PEACE AND EVERY GOOD!

Siena is blessed to have so many stories to tell. They provide a glimpse into the many ways our campus environment encourages, supports and promotes the transformation of individuals on their journey toward responsible adulthood and good citizenship as sons and daughters of Siena.

Our faculty continues to distinguish itself through teaching, scholarship and service. The annual faculty awards only begin to tell the story of how engaged professors are in mentoring students and encouraging undergraduate research, service, and creative activity. I am frequently late for evening prayer at the Friary after visiting the David ’73 and Christine Spicer ’75 Stack Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to gain inspiration from the imagination and creativity of our students.

As I told the seniors at Commencement, I have only completed my sophomore year at Siena. I have a lot of things I need to learn and to better understand as we lay the foundation for our future through our developing Strategic Planning process. I am particularly grateful for the many ways the Siena Community has welcomed me. It is a personal experience of what it means to become a son or daughter of Siena, a sense of connectedness and belonging that binds us together in the tradition of St. Francis.

Sincerely yours,

Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., Ph.D.
President
SMILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

“I will never forget the experiences we shared as Saints outside of the classroom, helping each other and reaching out into our community and all across the world.”

Meena Zakher ’16
The College’s 76th Commencement ceremony was held Sunday, May 15 at the Times Union Center in Albany. Bachelor’s degrees in business, liberal arts and science were awarded to 731 graduates, and 54 students received master’s degrees in accounting.

“We will be people who hold doors for our colleagues, because that is what Siena taught us,” said Commencement speaker Meena Zakher ’16. “We will be the people who help our fellow co-workers, because that is what Siena taught us. And we will create tight-knit communities wherever we go, because that is what Siena has taught us.”

Class of 2016 President Ariana Tagliaferri echoed Zakher’s sentiment, highlighting the unique qualities that provide Siena’s graduates with the education of a lifetime.

“Only at Siena will teachers know students’ names by the second day of class, recognize when students aren’t feeling well a particular week, or allow them to stay in their office for extra help, well after their office hours have ended.”

These strong bonds have given members of the class of 2016 the tools to succeed on each of their unique paths as they walk out into the world as sons and daughters of Siena College.

“Siena has provided us with the foundation of our future, and now it is our job to utilize our knowledge and emulate the values we learned here,” said Tagliaferri. “We will be the active hero in our own storybooks, we will follow our passions and intuitions, we will be bold and won’t let our fears overwhelm our desires.”
MOHAWK ARMY ROTC’S 2016 COMMISSIONING CLASS

The Mohawk Army ROTC commissioned 14 seniors as Second Lieutenants into the US Army. The commissioning ceremony represents a culmination of four years of leadership training and academic excellence.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha are recognized for their exemplary academic excellence, character and commitment to service.

CEFAM

French students earn a dual degree with Siena and Centre d’Études Franco-Américain de Management through a partnership program between the two schools.

MASTER IN ACCOUNTING

Graduates from Siena’s Master of Science in Accounting program are honored in a special recognition and hooding ceremony.
THE CONNECTION THAT COUNTS

Jim Scully ‘87 returned to his alma mater to deliver a lunchtime lecture on the importance of a liberal arts education. This lecture struck a chord with marketing major Patrick Madden ‘16.

“He had majored in English while at Siena, yet he went on to become the Chief Operating Officer at J.Crew and now serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Avon. One of the biggest things he talked about was how a degree from Siena doesn’t define who you are because you can really do just about anything with it. He’s a perfect example of that too! An English major with no formal business background becoming the COO of J.Crew? I thought that was pretty amazing!”

Several weeks later, Madden took Scully’s advice with him as he went for an internship interview at J.Crew in New York City.

During his three months with J.Crew, Madden worked closely with the new store opening team to coordinate the launch of new locations, spent time in the quality assurance lab, and even had a hand in the retail side of the company, spending a few hours each week at a J.Crew retail store.

“Siena alumni have always been great at opening doors, whether it be for current students to gain internships, or for recent grads to land an amazing job. I think a lot of it ties back to the close-knit community at Siena that stays with people long after they graduate.”

Madden will continue with the company after graduation, serving as Point of Sale Analyst in New York City.

ACCIDENTAL ACHIEVEMENT

Oscar Ralda ‘16 had no intentions of obtaining three majors. During high school, he wasn’t highly engaged in academics; nothing quite captured his attention.

“It was really here at Siena, with particular professors, where my interest in literature and...
Coming in as an English major, Ralda knew from the start he wanted to take a few courses in philosophy. With his first taste of the philosophical world, he became enthralled. Meanwhile, he also signed up for courses in Spanish.

It wasn’t until the School of Liberal Arts office reached out to Ralda that he realized he had enough credits to become a triple major. Soon after, he was officially majoring in English, philosophy and Spanish.

“It was really a surprise to me! Without their help I would have never known.”

Ralda’s accidental triple achievement will lead him to the University of Oregon where he will study philosophy in their Ph.D. program.

THE QUICKEST ROAD TO BECOMING A SAINT

When physics major Danielle Moruzzi ’16 transferred to Siena for her junior year, she knew she would have to work fast. After completing studies at a community college near her home in Saugerties, Moruzzi wanted to immerse herself in the Siena College experience.

She hit the ground running, working across multiple academic disciplines to pursue her passion. “I’m very interested in atmospheric science, so I worked with Dr. Matthew Bellis in physics and Dr. Jason Hofstein in chemistry to design and build a cloud chamber.

They helped me apply my physics and chemistry skills to what I am interested in and what I will be going to graduate school for.”

Immediately upon deciding on Siena, Moruzzi wanted to take advantage of the Center for International Program’s study abroad opportunities. So, she hopped on a plane to Dublin, Ireland after only one semester on campus.

“Before the second week of October, I was in the Study Abroad office. Knowing I would be able to have a study abroad experience even though I would only be at Siena for two years was one of the main reasons I decided to come.”

As the final piece to her Siena experience, Moruzzi traveled to the Rochester Symposium for Physics Students to present academic research with Bellis. Her research, “Constraining Uncertainties in Climate Change: Measuring the Reflective and Absorptive Properties of Water Vapor,” looked at the effects of water vapor on visible and infrared light.

Although her time at Siena went by in a flash, Moruzzi embraced the opportunities that Siena offered. Her next step after Commencement is continuing onto a fully-funded Ph.D. program at the University of Oregon.
Siena College announced in April the creation of the new two-year Baldwin Nursing Program — a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing for RNs who hold an associate’s degree.

The Baldwin Nursing Program was created through a gift from Thomas ’81 and Laurie ’80 Baldwin. The Baldwins are very familiar with nursing, as both their mothers, Shirley Kowalczyk, RN and Marilyn Baldwin, RN, were nurses, and their daughter and daughter-in-law are currently nurses.

“Nurses really are the heartbeat of our healthcare system,” Laurie Baldwin said. “For them to further their education not only benefits the nurse but the patients as well, and so we are extremely pleased to support this new program.”

Siena has taken the innovative approach of scheduling classes only on Wednesdays, providing a predictable schedule to make it easier for nurses to advance their education while continuing to work. Approximately two-thirds of the program requirements will be completed on-campus and one-third through online platforms. In addition to classwork, the program includes a clinical practice segment, in which students will be able to perform clinical work at hospitals, community and public health settings, or other medical facilities throughout the region.

The program will begin in the fall of 2016, having received approval from the state Education Department and Board of Regents.

Siena College President Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., Ph.D., said the College’s expansion into nursing education fits perfectly with Siena’s Franciscan values, and offers Siena a special opportunity to educate and form those who will live out those values in the 21st century.
**SIENA TO OFFER CUSTOMIZABLE BUSINESS DEGREE**

Siena has long graduated smart business leaders — more than 50 successful local businesses have been created by Siena grads. Yet the College is taking its business program to the next level. This fall, Siena will debut a business major with 20 distinct concentrations, allowing students to create a customizable education best suited to their career goals. The concentrations can be paired to create 184 unique educational experiences.

“This new program combines a broad-based education with a focus on key areas that will provide our graduates with the tools they need to be successful in whatever venture they pursue. We are not aware of a program anywhere that provides students with the level of flexibility we’re offering,” said Charles F. Seifert, Ph.D., Dean, School of Business.

All students at Siena will have the opportunity to complete a concentration regardless of their major, providing a truly interdisciplinary program for students majoring in business, liberal arts and the sciences. The 20 concentrations include:

- International Business
- Entrepreneurship
- Accounting Theory and Foundations
- Corporate Accounting and Internal Controls
- Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting
- Foundations of Economics
- Real World Economics
- Fundamentals of Finance
- Investment Fundamentals
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Planning
- Strategic Human Resource Development
- Ethical Leadership in a Global Environment
- Not-For-Profit Consulting
- Strategic Communication
- Market Research and Analytics
- Sales and Business to Business Marketing
- Marketing Communications and Digital Marketing
- Sports and Services Marketing
- Business Analytics

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recognized important scientific research being conducted at Siena College with a Cyber-infrastructure grant of $394,715. This grant will provide for the construction of a high-speed research oriented network in the College’s science complex. The network will provide high-speed connections for the College’s High Performance Computing Cluster (HPCC supercomputer) and the state-of-the-art scientific instrumentation in the Siena College Stewart’s Advanced Instrumentation and Technology (SAINt) Center, among other initiatives. The grant will also help the College forge connections to national research and academic networks such as Internet2.

This grant also acknowledges Siena’s strong support for the sciences and the cutting-edge scientific research being conducted by its faculty.

The effort to obtain this grant was led by the College’s Chief Information Officer, Mark Berman and Director for Networks & Systems, Angelo Santabarbara. Critical support was provided by former Dean of Sciences and Physicist, Allan Weatherwax, Ph.D.; Computational Chemist and Director of the HPCC, George Barnes, Ph.D.; Assistant Professor of Physics, John Moustakas Ph.D.; and Deputy Chief Information Officer, Mary Parlett-Sweeney.
Len Cutler, Ph.D., was honored for his 45-year transformative career as a Siena College professor during a benefit dinner celebration on April 20. Proceeds raised from the event will support the Summer Legal Fellows program he founded. The Summer Legal Fellows program is unique in undergraduate higher education, annually placing 13 Siena students at six law schools for hands-on legal training.
These fellowships give students a head start on their legal education.

