



INSIDE THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

NOBEL HALL UPDATES

Seventeen months ago, Nobel Hall was grandly introduced as a vision for Siena's future. Currently, initial actions are underway to bring this exciting and game-changing addition to our community.

Over the next year and a half, our new science building will be raised from the parking lot. The target completion date would have Nobel Hall operational by the start of the spring 2025 semester.

Throughout all phases of Nobel Hall construction and the renovation to Roger Bacon that will follow, we will maintain more than enough parking spaces to accommodate every car for every community member on campus.

More than 40 percent of our students and many academic programs will directly benefit from the additional 40,000 square feet featuring specialized laboratories and innovative active learning spaces. Plus, every Saint, in some way, will indirectly benefit from this magnificent transformation to the College's footprint.

More information about Nobel Hall, including video animation of the completed project, can be found on our Nobel Hall webpage. We will continue to update the website and the community with project progress and important notifications.

President Chuck Seifert



Nobel Hall Map



Nobel Hall Rendering



Nobel Hall Blessing

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS WELCOMES NEW DEAN, ADVANCES NEW PROGRAMS AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES



Siena's new Dean of the School of Business, Dr. Rashmi Assudani, began her term on July 1. Previously a professor and department chair at Xavier University, Dr. Assudani brings extensive experience in management and entrepreneurship. She later served as an associate

provost, overseeing faculty and student learning. Dr. Assudani holds advanced degrees in India and the Netherlands, and earned her Ph.D. in strategy and organizations at McGill University in Montreal. She has also participated in executive education programs at the Harvard Kennedy School. With a diverse background in finance and media, she brings valuable business expertise to this new role.

Other exciting news from the School of Business includes the recent approval from the New York State Department of Education for a master's degree in Business Analytics and two new advanced certificate programs in Strategic Management and Marketing. The Business Analytics master's degree will empower graduates with the necessary skills to effectively implement and manage data-driven business decisions, including collecting, managing, and analyzing datasets, making informed predictions, and optimizing decision-making processes to address a range of business, organizational, and socio-economic challenges. The Strategic Management graduate certificate focuses on developing knowledge of decision making, change management, and strategic planning, in order to prepare professionals to think strategically and lead organizations in ways that promote sustainable change. The Marketing graduate certificate is designed in response to the demand for professionals equipped with current tools and concepts of marketing practice. The program is focused on strategic applications of marketing knowledge in functional areas such as customer relationship development, customer insight development, digital analytics techniques and strategic brand management.



CURTAIN RISES ON NEW THEATRE MAJOR

The Creative Arts Department has expanded its programming by introducing a newly NYSED approved Theatre major. Starting in Fall 2023, students will have the option to declare major tracks in Design and Technology, Management, or Performance. The Theatre major is expected to become a popular choice for double majors, while students still have the option to pursue the existing Theatre Certificate.

Denise Massman, M.F.A., a professor of creative arts, coordinated the application to the NYS Education Department. Massman expressed pride in the department's growth and evolution, culminating in the introduction of a comprehensive Theatre major. "The department is excited to continue collaborating with students who have a passion for all aspects of live theatre in its diverse forms."

Last year, the Theatre program received national recognition in Technology and Design when Jaime Cochran '25, a physics major, won the regional Excellence in Lighting Design Award and attended the National Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington DC.

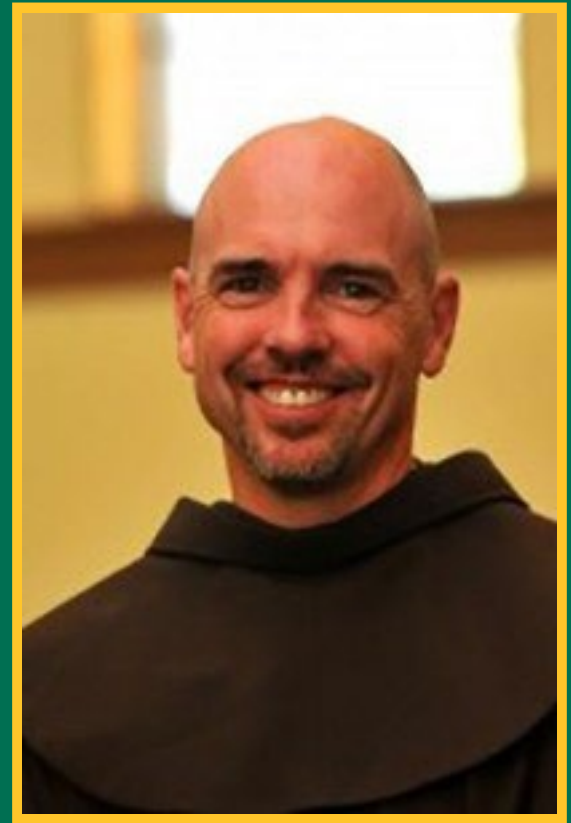
The upcoming Fall 2023 mainstage production, Ibsen's *The Enemy of the People* (1882), will have the advantage of collaboration with the Academic Center for Sustainability, led by Dr. Kate Meierdiercks, and the Laudato Sí initiative, led by Fr. Michael Perry, reflecting an ecologically-themed approach.

NEW NATIONAL PROVINCE OF FRANCISCAN FRIARS APPOINTS LEADERSHIP

As reported previously, the Friars of Holy Name Province, who founded and sponsor Siena College, have been in the process of merging with five other provinces in the United States to establish a new national province of Franciscan Friars. While the friars typically elect their own leaders, the Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor was responsible for appointing the leadership of the new provincial administration due to the unique circumstances.

