Honors Societies and Honors Program

2022 - 2023
Mission of Siena College

Siena College is a learning community advancing the ideals of a liberal arts education, rooted in its identity as a Franciscan and Catholic institution.

As a learning community,

Siena is committed to a student-centered education emphasizing dynamic faculty-student interaction. Through a blending of liberal arts and professional education, Siena College provides experiences and courses of study instilling the values and knowledge to lead a compassionate, reflective, and productive life of service and leadership.

As a liberal arts college,

Siena fosters the rigorous intellectual development of its students through a healthy exchange of ideas both inside and outside the classroom. It provides opportunities to develop critical and creative thinking; to make reasoned and informed judgments; to appreciate cultural diversity; to deepen aesthetic sensibility and to enhance written and oral communication skills. It develops in each individual an appreciation for the richness of exploring knowledge from a variety of perspectives and disciplines.

As a Franciscan community,

Siena strives to embody the values and vision of St. Francis of Assisi: faith in a personal and provident God, reverence for all creation, affirmation of the unique worth of each person, appreciation for beauty, service to the poor and marginalized. We seek to build a community strengthened through diversity, where members work together in friendship and respect, committed to building a world that is more just, peaceable, and humane.

As a Catholic college,

Siena seeks to advance not only the intellectual growth of its students, but their spiritual, religious and ethical formation as well. To this end, Siena is composed of and in dialogue with people from different religious and cultural traditions; fosters a critical appreciation of the Catholic intellectual heritage in conversation with contemporary experience; provides ample opportunities for worship and service; explores the moral dimensions of decision-making in business and the professions; and affirms the dignity of the individual while pursuing the common good.
Siena College Honors Program

The Honors Fellows complete a combination of Honors courses, service activities, and a culminating Honors Thesis.

The J. Spencer and Patricia Standish Honors Fellows Program

Class of 2023

Logan J. Belak
Athena Z. Bennani
Mike M. Denihan
Samuel J. Hearn
Kiley A. Lenahan
Emily P. Long
Torri M. Mangelli
Brendan P. McDonnell
Matthew F. Powers
Caroline M. Spore
Madoka L. Weldon

Honors Theses

Logan J. Belak, “An Inquiry into the Use of VR in the Education Field: Time to Level Up Our Learning?”

Athena Z. Bennani, “Ras-1 and 2 Expression Patterns and Mutant Phenotypes in Caenorhabditis Elegans”

Mike M. Denihan, “The Book is Always Better: A Dissection of Red Dragon’s Hannibal Lecter on Page and Screen”


Kiley A. Lenahan, “Every Campus a Refuge: An Intersectional Feminist Analysis”

Emily P. Long, “The Punishment that Never Ends: An Examination on the Ethical Injustices that Occur within the American Prison System”
Tori M. Mangelli, “Whose Fault Is It?: An examination of media narratives concerning substance misuse in Appalachia and potential solutions”

Brendan P. McDonnell, “‘Claiming the mantle’”: How the Various Nations of Europe and their Leaders Saw Themselves as the Successors of the Roman Empire and its Emperors”

Matthew F. Powers, “Unhoused but Unharmed? Evaluating Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution Programs’ Effectiveness among Homeless Youth”

Caroline M. Spore, “There’s No Place Like Home: The Impact of Mental Health Treatment on the Homeless Population”

Madoka L. Weldon, “Capitalism with Guardrails: How China’s History Has Led to its Practice of Authoritarian Capitalism”

Honors Thesis Only

Alpha Kappa Alpha membership is the highest award granted to our graduates. Alpha Kappa Alpha members are students who have achieved academic excellence throughout their college years. They also have demonstrated an awareness of the problems facing society and a sincere concern for others. AKA members have contributed in a special way to Siena and to the broader community by active participation in extracurricular activities. These students embody the Franciscan traditions that are the foundation of every Siena graduate’s education. They have been selected upon the recommendation of a select committee of faculty and administrators.

2023 Inductees

Christina L. Amari  
Bachelor of Arts – Psychology  
Minor: Writing and Communication  
Summa Cum Laude

Jeffrey L. Briand  
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science – Public Policy and Administration Track  
Minor: Sociology  
Summa Cum Laude

Jonas Benjamin C. Cabahug  
Bachelor of Science – Management  
Magna Cum Laude

Carly M. Fanning  
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science – American Politics and Justice Track  
Second Major in Communications – Political Communications Track  
Pre-Law Certificate Program  
Cum Laude

Victor K. Gelfuso  
Bachelor of Arts – Philosophy  
Minors: Political Science and History  
Pre-Law Certificate Program  
Summa Cum Laude

Samuel J. Hearn  
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science  
Concentration: Nonprofit Management  
Minor: Healthcare Management  
Certificate in Community Development  
Honors Fellow  
Magna Cum Laude

Miranda J. Kane  
Bachelor of Arts – Psychology  
Concentration: School Psychology  
Minor: Educational Studies  
Summa Cum Laude