“When I think of a quintessential, classic person who is a Siena man, I think of Len Cutler,” said Siena President Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., Ph. D.

Since beginning his distinguished Siena career in 1970, Cutler has educated nearly 3,000 students in the areas of law and government. He helped develop the College’s vanguard political science program and created Siena’s Model United Nations, Hon. James P. King Moot Court/Mock Trial, and Jurist-in-Residence programs. Cutler recently articulated 4/3 programs with three law schools: Albany Law School, Pace University School of Law and Western New England School of Law.

The proceeds from the event will be added to the $235,000 already committed in honor of Cutler toward a $500,000 goal to benefit Summer Legal Fellows.

TESTIMONIALS

Dr. Steven L. Lamy ’73, vice dean for academic programs and professor of international relations at the University of Southern California

“I was a first generation student and didn’t know what to ask or who to ask about my future and what I should be doing with my life. Right away, Len Cutler provided that kind of insight and advice to a person who really was confused and didn’t know what the future might hold. I have now worked at several different universities and I have been at USC for about 27 years. I am here because of Len Cutler– his vision, his commitment to excellence, his careful and thoughtful advice and his compassion for his students. Len Cutler is my role model and the person that I see as responsible for my academic career.”

Mara Afzali ’14, Juris Doctorate Candidate at Albany Law School of Union University

“Without a doubt the most important impact Dr. Cutler has had on me is that he has always been there for me and has unreservedly advocated on my behalf. On numerous occasions, Dr. Cutler has gone out of his way to help me obtain internships and scholarships, to introduce me to future colleagues and employers, and to open up every possible door for me to flourish.

I love being in law school as much as I hoped I would and everyday I work my hardest to take the next step forward towards my future in the profession. I have no doubt in my mind that I would not be where I am today were it not for Dr. Cutler.”

Antonia Edwards ’16, former Summer Legal Fellow and future St. John’s University School of Law student

“Dr. Cutler always challenged me to put out the best work possible. He made sure I took every viewpoint into consideration and had enough compelling evidence to justify my argument. Some of my fondest memories at Siena are sitting in his office discussing the material and debating ideas. He always believes in me. He has built a lasting legacy at Siena. He’s shaped my academic career and given me all the tools and academic experiences to succeed in law school. He was tough, but that made me better.”
SPARK TANK

Siena College’s David ’73 and Christine Spicer ’75 Stack Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is bringing the big screen to life with their biannual Spark Tank event. Based on ABC’s critically-acclaimed reality show, Shark Tank, Siena students pitch their ideas to a panel of entrepreneurs in hopes of getting their expert stamp of approval.

Sponsored by the Siena College Entrepreneur Organization (SCEO) and the Stack Center, the 2016 spring Spark Tank brought together aspiring student entrepreneurs with Siena community members who have had success in the entrepreneurial world. Fifteen teams of students presented their ideas to two Siena alumni, Pat Gray ’04, founder of BetBomb.com and Jackie Higgins ’83, founder of Beach Glass Designs, as well as Joseph Ferlito, founder of Trtltz. All three judges are members of the Maddalone Entrepreneur Wall of Success.

“It was an honor to be a part of the judging team and great fun to be back on campus,” said Higgins. “After spending time with the students, I looked at my own business with a fresh view. What a rewarding and energizing experience.”

Ultimately, only one team could come out on top. This year’s winning idea, Sundial, was presented by Simon Bruno ’18 and Julian Lavelle ’17. Bruno, an economics major and Lavelle, a marketing major, combined their talents and entrepreneurial aspirations to dream up this solar-powered wrist watch with a social mission.

 “[Spark Tank] took me outside the realm of school and into one of business and professionalism. Having to present an idea in front of a number of successful, wealthy entrepreneurs created this real, yet exciting, pressure that forced me outside my comfort zone, which I am very grateful for,” said Lavelle.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By Erin DeGregorio ’16

“The Civil Rights Movement,” course, taught by Paul Murray, Ph.D., professor of sociology, explored the meaning, legacy, and contemporary relevance of the struggle for civil rights during the 1950s and 1960s. This course, unique to others, was open to the public.

“This is an opportunity for a conversation across generations and allows community people to appreciate what goes on here at Siena,” said Murray.

Emily Heald ’17 was inspired by Murray’s experience, knowledge and passion for the preservation of the reality of the Civil Rights movement.

“It embodies what Siena really is to me, a learning community. This class was not just about reading from a text book or listening to a lecture; it was about sharing the legacy and the memory of this movement and sharing knowledge.”
SURVEY SAYS

A group of Siena students got an in-depth look at the College’s municipality through their “Town of Colonie Quality of Life Survey.” Completed jointly with the Siena College Research Institute (SRI), the students in this community based-research course spoke with town residents to assess their quality of life. The students, none of whom originally lived in Colonie, got to know how local residents really feel about their hometown.

Taught by SRI Director Don Levy, Ph.D., the course investigated the concepts of community, social justice, change, and development. The 13 students partnered with the Town of Colonie to survey residents on their opinion of the services, government, safety, taxes and education of the town. Pete Cichetti, assistant director of the National Assessment of Service and Community Engagement (NASCE), also assisted with the semester-long class and project.

“All in all, the residents of Colonie seem quite happy with life here in the town, especially regarding goods and services, the job done by public safety officers, the amount they pay in taxes, the quality of the schools and the library, and the job done by local elected officials,” said social work major Emma Henderschedt ’19.

Students gathered responses for their surveys using the SRI facilities. In addition to conducting phone interviews, they also spoke with residents in the community about what they feel needs to be changed or improved in the town.

As a conclusion to their semester-long project, the students presented their findings in a Community Forum at the William K. Sanford Colonie Town Library on April 25. Community members in attendance were fascinated by the survey’s results and excited by the possibility of further research.

The Siena College Chorus and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Timothy Reno, DMA, presented a special collaborative concert with The Musicians of Ma’alwyck to celebrate the Suffragettes and the bicentennial of the birth of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The concert, “Declaration of Sentiments” was held at Druthers Brewery in Albany.
This year, our Saints served all over the United States and across the globe. From a soup kitchen in Philadelphia to schools in the Dominican Republic, our students are leaving their mark across the world.
The needs of a local justice center were developed into content for a course at Siena, thanks to The Faculty Bus Tour. Created by Ruth Kassel, Ph.D., the Faculty Bus Tour is a collaboration between Siena professors and local community organizations where an organization’s needs can be incorporated into the content of Siena courses. Kassel, assistant director of Academic Community Engagement (ACE), explained how professors in the program travel to local community nonprofit organizations to get a first-hand account of how they and their students can help. The professors then embrace the Franciscan spirit by developing course content based on these needs.

Ashley Provencher, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics, jumped at this chance. In the fall of 2014, Provencher participated in the Faculty Bus Tour and was introduced to the Community Accountability Board (CAB) at the Albany County District Attorney’s Community Justice Outreach Center (CJOC) in Arbor Hill. CAB is a community-based diversionary program that targets first-time, non-violent offenders.

“What was really wonderful is, in addition to working with real world data and being able to produce a report that will be useful beyond this semester, the students learned to use a new statistical software program – STATA,” said Provencher.

Provencher worked from February to May 2015 with Siena VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) fellow Leah Godin and CJOC Bureau Chief Amanda Kyle-Sprague to code all of the Center’s paper case files in preparation for the course. They then worked with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to match the criminal history records of CAB participants with their case files.

Provencher’s students analyzed the data during the semester to estimate the recidivism rates of CAB participants and presented their findings to Kyle-Sprague and Albany County District Attorney David Soares.

“The D.A. is really interested in the work we’re doing,” said Dylan Keyer ’16. “Not because he thinks it’s great that we care, but because he actually wants to know this information. There are not many classes where you get these amazing opportunities.”

Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan visited the Siena College ACE Office for Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on Tuesday, April 5.
PATSOS EXTENDED THROUGH 2020-21 SEASON

Men’s basketball Head Coach Jimmy Patsos received a two-year contract extension from the College on April 14, lengthening the current deal through the 2020–21 season. Patsos guided the Saints to a 10-win improvement this season, which was tied for the 12th best nationally. Siena’s 21 victories were the program’s most in six years, as Patsos piloted the team to its second College Basketball Invitational appearance in his first three seasons at the helm.

“I love Siena,” said Patsos. “It’s an amazing place to coach and I’m grateful to be here. Siena is a wonderful school with a storied basketball history and the fans make this a special place to coach.”

The Saints are set to return a strong nucleus which includes unanimous First Team All-MAAC selection Brett Bisping ’17, MAAC Defensive Player of the Year Javion Ogunyemi ’17, and MAAC Sixth Player of the Year Nico Clareth ’19 who broke the program’s freshman scoring record this winter. Excitement surrounding the program is high as the upcoming 2016–17 season has the potential to be a special year. Join in the action and get your tickets by visiting SienaSaints.com/Tickets or by calling the Siena Fan Relations Management Center at (518) 487–2202!

MEN’S GOLF WINS MAAC CHAMPIONSHIP

The men’s golf team defeated Manhattan on April 24 on the first playoff hole to capture the 2016 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship at Disney’s Magnolia Golf Course. The Saints shot the second lowest final round score (284) in MAAC Tournament history to rally from six strokes back entering the last day to claim the program’s fourth title (1991, 2006, 2007, 2016).

“This was a total team effort all the way through,” said first year head coach Steven Jensen. “The guys worked so hard and this was our one goal. I kept telling the them that I believed in them.”

ROSSI STANDS ALONE

With the Saints’ win over Quinnipiac in a series-opening doubleheader April 9, baseball head coach Tony Rossi recorded his 832nd career victory to become the all-time winningest coach in any sport in MAAC history. Rossi completed his 47th season guiding the Saints this spring and, with Augie Garrido stepping down at Texas in May, is now not only the longest active tenured Division I head baseball coach in the country, but also the longest tenured coach at the same institution in any Division I sport. The Saints’ skipper guided the Green and Gold to the program’s fourth consecutive MAAC Championship Series appearance this spring and fifth in the past six seasons.
A NEW HOME FOR THE SAINTS

The Marcelle Athletic Complex is undergoing a major facelift. The project began last summer with the installation of a new flooring and seating system in the Alumni Recreation Center (ARC), and continued this spring with the construction of a new basketball practice court and additional bleacher seating.