On Wednesday, July 5, the Minister General and his administration elected the new leadership for the USA Province Our Lady of Guadalupe. This decision followed a months-long process of discernment and discussion among the six provinces. Fr. Caoimhín Ó Laoide, O.F.M., who represented the Minister General throughout the process, shared the names of the incoming leadership team in a [video](#).

The team includes Fr. Erick Lopez, O.F.M., a Siena trustee currently serving as the Director of Novices for the USA friar. The provincial of the new province will be Fr. Lawrence Hayes, O.F.M., the Vicar Provincial of Holy Name Province (Fr. Kevin Mullen O.F.M.'s vicar). Fr. Kevin will continue as the provincial of Holy Name Province until October 17, 2023. At that time, Holy Name Province will be dissolved, and the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Province will be established during a Chapter of Unity in Kansas City, Missouri.



MEET THE FRIARS

Fr. Larry Anderson, O.F.M.

Fr. Larry Anderson O.F.M. is a native of upstate New York. He was born in Geneva, New York. Fr. Larry attended college at Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg, New York and graduate school at Christ the King in East Aurora.

Before joining the Franciscans Fr. Larry was a DJ at KNOM Radio in Nome, Alaska; Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Ogdensburg; and Campus Minister at The Aquinas Institute in Rochester, New York. On July 7th 2003 he joined the friars and moved to the Bronx and has never looked back.

Before arriving at Siena College to become the Chaplain, Fr. Larry was the Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Church in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. In his free time he engages in his hobbies of hiking and kayaking in the beautiful hills and lakes that surround Siena College.

THE FRIARY GARDEN

Last October, Fr. Gregory (Greg) Gebbia, O.F.M. and Fr. Robert (Bob) Sandoz O.F.M. “planted” the idea to bring a vegetable garden to the Friary. In a journey from seeds to abundance, Fr. Bob and Fr. Greg rolled up their sleeves, continuing along tradition of previous Friars to create a new garden on campus. Located in the backyard aside the wooded area of the Friary lies their garden: six raised planting beds, each 32 square feet.

In the pursuit of a flourishing garden, Fr. Bob and Fr. Greg have taken their gardening skills to the next level through the creation of their very own irrigation system. Through the use of PVC pipes and a drill, this man-made irrigation system is a more sustainable way to water the soil of their crops.

The garden is more than just a place to grow vegetables; it’s a sanctuary. Spending hours throughout the day amidst the plants and being surrounded by nature’s beauty provides a sense of peace and solace. Overlooking the lush greenery and vibrant flowers stands serene statue of St. Francis. Known for his love of nature, St. Francis is the perfect inspiration for this garden that thrives on care and compassion.

When it comes to creating delectable dishes, the friars at their beloved garden have become true masters. Fr. Greg, with his chef’s touch, has delighted the Friary with his creamy concoctions of broccoli and cauliflower using their freshly grown vegetables.

Fr. Greg’s enthusiasm for gardening knows no bounds! If it were up to him, we’d see an abundance of gardens blooming all around campus. We can’t wait to see what the blossoming future of this garden becomes as Fr. Greg and Fr. Bob continue to harvest the fruits and relationships of the Siena community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Siena Night at Philadelphia Phillies

Meet us at Citizens Bank Park to cheer on the Philadelphia Phillies with fellow Siena Alumni!

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Siena Night At Fenway

Come out to Fenway Park to cheer on the Sox with other Boston area alumni!

Friday, August 11, 2023

Siena Night at Portland Sea Dogs

Siena is heading back to Maine for a night of baseball and fireworks!

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Siena Day at the Track: Celebrating the Class of 2023

Join us in celebrating the Class of 2023 – 100 Days after Graduation at the Saratoga Race Track!

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Virtual Meet the President

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" Seifert.

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Siena Day at Nationals Park

Siena is heading back to D.C. to root on the Nationals with you!

Friday, August 25, 2023

Denver Meet the President

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" and Deborah "Deb" Seifert.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Siena College Cocktails and Putt-Putt

Join us at Wolferts Roost for a fundraising event to benefit Siena's pre-dental students!

September 15-16, 2023

Lacrosse Alumni Weekend

Come celebrate the Siena Men's Lacrosse Program this September!

Friday, September 22, 2023

Rugby Alumni Weekend

Mark your calendars, September 22 and 23 is Siena Rugby Alumni Weekend 2023 where we celebrate 50 years of Siena rugby!

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Rochester Area Meet the President Reception

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" and Deborah "Deb" Seifert.

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Syracuse Area Meet the President

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" and Deborah "Deb" Seifert.

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Festa Vino

Join us for the return of the 21st Annual Festa Vino!

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Santa Rosa, CA Meet the President

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" and Deborah "Deb" Seifert.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Los Altos, CA Meet the President

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" and Deborah "Deb" Seifert.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Newport Beach, CA Meet the President

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" and Deborah "Deb" Seifert.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Maddalone Wall of Success Induction Ceremony

Join us for the annual Maddalone Wall of Success Induction Ceremony.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

13th Annual Veterans Recognition Dinner

Save the Date – 13th Annual Veterans Recognition Dinner

Friday, November 17, 2023

Dallas, TX Meet the President

Join us to meet Siena College's 13th President, Dr. Charles "Chuck" and Deborah "Deb" Seifert.

Tuesday, December 14, 2023

Boston Alumni Christmas Party

Get in the holiday spirit with fellow Siena alumni and friends this December!

To learn more about these events, including locations and times, please visit siena.edu/alumni/events