

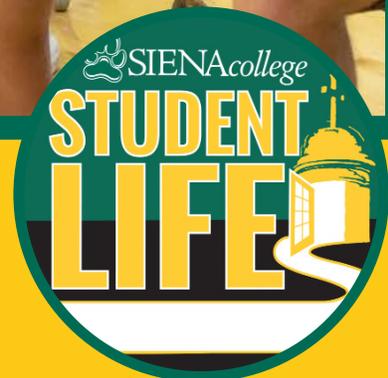
SIENA COLLEGE

Division of Student Life

2020-2021 Annual Report



WE ARE STUDENT LIFE



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues, Students, Parents, and Friends of Siena,

The 2020–2021 academic year was unusual and non-traditional in so many ways as we continued to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. The Student Life team, together with many campus partners, joined forces and successfully completed two in-person residential semesters.

While Student Life areas continued to offer a mix of in-person and virtual experiences, the overarching goal was to support our students in ways that would still be meaningful and give the personal, relational Siena experience that we are known for and take pride in. We also learned a great deal about being creative and flexible, about checking in with each other, and about delivering messaging that was honest, consistent, and reassuring. In the true spirit of Siena Saints, the Student Life staff responded with compassion and dedication to our students.

The theme of this year's annual report truly is surviving and thriving. While there will be some traditional metrics from the fall and spring semesters highlighted in its pages, we hope to capture some of the most important ways we rose to the unique challenges that the pandemic presented to us this academic year. Many of the selected photographs will memorialize the wonderful ways in which staff thought creatively and worked within the rules of safety to deliver programs.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Division of Student Life and for your support of our work on behalf of Siena students. Go Saints!

Sincerely,



Maryellen Gilroy, Ed.D.
Vice President for Student Life

2020-2021 DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Maryellen Gilroy, Ed.D.
Vice President for Student Life

Michael Papadopoulos '82
Associate Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students

John Bebb
Senior Associate Dean of Students/Senior Deputy
Title IX Coordinator

Ronald Matos
Assistant Vice President for Student Life/Director,
Public Safety

Kate Kaufman Burns, MSW, LCSW-R
Director, Health Promotion

Adam Casler
Assistant Dean of Students/Director, Community
Living

Julia Gold
Director, Office of Accessibility and
Veteran Services

Carrie Hogan, MS, ANP-C
Director, Health Services

Maggie Cross
Director, Student Activities and
Leadership Development

Jeanne Obermayer
Interim Director, Student Activities and Leadership
Development/Student Life Compliance Officer

Nathan Pruitt, Ph.D.
Director, Counseling Center



STUDENT LIFE MISSION AND COMMITMENT

The Division of Student Life welcomes and celebrates the uniqueness of all students in the Siena College community. We serve as a resource, advocate and partner for student success. We support, encourage and help students succeed personally and academically by providing student-centered programs that invite all to:

- Explore and experience our rich Franciscan and Catholic values
- Be active, engaged and committed members of our community
- Participate in experiences reflective of servant leadership
- Affirm the dignity and worth of individuals while promoting the common good

Vision

The Division of Student Life at Siena College will be a recognized leader in establishing best-practice models for student development in Catholic higher education by providing intentional, comprehensive and integrated programs and services to promote student growth and success in a values-oriented, faith-based learning community.

Values

The essence of Franciscan and Catholic tradition is a way of relating to people that is grounded in faith and values. Diversity, Optimism, Respect, and Service provide a framework of values for the Siena College community to discuss and learn about the Franciscan tradition and its approach to fostering positive interpersonal relationships.

Diversity

In our Franciscan community, diversity is an invitation to celebrate the God-given uniqueness of each individual, as well as the cultural differences that enrich us all. So,

- Be unique*
- Be welcoming*
- Be open to the world*

Optimism

In our Franciscan community, optimism is a faith-filled affirmation of the basic goodness of life and of all men and women because, in the words of St. Francis, God our Creator is “good, all good, supremely good.” So,

- Be positive*
- Be hopeful*
- Be open to the future*

Respect

In our Franciscan community, respect is a profound reverence for God’s real presence in ourselves, in others, and in our world. So,

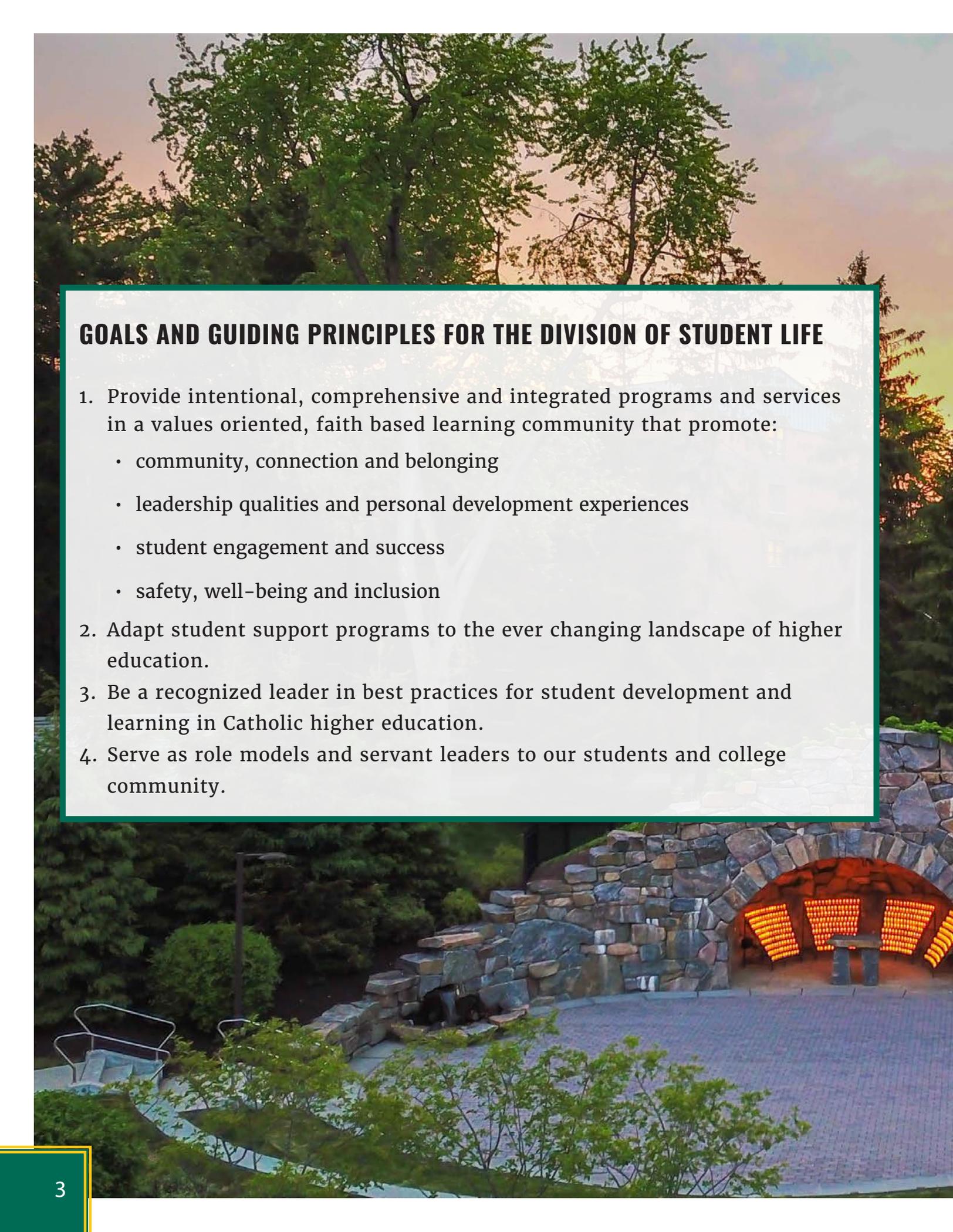
- Be respectful of yourself*
- Be affirming of the dignity of others*
- Be caring of the environment around you*

