

REFLECTIONS

**National
Champions!**

On the Field . . .



and in the
Classroom





from the president



Going for the Gold at Siena Heights University

We all had the opportunity to view the Olympic Games this past summer. Whether you are inclined toward athletics or not, one has to admire the human spirit demonstrated by so many of the athletes.

How about the runner from South Africa who had two amputated legs as a child who ran and qualified for the semifinals in one of the races?

Or how about the male gymnast who wanted to win so he could make a better life for his family?

And what about the African woman who ran and hoped to be successful so that she could support her village?

The Olympics are much more than athletic events. They are stories of people's lives and their will to be the best they can be – for a variety of different reasons. Some nights I just sat and watched the television and wondered: what motivated these athletes to do what they do? Some may think that many are just in it for the prestige and the money. For some, that may be very true. But there is so much more.

Each athlete has a story that is most meaningful. The human spirit rises to the occasions in which it finds itself.

I find that same spirit here at Siena Heights. We are also on a journey of “going for the gold,” and we need to know what motivates us. What keeps us on the course for success? What inhibits us at times? How do we relate to others on the same journey with us? How do we want to be in the future as we achieve success?

These are questions that we must constantly ask ourselves as individuals and as a University. The glue that holds it all together is our mission. The Olympic athletes were on a mission, and we at Siena Heights University are also on a mission. We will have setbacks here and there, but overall if we are true to our mission and continue to live our Dominican way of life at Siena, then we have already succeeded and only good things can come from that success.

Our success is measured by the positive influence we can have on our students and on each other, thus making our world a better place. We need to spend our energy on the students who are with us this year. We must challenge them, encourage them, walk with them on their journey and bring the best out of them on all levels, emotionally, intellectually, physically and spiritually.

This is who we are. This is who we are constantly called to be. For we are a University that professes faith, lives hope and expresses love in all that we do. May this year hold countless blessings for us!

God bless us all!

Sister Peg Albert, OP

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On the Cover

Pole vaulter Lenzey Stidham '13 and biology researchers Lauren Coe '12 and Jared Pirkle '12 prove that Siena Heights University develops champions on the field and off. Stidham won the NAIA pole vault national championship last spring while Coe took first place and Pirkle third in the Beta Beta Beta national biology research conference in Puerto Rico in May.

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from the editor



What Can You Do for Siena Heights University?

I recently had a chance to meet with our Alumni Association Board at its annual retreat. Meetings are not an unusual occurrence for someone in my position. As director of Marketing, I often have to sit down with various individuals, groups, committees and organizations on campus. In fact, I sometimes think I spend more times in meetings than anything else I am involved with at the University. But it's the nature of the position.

And, honestly, most of the time these meetings focus on what I – or my office – can do for them. Maybe it's a brochure. Or a press release. Or a web site change. Or a photo. And that's fine. Besides, that's what we're here for – to serve, promote, support and advance the University.

Towards the end of my update to our alumni board, President Michael Lane had one final question for me, and one that I don't get asked very often. He said, "What can we as alumni do for you?"

Hmmm. That threw me for a bit of a loop. I didn't have much time to ponder that question, but I came up with the best answer I had at the moment: to be an "ambassador" for your alma mater. Our graduates can represent the brand of Siena Heights to everyone they meet. That made sense. After all, that's what someone in marketing is supposed to say, right?

However, that question lingered beyond that meeting as I thought a little more about some possible alternative answers. Just what can alumni do for me? That led me to an even better question: what can they do for Siena Heights University?

Of course, the "easy" answer is to give us your financial support. Being a nonprofit organization, fundraising is the key to keeping a Siena Heights education affordable and available for future generations. I hope you already know that, but if you want to learn more, I can put you in touch with someone from our Advancement Office who can explain all of our giving options.

But there are other ways to help Siena Heights. Here are just a few:

- Did you know we have a "Refer-A-Student" form on our web site? It takes just a minute or two to fill out and gives our enrollment people an excellent head start on recruiting a prospective student. Word-of-mouth is still one of the top ways we learn about new students.
- Host or help with an alumni event in your area. Our Alumni Office schedules several events around the country to help our graduates reconnect to their institution. Having someone locally who can help make those connections is invaluable to making these events successful.

- Come back to campus every once in a while. Our campus has changed quite a bit in the last few years, but the essence remains the same. We are proud of what we are doing here, and we want you to experience it!

- Hire a Siena Heights graduate. Are you an employer? If so, we may have someone for you. Connect with our Career Services Office when you have a job opening. Developing that employment "pipeline" for our students helps them connect their education with their career goals. Talk about a "win/win!"

- Use our social media channels. Are you on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn? Have you downloaded our Android phone app? If so, we have established a solid presence there. Utilize it. We know people lead busy lives, and these options allow you to stay "plugged in" to your alma mater.

- Finally, let us know what you are doing. Our Class Notes section in the magazine always has room for another alumni update. We know it is one of the most popular sections of the magazine, so drop us a note when you have good news to report. Who knows, you might be a feature in an upcoming edition.

Doug Goodnough
Editor

from the heights



SHU Hosts 5th Annual Arts Speak Festival

On May 10, SHU hosted the 5th annual Arts Speak fine arts festival for Lenawee County high school students. This celebration in the arts brought approximately 400 top artists and musicians to campus (**above**) for a day of workshops and collaborative projects. The day featured a keynote from SHU alum Leslie Love.

SHU Professor Has Article Published



Siena Heights Assistant Professor of Philosophy Jeff Englehardt will have his article titled "Varieties of Multiple Antecedent Cause," published in the September 2012 journal of Acta

Analytica. Acta Analytica is a peer-reviewed, international quarterly. The journal aims to promote a rigorous, argumentative approach in philosophy.

Dinner Theater Event on the "Cutting Edge"



Theatre Siena and the Alumni Office co-hosted SHU alumni and friends on March 31 for an evening of dinner and drama, meat pies and music! This year's dinner/theater event included a wine & cheese reception with entertainment by Barbershop Voices of Siena,

an elegant dinner with dessert speaker Mark DiPietro discussing "Revenge Tragedy and the Theater of Blood: From Penny Dreadful to Broadway", and the Theatre Siena production of the musical thriller "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

Business Division Awards Honors; Inducts New Members

The Business Administration division had its annual Sigma Beta Delta induction and honor awards ceremony in April. SHU alum Josh Burgett was the guest speaker and was also inducted into SBD. Those students to be honored were: Brittney Rhodes, Isaac Ashong, Kelly Ferguson, Kimberlee Conolly, Kelby Allen, Brett Kuebler, Darrell Gudenau and Mariann Weiss. Students inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta were: Ruben Becerra, Debra Blohm, Kyle Hanson, Christopher Schurr, Isaac Ashong, Nana Ampong, Roselinda Odhiambo, Austin Harper, Ashley Tillotson, Thomas Koomson, Nathaniel Snyder, Adam Schmaltz, Leslie Grob, Kaitlin Ludwig, John Lyszczyk and Derek Henning.

Peeradina Gives Poetry Reading in Pennsylvania

SHU Associate Professor of English Saleem Peeradina was invited to give a poetry reading at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Pennsylvania as part of the celebration of National Poetry Month. A book signing followed the reading. He also participated in a discussion on "Towards Global Community" in the honors class.

Three Siena Heights Professors Retire from the Classroom

Siena Heights celebrated the professional lives of faculty members concluding their full-time careers at SHU on May 3. Siena Heights paid tribute to retiring art faculty members Barbara Cervenkova, OP, and Deborah Danielson and English faculty member Daniel McVeigh.

Professor of History Awarded Fellowship



Siena Heights faculty member Dr. Julieanna Frost was awarded a research fellowship at Hamilton College. She spent a month last summer working in its library with its Special Collections on Communal Societies.

SHU's Bob Conlon Hosts CD Release Party

Siena Heights graphic design faculty member Robert Conlon (**below**) hosted a release party for his new music CD, "Longing," May 12 at the Boulevard Market in Tecumseh.



Barbee Attends Seminar at Yale University



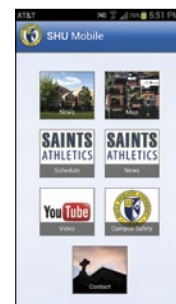
SHU English faculty member Dr. Matthew Barbee was chosen to attend a four-day seminar co-sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Council of Independent Colleges. The seminar on "Slave Narratives" ran from June 10-13 at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., featured Dr. David W. Blight.