Aaron Y. Kim  
Bachelor of Arts – Biology  
Minor: Spanish  
Albany Medical College Program  
Summa Cum Laude

Avery F. Knous  
Bachelor of Arts – Economics  
Minors: French and Business  
Summa Cum Laude
Alpha Kappa Alpha

2023 Inductees (Continued)

Kiley A. Lenahan
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science
Minor: Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies
Honors Fellow
Pre-Law Certificate Program
Magna Cum Laude

Amy D. Leung
Bachelor of Arts – Biology
Minor: Science, Technology, and Value
Albany Medical College Program
Summa Cum Laude

Emily P. Long
Bachelor of Arts – Philosophy
Minor: Psychology
Pre-Law Certificate Program
Honors Fellow
Magna Cum Laude

John K. Lynch
Bachelor of Science – Marketing
Magna Cum Laude

Mustafa Mahmood
Bachelor of Arts – Biology
Minor: Science, Technology, and Value
Albany Medical College Program
Summa Cum Laude

Tori M. Mangelli
Bachelor of Arts – Communications – Journalism Track
Minor: Psychology
Honors Fellow
Certificate in Community Development
Summa Cum Laude

Jack J. Mellon
Bachelor of Science – Economics
Minor: Information Systems
Magna Cum Laude

Maria S. Paez
Bachelor of Arts – Biology
Minor: Spanish
Albany Medical College Program
Summa Cum Laude

Stephanie M. Somers
Bachelor of Science – Finance
Second Major in Economics
Summa Cum Laude

Michelle T. Tram
Bachelor of Arts – Biology
Minor: Science, Technology, and Value
Albany Medical College Program
Summa Cum Laude

Alexandria J. Tsamis
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science – American Political Justice Track
Pre-Law Certificate Program
Summa Cum Laude

Tori R. Vellucci
Bachelor of Arts – Sociology
Minors: Criminal Justice Studies and Forensic Science
Magna Cum Laude
Alpha Kappa Delta
International Honor Society in Sociology
Noah F. Battuello
Kayzjah N. Charles
Mackenzie E. Farrell
Shayna D. Lacijan
Maggie E. O’Reilly
Jillian E. O’Rourke
Kendall A. Paluch
Matthew F. Powers
Marco J. Psyllos

Alpha Mu Gamma
National Foreign Language Honor Society
Cynthia Issac Douge
Avery F. Knous
Liz C. D’Angelo
Elani J. Hall
Mellissa V. Lauterborn
Charles N. Mandracchia
Brianna M. Nagengast-McHale
Tereska M. Nardelli
Alexa M. Quispe Choquehuanca
Zoe K. Scott
Duncan R. Tallman
Beta Alpha Psi
Nu Xi Chapter
The International Honor Organization for Financial Information Students and Professionals

Laura R. Eberlein
Rebecca A. Fankhanel
Melissa V. Lauterborn
Andrew P. Martin
Madisyn N. Molesky

Beta Gamma Sigma
International Honor Society for Students of AACSB-Accredited Business Schools

Undergraduate
Haley N. DeCicco
Rebecca A. Fankhanel
Eliana C. Orlic

Master’s Program
Hunter R. Denmark
Michael B. Gordon
Delta Epsilon Sigma
National Scholastic Honor Society
for students in Catholic Colleges and Universities

Thea M. Akhrass
Aidan E. Anderson
Antonio J. Astarita
Bryan W. Bartnick
Samantha R. Bigness
Kyle P. Bissell
Jeffrey L. Briand
Olivia G. Burns
Andrew Carr
Morgan P. Connally
Michael J. DeLouker
Jillian B. Fiddler
Rebecca S. Gilhooley
Corinna M. Hofler
Shayna D. Lacijan
Isabella R. LaCroix

Molly E. Maron
Molly C. Mason
Grant A. Napierski
Ali M. Naqvi
Eliana E. Orlic
Timothy J. Outhouse
Michael E. Plekan
Lauren A. Raymundo
Blake A. Rivers
Emily J. Schafer
Emily Sganga
Derek C. Smith
Ashley M. Spaeth
Parker J. Taft
Sara Thaqi

Financial Management Association
National Honor Society

Kayla A. Bailey
Drew Colavecchio
Ryan W. Eagan
Nico D. Gargano
James P. Heaney
Joshua H. Kim
Connor J. LaRock

Maria T. Massi
Patrick J. Nellis
Luca J. Santabarbara
Stephanie M. Somers
Alex J. Stauber
Matthew L. Tycott
Kappa Delta Pi
Educational Honor Society

Justina M. Aiken
Deana K. Bowie
Lizzie K. Bowie
Elizabeth J. Byrnes
Meaghan O. Collins
Cate E. Cosgrove
Emily L. Fedullo

Christina E. Molloy
Julia L. Motler
Gina R. Pepe
Chloe L. Quinn
Nick K. Rizzi
Mason B. Yattaw

