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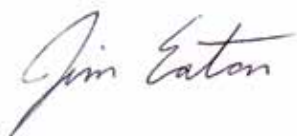
## Message from the Editor

This was an inspiring issue to put together as we heard more and more about the recovery efforts of alumni after Superstorm Sandy slammed the east coast. The feature stories in this issue highlight Siena graduates who are leading these efforts, but we know there are many others who were either impacted or have spent countless hours volunteering. These stories reinforce the value of a Siena College education. Siena alumni have always been responsive to the needs of others and continue to assume leadership roles in their communities, especially during times of crisis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the positive feedback we received on the first ezine we published last fall. Many of you reached out to us with your preference in how you would like to receive this magazine in the future – electronically only, hardcopy only or a combination of the two.

If you have feedback or a story idea for *Siena News*, we would like to hear from you at [communications@siena.edu](mailto:communications@siena.edu).

Happy New Year,



Jim Eaton

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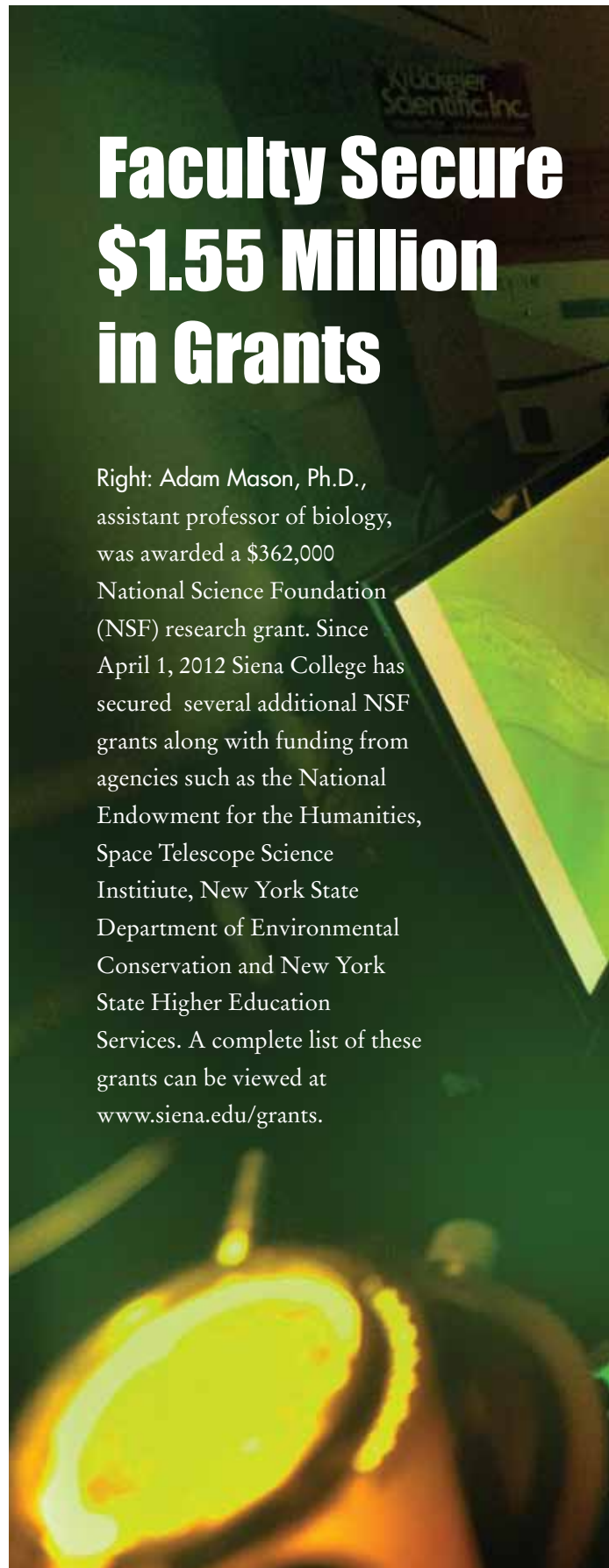
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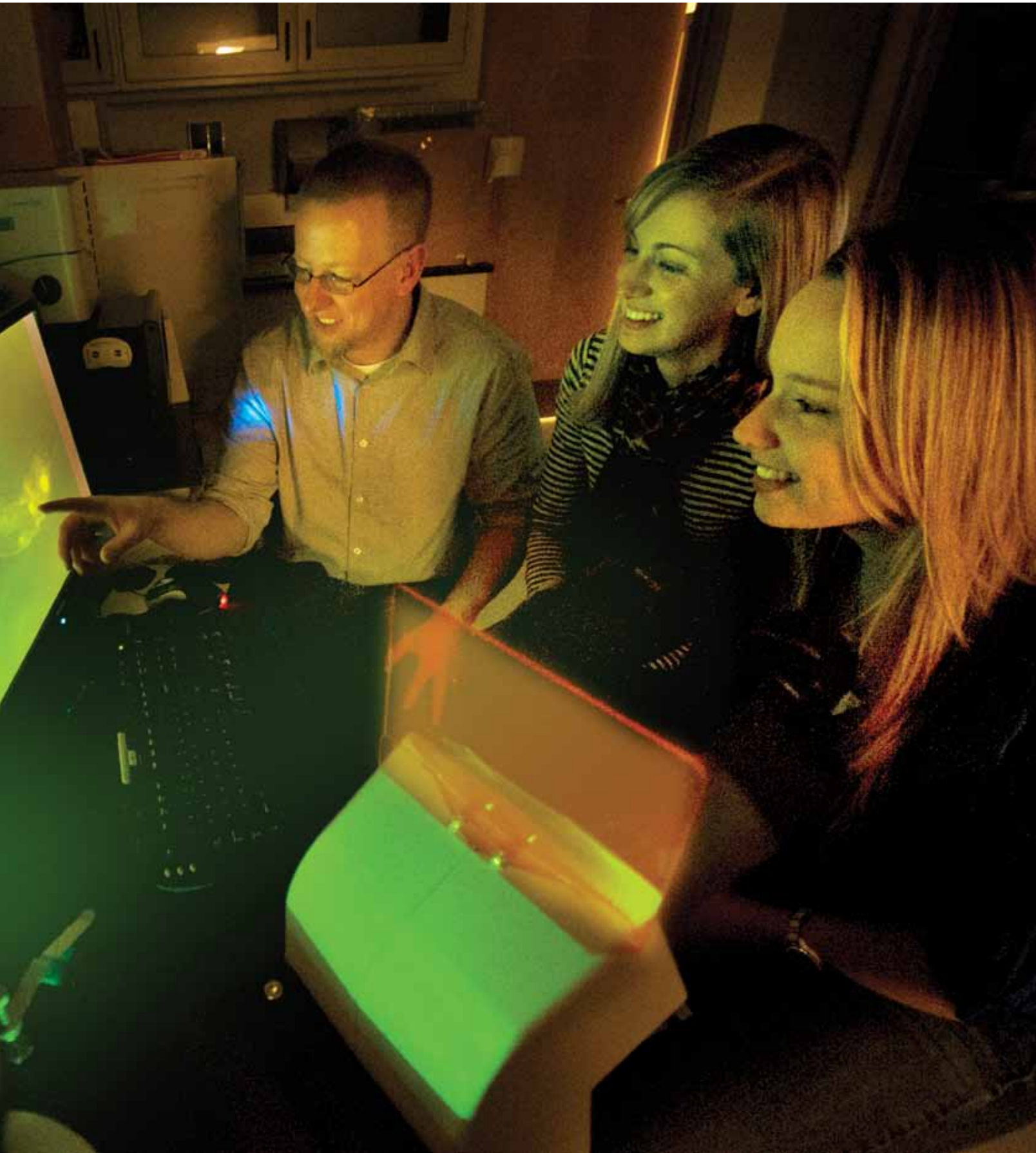
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# Faculty Secure \$1.55 Million in Grants

Right: Adam Mason, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, was awarded a \$362,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant. Since April 1, 2012 Siena College has secured several additional NSF grants along with funding from agencies such as the National Endowment for the Humanities, Space Telescope Science Institute, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and New York State Higher Education Services. A complete list of these grants can be viewed at [www.siena.edu/grants](http://www.siena.edu/grants).





# from the president



Do you remember the very first word you uttered in 2013? Chances are it was “happy.” After the champagne bottle was uncorked and the giant ball dropped in Times Square, you probably turned to a fellow reveler and said, “Happy New Year!” The traditional greeting expressed your hope that a change of calendars would be a change for the better and that you, your family and friends would enjoy abundant blessings in the months ahead.

“Happy” is also the first word in the book of Psalms. Yet, of the 150 poems that follow, more than half are psalms of lament, cathartic acknowledgements of both personal and communal loss. Clearly, the authors of these poems did not believe that a happy life was devoid of suffering. What they did believe was that happiness was a function not of pain’s absence, but of faith’s presence. They equated happiness not with a stress-free existence, but with a confident trust in the steadfast and enduring love of God.

A new calendar year and a new academic semester are usually accompanied by renewed hope for fresh starts and creative possibilities. One of the great joys of working on a college campus is that young people seem to be optimistic by nature. Certainly, here at Siena, we have much to look forward to as we continue to make great strides in implementing our strategic plan. True, we know there are challenges ahead, just as we know from both the distant and the recent past, that ours is an imperfect world in which natural disasters and random acts of violence inflict untold suffering on our brothers and sisters in the human community.

Yet, despite the trials we have faced and will face in the future, there are good, solid reasons to approach 2013 with firm hope and graceful courage. As the pages of this magazine will attest, our students, faculty and alumni are making a positive difference in the world. As the writings of St. Francis affirm, that world, flawed though it might be, is nevertheless the profoundly good and infinitely beautiful creation of a good and loving God. And as even the hard-nosed realism of the book of Psalms asserts: “O God ... you crown the year with your goodness; abundance flows in your steps.”

So, it is with great confidence that I wish you all a “Happy New Year.”

Fr. Kevin Mullen '75, O.F.M., Ph.D.  
President

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# The 2012 Election: Youth Will Be Served

By Leon Halpert, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science

Over the last decade, increased scholarly attention has been given to examining the political values and voting behavior of the “Millennial” generation (those born between the early 1980s and mid 1990s and who fill the classrooms of Siena College today). Many had reached political majority with the 2008 election and 2012 welcomed the second wave.

The last two election results have shown us that differences between the policy preferences, party affiliation, voting choices and demographic composition of older and younger aged cohorts have been growing during the 21st century. Early in the 2012 election cycle, there was a concern that the differences in the turnout rates between younger and older voters would widen as some observers noted an “enthusiasm gap” between the groups. Some predicted that there would be a decline in youth turnout from their 2008 levels, which generally had benefitted the Democratic Party. However, most exit polls and surveys indicated that Millennial turnout rates held steady or even increased slightly in 2012.

While Obama’s margin of victory among 18-29-year-olds did diminish by 10 points, from 34% in 2008 to 24% in 2012, it was strong enough to help him win re-election. In contrast, Mitt Romney’s margin among the 65+ age cohort was two percent larger than John McCain’s margin in 2008 (eight percent over Obama). While not growing, the partisan-based presidential voting gap between old and young remained wide and is indicative of the political divide in the U.S.

It is apparent that the young are becoming a pivotal part of the election process and it appears this will continue to be the trend for the 2016 election as well.



## SRI Tells It Like It Is

The Siena Research Institute enjoyed another successful election season. From August to Election Day 2012, SRI conducted 30 separate polls in New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. The results of these polls garnered state and national coverage from major media outlets.

During the 10 days prior to the election, SRI conducted polls on the Presidential and U.S. Senate races in New York, six Congressional District races and three New York State Senate races. Their final polls predicted 9 of 11 winners. In the two contests SRI deemed “too close to call,” one was still undecided in mid-December while in the other, challenger Dan Maffei edged out incumbent Ann Marie Buerkle in a tight race.



# Lending a Hand

By Jodi Ackerman Frank

From an associate trustee in charge of the national humanitarian efforts of the American Red Cross to alumni and students organizing relief efforts through various organizations and individual initiatives, Siena is making a positive difference to those affected by the devastation of Superstorm Sandy.





Above (Left to right): Jerry DeFrancisco '68 worked with leaders such as President Barack Obama and Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano in helping citizens get back on their feet after Superstorm Sandy.

## Jerry DeFrancisco '68: Leading the Charge in Hurricane Relief Efforts

Jerry DeFrancisco '68 was at a mobile feeding van in Hoboken, N.J., alongside Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, briefing her on the mind-boggling damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, when a woman in the neighborhood approached him. She pointed to a high-rise building across the street and said that the top three floors housed largely disabled senior citizens who had no power, no heat and no food.

"They needed hot meals. They needed help," said DeFrancisco, American Red Cross president of humanitarian services, who worked with a group of residents and Red Cross volunteers to deliver food and blankets to the stranded seniors.

On October 29, Hurricane Sandy, more than 800 miles wide and packing up to 90-mile-per-hour winds, slammed into the most densely populated areas of the Northeast, with New York City and parts of New Jersey the hardest hit.

"The following day, every bridge and terminal in New York City was closed. Airports were closed. People were waiting in line for hours to fill up their gas tanks. It was very difficult to get to those who

needed our services the most," said DeFrancisco, who is also a Siena Associate Trustee.

In the hours after the storm, the Red Cross mobilized 6,000 mostly volunteer responders from around the country to set up emergency shelters and deliver food. Ultimately, more than 11,000 Red Cross responders came to the rescue. Within a week after the storm, the Red Cross had served more than 3.6 million meals and snacks. The charitable organization set up 360 shelters that housed 123,000 storm victims.

Appointed to his current position in 2008 by the world's largest humanitarian organization, DeFrancisco oversees about 2,000 Red Cross chapters across the country and around the world. Nationwide, the organization has 32,000 employees, nearly 750,000 volunteers and a \$3.4 billion budget.