Service

In our Franciscan community, service is paying the debt we owe to God for the gifts we have been given, by working and advocating for the well-being of all, especially the poor and marginalized. So,

- Be grateful*
- Be generous with your time and talents*
- Be compassionate*





GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE

1. Provide intentional, comprehensive and integrated programs and services in a values oriented, faith based learning community that promote:
 - community, connection and belonging
 - leadership qualities and personal development experiences
 - student engagement and success
 - safety, well-being and inclusion
2. Adapt student support programs to the ever changing landscape of higher education.
3. Be a recognized leader in best practices for student development and learning in Catholic higher education.
4. Serve as role models and servant leaders to our students and college community.



Divisional Awards and Highlights

STAFF HONORS

Adam Casler was named Administrator of the Year and earned the Vice President for Student Life Special Recognition Award.

Michael Papadopoulos was awarded the Vice President for Student Life Special Recognition Award.

Carrie Hogan was named a 2020 Empire Health Hero by Empire Blue Cross in partnership with the Albany Business Review February 2021.

Emily Rocha was selected to participate in the inaugural Graduate Leadership Development Program at Brown University during summer 2020. Then, she presented "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Working Smarter, not Harder to Plan Events that are Friendly to our Virtual Environment" at the virtual National Association for Campus Activities National Conference, Feb 2021.

Dyann Serravillo became an EQ-1 Certified Practitioner.

Jeanne Obermayer was named a Saints Among Us, March 2021.

Jennifer Collazo earned a degree in Social Work from Siena '21.

Spencer McBreairty and **Emiley Dionne** presented "The Hero's Journey to Recognizing Privilege" at the Northeastern Association of College & University Housing Officers (NEACUHO) Annual Conference in October 2020.



STUDENT HONORS



Elham Malik '22

Br. Ed Coughlin, OFM Green and Gold Award—bestowed to a dedicated, faithful individual who embodies Franciscan values and is committed to building an inclusive, just and caring community.



Annamaria Walden '22

Edward “Bud” Lennon '41 Award—presented to a student from any class year who displays exceptional leadership ability.



Lily Wang '22

Father Noel Fitzpatrick, OFM Award—presented to a junior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship, taken a prominent leadership role, and exemplifies the highest ideals of Christianity and the Franciscan tradition.



Zariyah Fowler '21

Senior Involvement Award—presented to any full-time student of senior status who has contributed greatly to the Siena Community throughout their four years of attendance.



Lauren Rock '22

Walter T. Kicinski Outstanding Commuter Student Award—presented to a commuting student who exemplifies the values and goals of Siena College through dedicated service to student events, programs, and the communal life of the campus.



Chandler Edbauer '23

CA Commitment to Growth Award—presented to a CA who has taken the initiative to bring the CA position to the next level by challenging themselves in every aspect of the job.



Melissa Cooper '21

Claire Ficarra '92 Programming Award—presented to a student in recognition of devotion and energy to the college in activities, as a motivator of fellow students, and especially for commitment to the goals of Siena College in programming.



Kiera Mitru '21

CA Commitment to Franciscan Living Award—presented to the CA who has gone above and beyond to connect their residents to Siena's Franciscan Values.



Medha Palnati '22

Jim Knust '70 Community Service Award—presented to a student or student organization that has been instrumental in forming and strengthening bonds between the college and the greater Capital Region through participation in community service activities and/or projects.



Josh Farrell '22

CA Programmer of the Year Award—presented to a CA who has implemented several intentional and purposeful programs to meet the needs of their residents and connect with members of the community.



Riley Hall '22

Father Hugh Hines, OFM Award—presented to a representative from Student Government Association (SGA) in recognition of enthusiastic participation in, and outstanding contributions to, the work of SGA.



Christina Amari '24

CA Rookie of the Year Award—presented to the CA who is in their first year of the position and has displayed a high level of enthusiasm, motivation and commitment in their position throughout the year.



Alyssa Blanco '22

Nancy DaPore Campus Involvement Award—presented to a junior who had demonstrated outstanding scholarship, taken a prominent leadership role, and exemplified the highest ideals of Christianity and the Franciscan tradition.



Kiara Woodward '21

CA Veteran of the Year Award—presented to the CA who has served for a minimum of two years, and has demonstrated an exceptionally high level of commitment to the position throughout their time as a CA.



Clair-Djinie Bazar '21

Father Cyprian Mensing, OFM Award—presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated prominent leadership, outstanding scholarship, and exemplifies the highest ideals of Christianity and the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.



Alexis D'Aloia '21

Community Assistant of the Year Award—presented to the CA who has made extraordinary contributions to their residents and staff throughout the year, created innovative programs, worked collaboratively with the CA staff and developed a strong community within the building.

