**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,

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,” 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

COLLEGE AWARDED $394,715 NSF GRANT

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.”
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 textbook or listening to a lecture; it was about sharing the legacy and the memory of this movement and sharing knowledge.”

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 Trrtlz. 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.
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 Henderschott '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.
SIENA SERVES
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.”
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.

STUDENT. ATHLETES.

2015–16 Siena College Student of the Year Lauren Smith ’16 was named a three-time Second Team All-MAAC selection and graduated as one of just two women’s lacrosse players in program history to record 100 points, 100 groundballs and 100 draw controls in her career.

Ashley Holdridge ’16 was one of just 15 semifinalists nationally – and the national sport winner for women’s lacrosse – to be named an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar. Holdridge graduates as the program’s all-time career leader in goals against average (10.24).

A member of Siena Athletics’ 4.0 Club, Matt Needham ’16 graduated magna cum laude and received the School of Business Award for Excellence in the field of management. A two-time team captain and four year starter at back for the men’s soccer team, he was a key contributor for two of the four winningest seasons in program history.

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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

2015-2016 FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Fr. Matthew T. Conlin, O.F.M. Distinguished Service Award
– Jim Matthews, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

The Fr. Jerome Walton Award for Excellence in Teaching
– Christiane Farnan ’93 Ph.D., Associate Professor of English

The Raymond Kennedy Excellence in Scholarship Award
– Vera Eccarius Kelly, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science

The James Knust Excellence in Administration Award
– Jason Rich ’98, Director of Marketing and Communications
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. Reunion weekend gave us an opportunity to come home to campus and see our Siena family. It was great to reminisce old times and create new Siena memories with our son Mason.”-Chris ’06 and Breanne ’05 Elsesser

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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.
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.

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.

Trustees Judy Capano-Michaelson and David Stack ’73
ANSWER THE CALL

Douglas Hickey ’77 enjoyed an enormously successful career in the telecom and technology industries, culminating in his appointment as president and CEO of San Francisco–based BinWise Inc., the leading provider of analytics to premier restaurant, hotel and entertainment groups around the world. Then, one day in 2014, he gave it all up.

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
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.