SHU Representatives Travel to Vietnam for Curriculum Partnership

Last summer, SHU's Kelly Cichy, Joy Garrow and Sally Rae traveled to Hanoi, Vietnam, for a three-week partnership/workshop with The Olympia Schools. They worked with Olympia's faculty/students and administration on curriculum development and implementation of content delivery based on some of the American theorists. This was an attempt to best prepare their students for success in college and in life, as many of the attend colleges/universities in the U.S. Seen below are Kelly, Sally, Joy, and Olympia students attending Olympia's prom.



University Launches "SHU Mobile" Android Cell Phone App



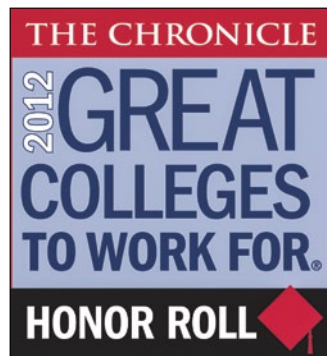
Siena Heights University has ventured into the mobile communications realm, launching a new Android app for smartphone users. The app features in-depth information for a variety of audiences, including current and prospective

students, alumni, parents and faculty and staff. The app features categories like campus news, athletic news and events, campus locations and directions using Google Maps and a YouTube feed to view University videos. SHU Mobile is free and can be downloaded on your Android phone at the Google Play Store.

Kusisto Accepted Into Geriatric Nursing Excellence Group



Siena Heights Nursing faculty member Kelli Kusisto was accepted as a year-long participant into the University of Minnesota Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence. She attended a week-long immersion with other nursing faculty from across the country, sharing integration of geriatric content into baccalaureate nursing education. All faculty have regular interactions electronically across the academic year to share best practices in their courses.



Siena Heights Named a "Great College to Work For" by the Chronicle of Higher Education

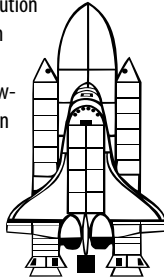
Siena Heights University is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a new survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education. The results, released in The Chronicle's fifth annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of more than 46,000 employees at 294 colleges and universities. In all, only 103 of the 294 institutions achieved "Great College to Work For" recognition for specific best practices and policies. In addition, Siena Heights was only one of two institutions in Michigan to be placed on the Honor Roll, with the University of Michigan being the other. Only 42 institutions nationwide earned this special recognition for being "the best of the best." Those that make the Honor Roll are cited most often across all recognition categories. Siena Heights won honors in five categories this year:

- Collaborative governance
- Confidence in senior leadership
- Respect and appreciation
- Supervisor or department chair relationship
- Work/life balance

Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country.

SHU's McNair Program Receives Funding for Five More Years

Siena Heights University announced it has received funding for the U.S. Department of Education's Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program. Dr. Patricia Wallace, Ph.D., director of SHU's McNair Scholars Program, said Siena Heights has been funded for five years. The institution will receive \$246,000 in grant money per year. "This grant prepares low-income, first-generation and minority students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities," said Dr. Wallace of SHU's McNair Program, which has been on the SHU Adrian campus since 1992.



McNair Scholars Reach Great Heights

"We are excited to continue helping students go on to graduate school!" Siena Heights' McNair Program enables scholars from both SHU and Adrian College to receive a yearly stipend, attend graduate school fairs, visit graduate school programs, prepare for and take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and complete admissions and financial aid applications for graduate school. In addition, students are assigned faculty mentors to help with research projects.

SHU Admissions and Nursing Announce New Direct Admit Program

Siena Heights University recently announced a new SHU Nursing Direct Admit program for those high school students who are interested in a career in nursing. SHU has established admission criteria for students to directly enter the SHU Nursing Program. Students who have an ACT score of 24 or higher and a B grade or above in high school science courses will be considered for the Direct Admit program. Students will also need to complete a successful drug screening and background check before admission to the nursing major. "Siena Nursing facilitates students to develop excellent clinical reasoning skills through application and analysis of nursing knowledge," said SHU Director of Nursing Dr. Sue Idczak. "A high school graduate with an ACT of 24 or higher is typically a good critical thinker. I know high school students have many choices of where to attend nursing school."

"The state of Michigan is fortunate to have excellent nursing education opportunities. Siena Nursing wants to direct admit students who are good thinkers! With an ACT of 24 or higher, a student can have a seat in the Siena Nursing program if he or she earns As and Bs here at Siena." In addition, SHU Nursing is a second admit program, meaning students must apply at the start of their sophomore year of college to be accepted into the nursing program. Students must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average in all courses and a grade of an A or a B in all science courses to be considered for an automatic seat under the new direct admit program. Once admitted, students will be required to complete five semesters of nursing coursework before earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

SHU and Lourdes Share Jamaican Service Trip

Five students from Siena Heights University and five students from Lourdes University discovered together how fortunate they are. While on a service trip last May to St. John Bosco School, high in the mountains of central Jamaica, they got a first-hand peak at real poverty. Bosco is a school and home for 160 Jamaican boys, and all have histories of abuse, neglect or delinquency. Most are brought there by the courts, and, according to Mercy Sister Susan Frazer, the administrator, "This is their last stop before prison." She emphasizes the need for the boys to develop both self-discipline and sufficient job skills to find work once they leave Bosco—usually at 17 or 18.

To this end, older students have the opportunity to learn a trade, and, at Bosco, can master the skills of cooking, butchering or catering. As part of their program, the young cooks in training prepared and served supper to the volunteers each night. During the week, volunteers were engaged in a variety of tasks, including tutoring and reading or writing with the boys. They also organized and played games with them on the play field. They learned that the little pouch in each boy's T-shirt, always tucked into his khaki shorts, was a sort of locker in which he kept treasures—a comb, a toothbrush, maybe a letter or two, a pencil. This was their only insurance against theft—one of the common reasons boys are brought to Bosco.

Student volunteers from Siena Heights included Alan Marine and Deqorrie Whitman (below), Eric Gilbert, Aubrey Crosby and Andy Switzer.



Joining the volunteers were Mercy Sister Pat Schnapp from SHU, Rachel Duff Anderson, Franciscan Sister Barbara Vano and Lourdes basketball coach Andre Smith. Sister Pat noted that the 9-day trip provides both an immersion experience in a different culture and an opportunity to be of service in a concrete way.

"It's a win-win," she says, "and we always get much more than we give." Siena volunteer Aubrey Crosby said, "It was a great trip. Bosco gives those boys a home and a future." But what the volunteers most enjoyed was the warm response to their friendship and interest in these troubled and needy boys. Would they go back again? "In a heartbeat," said one.

Gray Receives Honorary Doctorate from SHU



Former Siena Heights Board of Trustee member Gary Gray received an honorary doctorate during SHU's annual Fall Academic Convocation on Sept. 6 in St. Dominic Chapel. As a practicing physical therapist, Gray's concern for the physical well-being of his patients led him to be an innovator. He developed a variety of pieces of equipment for rehabilitation and training that are used by thousands of clinicians every day. These innovations earned him the title "The Father of Function" in the physical therapy profession. He has presented seminars for more than 20 years, helping clinicians attend to a three-dimensional approach to treatment of mind, body, spirit as well as the three dimensions through which motion occurs.

The American Physical Therapy Association presented him with the John Maley Lectureship Award, honoring individuals who have "made a recognized and significant contribution to physical therapy in the area of clinical practice" and "has acknowledged skills in the organization and presentation of written or oral communication." He has founded the Gray Institute to produce and distribute information related to Applied Functional Science. Gray's contributions to the local community have been many and have had a focus on children. In addition to his support of youth basketball, he hosts the "Hot Rock" and "Girls of Summer" camps. He has been instrumental in the 3D-PT camps in conjunction with the Christian Family Centre and with the "Free to Play" initiative.

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Banding Together

Wes King Hired to Begin Band Program at Siena Heights

In June Siena Heights University hired Wes King to be its first director of Bands.

King, a native of Memphis, Tenn., recently graduated from the University of Arkansas, where he earned his Master of Music Degree in Instrumental Conducting. During his time at Arkansas, he served as a graduate teaching assistant, assisting and conducting the Razorback Marching Band, Hogwild Pep Band, concert bands, jazz ensemble and concert choir.



King also attended Mississippi State University, where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Music Education. He was a member of the wind ensemble, marching band, pep bands, jazz band, chamber ensembles and performed with the Starkville-MSU Symphony. He was also a founding member of a MSU student organization that participated in many volunteer music programs promoting diversity in the community and surrounding schools.

