



# SIENA SENIOR SAINTS

## Summer construction and facilities upgrade projects are well underway on campus!

Patricia Gioia Hall, home of the new campus welcome center, is on schedule for completion by the end of summer (right). This project, currently more than 90 percent complete, includes a 7,000 square-foot addition to the east side of the former McGuire Hall, a new gathering/event space, extensive site work improvements, and a geo-thermal heat pump HVAC system.

In the coming weeks interior painting and flooring are to be completed, and exterior work such as sidewalks, landscaping, and additional memory benches are scheduled for installation. The open-air brick structure near the Grotto housing the Bells of Remembrance also nears completion, displaying the beautiful gift from the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Name Province and Siena's Class of 2020.

Some additional special touches include: a ceramic tile mosaic of the Siena sunburst emblem to adorn the back exterior wall and a large statue of St. Francis of Assisi at the front to welcome campus guests.

Members of the College's Enrollment Management and Marketing teams are looking forward to moving into Patricia Gioia Hall in the coming weeks. An open house event is being planned for September.

According to Mark Frost, assistant vice president for facilities management, other summer projects include:

- Construction documentation and permitting for the 40,000-square-foot Nobel Hall. Construction is expected to begin spring 2023, with completion by the winter of 2024-25.



- A number of roof projects are ongoing, including the just-completed Fr. Ben Kuhn House and repairs on sections of Roger Bacon, Hines Hall and several other campus buildings.
- A second phase of new emergency showers and eyewash stations are being installed in the Morrell Science Center.
- New HVAC systems are being installed in the Standish Library.
- Completion of the emergency generator installation at the Friary.
- Design and follow-up installation of new emergency generators for SSU and Siena Hall.

Your President's Circle support of the Annual Fund helps make these renovations possible, earning Siena College bragging rights as one of Condé Nast's Top 50 Most Beautiful College Campuses.



## “Bleacher Brothers” Knock it Out of the Park!

*"St. Francis didn't necessarily go to churches, he went to the city streets to preach where people were, and he preached a language they could understand."*

- Fr. Casey Cole, O.F.M.

The Bleacher Brothers – Fr. Casey Cole, O.F.M. and Fr. Tito Serrano, O.F.M. associate campus minister – rounded the bases on a 17,000 mile, 11-week tour of all 30 Major League Baseball parks. They spent the summer spreading the Franciscan message "where people are."

St. Francis of Assisi didn't just preach in churches where people of faith gathered. He spent most of his time preaching in the city square, among ordinary people, talking in ways they could understand. He had a gift of finding God even in the ordinary. For 800 years, the Franciscans have continued this legacy.

As avid baseball fans, the Bleacher Brothers came up with the idea of spending a summer visiting the homes of America's pastime, inviting people "home to the Church." The "Bleacher Brothers" concluded their journey on July 30 in Denver after celebrating eight masses and over 25 talks across the country.

For more information on their journey, visit [breakinginthehabit.org](http://breakinginthehabit.org)



Join us November 11-13 for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Siena College Homecoming as alumni, students, parents, family, and friends celebrate what it means to be a Saint!

During this year's Homecoming, the men's and women's basketball programs will take on cross-town rivals, the UAlbany Great Danes. The men will play on Saturday, November 12 at the MVP Arena while on Sunday, November 13 the women will take on the Danes at home in the UHY Center.

Our students will celebrate Homecoming with fun games and food trucks on the Quad, a featured speaker event, a Homecoming Dance, and much more.

A pep rally will be held during the weekend and an alumni Mass will close the weekend Sunday morning.

For more information please visit [siena.edu/homecoming](http://siena.edu/homecoming)



**Celebrating Alumni Weekend!**

Calling all classes ending in 3's and 8's! Let your classmates know it's time to put the "loud" back in Loudonville for **Alumni Weekend on June 2-4, 2023** by signing up to become an Alumni Ambassador! We invite you to join fellow classmates and help make an impact as Siena gets ready to proudly celebrate your milestone Reunion. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [alumni@siena.edu](mailto:alumni@siena.edu) for more information!



Good and loving God,  
as we begin another academic year  
we ask You to bless the Siena community:  
our students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees  
and benefactors.

May we be open to learning from one another in  
and out of the classroom,  
and may we be eager to serve one another, our  
local community, and the wider world.

Give us energy and optimism as we welcome both  
new and returning members of our community,  
that together we may make Siena a beacon of  
light and hope in these challenging times.

We ask this in Your most holy name.  
Amen.

Fr. Dennis E. Tamburello '75, O.F.M.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SEPTEMBER

- First Day of Classes Tuesday, 9/6**
- Saints Circle | Career & Internship Center Zoom Friday, 9/9**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Saints Alive Golf Shootout Monday, 9/12**
- Alumni Book Club Thursday, 9/15**
- Men's Lacrosse Alumni Weekend Friday, 9/16**
- Cocktails and Putt-Putt Wednesday, 9/21**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Siena Baseball Golf Outing Saturday, 9/24**
- Siena Night at Nationals Park Tuesday, 9/27**
- Family Weekend Friday, 9/30**

### OCTOBER

- Feast of St. Francis Tuesday, 10/4**
- Rugby Alumni Weekend Friday, 10/7**

To learn more about these events, including  
locations and times, please visit  
[siena.edu/alumni/events](https://siena.edu/alumni/events)