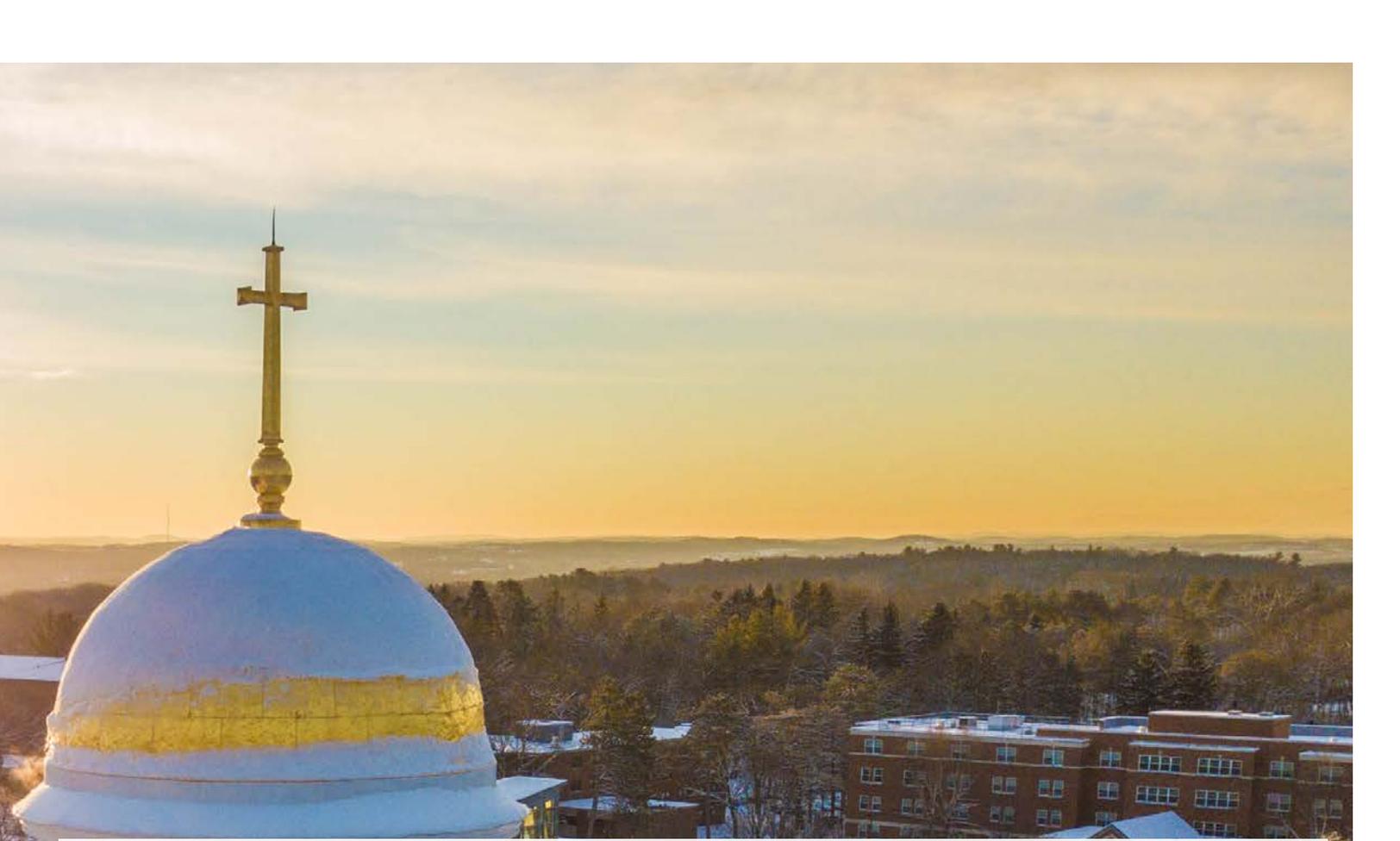
Department Initiatives & Programming

Office of Accessibility and Veteran Affairs:

- Approximately 270 students were registered and supported by the Office of Accessibility for the 2020-2021 fall and spring semesters. Fifty-eight of these students graduated in May with either a bachelor's or master's degree.
- Fifteen veterans were enrolled throughout the year and three graduated in May.
- The Director and Learning Specialist met and assessed students who faced virtual barriers in the online classroom and provided support and monitored progress. They coordinated technology needs for students which included live scribe pens, recordings, notes, etc.
- The testing center in Hennepin Hall, as well as the testing room in the Accessibility Office were fully maximized to support students for exams and/or participation in remote classes.
- The Director assisted students with obtaining internships, completing job applications, writing cover letters/resumes, etc.
- A liaison with the VA worked with the Director to keep Siena College vets updated with valuable information that was of interest to them.

Community Living:

- Managed the August 2020 early arrival of 14-day quarantine requirements for nearly 100 students including housing, meal service, laundry service and fresh-air time.
- Strategically adjusted housing capacity to ensure student safety amid concerns related to COVID-19. Over 2,000 students safely resided on campus during the fall and spring semesters.
- Coordinated quarantine and isolation accommodations, care, and support for 175 students during the Fall 2020 semester and an additional 171 students during Spring 2021 semester.
- Successfully blended virtual and in-person programming and engagement opportunities to allow students the opportunity to participate and connect in ways that best fit their unique needs in a pandemic environment.
- Community Assistants created 254 unique programs for students to engage and connect while keeping in-line with COVID-19 protocols. Programs included trivia nights, paint & sip, voter registration, Luck of the Irish bingo, wiffleball tournament, etc.
- Community assistants brought residents to 63 pre-packaged programs scheduled by campus partners.



Compliance:

- Trained 240 student leaders in risk management and engaged leaders in actively identifying and mitigating risks so their organizations can provide safer, more inclusive and successful events. Student and club leaders also received a hazing component to their training sessions.
- Supported the SALD team in creating the new hybrid student orientation program.
- Administered the mandated COVID-19 training of all students. Nearly 3,300 students completed the training prior to arriving on campus for the fall semester.
- Managed the contract and negotiations with Capital District Physicians Health Plan (CDPHP) for student health insurance.
- Coordinated three on-campus flu clinics with 460 Siena community members receiving their flu shot.
- Organized and administered COVID-19 surveillance testing for students/faculty /staff both fall and spring semesters. Supported the testing of over 11,500 students/faculty/staff throughout the academic year.

Counseling Center:

- Transitioned the Counseling Center primarily to a virtual office and implemented a paperless record system. Conducted Telehealth appointments to better support students. Crisis appointments were generally conducted face-to-face following public health guidelines.
- Developed and executed virtual training for 60 CAs regarding crisis response, panic, and general mental health. Engaged in virtual trainings for Residence Hall directors (crisis response); faculty (suicide prevention); and administrators (general mental health and suicide prevention).
- The Counseling Center supported the quarantine care program during initial entry travel quarantine as well as throughout the year.
- Directors of Health Promotion and Counseling Center offered kahoots (online competitive quizzes) on several occasions that were attended by dozens of students. The kahoots focused on healthy living and mental health and offered prizes for those who were most knowledgeable.
- Counselor offered “Chai and Chat” groups on Zoom for international students as a way to get to know each other and talk about relationships or other mental health issues.