Future phases include the construction of a new event entrance, student athlete strength and conditioning and sports medicine suites, and a student and staff fitness center, with the project set for completion by fall 2018. For more information on how to support the project, contact Siena College Vice President and Director of Athletics John D’Argenio at dargenio@siena.edu or (518) 783-2450, or Director of Development Brad Bodmer ’82, Esq. at bbodmer@siena.edu or (518) 782-6907.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

PHASE 1A (SPRING 2016)
Basketball practice court
Additional ARC bleachers

PHASE 1B (FALL/WINTER 2016/2017)
Relocate baseball and softball hitting cages and facilities storage

PHASE 1C (SPRING 2017)
New event entrance
New student athlete strength and conditioning and sports medicine suites

PHASE 2 (SPRING 2018)
Student and staff fitness center

PROJECT COMPLETION (FALL 2018)

Lisette Balabarca, Ph.D., assistant professor of modern language, presented her work at two conferences. At the American Comparative Literature Association Conference at Harvard University she presented “Al-Andalus in the Eyes of a 16th Century Spanish Crypto-Muslim.” At the Kentucky Foreign Languages Conference at the University of Kentucky she presented her paper titled “De Granada al Nuevo Mundo: El sujeto conquistado en La famosa comedia del Nuevo Mundo descubierto por Colón, de Lope de Vega.” She also published an article in e-Humanista/Conversos 3.

Raymond D. Boisvert, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, co-authored the book, Philosophers at Table: On Food and Being Human. He also presented at an international conference on ‘food aesthetics’ in Poland.

Cynthia Bott, Ph.D., assistant professor of social work, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Pride Center of the Capital Region.

Greg Byrnes, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, co-authored “How Animals Glide: From Trajectory to Morphology” which was published in the Canadian Journal of Zoology. He was also published in the Journal of Experimental Zoology with his piece, “The Effects of Slope and Branch Structure on the Locomotion of a Specialized Arboreal Colubrid Snake.” Byrnes and three Siena students presented at the Society for Integrative Comparative Biology Meeting in Oregon.


Michael Dick, Ph.D., professor emeritus of religious studies, was a contributing author to the Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions.

Erik Eddy, Ph.D., associate professor of management, published “The Relationship Between Corporate Ethical Climate and Employee Attitudes” in the Academy of Business Disciplines Journal. This paper was written with Rick Proctor, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance, and Charles Seifert, Ph.D., dean of the school of business. Eddy also partnered with Melinda Costello, Ph.D., professor of management, for a presentation at the Lilly Conference on Evidenced-Based Teaching and Learning in California. They presented “Does Teaching Teamwork Matter? Exploring Student Team Pedagogy Options.”

Lindsay Foster, MFA, visiting assistant professor of creative arts, exhibited new work titled “Middle Management.” She was also a featured speaker at Wellesley College, presenting “A Proper Hidden Frenzy.”

Meg Fryling ’97, Ph.D., assistant professor of computer science, and Giacomo Rivituso, Ed.D., lecturer in computer science, discussed “Teaching Information Systems Courses in China: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons for US Educators” at the EDSIG Conference on Information Systems and Computing Education in North Carolina. This work was also published in the Information Systems Education Journal.
Marcela Garcés, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish, and Janet Shideler, Ph.D., professor of modern language, received a Consortium for Online Humanities grant on behalf of Siena College. They will create and teach two courses “Quebec Civilization” and “The Spanish-Speaking World through Film.”

Mohammad Javaheri, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics, acquired a COTFD Summer Research Fellowship for a project titled, “Subspace Partitions of Vector Spaces.” He also published the paper, “Cycle Double Covers of Infinite Planar Graphs in Discussiones Mathematicae Graph Theory.”

Mahmood Karimi-Hakak, MFA, professor of creative arts, served as President of the fifth annual Festival Cinema Invisible and presented the keynote address at the Elsinore Conference on Shakespeare in Denmark.

Emelie Kenney, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, received a Siena College Committee on Teaching and Faculty Development International Travel Fellowship and a Council on International Educational Exchange Faculty Development scholarship to attend seminars in Poland and Germany on “Ruin and Revival: History, Modern Memory and Identity.”

Paul Konye, Ph.D., associate professor of creative arts, conducted and performed a solo in Siena’s Spring Semester Concert.

Daniel Lewis, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, presented two pieces, “Challenged Expectations: Perceived Conformity, Gender Identity, and Transgender Rights” and “Sexuality vs. Gender Identity: Variation in Public Attitudes toward the LGBT Community” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago. He was also recognized as the Faculty Mentor of the Year by the Office of Academic Community Engagement.

Elisa Martin, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of social work, discussed her research at the Annual National Conference for the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors. She was also selected to participate in the Emerging Baccalaureate Social Work Educator-Scholars Initiative.

Denise Massman, MFA, associate professor of creative arts, spearheaded the costume design for the Montana Shakespeare in the Parks’ performance of “Comedy of Errors.”

Donna McIntosh, Ph.D., professor of social work, was awarded a Legislative Advocacy Leadership Award by the board of directors of the NYS Social Work Education Association.

Paul Murray, Ph.D., professor of sociology, was a workshop panelist for “Building a New Generation of Activists” at People’s Music Network in Albany. He also served as a discussion leader for the film, “Selma” at Voorheesville Public Library and Mohonasen High School, and taught a five-week series of adult religious education classes at First Presbyterian Church in Albany on “The Fight for Voting Rights.” Murray also won first place in the category of “Best Feature Writing: National Newspaper or Wire Service” from the Catholic Press Association for his article on Catholics in the Selma March, published in the National Catholic Reporter in 2015.

James Murtagh, Ph.D., (pictured below) associate professor of finance, and A. Melih Kullu, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance, presented their research, “Using Online Tools to Reinforce Prerequisite Skills in the Core Finance Course” at the Financial Education Association Conference in Texas.
Sudarat Musikawong, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology, served as a panelist at the Association for Asian Studies annual conference in Seattle, Washington. She spoke on the “Embodying Memories in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Diaspora” panel. She also presented “New Abolitionism? Thai Migrant Worker Justice and Media Archives” at the Asian Cultural Complex Museum in South Korea.

Rick Proctor, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance, and James Murtagh, Ph.D., associate professor of finance, presented “The Role of the Form of Managerial Compensation on Bank Performance,” at the NYS Economics Association Conference. They also traveled to Washington D.C. for the Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting to share their research “Does Bank Performance Change When Managers are Paid Differently?” A case study the two professors worked on with Kevin Gioia ’10 was published in the Journal of Finance Case Research.

Carla Sofka, Ph.D., professor of social work, presented her research at the Association for Death Education and Counseling’s annual conference. Her research about museums as healing spaces appeared in the Handbook of Social Justice in Loss and Grief: Exploring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Routledge).

Zhenzhen Sun, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance, presented research with Lauren Smith ’16 and Eric Beresheim ’17 at the NYS Economics Association Conference.

Beverly Thompson, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology, was a panelist at the International Sociological Association’s Research Committee on The Body in Social Sciences in Rome, Italy. Thompson was a panelist for “Covered in Ink: Tattoos, Women and the Politics of the Body.” She also was an invited speaker for “Covering at Work: Dress Code Policies, Tattoos, and the Law” at BodyHacking Con in Austin, Texas.

Paul Thurston, Ph.D., associate professor of management, was appointed Director of Academic Integration for the Office of Academic Community Engagement.

Robert Yoder, Ph.D., professor of computer science, Meg Fryling ’97, Ph.D., assistant professor of computer science and Eric Breimer, Ph.D., associate professor of computer science, had their work “Full Flip, Half Flip and No Flip: Evaluation of Flipping an Introductory Programming Course” published in the Information Systems Education Journal. The professors also received the Meritorious Paper Award at the EDSIG Conference on Information Systems and Computing Education in North Carolina.

Nina Zanetti, Ph.D., professor of biology, was published in the HAPS Educator for her work, “Mysteries at the Microscope: Histopathology Case Studies as a Tool for Teaching Undergraduate Histology.” She also presented this work at the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Annual Meeting in Texas.

Andrea Worthington, Ph.D., professor of biology, presented at the International Odonatology Congress in Argentina. Her presentations, “Identified Neurons in the Dragonfly Ventral Nerve Cord Signal the Approach of Flying Prey” and “Individual Neurons in the Dragonfly Ventral Nerve Cord Control Wing, Head, Leg and Mouth Movement” were done with Union College professor, Dr. Rob Olberg.
REMEMBERING MARY FITZGERALD-HOYT ’77, PH.D.

Mary Fitzgerald Hoyt, Ph.D., a Siena College English professor since 1984, passed away on March 3. A dedicated member of the Siena community, Fitzgerald-Hoyt received her bachelor’s degree from Siena in 1977 and served as a faculty member for the past 32 years.

“Mary inspired me to raise my voice, to read widely and deeply, to write thoughtfully and well, but most of all to be kind. I am a better human being for having had Mary as my teacher and my colleague.” – Christiane Farnan ’93, Ph.D., associate professor of English.

“Dr. Fitzgerald-Hoyt was, without a doubt, one of the reasons I am pursuing a career as a college professor. She epitomized what everyone wants in a professor: the sense of care and concern that a student may need, combined with the motivation and push to go and achieve anything. She was, in simplest terms, an ideal professor.” – Matt Schiesel ’15

“She was so dedicated to the material, especially with contemporary Irish Literature. She loved it so much and you could feel that passion coming out of her.” – Caitlyn Carlson ’17

THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR’S RETIRING FACULTY FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE COLLEGE.

Patricia Cameron, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Psychology  

Robert Carmody ’70  
Associate Professor of Accounting  

Paul Murray, Ph.D.  
Professor of Sociology  

Joe Rosetti ’73  
Professor of Marketing
Many of our alumni put on their old green bonnets and returned to Loudonville for the 2016 Reunion Weekend! This year’s events included some new additions: the annual Golf Tournament was held for the first time at Wolfert’s Roost Country Club, alumni gathered at The Paddock, and new Rugby Pitch benches were blessed. Our alumni also enjoyed Reunion Weekend favorites such as the family picnic, class receptions, and an alumni mass to close out the weekend.

