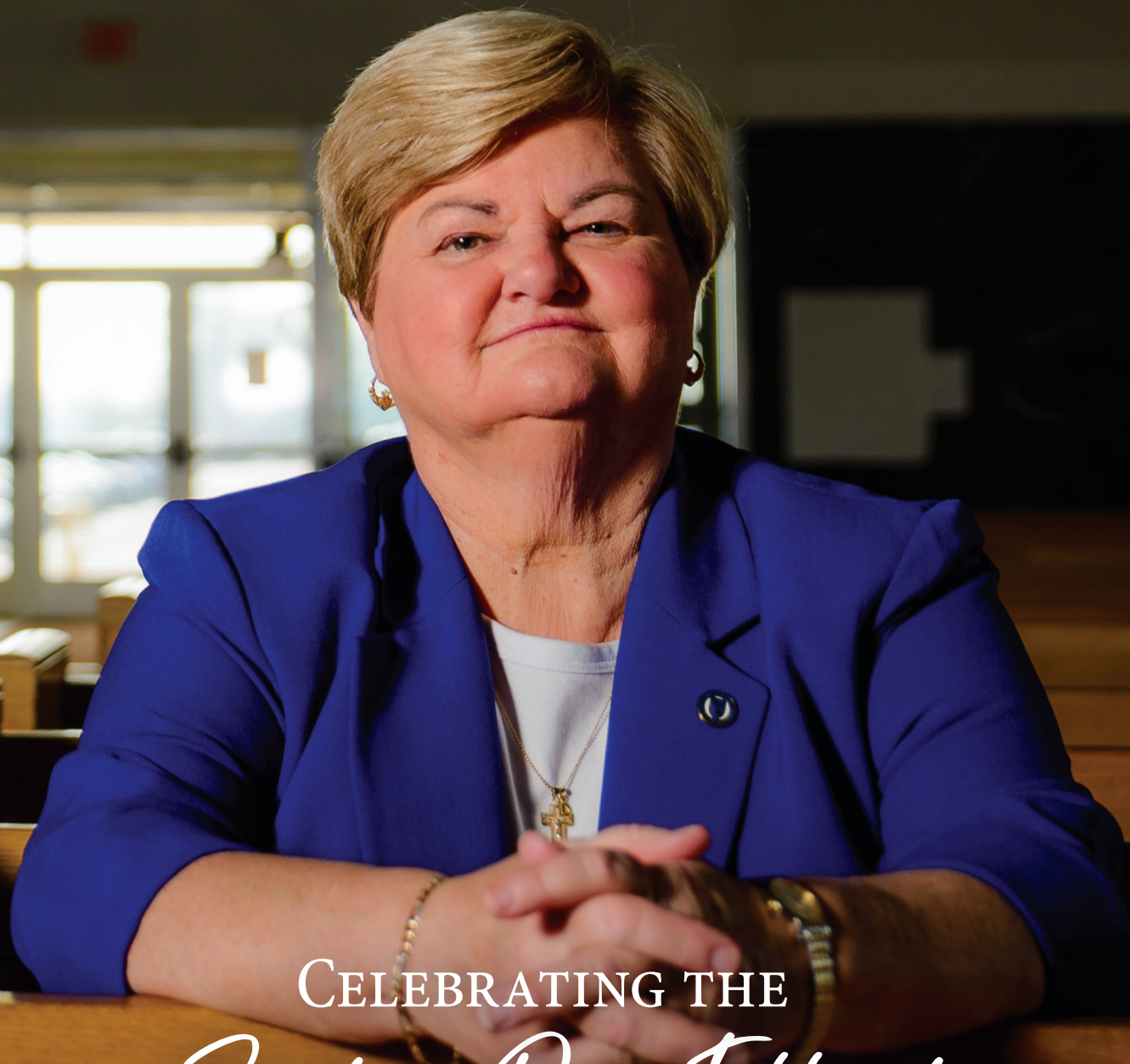


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CELEBRATING THE
Sister Peg Effect
17 Years of Transformation

From the President



Sister Peg Albert, O.P. Ph.D.
President

As I reflect on the last seventeen years of my life here at Siena, I feel so blessed. The journey I have been on has had twists and turns, ups and downs, difficult moments, and graced moments.

When I arrived in 2006, I was greeted by a wonderful community of people who were so welcoming and hospitable. This was a great way to begin! It allowed me to be myself, to use the gifts I was able to offer, and to clearly recognize the gifts others possessed. We were able to share our gifts together to continue to create and enhance our ministry of education in such a caring environment. And we continue to do so today.

In 2006, we needed to build a more comprehensive campus. We needed a stadium, a student union where students could gather with multiple amenities, a new baseball complex and a renovated softball complex, a new theatre and renovated music hall, a new residence hall, a renovated building for education and health professions, and a welcome center. We also purchased Campus Village, an apartment style residence for students. Through the generosity of our benefactors, a strong team, and the grace of God, we were able to accomplish what we set out to do. We now have a campus that meets the needs of our students.

However, you may have heard me say over these past many years that it is not the buildings but rather people that make Siena Heights University what it is today and what it will continue to become. It is our Mission that drives us based on the rich heritage of our Dominican and Catholic traditions. It is built upon those who came before us and those who will come after us. Siena values the liberal arts tradition in conjunction with professional education. It is the people who dare to be bold and think higher who contribute to the future of Siena in new and different ways, while still honoring and building upon our solid foundation.

I have had the pleasure and honor of meeting many great people during my tenure at Siena Heights. The Alumni I have met have been so loyal to Siena. The Board of Trustees and the Corporate Board (Adrian Dominican General Council) have always kept the best interest of Siena in mind when making decisions. Our donors have been generous and honor the value of our Mission. The faculty and staff have been committed to the multi-faceted growth of our students. The administration has always considered our Mission and the larger picture for Siena when making strategic decisions. Each group and the individuals who make up each group have lived the true spirit of Siena, living the Mission each day!

I must confess, however, that the students hold a special place in my heart! To see the growth over their years here at Siena has been phenomenal! Their enthusiasm and excitement are contagious! Their perspectives on different issues are enlightening and I have learned a great deal from them. They are the future, and I believe our world will be blessed to have them.

I want to end my thoughts with a great big THANK YOU to all of you who have been faithful SAINTS! THANK YOU for walking with me these past seventeen years. May our good and gracious God bless you and your loved ones with peace, health, joy, and hope. May we all continue to write the story of Siena Heights University!

Sister Peg Albert, O.P.



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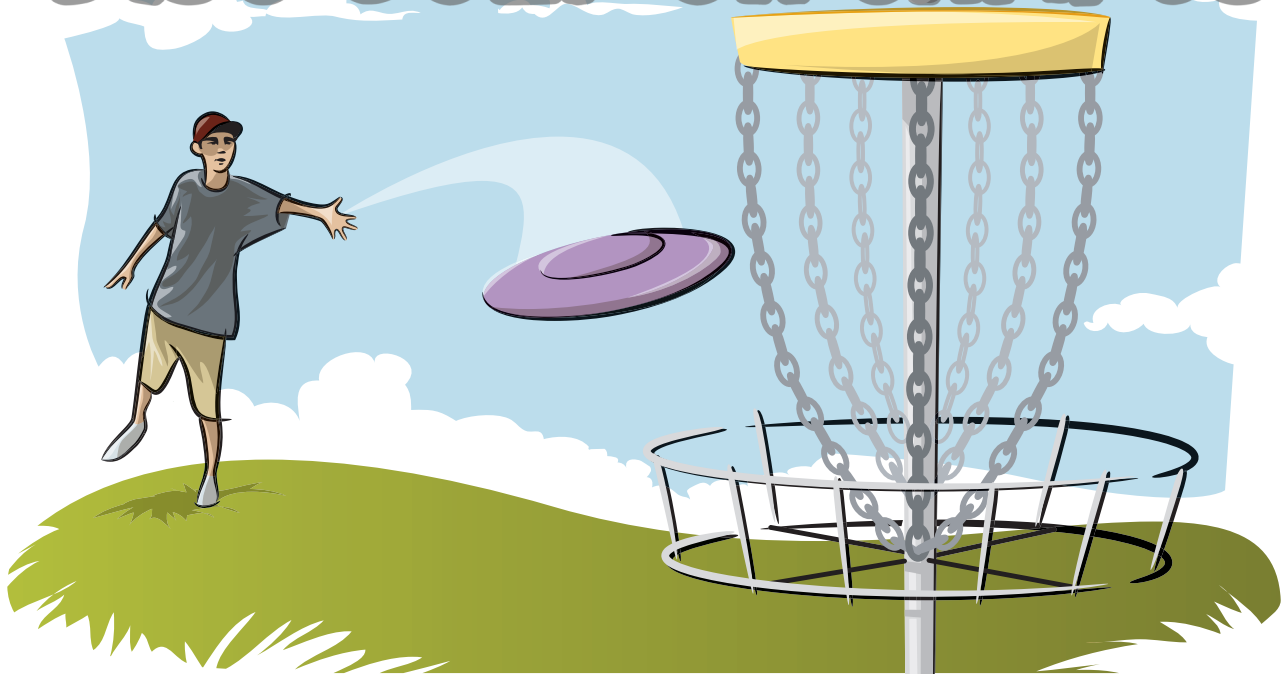
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DISC GOLF ON CAMPUS



Siena Heights University (SHU) has recently introduced a 12-hole disc golf course to its main campus in Adrian, Michigan.

The course was brought on by an initiative from the Siena Heights University Student Government as a way to get students outside and active. Disc golf is an approachable activity for all students, including those who are playing for the first time or those who have become more competitive in disc golf by playing more frequently. The 12-hole course takes its players throughout campus, and there is a possibility that six more holes may be added in the future, depending on the traction the current course gains. For those interested in playing, there are discs available for free rental in the Hub.

Of the new disc golf addition, Student Government Vice President, Hannah Thomas, said: "The disc golf course located across the Siena Heights University campus is a great addition to encourage students to hang out on campus and go outside. When the idea was brought up last year at one of our student government meetings, we all knew it would be such a great way for students to gather and have fun. Student Government strives to not only be the voice of the students, but also to add campus enhancements to enrich the Siena Experience!" In addition to the disc golf course, the SHU Student Government has initiated two other campus enhancements in the last year—the first was the implementation of hammocks on campus, and the other was renovating the Ledwidge community

kitchen. These additions are valuable contributions to improving the experience of students on-campus, and Siena Heights University is proud to support these continuous advancements.



From the Heights

CAMPUS ADDITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Siena Heights Named as a 2022-2023 College of Distinction

Siena Heights University has once again been recognized by Colleges of Distinction, a unique guide for college-bound students. Siena Heights University was named a 2022-2023 College of Distinction, Michigan College of Distinction, and Catholic, Business, and Education College of Distinction.

"We are thrilled to once again have this recognition," said Siena Heights University President Sister Peg Albert, O.P. Ph.D. "At Siena Heights we are student-driven in everything that we do, and to have this confirmed by the Colleges of Distinction is very gratifying."

Colleges of Distinction believes that a thorough selection process requires in-depth research and detailed interviews with the schools, accepting only those that adhere to the Four Distinctions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes. These distinctions are informed by the High-Impact Practices that prioritize the ways that institutions ensure students have a fulfilling, individualized college experience in and out of the classroom.



To earn the recognition, Siena Heights University demonstrated the following:

- **Engaged Students** — Students at Siena Heights University have the opportunity to take an active part in their own learning through common intellectual experiences supporting by a 12 to 1 student to faculty ratio.
- **Great Teaching** — Students at Siena Heights University have meaningful, life-shaping interactions with faculty in First-Year Experience, collaborative assignments, and projects.
- **Vibrant Community** — Creating connections with peers and faculty in and out of the classroom is an important part of a well-rounded college experience. Siena offers service and community-based learning to help students find a sense of belonging and meaning throughout their undergraduate years.

Successful Outcomes — Siena's undergraduate experience, which includes research, internships, Capstone Courses and more, prepares students to graduate successfully and for a fulfilling life after graduation.

SHU Dining Recognized in 'Best College Dining Halls' Article

Siena Heights University and its food service partner, SHU Dining, was recognized by the Colleges of Distinction organization's recent article entitled, "Best College Dining Halls," which was recently released on its website. SHU Dining, part of the Chartwells Higher Ed company, was recognized for its service during the COVID-19 pandemic, including its take-out options as well as hand delivering meals to students quarantined on campus. The Colleges of Distinction article also recognized SHU Dining for coordinating its menu for special occasions like Black History



THREE NEW DEDICATIONS ON ADRIAN CAMPUS

Siena Heights dedicated the Patricia A. Erickson Enrollment and Welcome Center, The Joseph K. McLaughlin Baseball Stadium, and the Chaos Trinitas Installation in the 2021-2022 school year. The Erickson Center and Chaos Trinitas Installation dedications were planned for the previous fall but were canceled due to COVID restrictions. The McLaughlin Baseball Stadium is being named through a gift which will fund the completion of the renovation of the Christensen Memorial Softball Field.



Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Thanksgiving. SHU Dining has also worked to help the less fortunate in the Lenawee community. The article also cited one of SHU Dining's longtime employees, Sandy Vanderlaan, who recently received an Honorary Alumni Award from the university for her personalized service to students, faculty, and staff over her 35-year-plus career. Siena Heights was one of 15 dining halls nationally recognized in the article, and the only institution in Michigan.

SHU Global's MSN Program Receives Accreditation from CCNE

SHU's Master of Science in Nursing program recently received a five-year accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The accreditation will be through Dec. 31, 2026. The SHU Global MSN program was considered by the CCNE Board using the CCNE Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs (2018). At its October 2021 meeting, the Board determined that SHU's MSN program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

SHU RANKINGS

Siena Heights University Nursing Program Ranked #24 by Nursing School Almanac

Siena Heights University (SHU) Nursing Program was recently ranked #24 in the state of Michigan by Nursing School Almanac.

For the 2022 rankings, the research team at Nursing School Almanac collected data on nearly 3,000 nursing schools and campuses throughout the United States. Of the 3,000 nursing schools evaluated, only 40% made the final list. The mission at Nursing Schools Almanac is to provide aspiring nurses a detailed, comprehensive, and analytical resource for selecting their future nursing school. An integral part of this effort is their annual rankings of the best nursing schools in the country.

Each nursing school was evaluated on three dimensions:

- The institution's academic prestige and perceived value (50% of overall score).

- The breadth and depth of nursing programs offered (20% of overall score).
- Student success, particularly on the NCLEX licensure examination (30% of overall score).

Most recently, the May 2022 nursing graduates of SHU have a 100% first-time NCLEX exam pass rate.

Siena Heights Director of Nursing, Joanne Yastik, Ph.D., RN, CNE, said, "Students seeking a nursing program have many options, especially at the RN to BSN or MSN levels. Siena Nursing is very appreciative to receive this recognition. Being nationally ranked speaks to our curriculum, as well as the quality instruction provided by our faculty, both in person and online. We encourage prospective students to visit our campus, speak with a nursing recruiter, take a virtual tour, and experience the 'Siena Effect' for themselves!"



2023 U.S. News and World Report Ranking

For the tenth consecutive year, Siena Heights University's undergraduate Online Learning Program was ranked nationally by the U.S. News and World Report. Additionally, for the seventh consecutive year, Siena Heights was the top-rated in Michigan among all institutions.

Siena Heights tied for 30th among all public and private institutions and sixth among private institutions. Siena Heights was also the first Catholic institution to make an appearance on the list. In addition to its Online Program taking 30th, Siena Heights was also ranked 26th in the nation in the Best Online Bachelor's Program for Veterans category. That was also the highest ranking by a Michigan college or university in that category.