Department Initiatives & Programming

Dean of Students:

- Developed and published COVID-19 Student Guide to support the College's Marching Forward reopening plan.
- Introduced COVID-19 specific training for all students.
- Established COVID-19 Pledge for students and facilitated electronic acknowledgement from all students.
- Developed policy, code adjustments and sanctioning to respond to public health emergency.
- Created and implemented YouTube videos for use in orientation, athlete and student leader training.
- Recruited and implemented COVID-19 Student Advisory group.
- Provided general oversight and support for the College entry and surveillance testing.
- Managed on-going surveillance testing: 2,328 students/faculty/staff Fall 2020 and 9,577 students/faculty/staff Spring 2021.
- Managed more than 1,500 medical leaves, quarantines and isolations.
- Managed travel, quarantine and testing for over 100 international and out-of-state students in the Fall 2020.
- Managed on campus re-entry testing process for students (Spring 2021).
- Executed administrative hearings using a virtual platform.
- Conducted Student Conduct Review Board selection, training and hearings using a virtual platform.
- Recruited and convened a Student Educational Sanctioning Committee to assist in creative and meaningful sanctioning for bias related incidents.

Health Services:

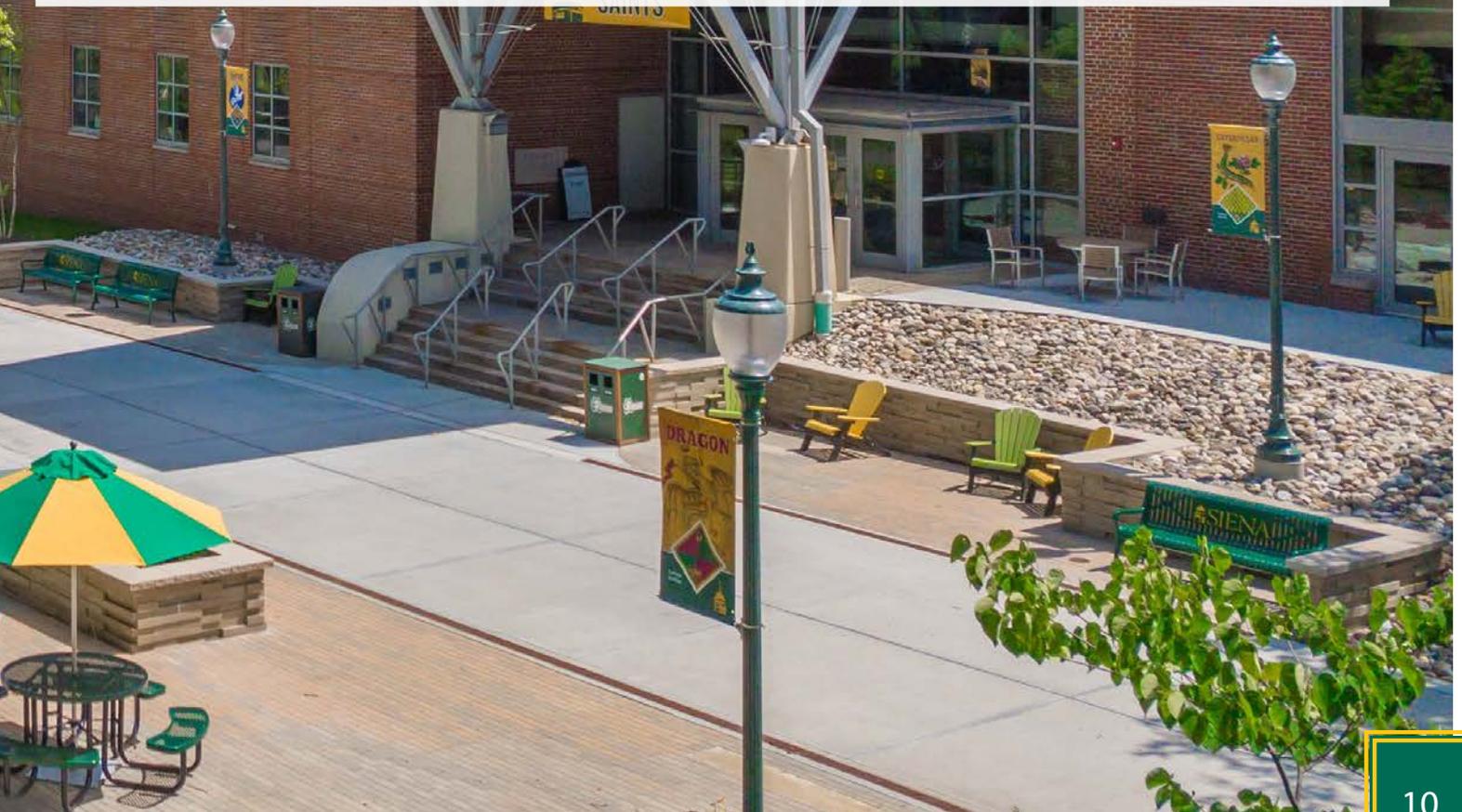
- Implemented a telehealth platform to better support the healthcare needs of our students in the COVID-19 environment. Approximately 57% of the visits were through telehealth.
- Implemented the student health web portal to allow students the ability to manage their health care needs. The portal was used to self-schedule appointments, upload medical documents including pre-entry COVID test results, communicate secure confidential messages to the health service staff and view their immunization history.
- Established a contact tracing program. Placed 1,507 students on medical leave this year and coordinated the isolation of 445 students and quarantine of 884 students.
- Managed 101 presumptive positive test results to isolate 101 students and quarantine 93 students.
- Received NYSDOH CLIA waived certification to perform rapid Antigen COVID testing. Clinical staff training was done and EHR upgrades were implemented to support an on campus rapid testing clinic.
- Hosted four COVID vaccine clinics, supported by SPHP, and vaccinated 750 students with the Pfizer two-dose series.

Public Safety:

- Total volume of public safety activity was 20,880 for this academic year. This includes calls for service, field initiated activity, alarms, assistance rendered to community members, online reports, work orders submitted, etc.
- The Route 9 welcome booth was staffed 24/7 to ensure safe entry on the campus. The Middlefield entrance was also staffed Monday–Friday, mornings and afternoons.
- Operational tasks shifted to a virtual/touchless environment in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Investigations, interviews, parking permits, pre-shift change briefings, etc., were conducted via Zoom.
- Enhancements were made to Siena’s surveillance camera system and additional MPH signs were installed in several high traffic areas.
- In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Public Safety organized a cell phone donation campaign along with campus partners and students. Twenty-four used cell phones were collected and donated to Unity House. The phones were redistributed to families in need of an emergency only device.