King previously served as the band director at Taylorsville (Tenn.) High School, and also has worked with the marching program at the Southern Baptist Educational Center in Southaven, Miss.



SHU approved a marching band program in 2011, and this fall the band debuted during the Saints' first home football game Aug. 25. King directs the marching bands as well as organizes the concert bands as a music faculty member at Siena Heights.

King said he is actively recruiting new band members. He hosted a Band Day for prospective high school students on Oct. 13 during the home football game against St. Xavier (Ill.).

"Scholarships are available for every member of the marching band," King said. "Students who play brass, woodwind, piano and percussion instruments are encouraged to audition, as well as students with color guard, dance or majorette experience." ♦



The following are the other full-time faculty beginning the 2012–13 academic year at Siena Heights:

- Julie Barst—Assistant Professor of English
- James Geistman Jr.—Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
- Karen Howatt—Instructor of Nursing
- Lynn Klima—Instructor of Nursing
- Natalie Lanese—Assistant Professor of Art
- Milson Luce—Associate Professor of Biology
- Patrick Mayer—Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- Christy Mesaros-Winkles—Assistant Professor of English
- Julius Nagy—Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- Sheila Nowinski—Assistant Professor of History
- Lynne Townsend—Assistant Professor of Social Work
- Sister Pat Walter, OP—Associate Professor of Religious Studies
- Erin Zerbe—Assistant Professor of Art





BELL RINGS TRUE AT SHU

Religious Studies Professor Earns the Respect of His Peers and Students as the 2012 Rice Award Winner

By Austin Harper '13—Student Writer

Dr. Ian Bell is more to his students than a professor. He is a confidant, a role model, a leader, a mentor and a friend.

As the 2012 winner of the Sister Eileen Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching, the chair of the Humanities Division and associate professor of Religious Studies was recognized for his exceptional teaching methods and his incomparable commitment to his students.

All those above-mentioned attributes make him one of the most beloved faculty members at SHU.

The Sister Eileen Rice Award is presented to the professor who receives the most votes from students. Recommendations from faculty members are also taken into consideration, and then a committee, which includes the prior award recipients, decides who is most deserving of the award. In the three previous years, winners of the award were Joe Raab, Jeffrey Lindstrom and Nick Kaplan.

Bell's initial plan was to become a mechanical engineer, not a college professor. The Wisconsin native began his studies at Michigan Tech University, but during his first year he started to reconsider that choice.

"My atheist friends questioned how I could be a Christian," Bell said. "I started struggling with the doctrines of the incarnation and Trinity. I began focusing on faith rather than calculus, which resulted in academic problems."

He transferred to the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., where he received a degree in youth ministry. He spent a year-and-a-half teaching in a parish in Minnesota as a youth minister but chose to continue his scholarly career. At the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., he received his master's degree. He later received his PhD in Religious Studies with an emphasis in systematic theology from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

In 2003, began his teaching career at Marquette as a graduate student. In 2007, he was hired at SHU, where he is in his sixth year. Bell also heads the annual Chiodini/Fontana Lecture Series on Ethics at Siena Heights, and has influenced curriculum development in religious studies and has continued to produce scholarly publications.

Bell and his wife of 16 years, Melissa, and their 8-year-old son, Aidan, reside in Adrian.

"He is an even bigger Star Wars nerd than I am," Bell said of his son.

According to one of his students, Bell "radiates his passion for theology to each student he teaches. ... His 'tough but fair' reputation has earned him the respect of everyone he teaches."

Bell said he was surprised at winning the Rice Award. He assumed his reputation for being so demanding would inhibit any chance he had of ever receiving the award.

When asked why he believed he won this year, Bell, laughing, said, "I guess it is because all the really good teachers already won it."

However, SHU Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Mark Schersten was not surprised Bell had been nominated.

"Ian certainly is demanding, but our business is educating students, and he takes it seriously, almost more than anyone I have ever known," Schersten said.

Schersten was Bell's division chair and supervisor before he became dean. He said he was particularly impressed with Bell's detailed lecture notes and the amount of work he put into helping his students improve their writing skills.

Bell accepts multiple rough drafts of papers from students so as to help them obtain the best grade possible. Until the due date, students are encouraged to rewrite their papers as often as they like.

"I remember seeing Ian in his office on some Friday afternoons when he did not have class," Schersten said. "I would ask him why he was there and he would tell me 'I am grading papers.'"

"His sheer dedication to students has made him rightly deserving of the honor."

As the Rice Award recipient, Bell had the additional honor of making a keynote speech at the Sept. 6. Fall Academic Convocation. ♦



Here is a Roundup of Some of the Other Awards from Last Spring's Honors Convocation:

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award—

Seniors Mariann Weiss of Monroe, Mich., and Brianna Chrenko of Northville, Mich., earned the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award. The Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award is the highest honor given to undergraduate students at SHU. Weiss graduated summa cum laude in May from SHU's business administration program with an overall grade point average of 3.86. Chrenko graduated in May summa cum laude from SHU's special education program with an overall grade point average of 3.91.

Thomas A. Emmett Award

(Outstanding Junior Scholar-Athlete)—Hannah Ulrich, Christopher Schurr

Team Academic Award—Women's Golf

Division Outstanding Student Awards

Division of Business and Management—

Darrell Gudenau, Mariann Weiss

Division of Computing, Mathematics, and the Sciences—

Marcella Ehmann, Amanda Mitchell

Division of Humanities—

Michelle Blackerby, Jeff Conolly

Division of Nursing—

Pre-Licensure: Christopher Rising; RN-BSN: Cincerie King

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences—

Linda Pancone, Amy Wicker

Division of Visual and Performing Arts and Education—

Ashliegh Allen, Brianna Chrenko

Graduate College Outstanding Student Awards—

Education: Jessica Bailey-Sword; Leadership: Roseanne Mark; Counseling: Terricka Lewis

St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal—

Brandon Bowers

Staff Excellence Award—

Cheri Betz, Liesel Riggs '06

Jack Bologna Award for Innovative Teaching—

Liliana Toader

Fred Smith Champion Award—

Sister Pat Schnapp

Overcoming the

Odds . . .



SHU Disabled Students Don't Let Physical Obstacles Get in the Way of Success

By Austin Harper '13—Student Writer

There are currently anywhere from 25–75 disabled students at Siena Heights University. Learning and mobile disabilities, visual, hearing and cognitive impairments and autism, all of these and more are challenges among some of SHU's most promising students.

There may be the assumption that trials such as these greatly hinder these students; that they struggle day in and day out, barely passing classes. There may even be the perception that they may never even be able enter into the workforce.

According to Bob Ritz (**left, middle**), SHU's learning specialist/ADA coordinator, this could not be further from reality. He said these students are given every opportunity to succeed. First, they must have documentation of their disability and they must ask for the help. As long as they do this, he and SHU will provide any assistance the students require.

"Enlarged textbooks, taped lectures, extended test times, I provide all of these accommodations," Ritz said. "A student with ADD may be distracted by a pencil being tapped on a desk or a page being turned. They can take their test in my office, free of distractions, to level the playing field."

Though these students are given assistance, he said they do not have it easy. Leaving counselors and constant parent support during high school, college is an extremely different experience.

"They have to do a lot on their own," Ritz said.

Students with documented disabilities usually meet with Ritz for only their first year, but he has had some students who have been in contact with him all four years until graduation.

"These students graduate because of their hard work and perseverance," Ritz said. "They are not afraid to get help and they make it. I find them outstanding."

Blind Ambition

A prime example of one of these outstanding students is Tiffany Swoish.

Swoish, a junior criminal justice major, has ocular albinism, an inherited condition in which the eyes lack melanin pigment, resulting in low vision. Her vision is 20/80, and she is considered legally blind.

"I was born with it, so I didn't really have to get used to anything," she said. "I take notes by listening instead of reading the board. I also have enlarged textbooks."

Swoish said she does not allow her visual impairment to have an effect on her success. Late last year she applied for an internship geared especially for disabled students.

"I was notified in February that I had been accepted," she said. "Then I was interviewed twice for placement purposes. Because of my interest in criminal justice, I was placed with a lobbyist group in (Washington) D.C. I was involved with the Walmart (in) federal government relations. I was their only intern."

She had the opportunity to lunch with congressmen, assisted on a lobbying team, attended a congressional hearing, conducted important research and attended fundraisers. Swoish also had a large role in a project determining the hiring policies for ex-offenders (anyone with a criminal record).

Her mentor during the internship was a congressional spouse.

