



SIENA SENIOR SAINTS



The Class of 2021 Honors Br. Ed

Br. Ed's name will grace the outside of a MacClosky Square townhouse, and seniors wishing to advance his legacy will have their names written on the townhouse as well.

In 2014, the 11th President of Siena College, only months on the job, sat down for an interview at Casey's with a Siena student. She asked him, "What is your impression of the Siena community and how do you see it growing in the future?" His response:

"I believe the Siena community is very much rooted in the Franciscan spirit... I believe the whole sense of communities and others is part of our tradition, and so it continues today in terms of how do we build a spirit of community, a sense of belonging, a sense of bondedness, and a sense of connectedness."

In honor of his connection to the Class of '21, and his spirit that continues to inspire all who knew him, the seniors will dedicate a MacClosky Square townhouse in his name as part of their senior class gift. The Class of '21 will also donate all contributions made toward the class gift to the Siena COVID Emergency Health and Safety Fund.

The Class of 1968 is credited with being the first class to establish the senior class gift. The tradition was then re-established by the Class of 1979, and has continued annually ever since.

Siena College Commencement

Siena College is proud to welcome the Class of 2021 into the ranks of the more than 37,000 alumni of Siena College. The safety of our students has been and always will be our top priority. In order to maintain this safe and secure environment, Siena has been adhering to the guidelines set forth by New York State and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Siena is currently in the process of planning a safe and memorable 2021 Commencement Ceremony experience for all graduates.



We are pleased to announce that the Siena College Commencement Weekend Events will be held Saturday, May 29 through Sunday, May 30. The academic awards ceremony highlighting the scholastic accomplishments

and other achievements of members of the Class of 2021 as well as the baccalaureate liturgy will take place on Saturday with commencement currently planned to take place at the Times Union Center in Albany on Sunday.

5 Ways to Make a Difference with your Support

Not only do you have options for how your gift will be used, you also have options on what to give and how to give. There are gifts that cost you nothing now, gifts that pay you income, and gifts that allow you to decide what happens when.

■ Beneficiary Designations – Retirement Assets and Other Funds

Naming Siena as the beneficiary of a retirement plan asset such as an IRA, 401(k), or 403(b) will accomplish a charitable goal while realizing a significant tax savings.

■ Gifts From Your Will – Bequests

Through a provision in your written and executed will or living trust, you can make a gift to Siena in the form of cash, securities, or real estate. There are many types of bequests. Consult with your attorney to choose the one that best fits your needs and intentions.

■ Life Income Gifts – Charitable Gift Annuities

You can turn underperforming assets (cash,

stock, CDs, etc.) into a gift to Siena that makes payments to you and a loved one. Your charitable gift annuity will return fixed, quarterly payments for life and provide tax benefits, too.

■ Appreciated Assets – Buy Low. Give High.

When you donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares instead of cash, your gift costs you less than the amount Siena receives. You'll get a charitable deduction for the full amount of your gift and avoid the impact of capital gains taxes.

■ Charitable Ira Rollover – Make a Tax-Free Gift From Your Ira

If you're 70 ½ or older, each year you can instruct your IRA administrator to transfer all or part of your required minimum distribution (up to \$100,000) directly to Siena and avoid paying the tax had you taken it as income.

To learn more please contact giftplanning@siena.edu or by calling 518-782-2432.



An Easter Blessing

Most high and glorious God, on this Easter Sunday
You walk with us during the difficult moments of life
as you walked with the disciples approaching Emmaus.
Your light and life enters into the darkness of our world and lives.

We ask that all who are affected by this virus
be held in your loving care.

In this time of uncertainty, help us to know what is ours to do.

We know you did not cause this suffering
but that you are with us in it and through it.

Help us to recognize your presence in acts of kindness,
in moments of silence, and in the beauty of the created world.

Grant peace and protection to all of humanity
for their well-being and for the benefit of the earth.

Be with our Siena community as we embrace
the opportunities and challenges of this time.

Bless our celebration of these holy days,
may they renew us in your spirit.

Bless the food we receive from your bounty
and the many hands that have brought it to our table.

Amen.

Fr. Mark Reamer '83, OFM, VP of Mission



The World Needs More Saints!

Events

4/9 – Saints Circle | ACE with Allison Schultz and Jerry DeFrancisco '68

Join us for April's Saints Circle with Siena's Center for Academic Community Engagement (ACE).

4/15 – Estate and Charitable Planning in a Challenging Environment

Join us for Estate and Charitable Gift Planning in a Challenging Environment with Marty Finn '80, JD, CPA, LL.M.

4/22 – Virtual Night at The Breyo Observatory

Spend Earth Day under the stars looking at images captured from the Breyo Observatory!

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