"Our Online Learning Program continues the standard of excellence that we expect at Siena Heights," said SHU President

Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D. "To be ranked nationally for ten consecutive years, as well as the top-rated in Michigan for seven straight years, is quite an accomplishment. We know our Online Learning Programs consistently deliver excellence and value to students. Siena Heights is extremely proud of this honor, and I would like to congratulate our faculty and staff on this prestigious ranking."

U.S. News and World Report's methodology included student engagement, faculty credentials and training, expert opinion, and student services and technology to determine the rankings. The publication released its 2023 Best Online Bachelor's Programs rankings on January 24.

"Now more than ever, students are in need of a quality online educational experience, and for more than ten years, we have systematically invested in creating and maintaining an online program worth of this recognition," said Cheri Betz, Ed.D., Executive Vice President. "The U.S. News and World Report ranking provides current and potential students with an assurance that as an online student at Siena, they will be in a learning environment intentionally designed for student success."

Siena Heights also ranked first nationally in faculty credentials and training with a perfect 100 score, and ninth in student engagement, according to the publication.

Siena Heights has offered online bachelor's degree completion programs in selected majors since 2004. Here is how Siena Heights' undergraduate Online Learning Program has been ranked nationally over the years by U.S. News and World Report:

- 2014: 131st
- 2015: 25th
- 2016: 72nd
- 2017: 24th
- 2018: 23rd
- 2019: 29th
- 2020: 33rd
- 2021: 34th
- 2022: 35th
- 2023: 30th

Siena Heights University is proud to receive a distinction as tremendous as that from the U.S. News and World

Report, and extend a sincere congratulations and thank you to all involved in supporting our top-notch Online Program.

SHU's Undergraduate Online Program Ranked First in Michigan by Plexuss

At the end of 2021, Siena Heights University's undergraduate Online Learning Program was ranked first in Michigan and 36th nationally by Plexuss, The Student Opportunity Network.

According to Plexuss, the rankings are based on reputable ranking sources and elements that impact adult students the most.

"We know our Online Learning Program continues the standard of excellence that we expect at Siena Heights," said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D. "I would like to congratulate our faculty and staff who have worked so hard to build such a quality program."

With key factors such as graduation rates, new graduate debt, ease of transfer and salary potential, Plexuss' said its ranking sources take into consideration the most important elements that impact adult students the most. For 2020-21, it has utilized the following sources to come up with the Best Online Colleges:

- U.S. News' Best Online Bachelor's Programs (50 percent)
- Washington Monthly's Best 4-Year Colleges for Adult Learners (25 percent)
- PayScale's Best Universities for a Bachelor's Degree (25 percent)

For colleges or universities to be included in the Plexuss rankings, they must be featured by either U.S. News or Washington Monthly.

Siena Heights has offered online bachelor's degree completion programs in selected majors since 2004.

"We are pleased to be recognized by Plexuss," said Cheri Betz Ed.D., SHU's Executive Vice President, "This acknowledgment further solidifies the quality, value, and reputation of a Siena education."

In addition, Siena Heights' criminal justice program was also ranked fourth in the State of Michigan, according to Plexuss' rankings.

Siena Heights University and Barry University Renew Master of Social Work Agreement

Siena Heights University (SHU) in Adrian, Michigan, has recently renewed a Master of Social Work (MSW) agreement with Barry University in Florida. This agreement allows for Siena graduates to receive a tuition discount on Barry University's MSW program.

Under the articulation agreement, recent SHU graduates are eligible to receive a 20% discount on Barry University's posted tuition rates for their MSW program. The renewed agreement now allows both in-person and online students to receive this discount—an opportunity that was previously only offered to in-person students. This discount cannot be applied to additional costs such as late registration fees, online course fees, books, and other course materials or required expenses. To qualify for this discount, the Siena alumni must have graduated within the last three years.

Receiving a Master of Social Work degree helps prepare students for practice in clinical settings and at a macro-level. The addition of this degree often opens opportunities for extra education, licensure, and certifications, which can help individuals get hired into positions that are above entry-level. In doing so, MSW-obtaining individuals' prospective salaries are increased by approximately \$10,000, as indicated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Of the renewed agreement, President of Siena Heights University, Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D., said: "As a proud graduate of Barry University's School of Social Work, I am so pleased that we are renewing our agreement for the master's degree in Social Work for our undergraduate majors in the social work field. Our mission and values are similar to Barry's, and I am happy that our students can continue in that tradition. Both universities are sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, a heritage that both institutions cherish."

Barry University was established by the Adrian Dominican Sisters in 1940. It is a Catholic institution rooted in liberal arts tradition. The core values of Barry University include commitments to knowledge and truth, inclusive community, collaborative service, and social justice. As a result, the MSW Programs available through Barry—and now Siena Heights students—keep these core values at the heart of each class. In doing so, Barry University strengthens students' skills in relationships, communication, critical thinking, and organization.

"Our partnership with Siena Heights University will provide more students the opportunity to prepare for high-demand careers in this field," Barry University President Mike Allen said. "Barry's School of Social Work teaches students to comprehensively approach the most pressing issues of the day from a broader, more holistic perspective that includes mental health, community health and social justice."

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Siena Heights University has articulated several agreements with various institutions to help create educational opportunities for students from all walks of life. Whether someone is a traditional student, transfer student, or working student, SHU has worked hard to extend olive branches wherever possible.

Over the last few years, Siena Heights has become educational partners with:

- Washtenaw Community College
- Owens Community College
- Wake Technical Community College
- Stark State College

In the agreement with Washtenaw Community College (WCC), Siena Heights formalized an articulation agreement creating a seamless transfer path for WCC registered nursing graduates to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree online with SHU. The agreement is designed to provide WCC RN graduates equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid. Therefore, credits completed at Washtenaw Community College will transfer toward a SHU baccalaureate degree. Additionally, the articulation agreement also provides eligible full-time WCC employees a discounted tuition rate for SHU undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

In the agreement with Owens Community College, Siena ensures that Owens Community College students will have an easy transfer path to complete their bachelor's degree online with SHU. The articulation agreement is designed to provide Owens Community College graduates equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid. Credit completed at Owens will transfer toward a SHU baccalaureate degree in Applied Science, Business Administration, and Community and Human Services. Of this agreement, Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D., said: "We are pleased to offer Owens Community College graduates the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degree online with Siena Heights University. We are excited about this collaboration with Owens Community College."

As educational partners with Wake Technical Community College, Siena Heights University agreed to create a seamless transfer path for graduates of Wake Tech's Associate in Applied

Science in Electroneurodiagnostic Technology to complete their Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Neurodiagnostic Technology with SHU Global online. The articulation agreement is designed to provide Wake Technical Community College graduates equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid. Credit completed at WTCC will transfer towards a SHU baccalaureate degree. In addition, the articulation agreement also provides eligible full-time Wake Technical Community College employees an \$80 per credit hour discount for SHU undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Finally, in their agreement with Stark State College, Siena Heights University and Stark State College signed agreements for the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) and RN-BSN degree completion programs. Under the agreement, Siena ensures Stark State students a smooth transition of transfer of credit and allows employees of Stark State a tuition discount for Siena's various degree completion centers and graduate college.

"We are pleased to offer Stark State College nursing graduates the opportunity to complete their RN-BSN degree online with Siena Heights University, as well as serve those students in with an allied health, or technical Associate degree in our BAS program," said Sister Peg. "We are excited about this collaboration with Stark State College and look forward to working together."

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Outside of the partnerships Siena has fostered with other educational institutions over the last few years, SHU has also formalized several business-related agreements. These are especially beneficial to the working students of the world and those looking to further their degrees while in the workforce.

These agreements are created with SHU Global at the center. SHU Global offers bachelor's degrees in Applied Science, Accounting, Business Administration, Community and Human Services, Multidisciplinary Studies, Professional Communication, and RN to BSN, with master's degrees available in Business Administration, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Health Care Leadership, Higher Education Leadership, Nursing Leadership, and Organizational Leadership. With this wide variety of degree offerings, individuals are sure to find something relevant to their current



working role or may allow them to advance their position through obtaining a degree.

Additionally, SHU Global may accept up to 90 college credits toward a bachelor's degree from regionally accredited institutions. Credit is also awarded for military and workforce training, professional licenses, and certifications.

Siena Heights was extremely proud to form partnerships with:

- Alliance Catholic Credit Union
- The City of Detroit
- The Michigan State Police

In the agreement with Alliance Catholic Credit Union (ACCU), Siena Heights University offers discounted tuition degree completion options and other educational opportunities to ACCU employees. Under the partnership agreement, ACCU employees will receive a tuition discount and will receive personalized advising and student success and career counseling from SHU Global, which houses the university's graduate and professional studies programs.

"The Alliance Catholic Credit Union and Siena Heights University have had an outstanding relationship, and we are excited to finalize this business partnership that will offer educational opportunities to ACCU," said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D. "We look forward to continuing this productive relationship that will ultimately benefit ACCU employees and their families."

In addition to the agreement contracted between the ACCU and Siena, SHU also announced an agreement with the City of Detroit. Under the business partnership, Siena Heights University will offer discounted tuition degree completion options and other educational opportunities to Detroit's employees: a number totaling over 8,000! With over 45 years of experience education working adult students in the metro Detroit area, SHU is excited to offer a tuition discount, as well as personalized advising, student success, and career counseling to City of Detroit employees.

The final and most recent business partnership that was formalized was between Siena Heights University and the Michigan State Police. Under this partnership agreement, qualified Michigan State Police employees will receive a tuition discount and will receive personalized advising, as well as student success and career counseling from Siena Heights.

Dr. Juli Liebler, Ph.D., Deputy Bureau

Director Professional Development Bureau of The Michigan State Police said, "Career-long learning has never been more important than in today's policing environment, and we're pleased to offer this advanced education opportunity to our employees."

Each of these opportunities extended to the working student allows individuals to grow their educational accomplishments, with the intent that it will help them grow their career accomplishments, as well. Each of these agreements are arranged through SHU Global, Siena Heights University's top-ranked Online Learning Program.

"We are proud of our nationally recognized Online Program," said Cheri Betz, Ed.D., Executive Vice President. "Our programs are designed to meet the needs of working students seeking to advance their careers by acquiring new skills and abilities needed for today's workforce."

STAFF AND FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As always, Siena's top-notch faculty has devoted themselves to remaining busy both in and out of the classroom. There have been several publications of research, papers, poems, and other accomplishments that serve as a testament to the quality of individuals enriching our students and community.

Since 2021, the faculty members from the Siena Heights community have accomplished the following:



Dr. Julius Nagy, Associate Professor of Chemistry, had an article on the value of a liberal arts education published on "Inside Higher Ed" in September 2022.



Dr. Thomas Wassmer, Professor of Biology, had the opportunity to interview with Sustainable Business Network (SBN) Detroit on the "Role of Southeast Michigan Colleges and Universities in Sustainability." The interview was published in an online article, where the SHU Sustainability program was one of three institutions showcased.



Joseph Raab, Professor of Religious Studies, published the book "Opening New Horizons: Seeds of a Theology of Religious Pluralism in Thomas Merton's Dialogue with D.T. Suzuki."



Dr. Heather Moody, Professor of Environmental Science, had her paper "Lead Emissions and Population Vulnerability in the Detroit Metropolitan Area, 2006-2013: Impact of Pollution, Housing Age and Neighborhood Racial Isolation and Poverty on Blood Lead in Children" published in the scientific journal "International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health."



Dr. Karin Wraley-Barbee had two new poems published in the literary journal "Broadkill Review," and an additional poem published in "Cleaver Magazine." Wraley-Barbee also had three paintings featured in a group show at the Michigan Institute of Contemporary Art (MICA) in Lansing, Michigan.



Dr. Julie Barst, Professor of English, and Dr. Leland Harper, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, were invited to deliver a panel discussion titled: "The Role of Humanities in Diversity and Inclusion Programs" and the 2022 Hawaii University International Conferences' Arts, Humanities, Social Science, and Education Conference.



Dr. Leland Harper also released a new book, an edited volume called "The Crisis of American Democracy: Essays on a Failing Institution."



Dr. Krishanthi Weerasinghe, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, recently had her paper published in the scientific journal, "Chemical Physics Impact." Her paper was entitled "Coherently Degenerate State Engineering of Organic Small Molecule Materials to Generate Wannier Excitons."

TRIO

SHU Trio had an article published in "Environmental Justice." The University of Michigan's School of Public Health generated a one-page flyer from the journal article published by Heather Moody. The article was called "Water Shutoffs During Covid-19 and Black Lives: Case Study Detroit."

Additional awards were also given to the following faculty and staff at the 2022 Honors Convocation:

- Sister Jean Cecile Hunt Outstanding Advising Award: Gina Gudowski
- Staff Excellence Awards: Robin Rumler and Dan Yatzek
- Jack Bologna Innovative Teaching Award: David Lucas
- Staff Emerita: Mary Kruse
- Professors Emeritus/a: Dr. Carol Heimelhoch, Dr. Stephen Ball, and Dr. Carl Kaster

Faculty Emerita: Sister Sharon R. Weber, O.P., Ph.D.

SHU Awards Members of the Adrian Dominican Sisters General Council with Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters

Siena Heights University conferred honorary doctorates of humane letters to the members of the Adrian Dominican Sisters General Council during its commencement ceremonies on May 7 and 8, 2022.

Siena Heights University sought to recognize the founders of the university, the Adrian Dominican Sisters, with deep gratitude. This congregation, steeped in the Dominican charisms of prayer, study, community, and preaching, responded to the needs of young women by establishing a college so they could continue their education. In doing so, they planted and nurtured the seeds that have matured into fruitful graduates (including men since 1969) whose diverse gifts have blessed our world in a myriad of ways over the last century.

The variety of the talents of this group of leaders represents the diversity of gifts by which numerous Adrian Dominicans have served the University for more than a century.

Siena Heights President, Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D., said, "Each member of the General Council possesses expertise in given areas. They stand together to meet the needs of the poor, the marginalized and the degradation of our planet. Justice and peace are always utmost in their statements and actions."

The following women were honored:

- Sister Patricia Siemen, O.P., Prioress '72
- Sister Mary Margaret Pachucki, O.P., '71 Vicaress, General Councilor
- Sister Frances Nadolny, O.P., '72 Administrator, General Councilor

- Sister Patricia Harvat, O.P., General Councilor
- Sister Elise Garcia, O.P., General Councilor

RETIREMENTS

In the past few years, Siena Heights University has had many individuals occupy new roles to help support the University as it grows forward. At the same time, there have been others who have closed their chapter with Siena Heights, but their impact remains.

Retirements include:

- Dr. Steve Ball, Professor of Business Administration
- Dr. Carol Himelhoch, Professor Business Administration
- Annette Sanderson, Student Accounts
- Julie Ross, Associate Professor of Special Education
- Sister Sharon Weber, O.P., Ph.D. '69

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Honors Convocation Recognizes SHU's Best

Kara Bishop and Grant Vermilya were named the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award winners during SHU's annual Honors Convocation on April 29, 2022. Here are others who were recognized during the event:

- Thomas Emmet Award (top junior student-athletes): Peyton Banks (Women's Basketball); Davis Longyear (Men's Golf)
- Team Academic Award: Women's Soccer and Women's Cross Country
- Business and Management Division Outstanding Student: Charles Kraus
- Computer, Mathematics and the Sciences Division Outstanding Students: Dominic Fryman and John Applebee
- Teacher Education Division Outstanding Students: Kara Bishop and Marysa Prettyman
- Humanities Division Outstanding Students: Grace Balog, Alexia Ferguson, and Alexander Robertson
- Nursing Division Outstanding Students: Claire Beaudoin '22
- Social Sciences Division Outstanding Students: Samantha Hill and Grant Vermilya '22
- Visual and Performing Arts Division Outstanding Student: Lizette Nava
- St. Catherine of Alexandria Award (for junior leadership and service): Elizabeth Heintz

Cody Mathis Spotlight



Siena Heights University's Director of Accessibility, Cody Mathis, was named President of the Michigan Association on Higher Education and Disability (MI-AHEAD) Board. The organization supports professionals in higher education

who serve students with disabilities. MI-AHEAD is a state affiliate of AHEAD, which is the leading professional membership association for individuals committed to equity for persons with disabilities in higher education.