DeFrancisco, 65, was born and raised in Albany, N.Y. For more than 30 years, he has held executive leadership positions for a number of global companies, including AT&T, where he served as Vice President of Business Innovation, and AT&T Alascom, where he was President

and CEO.

The Red Cross has benefitted particularly from DeFrancisco's business expertise, which he has used over the past four years to streamline management practices so the organization can run much more efficiently. A large part of this effort was reorganizing the 775 individual chapters into 110 regional divisions.

"Now a small chapter has the support of a whole regional division, which can pool resources more effectively to respond to much larger areas in need," he said.

"Streamlining the Red Cross's organizational and financial operations was a major undertaking that was long overdue," said Richard Sleasman '79, chairman of the American Red Cross Northeastern New York Advisory Board. "As a result, the money the Red Cross raises goes that much further in meeting its humanitarian mission of providing relief to victims of disaster."

Part of the effort to update operations was the development

# Giving the Gift of Life

By Jodi Ackerman Frank

of the Red Cross's new Digital Operations Center (a gift from Dell), unveiled earlier this year next to the charitable organization's headquarters and across the street from the White House. The center represents the first-of-its kind social media monitoring platform devoted to humanitarian relief.

Digital volunteers, or "digiteers," are able to track messages via Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets that contain the word "Red Cross" in them and then directly respond to such questions as, "Where's the nearest emergency shelter?" and "Where can I get food?"

"Our digiteers monitor these messages 24 hours a day to help us understand better what's going on in specific neighborhoods," DeFrancisco said. "We have found a lot of people in need through the Digital Operations Center."

Although DeFrancisco lives in Alexandria, Va., he still has deep roots in Albany and continues to build his relationships with the Siena community, including Siena College President Fr. Kevin Mullen '75, O.F.M., Ph.D.

"Over the years, I have received letters from Fr. Kevin that have reinforced the importance of Siena's Franciscan values. Now, I get to work with people every day who have those same values — helping people who are less fortunate," DeFrancisco said. "The older I get, the more I appreciate that."

Nearly 100 members strong and one of the most active student organizations on campus, Siena's chapter of the American Red Cross Club is well regarded in the local community for its fundraising activities and blood drives.

The chapter, which has held the New York State college blood drive record since 2009, won the MAAC Blood Drive Challenge this year. Members also raised \$7,500 for disaster relief through their annual 5K race in April.

"This club is blessed with extremely dedicated students who work hard to make a difference," said Judy Dougherty '06, associate director of the Franciscan Center for Service and Advocacy and chapter advisor.

The club is also involved in many other activities, including a delivery program in which students pick up blood from local Red Cross chapters and deliver it to hospitals. After Hurricane Sandy struck at the end of October, the club partnered with the Franciscan Center to raise an additional \$1,500 for relief efforts.

Recently, the chapter was designated a "hub club" based on the impact it has made on local Red Cross chapters and "unusually high levels of achievement," said Jerry DeFrancisco '68. Hub clubs provide a leadership role for other chapters in their region.

"As president of humanitarian services at the American Red Cross and an alum, I could not be prouder that Siena was selected as the Northeast Division Hub Club for our college network. Although smaller in enrollment than most of our college clubs, the Siena club has demonstrated that size is not a factor in running a highly successful program," said DeFrancisco, who added that the colleges and universities designated as hub club locations include the University of California, Berkeley and Penn State.

DeFrancisco added: "When I look at the work we do in the Red Cross, I can't help but reflect on the Franciscan values that were an integral part of my Siena education, and I think that is what makes the Siena Red Cross club such a stand out."



Left to right: Gary Strier, regional chief executive officer of the American Red Cross; Fr. Russel Murray, O.F.M., Ph.D., director of the Franciscan Center for Service and Advocacy (FCSA); Judy Dougherty '06, associate director of FCSA; Michael

Murphy '13, Ashley Yackerren '13, Vikaran Kadaba '13, Maria Rueda '15, Helene Rached '15, Dena Leonelli '15, Jerry DeFrancisco '68, Kristina Schroeter '13, Katie Urbanski '13, Fahima Muthuvappa '16 and Erin Wascavage, blood services account representative celebrate Siena's Red Cross Club becoming a hub club.



# Alumni to the Rescue in Surf City

By Jodi Ackerman Frank



Although media coverage focused on more populated areas of the Northeast, Surf City, N.J., a popular vacation spot on Long Beach Island, was deluged by Superstorm Sandy. Fortunately, the destruction and its aftermath didn't escape the compassionate attention of Siena alums.

Rescue operations in the tiny borough were largely headed by Pete Hartney '83, president of the Surf City Volunteer Fire & EMS and a local councilman. Working with the police and National Guard, Hartney's crew

of firefighters and emergency medical technicians waded through chest-deep water to help stranded residents.

The fire department, one of the few on the island not significantly impacted by the storm, became a hub for recovery efforts, serving as a central gathering point for food and information for first responders on the island, including utility crews.

Hartney was appointed public information officer for the borough, using Facebook and

other websites to keep displaced residents and property owners informed. He also fielded endless phone calls.

Once residents began trickling back to their homes, Hartney's crew distributed food and cleaning supplies throughout the community. That's when Ron Bjorklund '85 and his wife, Cathy Bjorklund '85, got involved.

The couple from Tabernacle, a New Jersey town about 40 minutes inland, own a summer home in Surf City. They traveled to the firehouse three times to drop off food and supplies. The Bjorklunds, who own Vermeer North Atlantic, a distributor of industrial construction equipment, also lent the fire department a forklift so that a tractor trailer of food and supplies could be unloaded easily.

"When I found out that Pete's fire department was acting as the main communications post for the entire island, I called to see what I could do," said Ron Bjorklund, who is also a Siena trustee.

"Ron and Cathy were among our significant partners in helping others," Hartney said. "Their assistance was really amazing and truly inspiring."

"The Siena alumni network is out there," Bjorklund added. "If you need help, a lot of doors open for you, which is pretty remarkable for such a small school in upstate New York. The alumni network is only one of the elements that makes the College great long after graduation day."





# Robot Sings Gangnam Style

By Mark Adam

Culminating a semester of research and programming, five teams of computer science students put their robots on display at the second annual RoboShow. The robots were programmed to do different things, including playing a piano, fetching cans of soda from the refrigerator, playing Simon Says, answering math problems and running away from light.

“This gives students the chance to show off their hard work and it gives the Siena College community the chance to come in and see what we’re doing in the computer science program,” assistant professor of computer science and director of Siena’s Institute for Artificial Intelligence Sharon Small ’89, Ph.D. said.

A piano playing robot, created by Zachary Witter ’14 and Robbie Tateo ’15, scans cards with black and white patterns on them and then plays one of four pre-programmed songs

including, “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,” “In the Jungle,” “Heart and Soul” and, naturally, “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

Another robot played Simon Says and was programmed by Lauren Mathews ’15, Julian Thomas ’14 and Eduardo Barbosa ’13. Their robot won first place in this year’s RoboShow. It carried out basic commands like raising its arm, clapping and spinning around, but it was also able to complete more complex tasks. The robot sang part of Psy’s popular song “Gangnam Style.” Wearing a headset, Mathews called the commands into the mic and the robot carried out the commands, only when Simon Says, of course.

The students spent all semester in their robotics course, which is an upper level computer science class, researching and programming each of the robots. Still, there were problems that they had to solve, like changes in lighting or the robot’s physical capabilities.

“It’s a love-hate thing,” Troy Valle ’14 said. “But it’s awesome when it works.” Valle, Chan Tran ’14 and Kean Smullen ’15 programmed their robot to retrieve a can of soda from a mini-fridge. Mathew Banville ’15, Paul Cherrier ’14 and Jordan Holoboski ’15 programmed their robot to do math problems. There was also a Dracula Robot stationed in its own room down the hall because it required darkness. Peter Truong ’14, wearing a black and red cape, and Connor Blakely ’14 wanted to do something with light. So they programmed a robot to run away from light as a vampire would. They set up seven light sources in a dark classroom and then turned one off. The robot’s head spun around as it scanned for light and then moved across the room to the darkest area.

When asked if it was a fun project Blakely said, “How could you not have fun? We’re working on a robot.”



## Electing to Participate

By Lexi Palma '13

With the 2012 presidential election approaching, Siena students immersed themselves in the voting process. Siena's Student Senate tried to ensure that as many Siena students as possible voted in this year's election. Senate President Cassandra Jane Werking '13 said the group sponsored voter registration and absentee ballot drives.

"We feel that it is our duty to inspire our students to get involved politically in the real world," Werking said. "It is important that they know how to take advantage of their civic duty to vote and why it is vital to be knowledgeable about the events and governing processes that affect our everyday lives."

This was the first time many students were eligible to cast a ballot.

"I voted this year," said political science major Alicia Munian '15. "Your college years are the perfect time to start getting involved. I loved that Siena gave the students so much help with the voter registration tables."

Students also gathered in "The Norm," a room in Serra Hall, to watch the presidential debates between the incumbent, President Barack Obama, a democrat, and his republican challenger, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. The economics department hosted a panel discussion to help students become more informed.

"The economy was the major focus of the 2012 election and it was important that voters understood what the issues were, why they matter and how and if the candidates planned to address those issues," said Assistant Professor of Economics Aaron Pacitti, Ph.D. "Many of these issues currently facing the country—student debt, job opportunities, income inequality and wage growth—are going to directly affect college students in the next few years, so it is imperative that they be educated on matters of public policy that will shape their life."

## Sophocles with a Twist

By Sarah Vistocco '13

The countless hours that cast and crew devoted to their craft last fall shone through their engaging performances of "Anti Gone Today." Siena College's creative arts department and theatre club Stage III produced a successful show that put a new spin on the classic play. Stage III is composed of many seasoned student thespians as well as first-time actors. Regardless of experience, the cast blended perfectly in this adaptation of the Greek tragedy. Together with production assistants, costume designers and scene shop workers they brought the world of "Antigone" to life and integrated the audience into the story.

The set used light and darkness to evoke the struggle between good and evil and, more importantly, how one chooses which course to follow. The audience was placed in a circle around the stage that filled the center of a small room, giving the actors the ability to address audience members directly throughout the play.

Director, producer and Professor of Creative Arts Mahmood Karimi-Hakak, S.E.D., realized the relevance of the play and began reworking both the language and structure to connect with today's audience. "I don't believe in reconstructing a myth; I believe in re-creating it," Karimi-Hakak said. He integrated tapes of speeches from President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney to add current references and dialogue that could be easily understood by audience members.

"Anti Gone Today" is Karimi-Hakak's last collaboration with Stage III this year, but the creative arts department will be presenting two more shows, "The Children's Hour" and "Spike Heels."





## On the Brink of Excellence

By Lexi Palma '13

Ananda Brinkmann '13 received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Capital City Rescue Mission for her work at its free clinic in Albany, N.Y. Medical professionals and volunteers like Brinkmann provide basic health care at the clinic to the poor, homeless and uninsured.

The Ulster Park, N.Y., native said she does a little bit of everything for her patients, including intake and vitals, education on chronic diseases, communication with other health care facilities and even clipping toe nails for diabetics who cannot reach their feet. "Most of all, it's a service of presence, just being able to be there with the guests of the Mission and develop relationships with them," Brinkmann said.

Brinkmann is the youngest person to receive this award from the Capital City Rescue Mission. "I was caught completely off guard but was extremely honored," Brinkmann said. "When I was just starting at the clinic I know I had doubts that I would be a good fit for the place

since I had never before worked with such a population and in such a setting."

Brinkmann has volunteered at the clinic since the spring of 2011 and said the staff and patients were gracious and encouraged her to grow into her current role. Brinkmann, who carries a 3.6 grade point average, became involved with the clinic through her work with the Siena College Bonner Service Leaders Program, which is run through AmeriCorps and the Bonner Foundation. She has logged more than 1,500 hours of service at the Capital City Rescue Mission Free Clinic so far and will complete more than 1,800 hours by the time she graduates in May.

## Fr. Dennis Honored by Correctional Facility

By Lexi Palma '13

Fr. Dennis Tamburello '75, O.F.M., Ph.D., received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Mount McGregor Correctional Facility in honor of the work he's done there in recent years.

"I was not expecting the award," Tamburello said. "But I have to say it warmed my heart. I am no more deserving than any other volunteer, but I appreciate the fact that I was recognized. The people at Mount McGregor are really grateful for everyone who volunteers."

Mount McGregor is a medium-security, all-male correctional facility located in Wilton, N.Y. Tamburello has been a part-time chaplain with the New York State Department of Correction and Community Supervision since 1991, but started

his volunteer work at Mount McGregor, mostly teaching classes, in 2009.

"I have never worked with students who are more motivated and more grateful to learn than these men," Tamburello said. "Many of them used to despise school, but they are now discovering academic talents they never knew they had. It changes their whole image of themselves and they are really very intellectually curious. They get fired up and serious about excelling in their classes."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Richardson, Ph.D., said volunteer professors such as Tamburello put Siena's Franciscan value of service into practice and they witness the transformative power of education on the incarcerated. "It



takes a lot of time and effort to teach a class at Mount McGregor," Richardson said. "The experience for volunteer faculty is incredibly empowering, invigorating and affirming."

In the spring of 2010, Siena College launched a program to offer credit-bearing courses at Mount McGregor. Since then, Siena professors have taught 20 courses from various disciplines, including Introduction to Social Work, Statistics for Social Sciences, Music Theory and Marketing.

## Creative Arts Students Showcase Work in Troy

By Chelsea Platt '13

What does a city look like from a stranger's perspective? Visitors to the Invitational Art Exhibit, "South Troy Through Outsider Eyes," had the opportunity to see what struck five Siena student-artists, none of them Troy natives, when they first encountered the Collar City.