"She was really nice to work with," Swoish said. She was best friends with (Republican vice presidential candidate) Paul Ryan and she was able to give me and my parents a tour of the White House. I got to go twice!"

She said the internship has opened many doors for her.

"Before, I really wanted to go into law. But now I want to move to D.C. when I graduate and maybe do more in lobbying, perhaps something in political science. The internship was the best experience of my life," she said.

As if that were not remarkable enough, Swoish is a tutor in the SHU Writing Center. She started a group on campus her freshman year called Adopt a Sister.



"I believed that since these women (Adrian Dominican Sisters) are the founders of the school, it would be wonderful to have some interaction between them and the students," she said of the Adopt a Sister group. "Last year we visited about 27 Sisters. I just wish there was someone to take it over when I graduate."

Swoish has also entered numerous art competitions, and has had her art – mainly macro photography and graphic design—exhibited in Australia, the U.S. Capitol building, on billboards in Florida, Pennsylvania and all over Michigan.

Swoish has a blog recounting her internship at www.aapdinterns.blogspot.com.

Going Places

Another student who has carved out a successful presence on campus is Vijay Caplon.

Most everyone on the Adrian campus has seen him in the lower level of the Science Building zooming in and out of classrooms and hallways in his electric wheelchair. But not many, according to Caplon, have really gotten to know him.

"I'm actually kind of a private person," he said. "You can't get much out of me."

Caplon, who has very limited use of his arms and legs, is a second-year senior math major and transfer student from Jackson Community College. When he graduates, he hopes to go into law, advocating for the disabled. He would eventually like to start a non-profit business. He is adopted, as are his six siblings.

"We are from all over the place: Texas, Detroit, Arizona," he said. "One of my brothers and I were born in India. I lived there for eight years. I was in and out of a lot of orphanages."

He said his adopted mother encouraged him to rely on himself for many things.

"She would stick me in the bathroom and tell me 'good luck,'" Caplon said. "I had to learn how to do things on my own. My mom is awesome."



Caplon has thrived at Siena Heights and has even started Disability Awareness Week.

"Monday and Tuesday we have tables around campus with literature explaining different disabilities," he said. "Wednesday is wheelchair hockey, which is amazing. Thursday there is a guest speaker and Friday is the Eat with a Disability Dinner. People have to eat blind, deaf, with no hands, to see what it is really like."

Caplon's other activities include being the vice president of the Math Club, president of S.H.U.G.G. (Siena Heights University Gamers Guild) member of the Student Veterans group and tutoring in the Math Cave.

"I am also going to take people on a wheelchair tour of the school as part of disability awareness," he said. "They can see how I have to get around."

When asked about how he had to overcome his disability, he said, "I don't believe in disabilities. You are your only disability. If you tell yourself you have one, you have one."

He certainly has proven this to be true: Caplon has been spotted going to local eateries, the mall, all over Adrian in his wheelchair, which goes 10 miles per hour at top speed.

"I go everywhere in this thing!" he said. ♦

Head of the Class

Biology Students Earn National Research Awards

National championships are usually associated with athletic competition, but Siena Heights University recently had a national champion in the classroom.

Recent Siena Heights University graduates Lauren Coe and Jared Pirkle each won national biology awards for their presentations at the national Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society research conference in May in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Coe, a native of Perrysburg, Ohio, earned the first place Frank Brooks Award in ecology for her presentation on the effects of leaf color on the landing choice, egg-laying preference and larval growth of the cabbage white butterfly.

“I was hoping I would be able to place in nationals,” Coe said of the honor. “I was not feeling well. I was calm and relaxed and I guess that helped. We were really surprised I came in first. It was just a bonus.”

Coe is only the second Siena Heights student to earn a first place at the national biology conference. Billy Houghteling also received the honor in 1996.

“Why female butterflies prefer to lay their eggs on certain plants, but not others, has puzzled biologists for over a century,” said SHU Professor of Biology Dr. Jun Tsuji, who guided and supervised Coe’s research.

“The prevailing thought is that the females choose to lay eggs on plants that are the most suitable for the growth of their offspring. Lauren’s research results, however, suggest that female butterfly behavior may not always be for the benefit of her offspring.”

Coe said she tested the butterflies on three different colors of plants: green, yellow and variegated. “I found that the females preferred to lay their eggs on the green plants,” Coe said of her findings.

Recent SHU biology graduates and national award winners, Jared Pirkle and Lauren Coe, pose with SHU Professors of Biology Dr. Carl Kaster (far left) and Dr. Jun Tsuji (far right).



However, when it came to the larvae, there was no discernible difference in their weight, suggesting plant color did not affect growth and development patterns.

“The larvae just like to eat. They were all equal weight,” Coe said.

Coe credits Dr. Tsuji, who guided through more than two years of research on her project.

“He was a great guidance to me and gave me a lot of tips and suggestions,” Coe said. “And the editing is still going. We’re still trying to get (the research) published. Jun’s even continuing experiments.”

Pirkle, a native of Deerfield, Mich., earned the third place John Johnson Award in organismal biology for his poster presentation on the circadian activity of the house mouse.

“I’ve always been really fascinated with sleep studies, and this was a roundabout way to approach this topic,” Pirkle said. “They’ve used the house mouse before in other research. They were easy enough to use and I had the resources where I could pull a sleep study together.”

Pirkle was able to kind of quantify the ruggedness of the pacemaker, or the biological clock that orchestrates light and dark cycles. He was then able to graph that out and compare to human behavior. “We’re very similar to mice in a lot of ways,” Pirkle said.

Pirkle’s research was guided and supervised by SHU Professor of Biology Dr. Carl Kaster.

“Most organisms, including humans, have an internal circadian clock that anticipates daily environmental changes, such as day and night,” Kaster said. “Mice use their internal clocks to regulate their behavior, so that they rest during the day and are active in the evening. Jared experimentally manipulated the length of the dark phase in a 24-hour cycle of light and darkness and discovered that these conditions significantly affected the wheel-running activity of the mice.”

“Carl has truly been fantastic,” Pirkle said. “He gives back what you put into it, and that’s what I appreciate the most. I made sure that my effort would always match his. That’s all I can really expect from a professor.”

Coe and Pirkle, who each received a bachelor’s degree in biology in May, were one of more than 300 students from 52 colleges and universities who presented at the conference. An 11-member delegation from SHU’s Xi Omega chapter of Beta Beta Beta attended the national conference.

This fall, Coe is starting medical school at the Kent State College of Podiatric Medicine, while Pirkle is entering the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Andrews University. ♦



Lloyd Carr Travels to Siena Heights Campus

The Siena Heights football team had a special guest this fall when former University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr visited practice. Carr, who guided the Wolverines to a national championship in 1997, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame last year. Carr was able to provide some feedback to the SHU coaching staff as well as visit with longtime friend, SHU head coach Jim Lyall. Carr finished his visit by talking to the team before the Saints' first game against Robert Morris (**below**).



Saints Second in WHAC Directors Cup standings



The Saints finished 32nd in the final NAIA Learfield Sports Directors Cup standings. The cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each school's finish in up to 12 sports—six women's and six men's. Siena Heights earned the second highest score in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, with Indiana Tech finishing 22nd overall.

Track and Field

Women: Lenzey Stidham won the women's pole vault (**below**) at the NAIA national championships with a vault of 12 feet, 7 1/2 inches. Brianna Nordby was seventh in the javelin with a distance of 140-7 to also earn All-American honors. Phoenix Duncan, just a freshman, was second in the women's high jump to earn All-American honors. She was also second in the indoor national meet and is the school record holder. Stidham (pole vault) and Duncan (high jump), each won events and Taylor Byron set a school record in the shot put as the women placed second at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference outdoor championships. Byron was also named the meet's Most Valuable Performer after scoring 24 points. She recorded a throw of 43 feet, 7.75 inches in the shot put and was third in the discus. Stidham took the pole vault (11-11.75) and Duncan the high jump (5-7.75). Cassie Keeping, a junior, and seniors Lyndsay Payne and Morgan Choszczky were each named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes. **Bowling**

Men: Rich DePalma and the men's 4x400 relay each finished second at the NAIA national outdoor championships to cap off an impressive effort. DePalma lost in a "vault off" to finish second in the men's pole vault, while the 4x400

relay of Ryan McElyea, Anton Darby, Logan Moore and Doug Dawson clocked in at 3 minutes, 10.86 seconds – a new school record – to place second in the nation and also earn All-American recognition. Others earning All-American honors included Brett Smith in the marathon (seventh, 2:34.43.3), Logan Moore in the 110 hurdles (fourth, 14.36), Calvin Sullins in the decathlon (eighth, 6,480 points) and Will Hinton in the discus (eighth, 49.59 meters). Sullins' effort was a school record. The host Saints also dominated the competition at Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference outdoor championships, winning several events and breaking three school records in the process. Sullins led the way, scoring 22 points to be named the Most Valuable Performer. The 4x400 relay of Anton Darby, Logan Moore, Ryan McElyea and Doug Dawson earned the Most Outstanding Performance, winning their event in a then-school record time of 3 minutes, 12.29 seconds. Ryan Hopson set a school record in winning the triple jump (47-7.25) and tied another by taking the long jump (24-3.75). Other event winners were Dawson in the 400 (47.44), Chris Schurr in the pole vault (16-0.75), Moore in the 110 hurdles (14.44), Jesiah Rodriguez in the 1500 (3:53.63) and Justin Bateson in the 5000 (15:26.12).