CLASS OF ’66 50TH REUNION DINNER
42 members of the Class of 1966 came back to campus for the reunion. Our farthest alumnus came all the way from the Canary Islands!
Jean Reamer ’76: “The college put on a wonderful weekend and someone ordered up just the right weather for Friday night and Saturday. The Welcome Home gathering on Friday night was a relaxing catch-up sitting on the patio outside of Casey’s. Saturday it was enjoyable to walk the campus and experience the 40 year transformation. ‘We had a great time. There was so much spirit present as relationships were rekindled.’ –John Botticelli ‘66

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS RECIPIENTS:

RICK COTÉ ’76
The Professor Joseph A. Buff Award for Alumni with Outstanding Career Achievement

JOHN P. FINNERAN JR. ’81
The Reverend Benjamin Kuhn O.F.M Award for service to the Siena community

MARK P. WOROBY ’81
(posthumous)
The Reverend Benjamin Kuhn O.F.M Award for service to the Siena community

A blessing and dedication of a Grotto bench and tree was held during Reunion Weekend in memory of Mark Woroby ’81.
PITCH PERFECT

The 15th annual Siena Rugby Alumni Weekend was made extra special this year with the dedication and blessing of a new pitch located on the east end of campus adjacent to Spring Street Road and Siena Turf Field. Rugby alumni have come together to raise $350,000 toward the project with lead gifts from Ron and Cathy Bjorklund ’85 and Doug ’77 and Margey ’76 Colbeth.

“Not only will the new field be a flagship facility for rugby in the Northeast, but it will serve as a legacy to those who have grown the rugby program over the past 40 years and will be an asset for the College to attract and retain students,” said Ron Bjorklund.

During Reunion Weekend a dedication of rugby pitch benches in memory of Siena Rugby Club founding members Robert Chauvin and William Herlihy ’76 was held.

The new pitch will be available for use when Siena students return to campus in the fall.
SIENA SMASHES CAMPAIGN GOAL

The Siena community celebrated the achievements of Living Our Tradition: The Campaign for Siena College along with the 25th Annual Scholarship Appreciation Dinner on April 14. The Living Our Tradition campaign and the College’s established scholarships open the door for students to embrace countless opportunities and prepare our Saints to make a difference in the world.

The Campaign smashed the $50 million fundraising goal by raising more than $65 million from 2011–2016. The total is more than double what Siena raised in its last campaign in 2003.

The funds will be used for a wide array of initiatives including: the College’s Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (CURCA); Stewart’s Advanced Instrument and Technology (SAInT) Center; Stack Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship; scholarship and endowment funds; athletics; the McCormick Center for the Study of the American Revolution; the Veteran and Cadet Fund, and more.

The following is a list of scholarships and endowed funds that were established from November 1, 2015–May 31, 2016 through the generosity of alumni and friends of Siena College. A minimum gift of $30,000, payable over five years, is required to name a scholarship at Siena.

The Daniel P. and Mary K. Corr Scholarship
The Dean Nancy Da Pore Scholarship Fund
The Jonas Family Scholarship
SIENA GIVING RECOGNITION

Siena has a long tradition of recognizing donors at various levels for the Annual Fund. In keeping with this tradition, we have introduced recognition insignia on name badges at certain Siena College events.

**Annual Fund President’s Circle:**
Donors who give a minimum of $1,000 yearly to the Annual Fund. Starting June 1, 2017 the President’s Circle will increase to $1,500.

**Leadership Donor:** Donors who have made gifts totaling a minimum of $25,000 to Siena College.

**St. Francis Society:** Donors who have generously made a planned gift for the benefit of Siena College. Planned gifts include certain Trusts, Real Estate, and Life Insurance gifts as well as Will Bequests.

**Founding Friars Loyalty Society:**
Donors who give to Siena College over two consecutive years or more will be recognized at the following levels:

- **Charter Member:** 2–6 years of consecutive giving
- **Milestone Member:** 7–14 years of consecutive giving
- **Lifetime Member:** 15+ years of consecutive giving

For information about your giving recognition or to make a gift, please contact the Development Office at development@siena.edu or (518) 783-2432.

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ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

Siena College’s David ’73 and Christine Spicer ’75 Stack Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship named Judy Capano–Michaelson ’87, as its 2016 Entrepreneur of the Year.

“Judy has tremendous talent, energy and wisdom. She couples this with a commitment to her team and generosity consistent with Franciscan values we learned at Siena. Judy shares her time and talent with organizations near and dear to her heart, such as Siena,” said Matthew Cusack ’89, executive director of The Stack Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

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Trustees Judy Capano–Michaelson and David Stack ’73
A phone call from President Barack Obama changed his life. “His message was – we need you to lead our efforts at Expo Milano [the 2015 World’s Fair in Milan] on how we feed the nine billion people who will inhabit the earth by 2050. We need to know now,” Hickey shared with the 785 Siena graduates at Commencement.

The next day Hickey quit his job, resigned from various boards, and was sworn in as Commissioner General, and the newly-crowned Ambassador boarded a flight for Italy. More than 140 countries participated in the effort to address one of the most important issues challenging the world today. Secretary of State John Kerry knew Hickey would provide the business acumen and vision that would help showcase the United States as an innovator and leader in the food industry.

“(Doug) has always intuitively and instinctively been able to help define the future and be ahead of the curve, and he has gravitated towards innovation in business as much as anything,” Kerry said at the time of Hickey’s appointment.

Hickey’s team designed a 42,000-square foot...
multi-level experience at Expo Milano that featured a massive vertical farm, interactive exhibits, and state-of-the-art digital media highlighting American industry, products, and entrepreneurship within the contexts of sustainability, nutrition and health, technology and innovation.

Hickey pointed to recent global collaboration as an indication progress has been made.

“With the adoption of the sustainability and development goals by the United Nations (which was incredibly significant), Pope Francis’ publication on the Holy See’s position on climate, the Paris climate change agreement itself – to my way of thinking, history will prove that these were amazing achievements,” Hickey said. “We have much work to do, but we all deserve a world where we can have access to basic civil and human rights.”

Hickey answered the call to serve long before President Obama picked up the phone. He lived Siena’s Franciscan mission through his tireless work on behalf of the poor in the Catholic Diocese of San Francisco. Recognized as a “Builder of Siena,” he became one of the principal donors to the College’s Values and Visions Campaign in 2000 by creating the Douglas T. Hickey Chair in Business.

Like many of the graduates he addressed, Hickey is unsure of what the future holds, but that’s not slowing him down.

“Don’t allow the cynics to win,” Hickey said. “While the world is filled with huge problems, you can make a big difference. Don’t be afraid to fail. If you want to do big things, you have to take big risks. Be ready to take that call.”

It’s good advice, because you never know who could be on the other end of the line.
THE ALUMNI CONNECTION
By Allison Anglim ’16, Breanne Beard ’17, and Erin DeGregorio ’16

Todd Weintraub ’90 returned to Siena to conduct his business lecture, “Humility: The Missing Ingredient to Success,” on Wednesday, December 2. As an experienced board of directors member and former Chief Financial Officer of Macquarie Infrastructure Company, Weintraub was able to parlay knowledge of many facets of the business world to the future business men and women in attendance.

“When I start falling into bad habits I can catch myself before I fall into a bad term... If you are going to be successful you have to be self-aware and take an honest inventory of yourself,” said Weintraub.

Carl Cassella ’79, Senior Vice President of Primerica, visited his alma mater for the second installment of the spring semester’s School of Business Lecture Series.

“Do not forsake your liberal arts because it contributed to my success. I can talk to anyone about anything because of all the topics I have been exposed to. This is not just about building a business, but about planning out your way of life.”

Awareness and action for environmental justice through theory and experience were on the agenda when Fr. Joseph Rozansky ’71, O.F.M., led a campus conversation, “On Care of Our Common Home.”

Fr. Rozansky urged students and faculty alike to listen to the Pope’s Encyclical and to continue following in St. Francis’ footsteps.

“I do believe in education, I do believe in Siena, I do believe in the kind of themes and proposals that are coming out of ‘Laudato Si’ – but I think the bottom line, which I learned the hard way at times, ... was to apply the theories [to have experiences]. How will the principles you learn here be applicable as you go forth into the world?”

Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs for MetLife, Michael A. Zarcone ’83, led a lunchtime lecture at the College titled “The Value of the Liberal Arts and Franciscan Education Based on Education in the 21st Century Global Business.”

“The best education, for your generation and certainly in the business world, is the Franciscan education,” said Zarcone. “It is so valuable to take what you have learned [at Siena] and combine it with the morality of the Franciscan tradition to make for a better world.”

Mick Ankrom ’90, head of Enterprise Credit Risk at Bank of America, encouraged students to set a daily challenge for themselves as they enter the world of business.

“My overall career philosophy, that I try to think about each and every day, is [that] each and every day when I wake up, I think about my role as a daily contract,” Ankrom said. “Every day that I come in I’ve got to prove myself.”
As I look back over my 15-year career at Siena College as the Director of Gift Planning, I continue to be in awe of the many donors who have made a planned gift to endow a scholarship, an academic initiative, or an athletic program which will benefit generations of students, many whom these donors will never have the opportunity to meet.

The feeling among donors who are alumni of Siena is they are “paying it forward” as those who came before had done for them. For the generous donors who are not graduates of Siena, the persistent theme is, “I have witnessed the competence and commitment of Siena graduates as they become leaders in their profession, community and family. I know the inherent value of a Siena education.”

On behalf of all the students who will benefit from the generosity of our past, present, and future donors, you have my deepest gratitude. I look forward to seeing you in the future and working with my successor and you to help this very special place called Siena College!

Humbly yours,

John R. Sise ’75, Esq.
Director of Gift Planning
1960
Reverend Raymond M. Rafferty recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. Fr. Rafferty was ordained at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in May 1966. His jubilee celebration took place at Corpus Christi Church, Manhattan, where he was pastor from 1998–2013. He currently is priest in residence at the Church of the Ascension, Manhattan.