Mathis has been in the 'human service' industry, with a focus on disability-related work for nearly 20 years. The first half of her career was as an ASL Interpreter, working with all ages/stages. Then, she transitioned to the focus on advocacy and support of disabled persons through service at Lansing Community College as the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Coordinator and Executive Director of Hannah's House of Lansing. Currently, Mathis is the Director of Accessibility at Siena Heights University.

"I am, myself, a disabled individual, as are my four children and numerous family members, so disability activism is not a passion, it has been my life's work. I feel honored and excited about serving MI-AHEAD these next two years as part of this journey," said Mathis.

MI-AHEAD's purpose is to "strengthen the professionalism, expertise, competency, and effectiveness of personnel working with students with disabilities and promoting equity and opportunities for students with disabilities in higher education." Mathis continues, "It is my goal, as president to do just this. I look forward to leading the organization into the post-pandemic season, through servant leadership and collaborative efforts of an incredible board."

Michael Orlando, Vice President for Student Affairs at Siena Heights University, said, "Cody is an outstanding advocate for students and strong supporter throughout Siena Heights University. Her continued leadership in MI-AHEAD will surely advance their purpose to new heights as well."

As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." With the help of the MI-AHEAD Board and all the members, Mathis plans to champion inclusion in the Higher Education setting while continuing to grow as disability professionals. "I look forward to listening to the 'othered' voices in the Higher Education community (and beyond), promoting a greater focus on the intersectionality of disabled persons as part of our work with disabled students, and then how we, in our positions, can impact changes on our campuses."

Mathis obtained her BAS in 2010 from Dallas Baptist University in Psychology and American Sign Language and her MA from Liberty University in Human Services in Marriage and Family Therapy in 2012.

100% NCLEX Pass Rate for May 2022 Graduates

Siena Heights University is excited to announce that the May 2022 nursing graduates received a 100% first-time pass rate of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

Students achieving this honor include the following as well as other outstanding Siena Nurses:

- Claire Beaudoin '22, Livonia, MI
- Mackenzie Brown '22, Blissfield, MI
- Courtney Dolkowski '22, Dearborn Heights, MI
- Morgan Gardner '22, Adrian, MI
- Lauren Girson '22, Manchester, MI
- Madison Knapp '22, Adrian, MI
- Kaylee Scudder '22, Maumee, OH
- Lauren Southworth '22, Jacksonville, FL

The NCLEX is the standardized exam used by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to assess readiness to practice nursing after graduation from a nursing program. Passing the NCLEX signifies that the graduate has met the standard required to practice nursing safely and effectively at the entry level. The NCLEX tests candidates on how well they use critical-thinking skills to apply their knowledge to nursing situations and analyze what to do next. Essentially, the test measures how well a candidate thinks like a nurse.

"I am so proud of our 2022 pre-licensure nursing graduates for their achievement of a 100% first-time NCLEX pass rate. I know this success was bred from their hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout their nursing education program. This group of graduates endured through COVID challenges as well as significant curriculum and standards changes in nursing education. These graduates met every challenge and bested every increasing standard with the help and guidance of a skillful and talented group of faculty. The supportive and caring Siena nursing faculty worked equally hard to deliver a quality educational experience to our Siena nurses. I know the continued hard work and dedication on the part of faculty will drive current and future Siena nurses to similar levels of success" said Dr. Erin Horkey, Ed.D., MSN, RN, CNE, Associate Professor of Nursing and Pre-Licensure Program Coordinator at Siena Heights University.

Siena Heights Director of Nursing, Joanne Yastik, Ph.D., RN, CNE, said, "The first-time pass rate on the NCLEX is important to nursing programs as this is a key metric used by our accrediting agency to evaluate and a measure of effectiveness of our nursing program." The current pass rate nationally to date for baccalaureate prepared students is 85.59% from 26,167 testers (2022 NCLEX Pass Rates | NCSBN). A first-time pass rate of 100% is something to be celebrated. This is a huge accomplishment for our graduates, the faculty, staff, and for the university. We hope these students will think of us when they are ready to further their education at the master's level.

Shanterra Holmes Selected as the Recipient of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Student Service Award

SHU's Shanterra Holmes was the 2022 recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Service Award. Holmes was scheduled to receive the award at the Jan. 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, which was canceled due to COVID precautions. Holmes, a senior majoring in biology with a pre-med focus, is from Flint, MI. At Siena Heights, Holmes participates in Student Government, women's lacrosse, the Xi Omega Chapter of the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, and Club MED. She is also a McNair Scholar and a participant in the Student Support Services program. In addition, she has volunteered at the Lenawee Humane Society, the Fishes and Loaves food pantry, the Adrian Dominican Sisters Permaculture Garden, and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend graduate school and then medical school to pursue a career as an OB-GYN doctor in the area of health care equity. Congratulations, Shanterra, and thank you for all you have done for the Siena community!

2022 Student Leadership Recipients

We are thrilled to share the Student Leadership award recipients for 2022:

- Sister Carmelia O'Connor Outstanding Community Service Program Award: "Arts Influencing Change" by Adam Baker and Anjewel Leno
- Outstanding Educational Program: "Mistakes" by Griffin Yeater
- Outstanding Social Program: Student Support Services Peer Mentors: Brain Break Hannah Pennington, Jay Lugo, Maddie Parmelee, Jazmyn Buschman, Ashleigh Courington, Sierra Tennyson
- Most Valuable Officer: Julianne Lark, Student Government
- Advisor of the Year: Michael Orlando, Student Government
- Student Organization of the Year: Unofficial Spanish Club
- Mitchell Prater Halo Award: Mercedes Starr
- Saints Pride: Brenna Nurenberg

- Emerging Leaders: Rachele Lowery and Grace Balog
- Trudy McSorley Servant Leader Award: Elizabeth Heintz
- Legacy Award: Alexia Ferguson and Kristin Delclos
- Outstanding CAS Student Awards: Kara Bishop and Grant Vermilya

Additionally, congratulations to SHU's Mechanical Engineering Design Team seniors, Jorge Florencia and Daniel Vallejos, for their team's winning project and poster presentation at the University of North Dakota's Engineering Expo. Jorge and Daniel were paired with two students from the University of North Dakota's Mechanical Design program for a two-semester project where they built a prototype of a professional grade slushy machine. Their team won the Prototype category at the Expo. They were invited to present their work at a virtual competition on Friday, May 6.

Homecoming 2022

This past year, SHU's Homecoming Court was full of strong contenders, but only two were crowned: Alexia Ferguson and Hannah Thomas were selected as Siena's 2022 Homecoming Royalty!

Siena Heights University Announces Endowed Scholarship Gift from the Adrian Dominican Sisters

Siena Heights University received a \$1 million gift from the Adrian Dominican Sisters to endow scholarships for Black, Indigenous, People of Color.

Siena Heights University is proud to announce a \$1 million endowed scholarship gift from the Adrian Dominican Sisters to support students that are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. The Adrian Dominican Sisters Endowed Scholarship for Black, Indigenous, People of Color will be available to undergraduate students of color, with a preference to first year students. This is the third endowed scholarship gift exceeding \$1 million in the history of Siena Heights University.

Siena Heights University is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, and this gift will enhance the mission of both institutions. Siena's mission as a Catholic University founded and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, is to "assist others to become more competent, purposeful, and ethical in a teaching and learning environment which respects the dignity of all."

In the mission of Jesus, the Adrian Dominican Sisters serve as "bearers and recipients of HIS love, co-creators of his justice and peace." As Dominican preachers, they are "Impelled by the Gospel and outraged by the injustices of our day, [to] seek truth, make peace, and reverence life."

In making the gift, Sister Patricia Siemen, former O.P., Prioress, stated, "We make this investment out of love and support for the university our foremothers founded more than 100 years ago and for the



students who today are seeking Siena's outstanding values-based education. It is our intention in establishing this endowment to make reparation for our Congregation's participation in racism and to advance racial equality and transformative justice in our world."

"We at Siena Heights are so grateful to the Adrian Dominican Sisters for this wonderfully generous gift to support our students of color," said SHU President Sister Peg Albert O.P., Ph.D. "Siena's mis-

sion has always focused on respecting the dignity of all, and this gift is such an important means of advancing our mission in today's world. We are truly blessed by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, whose unwavering generosity continues to provide pathways for our students of color to bring positive change to our world."



Grants and Scholarships

Major STEM Grant from National Science Foundation

Siena Heights University (SHU) was recently awarded a six-year federal grant totaling \$1.5 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support low-income STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) students. SHU is the only private institution in Michigan to receive this NSF grant in 2022, and the award is the largest academic grant in university history.

The project aims to increase student persistence in STEM fields by linking scholarships with a holistic approach that uniquely integrates a four-year comprehensive research experience and positive psychology practices with other STEM supports to reduce stress and improve emotional wellbeing. The project intends to improve students' STEM identity and exposure to career paths by providing access to STEM professionals through alumni mentorships, internships, and career panels.

SHAPE STEM will address the national need for well-educated scientists, mathematicians, engineers, and technicians by supporting the retention and graduation of high-achieving, low-income students with demonstrated financial need.

5-Year Grant Renewal for Robert E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Program

SHU was awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Education to support the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Program.

On October 1, 2022, the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Program at SHU began its sixth, five-year grant cycle and the 31st year at SHU. SHU is one of six Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Programs in Michigan and prior to this cycle, one of only 187 programs in the United States. SHU's TRIO program grant for the McNair Scholars Program began in 1992, and since its establishment 30 years ago, the program has been able to support hundreds of scholars on their path to graduate school. The grant is hosted by Siena Heights University and serves eligible students at Siena Heights, Adrian College, and Aquinas College.

The McNair Program serves income-eligible, first-generation college students and students who are members of groups underrepresented in graduate education. Grants are awarded based on a competitive process, which includes a scored program proposal and points awarded for the program's successful attainment of program objectives over the past five years.



CELEBRATING THE *Sister Peg Effect* 17 Years of Transformation

By Madelyn Birmingham

The football team was losing, and Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D., was down by the field at halftime. She gave words of encouragement to each player as they passed by, trying to inspire them for the back half of the game. One of the players stopped, looked at her, and said: “Sister, I have to stop and thank you for saving my life.”

Sister Peg was confused, not recognizing the individual name or identity of this student. She replied: “How? Why do you say that?”

“My brother is in prison,” he said, “and I would’ve been there too had you not started football. Football saved my life. It’s given me a chance to do something differently than what I would’ve been doing before, and I just have to say thank you.”

It’s reasons like this that Sister Peg prefers to view her position as Siena Heights University’s president as a ministry, not a job. Now, as Sister Peg rounds out her 17th and final year at Siena Heights, she reflects on what inspired her to stay for as long as she did, how things have changed over the years, some of the most important memories she’s made, and what her hopes are for Siena’s next president. There was a common theme throughout: she serves people. In fact, her love of people has served as a guiding factor for Sister Peg’s life and career.

Having earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Wayne State University in

1975, Sister Peg’s first job was working with emotionally challenged adolescent girls—an experience she said she still regards as some of the fondest memories of her professional life.

Following the completion of her master’s and doctorate degrees in social work from Barry University, as well as post-doctoral work at the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard Graduate School of Education, she worked as a counselor for Barry. She remained at Barry for more than 20 years. By the end of her time there, she had moved into the administrative side of things—serving as the executive vice president for her mentor, then-Barry President Sister Jeanne O’Laughlin, O.P., Ph.D. In 2006, she became Siena Heights University’s 10th president despite having never anticipated becoming a college president.

In each of these positions, as well as her decision to become a sister, Sister Peg said that it has always been because of God’s calling, noting: “God has always been in my life, and I recognized that from a very young age.” She recounts memories as early as second grade, where a religious lifestyle was highly appealing to her, especially given her exposure to the Adrian Dominican Sisters throughout her elementary years. As she matured, she found that the Dominican way of life was one she wanted to live, and



entered the convent after her second year of college.

When Sister Peg began her leadership role at Siena Heights, many changes came with her, namely her “Be Bold and Think Higher” approach to her presidency. Regarded as a builder, Sister Peg helped spearhead unprecedented growth at the University. The Adrian campus added a multi-purpose stadium and athletic complex, which ushered in a football program as well as sports like bowling, lacrosse, cheer, men’s volleyball, wrestling, dance, and esports.

On the academic side, programs like nursing, band and choir, engineering, and a MBA were added. The University remodeled the former St. Joseph’s Academy, and now the McLaughlin Health Sciences and Education Building has some of the most state-of-the-art classrooms on campus.

Additionally, the McLaughlin University Center was dedicated and now serves as the student union and dining hall. The Spencer Performing Arts Center was completed, and the former nursing building was converted into the Patricia A. Erickson Enrollment and Welcome Center to give the Adrian campus a new “front door” for enrollment.

Of these accomplishments, Sister Peg simply said: “It was through the generosity of our donors that we were able to build these buildings, which serve as places to gather and create community.”

However, these accolades didn’t come up when asking Sister Peg about her notable achievements, because, “We never do anything alone. Others walk with us. These aren’t my accomplishments, they’re our accomplishments.”

Instead, what she’s most proud of are the connections she has made to the people she serves.

“The things I’m most proud of are the relationships I’ve made with people, and the relationships I’ve been able to establish with students over the years,” she said. “I’m proud of how I’ve been able to work with my team—the President’s Cabinet—and they’re all good people. Building that team has been important to me.”

In addition, Sister Peg prides herself on the open-door policy she has had since

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the beginning of her presidency. With each person who walks into her office—and across the graduation stage—they are met with a hug, which serves as a testament to the love and compassion she has for each member of the Siena Heights community.

As each class has walked across the graduation stage, Sister Peg has had the unique opportunity to see how the nature of higher education—and Siena, specifically—has shifted over the last 17 years. In the last few years, Sister Peg noted, higher education has changed drastically, as the demographic for traditional college students has decreased. Higher education has had to adjust—and Siena Heights University has done exactly that, with an increased development of SHU Global. What was once the College of Professional Studies and the Graduate College is now combined to offer a combination of online and on-site degrees and programs to post-traditional students. SHU Global's online program has received national accolades for the past decade under her leadership.

"Higher education needs to be flexible to those who desire education, perhaps in different ways than we have in the past," Sister Peg said.

She also said the Siena community in particular has embraced change as much as they can over the past 17 years, even when change is painful—and that isn't lost on her.

Despite the changing nature of higher education, Sister Peg said she believes one thing is timeless in value: a liberal arts education.

"A liberal arts education is important," she said. "The skills that are developed in liberal arts: communication skills, written skills, and being able to think analytically and work as a team member, are exactly the skills that are fostered through a liberal arts education. The liberal arts piece makes for a much more holistic kind of education that our students, country, and world needs."