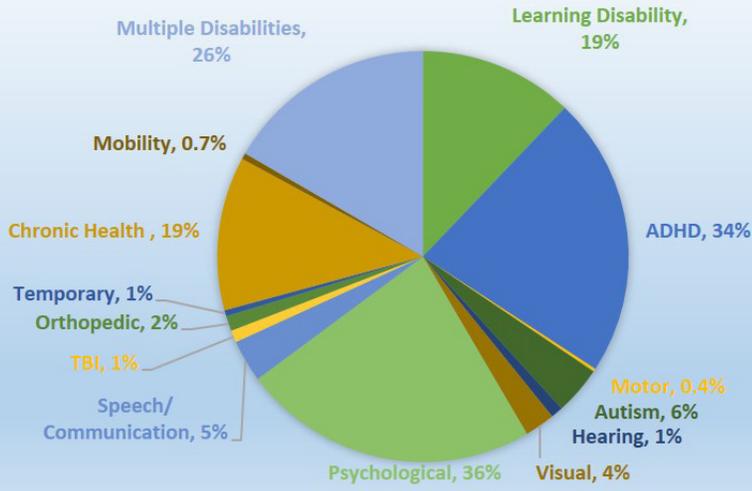
Student Activities and Leadership Development:

- Launched the Commuter Transition Program to enhance retention efforts and better support our commuter students.
- Planned and executed a hybrid in-person/online orientation in August 2020 with equivalent positive feedback from year-to-year.
- Updated SSU signage/appearance to be the premier COVID-compliant building on campus.
- Enhanced the Saints Connect software package by adding the orientation, budgeting, and EMS modules.
- Introduced food trucks to our weekly Saints Day programming, averaging 220 attendees per week.
- Created a COVID-safe Halloween extravaganza with more than 750 attendees.
- Implemented January Jumpstart and Try-It Tuesdays weekly during the spring semester.



OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES

DISABILITY PERCENTAGE (N=270)



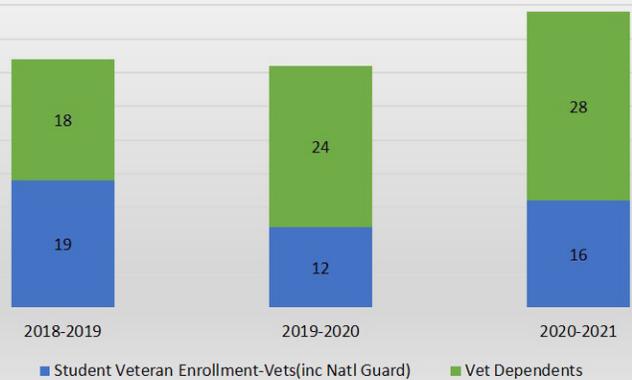
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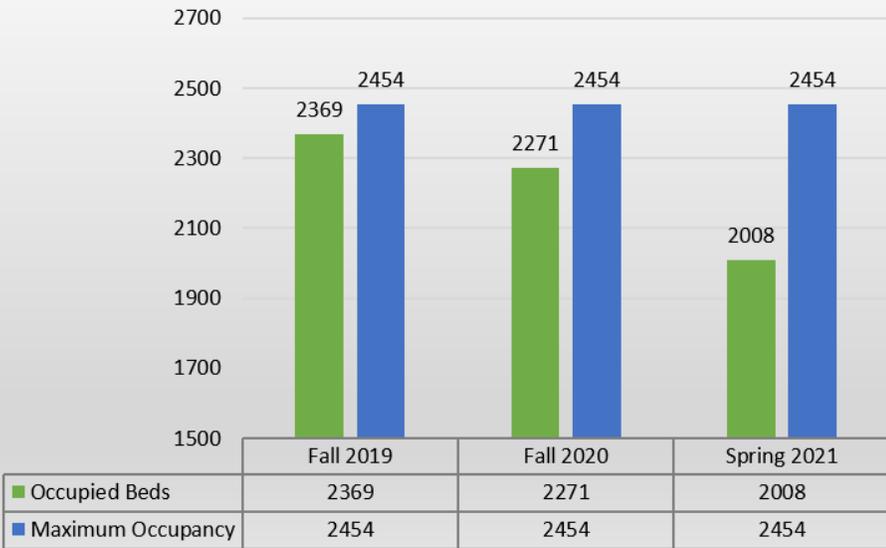


Veteran Enrollment

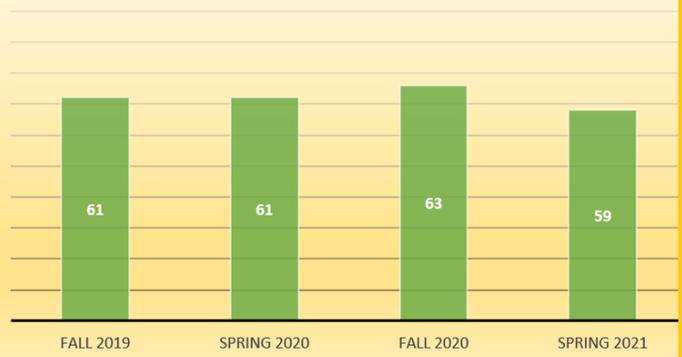


COMMUNITY LIVING

Residence Hall Occupancy

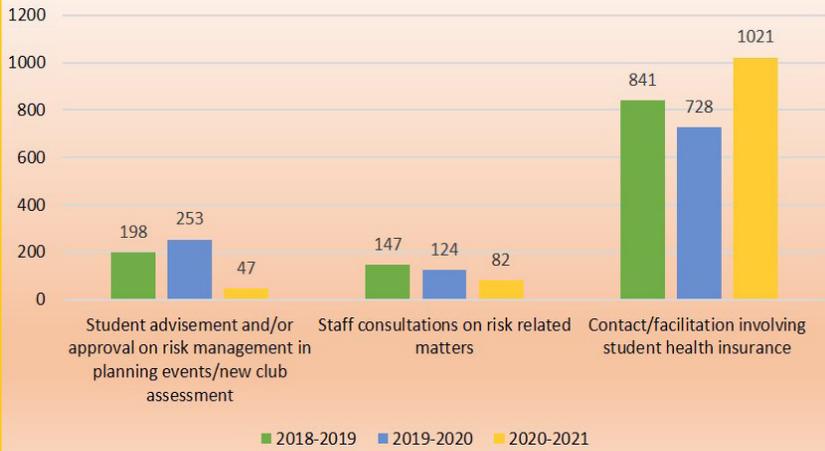


Community Assistants (includes alternates)