Seniors Dawson and Kyle Armstrong and junior Chris Schurr earned Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete recognition.

Baseball

The SHU Saints won 4-3 with two outs in the bottom of the ninth on a single up the middle by Kyle Benschoter to beat Indiana Tech, the top seed and ranked 21st in the nation, in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball tournament championship (**above right**). Lefty Matt King tossed nine innings of four-hit ball and allowed just one earned run. Siena Heights won its first conference tournament title since 1994 and advanced to the NAIA national tournament. The Saints (33-25) then completed one of the most successful seasons in the program's history by placing third at the NAIA bracket in Daytona Beach, Fla. SHU defeated Southern Poly (Ga.) 8-4 for the second time in as many days before falling to second seed and 15th ranked Auburn-Montgomery 9-8 in the loser's bracket final. Fifth seed Siena Heights defeated Southern Poly (Ga.) 3-1 in the opener before losing to eighth-ranked and top seed and host Embury-Riddle 2-0. Senior shortstop Cory Lehman was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year as three Saints landed on the conference first team.





Lehman batted .377 with 19 doubles, five triples, two home runs and 11 stolen bases. He has a whopping .475 on-base percentage and was also named an honorable mention NAIA All-American. Senior third baseman Brett Howard and senior pitcher Corey Alexander were the other first team honorees. Howard led the team with 40 RBI and 23 doubles to go with a .308 average and four home runs. Alexander led the WHAC in innings pitched and was 8-4 with a 1.96 earned run average. Lehman and Alexander were also each named to the WHAC's and NAIA's Gold Glove Teams, with senior Brett Kuebler, junior Dan Abbott, junior Jake Sperry and junior Kyle Benschoter receiving honorable mention all-conference. Josh White and Lehman also earned academic all-conference honors, with Sperry chosen as the Champions of Character recipient. It was also the first season for the Saints on their new field. A special "Baseball Bash" was held in April to celebrate the new stadium, which features an artificial turf infield. Coach John Kolasinski also recorded his 400th career victory during the memorable 2012 campaign.

Softball

Sophomore Katie O'Holtzke was named to the NAIA All-America first team in softball. O'Holtzke earned her spot as a designated player. She batted .346 with 14 doubles, three home runs and 36 RBI and was 11-15 with a 2.61 ERA, 22 complete games and 111 strikeouts on the mound. O'Holtzke is just the fourth Saint to earn All-America honors—and the second to earn first team honors. Tanya Dickerson was named first team in 1995. Also, senior Brittney Rhodes and juniors Tonya Berta and Jessica Lampkowski were each named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Siena Heights had three players earn first team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors, including junior Anna Alcorta, senior Terra Donovan and O'Holtzke.

Alcorta, an infielder, led the Saints in average (.396) home runs (10) and RBI (44), while Donovan, a first baseman, batted .372 with four homers and 33 RBI. Earning honorable mention was Rhodes, while Rhodes, Tonya Berta, Jessica Lampkowski and Lizz Wilson each earned academic all-conference honors. Jenn Sylvester was named the team's Champions of Character representative. The Saints finished 27-28-1 on the season, including 5-8-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Men's Volleyball

Junior Juan Sierra was named to the All-Mid America Men's Volleyball Intercollegiate Conference East Division first team and Academic All-MAMVIC team as one of seven SHU Saints honored. Sierra led SHU in aces, and was second in kills and assists. Adrian Rutt was named All-MAMVIC East second team while Brandon Bowers received honorable mention. Joining Sierra, Rutt and Bowers on the Academic All-MAMVIC team were DeQorrie Whitman, Tim O'Brien, Luke Sagaert and Matt Mitterholzer.

Golf

Women: Sara Porter tied for fourth to lead the Siena Heights women's golf team to a fifth-place finish at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at Whispering Willows Golf Course. Porter carded a two-day total of 171 (88-83) on the par-72, 5,800-yard course, leading the Saints to a team score of 727 (365-362). Sydney Gossett added a 12th-place finish with a 180 (89-81).

Men: The Saints finished in fifth place at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championships at the Stonewater Country Club. Nick Campbell was the leader for the Saints, finishing seventh place overall with a 237. Dylan Orr finished 11th place overall (241) while Joe Lemanski placed 19th (247).

Lacrosse

Women: The women finished 0-13 in their first season of play. The Saints were led by Mackenzy Hickner, who had 17 goals, while Stephannie Gonzalez and Nicole Palm added 15 and 12, respectively. Coach Cindy Hill used this season as a learning experience and is bringing in a highly regarded recruiting class for 2013.

Men: The men recorded a breakout season last spring, finishing with a 12-4 overall record, including 3-2 in conference play. Sean Kobunski led the Saints with 33 goals and 22 assists,

with Ryan Gumbleton right behind at 33 goals and 21 assists. Ryan Mailloux finished with a 12-4 record in goal with .647 save average.

Cheer and Dance

The Saints fielded their first cheer and dance teams this fall (**below**) under the direction of Coach Angie Sword. Competitive cheer and dance are considered "emerging sports" by the NAIA, and the Saints will have their first competitions later this year. The teams debuted at the first home football game Aug. 25.



You Did What? With Your Siena Heights ● Degree

By Doug Goodnough

Graduates Sometimes Take an Unorthodox Road to a Career Path

Many institutions of higher education claim that their students “can do anything with a college degree.”

Over the years, Siena Heights University graduates have put that statement to the test. *Reflections* Magazine interviewed a few these graduates who have used their education to carve out interesting—if not unorthodox—career paths. Success indeed does come in many forms, and these students have a good answer when asked :

“You did *what* with your Siena Heights degree?”

On the Move



When Chloe Whiting Stevenson '08 completed her degree in theater/speech communication at Siena Heights University, her education was far from over. In fact, it took another two years of graduate school at Illinois State University before she finally figured out what she wanted to do with her degree.

“I dediced that I wanted to study physical theatre, which is a somewhat new term within the theatre realm.”

In fact, there were only two Master of Fine Arts programs in the world – and only one with American accreditation. She enrolled at the Accademia Dell'Arte program in Italy, which is accredited through the University of Mississippi for Women in the U.S.

The program is two-and-a-half years long and includes a variety of classes, including voice, movement, mask work, dance, acting, music, acrobatics, philosophy and circus. Yes, circus. This past summer Stevenson attended an intensive five-week workshop with a circus school in Torino, Italy. She trained in acrobatics, tightrope, silks, Chinese pole and the trapeze.

“I was personally drawn to the silks,” she said.

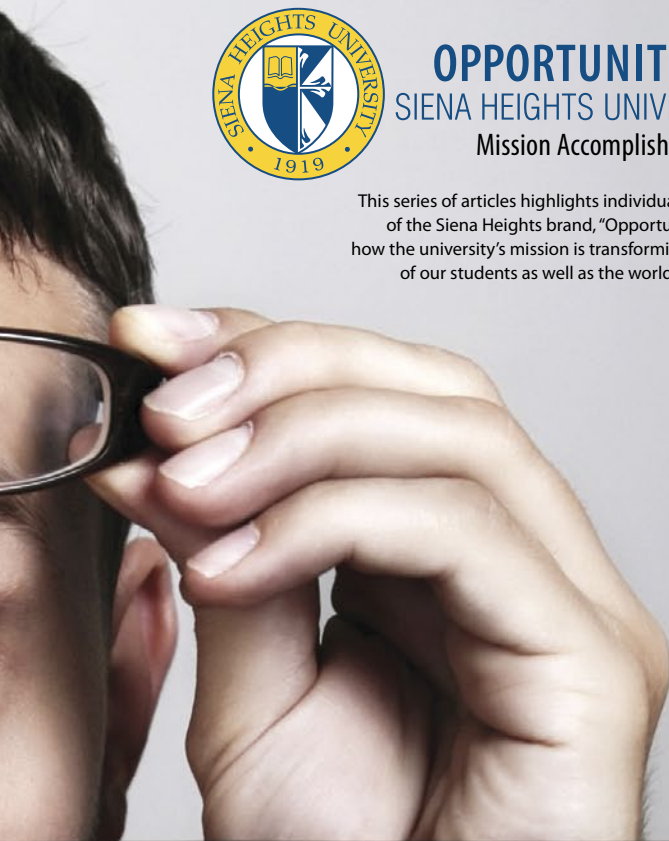
At workshop's end she was part of an hour-long circus performance. She had a solo and participated in several ensemble numbers.