She said her hope for Siena Heights is that it will always be a liberal arts institution, and that it will continue to be flexible to the needs of people while always having those core educational pieces that are so needed in our world today. In addition to the traditional college students, Sister Peg also



Sister Peg Albert Notable Accomplishments



2009

Siena Heights begins the Nursing Program, which now has pre-licensure, RN to BSN, and MSN programs.



2010

Siena Heights announces the start of a football program and would build a multi-purpose stadium and athletic complex to support the team.



2013

The McLaughlin University Center is dedicated thanks to the generosity of several benefactors. This facility is the hub of campus.



2016

Siena Heights reaches record enrollment on the Adrian campus, as enrollment surpasses more than 1,000 full-time undergraduate students.



2018

The Spencer Performing Arts Center opens to students and the community, modernizing the Siena Heights performing arts program.



2019

Siena Heights celebrates its 100th Anniversary with a year-long celebration spanning across Michigan.

CELEBRATING THE *Sister Peg Effect*



acknowledges the importance of professional education, and how that also benefits from liberal arts. She notes: “Professional education—which Siena Heights also offers—is enhanced by the liberal arts core component. They are not in opposition to one another, but work together for a holistic education.” In maintaining those core components, coupled with the interpersonal skills a liberal arts education fosters, Sister Peg said she wholeheartedly believes that Siena Heights graduates will continue to serve and better the communities around them.

The University’s continuous service and love for their communities is a major reason why Sister Peg said she chose to stay at Siena for so long. Her 17 years as president is over double the average tenure of a college or university president.

Sister Peg said there are certainly plenty of things she will miss as she moves past Siena Heights and into the next stage of her life. However, she will miss the people the most. While she admits she will also miss the activities and festivities, those things pale in comparison to how much she will miss the relationships she shares with students, staff, faculty, and friends of the University.

Her post-Siena plans include a year-long sabbatical, where she will go to Florida and spend time with her family and fellow Adrian Dominicans. She said she is looking forward to reconnecting with people and re-balancing her spirit. She hopes to do more reading and praying, and of course, wishes to visit the beaches of Fort Lauderdale. She notes that she is only retiring from Siena, and not from ministry, as a Sister’s ministry is never truly complete. Sister Peg said she trusts that wherever God calls her next, it will be the right thing for her at the right time.

What is one thing most people don’t know about her?

“I worry a lot,” she said. “I don’t always show it, but I do worry about our future and what higher education will be and become. I do firmly believe, though, that a liberal arts education is here to stay, because it brings so much richness to the individual’s lives as well as their employers.”

Instead of allowing these worries to consume her, Sister Peg said she resorts to a critical component of her life: prayer. “Prayer is such a vital part of my life, and that is such a vital part of my life—my ministry—here,” she said.

Sister Peg said she prays continuously for grace and wisdom, both in her leadership role at Siena Heights and in her personal life. Her worries turn to prayer, and that is what helps her get over that worrying.

“I know that it [the worry] is much bigger than I am, and that things can be put into God’s hands when I do my part,” she said. “I know that I am not alone, and that God

is walking with me.”

Sister Peg said she is actually a very shy person. While the job has thrown her into the limelight in many ways, she is looking forward to entering a sabbatical and reconnecting with the introverted side of herself, one that allows her to partake in reflection and contemplation away from the people-centric position of a university president.

As for the University’s next president, Dr. Douglas Palmer, Sister Peg has one wish.

“My hope for Siena’s next president is that he is way better than I ever was,” she said. “I want the next president to take his vision, and the vision of the team and University, and move it forward. I want him to make Siena better than it is today.”

While her—or, in her words, “our” accomplishments speak for themselves, she knows there is more to be done and always will be more to do at Siena Heights. However, she said she believes that now is the time for someone else to bring new ideas, new perspectives, and new energy to the position.

And in doing so, Siena Heights will continue to elevate in building communities of people who are competent, purposeful, and ethical.

“Siena is part of my heart, and always will be part of my heart,” Sister Peg said. “I love Siena, and I love the people at Siena. I love the people I’ve had the opportunity to meet—our donors, who have become friends in many ways—and the people who support us. I’m so grateful that each person I’ve met has believed in the mission. I am grateful to my Adrian Dominican Sisters who have supported me on my journey here at Siena. When I first came to Siena 17 years ago, I stated that I didn’t serve in my own name, but in the name of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. And, in the future, wherever that may be, I will continue to do so.”

Of the students at Siena Heights University, she said: “I love the students. When I’m with the students, they bring new life, and I see that in them. I see a lot of hope in them. Hopefully they can take our world and make it a better place.”



Saints Highlights

Women's Wrestling Team

Over the last few seasons, Siena student-athletes have faced a unique combination of events that radically changed their experiences. With the adjustments made on a state and global level as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, there were plenty of uncertainties on what athletics would look like in the coming years. In the last year, Siena has stepped back toward normalcy, and the student-athletes have stepped up their performances both inside and outside of the classroom.

Student GPA

There were 658 student-athletes reported at Siena Heights University for the Fall 2021 semester. The average grade point average (GPA) across over 20 athletic programs was a 3.17. The women's cross country and soccer teams tied for the highest GPA, with both teams clocking in an average of 3.69. The men's cross-country team sat second with a 3.56. Rounding out the top five were the women's volleyball team and men's golf team, each with a 3.52 GPA. Eight of the nine women's teams earned a 3.0 GPA or higher with an aggregate GPA of 3.39.

Addition of Women's Wrestling Program

Last year, Siena Heights University introduced its first women's wrestling program. The team has 16 student-athletes on its first squad from various states, including California, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee.

Chrenko and Syljebeck Honored as Coaches

On the staffing side of things, SHU Assistant Coach Sara Chrenko was named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association 2021 Assistant Coach of



the Year for the NAIA division. The award is presented to one associate head coach or assistant coach in each of the six membership divisions (NCAA DI, DII, DIII, NAIA, Two-Year College, and High School) who demonstrates a commitment to their program, their student-athletes, and their head coach; their impact coaching on the court; their mentorship and impact on other coaches; and their professional manner and attitude. She is the first member of the Siena Heights coaching staff to receive this prestigious award. Additionally, at the end of the 2021-2022 season, head coach Sue Syljebeck was one of the coaches featured on the Silver Waves Media list of Most Impactful Head Coaches in Women's NAIA Basketball. The list is compiled of coaches that complete the criteria of having five-plus years of head coaching experience and maintained 14 or more wins per season on average. Sue joins 50 of her peers on this list of Impactful Coaches. She was one of only two coaches in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) on the list.

Tim Ebbecke Hired as Men's Volleyball Coach



Earlier this year, Tim Ebbecke was hired as the head coach for the men's volleyball team. He is the fifth head coach in the history of the program. Ebbecke

comes to Siena Heights following a short stint at Elon University, where he was an assistant coach and the recruiting coordinator. Before Elon, Ebbecke was with The Citadel as an assistant coach for two years and was also on the Purdue University women's volleyball staff. While with the Bulldogs, he coached the team to a 2021 conference championship and its first NCAA postseason berth. The 2021 season was also the first winning record for the program and boasted the most consecutive wins and the first-ever first-team all-league award winners. "I want to thank the search committee and the players of this program for believing in me and my vision for this program," said Ebbecke. "I am really excited to take over a program that already has so many great pieces in place. This program has the ability to do something special, and I am ecstatic to be afforded this opportunity. I can't wait to hit the ground running and help take Siena Heights University Men's Volleyball to the next level."

Women's Volleyball Coaches Receive Honors



Women's volleyball assistant coach Corey Ness was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Midwest Region Assistant Coach of the Year. Ness has been a

member of the SHU coaching staff for two years, and is the first coach at SHU to receive the award since its inception in 2017. Ness was also awarded with the WHAC Assistant Coach of the Year.

Tim Bauer '82 Inducted to NAIA Hall of Fame



The Siena Heights University men's track and field team had a special honor to begin their 2021-2022 season. Head coach Timothy

Bauer was inducted into the NAIA Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2021, right around the time the men's team began their preseason conditioning. Bauer has been a part of the SHU community for over 40 years, stretching back to his time as a student-athlete, where he boasted an All-America Honorable Mention award in 1980. He graduated from SHU in 1982 and returned the following year as a graduate assistant. In 1984, he took over as the full-time head coach and began his impressive coaching career. In 1999-2000, Bauer was honored as the Siena Heights University Outstanding Alumni Award Winner. Bauer has spent his career making a positive impact on the student-athletes at SHU and has represented the world of sports on a local and national level. He has served as the President of both the NAIA Track and Field Association as well as the NAIA Cross Country Association.





Additionally, head coach Kim Berrington logged 600 career wins in the early part of the 2021 season, following a 3-0 sweep over Adrian College. The first 408 wins of her career came from coaching at Concordia and Eastern Michigan. Upon her arrival at Siena Heights, Berrington faced the challenge of coaching both the men's and women's volleyball teams. She led both squads for the first five years until a men's coach was brought on in the 2021 Spring season. During her first five years as the men's coach, Berrington racked up an 88-44 record to go along with the 103-72 mark for the women's team. This put her at 599-481 record coming into the 2021 Fall, where 600 career wins was quickly accomplished. She is the winningest coach in both the men's and women's program histories.

Al Sandifer '82 Inducted to Monroe Jefferson High School Hall of Fame



Former head coach of the golf program, Al Sandifer, was also inducted into the Monroe Jefferson High School Hall of Fame. Sandifer helped put Monroe Jefferson basketball on the map but was also a highly versatile athlete, lettering in track and field, football, and cross country. He was the 1976 team MVP for track, setting the school high jump record, and was also the 1975 Bears team MVP for cross country. Sandifer was a member of the school's first winning basketball team and set the Jefferson single-season scoring record as a senior in

1975-76 when he was All-Huron League, All-Region, and All-Metro Downriver. These accolades, as well as what he has done to improve the athletics at Siena Heights on a basketball, softball, and golf-level all contributed toward this impressive achievement. The 2021-2022 season served as Sandifer's last season as the golf head coach, but he still serves the athletics department on an administrative level.

Heath Retires from Dance/Cheer, Liz Teague '17, '20 Hired as New Coach



The Siena Heights University cheer team—one of the three coed sports on campus—experienced a change in coaching during the 2021-2022 season. Angie Heath stepped away from the SHU Community in late fall of 2021, after serving as the only coach for both the cheer and dance teams since 2012. In her tenure, Heath led one cheerleader to a first-team NAIA All-America selection and another one in the NAIA All-America honorable mentions for cheer. She also molded 2017 Cheerleader of the Year Kourtney Ouellete while leading many others toward first and second-team All-WHAC and academic awards.

The cheer squad has qualified for the NAIA National Tournament twice in program history under Heath—appearances that resulted in 11th and 12th place showings. The Saints also boast two top-five finishes in the CANAM National Championships. Heath has had a prominent role in the world of cheer, as she has served on the NAIA National Committee for cheer.



Heath was replaced by head coach Liz Teague '17, '20 who's history with Siena Heights is extensive and impressive. Teague has been involved with the Saints cheer program since 2013, when she was a student-athlete on the team. She graduated in 2017 and was a graduate assistant until 2020. She spent one season (2020-2021) as the assistant coach before transitioning into the interim head coaching role after Heath resigned.

Teague was a four-year member of the competitive cheerleading squad as a student-athlete and has been part of the SHU cheer and dance programs for nine of the ten seasons the program has existed. In October 2020, Teague was selected to the ten-member Siena Heights Cheerleading All-Decade team in honor of her contributions as an athlete. She graduated from SHU with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and earned her Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in 2020.

SHUSPY's

The Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) returned to a fully in-person hosting of the SHUSPY's, a Siena athletics-based award show that highlights the accomplishments of the various teams and athletes on campus. The event had 17 different categories where coaches nominated athletes and accomplishments they found fit the criteria. The winners were as follows:

- Male Athlete of the Year: Kole Murlin, Football
- Female Athlete of the Year: Marissa Young, Women's Soccer

- Best Individual Achievement: Cole VanWassenova, Baseball
- Best Team Moment: Men's Golf
- Best Play: Davis Longyear, Men's Golf
- Biggest Underdog Upset: 4x800 Relay consisting of Abdullah Nassr, Cedric Grant, Joshua Cundy, and Jacob Harberts, Men's Track and Field
- Biggest Comeback: Men's Volleyball
- Halo Award: Brenna Nurenberg, Softball
- Best Team Supporter: Madelyn Birmingham, Women's Track and Field
- Most Supportive Team: Men's Lacrosse
- Most Supportive Faculty Member: Regina Dunn, Admissions
- Male Comeback Player of the Year: Adam Wilding, Baseball
- Female Comeback Player of the Year: Alli Conly, Women's Volleyball
- Coach of the Year: Corey Ness, Women's Volleyball
- Male Rookie of the Year: Jacob Harberts, Men's Track and Field/Cross Country
- Female Rookie of the Year: Kennedy Hyde, Women's Soccer
- Team Community Impact: Women's Lacrosse.

Baseball

The SHU Baseball team had a few distinct honors over the course of the 21-22 season. The team's overall record was 18-33. At the end of the season, the NAIA announced the 2022 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes and NAIA Scholar Team Awards. The baseball team had a tremendous 20 athletes



DAKTRONICS NAIA SCHOLAR ATHLETES AND TEAMS

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

- MINIMUM GPA OF 3.5
- APPEAR ON ELIGIBILITY SPORT CERTIFICATE
- ATTEND TWO FULL YEARS AS A NON-TRANSFER OR ONE FULL YEAR AS A TRANSFER

TEAM SCHOLAR REQUIREMENTS

- MINIMUM GPA OF 3.0 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR



from the 2021-2022 team earn these distinctions—this was the most out of any team honored by the NAIA.

The following Saints earned the award: Zach Bloom, Cameron Hammer, Cody Henderson, Deven Hill, Christian Jabiro, Ethan Lajiness, Thomas Lenek, Ken Layman, Matt Love, Collin Mong, Aiden Nighswander, Anthony Scali, Jakob Scroggie, Nolan Smigiel, Brad South, Andrew Stoll, Ryan Sullivan, Parker Swartz, Cole Van Wasshenova, and Chris Winkelman.

Third baseman Cole Van Wasshenova was awarded the Rawlings Gold Glove Award for the NAIA with a fielding percentage of .984. The NAIA Gold Glove team is selected by the NAIA Baseball Coaches Association All-America Committee. Each of the nine members is chosen based on their defensive success. VanWasshenova is the fourth SHU baseball player to receive a national gold glove honor. In addition to that, he was the only player from the WHAC to make the 2022 Gold Glove team.

Parker Swartz, one of the pitchers on the team, was the SHU representative on the Champions of Character team, and also made the WHAC All-Academic squad.

Softball

The Siena Heights softball team went 21-20 for the 2022 season, with several accolades and accomplishments on both a team-and-individual level. There were 12 NAIA Scholar Athletes—Chloe Bowers, Ally Frank, Lily Guerra, Sam Hill, Alexis Hirst, Julia Hogston, Janelle Krueger, Kat Moreau, Brenna Nurenberg, Lyndsey Pena, Sam Spicer, and Emily Spinek—which lent the team to receiving its 13th straight and 14th overall award as a NAIA Scholar Team. The team GPA was logged as a 3.55, which was the eighth best team in the NAIA as a National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Scholar Team. There were 13 NFCA Scholar Athletes: Lily Guerra, Sam Hill, Alexis Hirst, Julia Hogston, Brenna

Nurenberg, Lyndsey Pena, Emily Spinek, Chloe Bowers, Courtnee Chappetta, Lauren Dioszegi, Taylor Eppard, Abby Fisher, and Shyann Traux.

