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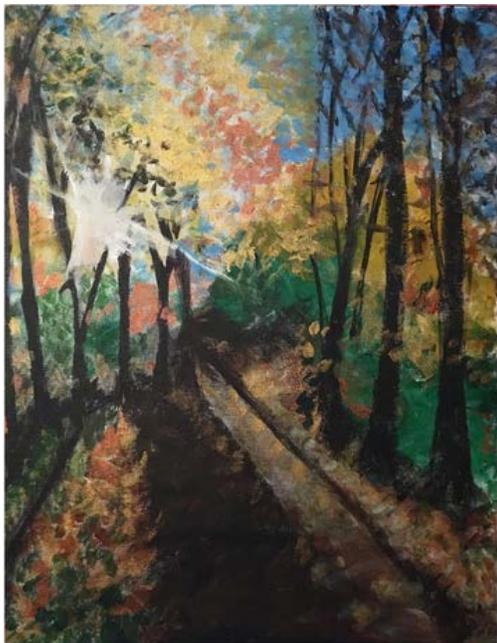
JOURNEYS

Newsletter of the Siena/AMC Science Humanities & Medicine Program

»»» NEW BEGINNINGS (AGAIN)

I am excited to restart the 'Journeys' newsletter as the new Director of the Siena Science Humanities and Medicine Program. My name is Suzie Barry and I started as Director in August of 2023. It is hard to believe that a whole academic year has already gone by in the time since I began! For those who do not know me, I am a Pediatric Critical Care physician by training and first heard of the Siena/AMC program from my former colleague and past Director, Dr. Ray Walsh. Ray was a great friend of mine and when he took the role in 2018, he told me that he planned to guide one class through the full eight years, but after that "this job has your name written all over it". Ray knew of my love for medical education, program

design and development, and genuine joy in working with students. Sadly, we lost Ray too early, but I am so incredibly grateful for his sponsorship and encouragement in helping me see how extraordinarily special this program is and I feel so blessed to be here. I am also incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity this past year to get to know and learn from Dr. Ed LaRow, the founding Director of the Siena/AMC program. I continue to marvel at how well ahead of his time and insightful Ed was in developing this program. I especially marvel at how amazing our program students are! This newsletter is truly just a space to highlight the amazing things they are doing. It is also a space to stay connected to our amazing alumni, which I have discovered over this year are such a generous group of individuals and an important piece of the community that has been built over the past 38 years. Thank you all for welcoming me in to 'the program' and please enjoy these reflections and celebrations from this past year.



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ON A TWO-WEEK
VIRTUAL ARTS AND
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MEDICAL
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WORDS FROM DR. LAROW

OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



➤➤➤ Greetings to all of my program friends. It's nearly 6 years since I retired and I miss seeing the students very much. I do manage to have classes come to my house for pizza and games and that keeps me in the loop and keeps me young! I taught at Siena for 51 years and within that time, saw tremendous changes. When I started in 1968 there were three faculty members in the Biology department and 16 students in General Biology. Wow things have changed! There are now over 20 faculty in the department and the Biology major is one of the top majors at Siena and the largest major in the School of Science. Part of the impetus for that growth was our ability to place people in professional school.

This success continues today with up to 92% of Biology students being accepted to professional schools. This is an exceptional number! Although a lot has changed, the students have remained the same. I find the freshman program students to be equal in caliber to the people who made up the class of 1990! I want to acknowledge Dr. Suzie Barry for the outstanding job she is doing. The program is in good hands and will continue to thrive into the future!



SIENA/AMC CLASS OF '27/'31

Edward J. Larow



THE SIENA/AMC CLASS OF '90/'94 JUST CELEBRATED THEIR 30TH REUNION! THEY GENEROUSLY DONATED THEIR TIME TO THE CURRENT PROGRAM STUDENTS BY BRINGING BAGELS & COFFEE, SHARING STORIES, & IMPARTING ADVICE. DR. LAROW WAS EVEN ABLE TO JOIN US!!

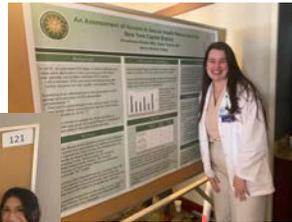
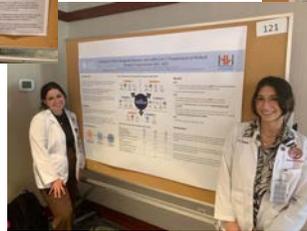
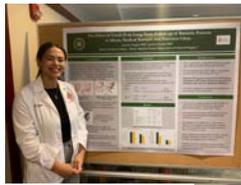


FALL 2023 RECAP

FALL PICNIC

IN SEPTEMBER, DR. WAGNER HOSTED A PICNIC TO WELCOME ALL OF THE NEW SIENA FRESHMEN INTO THE SIENA/AMC PROGRAM & SHARE SERVICE

PROJECTS THAT STUDENTS COULD GET INVOLVED IN!



SCHOLARLY WORK!

IN OCTOBER, THE MS2S PRESENTED THEIR INCREDIBLE AND DIVERSE PROJECTS AT THE AMC MEDICAL STUDENT INVESTIGATION DAY



SIENA JUNIOR, ASAVARI GOWDA WAS NAMED THE CURCA STUDENT OF THE WEEK!

Summer of Service

IN NOVEMBER, SIENA STUDENTS PRESENTED THEIR SUMMER OF SERVICE PROJECTS FROM THE PREVIOUS SUMMER & WE ENJOYED FOOD FROM EACH REGION THAT THE STUDENTS VISITED



SPRING 2024 RECAP



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

IN FEBRUARY, THEA AKHRASS, SAFIYA ALVI, DANI GHANEM, AND RAIYAAN SHAIK EDUCATED THE SIENA COMMUNITY AND LATER THE AMC COMMUNITY ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF WAR ON HEALTH CARE

Match Day!