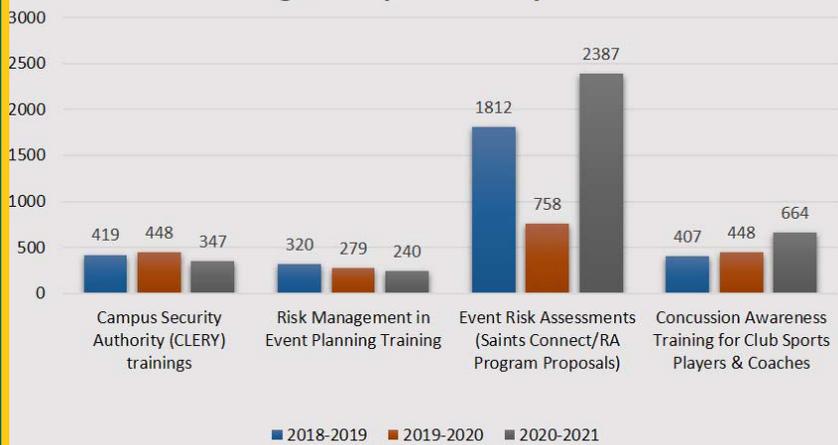


COMPLIANCE

Contact-Utilization



Trainings/Compliance Requirements

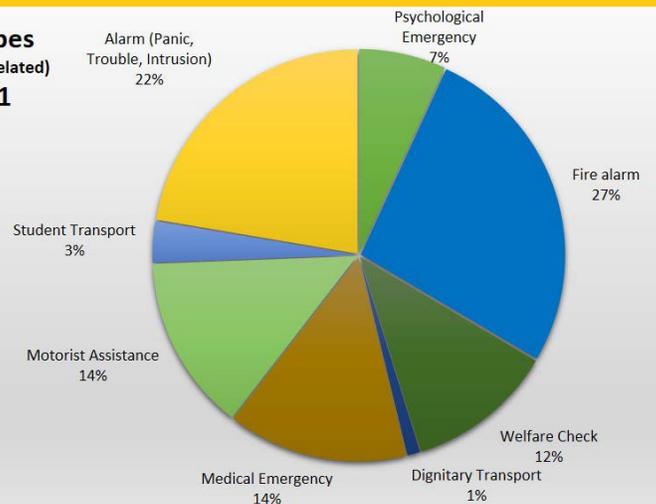


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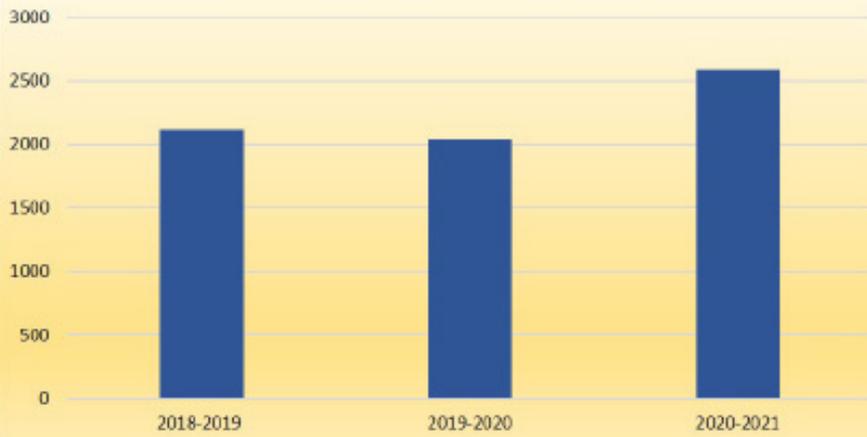
PUBLIC SAFETY

