

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

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”

Samuel J. Hearn, “Beyond Tribalism: What Voter Preferences of Leadership Style and Personality Traits in Presidential Candidates Reveals about American Political Leadership”

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”

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Honors Theses (Continued)

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 Unharmred? 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

Nodias R. DiTonno, “Are they really feminist?: An Intersectional Analysis of ‘Feminist’ Horror Films, 2007-2019”

Alpha Kappa Alpha

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

Pi Sigma Gamma Sigma

Honor Society in Biology

Jaimie M. Abraham
Thea M. Akhrass
Safiya A. Alvi
Antonio J. Astarita
Paul H. Barnas
Ragy A. Beshay
Reed Boduch
Caleb J. Casey
Isha M. Chitnis
Alex M. Dumas
Ava R. Fasolino
Maria A. Fitian
Olivia N. Gargiulo
Sobia I. Hosain
Angeline M. Jacob

Isabella R. LaCroix
Steven Lazar
Monica E. Louka
Killian J. McNamee
Francesca L. Muzio
Madeline G. Naef
Andrew D. Nguyen
Jessica L. Pepe
Amy T. Perry
Andrew T. Schofield
Cassandra R. Smith
Ian K. Smith
Angelina Sun
Grace E. Zuchowski

Phi Lambda Upsilon

National Honor Society in Chemistry

Reed Boduch
Chahna Choksi
Gabrielle L. DeAngelis
Emily R. DeMaio

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
Carissa L. Marino

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Molly R. McGreal
Maddison B. McKenney
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

Aidan E. Anderson
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