"I'm very proud of the work my students have created. It speaks of the strength of the creative arts at Siena that our students would be invited to participate in this exhibition," said Scott Foster, M.F.A., assistant professor of studio art. Jim Lewis, the gallerist who curated the exhibit, had approached Foster about selecting students to contribute their creations

to the show. "He recognized the strength of our student work and asked us to exhibit at a venue that has showcased many prominent local and regional artists."

The venue was Carmen's Café, a cozy location where Foster and five of his students spoke with curious visitors about their work. The Siena students who participated were Eden Alaxanian '13, Allison Clarke '13, Olivia Fay '13, Emily Gustin '13 and Britney MacKinnon '14.

The students began their artistic process by conducting research on the South Troy community through



iconography, history and personal experience. Foster established scale requirements in order to give the exhibit a sense of unity among the different pieces, but the students' media and foci were very diverse.

As the students learned about Troy, the visitors to their exhibit learned about them as well.

## Halloween Extravaganza 2012

By Chelsea Platt '13

Saints were traded in for spooks during the eighth annual Halloween Extravaganza event, sponsored by the Office of Academic Community Engagement's Bonner Service Leaders program.

The arts and crafts festival has become one of Siena's holiday traditions, combining a Franciscan love for community service with a scary good time. The five dollar admission charge gave children access to more than 30 activities and games, raffles, the community partner health fair and a haunted house sure to make even the bravest of souls scream.

The proceeds from the event were donated to a local non-profit

agency. This year the Halloween Extravaganza committee was able to give \$1,400 to the Father Peter Young Housing, Industries and Treatment Center. This organization assists formerly incarcerated populations to rehabilitate and reintegrate themselves into society as responsible, autonomous citizens.

"My favorite part of the event is seeing the Siena community and friends come together to support one of our community partners," said Yalitz Negron '06, assistant director of Academic Community Engagement and the AmeriCorps\*VISTA Fellows program.

Negron founded the Halloween Extravaganza event eight years ago,



during her sophomore year at Siena. This year, she was joined by more than 400 volunteers and 30 campus clubs that helped run activities and transform the Sarazen Student Union into a spooky setting.



## Kriesteva Circle Draws International Crowd

By Mara Afzali '14

Siena College hosted a unique gathering of philosophers, art historians, graduate students and academics from a variety of other disciplines this fall for the inaugural meeting of the Kristeva Circle. Participants traveled across the globe, from as far away as Shanghai, Paris and London to attend the conference.

The Kristeva Circle was created by Assistant Professor of Philosophy Fanny Söderbäck, Ph.D., along with colleagues from Drexel and Vanderbilt Universities. Its mission is to support research on, or influenced by, the philosopher, psychoanalyst and novelist Julia Kristeva. She has distinguished herself as an extraordinary international thinker and an inspiration for social change.



Participants attended a series of panels composed of three presentations grouped together by similar topics. The presenters in each panel shared their specific research on Kristeva's work and entertained questions from the audience. The structure allowed for a "conversation" to occur between projects, revealing interesting connections among varied areas of research.

The conference was organized by Söderbäck with support from Siena's Philosophy Department, Office of Academic Affairs, Academic Programs, School of Liberal Arts, Women's Studies Minor, Sr. Thea Bowman Center for Women, Fair Trade Initiative, Kelly Oliver and Vanderbilt University.

# A Date With History

By Chelsea Brumagen '13

Siena's history department co-sponsored a conference with the Capital District Civil War Round Table called "1862: A Year of Battles." The three-day event commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and featured student presentations, expert speakers and a tour of Burden Ironworks. Organizers said 1862 was the first full year of the war with fighting throughout much of the south and west, which included major battles of Shiloh, Antietam and Lincoln's drafting of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Assistant Professor of History, Bruce Eelman, Ph.D., shares the scholarly opinion that the Civil War

was the central, defining crisis in American history. "It's really when the American nation was threatened and I think it's important to recognize that our freedoms and the things we take for granted are not always guaranteed," said Eelman. "During the Civil War they were very much threatened and we need to remember the sacrifices that thousands of men and women made to serve our nation."

The conference provided a wonderful opportunity for Siena College students to present their research on the Civil War. Cassandra



Jane Werking '13 shared the fruit of her labors as a Summer Scholar. Werking transcribed letters written by Orsell Cook Brown, Quarter Master's Assistant of the 44th Volunteer Infantry of New York. She views events like the conference as preparation for her future career. "I love American history and I hope to be a college professor one day in Civil War studies," Werking said.

# Over and Above the Norm

By Lexi Palma '13

During the fall semester Siena dedicated a room in Serra Hall to Norm Kvam, catering manager, for his 25 years of outstanding service to the Siena College community. The former West Room was renamed "The Norm" on September 20

and will remind the faculty, staff and students of everything Kvam has done for them. The dedication ceremony also raised nearly \$10,000 for the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (CURCA), a program dear to Norm's heart.

"It is a very considerate and unexpected honor," Kvam said. "I have always valued the partnership that the Siena Community has provided Sodexo throughout my time here."

During his tenure, Kvam has seen numerous changes and additions to campus, including a complete renovation of Serra Hall. Yet, one thing has remained the same. "In our dining facilities and catering services, we have tried to offer a welcoming environment where our community can come together for meals and celebrations, and really get to know and appreciate each other," Kvam said. Judging from the attendance at the dedication ceremony, Kvam not only tried; he succeeded.



## Saints Abroad

By David Driver

The Blue Danube cuts through the heart of the Hungarian capital, a 140 year old marriage of two formerly separated cities – Buda on the west bank and Pest on the east.

A country of nearly 10 million people and about the size of Indiana, Hungary was under Communist control just over a generation ago but is now part of the ever-changing European Union.

It is here, in central Europe – in a country where long-dead poets are revered like Western rock stars that former Siena basketball standout Ronald Moore '10 is playing for pay.

Moore's team provides him with a ninth-floor apartment, just minutes from the basketball arena in Szekesfehervar (which means "seat of the white castle"), a town of about 100,000 people approximately 40 miles southwest of Budapest. The area has been inhabited since the 5th century B.C. and became a Hungarian town in 972.

"I am looking for the right word ... It's pretty laid back," Philadelphia native Moore, 24, said of his Hungarian home during a telephone interview. "Everyone has treated me nicely with no problems, which is always a plus. Budapest is definitely a modern, tourist city where a lot of people speak English. It is also a beautiful city."

Moore's team, Albacomp, is consistently among the best and most affluent Hungarian clubs. Most have at least two foreign imports, usually Americans, who are expected to handle most of the scoring. Moore, a 6-foot point guard who holds Siena's all-time career assists record, averaged 12.5 points and 6.4 assists in his first 11 games through mid-December.



Ronald Moore '10 still wears the number 25 while playing the sport he loves as the point guard for one of the best teams in Hungary.

With limited roster spots in the NBA, several former Siena hoopsters have managed to make a career with pro teams overseas (see sidebar), including men's players Marcus Faison '00 (Georgia) and Kenny Hasbrouck '09 (Italy), and women's players Gunta Basko '03 (France) and Liene Jansone '04 (Turkey).

"At the moment I'm playing in Tarsus," said Jansone, who led Siena to its first NCAA tournament in 2001. "It's my first year playing in Turkey, so it's a totally new experience for me even though I've been playing all over Europe. I thought I had seen it all, but coming to Turkey, I'm experiencing new things culturally and professionally."

Like Moore, Jansone lives in "company housing" surrounded by her teammates. "We have our own chef and the team provides us with food, so that's something new for me," Jansone said. "Also, it's the first time I don't have a car, but we have a driver who picks us up for practice and brings us places we need to go."

Jansone averaged about six points per game in her first 10 outings this season for Tarsus Belediyesi.

"The biggest adjustment playing overseas is that they look at you as

a pro player from the minute you sign because it becomes your job and an obligation," Jansone said. "It's a job where you have to take care of yourself, prepare your body and stay healthy so you can give your best every time you step on to the court. There are no excuses for not performing well because you are representing your club and yourself at the same time."

Jansone has remained close with Basko, a two-time MAAC Player of the Year who is playing professionally in France after stops in Russia, Latvia, Poland, Italy and Spain. Jansone and Basko represented their native Latvia in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Hasbrouck played on MAAC title teams with Siena in 2008 and 2009 and was named MAAC Player of the Year and MAAC tournament MVP as a senior. He has played in Spain and Germany after making the Miami Heat roster for the final 15 games of the 2009-10 season. Hasbrouck averaged 15.2 points per contest in his first nine games this season for SAIE3 Bologna in the top league in Italy, which is among the best in Europe.

Faison, a 6-foot 5-inch guard who turns 35 in February, has an impressive overseas resume after scoring 1,697 points for Siena in the late '90s. His



professional career has taken him to Belgium, Germany, Ukraine, Spain, Turkey, Greece, the Philippines and this year to Georgia. Faison played on the Belgian national team in 2010 and 2011 and took part in the European championships in Lithuania.

“My team provides the players with a fully furnished apartment and a car or a driver depending on the country. They also cover health and dental insurance and other benefits,” Faison wrote in early December from Tbilisi, a city of about two million where his team is sponsored by the Ministry of Defense.

“An average day for me here includes two practice sessions unless we have a game. The morning practice consists of lifting weights, shooting and going over specific details of the day ahead,” Faison noted. He averaged about seven points in his first five Euro Challenge games this season.

“The biggest adjustment on the court is the more controlled offense and the refereeing. In college, the

game is more up and down, but for the most part here in Europe it is a slower pace. And some of the rules are different from the States. For example, the traveling rule is called a lot more here,” Faison added. “The biggest adjustment off the court would have to be the language barrier. If you don’t speak the language, it can be hard to communicate about the simplest things, even food.”

Most top Americans who play in Europe get free housing, use of a car, and a meal allowance, and thus have very few expenses. Top imports in countries like Hungary and Austria can make several thousand dollars per month for a season that lasts about 10 months.

Moore said he hopes to play pro basketball at least until he is 30. He had not been to Europe prior to his junior year at Siena, when the basketball team toured Italy and played local teams there.

Moore began his pro career in Slovakia and then played last season in

Poland. His current tenure in Hungary presents him with another difficult language to master. “I feel like I have been to three of the hardest places to learn a language,” said Moore, who knows how to say “hello” and “How are you?” in Hungarian. “Most of the time there are English menus in the restaurants. Over the years I have learned how to use hand gestures to make myself understood.”

Jansone, a 6-foot 4-inch power forward/center, always knew she would return to Europe to pursue her hoop dreams. “After graduating from Siena, there was no doubt I would be playing professional basketball overseas. I’m so happy I got a chance to play in the USA and experience college basketball life. That really helped prepare me for my future basketball career and gave me a valuable education at the same time,” she said. “I have had the good fortune to see so many impressive sites and to experience so many different cultures. That’s the beauty of playing in Europe.”

## OVERSEAS ADVENTURE

Here is a list of former Siena basketball stars playing overseas:

### MEN

Marcus Faison '00 – Georgia

Alex Franklin '10 – Mexico  
(played for Puerto Rican national team in summer of 2012)

Kenny Hasbrouck '09 – Italy

Clarence Jackson '11 – Estonia

Antoine Jordan – Finland

Ronald Moore '10 – Hungary

Edwin Ubiles – France (injured and rehabbing in the USA)

Note: Tay “Firefly” Fisher '08 plays for the Harlem Globetrotters. Ryan Rossiter '11 was drafted recently by Canton of the NBA D-League after playing in France in 2011-12.

Former standouts Marc Brown '91 (France and Brazil), Doremus Bennerman (Italy, Greece and Sweden), Lee Matthews '93 (Turkey, Israel and Russia), Jim Cantamessa '00 (France, Portugal, Germany and Belgium), Prosper Karangwa '03 (Syria, Germany, Austria and France), Tommy Mitchell '04 (Finland and Canada) and Dwight Walton (Switzerland and Israel) all enjoyed long professional basketball careers.

### WOMEN

Gunta Basko '03 – France

Cristina Centeno '12 – Puerto Rico

Shimrit Gigi '04 – Israel

Maja Gerlyng Hansen '12 – Denmark

Liene Jansone '04 – Turkey



## Seniors Have CLASS

By Jason Rich '98

One of the most prestigious awards in college athletics is the Senior CLASS (Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School) Award. To be eligible, a student athlete must be a NCAA Division I senior and excel in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition.

The students under consideration for the award represent the top senior student athletes in the nation in their respective sports. Remarkably, Siena has had six Senior CLASS Award candidates in 2012.

Tom Morr '12 and Bryan Neufeld '12 were among 20 national candidates considered in men's lacrosse in the spring, with Morr – a goalie from Rockville Centre – reaching the final 10.

This fall, Siena had its first Senior CLASS candidates in men's soccer and volleyball.

Jannis Opalka, who was the 2010-11 MAAC nominee for the NCAA Sportsmanship Award and carries a 3.9 GPA in management, was one of



just 30 candidates for the honor. Opalka, a native of Stade, Germany, helped Siena earn the No. 2 seed in this year's MAAC championships after being honored as a Capital One Academic All-District selection for a second straight year.

Lesli Akeo, whose selection in volleyball may have been the most impressive, was the only student

athlete in the Northeast named a Senior CLASS Award candidate. She became the first player in program history to eclipse the 2,000-dig milestone this year, doing so on a Siena team that won 20 games and finished second in the MAAC.

O.D. Anosike '13 and Lily Grenici '13 kept the Saints' streak rolling in October, when the basketball Senior CLASS candidates were announced.

Anosike is the face of the Siena men's program. He posted a 3.7 GPA as a junior while leading the nation in rebounding and ranking second in double-doubles. Off the court, Anosike plays a leadership role in the Blue Shield of Northeastern New York Saints in the Community outreach program. Grenici maintains a 3.85 cumulative GPA and is a MAAC Preseason First Team selection after ranking second in the league in scoring and third in rebounding last season.