Senior infielder Sam Hill was named to The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) 2022 Academic All-America® softball NAIA team. Hill was listed among the top 23 players in the NAIA and was selected to the second team. Hill finished her fourth year as the lead-off hitter for SHU, and led the team with 55 hits while earning a .387 average. She had two doubles, 23 stolen bases, and three home runs. She was sixth in the WHAC for stolen bases and eighth in hits. She was also honored with the CoSIDA Academic All District award for the second time in her collegiate career.

Kelsey Uhl and Courtnee Chappetta were selected for the first Team All WHAC, and Sam Hill was named to the second Team All WHAC.

The athletes recognized as Academic All WHAC recipients included Kiley Elbaor, Lily Guerra, Sam Hill, Alexis Hirst, Julia Hogston, Janelle Krueger, Milah Loose, Brenna Nurenberg, Lyndsey Pena, Hannah Pennington, and Sam Spicer. Spicer—a catcher for SHU softball—was given the Champions of Character All WHAC award.

Additionally, in the summer of 2022, additional renovations were completed at the Christensen Softball Field. Lights were added to the facility along with stadium seating and a building with an office, a press box, and restrooms. An upgraded infield surface was also installed in the summer.

Men's Basketball

Last year, Siena Heights finished 8-20 overall and 5-15 in conference play. As a result, the Saints finished ninth in the standings.

During the course of the season, guard Curtis Bell III was named the WHAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week following a cross-town victory over Adrian College. Bell scored a career high of 30 points and had 11 rebounds. With these major contributions to the game, SHU was able to win the Milk Jug for the first time in three years. This was the first time Bell received the WHAC player of the week award, and was the first and only Saint to receive it for the 2021-2022 season.

In addition to the 73-69 win over crosstown rival Adrian College, other notable wins for the Saints included a blowout win over University of Michigan-Dearborn, where the Saints won 92-69.



This was their first conference win of the season, and scored 51 points in the second half to secure their win. Kevin Rice lead the team with 23 points and six rebounds. Curtis Bell III returned to the floor and scored 13 points, had five assists, and six rebounds. Davin Walker also finished in double-digits with 12 points. Walker was one rebound shy of a double-double on the day. Max Moratinos contributed eight points and snagged five rebounds, as well.

The Saints would beat UM-Dearborn at home later in the season, scoring 88 points to UMD's 72.

Women's Basketball

The Siena Heights University Women's Basketball team had a highly successful season for 2021-22 with a record of 24-8. In the WHAC, they were 15-5.

At the beginning of the season, there were six Saints honored as 2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes, and the women's team as a whole was honored as a Daktronics Scholar Team. The following Saints earned the award: Peyton Banks (first time), Marcia Hawkins Day (second time), Morgan Leppelmeier (first time), Brooke Madak (first time), Kelsey Wyman (second time), and Rebecca Zilka (first time). The team received their tenth NAIA Scholar Team Award for the ninth consecutive year. The cumulative GPA was a 3.21.

The SHU Women's Basketball Team had four wins under their belt before one of their players received the season's first WHAC distinction. Peyton Banks took the eighth weekly award of her career and would serve as the first of three through the 2021-2022 season. She received the same honor after another week of dominant performances, with an averaged double-double of 25.7 points per game and 10.7 rebounds per game. Banks' honors would not end at WHAC Players of the Week. For her third consecutive season, Banks was named as the WHAC Women's Basketball Player

of the Year. At the time of the selection, she had recorded 12 double-doubles, and lead the WHAC with 18.3 points per game and 532 total points. She ranked second in free throw percentage with an 87.5%, and was also second in rebounds per game, with an average of 9.3. Banks was third in field goal percentage with 51.0. Her impressive accomplishments would also earn her a WBCA All-America Distinction, and she would be named to the NAIA All-America Third Team. The Coaches' All-America team is selected by a committee of WBCA member coaches within the NAIA and consists of the ten best women's basketball players.



At the end of the regular season, Banks was first named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.

Men's Volleyball

The Siena Heights Men's Volleyball Team had an overall record of 15-7 and a conference record of 7-5. As their season progressed, there were several Saints who were honored with various WHAC awards.

At the start of their season, the NAIA announced the 2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes and NAIA Scholar Team Awards. The SHU Men's Volleyball program had one student-athlete earn this distinction. The single saint to earn the award was Nathan Lee. This was his second time receiving this distinction.

Following their opening weekend, Zak Turner was named the WHAC Setter of the Week. During his debut, Tucker totaled 139 assists through the opening four matches, helping the Saints to finish 4-0 at the MMVI Tournament held at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids, MI. A few weeks later, Turner earned the same distinction. Turner would earn this award one more time during his freshman season, but had two other accomplishments to add to his list: national recognition as the NAIA Setter of the Week as he hit 50 assists in a single match—a feat that bumped him up to rank second in the WHAC—and then took his place as the WHAC Setter of the Year.

In addition to Turner's accomplishments, other Saints began to shine as the season progressed. SHU senior libero Joudiel Poveymirow was named the WHAC Men's Volleyball Defender of the Week in early February, following an impressive performance with 34 digs in two matches for a 4.86 digs/set mark. This was the third time in Poveymirow's career that he earned this distinction.

Senior Ramon Matos was also honored with his first WHAC recognition, where he was given the WHAC Attacker of the Week in late February. Matos tied his career-high of 23 kills and recorded his first double-double of the season. He recorded a team-high of 5.43 kills per set while finishing the week with a .342 hitting percentage.

These three athletes demonstrated commitment and consistency, which lent them all to receiving distinct WHAC awards at seasons-end. As mentioned previously, Zak Turner was named WHAC Setter of the Year. Joudiel Poveymirov earned his second-consecutive WHAC libero of the year, and Ramon Matos earned the Newcomer of the Year award. Turner and Poveymirov earned second-team All WHAC honors, and Matos was given a spot on the first team All WHAC roster. Turner was also earned a spot on the All-Freshman squad.

Nathan Lee made the all-academic list, while Max Moratinos was the SHU representative for the Champions of Character list.



Women's Volleyball

The SHU Women's Volleyball Team had an impressive 19-9 record for the 21-22 Academic Year, with several individual accomplishments. In WHAC play, they were 13-7, which ranked them fourth in the Conference.

The athletes on the team experienced a plethora of successes and acknowledgments throughout the duration of the season. In one week, the Saints swept the WHAC player of the week awards, with Katie Carsten earning attacker of the week, Aubrey Bates claiming setter of the week, and Payton Osborne tabbing defender of the week. This was the first week award for each of these players, but not the last. Aubrey Bates was named setter of the week three times and was then named as the WHAC Setter of the Year. Throughout the duration of the season, Bates also marked 1,000

career assists and was named to the Midwest All-Region Team.

Payton Osborne went on to secure one more WHAC Defensive Player of the Week award during the 21-22 season.

At seasons-end, 11 saints were honored with various WHAC Awards. As previously mentioned, Aubrey Bates claimed one of the highest honors as the Setter of the Year. Bates also made the first-team All-WHAC squad alongside Aline Marinelo. Janel Ruhlman and Olivia Norman were both named on the second team All-WHAC. Norman was also featured on the All-Newcomer team, and Ruhlman and Marinelo were All-Academic selections.

Additional members of the team who received All-Academic honors included Claire Beaudoin, Alli Conly, Courtney Dolkowski, Megan McBee, Victoria Nerkowski, Karsyn Wolf, and Sammy Huddleston. Huddleston was also selected as the Saints representative for the Champions of Character Team.

Men's Track & Field

The men's program began their season at the Saginaw Valley State Holiday Open and Multis. While there, two individuals qualified for the NAIA Indoor National Championship Meet: Zachary Gipple, who won the shot put with a throw of 16.33m (53'7"), and Matthew Gipple, who qualified two events—long jump and the 60m dash. In the 60m dash, Gipple ran a 6.89, and hit a mark of 7.09m (23'3.25") in long jump. Both Gipple's hit A-standard in their respective events. Following his impressive debut at SVSU, Matthew Gipple was awarded with the WHAC Indoor Men's Track Athlete of the Week. A week later, he would receive the WHAC Indoor Men's Field Athlete of the Week distinction after repeating two A-standard performances at Tiffin University. This mark would rank him fifth in the NAIA in long jump. He would receive the WHAC Field Athlete of the Week one more time during the indoor season following another impressive win at SVSU with a long jump distance of 7.14m.

In addition to Gipple receiving the Field Athlete of the Week award, senior Davion Curry also received this distinction later on in the season.

First-year runner Jacob Harberts would also receive the WHAC Indoor Men's Track Athlete of the Week award following a meet at the Red, White, and Blue Track Classic in Ypsilanti.

At the WHAC Indoor Conference Championship, the Saints walked away



with a third-place finish. There were three events that took home first-place finishes, including long jump (Davion Curry), shot put (Zachary Gipple), and the 4x800m relay (Abdullah Nassr, Jacob Harberts, Cedric Grant, and Joshua Cundy). All-Academic awards were given to Joel Koshko, Jay Moore, and Timothy Werner. Jason Baird was the Saints recipient of the WHAC Champions of Character Award.

The Saints had seven athletes take a trip to the NAIA Indoor National Championship, including Matthew Gipple (60m, long jump), Zachary Gipple (shot put), Davion Curry (long jump, triple jump), Jacob Harberts (mile, 4x800m relay), Abdullah Nassr (4x800m relay), Joshua Cundy (4x800m relay), and Cedric Grant (4x800m relay). Matthew Gipple, Zachary Gipple, and the 4x800m relay team all earned All-American honors, with Matthew taking eighth place, Zachary taking fourth, and the 4x800m relay team taking eighth place.

As they rolled into their outdoor season, Zachary Gipple qualified for the NAIA Outdoor National Championships in the shot put, hitting a provisional qualifying mark at the outdoor season opener. Following this performance, Z. Gipple received the WHAC Men's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Week award. In the same week, Jacob Harberts received the WHAC Men's Outdoor Track Athlete of the Week distinction after winning the 1500m run with a 4:01.98 and finishing fourth in the 800m with a 1:59.59. Z. Gipple would add two more WHAC Men's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Week honors to his final outdoor season, as well.

In addition to Zachary Gipple receiving the WHAC Field Athlete of the Week award, Noah Cunningham would add this accolade to his status as a National Qualifier. Cunningham received the WHAC Field Athlete of the Week distinction following a record-breaking performance in javelin at the Concordia (Mich.) Legacy Invitational. Cunningham logged a throw of 61.76m, re-hitting an A-standard and seeding him fourth in the NAIA for the event.

At the WHAC Outdoor Conference Championships, the Saints finished fourth with a total of 138.50 points. Timothy Werner was the conference champion in pole vault with a jump of 4.60m, and Cunningham took home first place in javelin. Cunningham also placed sixth overall in the 100m hurdles. Additionally, Jacob Harberts placed first in the 1500m run with a 3:58.20 and second in the 800m.

At the NAIA Outdoor National Championships, the team walked away with two All-Americans: Zach Gipple took eight place with a throw of 16.48m (54'1"), and Matthew Gipple took sixth in the long jump with a distance of 7.37m (24'2.25").

Women's Track & Field

The Siena Heights University women's track and field program had another successful season under head coach Kirk Richards, assisted by Jaymz Gibson, Rees Nemeth, Caden Conley, and Emily Stober (Couture).

In the early portion of the season, pole vaulter Tyler Fugate came out of the gates strong in the season opener at Saginaw Valley State University. At SVSU, Fugate broke Siena Heights' standing indoor pole vault record with a jump of 3.97m (13'0.25"), taking first at the meet and also securing herself a spot to the National Championship by hitting the NAIA Automatic Standard (A-Standard). Within one week, Fugate broke her own record at Tiffin University, where she vaulted 4.07m (13'4.25"), yet again winning the event and ranking her first in the NAIA for pole vault. Shortly after this, Fugate experienced an injury that would leave her sidelined for the remainder of the 2021-2022 season, though her current school record remains.



Samantha Nowell, another pole vaulter, also qualified for the National Championship Meet at that first meet at SVSU. While there, she took second place with a vault of 3.57m (11'8.5"), which

was an A-standard. She continued to improve over the course of the season, taking second at the Indoor Conference meet with a personal record of 3.62m (11'10.5").

In addition to Fugate and Nowell, the Saints had two other athletes qualify for the Indoor National Championship. Daijah Hill, a high jumper, hit the provisional standard with a jump of 1.65m (5'5"). At the Indoor Conference Championship, Hill took second place with a new PR of 5'5". The other athlete to qualify for Nationals was hurdler Faith Jackson. During the first meet of the season at SVSU, Jackson ran a personal best of 8.81 in the 60m hurdles—a mark that put her as another automatic national qualifier.

At Indoor Conference, the Siena Heights Women's Track and Field Team took fifth place with 58 points. Madelyn Birmingham was the recipient of the WHAC Champions of Character Award. WHAC All-Academic awards were given to Birmingham, Alexis Cordle, Brianna Hatfield, Emily Monroe, Samantha Nowell, Morgan Turk, Tyler Fugate, Baleigh Irelan, Kaylee Kneemiller, Samantha Scott, and Mollie Smith.

At the Indoor National Championship Meet, located in Brookings, South Dakota, the Saints came home with one All-American performance. Nowell, who entered the pole vault ranked eighth at 3.62m, came away with a fourth-place finish and a new personal best of 3.67m (12'0.5").

At the Outdoor WHAC Conference Championships, the Saints improved from their fifth-place finish at Indoor Conference to a fourth place finish Outdoor. They scored a total of 86.83 points.

Narpreet Singh was designated as the Saints recipient for the Champions of Character Award.

Throughout the duration of the outdoor season, the Saints qualified five athletes in three events for the NAIA National Championship Meet. Samantha Nowell qualified once again in the pole vault, and Faith Jackson qualified in both the 100m hurdles and the 4x100m relay. The 4x100m relay consisted of Elisa Blackman-Todd, McKenna Russell, Chelsea Short, and Faith Jackson. The group went down to Gulf Shores, Alabama for the competition.

Men's Cross Country

The men's cross country team, coached by Tim Bauer, started out the 2021-2022 season strong with a second-place finish

at the Concordia (Mich.) Invitational. They totaled a score of 44 points. Junior Liam Hartsuff was the first competitor to finish, taking first overall in 16:46.0, which was 12.2 ahead of the second-place finisher.

The men's team placed in various positions across many different meets, taking fifth at the Raider Knight Invitational, sixth at the Lansing CC Invitational, third at the Lourdes Terracotta Invite, and 12th in the Great Lakes Challenge White Race. At the end of the season, at the Conference Championship, the team took eighth place. Hartsuff was the top finisher for SHU with a 27:09, placing 30th overall. Jay Moore was 39th with a 27:56.5. Nathaniel Leupold finished the race at 28:04 (43rd), Colin Metzger in 29:14 (52nd), and Jacob Harberts in 29:17 (53rd). Additionally, Andrew Milosavljević and Jacob Sand came in 70th and 71st, with times of 31:36 and 32:35, respectively.

Hartsuff was selected as the SHU representative on the WHAC Champions of Character Team, and Moore earned a conference All-academic honor. Moore, accompanied by teammate Bradley Bauer, also received a 2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar Athlete Award.

Women's Cross Country

The Siena Heights Women's Cross-Country program found themselves working hard throughout the duration of their 2021-2022 season.

At the beginning of the season, there were two Saints honored from the previous season as 2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes. The two individuals to receive this distinction from the SHU Women's Cross team were Morgan Turk and Rachel Wiltse. This was Turk's first time receiving this award, and Wiltse's second.