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This series of articles highlights individual examples of the Siena Heights brand, "Opportunity U," and how the university's mission is transforming the lives of our students as well as the world around us.



Chloe Whiting Stevenson—2008 Graduate, Adrian Campus

Major: Theater/Speech Communication

Career plan: Studying and training in Italy to be a movement professor

Out of the Ordinary Factoid: This past summer she trained for five weeks at a "circus school" in Torino, Italy, learning acrobatics, tightrope, aerials—even the trapeze!

"Several of our instructors were individuals who in the past have trained Italians competing in the Olympics," Stevenson said. "It was wonderful that they trained us in similar styles. ... I feel like the circus training that we did allowed me to truly see what my body was capable of as well as giving me a clear idea of what people who pursue circus as a career must do every day."

The program will also allow her to travel and study in different parts of Europe over the next year.

"I knew that I wanted to see the world and study theatre and movement," Stevenson said. "This program allows me to do both, for which I am truly grateful."

Stevenson said the study of movement includes things like everyday motions such as walking or sitting to ballroom dancing, acrobatics and athletics. And it is also "exploring the world and staying aware of what is occurring around you," Stevenson said.

She said she is particularly interested in the Japanese dance form of butoh, which she studied while at Siena Heights.

"This dance form truly explores how to connect with the earth and your own body," Stevenson said.

Adjusting to the Italian lifestyle has taken some time, but Stevenson said now that she has a better grasp on the language (all the classes are taught in Italian), things have been better. She said walking and the train are the primary means of transportation, and the absence of some of her favorite foods—tacos, peanut butter and hummus—is mostly offset by the "amazing" Italian cuisine.

When she finishes her studies in December 2013, Stevenson said she hopes to teach movement at a U.S. college or university.

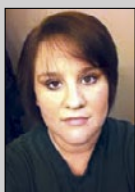
"I feel like more theatre programs are recognizing movement's importance within the curriculum, so I am hoping that will help. ... Part of me really wants to stay in Europe, however, I feel that I will be looking for jobs primarily in the United States so that I can be closer to family."

She said Siena Heights theatre professors Mark DiPietro, Kerry Graves, Joni Warner and Doug Miller helped "move" her in the direction of her passion.

"They were wonderful in helping me look at programs for movement," she said. "I have had exposure to many wonderful professors who have all aided me in looking for a place where I could continue to hone my skills that originated at Siena."

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Education: The Best Medicine



Kara Grigsby White '12 has spent most of her professional career helping others in an emergency. As an emergency medical technician and paramedic, that is almost an everyday occurrence. However, one morning she woke up and realized that the emergency situation she had to respond to was her own.

"I have a rare brain disorder called Arnold Chiari Malformation that I did not know I had until I woke up one morning unable to speak, walk or even sit up," White said. "This disorder affects the cerebellum portion of my brain, and it had herniated into my spinal cord and basically paralyzed me."

Her condition required immediate emergency brain surgery, and she was on a strict recovery schedule for the next four or five months. However, she was enrolled in Siena Heights University's Online Program at the time.

"It was very difficult, because this disorder directly affected my ability to focus, and the pain it caused was most of the time unbearable," White said. "At one point I was given the option to stop my studies and come back after I was better, but I declined. I was so close to finishing and was determined to earn my bachelor's degree. ... Earning my bachelor's degree became a priority because I wanted to teach and educate new students to have the passion and care that I have for my patients.

Also, in my state (Arkansas), in order to teach any EMS class a bachelor's degree is required."

In May, White, still recovering from her surgery, amazingly completed her Bachelor of Applied Science degree with SHU in respiratory care and EMT/paramedic.

"Having the option to do online classes made this struggle easier because I worked at a pace that would not affect my recovery in a negative way," White said of her SHU experience.

And her degree paid quick dividends. Less than eight months from her surgery, she was hired by Arkansas Northeastern College as director of its EMS Programs. Her new responsibilities include establishing a proper program course, screening potential students for the course and making sure they meet the requirements to test at national level once the course is completed.

"I needed to cut back my ambulance time and field time to continue to properly heal," White said. "Being in the classroom gives me the time I need and lets me follow my dream of education."

She remains a paramedic and currently balances her time between the field and the classroom.

"I am not sure that I could ever not be in the EMT field," White said. "I have a passion to help, and that is a direct way I can fill that passion. Being in the classroom allows me to indirectly fill that passion through my students."



Kara Grigsby White—2012 Graduate, Online Program

Major: Respiratory Care, EMT Paramedic

Career: Director of EMS, Arkansas Northeastern College

Out of the Ordinary Factoid: The paramedic discovered she had a rare brain disorder less than a year ago that required surgery, yet she still completed her SHU degree online through the recovery process.

Hooray for Holloway(wood)



Randy Holloway '10 knew he had what it takes to have a career in the entertainment business. Now, he has the degree to prove it.

Holloway, a former auto plant assembly line worker who walked away from a comfortable job and a degree in mechanical engineering, is now pursuing his passion as a filmmaker, screen writer and TV producer. In fact, he recently received a prestigious grant from the New York Foundation for the Arts' Artspire program that is allowing him to produce his first feature film, "Making Money." The movie is expected to debut early in 2013.

The 38-year-old first developed his love of film by watching the "classics" like "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Singing in the Rain" and "The Lost Weekend" as a child every Saturday morning with his mother.

"I had the opportunity to see those kinds of movies, and that drove me to the grandeur of Hollywood," Holloway said. "I was just enamored with everything I saw on the screen."

That love of movies persisted to adulthood. A line worker at Chrysler's Jefferson North Assembly Plant, Holloway would often see three or four movies a week, and then provide detailed critiques to his co-workers during breaks and lunch hours. He decided one day to actually write a movie review, and had two fellow employees—one a retired English teacher—edit his work.

"There was red ink everywhere," Holloway said of the editing process. "I was a little dejected and wanted to quit. But I made the corrections and went back and there was less and less red ink. Then finally they both said 'perfect.'"

He decided to print the review and distribute it around the plant. The plant manager and union president liked it so much they asked him to be the editor of the plant newspaper. At the time a student in Wayne State University's mechanical engineering program, Holloway's review found its way to campus – and a woman who worked for a magazine owned by Warner Brothers Entertainment. That eventually led Holloway to a job as a screen representative for Columbia Pictures in 1999.



Randy Holloway—2010 Graduate, Metro Detroit Campus

Major: Professional Communication

Career: Filmmaker, screenwriter, movie critic

Out of the Ordinary Factoid: The former auto plant line worker was a few classes away from a mechanical engineering degree when he walked away to pursue a career in the entertainment industry.



"I was six classes away from graduating (with a mechanical engineering degree), but my heart wasn't in it at all," Holloway said. "Once I got a taste of flying around the country interviewing celebrities and being around what was my childhood dream, it just wasn't going to happen."

For several years he helped set up reviews around the country, and interviewed celebrities like Brad Pitt and met some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry. However, when his mother became ill, Holloway had to step away from the entertainment industry for a while. Still maintaining his job at Chrysler, Holloway decided to take another bold step after his mother passed away in 2007.

"It just felt as if something was telling me, 'it was your time,'" Holloway said of returning to the entertainment industry. "But I didn't know the business. To make movies I needed to know exactly what goes on behind the camera."

He enrolled in Specs Howard School of Media Arts to learn how to work a camera. He graduated at the top of his class and took an internship with a Detroit television station. In less than a month, Holloway was hired as a producer at the station, and it was there he said he honed his skills as a producer.

