



Honors Societies and Honors Program

2025 - 2026



Mission of Siena University

Siena University 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 University 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 university,

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 university,

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 University 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 2026

Thomas R. Sherwin
Julianna F. Tourangeau
Conor T. Zaferacopoulos

Honors Theses

Thomas R. Sherwin, “Globalism to Nationalism: The Changing Foreign Policy Priorities of the Republican Party”

Julianna F. Tourangeau, “Linking Sex-Determination Pathways to Sexually Dimorphic Behavior in *Caenorhabditis elegans*”

Conor T. Zaferacopoulos “Using Film as a Medium to Develop Empathy Skills”

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.

2026 Inductees

Ahmad B. Amir

Bachelor of Science
Magna Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Biostatistics

Emma G. Andros

Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Majors: Environmental Studies & French
Minor: International Studies
Certificate in Pre-Law

Gioncarlo C. Barone

Bachelor of Arts
Magna Cum Laude
Majors: Communications &
Student Designed Interdisciplinary Major
Minors: Italian &
Writing and Communication

Jasmine E. Bordelon

Bachelor of Science
Magna Cum Laude
Major: Biochemistry
Certificate in Community Development

Grace A. Branshaw

Bachelor of Science
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Biostatistics

Carissa H. Brunt

Bachelor of Science
Magna Cum Laude
Major: Management
Certificate in Pre-Law

Augustus H. Byrne

Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Psychology
Minors: Italian & International Studies

Julia S. Chacko

Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Franciscan Service & Advocacy
Albany Medical College Program

Julianne R. French

Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Psychology
Albany Medical College Program

Akshaya P. Ganesan

Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Psychology
Albany Medical College Program

Alpha Kappa Alpha

2026 Inductees (Continued)

Shannon E. Kosior
Bachelor of Arts
Magna Cum Laude
Major: English
Minor: Writing & Communication

Hannah Liz Kurian
Bachelor of Arts
Magna Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Franciscan Service & Advocacy
Albany Medical College Program

Daniel H. Leake
Bachelor of Science
Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minors: Psychology & Italian

Talia J. Narzynski
Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Student Designed
Interdisciplinary Major
Minor: Criminal Justice
Certificate in Community Development

Anna Q. Nguyen
Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Sociology
Albany Medical College Program

Sneha R. Panchani
Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Franciscan Service & Advocacy
Albany Medical College Program

Rithika Patnam
Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Biology
Minor: Philosophy
Albany Medical College Program

Eric W. Rapiejko
Bachelor of Science
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Adolescence Education: Chemistry & Biochemistry

Isabelle P. Rowley
Bachelor of Arts
Magna Cum Laude
Major: Environmental Studies
Minor: Political Science

Thomas R. Sherwin
Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude
Major: Political Science
Minor: History
Bonner Service Leader
Certificate in Community Development
Honors Fellow

Sara Thaqi
Bachelor of Science
Magna Cum Laude
Major: Biology

Sidney R. Tovar
Bachelor of Arts
Magna Cum Laude
Majors: Economics & Data Science
Minor: French

Athena A. Varghese
Bachelor of Science
Cum Laude
Major: Computer Science
Minor: Mathematics

Alpha Kappa Delta

International Honor Society in Sociology

Hanan N. Alharbi
Nicole E. Boccia
Veronica Choumarov
Stella B. Chopskie

Ava G. Kristoferson
Joanna E. Kunz
Anna Q. Nguyen
Yamin Titikpina

Alpha Mu Gamma

National Foreign Language Honor Society

Emma G. Andros
Gioncarlo C. Barone
Augustus H. Byrne
Caitlin I. Coiteux
William G. Cooper
Tynicia K. Hendrix
Aiden M. Irish
Nicholas F. Klotz

Anthony P. Knapick
Daniel H. Leake
Taylor H. McBride
Gabrielle K. Mohos
Ashley J. Phelps
Cean-Lucas Saint-Fort
Sidney R. Tovar
Isolena R. Ungewitter

Beta Alpha Psi

Nu Xi Chapter

The International Honor Organization for Financial Information Students and Professionals