1963
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Dr. James F. McGinnis retired from the Dean McGee Eye Institute/University of Oklahoma (DMEI/OU) on June 30. Jim’s extraordinary scientific career included more than 25 years at the University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA) followed by almost 20 years at DMEI/OU. Dr. McGinnis earned his BS in biology from Siena and his PhD in cellular and molecular biology from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

In 2014, Dr. McGinnis was named a Presbyterian Health Foundation Presidential Professor and on May 24, 2016, the Faculty Board of the OU College of Medicine unanimously approved Professor Emeritus status upon his retirement.

For over 45 years, he has established an outstanding record of success in original scientific discovery, teaching, and mentorship, and has gained the great respect and deep affection of his local, national, and international colleagues and of everyone with whom he has been associated. Congratulations to Jim on a highly productive and impactful scientific career, and best wishes to Jim and his wife Tina as they retire to California.

I retired in 2014 and enjoy traveling and participating in local social services activities in Prince William County, Virginia. I’ve also been busy spending time and hanging out with my children and nine grandchildren!

E-mail me and send in updates to let everyone know what you are doing in retirement and/or not retirement!

1964
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1966

42 members of the class of 1966 returned to campus for their 50th reunion. Many thanks to our class committee, Fred Wobrock, Tim Moriarty, Jim Morrell and Frank Pugliano for all their efforts to reach out to classmates. It was wonderful to see everyone.

1967
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1968
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1969
Ken Dedrick Ken.dedrick@carolina.rr.com

Harry Short, Steve Kessing, Jay Sullivan, Phil Yauch and Jim McElwain are all doing well. Jim notes that he is still working and enjoying exploring retirement possibilities. Please continue to e-mail with updates for the next edition.

1970
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Daniel Barrett published his third book, Taking Care of Your Own, in February. His books can be found on Amazon.com and in Barnes and Noble stores.

I enjoyed a chance meeting with Tony Grieco and his wife, Louise, at a local antiques show in March. Tony retired after a successful career with the Capital District Transportation Authority, Albany. Frank Pensabene shared some thoughts about our 2N Ryan days, then continued with some heartfelt musings about our rich Siena experience grounded in the “spirit of the Franciscan philosophy on life….” What a great legacy we all have.

The “Class of Authors” project has expanded to include featured spots on WVCR. Any other authors interested? The opportunity is here for all classmates in all disciplines who want to share some achievements. Let me know.

Rev. John Ulrich, O.F.M. and Jack Webster (Bishop Timon H.S. alumni) were in Buffalo in May to celebrate their 50th high school reunion. Timon is also the alma mater of Siena’s President, Br. F. Ed Coughlin, O.F.M. All of us mark this milestone in 2016. I sincerely hope you plan to attend your own reunions where good vibrations will be the rule of the day. Your good experience should inspire you to attend our 50th Siena reunion in 2020.

As I write this I am days from my 68th birthday. Talk about a shared experience, right gentlemen? Remember when 30 sounded old? Right now we’re older than most of our professors were.

Classmates, keep us posted about any news. Inquiring minds and all that. All the best!

1971
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1972
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1973
Brian Valentine bgvalentine@verizon.net

Greetings to all of the Siena College community! We have some
news from our ’73 classmate, Marc Remillard, who just finished a 33 year career as a high school and college ice hockey official and a high school football official. His last football game was at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse working a New York State High School Football Championship. Marc worked five NYS Championships and many regional and sectional finals over his career. Marc also worked three NCAA DIII ice hockey Frozen Four Championship Final games along with working five NYS High School Ice Hockey Championship finals as well. Over the course of his career Marc worked in excess of 1,300 games at these levels. Marc and his wife Carol reside in Rochester and plan on retiring in the fall of 2016 and move to the Baltimore area to be closer to their two grandchildren Alexandre and Adelyn. They have a son Andre who resides in NYC and daughter Jocelyn who resides in the Baltimore area with her husband Todd and their two children.

Please send me news about you and your family, we would love to hear from you.

1975

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Siena Trustee Daniel “Din” Cahill spoke at Siena’s 2016 Commencement. He spoke passionately to the graduates about their place in the over 800 year old Franciscan tradition that connects all Siena alumni.

1976

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This summer the class of ’76 celebrated their 40th reunion. Where were you? We missed you! I know life happens, especially this time of year – graduations, weddings, recitals for the grandkids, and the list goes on. We hope to see you next time!

The College put on a wonderful weekend and someone ordered up just the right weather for Friday night and Saturday. The Welcome Home gathering on Friday night was a relaxing catch up sitting on the patio outside of Casey’s. Saturday it was enjoyable to walk the campus and experience the 40 year transformation, and sit outside enjoying everyone’s company. The Saturday night dinner hosted by Siena was enjoyed by a group of 30+, including spouses and friends of the class of ’76. Br. Ed Coughlin, O.F.M., Fr. Julian Davies, and Fr. Mark Reamer ‘83, also joined us.

Here are a few tidbits from the weekend – which is totally relying on my memory…a dangerous thing these days! Please forgive me for any errors or omissions.

Annie Walsh Lofthus married to Marty Lofthus ’77, came in from Cape Cod. They too are enjoying their grandchildren.

Bill Cain married to Lori Lumpkin ’75 is thoroughly enjoying his recent retirement.

Bonnie Lowell Carly retired, but found herself accepting a job that she loves – overseeing a senior complex. She enjoys spending time with her 2 year old grandson. This was Bonnie’s first reunion. It was great to catch up on 40 years!

Frank Preda and his wife Kathy Kalwa ’78 continue to enjoy success competing their three dogs in dock jumping (diving).

Nick Bruno is maybe considering joining his wife Cathy Giuliani ’75 in retirement.

Peggy Naughton is now working for Siena as a development assistant.

Sue Vincelette Van Nostrand is enjoying her recent retirement from teaching nursing. She loves the flexibility it provides including time for an extended visit with her sister in Alaska.

A special thanks to Margy Lanzafoame Colbeth and her husband Doug ’77 for their contribution to the new Rugby Pitch. We were invited to see the new field and the bench dedicated in memory of our classmate Bill Herlihy. The Rugby Pitch is impressive and a great addition to Siena College.

Congratulations to Rick Coté.

1978

Rick Gabriel
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Congratulations to Dan Hughes, who celebrated the 20th anniversary of his business, Celtic Marketing Food Brokers, in January. He and his wife, Mary, started the company in their home 20 years ago. Their business sells specialty, natural, and organic foods to the mass market from Maine to South Carolina (including my beloved Wegmans!!) Dan and Mary live in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Their son Brendan graduated from Stonehill College in May and is now looking at dental schools. I feel like many more of you have been celebrating milestones: anniversaries, kids’ graduations, weddings, and grandchildren.

Please send me a quick e-mail to share your news. Your ’79 classmates would love to hear about how your life is going. Keep in touch and enjoy your summer!

1979

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Congratulations to Pat Maher Arcodia whose daughter Julie graduated from Fordham University.

We’d love to hear from you too!

1977

Linda Fitzsimmons
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Youngkin Semple whose son Ryan graduated from Penn State University.

Congratulations to Pat Maher Arcodia whose daughter Juliette graduated from Fordham University.

We’d love to hear from you too!
MINI REUNION

Mike Botticelli ’80, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control, and some of his staff in front of the White House. He represented Siena, wearing his green and gold tie, for College Signing Day and the First Lady’s Reach Higher Initiative to promote high school students to go onto higher education.

MINI REUNION

Mike Hanretta ’84, Eric Beresheim ’17, Mary Mullen Kinslow ’83, and Tom Kinslow ’83 met for dinner in Hong Kong.

1980
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As you know, I retired from Shenendehowa after 35 years as an English teacher and school administrator. I’m currently working as an adjunct in the Education Department here at Siena, but I have plenty of time on my hands!

In addition to her duties as Associate Professor of Advertising, Dorothy Skiba Pisarski was named the Global Communications Liaison for Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. She is now responsible for integrated marketing communications for the University’s Study Abroad, Short-Term Travel Seminars, Center for Global Citizenship, and World Languages and Cultures departments. Congratulations Dot!

Please send you class news and notes to me at diane0429@gmail.com or ddesilva@siena.edu. I hope you have a great summer and look forward to hearing from many of you!

1981
John Finneran and Mark Woroby were recognized at the Distinguished Alumni Awards during Reunion 2016 as recipients of the Fr. Ben Kuhn, O.F.M. Award for Service to the Siena Community. Classmates gathered at The Grotto for a blessing of a bench and tree planted in Mark’s memory.

1982
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Happy summer ’83!

I have a lot of news and announcements: so put on your reading glasses so you don’t miss a word! This past semester a bunch of ’83’s were on campus in various roles. The David ’73 and Christine ’75 Spicer Stack Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship invited a few to speak on their entrepreneurial journeys.

Phil Stocchetti and Jackie Klepper Higgins, were joined by Mike McKenna ’84, to headline their speaker series. Jackie also participated in the “Spark Tank” (see page 14) competition that rounded out the day.

Also on campus to represent was Mike Zarcone, executive vice president of corporate affairs for MetLife. Mike led a lunchtime lecture at the College titled “The Value of the Liberal Arts and Franciscan Education Based on Education in the 21st Century Global Business.” As a speaker in this year’s School of Liberal Arts Lecture Series, Mike reminisced with Siena’s students, faculty and community on the career experiences that led him to where he is today. “My theme was that there is value and versatility in being a liberal arts major and that it is sought after by employers.”

Mike concluded, “the Franciscan values, instilled on you at Siena, don’t have to end when you walk off campus.”

And last but not the least, Board of Trustee member – Ginny Darrow. You may have seen her challenge on Siena Giving Day. Ginny issued the challenge of a large gift if there were 500 donations to the Annual Fund in 24 hours. Thank you for your continued commitment, Ginny!

I don’t know about all of you but I am so proud and excited to be a part of an amazing group of Alumni who are so willing to share their time and talent.