The team itself was also awarded with their sixth NAIA Scholar Team Award, and second straight honor with a 3.76 team GPA. This was the ninth highest women's cross country team GPA in the NAIA.

During the season, front-runner Xochitl Garcia earned the WHAC Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week award, which came following her performance at the Lourdes Terracotta Invitational. Garcia took fourth in the race with a time of 20:21.1, which aided the Saints in a second-place finish at the meet. She was the top finisher out of all the NAIA cross country runners. This was the first and only WHAC Cross Country Award received by the Saints this season, but

was Garcia's second time receiving this distinction.

At season's end, at the WHAC Championship, the Saints took seventh place, passing teams such as Lourdes, Rochester, Concordia (Mich.), and Cleary. The Saints were one point behind Lawrence Tech, who had 194 points. The top five runners for Siena were Xochitl Garcia (19:21.5), Emily Monroe (19:55.6), Brianna Martin (20:39.9), Perla Reyes (20:46.9), and Isabelle Uganski (20:52.4). The placements were 20th, 31st, 51st, 53rd, and 54th, respectively, out of 101 runners in the Conference.

Garcia, Monroe, Morgan Turk, and Alexis Cordle were all members of the WHAC All-Academic squad, and Cordle also took home the WHAC Champions of Character Award.

Men's Lacrosse

The SHU Men's lacrosse program experienced a change of coaching for their 2021-2022, with SHU alum Spencer Macek taking over as head coach after the passing of Ed Maloney on June 8th, 2021. With a new coach and a young team—a consequence of coming out of two seasons heavily impacted by Covid-19—the SHU men's lacrosse team rose to the occasion and came through with a winning record of 10-4, and went 7-2 in the conference. Of these wins, some of the most notable included a seven-goal win over the No. 7 ranked Benedictine, a game winning goal in the last minute against Lourdes University, and another game winning goal in the last minute versus Aquinas in the conference tournament semifinals.

There were several weekly awards presented to various members of the men's lacrosse team throughout the duration of their season, with Jake Gallaher and Eric Csizmadia both logging two WHAC Offensive Player of the Week Awards. Additionally, Fernando Robison



was awarded the WHAC Defensive Player of the Week Award twice. In two weeks of the season, the Saints swept the Weekly WHAC Awards.



At seasons-end, both Gallaher and Robison were named as All-Americans. Gallaher earned the distinction of first Team All-American and first Team WHAC as a midfielder, whereas Robison was named to the second Team

All-American, 1st Team WHAC, and took the Defensive Player of the Year for the WHAC with his position as the team's faceoff specialist. Gallaher finished the year with 72 points (51 goals), which was second in the WHAC. He was a first-team All-WHAC selection in his freshman season (2019). He finished his fourth year with 165 points, 104 goals, 61 assists, and 196 ground balls. He ranked second in the SHU career records for ground balls and third all-time in points, goals, and assists. For Robison's first year on the SHU Men's Lacrosse team, he made a tremendous impact as the leading faceoff man. He won a league-leading 262-358 in faceoffs for an incredible 73.1% winning percentage. He also led the WHAC in ground balls, logging 198 throughout the duration of the season. These totals lead the entire NAIA.

Eric Csizmadia and goalie Vinnie Jean were named to the All-WHAC second team, with Csizmadia standing fifth in the league with 45 goals for the 2022 season. His 59 points were the second highest on the team, just underneath Gallaher, who had 51 goals. Jean ended the season with the highest save percentage (.627) in the WHAC with the second-most saves. He was also the only goalie in the conference to achieve ten wins in the net while holding the fourth-best goals-against average (9.13) in the league. His save percentage, saves, and wins were all ranked second on a national scale, and his goals-against average was 13th.

At the end of the season, Brandon Hammer, a first year student-athlete from Walled Lake, Michigan, was recognized as the Saint's representative for the WHAC Champions of Character Team.



Women's Lacrosse

The Siena Heights University Women's Lacrosse team stands at an overall record of 77-91, with the 2021-2022 record being 10-9. The team went 7-2 in the WHAC under head coach Alexa Matta.

As of last spring, the SHU Women's Lacrosse program had a cumulative GPA of 3.37. Within the past two seasons, the SHU Women's Lacrosse team has made two appearances to the NAIA National Championship Tournament. At the WHAC Championship in 2022, the SHU Women's Lacrosse played a one-point game against Lawrence Tech—a feat that ended up securing them a bid to nationals. In the National Tournament, the Saints squared off against Lawrence Tech one more time and lost by only three points. LTU went on to lose by one in the National Championship Game. With Siena's impressive performance on both a Conference and National level, the Saints finished the season ranked eighth in the NAIA.

In the history of the program, there have been four All-Americans, including Erin Kehn (2014), Tabitha Ferguson (2014), Karley Engelsman (2016), and Marissa Cirino (2021, 2022).

Cirino was also named to the First Team Co-SIDA All-America for two consecutive seasons, and took home the WHAC Midfielder of the Year award in 2022. Cirino lead the Saints with 78 points, 51 goals, 27 assists, 16-30 free positions, 58 ground balls, 124 draw controls, and 40 caused turnovers. She was ranked in the top five in the WHAC in goals (fourth), assists (third), points (fourth), free positions (second), ground balls (second), draw controls (first), and caused turnovers (third). The senior from Canton, Michigan, was named WHAC offensive player of the week twice, IWLCA co-offensive player, and the defensive player once. Cirino became the Saints' career points leader during the Bethel game on March 30 and set a new program record for draw controls in a game with 14.

When the WHAC Office released the 2022 Women's Lacrosse Award Winners, there were 13 Saints to receive a distinction of some kind. Cirino took home the Midfielder of the Year award, and made appearances on the First-Team All-WHAC and All-Academic lists. Emily Pringle joined Cirino on the First-Team All-WHAC and All-Academic Team. Alexis Kuhns, Madison Spell, Shelby Mueller, and Reilly Winn were all on the Second-Team All-WHAC. Winn also made the All-Academic Team.

Catherine Androwski, Bella D'Arcy, Kristin Delclos, Shanterra Holmes, Tori Jennings, Hannah Merrick, and Amber Soukup were also on the All-Academic team, and Soukup served as the SHU representative on the Champions of Character Team.

Men's Bowling

For the 2021-2022 year, the men's bowling team was ranked seventh overall and took ninth in the WHAC tournament.

At the beginning of their season, rankings came out for the 2020-2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes Award. There were two SHU bowlers to receive this distinction: Travis Marcus (senior), and Bobby Burcar (junior). For this season, the Saints had the 12th highest GPA for men's bowlers in the NAIA.

The following year, Bobby Burcar received this distinction for the second time.

Women's Bowling

For the 2021-2022 season, the SHU Women's Bowlers placed seventh at the end of their WHAC regular season, but fought hard to climb up one place in the WHAC tournament at years-end, where they finished sixth overall.

At the beginning of their 2021-2022 season, two members of the SHU Women's Bowling Team received academic distinctions from the previous season from the 2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes and NAIA Scholar Team Awards. Hannah Greenwell and Preslee Stahl, both juniors and Michigan natives, received this distinction.

Additionally, the team as a whole was honored with their second NAIA Scholar Team Award for their second consecutive year; they had a team GPA of 3.38. Siena's 3.38 GPA was the 14th highest women's bowling team GPA in the NAIA.

Men's Golf

Siena Heights men's golf team had a highly successful 2021-2022 season. They won several invitationals, including the Yellow Jackets Military Appreciation Invitational, Lourdes Invitational, Gray Wolf Invitational, and Cleary Invitational. At seasons-end, they placed seventh overall at the WHAC Championship.

There were three athletes that earned the 2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award from the previous season. Earning the award for the Saints included: Nathan Hamilton, a senior accounting major with a concentration in finance from Plymouth, Michigan, Davis Longyear, a junior business administration major with a concentration in finance and communications from South Bend, Indiana, and Michael Rampe, a junior communications major from East Lansing, Michigan.

Additionally, the team earned their seventh NAIA Scholar Team Award and second straight honor with a 3.58 team GPA; this was the 18th highest men's golf GPA in the NAIA.

Davis Longyear also went on to earn the Thomas Emmet Sr. Outstanding Scholar-Athlete Award, which is a Siena distinction given to student-athletes who excel in the classroom and the athletic arena. It is named after Thomas Emmet Sr., a Siena Heights College employee. The athletes for this award are nominated by SHU coaches and receive a scholarship, as well. Longyear earned this award by logging a 3.92 GPA as a three-year starter on the men's golf team and has earned several all-tournament team honors and medalist honors. His career-low at the time of this award was a 69.

Women's Golf

The 2021-2022 season for the Women's Golf Team rounded out to a fifth-place finish at the WHAC Tournament, which was one spot above the pre-season rankings.

The SHU Women's Golf Team played several tournaments in both Fall and Spring of 2021-2022. In the fall, the Saints followed their season opener at Indiana Wesleyan (where they placed sixth) with a first-place win at the Yellow Jackets Military Appreciation Invitational. In this tournament, the Saints combined a low score of 341, and sophomore golfer Megan Paczas won the tournament with a score of 79. Bethany Nowak tied for third individually with an 82, and Skylar Whitman tied for sixth with an 85. Isabelle Sparks and Chelsea Kovoch rounded out the SHU scoring with a 95 and 99, and took 21st and 26th place, respectively.

Midway through the 2021-2022 season, the Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes and NAIA Scholar Team awards were announced. The SHU Women's Golf Program had two student-athletes on their 2020-2021 team earn these distinctions: Mya Price, a senior accounting major and psychology minor, and Dakota Spears, a senior psychology major and business minor. This was the second time each individual has received this distinction. Additionally, the women's golf team as a whole was recognized as a NAIA Scholar Team. This was the ninth straight NAIA Scholar Team Award with a 3.49 GPA.

Following the Trine Spring Classic, golfer Skylar Whitman was named the WHAC Women's Golfer of the Week. Whitman led the way for SHU at the

Trine Spring Classic with a third-place showing in the individual standings after her round of 80 strokes. Whitman tied for the best score (E) on par 3 holes. In addition, she tied for the most birdies in the round with two and finished with the fourth-most pars with seven. The Fort Wayne, Indiana, native was just two strokes from the winner. Whitman was also the highest finishing golfer from a NAIA institution as she finished ten-strokes ahead of the next highest NAIA finisher. This was Whitman's first time receiving this distinction.

These impressive collective performances at the various invitationals lead to the team taking fifth at the WHAC Championship, where Bethany Nowak led the Saints as she tied for sixth in the individual standings with a three-round total of 242 (82, 77, 83). Nowak's placing earned her a spot on the All-WHAC First Team. WHAC Champions of Character member Skylar Whitman tied for 16th place with a 250 (82, 87, 81).



Football

In the 2021-2022 season, the Siena Heights University football team had an overall record of 6-4 and went 4-3 in conference play. An especially big win was against the #25 St. Francis (Ind.), with a final score of 27-17.

Following a loss on the road to Olivet Nazarene, Kole Murlin was named the MFSA Mid-east Defensive Player of the Week after a record-breaking performance. In the first game of the season, Murlin broke the school record for tackles in a game with a whopping 22 total tackles. He also registered 1.5 tackles for loss and tallied two pass breakups. This was Murlin's second

time receiving this distinction, and the start of a highly successful season for the defensive linebacker. By the end of the season, Murlin had been named the Mideast League Defensive Player of the Year with 112 total tackles, 2.5 sacks, nine tackles for loss, eight pass breakups, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery. He was also named to the first-team defense. Additionally, the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) announced the 2021 NAIA All-America Awards, where Murlin was named to the second-team defense. The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all five of its divisions. The AFCA All-America teams are unique as member coaches of the organization choose the team members.

The only other player to receive a MSFA Mideast Player of the Week Award was Anthony Secchi, who received the MSFA Mideast Special Teams Player of the Week distinction following a solid win over Taylor.

For Conference Awards, there were 13 Saints who received various honors, including:

- First-Team Defense: Kole Murlin, Andrew Loria, Trenton Morrow, and Gabe Callery
- Second-Team Offense: Kaleb Jefferson, Jared Jordan, Eric Williams II, and Nick Turchiano
- Second-Team Defense: Khoreice Crawford
- Second Team Special Teams: Anthony Secchi
- Honorable Mentions: Andrew McGaughy, Vincent Walker, and Abraham Wildermuth

In addition to these honors, later in the year, the Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) announced the 2021 All-Academic team. A record number of 344 student-athletes were named to the all-academic squad. The SHU football team was well-represented with 22 members of the team being named to the list.

Andrew Loria received this distinction for the fourth time in his career, Andrew Lyons, Cole LaFave, Jacob Lederman, and Kole Murlin made the list for the third time, and David Robinson, Justin McCown, Kabe Sykora, Logan Schmidt, Nick Turchiano, Ty Smith, and Walter Turner were all two-time all-academic players. First-year list members included Andrew Bookman, Cocy Goff, Jack Fitzgerald, John Applebee, Nico Fernandez, Robert Opalewski, T.J. Verner, Walter Baughman, and Zachary Keyser.

To make the MSFA All-Academic team, student-athletes must have maintained a 3.25 GPA and be a sophomore or higher.

Men's Wrestling

The recently reinstated SHU Men's Wrestling Program experienced their first full season of competition during 2021-2022. The team competed the previous year in the WHAC tournament in February, but as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the team had never experienced a full slate of competitions during the first two years it was back at Siena.

The team debuted at Lourdes University before turning around and competing at the Adrian Invitational. While there, Randy Frailey placed sixth in the 133-pound weight class after going 4-2 on the day. The team then went on to compete at the Albion Invitational, where they took tenth with 44.5 points. The Saints had three grapplers finish in the top ten of their weight class on the afternoon, including a fourth-place showing by Frailey in the 133-pound weight class. James Huntsmen went 2-2 on the day and earned fifth place in the 125-pound weight class, and Jaylen Culver (5-5) finished seventh in the 285-pound bracket. Culver followed this performance with a second-place finish at Henry Ford College's Hawk Invitational in the same weight class.

After canceling the first scheduled home-opener because of a resurgence of Covid-19 cases, Siena Heights University Men's Wrestling got their debut at home in a tri-match against Cornerstone and Cleary the following month. This was the first home wrestling match in 30 years!

At the end of the season, the men's wrestling team took seventh at the WHAC Championship. Christopher Sorrow, wrestling at the 149 weight class, took fourth and served as the highest-ranking Saint in the mix. James Huntsman, Luke Tuinstra, and Matthew Cepak all placed sixth in their respective weight classes (125, 165, heavyweight). Tuinstra was also the Saints representative for the WHAC Champions of Character Award.

Dance

Throughout the duration of their season, the SHU Dance Team found themselves with first, second, and third place finishes. They began their season with the home Halo Classic, where they took third with 65.23 points and 0 deductions. Following that, the Saints took second at the Cardinal Invite, only 1.33 points behind first place. For their third event of the year, SHU

Dance took first in the home tri-comp and second in the Saints Spectacular. Both places were earned with over 70 points and 0 deductions—a testament to the drive for continuous improvement found in the SHU Dance Program. At the end of the season and the WHAC Championship, the SHU Dance Team placed second with a score of 77.10—the highest they scored all season.

Recipients for various WHAC Awards were given to many athletes in the program. Sydney Bramlett and Rafe Jacobs were both first-team All-WHAC, and Logan Richardson was placed to the second-team All-WHAC. Sierra Tennyson, Emma Winter, Bramlett, and Richardson were WHAC All-Academic. Tennyson was also the SHU Representative on the WHAC Champions of Character team.

