

AmeriCorps Education Awards and Siena Summer Scholars Program 2012

The Office of Academic Community Engagement can provide **an additional \$1132 AmeriCorps Segal Education Awards for qualified Summer Scholars**. If your Summer Scholar's project is connected to a community need and involves a partnership with a non-profit entity, your students may qualify. AmeriCorps Education awards are a unique tool available to us through our partnership with the Bonner Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). These awards offer us an opportunity to realize the potential for blending rigorous academic work and community engagement and thereby exemplify the Franciscan Tradition and Mission of the College. Awards also allow us to offer Siena Students needed economic assistance in what may be difficult economic times for some.

Students who complete 300 hours of qualified engagement will be eligible for a \$1132 Segal Education Award from CNCS. AmeriCorps Segal Education Awards may be used to pay qualified student loans or post-graduate higher education tuition. Many graduate and professional schools will match these awards in aid at the time of enrollment. If you believe that the Summer Scholar Project you have in mind may qualify, or you would like more information about the AmeriCorps Education Awards, please contact the Office of Academic Community Engagement by emailing Assistant Director Ruth Scipione at rscipione@siena.edu or Director Dr. Mathew Johnson at mjohnson@siena.edu .