Flashback for this edition: To-ga To-ga To-ga...specifically our class of 1983 toga party. Ode to a time when bed sheets were fashionable! Shout outs to Paul Meisel, Joe Carratelli, Dana Scudero-Caputo, and Michele Mitchell-Storr. Where are you and what are you up to? E-mail me so I can say you shouted back.

If you have any flashbacks, updates, or noteworthy items— or if you want me to do a shout out, please e-mail me for inclusion in the next edition. Hope to see you all in October in NYC.

Hey, ’83- keep in touch!

1983
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Greetings class of 1987! My name is Maryann King (I was Maryann Foley when we were all at Siena) and I am the new 1987 class notes editor for the Siena News! It was great hearing from many of our classmates. Please feel free to send any news, job updates, cool facts, or hobbies about yourself to me and I will add the notes for the next issue.

I now live in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. I married Ted (Theo) King ’86 and we have 3 kids, TJ (23), Matt (21) and Annie (19). Our oldest TJ actually graduated in May 2015 from Siena!! Talk about reliving fun times – but that is a

Raul A. Tabora ’83 was elected chair of the Health Law Section of the New York State Bar Association

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In December, Doug Poetzsch was awarded the “2015 Claims Executive of the Year” by the New York Claim Association.

1984
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In December, Doug Poetzsch ’85 was awarded the “2015 Claims Executive of the Year” by the New York Claim Association.

1985
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In December, Doug Poetzsch was awarded the “2015 Claims Executive of the Year” by the New York Claim Association.

1986
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In December, Doug Poetzsch was awarded the “2015 Claims Executive of the Year” by the New York Claim Association.

1987
Maryann King
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In December, Doug Poetzsch was awarded the “2015 Claims Executive of the Year” by the New York Claim Association.
whole other story! I am working as a part-time secretary at a church (yes, I am an official church lady!)

Ted Wilson works as a Senior Court Attorney to a Supreme Court Judge. He is running for Warren County Family Court Judge in this November’s election! Ted has participated in 8 IRONMAN triathlons and is presently helping out coaching a youth rugby team, the Foothills Rangers Rugby Club.

Fr. Patrick Tuttle, OFM is stationed as a friar priest in Greenville, South Carolina for an African American Church and School, Furman University’s Catholic Campus Ministry, a monastery of women and three Catholic hospitals. Pat says he is living the Siena College social work major’s dream! He helped build a $6.2 million school, which is paid for. The group has also purchased 21 homes, 14 of which are completely rehabilitated for the working poor. They provide, on average, 525 people a bag or box of groceries a week.

Joe “Red” Gargiulo is working in Parsippany, N.J. at Coyne PR.

Bill Callaghan has been living in Tampa, F.L. for the past 27 years. In 1989, he began working at Air Centers of Florida. He purchased the company with two other partners and they have been running it for the last 17 years. His company is an industrial distributor of Ingersoll Rand Air Compressors and Bill is the GM over service. His organization now has multiple companies under the name ACF Corp. Bill has been married 16 years and has two boys, William (15) and Dylan (13). Bill and his family recently went to Ireland and went to Italy in June.

Mark Ward married Kate Higgins after graduating from Siena. They have three children - Katherine (20), Grace (17) and Greg (15). Kat is sophomore at University of Michigan, Grace is a junior in high school and a member of the crew team. (Side note – the Wards went to Saratoga for a regatta…and said it was strange to be back in Saratoga and not visit Ratters!) and Greg is a freshman in high school and started his own theater production company four years ago. All is good!

Beth (Coleman) Post-Lundquist lives in Saratoga County with husband, Dan Lundquist, and two dogs, Sammy and Bocso. She has two daughters, Kathryn and Shannon, from her marriage with Charles Post. Shannon is currently a junior at Skidmore, and Kathryn is married and lives in Montreal, Canada with her husband. Beth is Director of Financial Aid at Skidmore College. She also serves on the Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation Board, and as chair the Saratoga Independent School Foundation Aid Committee. Beth and Dan are active in cultural, recreational, and environmental aspects of the Hudson River and Champlain Canal.

Ann Marie (Rieger) Bocklage and her husband Brian have settled on 24 acres in the beautiful hills of central PA after Brian retired from the Army 10 years ago. Ann Marie still has her lacrosse stick (she played at Siena) and loves to toss the ball around with her nieces and nephews.

Tony Commissio and his wife Colleen have triplets who are entering high school next fall. Tony owns Tuxego, tuxedo and formal wear shops in the Capital Region. Tony is also a Sandsals Certified Specialist so now he sells Sandals Honeymoons and couples vacations. He can also help any of our classmates in booking family vacation at Beaches Resorts! His family has taken some great road trips including Route 66! This summer, Tony is hoping to get certified in scuba diving.

John Ellis sends greetings to the members of the greatest class in Siena history! John is a Supreme Court Justice, elected in 2012 in the 4th Judicial District that covers 11 counties from Schenectady all the way North to Franklin, Clinton, and St. Lawrence that touch the Canadian border. John runs again in 2026, so please mark that on your calendars! He is married to Heidi, an elementary school teacher. They are blessed with two children, Scout (5) and Olivia (11), who wear the Siena colors with pride. The Ellis family has Siena legacy - John’s dad, James T. Ellis, graduated in ’62 and his cousin, Jason Ellis graduated in ’93.

Mike Kaloustian married Joan Wnorowski ’85 and they live five miles from Siena – but they met at work, not Siena! They have been married 25 years and have three sons, Michael, John and Danny. Michael just graduated UAlbany, John is attending Albany College of Pharmacy (3rd yr.), and Danny is a freshman at the College of Nanoscience and Engineering in Albany. Mike has been employed with the same company since graduating Siena in 1987 and works there with another 1987 graduate, Susan (Santos) O’Keefe.

Happy summer to all!

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Colonel Lee Ann Bennett was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the US Air Force in December.

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Kevin Clarke
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Wendy Moniz was cast in a recurring role as Laura Moretti, in season four of Netflix’s popular show, House of Cards.

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John Kessler received his Master’s in Corporate Finance from the University of Colorado.

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Happy summer, class of 1993! Haven’t heard from anyone in a while so feel free to fill me in on your latest happenings and perhaps you can be the spotlight in the next edition! Or, maybe you all will surprise me and flood me with updates. There has to be somebody doing something special out there! I’ll close this post by nothing on updates. There has to be somebody doing something special out there!

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Dr. Dawn S. Chivers was elected president of the New York State Optometric Association.

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John Durso Jr. was named Vice President of Community and Communications for NBC 4 New York/ WNBC and Telemundo 47 New York. Durso will also oversee communications for COZI TV, the national multicast network launched by the NBC Owned Television Stations featuring many of America’s most beloved and iconic television
series, and LX.TV Productions, the lifestyle production arm of the NBC owned stations.

1998
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Hello, class of 1998! We’ve been a little quiet these last few issues. Your classmates want to hear your updates! Please send them my way and I’ll include them in a future issue. Hope you are all well!

Patrick K. Jordan is now the General Counsel for the Albany Port District Commission, serving as legal counsel to the Albany Port District Commission Board, APDC General Manager and APDC staff. His practice focuses on contracts, business and commercial transactions, real property, environmental concerns, civil litigation, public authorities law and maritime law. He and his wife Laura live in Castleton-on-Hudson with their children Finn and Teagan.

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2000
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I don’t think there is a better time of year than the transitions into and out of summer. The excitement in my nieces and nephew’s laughter speaks volumes about how summer vacations are quickly approaching. July 4 is one of my favorite days of the year and again this summer, I’ll be in Coney Island for the (insert shameless client plug) Nathan’s Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest, live-tweeting all of the face-stuffing hot dog action. Now that I’ve done my duty for my client (tune into ESPN on our Independence Day), it’s on to everyone else’s updates!

Maria Linden Bieluch let me know that she and her husband Jon welcomed son James Joseph Bieluch on October 10. Big-brother Nolan and sisters, Kennedy and Casey, are helping with the diaper-changing duties.

Stephen DeSalvo is now with DeVry Medical International as the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations for Ross University Medical and Veterinary Schools, and American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. All of those properties are located in the Caribbean, so if you need some vacation advice, clearly Steve will have some suggestions. He, his wife Amanda and daughter Sienna Mae welcomed Giavanna Rose to the family last July and the family still resides in Queens.

Brian Nevin married Jill Dayney on March 24 on Siesta Key Beach, Florida. The newlyweds live on Long Island with their (almost) 12 month old daughter Abby and eight year old son Jack. Brian has served as Senior Policy Advisor and Communications Director for Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano since 2010.

Marc Piergiudi wrote in from sunny Southern California where he lives with his wife and two children. The six and four year old are keeping him busy outside of the office, and when he’s at work, Marc is the CFO of a real estate and investment company.

Closing out this issue’s update is a note from Amy (Zurlo) McGeady. Amy and her husband Matthew welcomed their first child, Daniel Matthew McGeady, to the world on January 28. Daniel tipped the scales at 10 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

Congratulations to everyone on the news. And if anyone needs some Nathan’s Famous Hot Dogs for a summer barbecue...I know a guy. Cheers, Chris.

2001
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2002
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Ryan Finn was promoted to partner at E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy Law Firm.

Heather R. Lewis, CPA, was recently promoted to a shareholder and director at Marvin and Company, P.C. She is the youngest female director named in their over 90 year history.

Dr. Thomas B. Reardon, Ph.D. was published in June’s American Association of School Administrators issue. He continues to teach at Siena College and also works as the Superintendent of the Wynniskill Union Free School District. He attributes everything he has to his forever roots at Siena College.

2003
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Greetings, class of 2003. It was great hearing from many of you with updates, news, and celebrations. Please keep them coming for our next edition.

Tara (Shellard) Halliday married Jared Halliday in May 2014 and welcomed a little Saint named Declan Timothy Halliday on March 30. Congratulations to the happy family.

Annie (Burak) Dotzler is an attorney at Barclay Damon, LLP in Syracuse, and was just honored with the Onondaga County Bar Association’s first inaugural Outstanding Service Award on Law Day.

Alison Brewi has a baby Saint to report. MacKayla Clare Logan was born on April 26. Congratulations, Alison!

Eric Brandt and his wife Melissa welcomed their first baby, Oliver Eric Brandt, on March 25. Eric and Melissa live in East Greenbush, New York. Melissa is a German teacher at Shaker Junior High School and Eric is a sales engineer for ACI Controls, Inc.

