

SIENA | Annual Fund

Inside the President's Circle





Siena Commencement 2021

Siena's Class of 2021 celebrated their achievements with an in-person ceremony on May 30 at the Albany Times Union Center.

Siena awarded 818 bachelor's degrees, and graduates were allowed to remove their masks and fist bump Siena President Chris Gibson '86 Ph.D. while crossing the stage.

"We felt very strongly that the entire Class of 2021 should graduate

together and in person after this long pandemic year," said Gibson. "We thank our Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs for their tireless work to plan the weekend's activities."

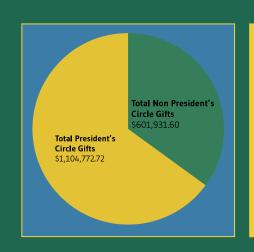
The Class of 2021 was able to celebrate a weekend of accomplishments including their champagne toast with the friars and baccalaureate events.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Ph.D. gave a virtual address and received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the College.

Sixty-nine graduate degree recipients participated in the College's first ever master's degree ceremony the day before on the Academic Quad on campus, in rain and what was a record cold temperature for that date.

That's the record number of deposits the College has received from students eager to join the Siena Class of 2025 as of this moment. For the third straight year, Siena has exceeded its goal — this year breaking every admissions record in the process. Equally important, the College has far surpassed its revenue goal for incoming freshmen. The enrollment surge reflects an increase in demand for Siena, driven largely by strategic investments in product and marketing, paired with highly personalized student recruitment innovations that resonated even more deeply in the pandemic environment. Leadership expects the final enrollment numbers will settle over the summer months, but planning is well underway to welcome, accommodate, and serve the first four-figure class in College history this September.





Record Breaking Fundraising Year

The 2020-21 Annual Fund vear was a tremendous success thanks to our amazing President's Circle members. 65% of the total amount raised this past year for the Annual Fund or \$1.1 million came from members of our distinguished leadership society.

The 2021-22 year has begun

(June 1-May 31) and we thank you in advance for your support again this year. The World Has More Saints thanks to you!



A Legacy to Honor

Maybe, you remember him as a DJ for WVCR hosting a progressive rock show on the weekends or as a guitar player in many rock bands, including Petting Zoo in the mid 1990's and 24Seven in the early 2000's...

Or, he mentored you, celebrated Mass with you, officiated at your wedding, or baptized your children...

If, Fr. Dennis has touched your life, please join the Honorary Committee for the celebration in his honor on Saturday, October 16, 2021. The evening will begin with Mass celebrated at the St. Mary of the Angels Chapel followed by a dinner and musical celebration in the Sarazen Student Union Maloney Great Room.

For more information on how to become involved, please visit siena.edu/give/frdennis or by calling Robyn Sanders, Director of Major Gifts at 518-782-6785











Good and Gracious God

We give You thanks for the summer!

For Brother Sun who gives us warmth and light.

Thank You for the beauty that surrounds us and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time we have to be with our friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw us closer to You this summer.

Teach us how we can pray no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Enlighten our souls with the awareness of Your presence and guide us on our paths with Your love and mercy

As we enjoy Your creation, create in us a clean heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

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



Top 8 Catholic College

Siena cracked the top ten in the College Consensus ranking of the best Catholic Colleges & Universities (#8 to be exact). Notre Dame, Georgetown, and Boston College grabbed the top three spots. The College Consensus ranking of the Best Catholic Colleges & Universities is comprehensive by design, bringing the results of the most trusted ranking publishers together with the most reputable student review sites.





The World Needs More Saints!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 13

Siena Night with the Tri-City ValleyCats

Dr. Gibson to throw out the first pitch!

Thursday, July 29

Sarazen 2021

Join us for a 12-hole shamble format golf invitational to benefit the Gene and Mary Sarazen Scholarship.

Thursday, August 19

Senior Saints: A Conversation with Vice President of Athletics John D'Argenio

Monday, September 13

24th Annual Saints Alive! Golf Shootout

Shootout to benefit our Saints Alive! Fund, our 400+ student athletes and athletic department at Siena.

Thursday, September 7

First day of classes

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