Akeo, Opalka, Anosike and Grenici are all members of Siena's Student Athlete Advisory Committee.



## Saints Earn Another



Siena continues to be a national leader in graduating student athletes. Using data released in NCAA's Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report in October, student athletes who entered Siena as freshmen in 2005 graduated from college at a 95 percent clip, the 6th highest rate in the nation.

Siena has ranked in the top 10 percent of Division I institutions in all eight GSR reports, and is one of just 21 schools with a GSR of 93 percent or above in each report.



**Jennifer Dorsey, Ph.D.**, associate professor of history and director of the McCormick Center for the Study of the American Revolution, applied for and received a \$175,000 NEH grant to support Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshop for School Teachers. Dorsey wrote the grant application in collaboration with Sharon Finnerty, Siena College's Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs, Francis Butler '15, who served as the CRES work study student in 2011-2012, New York State Historian Bob Weible and representatives from the New York State Museum, New York State Library, Shaker Heritage Society, Hancock Shaker Village and Mt. Lebanon Shaker Museum and Library. The workshops will take place at Siena in July 2013 and will be themed "Heaven on Earth: Shakers, Religious Revival and Social Reform in America." The workshops will focus on the history, contributions and legacies of American Shakers as a model for understanding the utopian impulse in American History.

**Cheryl Buff '82, Ph.D.**, associate professor of marketing, co-authored an article titled "Can they defer the cellular lure? College students' self-control and cell phone usage." She was assisted by Jeremy Abel '13 and Jessica Abel '13. The article was featured in the *Review of Business Research*.

Buff also worked with Christopher Weaver '13 on another study published in the *Review of Business Research*. Their article was titled: "You're so vain ... want to buy a counterfeit product? An exploratory study of vanity and counterfeit product purchase."

**Jon Bannon, Ph.D.**, brought Maureen Jeffery '13 to Shanghai, China for the 65th birthday conference of Donald Hadwin, a prolific mathematician with more than 170 publications to his name. Jeffery is Hadwin's youngest coauthor to date. Their paper titled "A note on moments in finite von Neumann algebras" was published in *Involve: A Journal of Mathematics*. The paper explores the validity of using matrices to model infinite-dimensional phenomena.

**John Cummings, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of physics, received a \$243,689 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his particle physics research that contributes to the Daya Bay Reactor

Neutrino Experiment, an international collaboration of physicists responsible for a highly-publicized finding that could pave the way for explanations of why matter exists in the universe.

**Leonard Cutler, Ph.D.**, professor of political science, co-edited a collection titled "The Obama Presidency: A Preliminary Assessment" that was released in July 2012 by SUNY Press. The book provides a scholarly evaluation of Obama's effectiveness while in office.

**Raj Devasagayam, Ph.D.**, professor of marketing, and Nick Stark '15 have been awarded best paper for their research "Millennial Development Goals and Business: Opportunities, Challenges and Exemplars." They will be presenting their research at the 8th Annual SIMSR Global Marketing Conference in Mumbai, India.



**Mathew Johnson '93, Ph.D.**, associate professor of sociology and director of Academic and Community Engagement (ACE), received a \$25,000 continuation grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to support Siena's VISTA (Volunteers in Service

to America) program. Funding will be used to support 34 VISTA placements across various not-for-profit agencies in partnership with ACE.

**Adam Mason, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of biology, has been awarded a \$362,000 National Science Foundation research grant to study morphogenesis, a critical component of development by which embryonic structures are molded to generate the final adult forms. The grant will provide funding for Mason, Stephanie Vernooy, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of biology, and a team of undergraduate research students.

**Michele McColgan, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of physics, and **Robert Colesante, Ph.D.**, professor of education, received a \$71,000 grant to partner with the Albany City School District on a New York State College Access Challenge Grant to increase the percentage of Hackett Middle School students who plan to pursue a college education. Siena's role in the multi-organization program will be to provide seminars that enable college and career exploration, as well as engage the students in science, technology and math projects designed to strengthen their motivation and performance in these areas. Several of the seminars will include parent/family participation.



**John Moustakas, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of physics, was part of an international team that discovered what they believe to be the most distant galaxy ever detected. In a recent paper published in *Nature*, they described their find, which

could provide clues to the nature of the universe in its infancy. “This discovery is exciting because we know very little about how the very first galaxies in the universe formed,” said Moustakas. According to *DiscoveryNews*, scientists have gauged that the overall age of the universe is 13.7 billion years, but this galaxy formed when the universe was just 250 million years old, at a time dubbed “The Dark Ages.”

“This galaxy is the most distant object we have ever observed with high confidence,” said Wei Zheng, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University who was the lead author of the paper.

**Aaron Paciti, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of economics, had his research featured in the *Harvard Business Review*’s “Stat of the Day” on September 25. His research showed that the recent recession not only caused widespread layoffs; it also raised the “cost of job loss” in the U.S. In 2009, the difference between weekly pre-layoff income and the post-layoff sum of unemployment insurance, welfare and earnings from re-employment, measured over a year and reported as a weekly average, was \$352.57 or 41.74% of pre-layoff earnings. That record high was driven by record high unemployment duration and record low re-employment duration.

**Paul Ricciardi, M.F.A.**, assistant professor of creative arts, spent August 2012 observing Kristin Linklater, a leader in voice training for actors in the United States and abroad, at Shakespeare and Company in Lenox, Mass. The month-long observation led to Ricciardi’s

certification as a Designated Linklater Teacher, joining the ranks of a select community of voice practitioners from around the world. This project was supported by a research grant from Siena’s Center for Excellence in Teaching. Ricciardi was also hired by Stageworks, a professional union theater in the Hudson Valley, to serve as a dialect coach for the premiere of “Tomorrow in the Battle.”

**Rebecca Taylor, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of creative arts, and Mitchel Clow ’13 will present a workshop on producing theatre criticism for broadcast at the Kennedy Center theatre festival in January 2013.

**Allan Weatherwax, Ph.D.**, professor of physics and dean of the school of science, received a \$57,971 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his atmospheric studies through the development and delivery of a suite of miniaturized detectors for optical, radio and energetic radiation measurements of lightning to the FireStation International Space Station.

Weatherwax also received notice that the National Science Foundation has recommended funding for two Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) collaborative grants for a combined award total of \$713,191. These are the first ever MRI grants awarded to Siena College. The larger grant will be shared with the University of Calgary and used to design, test and build a synchronous direct digital receiver. The construction of the receiver will be done in Siena’s Space Science Laboratory with the assistance of undergraduate students. The other grant will help fund a joint effort between New Jersey Institute of Technology and Siena College titled “The South Pole, Antarctica, Solar Radio Telescope (SPASRT): Advancing Our Understanding of the Solar-Terrestrial Environment.” The grant money will be used for the development, construction, installation and testing of a solar radio telescope at South Pole station for continuous, long-term observations of the sun.



To kick off its 75th year, the College recognized the following community members who have been employed for over half of the College’s existence.

**Tony Rossi**, head baseball coach, 45 years of service

**Edward LaRow ’59, Ph.D.**, professor of biology, 44 years

**Bill Whitcomb**, assistant director of operations and maintenance, 43 years

**Fr. Julian Davies, O.F.M., Ph.D.**, professor of philosophy, 42 years

**Leonard Cutler, Ph.D.**, professor of political science, 42 years

**Anthony G. Pondillo ’65**, assistant professor of finance, 42 years

**Leonard Putnick, Ph.D.**, professor of computer science and mathematics, 42 years

**Frederick DeCasperis ’70, Ph.D.**, professor of marketing and management, 41 years

**Robert Woll, Ph.D.**, professor of psychology, 41 years

**Loretta Epstein ’77**, associate director of major gifts, 40 years

**Lynne Daly**, help desk specialist, ITS, 39 years

**John Vallely**, lecturer in history, 39 years

**William Kanalley**, librarian, 38 years

**Douglas Fraser, Ph.D.**, professor of biology, 38 years

**Michael Van Patten ’71**, professor of accounting, 37 years

**Jean Stern, Ph.D.**, professor of political science, 37 years

# The One-Man Marketing Band

By Mark Adam

Every morning, Eric Guzman '12 gets a knock on his office window at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) on Sheridan Avenue in downtown Albany. A fourth-grader named Quayshawn is standing there and they talk briefly through the window.

"I hustle to work every day because I don't want to miss him," Guzman says.

After their conversation, Quayshawn leaves for school wearing the backpack filled with school supplies that he

received from the IPH summer youth program, and Guzman goes back to work as the marketing manager at the shelter. He had interned there as a senior management major and had done so well that the agency created a job for him after he graduated last May. What sealed the deal was Guzman's coordination of IPH's signature event, the annual "A Taste of Albany," which raised a record \$100,000 for the homeless shelter.

"I'm allowed to make the position what I want. And I'm having fun with it," he said.

With 15 full-time employees operating the emergency shelter on Sheridan Ave., the Drop-In Center on South Swan Street and the Sheridan Hollow Housing apartments across the street from his office, Guzman is the entire marketing department. He created IPH's first strategic marketing plan, develops the newsletter, designs marketing materials, manages the website, coordinates fundraising events, takes photos and works with community partners.

Contrary to stereotypes about homeless shelters, IPH is a clean, welcoming facility with 30 beds on the second floor, two living rooms, a small cafeteria, a kitchen and laundry room. It is available to men and women over the age of 18 who have registered with Homeless and Travelers Aid Society (HATAS). According to Guzman, the average stay at the shelter is 24 days, but guests are welcome to remain as long as they are making progress with their goals. The shelter's program includes life skills training like building a resume, learning how to live on a budget and eating healthy. There are also daily chores and a curfew.

To Guzman, this is the perfect job.

"I was a management major, but I've fallen for this marketing thing," Guzman said, who is researching master's programs in communications. He received valuable experience on campus as an intern in the Strategic Communications and Integrated Marketing Office during his senior year, which led him to where he is today.

Across the street from Guzman's office, construction workers are gutting a dilapidated structure and will replace it with two new apartment buildings, part of Sheridan Hollow Housing's efforts to help the homeless get back on their feet. In November, IPH was named Nonprofit of the Year by the *Albany Business Review*.

"We're growing," Guzman said. "We're a little agency, but we're doing big things."



# GOING PRO

From the Shark Tank in San Jose to the sidelines of the New York Giants, in fields spanning medicine, accounting, marketing and management, Siena alumni have made their mark in the sports industry. **By Mark Adam**

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**Kelly Pangburn Morrissey**

## **Dr. Dean Filion '87**

Filion has been to three Super Bowls as a member of the New York Giants medical staff. He is an orthopedic rehabilitation doctor at his New Jersey Spine and Sports Medicine practice and, for the past 15 years, he has served as a consulting physician for Big Blue. Through the years he has helped the Giants in a number of areas, including treating players, evaluating draftees at the combine and providing other medical services. He also works with

Felician College, Bloomfield College and three local high schools.

Filion played sports his entire life and was a three-sport athlete at Ballston Spa High School, but sustained injuries that disrupted his career. At Siena, Filion was a pre-medical student and biology major under Ed LaRow '59, Ph.D. His passion for sports and his pre-med coursework led him to want to become a team

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## Anthony Marino

doctor or work in the sports medicine field. Filion says that Siena’s program was so rigorous that medical school actually seemed easier.

“I thought it would be good to be on the other side of the training table instead of being hurt all the time,” he said.

After “pestering” a medical school colleague for a job, Filion was invited to join his practice in New Jersey. At that time the practice served as medical consultants to the Giants and Filion has been involved with the team ever since.

Filion attributes the Giants’ success over the years to leadership, stability and respect for tradition.

“There’s very little turnover, from the ball boys to the secretaries to the medical staff,” he said. “A lot of the gentlemen I’ve worked with and essentially trained under have been there anywhere from 30 to 40 years.”

Each Wednesday, Filion assists Dr. Russell Warren, the Giants’ head physician, with weekly injury consults to determine players’ status for the upcoming game. The training room can be busy or slow, and sometimes it depends on how good a season the team is having, Filion says. He remembers canceling the weekly consult in some of

the Super Bowl-winning years because everyone was healthy.

In the end, whether it’s the New York Giants or a local high school team, it’s about helping athletes get back in the game.

“It’s fun to see them getting better,” he said. “Ultimately, it’s seeing their success in the newspapers and feeling like you have a little part in their outcomes on the field.”

## Kelly Pangburn Morrissey '03

Go to any live sporting event covered by ESPN and there’s a good chance Morrissey has played a part in its planning. Since 2009, she has worked behind the scenes as ESPN’s global security remote event manager, overseeing security at gatherings like College Gameday, the ESPYs and Monday Night Football. Her six-person team is responsible for the safety of ESPN talent, staff and equipment at these venues. Bigger events like the Super Bowl require a series of meetings and collaboration between ESPN and other networks, the host site and local law enforcement.

For each occasion, Morrissey coordinates with the appropriate officials to implement security plans.

Her current position is just one stop on a fascinating career path. She obtained her bachelor's degree in accounting at Siena College and then attended the Drug Enforcement Administration's 16-week academy in Quantico, Va.

Morrissey says that federal agencies look for useful skills like language proficiency and accounting. She worked as a federal agent for almost five years in Los Angeles and brought in high-level drug cases where she seized millions of dollars worth of narcotics that led to state and federal arrests.

"When you get into a case, you follow the money," Morrissey said. "Because I had that accounting background I had the right mindset."

Shortly after Morrissey's husband and college sweetheart Paul Morrissey '03 was hired as an accountant at ESPN, she left the DEA when she was unable to obtain a transfer back East. That led her to ESPN as well.

"I love what I'm doing here," she said.

Morrissey enjoys working on a myriad of sporting events, especially lively ones like College Gameday, which attracts throngs of cheering college students.