Karl Robstad was hired in March by Albany Medical Center as the Laboratory Medical Director at Columbia Memorial Hospital (Hudson, New York).

2004
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Hello, class of 2004! Hope everyone is doing well and is excited for summer. Steve Goetz and I (Melissa) welcomed our third child, Catherine, in April 2015. We were so excited to bring her to campus for Reunion Weekend!

Jeb Towne and Hailey (Sweeney) Towne are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Owen Michael. He was born on March 30 in Seattle, Washington. Owen and his big brother Leo can’t wait for their next visit to Siena!

James Minio was married in November to Carrie Silverstein, a music teacher at the Windward School in White Plains. They had a wonderful ceremony on the water on a warm, sunny day in New Rochelle, New York where they currently live. James is the Learning Specialist at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, working with students with varying learning needs. During the summer, he works as swim/lifeguard instructor and part-time manager at Larchmont Manor Beach on the Long Island Sound.

Ken Jubie and his wife Laura welcomed their first little Saint just in time for basketball season. Garrett James Jubie was born at 6 lbs. 8 oz. on October 1. Also, Ken recently completed his first year as Director of Internal Communications at SECU. Congratulations to the Jubie family!
honored to have been selected as Distinguished Alumni Award recipients for the “Franciscan Spirit Award.” The best part of the weekend by far was watching our one year old, Mason, interacting with “Bernie” and playing with the other kids from our Siena family. Reunion Weekend was also an excellent opportunity for me to catch up with several of our classmates and be able to have many exciting updates to share with you. With that being said, “Let’s start spreading the news!”

Margaret (Meg) Hutcheson received the Franciscan Spirit Award at the Distinguished Alumni Awards during Reunion 2016.

Katie Luker Cherney and her husband Keith welcomed their second son, Jack Michael Cherney into their family on December 22. Congratulations!

Libby Whitney Del Greco recently celebrated her eight year anniversary as a Development Officer in Foundation Relations at the Wildlife Conservation Society, at the Bronx Zoo. She and her husband Rob Del Greco ’05 welcomed their son, Robert David, into their family in March.

Jessica (Aubin) Pidgeon earned her Ph. D. from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at UAlbany. She is now an Adjunct Professor of Political Science there. The University presented her with a “Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award.” Jessica also co-published a chapter in a book on civic engagement. Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed her to serve as a NY State Excelsior Service Fellow and Jessica got married! Congratulations Jessica on an outstanding year!

Karen Patricia resides in Houston. She graduated with her Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Houston. She is completing her Neonatology Fellowship from Baylor College of Medicine & Texas Children’s Hospital. Karen will be moving to the Woodlands, Texas, where she will be an Assistant Professor at Baylor College of Medicine and also will be opening a new children’s hospital branch. Congratulations!

Lindsay (Finch) DiMaso and her husband Ryan DiMaso welcomed a little boy, Mason, into their family on December 29.

Rebecca (DiCaprio) Rokitowski welcomed a baby girl named Robin into her family in July, 2015.

Christina and Anthony Chiravolo welcomed a baby girl into their family in January.

Jennifer (Edmonds) Doret married Josh Doret in November.

Tim Egan and Kelly (Jaegar) Egan ’07, welcomed a son Liam James into the world on October 24. Tim is a Senior Auditor for the US Department of Health & Human Services and Kelly is a teacher at Schenectady High School.

Dave Auringer is an ophthalmologist and will be working for a private practice this summer. His wife, Noreen (Wunderlich) Auringer is the Director of the Gift/Trust Group in the National Tax Group at Ayco. They have two children, Andy (4) and Lucy (2).

Tim Prall just completed his 10th year teaching seventh grade mathematics in the Shenendehowa Central School District in Clifton Park, New York.

Ryan Silva and his wife Erin celebrated their one year wedding anniversary in May.

Ray Navarette and Kristen (Kaschak) Navarette celebrated their 10 year wedding anniversary! Kristen completed medical school and her residency at Albany Medical College. She is now an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Albany Medical College. In the fall, she will begin a fellowship in Preventive Medicine at the UAlbany’s School of Public Health. Ray is currently working as an Advisory Software Engineer for Pitney Bowes, in Troy, New York. He finished his Master’s Degree in Applied Science at RPI. Ray and Kristen have two kids, Alexandra (5) and Andy (2).

2007

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Greetings, class of 2007! First, many thanks to Mike and Jackie for delivering our class news for the last few years. Stan and I are excited to step into their roles and keep all of the 2007 Saints updated. As a brief update, I am completing my sixth year teaching high school English in Connecticut. Stan just started working as the Director of Student Conduct at New England College this past February. This has been a busy time for our class. Thanks for keeping Siena News updated and please continue to do so!

Our class has had many trips down the altar! Jonathan S. McCord Esq., married Carol E. Crummey, Esq. on October 3 at the historic St. Mary’s Church in downtown Albany. Fr. Kenneth P. Paulli ’82 officiated the wedding and the reception followed at Schuyler Meadows Club in Loudonville. Jonathan is a local attorney practicing at the law firm of Featherstonhaugh, Wiley & Clyne, LLP. He also serves as a mentor to Siena pre-law students.

Kristen Carlson happily wed Grant Rubin on December 19 at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Fr. Kenneth P. Paulli ’82 officiated the ceremony. After pictures in Elizabeth Park, Kristen and Grant joined guests at an intimate Christmas wedding reception at the Marriott Downtown Hartford. They hosted a larger reception on March 19 at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park in West Hartford, the town where they reside.

Jessica Griffin married Joseph Gonzales on April 9 in Sayville, New York. Mallory Baringer and Nicole Lipiec were bridesmaids.


Jennifer Bennice married Michael Hall on July 2 in Newburgh, New York. Her Sena roommates, Kerri Zappend and Laura Campion, were bridesmaids.

In other exciting news, Siena may have some future Saints heading its way. Regina (Connelly) Gibbins and her husband, Matthew Gibbins had their third son, Jackson Grey Gibbins, on September 9. He joins big brothers Ryan (4) and Brandon (2).

Rob DiNuzzo and his wife, Clare ’09, welcomed their first child, Jackson Louis DiNuzzo, on April 21. Rob also accepted a marketing position at tech startup Datadog in Manhattan.

Our class is also excelling professionally and putting our great Siena educations to work.

John Adams and his wife just moved to San Diego where he
started a job with Sharp Healthcare as a Business Intelligence Analyst II.

Adam Mastroianni has published his second book, Start With One: A Journey Through Homosexuality, Christianity, Societal Prejudices, and the Will to Prevail. Start With One provides insight and understanding into one of the most misunderstood and prejudiced topics in society. For each book that is sold, one free copy will be donated to a school, church, or organization in order to spread LGBT awareness and education. Available on Amazon.com for purchase!

Dan Papierniak completed his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriting, CPCU designation. This designation is composed of a series of eight tests in the insurance field. It is considered one of the most prominent designations in the insurance industry. He is currently working for State Farm Insurance.

Ryan Watroba, CRP Vice President, Relocation & Business Development at Coldwell Banker Prime Properties, was named to Albany Business Review’s 40 Under 40.

Congratulations to all! Please keep the updates rolling in and we will be sure to post them in the next Siena News. Don’t forget that June 2017 will be our 10-year reunion!

2008
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Hello class of 2009, Erin Clune and Ben Spiegel were engaged.

Elizabeth Fischer and Jay Pollock married on September 12 in Woodbury, New York.

Amanda Guardo is living on Kodiak Island in Alaska and working in the Kodiak Island Borough School District as a School Psychologist, and working toward her Board Certification in Behavioral Analysis (BCBA).

Beena Panicker and Ben Smerecki were engaged in Maui, Hawaii. Beena is doing shopper and national promotions for Catapult (a marketing agency) in Westport, CT. They currently reside in Stratford, CT.

Elizabeth Sica and Michael Sica welcomed Declan Andrew Sica to their family. He was born May 10.

Phil Sidoti was named to Albany Business Review’s 40 under 40.

Justine Tesiero and Joe Coman were married on May 7 in Amsterdam, New York.

Gina Graziano graduated from Fordham University Gabelli School of Business with a concentration in marketing and communications. She received an honor from Alpha Mu Alpha, which is the honor society of the American Marketing Association.

I hope you all are enjoying the summer weather! Please email me anytime at tsalonich11@aim.com to share news with our class.

2010
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Happy summer, class of 2010! I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the nice weather we are finally having. Please continue to send me updates on your life at any time by finding me on Facebook or emailing me at kellypeckholdt@gmail.com.

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Jeni Casinelli Vogel wed Robert Vogel on October 11 in New Canaan, Connecticut. The two reside at their home in Lake Carmel, New York.

Kellie Scullin married Jim Gifford ’09 on September 6 in Loudonville, NY. The couple resides in Clifton Park, New York.

Kelly Byrnes and Emily Reardon were engaged October, 2015.

DJ Fraioli is very proud to announce that he is a sponsored athlete for A.R.D. Nutrition and will be competing in the 2016 Fitness Atlantic USA Championships in April for the title of Professional Fitness Model.

Amy Spielvogel has been accepted and will be attending Sacred Heart University this fall for her Master’s in Occupational Therapy.

Joe Frunusa has accepted a position as producer for “Good Day Connecticut” at Fox 61 in Hartford, Connecticut.

Emily Merritt is currently at Auburn University working as a Research Associate on project research regarding ticks and tick borne illness throughout the state of Alabama.

Cameron Green married Nicole Justice (Green) in January. They reside in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Deanna Martello has been working at Hines Real Estate Development as a Construction/Facilities Manager. She began in September 2012. She is based in New York City and is happy to announce that she is engaged to fellow Siena grad, Michael Pezze ’13.

Leanne Gelish is happy to announce that she has published a children’s book name “Audrey and the Extraordinary Camera.”

Shinej Wren graduated from Sage Nursing School in December, and passed her boards. She accepted a full time position at St. Peter’s Health Partners in Albany.

Hayley Samela is working at Advocate as an Analyst in Digital Sales Planning, she works and lives in New York City.