Cheer

The SHU Cheer squad placed fifth at the WHAC Championship. They scored 65.29 points, edging out Brescia by a mere 1.23 points to claim their spot in the top five. They also placed fifth at Concordia's Cardinal Invite 2, took sixth at the home Halo Classic, and took fourth at the Saints Spectacular in the SHU Fieldhouse.

Esports

At the start of the 2021 season, the Siena Heights University Esports team had a new figure step into the head coach and director role. Steven Robinson Jr., a SHU alum, brought coaching experience from Elkhart High School's Elite Esports program. In just three years, Robinson Jr. led seven student-athletes to collegiate scholarships.

In the fall season, the Saints had difficulty gaining momentum as a new set of team members joined the squad. They had teams in Rocket League, Overwatch, Smash Bros, and Hearthstone. They faced multiple other Esports teams even those outside of the NAIA, including Bowling Green State University, Akron, and the University of Cincinnati, amongst others. In conference play, consistently facing highly-ranked teams such as Indiana Tech and Cleary, the Saints put up multiple good fights but couldn't effectively seal the wins on a series-level.

However, when they returned in the spring, the Rocket League squad won in a National Association for Collegiate Esports matchup against Butler University, and swept the series in three straight sets. The Saints Hearthstone dropped their series to the University of Miami, initially, but returned for



qualifier play the following Thursday and won over Claw Gaming—they improved their record to 3-3. The Saints Smash competed against Michigan State University but dropped the series, starting their league play with a 0-3 record.

The following week, the Saints Rocket League team had another trio of matches against WHAC rival Cleary University. The Saints took the series in straight sets, 3-0, and maintained their spring undefeated status. The Rocket League squad also competed in Week 2 of their UGC Collegiate Spring Season with a pair of matches against St. Mary's and Michigan Tech. They took the first match by forfeit and the next was taken in a straight series to improve to 4-0 in pool play. Hearthstone had a single match in the Alterac Valley Qualifier held by GameBattles and won against Claw Gaming in three straight sets, improving their record to 4-3. Finally, the Smash Bros Saints competed in NACE spring play against Cleary University, but lost the series in a heartbreaker 1-0.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team had an overall record of 5-7-2 for the 2021-2022 season. In WHAC play, they went 2-6-2. At season's end, there were seven SHU Saints that were given WHAC-related honors. Goalie Jacob Wojciechowski was the SHU Champion of Character and earned a spot on the WHAC All-Academic team. Additional All-Academic awards were given to Franco Alves, Alex Hanosh, Nathaniel Kehres, Joel Koshko, Nick Mancani, and Carlos Palan.

The NAIA also recognized ten Siena Heights Men's Soccer players as part of the 2021 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes and NAIA Scholar Team awards.

From the men's soccer team, the following athletes were awarded as Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes: Uthman Babatunde, Artur Becker, Remy Collard, Alex Hanosh, Nathaniel Kehres, Joel Koshko, Andrew Kozan, Alexander Mittag, Webster Ruiter, and Jacob Wojciechowski.

The team was also recognized as a NAIA Scholar Team with a 3.20 GPA. This is the team's fourth time earning this distinction.

Women's Soccer

The SHU Women's Soccer Team experienced a highly successful season both on the field and in the classroom during the 2021-2022 seasons. The overall record for the 21-22 team was 13-5-2, with four players being selected for the WHAC Player of the Week on five occasions. Additionally, one of these players was selected as a National Player of the Week.

The first player to receive a WHAC Award was Marissa Young, who was named the WHAC Offensive Player of the Week after scoring two game-winning goals in two games; the first goal was scored in a 1-0 game against crosstown rival Adrian College, and the other was a hat trick scored against Kentucky Christian. This was Young's second time receiving this distinction. Young continued her success as the season progressed, a feat that ended up in her tying for first in the NAIA for game-winning goals with a grand total of eight.

In the following week, defensive player Kaleigh Mahaz was named the WHAC Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week following two impressive performances across two games. Mahaz only allowed two shots on goal between the games against Mobile and Huntington. This was her second career WHAC award.

The third Saint to receive a WHAC Player of the Week Award was first-year Kennedy Hyde, who received the WHAC Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week award after scoring two goals against a 6-0 win over Rochester, as well as provided a critical assist and goal in a 5-0 win over Cleary.

The next athlete to receive a WHAC Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week Award was goalkeeper Kara Bishop, who received this award twice in consecutive weeks during the back portion of the season. This was the 18th shutout of her career and placed her seventh on the all-time career shutouts list for SHU. She also made eight saves in a 0-0 tie in double overtime against Madonna—which lent her to finish the week with a combined perfect 13-13 shots faced. She received the same distinction the following week. These tallies bumped her to sixth place on the all-time career shutouts list for SHU and eighth on the list of all-time season shutouts.

The team advanced to the WHAC Semifinals after a 4-2 Quarterfinal win over Lourdes, but evidently fell to Aquinas in the semifinals. At seasons end, 22 Saints received WHAC Awards. Kaleigh Mahaz and Marissa Young were named to the First Team All-WHAC, and Madison Castle and Kara Bishop were named to the Second Team All-WHAC. Mahaz, Young, and Bishop were all featured on the all-academic list, as well, and Bishop was the recipient of the Champions of Character Award.

Kennedy Hyde and Sarah Ammon both received WHAC All-Newcomer Awards, which are awarded to the best players that are new to the conference.

Making the all-academic list were: Julia Anderson, Maria Brixner, Marcela Brixner, Katie Carver, Olivia Emert, Caitlyn Harwood, Isabel Herden, Berenice Huette Moncelet, Kiley Kaczmarek, Ashley Kraiza, Hannah Moening, Faith Patania, Danielle Powell, Isabel Remar, Lauren Southworth, and Erin Tyson, as well as the three mentioned prior. The team had an overall GPA of 3.69, which was seventh in the NAIA for Women's Soccer and 21st in all divisions, such as the NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA. The Siena Heights University Women's Soccer Team also won the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award.



Photos from Homecoming 2022



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Experiencing Siena Through Multiple Lenses:

A Story on Sister Sharon Weber '69, O.P., Ph.D.

By Madelyn Birmingham

When she was a little girl, Sharon Weber didn't spend a lot of time in one place. As a byproduct of her father's job, her family was constantly relocating, which lent her to experience five different grade schools and a different high school—all of which were Catholic. It is only fitting, then, as Weber settled into her adult life, that she would remain anchored at one institution, and a Catholic one at that: Siena Heights University.

At one of her elementary schools, Weber's instructor was an Adrian Dominican Sister. The sisters' contagious passion for life and joyous demeanor drew Weber to the Adrian Dominicans, as well as her religious convictions that drew her to a dedicated lifestyle. After graduating high school, she joined the Dominican Sisters and ended up furthering her education at Siena Heights University. During the first two years, while being both a postulant and novice, Weber was also a full-time student. Following her first two years, Weber was qualified to teach at an elementary level—she taught first grade for five years, and seventh grade for one year. During this time, she was still continuing her own education after hours and over the summer. After receiving her bachelor's, Weber completed master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan, an experience that also allowed her to study and teach in Germany at the University of Konstanz.

After completing her formal education, Sister Sharon returned in



1974 to Siena Heights, where the next four decades would serve as a continuation of the lifelong education that comes through teaching and interacting with others. Until her election to the General Council—a leadership team elected for six years to help implement congregational decisions—in 1986, Weber taught chemistry and other science courses, as well as LAS courses for the institution. In one of those years, she was awarded the Sister Eileen K. Rice Award for Teaching—an accomplishment that she still regards as one of the most honorable accolades of her career. After 1993, following a yearlong sabbatical, Sister Weber returned to Siena to teach and occupied several administrative roles for the university from 1993-2022.

Throughout her time at Siena Heights, Weber experienced Siena from multiple perspectives: student, teacher, Division Chairperson of the Science and Math Division, Acting Director of the Graduate Program, Acting Dean, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and a Member of the Board of Trustees. During her time as Acting Director of the Graduate Program, as well as the Acting Dean, Sister Sharon rose to the occasion of satisfying the needs of the university, even above her own personal preferences. Her interim roles were brief but essential and serve as a testament to her commitment to SHU and allowing it to grow as an institution. The administrative roles occupied by Sister Sharon were crucial to the development of Siena Heights University,

with her time as the Vice President of Academic Affairs helping to bring about the Nursing and Engineering programs. Additionally, Siena's introduction of their Online Program began during her time in administration, though she gives substantial credit to Dean Deb Carter during that timeframe for the addition of the Online Program.

Despite these impressive career accolades, Weber feels the most pride in herself and her career when looking at the successes of other people. She notes: "The most important moments I'm proud of are when I get to listen to how we [the Siena Heights community] have really had a good effect on people's lives."

When asked about her inspirations and greatest influences, Weber spoke fondly of many sources of inspiration in her life. Her family—parents, siblings, and grandparents—were the first she named, but also praised fellow Adrian Dominican Sisters, teachers, Siena Heights faculty and staff, as well as her students. She fondly recalls a story where one of her first-grade students inspired her:

"We were talking about how Jesus calms the storm at sea, and so I was at my dramatic best, and was painting this picture of a storm at sea—with the lightning and thunder and waves and wind—and said to them: 'Do you think the apostles were afraid?' And every hand in the room goes up, and I picked a student and said, 'So what do you think? Were the apostles afraid?' And the student answered: 'No Sister, Jesus was in the boat.' And that day, a six-year-old taught me a lot about faith. There are so many little places where people can inspire you, and you remember it almost

sixty years later.”

On the topic of inspiration, there are two very crucial elements that inspired Sister Sharon Weber to stay at Siena Heights for as long as she did, and the two elements are surprisingly simple: Its people and its mission. In the words of Weber: “Siena is its people, and I think it has a mission that’s worth expending energy on.” She recalls how, while the current mission statement of the university was not verbalized at the time she was a student, the heart of it permeated through the culture and people of Siena Heights University. She credits Siena Heights in her journey to becoming more competent, purposeful, and ethical—as both a student and educator.

For this reason, Siena serves as a place where Sister Sharon believes seeds are planted, and that from those seeds, many fruits are grown. This impact, she says, is especially prominent in our alumni. Each year, at the alumni awards ceremony, Sister Sharon remains amazed by how many successful alumni credit Siena Heights with integral components that helped to bring about those successes. In addition to being a place where seeds are planted, Sister Weber views Siena as a place where Dominican



Above: Sister Sharon Weber stands with hallway dedication mural, 2022.

tradition and the search for truth is fostered and done in a very committed environment, in both the academic world and relational world; additionally, it is a place where lifelong relationships are developed.

As a result of these lifelong relationships, and the search for truth, Sister Sharon Weber was given additional accolades outside of the aforementioned Sister Eileen K. Rice Award. In 2012, Sister Weber was the recipient of the Zonta of Lenawee’s Amelia Earhart Award, which is given to recipients who exemplify a pioneering spirit and excellence in their field. Most recently, upon her retirement in 2022, the Science Hall was officially dedicated as the “Sister Sharon Weber, O.P., Ph.D., Science Hall.” This is a tremendous honor, though Sister Weber remains very humble in that she believes many other people deserved the same recognition.

Throughout her many years spent at Siena Heights as a student, professor, and administrator, Sister Sharon has witnessed the changes in higher education firsthand. While she is certain that there are more than just three ways the higher education scene has changed,

the three differences that struck her as the most prominent include the cost, the technological advancements, and the goals that students have for themselves in attaining a college education; that is, the focus on career rather than on liberal arts education.

When asked about her plans for retirement, Sister Weber says that they are still in the works. She is enjoying the time she’s been able to spend with her family, as well as enjoying her own personal hobbies, but hasn’t yet figured out her full retirement plans. While she isn’t entirely certain what the future holds, Sister Weber knows how she wants to be remembered by her students, fellow faculty, and staff:

“I want to be remembered as a Dominican, who, in the search for truth, has tried to listen to all sides.”



Honorary Alumni Award

Robert 'Bob' Metz
Adrian, MI



Metz retired from SHU in August 2021 after 41 years of service to the university. Metz started in the data processing department at SHU with one other employee. In the 41 years since, the department grew to eight full-time employees, two part-time employees, and student workers. The university's computing needs changed drastically as new technologies became available, from portable computers to the internet to smartphones. Metz also led the university through the COVID-19 pandemic to pivot the Adrian campus to online learning. The Honorary Alumni Award recognizes non-alumni of Siena Heights who demonstrate exceptional commitment to and support for the mission and spirit of the University. Individuals selected for honorary alumni status shall be inspirational role models who have made a significant difference for Siena Heights by sharing themselves through generous and sustained gifts of time, talent and/or treasure.

Recent Graduate Award

Samuel Catrain Ruiz '13
Washington, D.C.



Catrain Ruiz is a Diplomat at the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Washington, DC., responsible for Congressional Affairs. A life-long learner, Catrain Ruiz after graduating from SHU, worked in Chicago and India, then moved to China where he earned his MBA in Corporate Finance at the University of Science and Technology of China. The Recent Graduate Award recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past ten years, and whose professional achievement, community involvement, and/or civic commitment demonstrate dedication to Christian values and the spirit of Siena Heights University.

Sister Ann Joachim Award

Amanda 'Marti' Martino '13
LaGrande, OR



After Martino graduated from SHU, she earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oregon. She is employed with the Blue Mountain Land Trust as Interim Executive Director. The Blue Mountain Land Trust's mission is to protect the scenic, national, and working lands that characterize the Blue Mountain region in Oregon through collaboration with local communities and landowners. Martino's hard work and dedication have helped make major strides in conversation easements in the region while preserving fish and wildlife habitats, forests, grasslands, and agricultural lands. The Sister Ann Joachim Award is presented in memory of faculty member Sister Ann Joachim, O.P., and recognizes significant contributions to the University and/or community through activities that demonstrate strong leadership, the ability to get things done, and the capacity to confront issues head on while maintaining the image and spirit of the University.

Outstanding Alumni Award

Kermit Williams '05
Pontiac, MI



Williams is a public servant to the people of Oakland County and the city of Pontiac, MI, where he serves as President of the Pontiac City Council. He is also the co-executive director of Oakland Forward, a local non-profit that is dedicated to building power to remove economic, racial, and social barriers to provide opportunities for individuals, with a focus on people of color, in Oakland County. He is committed to fight for just and equitable public policy for all and to do his part in helping others live their best life. The Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes alumni whose outstanding professional achievements and/or volunteer contributions promote Siena positively to the community; who demonstrate strong leadership characteristics; who serve a significant role models for others; and who embody the spirit of Siena Heights University.

Saint Dominic Award

Delinda 'Dee' Crane '87
Blissfield, MI



Crane has had a long career in educating future teachers. She served as the SHU Teacher Education Director and went on to retire from Blissfield Community Schools as their principal. Crane went above and beyond to support her students both professionally and personally. She spent many hours teaching and supporting her students and continued to follow their careers both in and out of Lenawee County. The Saint Dominic Award recognizes commitment to Christian education in family, school, or community.



SHU Alum Mike Quinn '85

Voted as MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year

Mike Quinn, a SHU alum and current athletic director of Lakewood High School, was recently recognized as the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) Athletic Director of the Year. In the same breath, he was also

awarded with the Michigan High School Coaches Association Athletic Director of the Year.

Quinn was nominated for the award in 2018, a short two years after taking the position of Athletic Director (AD) at Lakewood High School. In the nomination process, individuals are submitted to a pool of candidates, typically by someone in the community. It could be a fellow AD, coach, etc. to nominate the individual, and an awards committee compiles the nominees for review each year. Quinn serves as a member on this committee, and has for several years, but remains overwhelmed and humbled by receiving the award this year.

