



SIENA SENIOR SAINTS

By unanimous support of the College's Board of Trustees, Charles Seifert, Ph.D., was officially appointed the 13th President of Siena College. Dr. Seifert will begin his term on June 1, 2023; an inauguration ceremony will be held on September 21, 2023.

Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Baldwin '81 made the announcement to the internal community via email on December 1. Very early in the presidential search, Dr. Seifert was identified as a highly qualified candidate, and as Baldwin noted in his announcement to the community, it became evident during the process that Dr. Seifert was the perfect person to lead Siena forward.

"Dr. Seifert has been instrumental in Siena's recent successes. He has exceeded every standard set forth by the Board, and his nomination was unanimously advanced by the Presidential Search Committee, which included representation from all constituency groups on campus. I'm proud that a member of our community – by absolute devotion to Siena, impeccable credentials, and a strong track record for leadership – has distinguished himself so clearly for the presidency."

Beyond Dr. Seifert's endorsement from the Board, his appointment comes with the unwavering support of College leaders.

Dr. Seifert joined the Siena community in 1996 as visiting assistant professor of finance and management. Over 26 years, he's served the College as a faculty member at every rank, interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, and dean of the School of Business.

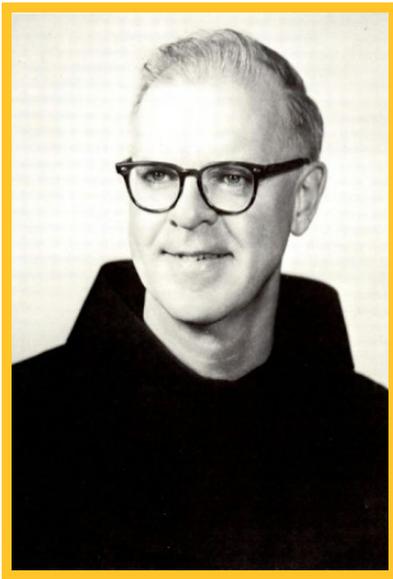
"I am very humbled and honored by this



opportunity to lead an institution in which I believe so wholeheartedly.

We are at a pivotal moment in Siena's history. We are on the verge of something special and we have the people and the plan to help us realize our bold vision. This starts and ends with our students. They are who we are called to serve, and we have committed ourselves to developing and delivering a student experience that is truly exceptional. One that prepares our Saints to lead meaningful and successful lives in the dynamic workforce that awaits them after graduation. An experience that is nationally recognized and coveted.

I dedicate myself to making sure that all members of the Siena community are heard and respected, and that we all endeavor to achieve the goal of developing new generations of leaders eager to create a more just, peaceful and humane world." — Charles Seifert, Ph.D.



As Siena enters a period of change and new beginnings within our leadership, we remember an impactful time of change where an indelible mark was left on the Siena community through the guidance of Fr. Matthew T. Conlin, O.F.M. While the Class of 1973 gets ready to celebrate 50 years since their time at Siena, many can

reflect and remember the appointment of Fr. Matthew T. Conlin, O.F.M. as the sixth president of the College in 1970.

Before becoming president, Conlin was known as a brilliant educator and scholar. He was a professor of English, department chair, dean and vice president. Conlin had a reputation amongst the students as a fair but firm professor who demanded excellence in the classroom. Many of his former students still tell stories of his profound influence in their professional and personal lives.

Conlin's six years of leadership demonstrated his sincere commitment to the betterment of Siena College. Many appreciated his willingness to delve into student life, providing balanced academic leadership at a time of great social and political unrest. Under Conlin's leadership, Siena launched a systematic

program to hire faculty members with terminal degrees and welcomed the first class of students from the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP). The College also opened the residence halls to female students, increased the quality of applicants, and replaced deans with vice presidents in the areas of academic affairs, student affairs, business affairs and development.

Despite Fr. Matthew T. Conlin, O.F.M.'s passing in April of 2012, his influential period of leadership continues to leave a lasting impact on Siena College and the Education for a Lifetime. His legacy is still recognized each year as Siena College celebrates a tenured faculty member with the Fr. Matthew T. Conlin, O.F.M. Distinguished Service Award. The honor is given to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in service that leads toward institutional excellence.



The story of Fr. Matthew T. Conlin, O.F.M. exemplifies the possibilities and growth for Siena College as we enter a new chapter with an optimistic outlook to better Siena and our community.

Donating Your IRA Required Minimum Distribution

If you are 72 years old (or 70 1/2 after December 31, 2022) you must take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from your IRA and possibly other tax-advantaged accounts. Rolling your RMD as a gift to Siena is a wonderful way to support the College. As a qualified charitable distribution, gifts up to \$100,000 are not subject to income tax and greatly advances our mission here on campus. Donating to Siena College is a great option. Your required withdrawal will be included in your taxable income and cannot be rolled into other tax-deferred accounts. However, donating your RMD is a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and will not be taxed up to \$100,000. Tax benefits aside, earmarking this income for Siena is a great way to begin or expand your giving portfolio to advance our mission here on campus. You can choose to start a scholarship, support the Annual Fund and the Annual Fund Endowment or a program of your desire.

To learn more about how to support Siena through your RMD, please contact Development & External Affairs at 518-783-2432.



IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

The ribbon was ceremoniously cut for the recently renovated Patricia Gioia Hall on the day of Siena's 85th birthday celebration. The final piece, though, was added on October 28, when St. Francis of Assisi was installed in front of the Welcome Center, leading all visitors in the Franciscan tradition.

Through the generosity of Mr. Paul A. and Mrs. Mary T. Reamer; Brian J. '91 and Sheri West; and The John, Marie, and Joseph Whalen Foundation, an eight-foot-tall, one-of-a-kind statue of St. Francis is now leading the way toward the Admissions building. Designed by John Collier, renowned internationally for his inspirational work that can often be found in and around churches, a younger St. Francis is walking in the footsteps of Jesus, a symbolic invitation for future Saints.

God of all creation,
on this Christmas day we give You thanks
for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
He is Emmanuel, God with us.

He did not arrive with the raiments of a rich and powerful king,
but as a little child born in a stable,
who nevertheless was destined to change the world,
As we celebrate his incarnation,
help us to imitate him in being loving servants to others
and instruments of his peace.

We pray especially today for those who live
in places torn by discord and violence,
and for all of our sisters and brothers who are suffering.

We ask your blessing on the Siena family.

May our devotion to the Lord Jesus be manifest
in deeds that will make our world more just, peaceable, and humane,
so that we may draw closer to that day when all will be one in you.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Fr. Dennis Tamburello '75, O.F.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



To learn more about these events, including locations and times, please visit siena.edu/alumni/events

JANUARY

Siena Alumni Coffeehouse

January 12, 2023

Women's Basketball Alumni Weekend

January 21, 2023

Pre-Game Meet-Up | Siena Men's Basketball Vs. Iona

January 27, 2023

Pre-Game Meet-Up | Siena Men's Basketball at Marist

January 29, 2023

FEBRUARY

Pre-Game Meet-Up | Siena Men's Basketball at Manhattan

February 3, 2023

Alumni Book Club

TBD

MARCH

Siena Giving Day

March 15, 2023

MAAC Championships

March 7 - 11, 2023