



INSIDE THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE



A Son of Siena College Forever

Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., was posthumously conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, during a Mass celebrated from the Grotto in his memory on October 10.

Br. Ed was never supposed to be president. In June of 2014, he was looking forward to a sabbatical that would include a trip to Assisi with his family. But, Siena College needed his guidance and his talents. Br. Ed agreed to serve as interim president; a few months later he was sworn in as the College's 11th president. Siena will be forever grateful.

In recognition of his humble and exemplary leadership, Siena College awarded Br. Ed an honorary degree in front of friends, family, and the friar community. The 10th president of Siena College, Fr. Kevin Mullen '75, O.F.M., celebrated the Mass; the 12th president of Siena College, Chris Gibson '86, Ph.D., conferred the degree. Two of Br. Ed's siblings, Sheila and Joe (above), accepted the diploma on behalf of the Coughlin family.

“Given Ed’s great love and contributions to Franciscan scholarship, it made great sense to celebrate Ed’s legacy on the Feast of St. Francis October 4. I very much enjoyed reconnecting with Ed’s family and yet it was bittersweet in that it was a stark reminder once again of the great loss that Ed’s absence has been for me, the friars and our campus community.”

Fr. Mark Reamer '83, O.F.M., D.Min.
Vice President for Mission

“Br. Ed led Siena with grace and humility, and is deeply missed by our faculty, students and staff. His influence on Siena was profound. Speaking personally, Ed was one of the kindest and most trustworthy people I have ever worked with. I feel fortunate that he was part of my professional and personal life, and I shall always cherish his mentorship, insight, and good humor.”

Margaret Madden, Ph.D.
Provost

Siena's Maddalone Wall of Success

The annual Siena College Maddalone Entrepreneur Wall of Success induction ceremony was held virtually on October 20 from the College's Stack Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

The Maddalone Wall, made possible through the generous support of Guy Maddalone '89, founder and CEO of GTM Payroll Services, provides a highly visible platform to honor Siena alumni who have launched their own successful

businesses, and to inspire current students who have entrepreneurial plans, according to Michael J. Hickey '83, executive director of the Stack Center. Inductees have a plaque with their business's logo featured on the wall.

Maddalone told those gathered that he created the wall "to highlight the risks Siena graduates have taken to learn, to innovate products and services, and to create value along the way with their own tenacity."

"The Wall of Success will undoubtedly inspire future Siena entrepreneurs who, with their own determination, hope to place their own companies' names on the Wall." This year's enshrined businesses include: The Caldwell House Bed and Breakfast, The (Hayner) Sports Barn, Davinci Education & Research, California Closets Upstate NY, and Lutz, Selig & Zeronda, LLP.

Giving Tuesday

On December 1, join alumni from across the world to support our Saints! Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, **#GivingTuesday** kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

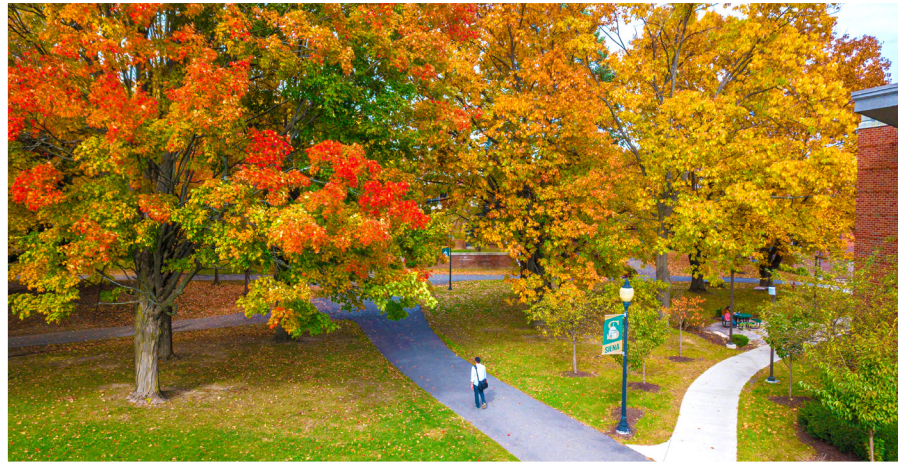
The Siena Board of Advisors invites you to join them this Giving Tuesday in appreciation for the Franciscan values ingrained in everything we do. All Giving Tuesday gifts to the 2020-2021 Annual Fund will be matched by the Board of Advisors.



A New Way to See Siena

Although it's difficult to replicate a personal visit to one of the 50 most beautiful campuses in America, the just-launched Siena Virtual Tour comes pretty close. The interactive tour was produced in collaboration with industry leader You Visit and features 360° views of all the campus hotspots paired with videos that bring these spaces to life. The Siena Virtual Tour is just one aspect of a multi-faceted strategy designed to drive demand for the College.





A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear God,

In each of us is a store of memories and, despite those that are painful, we thank You that we can look over our lives with gratitude.

We thank You for the fact that we are; for the fact that anything at all exists.

We thank You Mother Earth, for, as St. Francis reminds us, she is our Sister who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

We are thankful for the air we breathe, the water that gives life and all the power and beauty of nature that embraces us from our first breath to our last moments.

We thank You for all living creatures and, in a special way, we thank You for our humanity, for each person we have encountered and for the spark of divinity that we find in each of them.

We thank You for love, affection and inspiration; for the gifts of wisdom, song and creativity that delight our senses, connect us with others, and increase our knowledge of You.

We thank You for our failings and challenges for in the end they can open us up to love.

At this time we especially thank You for our community at Siena, this place and time where we are to be Your hands, feet and voices.

In times of joy and in times of sadness, may we always recognize our blessings and give thanks for the privilege of spreading Your love to all creation.

Amen.

Fr. Dan Dwyer '74, O.F.M.

Study Break With the President

If you're setting up a game of corn hole, but need a fourth, check to see if the president is free.

Most of the questions during the student summer town hall with the president dealt with the pandemic, or changes to the Academic Calendar, or Move-In Day protocol. But then there was the question about KanJam. No one remembers how the conversation shifted to summer lawn games, but it did, and President Gibson confessed that he didn't know the rules to KanJam. At a recent meeting, Andy Camilleri '23 offered to teach him. Dr. Gibson presented a counter-offer.

The president enjoys the occasional game corn hole, but hadn't played a match since a wedding in Dutchess County four years ago. So, President Gibson asked Camilleri for a game, and his partner lined up the competition. Did Ben Leib '22 and Chandler Edbauer '23 take it easy on the president? Absolutely not. Leib and Edbauer won bragging rights (don't be surprised if a rematch is in the works).



“There are a lot of good activities that we can do and this is one of them. Under these challenging circumstances, what I want is for our students to really have the most flourishing experience they possibly can. Meet somebody new every day, try to learn something new every day, and make sure you balance that. Life is about physical activity and enjoyment at the same time; this is just one illustration of that.”

Chris Gibson '86, Ph.D., president



Events

- 12/1 – “Rally Point” Join Siena College President Dr. Chris Gibson '86 for a discussion of his book “Rally Point: Five Tasks to Unite the Country and Revitalize the American Dream”
- 12/1 – Giving Tuesday – Support our Saints siena.edu/givingtuesday
- 12/3 – Siena College Alumni Christmas Party
- 12/6 – Alumni Christmas Mass
- 12/9 – Theology on Tap-Celebrating Advent
- 12/16 – Christmas Traditions with the Gibsons

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