In 2009 he accepted a buyout from his position at Chrysler, and decided to take his education to another level. He enrolled in the Professional Communication program at SHU's Metro Detroit Program while continuing to work as a producer. Holloway earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average when he graduated.

"I was still making good money, but my heart was just burning and aching for something else," Holloway said of his decision to leave Chrysler. "I knew that this was not it."

Holloway continued to learn the movie-making and television production trade, helping friends with local productions involved with commercials, videos and film festivals. He worked on several reality television programs, including one with Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino from MTV's hit series "Jersey Shore." He also directed a pilot for CBS starring Cindy Crawford in 2011 (**left**).

But he wanted his own production, and "Making Money" is his opportunity to do it. Holloway said he did not initially receive the grant to make the movie, but he received an email from the foundation's vice president asking him to reapply, and he did, he got his funding. The foundation helped launch the careers of producers like Julie Taymor, Terry McMillan and Spike Lee.

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"That has never been done before in the history of the organization," Holloway said of being able to reapply. "That truly blew me away."

He said "Making Money" is a coming of age story about high school basketball player Marcus Banks and his quest to win his school's first basketball championship. The movie is expected to be filmed this fall and debuted hopefully by NBA All-Star Weekend in February.

Working on the movie and several other projects commands most of his time. But he said pursuing his passion fuels him.

"My dream is right in front of me and I'm reaching for it," Holloway said. "My end goal is to be a respected TV and film producer. I'm trying to take it to another level and really do something that hasn't been heard of before. I'm not going to Hollywood and doing it, I'm staying here on the west side of Detroit."

And he said having his bachelor's degree "takes away any questions."

"Education earns respect," Holloway said. "Siena definitely gave me that badge of honor that I know is there."

To view the progress of Holloway's movie, visit:

www.makingmoneythemovie.com.

The Art of Politics



How did an art major find a career in politics? With the help of a good friend.

Angela Biniecki Goble '05 was working as a digital imaging specialist at a small studio in Monroe, Mich., when she received a phone call from a college friend.

"She said, 'My dad is running for state representative and he could really use some help with his campaign literature. Let me put you in contact with him,'" Goble said.

That candidate was Monroe's Dale Zorn, who, with Goble's graphic design help, ended up winning the election. During the campaign's victory party on election night, Zorn asked Goble to join his full-time staff in Lansing. She accepted, and makes the commute every day from her home in Newport, Mich., to the state capitol.

"I thought, 'What an opportunity,'" she said. "I've been here since January of 2011, and I love it so far."

As a legislative aide, Goble plans and executes all of the events for Zorn, including all the graphic design and photography duties.

"I'm kind of the resident artist of the office," Goble said.

However, her job entails much more outside of her artistic skillset. She also handles all the scheduling and also works on constituent cases.

"If someone calls the office and has an unemployment issue, I work with the person and the corresponding state department to help them get a resolution," Goble said. "I handle sort of the people side of things."

Calling herself a "creative problem-solver," she also is involved with some legislative issues, scheduling committee hearings and meetings to discuss bills. And with this being an election year, she said she is learning the difference between campaign-related politics and legislative-related politics is clear.

"We are not allowed to work on anything campaign-related during office hours," she said. "The definition is really clear here in the office, as it should be. We do a lot after 5 p.m. and the weekends working to keep our bosses out there (campaigning)."

She said the striking architecture in Lansing often reminds her of classes with SHU art history Professor Peter Barr. And the mission of Siena Heights – which she memorized even before stepping on campus – stay with her in her new career.

"Politics can be a really divisive venture, but as long as you are treating people with respect and dignity that they preach at Siena, even if you don't agree with them, it just makes all the difference," she said.

And would she be willing to run for office one day?

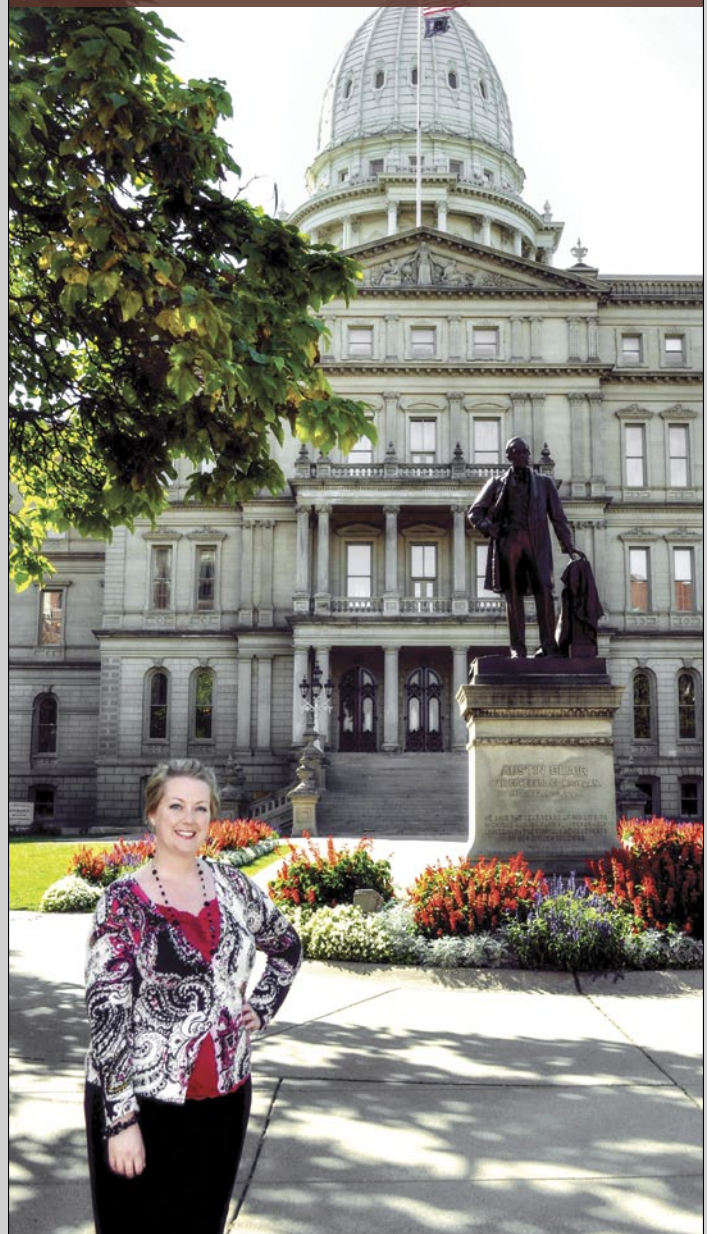
"I think it takes a certain personality, and it definitely takes a thick skin that I don't have right now," Goble said. "You never know. I wouldn't rule it out." ♦

Angela Biniecki Goble—2005 Graduate, Adrian Campus

Major: Art

Career: Legislative aide for State Representative Dale Zorn

Out of the Ordinary Factoid: Her college friend's father was running for state office and she worked graphic design projects for his campaign. As soon as he learned he won the election he asked her to join his staff full-time in Lansing.



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 First Chicago NBD Corporation
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 Orion Martinez '04 and
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 Molly Berner '99
 Jude and Mary '65 Blau
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A Grand Opening



The new Mary and Sash Spencer Athletic Complex was completed last summer—just in time for the fall sports season. The new facility that is attached to the O'Laughlin Stadium complex on campus features new lockerrooms, training rooms, and coaches offices for teams that use the stadium. The state-of-the-art facility, which was part of the \$19 million *On Higher Ground Campaign*, was formally dedicated on October 6 during Homecoming Weekend with Mary Spencer on hand to do the honors.



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Why we do what we do. And why it matters.

At Fall Convocation, Religious Studies Professor Ian Bell spoke to a standing-room only crowd in St. Dominic Chapel. Convocation is the official kick-off of each new academic year and the speech by each year's Eileen Rice Teaching Award winner is always a highlight.

In an address titled "Why We Do the Things We Do," Professor Bell talked about why he is so deeply committed to Siena Heights—and what makes this place so special.

It all comes down to mission and identity.

Siena Heights is a Catholic university where "faith and reason walk hand in hand," he said: Unlike many colleges, where education is considered strictly intellectual, Siena Heights actively encourages students "to ask questions about faith and religion," without judging or forcing the answers. "The encounter with one's faith—be it Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim or other—is not only tolerated but encouraged."

We want you to become more competent, purposeful and ethical, Dr. Bell told the students; and to do so in an environment that respects the dignity of all. Why? Because "we desire good things for you"—a good life and the kind of success that is defined not by wealth or possessions but by whether the human community is "better off because of the choices you make and the actions you take."