Omicron Delta Epsilon
Beta Nu Chapter
International Honor Society in Economics

Olubenga Adelaja
Moulay Ahmed Aladlouni
Brooke N. Boermeester
Lauren M. Brochhagen
Dylan R. Brooks
Laura C. Crouth
Luke R. Ferrari
John W. Finn
Riley S. Hausler
Kristen A. Henry

Bella A. Kieser
Avery F. Knous
Koal D. Kornfield
Thomas J. Maguire
Sean Reed
Samantha R. Riley
Colin N. Sanderson
Jon H. Schwarz
Stephanie M. Somers
Jacob A. Williams
Phi Alpha Delta
Honor Society For Students Studying Law

Emma G. Andros
Melanie N. Attard
Elizabeth J. Byrnes
Thomas J. Carlough
Natalie A. Cohen
Alexandra I. Cuttler
Paris M. DeFilippis
Kacie R. Felicello
Gianna A. Gooley
Tynicia K. Hendrix

Bill L. Karipidis
Kiley A. Lenahan
Sophia M. Maddalone
Dawson N. Maloney
Avery I. Marshall
Caitlyn E. O’Connell
Jillian E. O’Rourke
Christina M. Peppy
Kilian G. Thompson

Phi Alpha Theta
Omicron Xi Chapter
National Honor Society in History

Noelle H. Burlew
Thomas D. Breslin
Cameron M. Chase
Paige E. Hall
Zachery T. Metz
Julia K. Moor

Kathleen A. Murphy
Amanda R. Nailor
Anna A. Patel
Madison R. Tinker
Grace E. Varcadipane
Phi Sigma Tau
Honor Society in Philosophy

Hannah H. Alsaadi
Ragy A. Beshay
Ernest C. Briskey
Amritha K. Jacob
Melanie K. Osborn-Smith
Matthew F. Powers
Lauren A. Raymundo

Pi Gamma Mu
International Social Science Honor Society

Hannah H. Alsaadi
Kallie E. Bauter
Cayla L. Callan
Anthony M. Carucci
Julia R. Coben
Cate E. Cosgrove
Jillian B. Fiddler
John Walter Finn
Shanna J. Foster
Xiaralis Anaya Freeman
Victor K. Gelfuso
Carina Gigliotti
Tabor Holmes
Anja Margaret Holzhueter
Zev M. Jagalur
Reilly Ann King
Katrina M. Kurtz
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Eric B. Muserlian
Amanda Rose Nailor
Nicholas J. Niemczyk
Maggie Ellen O’Reilly
Timothy James Outhouse
Elizaebth R. Paglier
Alyssa M. Pastina
Jordan A. Rivenburg
Benjamin L. Rivett
Nicholas K. Rizzi
Kaili Elizabeth Saccento
Jessica Nicole Shine
Alexandria J. Tsamis
Allison J. Thorschmidt
Grace E. Varcadipane
Leah Weber
Pi Mu Epsilon  
National Honorary Mathematics Society

Erin Chen  
Jack D. Farrell  
Christian L. Kolker  
Isabelle R. Lewis  
Anna C. Morelli  
Giavanna L. Pitagno  
John P. Sawitzki  
David V. Talone

Pi Sigma Alpha  
National Honor Society in Political Science

Kiley A. Lenahan  
Sebastian Rossi  
Daniel A. Solis

Psi Chi  
International Honor Society in Psychology

Taylor A. Bowers  
Ernest C. Briskey  
Dominique P. Cettina  
Cassandra M. Cooper  
Kerri I. Davis  
Nina R. Fiore  
Shanna J. Foster  
Cynthia Isaac Douge  
Samantha G. Lunt  

Shelby L. Madeiros  
Dawson N. Maloney  
Hailey M. Memery  
Cameron M. Ostrander  
Niki H. Patel  
Jacob C. Schoff  
Tyler C. Somerville  
Lyba Waraich
Sigma Pi Sigma
National Honor Society in Physics

Taryn A. Asselin
John A. Capetanakis
Ethan J. Jones
Tia L. Snyder
Emily J. Schafer
Natalie C. Stagnitti

Sigma Tau Delta
English Honor Society

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Loren I. Benoit
Sofia R. Bock
Elizabeth J. Byrnes
Bobbie Ann Cardea
Mike Denihan
Emily L. Fedullo
Daniella L. Gerbasi
Corinna M. Hofler
Cade J. LaGoy
Lindsay B. Perrillo
Madeleine M. Sloan
Victoria A. Welsh
Upsilon Pi Epsilon
International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

Arnold J. Bova
Paul B. Brouillette
Trevor Collins
Justin A. Montagne
Luke W. Ostrander

Madelyn M. Papa
Alexis J. Smith
Brenna A. Valle
Matt A. Warner
Jaclyn A. Wirth

Center for the Study of Government and Politics
Civic Engagement Award

This award is presented to students for demonstrating excellence in Political Civic Leadership on campus and in the broader community. Political Civic Engagement contributes to democracy through two models of citizenship practices: participatory citizenship and social justice citizenship.

2023 Recipient
Kiley A. Lenahan