



# SIENA SENIOR SAINTS



## Bob Guido '68 Athletic Academic Center

Siena Athletics is excited to announce the forthcoming construction of the Bob Guido '68 Athletic Academic Center. Construction is expected to commence in the late summer/early fall for the 2,200 square-foot state-of-the-art facility which will help Siena Athletics "Build Better Saints."

"This Center is such a necessity for our student athletes," said Guido who, along with his wife Charlotte, made the lead gift for the project. Guido is a former member of the Siena College Board of Trustees who played both football and baseball at Siena, and is the retired Vice-Chair of Ernst & Young, LLP. "At Siena, we've done a great job of educating our student athletes and helping them grow as

athletes and people. Their Siena degree will have a lifetime value and is an education for a lifetime."

The Bob Guido '68 Athletic Academic Center will feature a nearly 1,000 square-foot open study space to accommodate a place for all athletes to study. Three rooms will be dedicated to serving group project planning, individual tutoring, and small group sessions to create a vibrant and engaging environment for Siena's student athletes. Individual offices for S.A.IN.T.S. advisors to hold one-on-one sessions will also be constructed, while a separate entrance way will be erected to allow for extended hours.

# Senior Saints Featured Class: 1971



Fifty years ago on May 30, the Class of 1971 walked across the stage at commencement and joined the biggest club they would ever be a part of: The Siena Alumni Community. It's fitting that 50 years to the day the Class of 2021 would do the same. 350 bachelor's degrees as well as three honorary degrees were conferred including that of their commencement speaker Granville Hicks, noted Guggenheim Fellow and Literary critic. Also receiving an honorary degree of Fine Arts

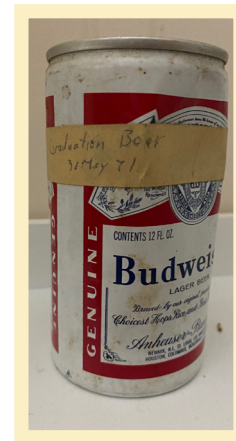
was Edward Vilella, a Principal dancer for the New York City Ballet who performed at John F. Kennedy's inauguration and later served on the National Council for the Arts.

Bob Rinninsland from the Class of 1971 seen standing 3rd in the accompanying photo with Jerry Benware, Charlie Parker, and Art O'Brien reflected on the day. "Commencement day 1971 brought with it combined sensations of beginning, ending and celebration. Beginning of life after college, ending of the Siena College era, and celebration of where I was as an individual ready to carry on in the Franciscan tradition. Our time at Siena taught us the value and resulting contribution of close personal relationships to us as individuals. Whether it was a few beers with Friars at the Rathskeller, journeys to the bowels of Albany or Troy for

whatever reasons, our Siena Class of 1971 and the relationships forged therewith remain with us, particularly as we look back at 50 years. I think the Class of 1971 would wish the same for all Siena classes, past, present, and future."

Charlie Parker added, "Looking back at those kids, none even had a thought that day of the 'Franciscan Tradition.' But unconsciously over the last 50 years we have lived it. Just be selfless and kind."

Keeping with other traditions, Charlie even kept the empty can



of Budweiser beer that was snuck in to toast his classmates after their incredible journey through Siena as a memento.

**Cheers to the Class of 1971!**

## Siena Commencement 2021

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





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

Siena College invites you as a Senior Saint to join our members of the President's Circle Leadership Giving Society – a distinguished group of contributors who, year after year, support the essence and direction of Siena College's mission at a level of \$1,500 or more. Through their support each year, the College is able to offer resources rich in Franciscan and Catholic tradition to prepare our students academically and spiritually to become lifetime learners and responsible leaders.

Siena proudly thanks our many Senior Saints who have generously supported the College at this leadership level.

As Siena begins a new year, please consider making a difference with your support for future generations of Saints.





*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**

**24<sup>th</sup> 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](https://siena.edu/alumni/events)