

SIENA COLLEGE BONNER SERVICE LEADERS

Spring 2020 Newsletter



Spotlights

CURRENT BONNER | MICHAEL AVERILL '22 & ERIN SPENCE '22

We are very excited for two Sophomore Bonners who's work for the COMD 200 course they took with Dr. Ruth Kassel following the First Year Trip to West Virginia, was published!

[Click here to read more.](#)

BONNER PARTNER | TROY PREP-SIENA WRITING CENTER

This past fall, I started my position as the Troy Prep Writing Center Coordinator at Troy Prep High School. A writing center is a place where students need to feel comfortable and inspired to become better writers.

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ALUMNI | TOM RUHL '19

I graduated from Siena in May of 2019 with a degree in History Education. A defining feature of my time at Siena was my involvement in the Bonner Service Leaders Program.

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BONNER MOVES ONLINE | SERVICE AT HOME

by Maura Lynch '23

After Siena transitioned to online courses due to COVID-19, there was a common feeling of uncertainty among Bonners. It seemed impossible to participate in direct service while we all remained safely in our homes. However, with the adaptability Community Miracles in Action, my site, has continuously shown, I was not worried about our ability to continue to serve and advocate for the teens of Cohoes. [To read more about Maura's experience serving remotely click here.](#)





BONNER MEETINGS | HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEMESTER

In a recent blog post, Bonners were asked to reflect on the trainings they've participated in this semester and share what "stuck with them" days or weeks after participating in the meeting. Here are some of our Bonners' reflections about the trainings they participated in this semester.

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SERVING TOGETHER | MLK DAY 2020

by Kate Callery '21

This year Bonners, NExT Fellows, and VISTAs came together in January to participate in ACE's annual service day in celebration of Martin Luther King. As part of the day, a group of eight students and two VISTAs visited the New York State branch of the National Alliance for Mental Illness, also called NAMI.

[Read about one Bonner's experience at NAMI here.](#)



BONNER BONDING | CONNECTING VIA SOCIAL MEDIA AND ZOOM

by Alexis D'Aloia '21

Despite social distancing, we've been finding ways to share the Bonner Love this semester! To read more about how we've been connecting via social media and Zoom calls [click here.](#)



BONNER CLASS OF 2020 | A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIORS

This year has been full of unexpected changes and has challenged our world to adapt and change to unprecedented situations. The Siena College Bonner Service Leaders have met these challenges with courage and commitment to continue to give their best to everything they do.

The Class of 2020 has always been one full of energy, passion, and dedication to their Capital Region, Bonner, and Siena communities, and we are sad not to be able to come together during our usual end-of-year celebrations to recognize the mark they've left on our community.

In true Bonner fashion, this has not stopped them - in preparation for our last Bonner meeting of the year, which will occur via Zoom, the Bonner Class of 2020 has written a collective poem with a message for their Bonner community. [It can be found here.](#)



THE FUTURE OF SIENA BONNER | RECRUITING THE CLASS OF 2024

by Dana Wakeman '21

One of the reasons why I wanted to be a Program Associate for the Bonner Program was to be able to lead the recruitment process. This is because when I attended my own Accepted Students Day in 2017, I spoke with current Bonners (specifically Andraya and Aedan) at the club fair where they answered all of my questions and made me feel more comfortable about interviewing and later joining the program. I wanted our Class of 2024 to have this same experience, which is something we have continued since moving to online classes.

[Click here to read more.](#)