Colin D. Anderson
Nicholas B. Hoffman
Emily M. Ilovic
Gavin L. Jelley
Gavin M. Kuhnla
Jacky Li
Michael A. Munson
Brady W. Osborne

Maris A. Potter
Katelyn A. Robinson
Maxwell Smith
Quinn O. Theis
Samantha L. Van Valkenburgh
Maria G. Vieni
Jared Wachenheim
Giuliana M Weaver

Beta Gamma Sigma

International Honor Society for Students of AACSB-Accredited Business Schools

Undergraduate

Akshaya P. Ganesan
Kelsey Higgins
Gabriela S. Jimenez
Lilyanna G. Kinsella
Kaci C. Owens
Alayna N. Preston
Alyssa M. Ramundo
Lance Risler
Aidan T. Ryan
Kristen L. Stuart
Eden C. Taft
Owen N. Zaik
Samantha L. Van Valkenburgh

Graduate

Maria G. Vieni

Delta Epsilon Sigma

National Scholastic Honor Society for students in Catholic Colleges and Universities

Nelo D. Afzali
Emma G. Andros
Carissa H. Brunt
Augustus H. Byrne
Talía J. Narzyski
Anna Q. Nguyen

Kaci C. Owens
Sarah G. Pegarella
Catherine T. Sanders
Samantha L. Van Valkenburgh
Dominique C. Walsh
Mattingly N. O'Rourke

Kappa Delta Pi

Educational Honor Society

Madalynn J. Arce
Sara L. Baker
Grace V. Barber
Angelina K. Brandt
Kaitlyn S Calabro
Caitlain M. Carroll
Madeline Chino Salas

Abigail B Donnelly
Gabrielle K Mohos
Emily E Nanartowicz
Eric W Rapiejko
Catherine T Sanders
Elizabeth (Elli) A Sassano
Hailey E Scullin

Lambda Pi Eta

Communication Honor Society of the National Communication Association

Madalynn J. Arce
Gioncarlo C. Barone
Kathryn H. Hammes
Sarah G. Pegarella
Taylor C. Brickwedel

Grace A. Herbek
Zoë Z. Stoddard
Jocelyn A. Kimball
Amanda N. Johnson
Hunter J. DiPace

Omicron Delta Epsilon

Beta Nu Chapter

International Honor Society in Economics

Neve K. Coe
Isabella M. DeGrasse
Emily X. Film
Bradley T. Fraser
David B. Knittel

Elizabeth MacHattie Lankford
Kaci C. Owens
Eden C. Taft
Matthew C. White
Kerry A. Wise

Phi Alpha Delta

Honor Society For Students Studying Law

Leandra M. Costa
Marin G. Doherty
Lydia G. Kyaw
Audra C. Rock

Phi Alpha Theta

Omicron Xi Chapter

National Honor Society in History

Nicholas Biski
Kyle A. Carney
Harrison G. Dimm
Aden L. Haas
Malakai M. Horton

Robert R. Lampman
Vincent Maraviglia III
Richard W. Myers
Trayce R. Marshall
Aubrey L. Sparks

Phi Lambda Upsilon

National Honor Society in Chemistry

Jasmine E. Bordelon
Samina F. Hanif
Evan M. Keilbasinski

Phi Sigma Gamma Sigma

Honor Society in Biology

Laura A. Mason
Taylor H. McBride
Jessica N. Motta
Briana R. Neary
Sneha R. Panchani
Rithika Patnam

Sanjana Premnath
Robert M. Raymundo
Amelia G. Supernault
Julianna A. Tourangeau
Isabella R. Woytowich