"It's fun because it's on a college campus and the students are so unpredictable," she said. "They do the things that I remember doing and I look back now and say, 'Why did I do that?'"

On December 7, 2012, Morrissey returned to the Capital Region when she was inducted into Siena's Athletic Hall of Fame. She was a four-year letter winner on the swim team and still holds the school record in the 1,650 freestyle event (17:21.43).

## Charlie Faas '82

Another accounting major who's made it big in the sports industry is Charlie Faas, the chief financial officer and executive vice president of Sharks Sports and Entertainment. Since 2003, he has done all the usual accounting tasks like financial modeling, forecasting and budgeting, except he's done them for an NHL team, the San Jose Sharks; San Jose's arena, HP Pavilion; three different ice centers; a minor league hockey team, the Worcester Sharks (Mass.) and two ATP tennis tournaments. He also helped build the mixed martial arts company Strikeforce before it was sold to UFC in 2011.

"I've gotten an opportunity to do some fun, cool stuff along with the base of accounting," Faas said.

Faas was hired by IBM right out of Siena College.

He spent 13 years with the company, relocating to San Jose about 10 years into that job when IBM moved its headquarters. He became CFO of a public company and started volunteering for the San Jose Sports Authority, which put together nonprofit community events. He also founded the Bay Area After-School All-Stars, which provides extracurricular activities for kids who cannot afford them. That community service led to Faas' job with the Sharks and he credits the volunteering to what he learned at Siena.

"If you do things because it's the right thing to do, it's the right thing for your community and it's the right thing for your area, God's going to come back and bless you," Faas said.

Faas stays busy, as he always has. Aside from serving as CFO, he teaches accounting and budgeting in the University of San Francisco's sports management masters program, vice-chairs the Sharks Foundation, which financially supports the community, and attends his children's extracurricular activities.

In March 2012, he hosted a group of Siena alumni including President Fr. Kevin Mullen '75, O.F.M., Ph.D., at a San Jose Sharks game. A lot of what Faas talks about in his career and his personal life was shaped by Siena

"It's not just about education," he said of his alma mater. "It's about community. It's about family. It's about everything in your life coming together."



Top to Bottom: Faas and San Jose Sharks mascot, SJ Sharkie, celebrate his 2008 CFO of the Year award from the San Jose Business Journal. Morrissey being presented her badge and credentials from former head of the DEA Karen Tandy in 2006. Marino with Julius Erving, better known as Dr. J, at a charity event where former players and coaches spent time on the Wall Street Trading Floor raising money for Coaches vs. Cancer.



## Anthony Marino '97

One weekend each college basketball season, coaches trade in their dress shoes and prowl the sidelines in suits and sneakers. This is the most recognizable scene of Coaches vs. Cancer, which is a part of the American Cancer Society and which partners with the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). Since its inception in 1993, Coaches vs. Cancer has raised almost \$90 million through fundraisers like black tie galas, golf outings and other events featuring college basketball coaches.

Marino is the division director of Coaches vs. Cancer. In his current role, he is responsible for planning events, collaborating with coaches and working with corporations in New York and New Jersey.

"It's very unique that you can have a position that combines two things that you're so passionate about," Marino said.

Marino helped generate some media buzz in September when he coordinated the "Over the Edge" fundraising event with Rutgers coach Mike Rice. Rice rappelled down a 47-story building in Jersey City, N.J., and brought in more than \$250,000 to Coaches vs. Cancer.

"It proves that some of these coaches will do anything for us," Marino said.

Marino has spent the last seven years with the American Cancer Society. Before that, he worked at the Pepsi Arena (now the Times Union Center) overseeing marketing, promotions and corporate sponsorships. He credits two college internships for getting his career started. One was in Siena's sports information office and the other was at the Pepsi Arena.

"I knew that sports was something that I really wanted to get involved with," Marino said.

As a student, Marino was very engaged in campus life. He served as president of the Student Events Board (SEB) and worked at the WVCR radio station for four years. He is still close to people in the athletics department and describes the College as a "tight-knit community." The personal relationships Marino formed at Siena have been invaluable.

"Those alumni relationships, you really can't explain how beneficial they are," he said.

Now with his work in Coaches vs. Cancer, Siena continues to be supportive. Director of Athletics John D'Argenio, former men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery and current head coach Mitch Buonaguro have all made a commitment to helping Coaches vs. Cancer, Marino says. Buonaguro and his wife Suzin hosted the Capital Region's annual Coaches vs. Cancer Basket Ball in November.

"It's nice when you go back to your alma mater and ask them to step up and they say, 'No problem. Whatever you need,'" Marino said.

## Alumni in Action

Below is a list of graduates who have secured careers in the sports industry.

John Leonard '64  
Owner, NBA D League,  
Maine

Don Lucarelli '75  
Partner, Starlight Racing

Jean L. Willis '80  
Producer, YES Network

Jim Howard '84  
Scout, Baltimore Orioles

Brian Jennings '85  
Executive VP/Marketing,  
NHL

John Battaglini '86  
Head Women's Lacrosse  
Coach, UAlbany

Matt Brady '87  
Head Men's Basketball  
Coach, James Madison  
University

Craig Turnbull '87  
Executive VP/Marketing,  
Olympia Entertainment

Francis Elia '88  
Assistant AD, Cortland

Timothy Ford '90  
Senior Associate Director of  
Athletics, Yale University

Marc Brown '91  
Head Basketball Coach, New  
Jersey City University

Steve Karbowski '94  
Head Women's Soccer Coach,  
Siena College

Tony G. Weaver '94, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Sport  
and Event Management, Elon  
University

Kristin Bernert '96  
Suite Sales, Madison Square  
Garden

Mike S. Broeker '97  
Deputy Director of Athletics,  
Marquette University

Jason Rich '98  
Assistant AD/  
Communications,  
Siena College

Jeremiah Maher '99  
Assistant AD, Syracuse  
University

Mary Buckheit '02  
Communications and Marketing,  
Amateur Sports Alliance of  
North America

Don Brooks '03  
Corporate Outreach  
Coordinator, ESPN

Todd Donovan '03  
Major League Baseball Scout-  
National Crosschecker, Arizona  
Diamondbacks

Nicole (Mayer) Cipolla '03  
Marketing and Communications  
Manager, Dow Lohnes PLLC-  
Sports and Entertainment

Prosper Karangwa '03  
Scout, Orlando Magic

Stephen Dombroski '04  
Assistant AD/Communications  
and Marketing, Manhattan  
College

Hailey Sweeney Towne '04  
Landscape Architect, DA Hogan

John Palmeri '05  
Sports Information Director,  
BBL Hospitality

Ken Grant '06  
Assistant AD/Business Affairs,  
Siena College

Matt Restivo '07  
Web Designer, ESPN

Laura Menges '08  
Athletic Marketing Manager,  
Siena College

Sarah Mayer '09  
Tennis Professional, Midtown  
Athletic Club Chicago

Rory Goulding '10  
Production Assistant/Sports  
Researcher, Football Night in  
America at NBCUniversal, Inc.

**Did we miss you?  
Send us an email at  
communications@siena.  
edu if you should be  
listed above.**

## Past Student Newspapers Now Online

The following is a list of scholarships endowed between December 12, 2011 – November 15, 2012 through the generosity of alumni and friends of Siena College. An investment of at least \$30,000, payable over five years, is required to name a scholarship at Siena.

Edward Howe, Ph.D., professor emeritus of economics, and Gary Thompson, director of the Standish Library, have digitized copies of Siena College student newspapers dating from 1938 to 1981. This project allows the Siena community and friends easy access to a chronicle of the College's past. The title of the student newspaper evolved from "The Chevalier" to "The Siena News" to "The Indian" to "The Promethean," which continues to be the students' major on-campus news outlet.

If you would like to peruse past issues, visit [www.siena.edu/archives](http://www.siena.edu/archives) and click on the student newspaper link at the bottom of the page. "It is possible to put in a keyword and do a search of the newspapers about any topic ranging from basketball to zoology," Thompson said. With a special thanks to David Smith '79, vice president for development and external affairs, and the development staff for their assistance in funding the project, those who consult this online archive will discover an intriguing way to celebrate Siena's history during this, our diamond jubilee.

In 2013 the College hopes to digitize issues from the last 31 years.



**The Thomas L. '89 and Christine E. Amell Scholarship**  
Thomas L. '89 and Christine E. Amell

**The Dr. Teresita A. Bajas Summer of Service Fellowship**  
Dr. Maria Theresa Bajas Boulos '90

**The Brian William Bull '96 and Amanda Cullen Bull '97 Scholarship**  
Brian William Bull '96 and Amanda Cullen Bull '97

**The Robert and Lorraine Capano Scholarship**  
Steven and Judy Capano '87 Michaelson

**The John J. Costello '85 Memorial Scholarship**  
Friends and Family of John J. Costello '85

**The Edmund and Marguerite Duffy Memorial Scholarship**  
Anthony G. Duffy '80

**The Kellie Duggan Memorial Scholarship**  
Michael and Karen Duggan

**The Genovese Elgidely Endowed Scholarship**  
John H. Genovese '76, Robert F. Elgidely '93 and Karen J. Bubniak '92

**The Finn Family Scholarship**  
Mary Liz '82 and Thomas Finn

**The Foote Family Scholarship**  
Howard '74 and Susan Foote

**The William "Bill" Harlow Jr. '91 Memorial Scholarship**  
The Family of William Harlow Jr.

**The John R. Held '80 and Mary Ryan Held '83 Scholarship**  
John R. Held '80 and Mary Ryan Held '83

**The Ka Makani Scholarship**  
Mark A. Smith '91 and Linda H. Kamisato

**The Daniel J. '65 and Rosemary B. LaVista Scholarship**  
Daniel J. '65 and Rosemary B. LaVista

**The Guy '89 and Diane Shea Maddalone '89 Scholarship**  
Guy '89 and Diane Shea '89 Maddalone

**The MoveThatBlock.com Scholarship**  
Todd Drowlette '03

**The Eleanor C. and Richard W. Mullen Memorial Scholarship**  
Anonymous

**The Puig-Murphy Family Scholarship**  
John '78 and Barbara Puig

**The Vito and Elaine Kelsey Ramundo '84 Scholarship**  
Elaine Kelsey Ramundo '84

**The Scot '88 and Carol Salvador Family Scholarship**  
Scot '88 and Carol Salvador

**The Katherine and Timothy Tattam '80 Scholarship**  
Timothy '80 and Katherine Tattam

**The Trombly Family Scholarship**  
Francis '66 "Bert" and Deborah Trombly Jr.

**The Alex '96 and Gina Tronco Scholarship**  
Alex '96 and Gina Tronco

**The Mary Pamela Underhill Scholarship**  
Maria Hurden

**The Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Cherie Williams III Scholarship**  
Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Cherie Williams III

## Two Inducted Into Siena Athletics Hall of Fame

Kelly Pangburn Morrissey '03, Swimming and Diving Morrissey becomes the first Siena swimmer to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. She is the most accomplished distance free swimmer in program history, still holding Siena records in the 1,000 (10:31.35) and 1,650 freestyle events (17:21.43).

### Bryan Bigley '07, Men's Golf

Bigley was a two-time Siena College Student Athlete of the Year and two-time Golf Coaches Association of America PING Division I All-Region Mid-Atlantic Team selection and All-American Scholar Athlete. He was the top golfer on two MAAC Championship teams and the top Siena scorer in the program's two NCAA Tournament appearances. Bigley lives in Charlotte, N.C., where he plays golf professionally and aspires to the highest level of PGA competition.





# Are You a Member?

The St. Francis Society recognizes alumni and friends who have provided for Siena by making a planned gift during their lifetime; by making Siena a beneficiary of their estate; or by naming Siena as a full or partial beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. There are 244 members in the Society. Based upon the bequests received each year, we know there are well over 1,000 alumni and friends of the College who have chosen to provide for Siena.

Siena appreciates the generosity of those who have chosen to leave their legacy to the College, as we celebrate 75 years of providing the education of a lifetime. If you have made such arrangements, please let us know of your intentions, so that we can recognize your intended gift and enroll you in the St. Francis Society. If you wish to remain anonymous, we will enroll you in the Society and keep your membership anonymous.



To learn more about the St. Francis Society, please contact Director of Gift Planning Jack Sise '75, Esq. at 518-783-2315 or [jsise@siena.edu](mailto:jsise@siena.edu).

# class notes

Editors: Mary Beth Finnerty '85, director of alumni relations, Lori Lasch '06, assistant director of alumni relations and Eileen Verno '12, coordinator of alumni relations/special events

Please submit all of your class notes information to your class coordinator, or, if there is no coordinator listed for your class, please send all information to [alumni@siena.edu](mailto:alumni@siena.edu) for posting in the magazine.

We look forward to hearing your news and updates.

## 1951

John Hourigan  
[joninca@comcast.net](mailto:joninca@comcast.net)

## 1955

**Anthony Schmitz** recently served as the grand marshal in this year's 56th Annual Albany Veterans Day Parade. Tony, dressed in a vintage military uniform with a special sash, rode in a Cadillac through the streets of Albany. Tony fought in Italy and France during WWII and was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroics.

## 1959

Frank Martin  
[ftmartin@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ftmartin@nycap.rr.com)

## 1963

Kevin Raymond  
[Kraymond27@comcast.net](mailto:Kraymond27@comcast.net)



**Geoff Harrington**, a self-described "voice from the wilderness" has been back on campus several times since that sunny summer day in 1963 when Bishop Scully gave us our diplomas. Little did we know what would come in the days ahead. Geoff plans on attending the reunion in June.