Call Types (non-lock related) 2020-21 n=582

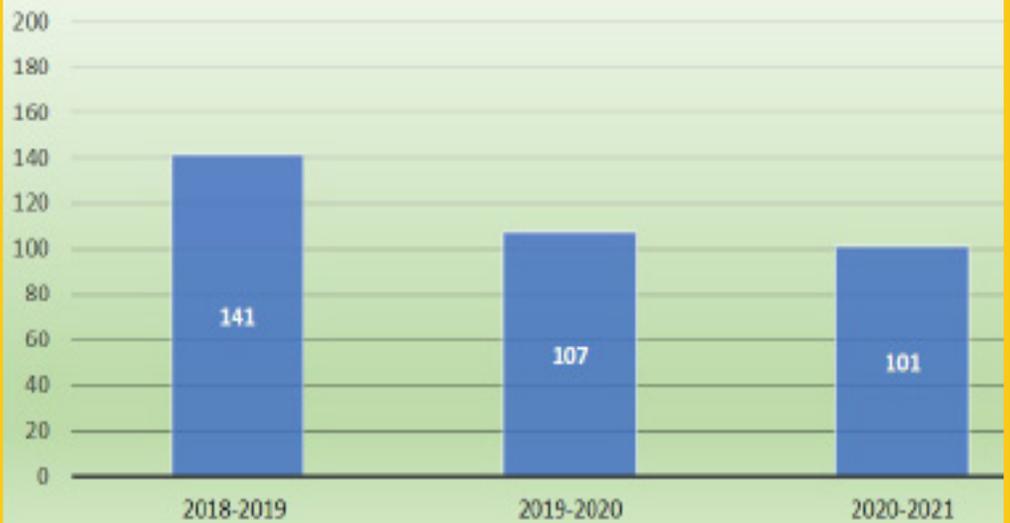


COUNSELING CENTER

Total Attended Appointments



Urgent Appointments

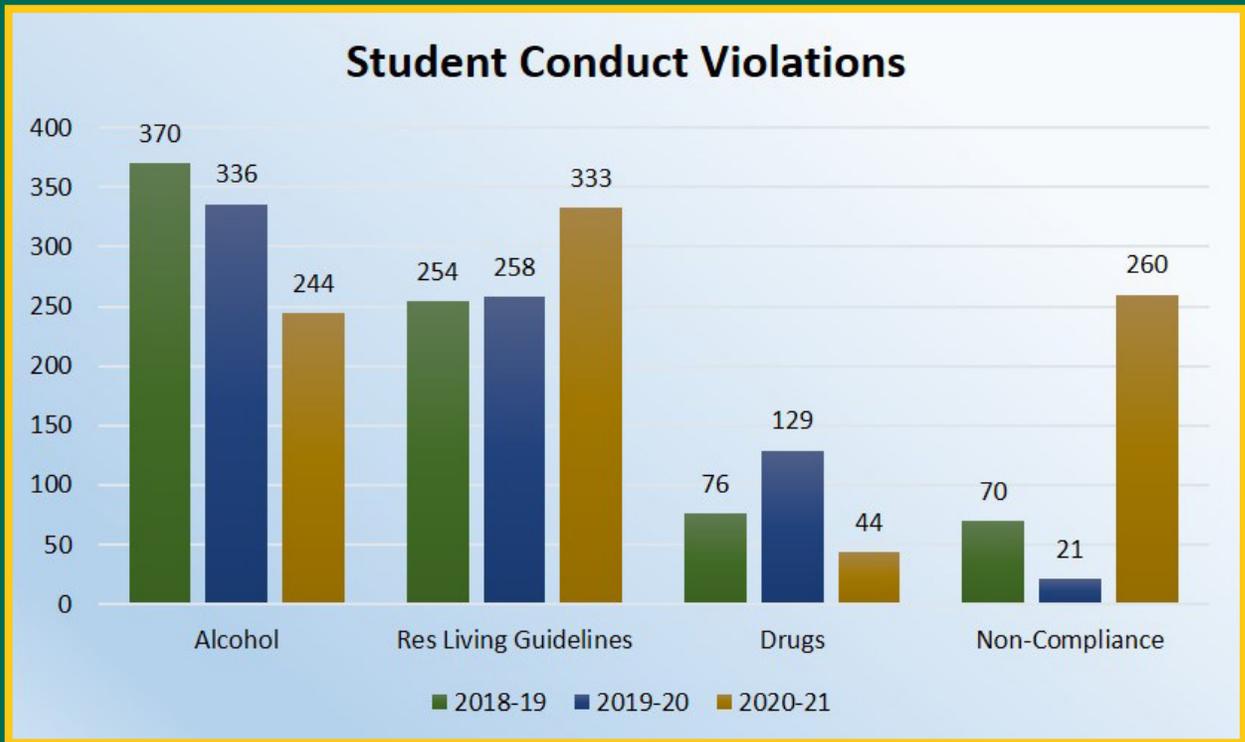


Students in Counseling



* 98% of 2020-2021 appointments were telehealth

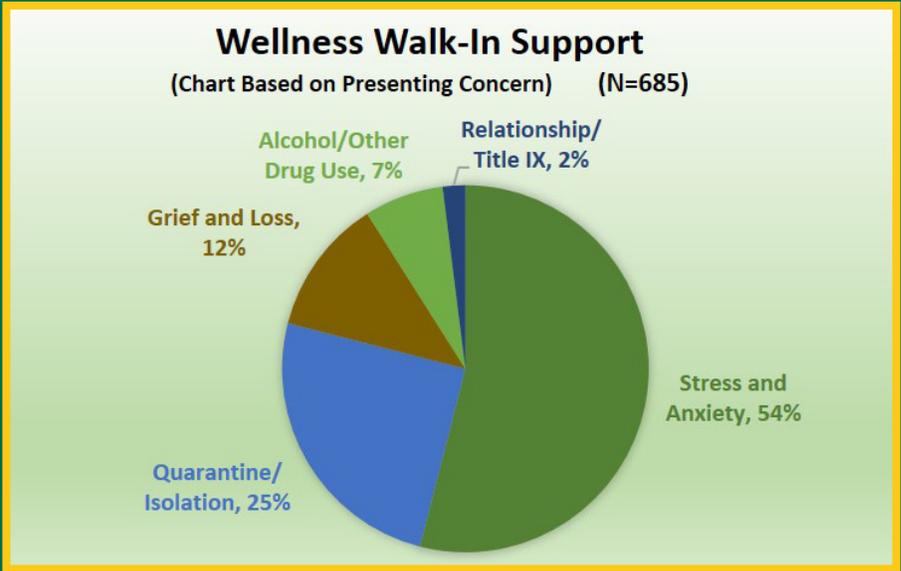
DEAN OF STUDENTS



Sanctions	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Warning/Reprimand	650	405	297	230
Fine	539	345	165	136
Parental Notice	295	204	111	95
Alcohol Dialog/Policy Review	277	253	95	40
Educational Sanction	167	108	44	28
Residence Hall Probation	212	130	45	490
Restrictions-Residential	179	105	36	83
Temp Suspension from Housing	0	0	1	158
Dismissal From Housing	2	2	5	12
Restriction from Campus	16	4	8	49
Disciplinary Probation	39	26	15	13
Expulsion	5	0	2	0
Suspension	2	6	1	2



HEALTH PROMOTION

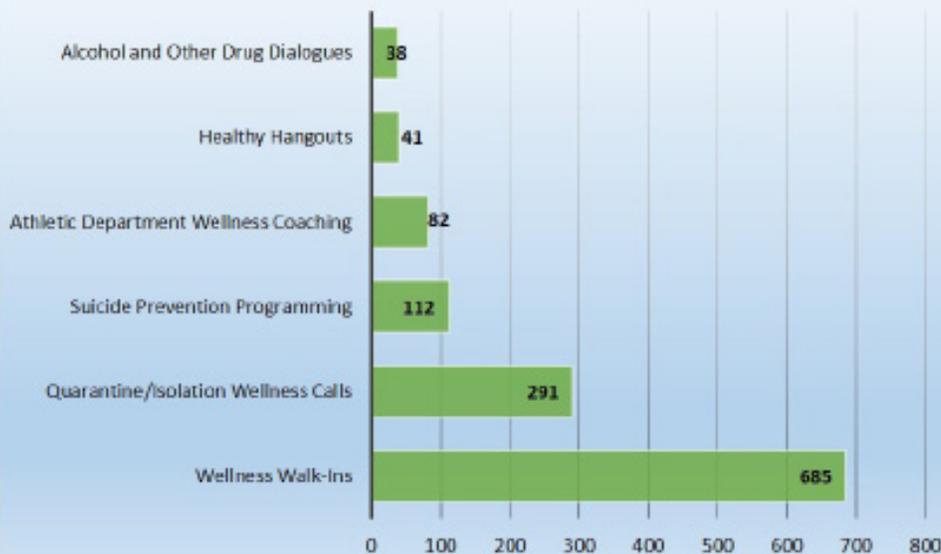


Health Promotion Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling & Education

Session Type	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
BASICS(Alcohol Intervention program)	42	46	8
Risk Reduction Dialogue	33	13	18
Substance Abuse Assessment	9	1	0
Self Referral	5	8	12
New Student AOD Course	899	943	1057