IN MARCH WAS THE MUCH ANTICIPATED MATCH DAY! SEE PAGE 4 TO FIND OUT WHERE OUR MS4S ARE GOING!!

IN APRIL, THE FIRST SIENA/AMC CLASS ('90/'94) CELEBRATED THEIR 30TH MEDICAL COLLEGE REUNION AND GRACIOUSLY GAVE THEIR TIME TO MEET OUR CURRENT STUDENTS AT THE SIENA CAMPUS

Alumni reunion



SPRING PICNIC

AT THE END OF THE YEAR WE MET TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES AND ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!



AND WHO CAN FORGET GRADUATION IN MAY!!!!...



AMC CLASS OF 2024

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RESIDENCY MATCHES!



➤➤➤ **MASON SOEDER**
Radiology, Boston University
Boston, MA

➤➤➤ **GEORGE BUSHEY**
General Surgery, University of Massachusetts
Worcester, MA

➤➤➤ **PRIYA NAIR**
Medicine-Pediatrics, University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

➤➤➤ **GEORGE TAWFELLOS**
Urology, Yale
New Haven, CT

➤➤➤ **MYRLANDY SURPRISE**
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
Schwab Rehab Hospital
Chicago, Illinois

➤➤➤ **JOHN DINELLI**
OB/GYN, New York University Grossman
Mineola, NY

➤➤➤ **JUSTIN TRAM**
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

➤➤➤ **BARBARA MEYER**
Emergency Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, NY

➤➤➤ **NATALIE MURATORI**
OB/GYN, Hackensack University Medical Center
Hackensack, New Jersey

➤➤➤ **AMANDA MCMAHON**
Orthopedic Surgery, Rutgers University
Newark, New Jersey

➤➤➤ **NICOLE ROMANZO**
Pediatrics, Naval Medical Center
Portsmouth, VA



SIENA CLASS OF 2024

THEA AKHRASS
ANTONIO ASTARITA
BRYAN BARTNICK
RAGY BESHAY
MATTHEW CAMPO
ISHA CHITNIS
OLIVIA GARGIULO
STEPHEN GAUTA

DANI GHANEM
SKYLAR HAN
SOBIA HOSAIN
ANGELINE JACOB
SAVITA MADHANKUMAR
FRANCESCA MUZIO
ANGELLE PHILIP
RAIYAAN SHAIK



Congratulations to Ragy Beshay who was chosen to give the student address at Siena Graduation!

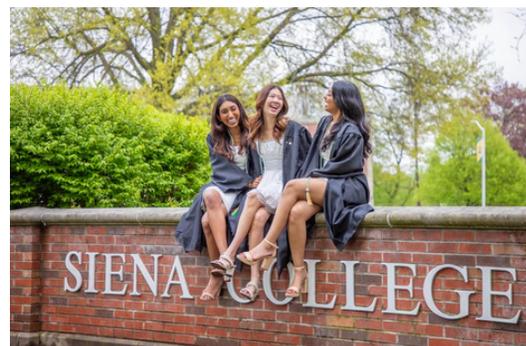
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

Thea Akhrass
 Angeline Jacob
 Angelle Philip
 Francesca Muzio
 Antonio Astarita
 Savita Madhankumar

Alpha Kappa Alpha membership is the highest award granted to Siena graduates. Members are students who have achieved academic excellence and who have contributed in a special way to Siena and to the broader community.

EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGY, B.A.

Thea Akhrass



ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2024

DR. GEORGE BUSHEY

CUM LAUDE

DR. JOHN DINELLI

MD WITH DISTINCTION IN BIOETHICS
ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONORS SOCIETY
THE ARTHUR D. HENGERER, MD AWARD

DR. AMANDA MCMAHON

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONORS SOCIETY

DR. BARBARA MEYER

MD WITH DISTINCTION IN SERVICE
GOLD HUMANISM HONORS SOCIETY
THE NEIL HELLMAN PRIZE
THE NATHAN AND LENA APANOF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

DR. NATALIE MURATORI

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONORS SOCIETY

DR. PRIYA NAIR

MD WITH DISTINCTION IN ADVOCACY
GOLD HUMANISM HONORS SOCIETY
THE S. OAKLEY VANDER POEL PRIZE
THE FRANK C. MAXON, JR., M.D. ALUMNI AWARD

DR. NICOLE ROMANZO

COMMISSIONED AS OFFICER IN THE US AIR FORCE
THE LINDSEY BARON "BUBBA" FOUNDATION AWARD

DR. MASON SOEDER

DR. MYRLANDY SURPRISE

DR. GEORGE TAWFELLOS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONORS SOCIETY (JUNIOR)
THE ALDEN MARCH PRIZE
THE HESSER FAMILY PRIZE IN NEUROLOGY

DR. JUSTIN TRAM



Alumni Dr. Renee Rodriguez-Goodemote '94/'98, was awarded the Golden Apple Award from the Class of 2024 for her excellence in teaching and mentorship!

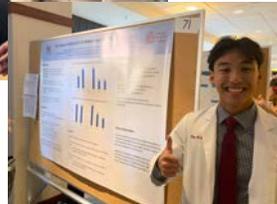


Congratulations!!

Final Highlights from 2023-2024!

Grace Dobrzynski

SIENA FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR!



ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENTS!



Alumni, please update your contact information [here!](#)

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