When asked on what he did to set himself apart for this award, he replied: "You know, I don't know. I honestly have no idea. I get up every day and I go to work and I'm lucky enough to have a job that I love, and I found somebody who will pay me to do it. Athletics is the only thing I know. It's been my entire life, and now I have a front-row seat to some of

the best learning opportunities a kid will ever have."

Quinn went on to explain how we don't step into our respective careers for the accomplishments or accolades. While those things are nice, they aren't the reason why we pursue doing what we love. When talking about the world of athletics, Quinn said: "The sports world is a small fraternity. People go above and beyond to make the show go on, and without them, the show doesn't go on. And that really is my job: to make the show go on. No matter if my day was good or bad, it's my job to make sure that the kids play games."

Quinn also attests that without his time at Siena Heights University, he would not be where he is today. Following graduation, he was a coach for the university—coaching basketball from 1986-1996—and was told that if he ever wanted a chance to make more money, he should pursue his master's degree. While he was uncertain at first, Siena offered to pay for his master's as long as it aligned with items in his job description. As a result, Quinn was able to get his master's in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University. This degree, he said, "really opened doors for me."



SHU Alum Perry Gilbert Jr. '09

Recognized as Seramount's 2022 Working Parent of the Year

SHU alum Perry Gilbert Jr. was recently recognized as Seramount's 2022 Working Dad of the Year.

Each year, Seramount honors hardworking parents who have made significant contributions to their workplace

while raising their children, serving as a mentor to others, and making an impact in their community with their 'Working Mother and Working Dad of the Year' awards.

Perry, a husband and father of three children, serves as an ERG Portfolio Manager for General Motors (GM). Throughout the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic, Perry was faced with a new obstacle: navigating remote work while his children also continued their education virtually. During that time, he had to figure out how to maintain his own productivity while still being supportive for his children. Over time, they were able to establish a routine that worked for all parties involved.

Perry noted this as one of the turning points: "My mentor shared a piece of advice with me about how to spend my time. He said, 'Create mini moments to create many moments.' This can be applied both

personally and professionally. We all have the same amount of time each day, and it's my responsibility as a father and provider to create these mini moments whenever possible, which will lead to many moments and memories for my family and in my career."

When asked how Siena Heights impacted his life path, Perry responded: "My time as a student athlete at Siena was imperative in my growth as a person. The coaches and staff invested in me as a man and challenged me every day to be the best version of myself. I learned how to prioritize what's actually important in life and build lasting relationships with great men, leaders, husbands, and fathers. Coach Smith, Coach Sandifer, Coach Briggs, Professor Blackerby, and Coach Byron Johnson are all positive role models in my life and made a lasting impact on who I am today. My time at Siena also led me to my wife, Erica Gilbert '07, who has blessed me with the opportunity to be a father of three."

The College Tour ▶

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY FEATURED IN Season 6 of The College Tour Now on Amazon Prime Video



Siena Heights University is featured in season 6 of The College Tour, an innovative series from Emmy-nominated producers Alex Boylan, Lisa Hennessy, and Burton Roberts, which is now streaming on Amazon Prime Video. Hosted by The Amazing Race winner Alex Boylan, The College Tour travels the country telling the story of each college and university through the diverse lens of its students, giving the viewer an intimate portrayal of life on campus. Inspiring and motivating, the show serves as a vehicle to help students across the world to connect with higher education, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future without having to travel anywhere!

“Siena Heights offers students an extraordinary experience, and we’re so excited to share that on The College Tour,” said Alex Boylan. “For students, choosing which college to attend is a monumental decision, and this episode gives prospective students a first-hand look at what makes this school so special.”

The College Tour

is a groundbreaking TV series that takes the viewer on an intimate journey through campuses across the country, telling each school’s story through the diverse lens of its students. Hosted by The Amazing Race winner Alex Boylan, The College Tour brings equity to college readiness by providing a platform to access comprehensive and meaningful information regarding higher education anytime and anywhere, free of charge.

The College Tour is available on Amazon Prime Video, The College Tour mobile app, and at www.thecollege tour.com.



President of Siena Heights University, Sister Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D., said, “Siena Heights University is thrilled to be the first university in Michigan to be highlighted on The College Tour. We are eager for their audience to learn more about the extraordinary opportunities that Siena Heights has to offer.”

From academics and sports to club activities and the local community, The College Tour highlights each school’s unique culture while showcasing a vast array of students thriving as they work toward success.

Coming Home: Neysa Stacey's Journey from Student to Faculty at Siena Heights University

Neysa Stacey '19, '21 MSN, RN, LNHA, is no stranger to Siena Heights University (SHU). Therefore, it is only fitting that her first year as an instructor takes place at the same location where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees. However, Stacey's story extends far beyond the "traditional" idea of college education and serves as a true testament to the accessibility and community that takes place within Siena Heights University.

At eight years old, Neysa Stacey moved from Michigan to Colorado, and then to Utah. She left behind her grandmother but made the promise to one day return to Michigan to help take care of her. At eighteen years old, Stacey enrolled in a Utah state college. She was there for two weeks before she dropped out, discouraged by the lack of engagement presented to her by both her professors and peers. She took up work as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and then went on to receive her associate degree from Jackson Community College. After becoming a registered nurse (RN), Stacey decided to pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing. She found a program that did not fit her needs as a learner and did not finish that degree through that institution. However, her passion was still for nursing, and so she continued to seek out nursing programs. During this search, she found Siena Heights University.

Stacey received her bachelor's degree in nursing from SHU and was amazed at the attentiveness and engagement of her instructors. She would frequently receive check-in calls from her professors that were concerned about both her personal and academic affairs. When she walked across the stage at graduation, Stacey fully intended on receiving her Master's in Nursing from Michigan State University. However, she was alluded to the possibility of Siena offering a master's program and decided to take a leap of faith as the first cohort of the new program.

Throughout the duration of her professional life, Stacey has served as a Director of Nursing, Nursing Home Administrator, and Corporate Consultant. Of these roles, Stacey notes: "I've done a lot of different things, and it always comes back to teaching." Her passion lies with not just healthcare but specifically teaching people how to be great leaders in healthcare—even if the roles are not entirely authoritative. These interpersonal skills were a critical part of Siena Heights nursing program, and Stacey found that throughout the duration of her degrees, she was able to take and apply the lessons in class to her current job roles.

Following the completion of her master's on the heels of a global pandemic, Stacey is stepping into her first year of teaching at Siena Heights University. She feels well-prepared for the new journey because of her practicum, which



allowed her to gain hands-on teaching experience. Additionally, Stacey has worked as a clinical lab instructor for SHU, including a simulation lab. She is excited to teach her students with the same themes she was taught; that is, focusing on all the holistic components that go into nursing in a way that is more than just checking boxes and completing tasks.

When asked about what the Siena Heights University Nursing program has to offer, Neysa Stacey said: "To be the nurse that other people look to, you need to come to Siena."

For more information about the SHU nursing programs, please visit our website at www.sienaheights.edu.

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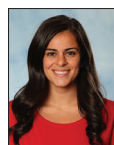
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Hello Saints:

It is hard for me to believe I have been working in our Alumni Office for over five years now. This has literally been a dream come true for me. What I love most about my work is meeting or talking to so many of you, our Siena alums. Whether I meet you at an event, you give me a call to share some news, or we chat on social media, trust me when I say, it is the highlight of my work. There is a special group of alums who I am lucky enough to get to know better than most, and that group is your SHU Alumni Board. As an office of one, I am blessed to have their support in so many ways.

Your Siena Heights University Alumni Association Board of Directors is a dynamic group of graduates engaged in active participation in the life of Siena Heights University. The Board helps plan and host Homecoming, as well as other events throughout the year. They write postcards to prospective students, assist with admissions discovery days, serve on committees such as the Alumni Awards Committee, and volunteer at commencement.

In addition to giving of their time and talent, 100% of your Alumni Board of Directors and Active Saintly Supporters have given back to Siena with their treasure for the last three years. This dedicated group of Spirited Saints is working behind the scenes to spread #SaintsPride everywhere they go.

Joining the alumni board is a two-year commitment with a possible two-year renewal after completion of the first term. After terms are complete, if alums want to continue attending meetings and volunteering, there is an option to become a Saintly Supporter. We meet on campus in person four times per year (August, November, February, and May). Zoom attendance is possible, but in-person is preferred.

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Class Notes

2002

Kris Stanton, is in their 21st year of teaching and coaching at Jonesville Community Schools.

2003

Jake Pifer graduated with a BA in Criminal Justice, and has since worked with the Lenawee County Sheriff's Office for the last 20 years. Over the course of the last three years, Jake has been the Captain overseeing Road Patrol, 911 Dispatch, Records, Detective Bureau, special assignments, and courthouse security. He is also an adjunct instructor at the Washtenaw Community College Police Academy, and teaches in several areas, including pursuit driving, subject control, firearms, motor vehicle code enforcement, traffic crash investigation, and others.

Erin Pifer (Miller) also graduated in 2003 and has taught with Madison Elementary School for 20 years. She has directed numerous high school and middle school musicals for Madison School district, and has also directed musicals at the Croswell in Adrian.

The two live in Adrian with their 12-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

2007

Ben Koczab graduated with a BA in History, and received his MA in 2013 with a degree in Organizational Leadership. He has worked in the health and wellness industries in multiple operations leadership, project management, and business development roles for the past eight years. He currently serves as a Business Development Manager for a staffing organization that provides quality, engineering, regulatory, and manufacturing contract resources primarily for Life Science Organizations. He also co-hosts a sports-focused podcast called "All Bets Are Final" with fellow SHU Alum Josh Long. The

podcast can be found on Spotify, buzzsprout, Apple Podcasts, etc., and can be contacted at allbetsarefinal@gmail.com

2012

Megan Powers (Dandrow) graduated with her Masters in Counselor Education. In 2015, she returned to SHU to complete coursework for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree. At that time, she worked primarily with people who sustained a traumatic brain injury. Now, she works as an outpatient therapist for a large nonprofit hospital system. She's been with her husband for eight years, married for three, and just bought a house last summer.

Martin Betley Jr graduated in 2012 after majoring in Social Studies Education and having a minor in Physical Education. He enlisted into the US Army after graduation as a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist (MOS 68R). From 2012-2016, he was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, in the 1st Medical Brigade. While there, he was the 2014 Fort Hood Soldier of the Year and was promoted to Sergeant. Betley Jr. was deployed to the Middle East in 2014-15 in support of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Resolute Support. During this rotation, he served in Qatar, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. In 2015, he earned the Air Assault badge. He went on to graduate Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, GA, in 2016 and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and branched into the Ordnance Corps. He was then stationed at Ft. Riley in Kansas from 2016-20 in the 1st Infantry Division. He served as a Maintenance Platoon Leader, Maintenance Control Officer, and Executive Officer, and was later deployed to South Korea, Germany, and Poland. He earned a Master of Education from Liberty University in 2018 while on Active Duty. In 2020, Betley Jr. was promoted to Captain and graduated the Logistics Captains Career Course at Fort

Lee, VA. He was re-stationed at Ft. Hood in the 1st Cavalry Division from 2020-2022. He served shortly as the Brigade Logistics Support Operations Officer, and was nominated into the Ordnance Corps Order of Samuel Sharpe in 2021. Betley Jr. was also selected to serve as a Forward Support Company Commander from 2021-2022, where he was the commanding officer for over 160 soldiers while providing direct logistics support for a Field Artillery Battalion. He medically retired from the Army in 2022 after 10 years of loyal service, and has recently accepted a position within GE Aerospace in Cincinnati, OH, as a Lean Business Coach for the Quality Department. In addition to that, Betley Jr. was also accepted to Xavier University as a candidate for their Executive MBA program, and will begin to earn his degree in the coming fall. Along the way, he has married the love of his life, and has two wonderful sons. The oldest son is the Cub Scouts, where Betley Jr. volunteers as the Den Leader. He notes that life has been crazy, but they are taking time to enjoy every bit and look forward to their new chapter of life.

2013

Tanya McFadden earned her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management from Siena Heights University. She has since earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Higher Education from Eastern Michigan University, and a Doctorate in Education from Ferris State University. Dr. McFadden has recently accepted a position at Oakland Community College as the Executive Director of Health Professions and Dean of Nursing.

Michael Cicirelli graduated with a BA in Theatre/Speech Communication and will be graduating again this May with a BS in Nursing from the RN to BSN program. While he had many fond memories at Siena Heights, being

involved with the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity was the highlight of his undergraduate years. Following graduation, Cicirelli dabbled in various artsy endeavors across southeast Michigan. He became a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), and then began taking prerequisites at a community college to start the process of becoming a registered nurse. He began nursing school in 2018 at the same community college, and graduated and passed the NCLEX in 2020. Cicirelli found his calling in nursing fairly early: hospice. He joined Arbor Hospice in late 2021, worked inpatient for a year until the unit closed, and then transitioned into a triage role for their parent company, Hospice of Michigan. He is proud to work for a non-profit, as he uses clinical judgement to support, educate, and advocate for hospice patients and their loved ones. Cicirelli has recently bought a house in his hometown, and is a proud owner of three cats with his girlfriend.

2014

Ashley Warner (O'Leary) met her husband, Nickolas Warner, at Siena Heights on freshman year move-in day in 2011. He played baseball and was number 31, and she was number 13 on the softball team. They married in 2015, and have two daughters ages two and five. Nickolas works for UPS and Ashley is a supervisor at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

2015

Natalie Huntoon, graduated with a Bachelor of Science. She recently made a career change and decided to apply for Veterinary Medical School. She was accepted into Michigan State University, and is set to graduate this May.

Chelsea Hess (Smith) needed something positive to focus on following her divorce—and, as a result, went back to school to

complete her fourth degree. During that time, her professor, Anthony Rana, suggested she do something she was afraid to do: date. As a result of that assignment, she met her husband! After graduating in 2015, Hess married in 2018 and had twin boys a year later. They have traveled the country together and accomplished so much both personally and professionally.

2018

Erica Letherer (Friskney) had a baby in February.

2020

Amber Kenton just welcomed her son, Anakin Wayne Kenton, into the world on February 4th, 2023.

Jalen Bogan, graduated with his Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. He currently provides therapy for people in Jackson and Lansing, and is currently slated to marry the love of his life this October. He is grateful and blessed for the opportunities that are coming into his life!

Jaymz Gibson graduated with a BSN in 2020 and her MSN in 2022. She is currently working as a charge nurse in a cardiac rehab unit. Jaymz and her fiancé, Rees Nemeth, both ran track and graduated from SHU and have their wedding set for fall 2023. Rees will be finishing up his MBA from Siena Heights University in August.

2021

Abigail LaMonde (McCullough) and in the past two years has started a business, gotten married, and had a baby!

Jennifer Krukemyer got engaged, completed her masters, and is halfway done with EdS.

Taylor Villasurda graduated in 2021 and currently works as a post-secondary special education teacher



at Macomb Academy. She teaches adults with disabilities how to reach their goals of independence and employment.

Justice Manchester graduated and completed her master's degree in December '22. She works full-time as a social emotional learning teacher and part-time as a therapist.

2022

Mackinzie Schneider (Brown) is currently working as a labor and delivery nurse. She got married last year and is currently building her dream home.

Annette Wilson graduated at the age of 51 with a Bachelor's in Health Studies. Her degree afforded her the ability to change jobs after 28 years. She now works for a larger organization and has been given many new opportunities within the organization since changing jobs. Her fifth grandchild was born recently, as well!

DEATHS

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Sister Alma Messing O.P. '46
Sister Rita Schiltz O.P. '46
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