

Inside the President's Circle





Siena College Names 12th President

A national search drew interest from qualified candidates coast to coast. But when John Murray Jr. '79, chairman of the Siena College Board of Trustees, asked for a drumroll, and the doors to the Maloney Great room flung open, a familiar and local face stepped into the job. Dr. Christopher Gibson '86, Siena alumnus and former member of Congress, was introduced as the College's 12th president.

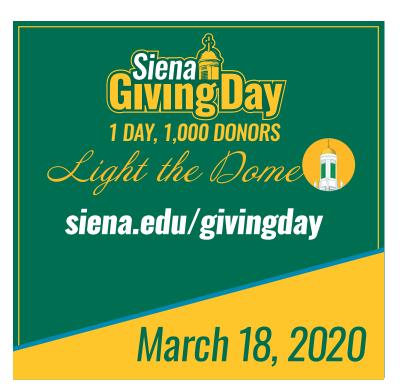
Gibson is a 29-year U.S. Army veteran and former military commander. He served four combat tours in Iraq and was awarded four Bronze Star

Medals and the Purple Heart. He later served as an elected member of the U.S. House of Representatives in New York's 19th district from 2011-2017. Gibson has written two books and is currently finishing his term as the Stanley Kaplan Distinguished Visiting Professor of American Foreign Policy at Williams College.

Gibson's passion for servant leadership was developed as an undergraduate at Siena. He was called to military service and then public service, and describes his appointment to the Siena presidency as his next calling. "The Franciscan tradition sets Siena apart, and it will inform every decision..."

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Gibson's five-year term begins on July 1; he will be formally inaugurated during an on-campus ceremony this fall.



Light The Dome on Siena Giving Day

On March 18, you're invited to be a part of Siena Giving Day - 1 Day, 1,000 Donors.

The iconic Siena Dome will be lit green on March 18 when on 1 Day, 1,000 donors support the *Education for a Lifetime*.

Follow the action all day at siena.edu/givingday to track progress, make your gift, and to have your name added to the Siena Giving Day donor roll.

Be part of history and help make a difference on March 18 by volunteering as an ambassador to encourage classmates and friends to make their gifts. Then post on social media to share the excitement! Please email annualfund@siena.edu to get involved.

After all, the world needs more Saints!

MAAC Basketball Championships to be held in Atlantic City

You're invited to roll the dice and win big with our Saints in Atlantic City for the 2020 MAAC Basketball Championships March 10-14.

The league's 39th season will conclude with the 2020 MAAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships at Atlantic City's historic Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall on March 10-14.

This marks the first of a three-year agreement for the MAAC to hold its Championships in the National Historic Landmark.

There will be many additional events surrounding the Basketball Championships at Boardwalk Hall to create a festival atmosphere, including:



- The MAAC's first eSports championships in Overwatch, League of Legends, Super Smash Bros., and Rocket League on March 13-14 (no extra ticket required)
- MAAC Fan Fest on March 13-14
- MAAC Band Jam and Spirit Squad Showcase on March 11
- MAAC 'n Cheese Fest on March 13
- The "MAAC Gives Back" program is also underway with each league men's and women's basketball team adopting a local Atlantic City school to encourage reading and school attendance.

The conference champions earn the league's automatic bids to the 2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament. The Tropicana Casino & Resort along with the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino will serve as MAAC Championships headquarters and will offer deals for the weekend.

All session tickets are on sale now at BoardwalkHall.com.



Blessing from Fr. Larry Anderson, O.F.M., College Chaplain

Good and Gracious God, during this Easter season we rejoice that light has overpowered darkness, hope overcome despair and life has conquered death.

Easter morning's first light calls us forth from the darkness, from the shadows, so that we may allow ourselves to be embraced by the Risen One who is in our midst. Jesus' Easter greeting to us is, "Peace be with you!" Give us the courage and the passion to be instruments of peace in our communities, in our families and in our lives. Jesus is no longer on the cross! And because He died for us, we too will ultimately transcend the cross!

Amen, Alleluia!!

Noah Friedman '17: The Man Behind The Camera

Throughout this academic year, you may have noticed a series of videos focusing on the wonderful accomplishments of our friars and their connections to Siena. These videos were filmed and produced by Siena's own Noah Friedman from the Class of 2017 and his talented company, Original Vessel.

Original Vessel's focus is to provide promotional and commercial services, spotlight lifestyle and community projects, as well as showcase sporting and athletic events. Noah has worked with numerous top companies,

including recent projects with Cadillac and Beekman Boys.

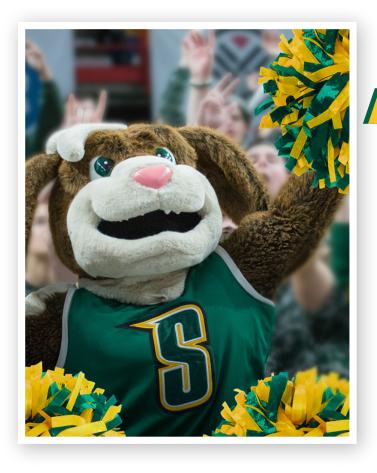
"Being back on Siena's campus and getting a chance to film the friars made me wish I was a student again. Walking around and being in the familiar school atmosphere made me feel right at home. More than just being back on campus, however, filming with some of the friars who have made Siena the College it is today was really an honor."

To learn more about Noah's creations, please visit originalvessel.co or email noah@originalvessel.co.





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Events

March 10-14	MAAC Basketball Tournament, Atlantic City
March 18	Siena Siena Siena edu/givingday
March 20	Spirit of '68 Event: Women and Power at Work
March 26	8th Annual Economics Student-Alumni Networking Dinner
April 19	Scholarship Donor Brunch
April 26	Spring Alumni Mass at the Grotto
May 17	Commencement
June 5-7	Reunion Weekend, siena.edu/reunion

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