**Rich Mannis** and his wife Carol have lived in Summerlin, in the western part of Las Vegas for the past 10 years. Rich is a realtor with Anchor Realty and Carol is a clinical social worker in a local hospital for the elderly. They have one grandchild Hailey who is a freshman in college. Rich and Carol enjoy traveling throughout

the United States, golfing, biking, reading and going to the cinema and shows in Las Vegas. Rich gets together with **Greg Spencer, Bob O'Connell, Ed Hart** and others for a biennial memorial golf outing in Saratoga, N.Y. in memory of **John Faraci**. Rich looks forward to seeing everyone in June.

**Pete Mastrangelo** and his wife of 47 years, Katharina, live in Queensbury, N.Y. They have three children, 10 grandchildren, one a freshman at Siena, and four great grandchildren. After graduation and ROTC Commission, Pete served in the U.S. Army for five years, including a year in Vietnam as an infantry platoon leader. He then worked for Glens Falls National Bank for more than 40 years, retiring as vice president in 2008. Pete enjoys playing golf and volunteering in several community organizations, including serving on the board of a transition house for homeless veterans. He's looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th reunion.

**Kevin Raymond** and his wife Pat have lived in Dale City, Va., for more than 40 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Kevin enjoys working with community organizations and writing articles for the local newspaper. He serves on the Prince William County Social Services Board and works for the Federal Housing Finance Agency. He is looking forward to attending our 50th reunion.

**John Roulrier** and his wife Marie were married in August of 1962 and today have four children and six grandchildren. After graduation John went on to pursue his Ph.D. in mathematics and taught at several colleges and universities. One of their daughters required a double lung transplant due to a lifelong

battle with cystic fibrosis. Faith and prayer gave John and Marie strength during the difficult times. They are now retired and spend their summers at their home in the Adirondacks.

**Sr. Grace Frances Strauber** is the director of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program at St. Francis Parish in Hoboken, N.J. She has been a Franciscan Sister of the Poor for 65 years.

**Paul Thorpe** and **Paul Bechet** have volunteered to serve on our class of 1963 50th reunion committee. They are looking for a few good men and women to help.

Please send me an email on your life and activities. I'm sure everyone in the class would love to hear from you. Hope to see you at Reunion 2013.

## 1965

Jack Mulvey  
[jkmulvey@gmail.com](mailto:jkmulvey@gmail.com)

Paul Merges  
[pmerges@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pmerges@nycap.rr.com)

Our class mourns the loss of **Bob Lubner**, a loyal member of the Siena '65. He will be remembered by the way he enjoyed bringing a smile to others, sharing his many stories and as a good friend.

**Eugene Napierski** is part of a group of area business men who recently founded Empire Broadcasting Corp. The company, based in Voorheesville, N.Y., recently purchased four local radio stations. He is founding partner at Napierski & VanDenburgh, Napierski & O'Connor, LLP in Albany, N.Y.

**Daniel LaVista** is chancellor of the Los Angeles Community

College District, the nation's largest community college district, which comprises nine community colleges serving more than 240,000 students annually.

The class of '65 would like to offer their condolences to Paul Merges and his family who recently lost their son in a tragic accident.

## 1967

Rick Spataro  
[rspataro001@twcny.rr.com](mailto:rspataro001@twcny.rr.com)

## 1968

Bill McGoldrick  
[bmcgoldrick@wash-mcg.com](mailto:bmcgoldrick@wash-mcg.com)

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## 1970

Bob Hermann  
[Rher311@aol.com](mailto:Rher311@aol.com)

## 1971

Nicholas Positano  
[njpositano@gmail.com](mailto:njpositano@gmail.com)

**Professor William F. Messier Jr.**, CPA, D.B.A. is the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award given by the American Institute of CPAs. This award recognizes full-time college accounting professors who excel as educators and who have achieved national prominence in the accounting profession. Professor Messier is currently the Kenneth and Tracy Knauss Endowed Chair in Accounting at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

**Tom Killeen, Ed.D.**, has had a book published, *The School That Saves Kids' Lives*, an account of his experiences of working with at risk students in an alternative high school in an urban area in New Jersey. Included in the book are reflections of both staff and graduates talking about what made this program extraordinarily successful.

## 1972

Jack Callahan  
Jackcallahan33@gmail.com

I recently visited the 9/11 Memorial in New York City and found the name of our classmate **Don Kauth**. He was one of the finest members of the class of '72 and one of the many best and brightest that we lost. He will be remembered always.

**Bruce Gembala** retired in April 2012 after a 35-year career with the NYS Office of Medicaid Inspector General. He headed the Bureau of Provider Audit which has state-wide responsibility for the audit of Medicaid fees for service providers. He lives in Loudonville, N.Y., not too far from campus, with his wife Maryanne and two playful Samoyeds. He would love to hear from you.

## 1973

Brian Valentine  
bgvalentine@verizon.net

**Joseph Tardi**, principal at Joseph Tardi Associates, is in radio now. He is part of a group of area business men who recently founded Empire Broadcasting Corp. The company, based in Voorheesville, N.Y., recently purchased four local radio stations. Joe serves as executive vice president.

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## 1975

Janet Gutowski Hall  
janet.hall@wku.edu

**Jim Nolan, Ph.D.**, recently received the Monsignor Burns Memorial Award from Catholic Central High School in Troy, N.Y. The award recognizes people

whose lives and actions reflect the values of the school, with emphasis on personal moral development, the building of community and service to others. Jim is a professor in the school of business at Siena College.

**Fr. Dennis Tamburello, O.F.M., Ph.D.**, received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Mount McGregor Correctional Facility in honor of the work he's done there in the recent years. Mount McGregor is a medium security, all male correctional facility located in Wilton, N.Y. Fr. Dennis has been a part time chaplain with the New York State Department of Correction and Community Supervision since 1991. He started his volunteer work at Mount McGregor mostly teaching classes in 2009.

## 1976

Jean Reamer  
jpreamer@comcast.net

**Tony Hazapis**, owner of Hippos Home Entertainment Center in Albany, N.Y., is part of a group of area businessmen who recently founded Empire Broadcasting Corp. The company, based in Voorheesville, N.Y., recently purchased four local radio stations.

## 1977

Linda Fitzsimmons  
lindaftzsimmons@gmail.com

## 1978

Rick Gabriel  
rgabrielsyr@gmail.com  
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## 1979

Sue Reilly Hayes  
Clifton522@aol.com

This has been a tough year for the Class of '79 as three of our classmates passed away. After the last *Siena News* listed the name of **Peggy Maddi Glenn** in the In Memory section, I heard from several people inquiring what happened. In early June Peggy unexpectedly died peacefully in her sleep. Our hearts go out to her husband Terry and her children

### NEWSMAKER



**David Buicko '75** received *The Business Review's* Executive of the Year Award for his vision and contributions to the Capital Region's economy. He is chief operating officer for The Galesi Group in Rotterdam, N.Y.

Lizzie, Bryan and Molly. Siena was well represented at her funeral as several of her close friends made the trip to Kansas City. **Kevin McAleese** and **Patty Lewis** traveled from Philadelphia, **Janet Wydra Curtin** and her husband Chris flew in from Albany, N.Y., **Agnes Forsyth DeRose** drove from Chicago and **Dorothy "Dot" Skiba Pisanski** and her husband Ed made the trip from Des Moines. Peggy would have loved the mini reunion quality of the occasion as she had a deep love for Siena. Also, it was the first time her oldest daughter Lizzie was with both her godparents, Kevin and Janet at the same time. Proxy godparents served at her baptism in Mississippi as an infant. All present drew comfort from one another and felt privileged to share memories with the family.

On July 27, 2012, **Paul Solimini** passed away after a heroic three-year battle with cancer. Prayers and condolences go out to his wife Joyce and children Laura and Christopher. After graduating from Siena, Paul earned his MSW from SUNY Albany and became a clinical social worker. As his obituary reads, "Paul was a tireless advocate for children and families in the field of foster care, adoption and family therapy. He was always known to go the extra mile for those in his care ... Paul will be remembered for his ability to bring joy and laughter into people's lives and never to take life too seriously." My personal memory of Paul is of his joyful participation in the folk group at Siena liturgies, smiling and enthusiastic.

**Brian Keating** shared the tragic news that **Bill Walsh** passed away on October 30, 2012 after suffering

### NEWSMAKER



**Richard Geary '75** received *The Business Review's* 2012 CFO of the Year Award in the nonprofit category. He is chief financial officer and chief operating officer for the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

a heart attack. Bill, a finance major at Siena, was a resident of Halesite on Long Island's north shore. We grieve with his wife Amy and children William, Christopher, Ryan and Blake. If anyone has special memories of these three classmates they'd like to share, drop me a line and I will try to include them in a future column.

Wedding bells rang on Friday, November 23, 2012 for my Siena roomie **Loretta "Lori" Collins** and her long time love Lou Noferi. I was there to share the happy day in Medford, Mass., along with **Janet Wydra Curtin, Scott Bailey, Patty Lewis** and **Rick Gabriel '78**. All agreed it was great to have a joyous occasion to celebrate together.

**John Murray Jr.** was honored by the Catholic Charities Housing Office at their HOPE for the Homeless event on November 5, 2012. He was commended for his commitment to the mission of Catholic Charities and for helping communities all over New York State through a charitable foundation he established at Rose & Kiernan, Inc. to support community activities and charitable works. John is the immediate past president of the board of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, and is president, chairman and chief executive officer of Rose & Kiernan, Inc., a company that provides insurance, surety and benefit services in East Greenbush, N.Y. John serves as first vice chair on the Siena College Board of Trustees.

**Dave Smith** was inducted into the Capital District Baseball Hall of Fame in October 2012. He played baseball at Siena College

## NEWSMAKER



**John Neeley '82** competed in the Grand Masters Division and the Open Division in Judo at the 2012 Canadian-American Police and Fire Games held in St. Cloud, Minn., in June 2012. He represented the New York State Police and USA Judo. He won a gold medal in the Grand Masters Division and the bronze medal in the Open Division where he competed against judo players half his age.

## NEWSMAKER



**Tom Amell '89** recently joined Pioneer Bank as president and chief operating officer. Tom is the chair of the Siena College Associate Board of Trustees and in that capacity a member of the Siena College Board of Trustees.

from 1976 to 1978 and was the first local player to play in the prestigious Cape Cod League. He was drafted and went on to play in the minor leagues for the New York Mets organization and currently serves as vice president for Development and External Affairs at Siena College. He was inducted into the Siena College Athletics Hall of Fame in 1987.

## 1980

**Diane DeSilva**  
diane0429@gmail.com

## 1982

**Bob Young**  
rjy60@yahoo.com

I missed updating you after our 30th Reunion in June 2012.

With that in mind I would just like to say to everyone that was there, what a great time I think we all had! It is safe to say that we all woke up Sunday still laughing from the night before. On Saturday morning of the reunion weekend I was able to attend an awards breakfast in which **Mary Liz Blowe Finn** was presented the Professor Joseph A. Buff Award for Career Achievement. There was a short video highlighting her career at GE and The Nielsen Company as well as her sharing her thoughts on her Siena education, personal relationships maintained over the years with classmates, faculty and the influences of her parents in her life. The recognition was well deserved.

Just about the time of the reunion **Margot Hennigan Anderson** was named director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at the United Way of the Greater Capital Region. Margot is happy to work at an organization that embodies the Franciscan values taught at Siena; dignity of the individual, service to the underserved and compassion for those experiencing hardship. She shares, "Our 30th Siena class reunion was great, despite us all being way too young for a 30th!"

**Ken Hayner** was inducted into the Capital District Baseball Hall of Fame in October 2012. After a great baseball career at Siena he went on to play in the minor leagues. He is currently owner of The Sports Barn Hayner Brothers Baseball and Softball Academy in Halfmoon, N.Y., with his brother Norm Hayner '85. He was inducted into the Siena College Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991.

One final update, I would like to recognize **Colonel Eric Ashworth** who retired from the U.S. Army in June 2012 after 30 years of service to our nation. He and his family now live in Carlisle, Penn.

## 1983

**Elvira Altimari-Jaeger**  
Eaj6@optonline.net

If anyone can possibly believe it, we are gearing up for our (gulp!) 30th reunion! Please clear your calendars for May 31-June 2, 2013. Start calling your friends and talk it up! For those of you who could not make our 5-0hhh last year in NYC and/or the 25th Reunion,



you definitely need to make it for our 30th. Please check out the Siena College website and click on the Alumni tab to take a look at the plans so far. The current committee is listed. If you wish to be a part of the Class of 1983 Reunion 2013 Committee, please contact the Alumni Relations Office. You may also make a donation to the 1983 Class Scholarship Fund on the website as well.

To all of our classmates who live in the New York City/Long Island/New Jersey area, our hearts and prayers go out to you in the wake of the recent hurricane. We're there for you, please keep in touch with us.

## 1984

**Lisa San Fratello McCutcheon**  
mlclisa@yahoo.com

**Jim Howard** was inducted into the Capital District Baseball Hall of Fame in October 2012. He has been a scout for the Baltimore Orioles organization since 1988. In 2011 he was inducted into the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame and this year will receive the Jim Russo Scout of the Year Award from the Orioles organization. Congratulations Jim!

## 1985

**Catherine Casey Bjorklund**  
**Ron Bjorklund**  
Bjork90@comcast.net

## 1986

**Edward Giordano**  
Edward86@thegiordanos.us

**Susan Slattery**  
susanslattery@gmail.com

**Michelle Roche**  
mrrroche@comcast.net

## 1987

**Gerry McAndrew**  
**Geraldine.m.mcandrew@comcast.net**

## 1988

**Paula Cacossa Wang**  
Pc6888@comcast.net

**Tom Benoit** is a founding member of the website 4guysinblazers.



com, a website for fans of Siena College's men's and women's basketball programs. He serves as editor, writer and correspondent for both teams. He attends practices, weekly media luncheons with the coaches and, at times, travels to watch the teams play.

I hope you all enjoyed a blessed holiday season. Mark your calendars for Reunion 2013 in June. Hope to see you there!