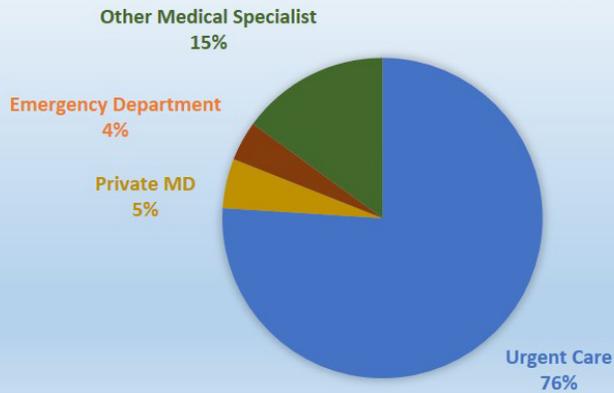
Health Promotion Student Touchpoints



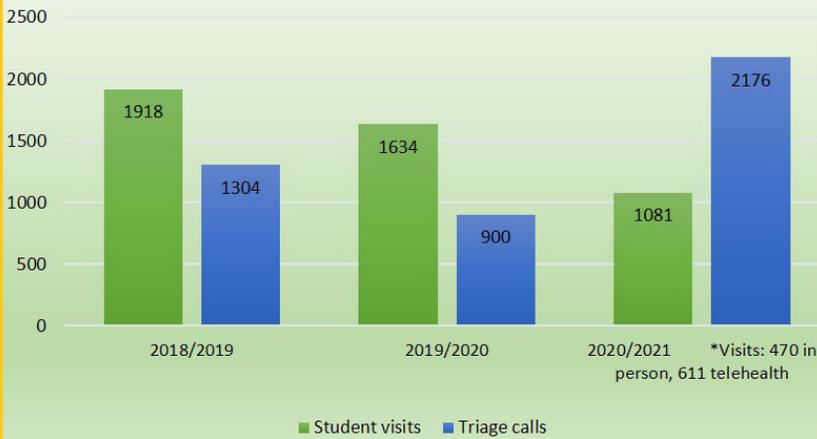
HEALTH SERVICES

STUDENT REFERRALS TO SPECIALTY CARE

N=311



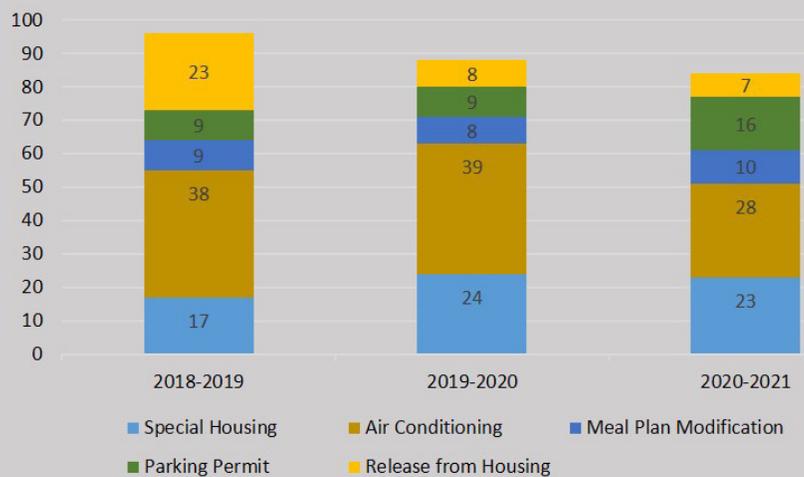
Health Services Volume



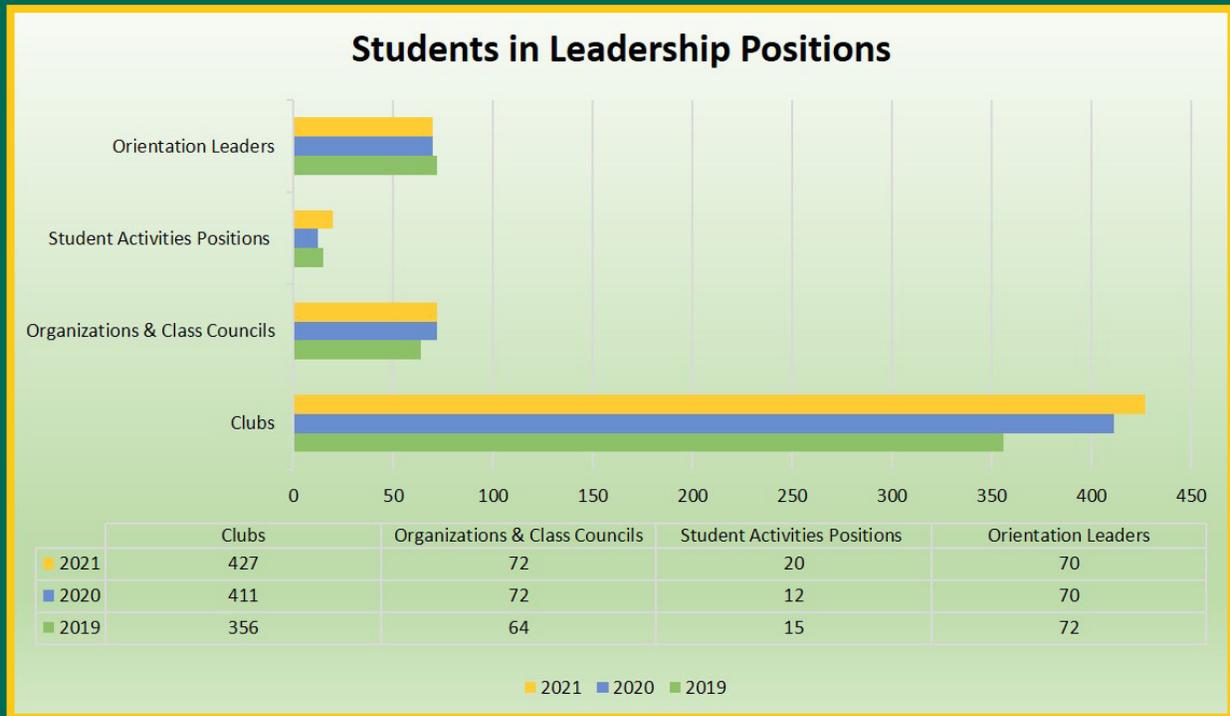
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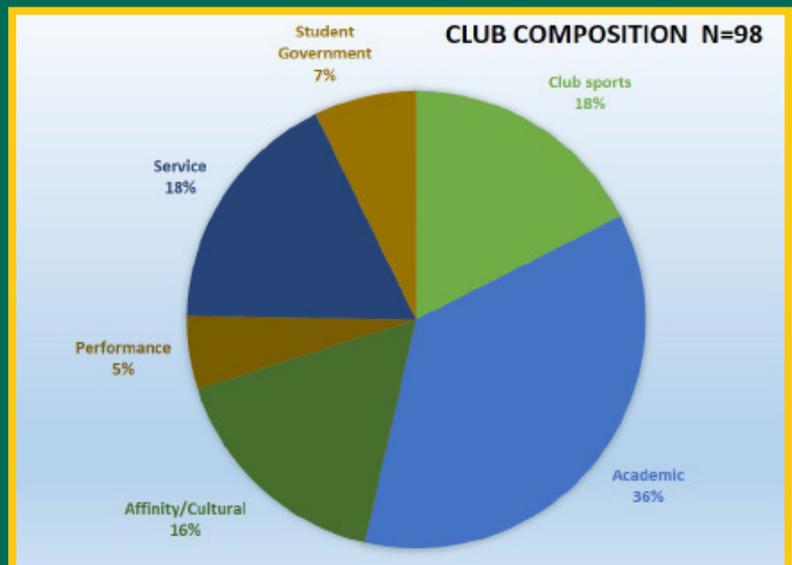
Special Accommodation Requests Due To Medical Condition



STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Student Engagement	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Average number of attendees at events	149	124	117
Total student clubs & organizations	89	94	97
Total students active in student clubs & organizations	1730	1947	1843
Total number of attendees at Family Weekend	1920	1968	493 (virtual)



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