Phi Sigma Tau

Honor Society in Philosophy

Nelo D. Alfazi
Connor Clark
Joshua Florence
Aislinn B. McGaughey
Ceana L. Potter

Thomas R. Sherwin
Rosalina R. Steimetz
Alden A. Yergey
Ahmed H. Zegher

Pi Gamma Mu

International Social Science Honor Society

Ryan Acomb
Gianna R. Adragna
Nelo D. Afzali
Brooke C. Aierstok
AKM W. Alam
Hanan N. Alharbi
Raghd N. Alhemyari
Christopher J. Altieri
Emma G. Andros
Julianne R. Bauer
Katherine M. Beaulieu
Juliana R. Bellini
Michael A. Berkowitz-Cerasano
Angelina K. Brandt
Juliana F. Catalina
Steven Z. Cheeran
Veronica E. Choumarov
India E. Christiani
Bryanna L. Costine
Kaitlyn E. DeBonis
John R. DePerno Jr.
Elizabeth C. Durfee
Brie I. Dussault
Bernardo A. Fernandez Jr.
Julianne R. French
Saul J. Garcia III
Ayla S. Goldman
Grace B. Guenthner
Kaitlyn D. Hathaway
Jessica L. Helou-Topini
Jayden A. Hillage-Scribner
Elizabeth R. Holden
Chloe M. Hollner-Turner
Marcus J. Homa
Malakai M. Horton
Olivia E. Janukites
Kelly E. Kropp
Lydia G. Kyaw
Robert L. Lampman

Elizabeth F. Lankford MacHattie
Natasha D. Larramendy
Lilia D. Livolsi
Kylie A. Maher
Youssef Mahfoud Saleck
Cydney J. Maraj
Vincent Maraviglia III
Robert J. Marino
Madison R. Martel
Erika N. McCarty
Tess K. McCluskey
Gracie E. Medeiros
Courtney A. Miller
Makayla N. Musser
Emily E. Nanartowicz
Talia J. Narzyski
Christopher J. Nass
Anna Q. Nguyen
Kaci C. Owens
Noelle A. Relyea
Sophia G. Ripps
Audra C. Rock
Matthew F. Rogozinski
Isabelle P. Rowley
Gabriela San Miguel
Catherine T. Sanders
Matthew J. Sawitzki
Hailey E. Scullin
Sana Seth
Ryan A. Smith
Dharvena Sookra
Aubrey L. Sparks
Shannon M. Thomas
Samantha R. Thompson
Yamin Titikpina
Julianna F. Tourangeau
Athena A. Varghese
Dominique C. Walsh
Jaidyn M. Wood

Pi Mu Epsilon

National Honorary Mathematics Society

Benjamin F. Antoniuk
Alyssa M. Ramundo
Jack T. Ryan
Maxwell K. Vanderbeek

Pi Sigma Alpha

National Honor Society in Political Science

Tynicia K. Hendrix
Marcus J. Homa
Marissa N. Navarra

Psi Chi

International Honor Society in Psychology

Brooke C. Aierstok	Esther Ma
Julianne R. Bauer	Ella C. McFarland
Katherine M. Beaulieu	Alina M. Pica-Borjas
Juliana R. Bellini	Sanjana Premnath
Sarah H. Freer	Sana Seth
Julianne R. French	

Sigma Pi Sigma

National Honor Society in Physics

Nathan J. Bauer
Yuxuan Chen
Alexander M. Douglas
Cooper C. Kaupelis
Robert V. Oechslein

Sigma Tau Delta

English Honor Society

Sara L. Baker
Alexandra E. Bendett
Sherrice M. Branch
Maura K. Cahill
Kassondra E. Cook
Thomas D. Cottone
Hunter M. Drew

Adam Maxwell
Cailin R. Miller
Gabrielle K. Mohos
Ayley Rickson
Shannon Thomas
Riley E. Willsey

Sigma Theta Tau

Nursing Honor Society

Mason E. Albert
Erin M. Brawley
McKenzie R. David
Madison G. Devoe
Osatohanwen Ikponmwonba
Colleen P. Keating

Awa Kujabi
Emelie F. Matranga
Cayla H. O'Sullivan
Jillian D. Pierone
Kaelyn M. Powlis
Piper J. Rizzo
Chloe N. Grimm

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.

2026 Recipient

Tynicia K. Hendrix

Criminal Justice Studies Program

Spirit of Justice Award

The annual CRJS Spirit of Justice Award recognizes a graduating senior who, throughout their undergraduate years, has achieved academic excellence while engaging in the pursuit of justice through community activities and professional experiences in the field. This student embodies the “spirit of justice” by their zeal for imagining and working towards a more equitable and restorative system of crime and conflict resolution so that all may thrive.

2026 Recipient

Megan A. Bruno