## 1989

**Mike Carbonaro**  
Sienanews.1989@yahoo.com

## 1990

**Janet Shotter Swierbut**  
jswierbut@yahoo.com

**Mary Lou Garde Banino** just welcomed a new baby to her family. Mary Lou and her husband Chris welcomed their third child on September 4, 2012. Here is what she had to say, "Joining big sisters Chloe and Cassie, Cooper Laird is a wonderful addition to our little family. I am sure that we have classmates that have children already in college. However, I am on the other end of the spectrum — having a baby at 44. It's a little crazy and totally fun." Congratulations Mary Lou and Chris.

Hope this finds everyone well. Please send me your interesting stories no matter how big or small. It is always so much fun to read about what everyone is doing. May your year ahead be filled with much joy.

## 1991

**Kevin Clarke**  
siena91@optonline.net

## 1992

**Mary Pat McLoughlin Holler**  
jmpholler@optonline.net

## 1993

**Susan Hannon**  
shannon@ryeneck.k12.ny.us

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## 1994

Glenn Hofsess  
gh@endcap.com

Gerry Esposito and Becky Oliver Esposito welcomed their son Maxwell Alexander on July 31, 2012. Congratulations!

## 1995

Neil Wilcove  
nwilcove@fmglaw.com

## 1996

Brian Murray  
murray21@hotmail.com

## 1997

Selena Dutcher  
selenadutcher@gmail.com

In February 2012, after 15 years with the same group of radio stations, I, **Selena Dutcher**, accepted the position of upstate New York marketing director for Albany Broadcasting. The move adds a few more stations to my business card as I now oversee 11 radio stations in the Capital District and beyond.

**Diane Stanek Heaphy** and her husband Joe welcomed their second daughter Avery Jane on June 12, 2012. She joins her big sister Sadie Grace who was born on December 22, 2009.

## 1998

Janine Trapp Scotti  
Sienasaints98@yahoo.com

Hello class of '98. I hope this issue finds you and your families safe and secure in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. I'd like to ask that everyone please keep the Siena community in your prayers as those who were affected by the storm recover. Congratulations to **Meaghan Harding Tuttle** and her husband Ryan who welcomed their son Rowan Mannion on July 8, 2012. **Jimmy Secretarski** checked in to let us know that he and his wife Erin are enjoying being parents to their three children: Jay 6, Tommy 4 and Anne just under a year. My husband Thomas and I welcomed daughter Katherine Marie on



March 13, 2012. Hope to see everyone at Reunion 2013!

## 1999

Brendan Fitzgerald  
nyfitzgerald@yahoo.com

**Kate O'Hagan** was elected in May 2012 to serve as an at large delegate from the state of New York and attended the Democratic National Convention in September 2012.

## 2000

Shaymus R. Schweitzer  
SienaSaints2000@hotmail.com

**Neerav Patel** is part of a group of area businessmen who founded Empire Broadcasting Corp. The company, based in Voorheesville, N.Y., recently purchased four local radio stations. Neerav will serve as chief operating officer and treasurer. Congratulations!

## 2001

Maura Mack  
Sienanotes01@gmail.com

## 2002

Christine Cinnamon  
Christine.cinnamon@gmail.com

**Thomas B. Reardon, Ed.D.**, has been the principal of Voorheesville Elementary School for the past four years. He recently completed his doctorate in educational leadership through The Sage Colleges. Congratulations Tom!

## 2003

Kelly Quist Demars  
kqdemars@gmail.com

**Andrea Craparo Graves** and **Gregory Graves '02** were married on April 9, 2011. In attendance were **Chris Curtis '02**, **Bob Engels '04**, **Michael Craparo '98**, **Rob Stout '02**, **Christopher Tichio '99**, **Johnson Varughese '99**, **Amanda Kelly Engels**, **Tim Hinteman '02**, **Bobby Prestyly**, **Tom Laffin '02**, **Heather Caron Laffin**, **Joanne Kerins Whitney**, **Casey McCanta**, **Rebecca Aney McCanta** and **Stephen DeSalvo '00**. Fr. **Dennis Tamburello**, '75, O.F.M., and

Br. **Michael Harlan, O.F.M.**, officiated. On March 14, 2012 **Andrea** and **Greg** welcomed their son **Carter Gregory**.

**Prosper Karangwa** recently accepted a job with the NBA's Orlando Magic as a college scout. He will be based out of Cincinnati and will scout mid-west colleges and universities.

**Luke Tyler** has been in the real estate business since we graduated. After consulting for a few years, Luke founded Simplicity Title Agency, LLC, in Basking Ridge, N.J., a company specializing in residential and commercial closings. Luke employs five full time employees and has 12 part time independent contractors. The growing company serves all of N.J. with partnerships to provide title insurance in every state throughout the country.

**Todd Donovan** was promoted to national crosschecker with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He will travel nationwide to compare player ability to others from across the nation and report his findings.

Congratulations to all!

## 2004

**Kathleen Harnett Bridon** and **Ben Bridon '03** welcomed their second child **Liam Griffin** born July 2, 2012. **Liam** joins big sister **Leah**. Due to a move with the military, the **Bridon** family relocated to the Washington, D.C., area shortly after **Liam's** arrival.

**Brian Auerbach** is principal at **Creasy & Auerbach Agency-Allstate** in Atlanta, Ga.

**Ken Jubie '04** married **Laura Slagen** at the Saint Mary of the Angels Chapel on Saturday, August 11, 2012. Fr. **Bill Beaudin '76, O.F.M.**, served as the ceremony's officiate. **Beaudin** delivered a heartfelt and humorous homily that garnered applause from the congregation. **Jubie's** brothers **Kyle** and **Korey** served as his Best Men and **Slagen's** sister **Alicia Mullaney** was her Matron of Honor. Her friend **Kaitlyn Ross** was her Maid of Honor. **Steve** and **Melissa Goetz '04**, **John Heslin '04**, **Tom McGrath '03** and **Michael Wickham '05** were members of the wedding party. After the ceremony, family and friends, including several members

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**Matthew Mazzone '00** received *The Business Review's* 2012 CFO of the Year Award in the medium private company category. He is chief financial officer of **Mazzone Hospitality**, which owns several restaurants and catering operations in the Capital Region.

of the Siena College community, gathered for an evening reception at the Old Daley Inn on Crooked Lake. The **Jubies** honeymooned in Hawaii.

## 2005

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Greetings Class of 2005! Congratulations are in order for a few of our fellow classmates.

**Jana Barrett** and **Brent Sniezyk** were married on July 16, 2011.

**Christopher Moro** married **Jessica Neumann** of Hillsdale, N.J., on May 25, 2012. The wedding took place in **Stony Point, N.Y.**, in front of many family and friends.

**David Plante** and his wife **Sarah Chilson Plante '06** welcomed their son **Cameron David** on April 22, 2012. **David** was an environmental studies major at Siena and is happy to share that his son was born on Earth Day. How green! The proud parents are hoping **Cam** will choose Siena College when the time comes. He will be following in his parents' and his grandfather, **George Plante's '50**, footsteps to become a fourth generation Siena graduate.

**Maddalena Buffalino** teaches AP courses in social studies at **Carle Place High School** in **Carle Place, N.Y.** She recently received the **BOCES Most Innovative**

## NEWSMAKER



Ashley Jeffrey '04

was named chief executive officer of Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region. Girls Inc. is an organization that is committed to helping girls build skills and capabilities for a responsible, confident and self-sufficient adulthood.

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Steve Jacobus '07

is the proud owner of Hudson Valley Game Rooms in New Hampton, N.Y. selling pool tables and other game room supplies. "It's a tough gig in this economy but I do have to say that I owe a lot of who I have become to Siena College and the people there. I've stayed positive about what I'm doing and have seen consistent growth through these times," Jacobus said.

Educator Technology Award for incorporating technology into her classroom and her district.

## 2006

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I am excited to share that I graduated with an advanced graduate certificate in school building leadership from Dowling College in May 2012. Obtaining this certificate brings me one step closer to my goal of becoming a school administrator somewhere on Long Island. Additionally, this past summer I was hired as an adjunct professor by Mercy College, in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

During the fall semester, I taught macroeconomics in Mercy's School of Business Distance Education program. An interesting fact about my new gig—my supervisor at Mercy is one of our classmates, **Christopher Salute**. Christopher was hired by Mercy last spring and was recently named the executive dean for the Undergraduate School of Business and the Center for Business Media.

**Kristina Carstensen** married **Joshua Massaconi** on November 6, 2010 at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Chestertown, N.Y. A reception followed at the Hiland Park Country Club, where they celebrated with many members of the "Siena family" from the classes of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2010. After their big day Josh and Tina enjoyed a fantastic honeymoon in Hawaii.

**Katie Luker** married Keith Chorney on July 27, 2012 in Utica, N.Y. Fr. Ken Paulli '82, O.F.M., was co-celebrant. In attendance were many Siena alumni, including mother of the bride Kim Kamilow Luker '82, Rebecca Simbari Almstead '82, Sheila Lemke Peebles '82, Cheryl Buff '82, Lisa Van Houtte '80, Chris Madden '77, **Jen Holzhauser, Kim Witkovich, Melissa Benzo Coffay, Christine Mulhall, Katie Bubnack, Christina Gorman, Stephanie Battista, Cara Marchio Musits** and Jason Musits '07. A wonderful time was had by all.

After meeting in graduate school, **Leigh Fitzsimons** married James La Porta on July 15, 2012. The couple was married on Long Island at the Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park and continued their celebration at Fox Hollow in Woodbury. Leigh's Siena room-mates and friends were among those present at the wedding, including maid of honor **Theresa Falchi** and bridesmaids **Karen Patricia, Mary Beth Kearns Besler** and **Justine Aquino Oliveto**. Other Siena alumni in attendance were **David and Noreen Auringer** and James Oliveto '05. Leigh and James honeymooned in Hawaii and returned just in time to get things organized before the start of the school year.

**Lisa Di Stefano** married Jason Rubino, from Colonie, N.Y., on November 12, 2011. Their wedding ceremony was held at

Saint Thomas Church and their reception followed at the State Room in downtown Albany. Lisa is working as a marketing specialist for Fuller & O'Brien – Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., in Albany, N.Y.

**Ryan DiMaso** and **Lindsay Finch DiMaso** welcomed their second child, a boy named Parker Ryan, into their family on November 1, 2012. Their daughter Chloe loves her new role as a big sister. Congratulations DiMasos!

**Meghan Slenkamp** is engaged to Bill Smart of Philadelphia, Penn. Meghan and Bill are looking forward to their September 2013 wedding in Haddonfield, N.J.

**Sarah Chilson Plante** and her husband David Plante '05 welcomed their son Cameron David on April 22, 2012.

**Carl Falotico**, our class of 2006 president, was recently promoted to deputy corporation counsel for the City of Schenectady. Congratulations Carl!

**Joe DeFilippo** is happy to announce that he purchased one of our favorite local establishments, Dapps Tavern, in June 2011. He and his business partners renovated the building inside and out. On September 1, 2012 Dapps was reopened to the public. With its industrial themed makeover, Dapps now features an expanded kitchen serving appetizers and entrees, a fully stocked bar with eight beers on draft, a high end media system, several LED HDTVs and enough room for DJs, live music and dancing. Congratulations Joe!

## 2007

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On April 14, 2012 **Louis Ethier** and **Gloria Lopez** married after being together for seven years. "We are everyday so thankful to Siena for uniting us. We were also blessed to have Fr. Bill Beaudin '76, O.F.M., marry us in front of many of our friends and family."

**Kelly Jaeger** married Tim Egan '06 on August 13, 2011. The ceremony was performed by Fr. Bill Beaudin '76, O.F.M., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Con-

ception in Albany, N.Y. The happy couple honeymooned in Aruba.

**Melissa Beatrice** was engaged to Glenn Phillips on October 7, 2012. They are planning a May 2014 wedding. Melissa has been a lifelong friend since elementary school. Melissa and her family are wonderful people and I can't wait to see the big Italian wedding. Congrats Melissa!

**James Cataldo** was engaged to Nicole Dann on May 10, 2012. The wedding date is set for May 3, 2013. Congrats James and Nicole!

**John Adams** celebrates his engagement to Sarah Veillette. He recently took a position with Albany Medical Center's I.S. Financial Systems Team as a senior application specialist.

## 2008

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**Adam Sopris** is marketing coordinator at Gramercy Communications, a public relations, public affairs and marketing firm in Albany, N.Y.

**Alyssa Bombard** graduated from Albany Law School and has been admitted to both the New York and Massachusetts Bar. She was recently promoted to associate at Park Strategies, LLC, Albany, N.Y.

## 2009

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**Leah Antil** is living in Minsk, the capital of Belarus, for the next year and is working at Minsk State Linguistics University (MSLU), sponsored by the U.S. Department of State on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

**Javid Afzali** obtained his juris doctor degree, magna cum laude from Albany Law School in May 2012. He is an associate with the law firm Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP.

**Anthony D'Amato** is vice president of the D'Amato Family's Power Fuels, LLC, Energy Division, Oil Holdings Terminal and Power Fuels Heating & Cooling Company. Tony is responsible for the oversight of more than three million gallons in fuel sales per year, three internal departments



and the overall growth strategy and marketing of the division's products and services to its customers.

**Tara Nolan** was married on June 16, 2012.

**Conor Geary** is the marketing and advertising manager for a downtown Hartford, Conn., brewery called City Steam Brewery Cafe. He manages their comedy club and restaurant. The beer is also available in select New York areas, including Albany. The comedy club is called The Brew HaHa.

**Frank Battiste** received his CPA designation. He is an associate in accounting, assurance and advisory services at the certified public accounting firm CMJ, LLP in Queensbury, N.Y.