Cara Hannigan graduated from Albany Medical College in May. She will be completing her residency at Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

Kelly Werner has received her match for her residency for her medical degree and will be located at Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

Shakunthala “Devi” Shiwnath has moved to Boston to work as an Employment Specialist at the Jewish Vocational Service, as well as pursing her Master’s Degree in Global Studies at Northeastern.

Theresa Ellis has a new position at the Bonadio Group located in Latham, New York.

Kristen Perella accepted a position as Nutritionist at New York State Department of Health. Kristen has moved to Albany.

As always please keep me updated on all your exciting news! Proud to be classmates with each and every one of you. As for me, I accepted a position as Account Manager at Association Development in Albany, and am venturing off to get my MBA at American University.

2013
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Hello fellow Siena alumni, Although three years have passed since the class of 2013 graduated from Siena, our class continues to advance the mission...
of the College in all of its endeavors. The successes of the class of 2013 mirror the Franciscan values that we cherished as students and continue to cherish as alumni. As we said in May 2013 and remains true today, “Once a Saint, always a Saint!” Congratulations to the class of 2016 and welcome to the Siena Alumni family!

Cassie Jane Werking interned for Congressman Paul Tonko at the U.S. Capitol this spring and will be pursuing her Ph.D. in American History in the fall.

Sara O’Shea completed her second year of law school at the recently renamed Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, where she interned at the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic. She is excited to intern at Scenic Hudson in Poughkeepsie, New York, this summer.

OD Anosike recently completed his third professional basketball season in Italy. He is in the process of getting his Master’s in Sports Management from Texas A&M University and will be graduating this August.

Stephanie Vale had her two year work anniversary in July at the New York State Insurance Fund as a programmer in their IT department. She continues to play the flute for Siena’s music ministry in the chapel every week.

Alexandra Viglucci earned her Master’s in Social Work at UAlbany this May.

Katie Marino was recently promoted to Senior Market Analyst at Travelers Insurance Company. She works on a team that manages profit and loss for personal lines insurance products in the state of New York. Katie started with Travelers right out of Siena and will soon be celebrating her three year anniversary with the company this June.

Shannon Delaney worked at TWC News for two years in Albany. In October, 2015 she moved to Orlando, Florida to work at a FOX affiliate. Shannon is also a proud mama of two rabbits!

Melissa Grippa graduated from Touro Law School this May.

2014

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Hello, class of 2014 and happy summer!! Our class has been very busy since our last update!

I recently completed my Master’s Degree at St. John’s University in Special Education. I have been teaching math at the same middle school in Queens for the past two years.

Victoria Minar has been working as a full time Surgical Neurophysiologist at Neuroalert Monitoring in White Plains, New York since March.

Alana Strassfeld recently started a new job working for a consulting firm called ELEVATE Global Limited that specializes in social compliance in manufacturing supply chains. The work consists of consulting on human rights, worker-management communication, and productivity in factories across the world. She has been working remotely for a few months, but will be moving to Shanghai, People’s Republic of China, next month to work with her new team.

Alyssa Lowell graduated from Boston College with a Masters of Social Work this week. She will continue to work with the United Way and the Children’s Trust, and in the fall will work for United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley.

Ashley Larkin has been working in her role as a Human Resources Assistant at Fairview Hospital for about a year and is well on her way to obtaining her Master’s in Health Administration.

Pamela Townsend started as a Personal Banker for KeyBank in September of 2015.

Nicole Heck published her first fiction novel, A Saint For Life in March. It is available on Amazon.com.

Sarah Michalka just graduated Textron’s Leadership Development program for human resources. She spent a year as an HR generalist in Rockford, Illinois and a year as a Talent Development Specialist in Wichita, KS. She accepted a permanent role as a Human Resources Business Partner for their Memphis Distribution Center.

Amanda Stasiwicz just finished her MS in Natural Resources at the University of Idaho and is excited to continue her studies at UI this summer where her Ph.D. research will focus on the human dimensions of wildfire.

Danielle Berish just passed her qualifying exam for her Ph.D. program in Nuclear Physics at Temple University. She will now be hard at work completing her thesis/dissertation.

Ben Landschoot started physical therapy school at Rutgers University in the School of Health Related Professions DPT Program (South)!

Congratulations to everyone completing graduate studies this spring! Please continue to update us whenever you have news. I love hearing about the awesome things our class is accomplishing! Email me at ke06harr@alum.siena.edu or message me on Facebook!

On behalf of the class of 2014, I would like to welcome the class of 2016 into the Alumni family!

2015

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Duke D. Demarest is a District Manager with General Motors in which he has territorial responsibility for the administration of the Sales and Service Agreements that exist between GM and its dealers.

He is involved in an abundance of different tasks with GM and its dealers, for example, implementing and developing marketing initiatives, customer retention, product displays, financial analysis, and training of employees. He is newly assigned to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

Anthony Piro is pursuing his Master’s in Literacy Education with a concentration in grades 5-12 at The College of New Rochelle.

Anthony is also working in the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District.

Mia Guyette is pursuing her Master’s in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at the University of New Haven with a concentration in Organizational Development and Consultation.

Mia was also elected President of the University’s chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management.

Taylor Booth is the Assistant Coach and Head of Recruiting of women’s soccer at New York University.

Cory Stewart is entering the medical school class of 2020 at Ross University School of Medicine.

Brianna St. Amour will begin working as a Junior High Youth Minister at St. Ambrose parish in Woodbury, Minnesota.

Upon graduation, Michael Sorrentino moved back to his hometown of Lenox, MA. In November he took a full time job as a float teller at Adams Community Bank, a bank that merged with the Lenox National Bank. In December he started grad school online through Southern New Hampshire University for his MS in Accounting. Michael has also been involved in his home church of St. Vincent de Paul in Lenox Dale, Massachusetts as a lector.

Deep Shah is currently enrolled in Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Program at Temple University school of Podiatric Medicine. He is planning to specialize in foot and ankle reconstructive surgeries, along with trauma and wound care.

Paige Rodack has completed her year of pharmacy school at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and also plans to take classes over the summer for an MBA from Clarkson University Graduate School.

Kristina Igoe graduated with her Master’s in May.

Angelique (Angie) Turman Corchado has been awarded a Fulbright ETA to Brazil for the upcoming academic year.

2016

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Attention class of 2016! We welcome you into the Alumni family! Your class notes coordinators are fellow classmates, Anthony Bjoelke and Matt Lorini. If you have any updates about new jobs or grad school, you can e-mail Anthony and Matt at sienanotes2016@gmail.com!

In an effort to publish alumni wedding photos in a more timely manner and to allow alumni to share these photos via social media all future weddings will be posted at www.siena.edu/weddings. The wedding announcements will continue to appear in the class notes section. Cheers!
Fr. Mathias Doyle, O.F.M., a professed Franciscan friar for 58 years and a priest for 54 years, died on June 16 at Siena College.

"Fr. Matt Doyle first and foremost was a Franciscan," said Fr. Kevin Mullen ’75, O.F.M., Ph.D., Provincial Minister of Holy Name Province, Siena Trustee and former Siena College president. “He held numerous leadership positions, achieved many accomplishments, and made significant contributions in every community he served. All of it flowed from his commitment to be a humble servant who tried to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis in living the gospel of Jesus Christ. I was blessed to have Matt as a teacher, mentor, and a brother."

Fr. Mathias entered the Franciscans after graduating from Siena College in 1955 and was ordained in 1962. After teaching for two years at St. Francis College in Rye Beach, N.H., he received his M.A. degree from the Catholic University of American in 1965 and his Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Notre Dame in 1968.

His first assignment after completing his degrees was at Siena, where he taught political science and served as co-Director of the Franciscan Formation program. In 1972 he was elected guardian of the Franciscan community at the College. Fr. Mathias was then appointed to St. Bonaventure University’s Board of Trustees, and was elected the 17th president in 1975–the youngest (then 41) to hold that position. In 1990, he returned to the Bonaventure faculty as a professor of political science.

“His leadership style was quiet and lacking in drama but his steady hand on the wheel kept the university moving forward while integrating new demands and welcoming new generations,” said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., St. Bonaventure University president. “The fact that Matt was happy to live out his days at Siena says much about his commitment to higher education. I was always grateful for his warm welcome and supportive words.”

In the fall of 2007, Fr. Mathias returned to Siena where he served as Director of the Franciscan Center for Service and Advocacy. In this role he worked directly with the students to serve not only the Capital Region, but the global community. He held this position until 2011, although he remained on campus and continued to assist the Center as well as the Capital Region community.

A memorial mass was held in the College Chapel of St. Mary of the Angels on June 19.
1. The Tau cross is most commonly associated with St. Francis' life and teachings. To me, the cross is a reminder of the importance of charity, humility, and gratefulness for all that I have. I received my own Tau cross on my first service trip to the Saint Francis Inn in Philadelphia.

2. Drinking coffee is a part of my daily grind. It doesn’t matter what brand, so long as I’m able to have a cup each morning.

3. My Cross Country/Track jersey and running shoes represent a huge part of my life and identity as a student-athlete. It’s hard at times to balance school and running, but I can’t imagine spending my time at Siena any other way. It’s fun, sometimes stressful, but all around rewarding to challenge myself each day at practice and meets to become a better athlete. My teammates have become my second family.

4. I found a vintage Siena sweater at a thrift store in high school. I had already decided on coming to Siena and I couldn’t wait to wear it around campus because it was one of a kind. I have fun shopping second hand because it often leads me to find unique things.

5. I live so close to campus that I’m able to enjoy a few home cooked meals and time with my family, as well as a large amount of time on campus: in the library, at “Saga”, cross country practice, and with my friends.

6. I’ve been knitting for years; I’m a part of a group on campus called ‘Close Knit Community’ that brings students together to work with their hands, think creatively, and focus on something simple, like knitting, for a few hours a week during the busy months of the semester.

7. I stepped out of my comfort zone and applied for a Habitat for Humanity spring break trip my freshman year. On this trip, I realized just how important community service is to me.

8. I love reading and as an English major I’m usually in the middle of reading a handful of books at a time. I’ve discovered some of my favorite stories and authors through the English and writing classes I’ve taken here at Siena.
Thank You!

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