social On the patio outside the Chapel
Sponsored by the Chaplain's Office

9:00 p.m. Student Events Board Coffeehouse (Maloney Great Room; Sarazen Student Union)

Open Mic Night!!! Come to the Maloney Great Room to show off your talents, and have a chance to win great prizes!

8:00 p.m. Student Events Board Movie Night - (Roger Bacon Room 202)

Please join the Student Events Board for their first showing of the year of Siena's FREE movie series. Free Movies are shown every Thursday, Friday, and Sunday night on campus. Free popcorn will be served.

Friday, September 9

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Mandatory group meeting with your Faculty Advisor

3:30 p.m. Student Senate Club Fair and Damietta Cross-Cultural Center Welcome BBQ – Academic Quad

Hosted by the Student Senate, the Office of Campus Programs and Student Activities, and the Damietta Cross-Cultural Center, this celebration of the start of the academic year will feature dance and musical performances by Siena students and local talent! Representatives from Siena's clubs and organizations will also be on hand to sign up new members. Dinner on the Quad will be provided by Sodexo.

Free Shuttles to the Crossgates Mall –Departs campus from the parking lot in front of Siena Hall

Departure Times: 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

Pick Up Times (location: Outside Houlihan's Restaurant): 8:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Student Events Board Movie Night - (Roger Bacon Room 202)

Saturday, September 10

Free Shuttles to the Crossgates Mall and Latham Farms –Departs campus from the parking lot in front of Siena Hall

Departure Times: 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. Last departure time that drops off at Latham Farms: 5:00 p.m.

Pick up at Latham Farms (Outside Walmart): 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20 p.m.**

** Last pick up time from Latham Farms: 6:20 p.m.

Pick up at Crossgates Mall (Outside Houlihan's Restaurant): 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:00 p.m.

8:00 – 12:00 a.m. Late Night Sarazen Casino Night – Sarazen Student Union

Come to the Sarazen Student Union Maloney Great Room for a night of Las Vegas at Siena. Play free games, have fun, and win great prizes! Free Pizza and Wings will be provided.

Sunday, September 11

6:00 p.m. Mass of the Holy Spirit
 St. Mary of the Angels Chapel

8:00 p.m. Student Events Board Movie Night - (Roger Bacon Room 202)