**Tess Gallagher** is marketing director for Smart Lunches, an on-line planning and delivery service that brings nutritious high quality meals to thousands of students at schools, daycare centers and camps in the Boston area. She is glad to share that the company gives back a portion of its earnings to support underprivileged children. Tess was also chosen by the Massachusetts Innovation and Technology Exchange (MITX) to be a part of their 2012 Future Leaders Group. Selection was based on leadership skills, entrepreneurial spirit and early impact on the Massachusetts innovation economy.

## 2010

**Kelly Peckholdt**  
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**Michael Ellement** won the 2012 Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition hosted by the University at Buffalo. Michael is a second year law student at the Catholic University of America.

**Ronald Moore** was named October Player of the Month. He plays for Albacomp in the Hungary-A Division of the European Basketball League.

**Kim DeFilippo** shared that her brother Joe DeFilippo '06 purchased a favorite local establishment Dapps Tavern in June 2011. He and his business partners began a complete renovation of the building with an industrial themed makeover. Joe and Kim invite you to stop by for a visit.

**Kathryn Cuffaro** graduated with her master's degree from The College of St. Rose in December 2011. She is teaching sixth grade reading and English in the Bayport-Blue Point School District.

## 2011

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**Tiffany Bullis** is a staff accountant at Slocum DeAngelus & Associates PC in Latham, N.Y. She thanks Siena for preparing her with the skills needed to succeed both inside and outside of the work place.

## 2012

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Our thoughts and prayers are with those who were affected by Hurricane Sandy, especially members of the class of 2012 and the entire Siena community.

**Amanda Altobelli** is working in the emergency room at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y., before beginning the physician assistant program at Albany Medical College in January 2013.

**Allegra Serafini** is an associate recruitment specialist for Ross Stores in New York, N.Y.

**Mary Kate Zimmerman** moved to Orlando, Fla., and works at Walt Disney World as a jungle cruise skipper which she thoroughly enjoys. Mary Kate is hoping to stay with Disney as well as earn a master's degree in education along the way.

**Justin Vendendorf** is completing a year of service with AmeriCorps VISTA. He works at the Albany County District Office where he serves as a program coordinator.

**Colin O'Reilly** is assistant director of admissions at Siena College. His territory includes Conn., Vt., and R.I.

**Kristen Perrella** is pursuing a degree in nutrition and working in Albany, N.Y.

**Lisa Zimbaldi** accepted a full time au pair position in the New York City area until she starts graduate school in the fall of 2013.

**Ashley Franc** is a resident

## NEWSMAKERS



Anthem Film Festival award was given to "Closing Bell," a short film written, directed and produced by Janek Ambros '11 and co-produced by Michael Raymond '10. Anthem Film Festival is at Freedomfest, one of the largest Libertarian Political conventions in the world.

specialist at CNY Services Inc. in Syracuse, N.Y. She works with patients with a wide range of mental disabilities and handicaps.

**Bill Halloran** is a financial representative at Northwestern Mutual. He is helping young alumni plan for their financial goals and dreams.

**Terrance Logan** will be attending Dowling's aviation management MBA program in January 2013.

**Olivia Franzini** is a sixth grade English language arts teacher at Invictus Preparatory Charter School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Teresa Buckhout** is an accountant with tarte Cosmetics in Manhattan. She is planning to pursue her master's degree in January 2013.

**Sean Smith** is assistant branch manager for Trustco Bank.

**Derek Miller** is a medical sales representative with the Capital District Physicians Health Plan.

**Danielle Boswell** is attending Touro College School of Health Sciences in Bay Shore, N.Y., in pursuit of a master's of science degree in their physician assistant program.

**Gabby Atten** is a first year medical student at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Alicia Caldara** is working as a substitute teacher while pursuing her master's degree in professional school counseling at Sage College in Albany, N.Y.

**Maria Valanzano** is an account executive intern for Sprint Nextel in Manhattan.

**Bob Zimmerman** is pursuing a master's degree at SUNY Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

**Kelly Paterson, Tara Kelly, Cara Hannigan, Joseph Kaczmarek and Christie Ziegler** are first year medical students at Albany Medical College in Albany, N.Y.

**Rami AlyGad** is working as an environmental engineer technician at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**James Pater** is working on his master's degree in nano engineering and economics at SUNY Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

**Melanie Bishel** is a recruiter for Insight Global in Manhattan.

**Rachel Buckner** is working for Kinderhook Bank.

**Kristin Cacchioli** is an editorial assistant at North Shore Today.

**William Cardona** is a technical recruiter at Teksystems in Albany, N.Y.

**Dan Pendleton** is pursuing his MBA at The College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y.

**Vincent Cimijotti** is a regional accountant for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Albany, N.Y.

**Courtney Feiden** is an inside sales representative at Fortitech, Inc. in Albany, N.Y.

**Patrick Fontaine** is in the middle management training program at NBT Bank.

**Sean Hogan** is an associate account representative at IVANS, Inc.

**Katie Ness** is pursuing a master's degree in psychology at St. Joseph's University in Penn.

**Cameron Scott** is a military interpreter at Fort Ticonderoga in Ticonderoga, N.Y.

**Shawn Reap** is an emergency room technician at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y.

**Eric Guzman** is marketing coordinator for Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany, N.Y.

**Alex Mazza** is working at Weill Cornell Medical College as a data manager on the Multiple Myeloma and Bone Marrow Transplant Clinical trials. Additionally, he started his own business as a health coach to assist clients in losing weight and maintaining for life.

**Michelle McMahon** is an accountant for Noble Associates in New York City.

**Jillian Melendez** is a tour guide in New York City at the Lyndhurst Museum.

**Emily Merritt** is a wildlife research assistant on Martha's Vineyard in Mass.

**Rebecca Nardi** is a customer engagement specialist at Elaine Ramundo Associates, Inc., Nationwide Insurance in Albany, N.Y.

**Diana Nystrom** is pursuing her master's degree at Union College. She wants to teach mathematics.

**Ann O' Dowd** is an associate at EOX Holdings, LLC in New York City.

**Anthony Parente** is a quality assurance engineer at Treo Solutions in Albany, N.Y.

**Rob Hicks** is working at The Ayco Company and pursuing his MBA at Union College.

**Emily Pritchard** is the program coordinator at Geo Visions International Exchange Programs.

**Amy Spielvogel** is a sales associate at Kraft Foods in Stamford, Conn.

**Lauren Servello** is a P & S analyst at Cantor Fitzgerald.

**Leigh Denning and Jenn Russo** are pursuing their master's degrees at The College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y.

**Janet Monem** is pursuing her master's degree in accounting and upon graduation will work at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

**Haley Zautner** is a staff accountant at Mohawk Country Club.

**Mike Savage** is a customer service representative for Applied Energy Group.

**Hannah Blasting** married Christopher Bodenstab on September 16, 2012. She is working for County Waste in Clifton Park, N.Y., but will be moving to Arizona to join her husband.

**Katherine Johnson** is pursuing her master's degree in accounting at Siena College.

**Sarah Jarocki** is a legal assistant at Hargraves, McConneil and Costigan P.C. in New York City.

**Lindsay Tegas** is an analytical chemist at Xerox in Rochester, N.Y., and is pursuing her master's in material science and engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology.

**Ashley Knox** is pursuing her master's degree in special education and literacy at SUNY Albany.

**Renee Solheim** recently moved to Albany, N.Y., and is marketing coordinator at BETBOMB.com.

**Renee Benedetti** is the international marketing programs coordinator at Autotask.

**Katie Carew** is director of marketing at Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

**Emily Schultz** is a lab technician in the BioDefense Lab at the NYS Department of Health, Wadsworth Center.

**Laura Luzzi** is a residential care counselor for Community Resources for Justice.

**Jeff Audi** is pursuing his master's degree in accounting at The College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y.

**Emily Brock** is working for the Policy Support for National Life Group in Vt.

**Jessica Rupert** is box office manager at Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center and is a founding member of the Loose Cannon Theater Company.

**Elizabeth Rice** is an associate at Tax Matrix in Albany, N.Y.

**Megan DeRudder** is a software associate developer at NYISO in Albany, N.Y.

**Stephanie Belmont** is pursuing her master's degree in speech pathology at The College of St. Rose.

**Marisa DeJulio** is a junior marketing coordinator at Price Chopper Supermarkets.

**Joe Fava** is a mathematics teacher at a private school in New York City.

**Zachary Fitzsimmons** is a graduate student at the Rochester Institute of Technology studying computing and information sciences.

**Mary Schulte** is coordinator of international programs and services at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

**Marissa Hertzig** is a retail sales representative at Nestle USA and living in Arizona.

**Ryan Cook** is a NSDP sales representative at Nestle S.A.

**Taimese Revell** is working for the Brooklyn Nets in the entertainment events department.

**Chelsea Flaim** spent time in London training for her job as a resource recruiter in New York City.

**Bridget DeBardelaben** recently moved to Albany and is a mathematics teacher at Green Tech High Charter School.

**Ronnie Mosimann** is working at Moodswing 360 and Chaos Firm in NYC. He also produces music and has a song called "Turnt" that came out in December. You can check it out on clubtapes.com.

**Julia Sokolohorsky** is an event marketing representative for St. Jude Children's Hospital in Albany, N.Y.

**Matthew Scouten** spent his summer backpacking across Europe. He went sky diving in Switzerland, hiked the Swiss Alps and traveled across 11 different countries. He had the most amazing time.

**Kyle Ketcham** is pursuing his master's degree in special education and literacy at SUNY Albany.

**Tara Keough** is a resident counselor at Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany, N.Y.

**Michael Onufrey** is completing his master's in accounting at Siena and has accepted a job in Long Island at KPMG. He will start in January.

**Cristina Centeno** has been named the 2012 BSNF Rookie of the Year. In her first professional basketball season Cristina is playing for the Quebradillas Piratas. After playing with the Puerto Rican National Team, she was picked fourth overall by Quebradillas in the 2012 BSNF Draft.

**Alexandra Falvey** is assistant director of admissions at Siena

College and visits and recruits prospective students living in Mass., Maine and N.H.

**Zachary Griffiths** is an economic analyst for Wells Fargo.

**Kathryn Ornellas** is an analyst at JP Morgan Chase in New York City.

## In Memory

### Siena College mourns the loss of the following members of our community:

Thomas J. Pendergast '43  
Robert E. Walsh '44  
Peter Verdicchio '47  
Martin J. Kenny '48  
Thomas J. McCudden '48  
Robert J. Huba '49  
Louis W. Witt, Jr. '51  
Richard S. Nacewicz '54  
Charles F. Graber '55  
Dr. John J. Stiglmeier, Sr. '56  
Charles F. Ryan '64  
Robert Lubner '65  
G. Michael O'Connor '67  
Peter J. Andres '68  
William E. Walsh '79  
Timothy J. Hunziker '80  
Cheryl A. Nelson '82  
Cristina Loftus-Teta '90  
Mark Toole '92  
Gino Turchi H'05  
Samantha Lee Neil '10  
Fr. Cyril J. Seaman, O.F.M.

## Update us!

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# weddings



Andrea Craparo '03 married Greg Graves '02 on April 9, 2011.



Laura Slagen married Ken Jubie '04 on August 11, 2012.



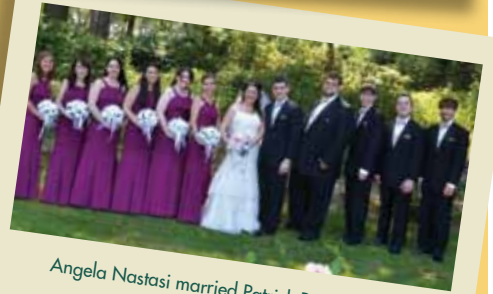
Cristin Ruggles '93 married Mike Butler on August 27, 2011.



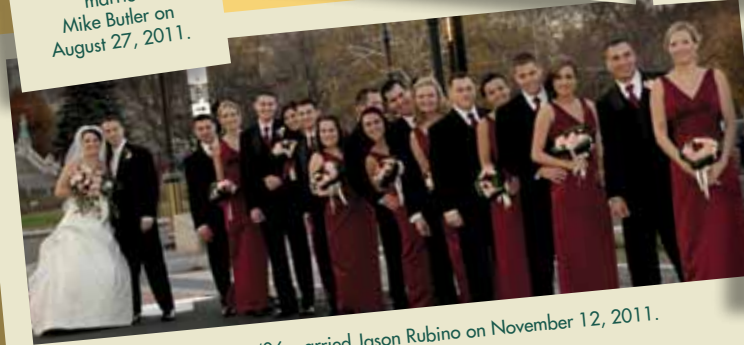
Clare Weeks '04 married James McDermott '05 on December 31, 2011.



Callin Rous '09 married Erik Mulvaney '10 on June 22, 2012.



Angela Nastasi married Patrick Russo '09 on June 29, 2012.



Lisa DiStefano '06 married Jason Rubino on November 12, 2011.



Jana Barrett '05 married Brent Sniezyk '05 on July 16, 2011.



Kristina Carstensen '06 married Joshua Massaconi '06 on November 6, 2010.



Kelly Jaeger '07 married Tim Egan '06 on August 13, 2011.



Kaitlyn McElwee married Michael Ranieri '03 on September 24, 2011.



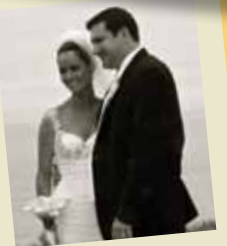
Gloria Lopez '07 married Louis Ethier '07 on April 14, 2012.



Leigh Fitzsimons '06 married James La Porta on July 15, 2012.



Katie Luker '06 married Keith Cherney on July 27, 2012.



Christina Pampalone '07 married Ryan O'Shea on September 29, 2012.

When submitting wedding photos to the magazine please make sure they are 300 dpi. If you have any questions please contact [communications@siena.edu](mailto:communications@siena.edu).

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