He ended with a plea: "Take your identity and mission seriously. Embrace questions of meaning. Explore the arts. Examine the workings of the world. Become a better thinker. If you do this, you will be able to define yourself not in terms of what you do, but in terms of who you are." And, he added, "You will know why you do the things you do."

After Convocation, I found myself asking: Why do I do what I do? Why, like Dr. Bell, do I consider Siena such a special place?

Answers came easily: Where else could I catch a lecture over lunch that linked the 18th century Federalist debates with today's presidential politics? Where else could I stop, on an errand, and spend 10 minutes spellbound by an art piece exploring history and women's hair? Where else could I slip into a poetry reading, stand in awe of young athletes propelling themselves over a high bar, and hear "The Great Gates of Kiev" on the piano as I left work—all in one day?

Siena is special to me because I can be a life-long learner just by going to work. And because I can see—in the lives of our alumni—the difference that Siena Heights makes.

One recent example: When the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation presented awards this fall, all three recipients of the Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring Award were Siena Heights graduates: Cammy DiPietro '87, Dawn Huggins '93 and Ryan Bills '02. And another alum, Linda Hooker '72, was named Michigan Art Education Association High School Art Teacher of the Year. All four alumni were lauded for innovation in the classroom, respect for their students, and going the extra mile.

Why do we do what we do?

Simple: Because it makes a difference.

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class notes

From The Sites

SHU—Online

Jimmy Blacker '09 is employed as a patrol officer at St. Clair County Community College. He resides in Port Huron, Mich.

Andrew Zaleski '12 (Lansing) & **Laurie Kipp '12** have both accepted positions as flight medical crew members for Beaumont One, Beaumont Health System's new air medical transportation program.

SHU—Battle Creek

Niki Cummings '04, '08/MA recently opened a unique transitional home in Battle Creek, Mich., for homeless women veterans. The house has five bedrooms, which is enough to house eight women. It also has a medication office, case management and counseling office, a community porch, a dining room and full kitchen.

SHU—Benton Harbor

Timothy Vanderslik '10 joined the Educational Community Credit Union in July as a network administrator. His new responsibilities include the installation, configuration, maintenance and support of ECCU's internal and external hardware systems, in addition to performing all phases of server and desktop software installation and maintenance. He is also a certified Microsoft professional.

Tom Bevington '12 is employed as an assistant textbook manager at the University Bookstore DeVos Center at Grand Valley State University.

SHU—Lansing



Richard Bushong '01 (pictured) was promoted to lieutenant in June by the Eaton County Sheriff's Office in Charlotte, Mich. He is a 23-year veteran with the office.

SHU—Monroe

Paula Gyorkos '05, '07/MA joined the staff of Caring Alternatives Counseling Center in Monroe, Mich. She is a limited licensed professional counselor and has an enhanced certification as an alcohol and drug counselor from the Michigan Certification Board of Addiction Professionals. She also provides treatment in the areas of domestic violence accountability, anger management, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression. She resides in Onsted, Mich.

Todd Eberline '08 is employed as the sales and service manager for Fedco-USA in the East Asia Oceania region. Fedco is a company based in Monroe that manufactures high pressure pumps and energy recovery devices for the reverse osmosis desalination market. He recently relocated to Singapore to start an office there. He has traveled to more than 20 countries since starting his position.



Laura Pressotto '12 (above) received the President's Award from her employer, Pioneer Metal Finishing in Monroe, Mich. Pressotto is employed as an account manager.

Main Campus

1970s

Ric Leichter '73 had his sculpture "Promise to Flower" featured as part of the 2012-13 Art of Public Places Midwest Sculpture Initiative over the summer in Dearborn, Mich. His piece was one of 12 featured throughout the year. His "Promise to Flower" piece stood more than 9 feet tall. He specializes in using scrap materials of interesting sizes and shapes that can be incorporated into his sculptures. He has produced many pieces for corporate and public use, as well as for private collections. His work can be viewed at www.ricsart.com. He resides in Sugar Grove, Ohio.



Julianne Dolan '76 received the Lenawee Arts Award in June for her efforts and involvement in the visual and performing arts in Lenawee County. Dolan has worked for Adrian Public Schools for more than 25 years, including as an early elementary teacher and drama teacher and director. She was named fine arts director in 2007. The award is presented annually to a person who goes above and beyond to support the arts.

1980s

Ann Belote-Weir '84 works for the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Her job is two-fold. She is an intake specialist for the Home and Community Based Waiver Program that serves those 60 and older or 18 and older with disabilities to help bring

services to those who, without services, may be placed in a long-term care facility. She is also a paid counselor for the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program. This program helps people who are on Medicare.



Beth McCullough '86 was honored as a Champion of Change by the White House during a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in July. McCullough is the homeless education liaison for Adrian Public Schools and the homeless education coordinator for Lenawee County. She was one of 13 nationwide honored for "making a significant difference in the way their communities combat homelessness among children and youth."

Patrick Irwin '86 was recently named to the Board of Directors of the WAY Academy, a non-traditional charter school in southwest Detroit. The WAY curriculum is in effect in 10 schools in and out of Michigan and is based on a learning model initially developed in England. The WAY program was co-founded by Glen Taylor '95.



Joseph Williams '88 received the Stubnitz Award from the Lenawee United Way in June. The award is presented annually to someone demonstrating exemplary commitment to the mission of the Lenawee United Way and the cause of volunteerism in the community. Williams is the president of United Bank and Trust and sits on several area boards.

1990s

Justo Hernandez '90 works as a veterans coordinator at the Veterans Administration office in Ann Arbor, Mich. He currently resides in Adrian, Mich.

Jeff Johnston '90 is currently working on turning original artwork into giclee prints and restoring vintage boats. He resides in Huntington, Ind.

Erik Wilson '93 is employed as a store manager at Bed, Bath and Beyond in Perrysburg, Ohio. He resides in Blissfield, Mich.

Nito Ramos '95 recently completed his 17th year of teaching at Clinton Community Schools. He teaches at the elementary level. He and his wife, Leanne, and their three children, Garrett, Breanna and Kyleigh, reside in Adrian.

Rob Belegrin '96 is a teacher and a coach at Oregon (Ohio) City Schools. He and his wife, Michelle, and their two children, Lauren and Brady, reside in Curtice, Ohio.

Shawn Winter '98 was named the advertising director of the Holland (Mich.) Sentinel newspaper in July. He oversees all advertising sales and operations for several publications. He and his wife, Sarah, reside in Holland.

2000s

Mark Geha '00 was named the Teacher of the Year by the General Federation of Women's Clubs this spring. Geha teaches science, computer and math classes at Blissfield (Mich.) Middle School.

Brooke Hine '00 recently completed three art exhibitions over the summer, including "Enteric" Aug. 3-31 in Philadelphia, Pa.; "Aspects of Nature" Aug. 4-Sept. 20 in Steuben, Maine; and "Out of Bounds" June 23-Sept. 2. In addition, her work was also published in Volume 18 of Studio Visit Magazine. She operates a studio in Philadelphia.

Jill Cornett '01 married Scott Myers on April 21, 2012 at The Courtyard at the Docks along the Maumee River in downtown Toledo, Ohio. The bride is an administrative assistant to the superintendent at Madison Schools in Adrian, Mich. The couple resides in Toledo, Ohio.

Monica Scofield Cheney '02 is employed as an event coordinator. She resides in Linden, Mich.

Shawn Diabal '02 is employed as the head of monumental resin casting at the Walla Walla foundry in Walla Walla, Wash.



Doug Gray '04 received the 2012 Young Leader Incito Award from the Lenawee United Way in June. Gray is director of the Gray Institute for Functional Transformation (GIFT) and is the chairman of the Lenawee United Way

Young Leader Society. The award is given to someone who inspires by example while making the community a better place to live and work.

Lindsay Domigan '05 and Martin Skrzniecki were married April 28, 2012, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Monroe, Mich. The bride is a substitute teacher in Monroe County and Maumee (Ohio) Schools and is a server at bd's Mongolian Grill in Toledo, Ohio. The couple resides in Toledo.

Quinn Stanto '05 is employed as a freight classification specialist at Con-Way Freight in Perrysburg, Ohio. He lives in Holland, Ohio.

Brianna Jagger '08/MA was named the first recipient of the Hillsdale County Teacher of the Year Award. She received a \$10,000 prize which was funded by the Hillsdale County (Mich.) Community Foundation and the Stanton Foundation. Jagger was one of 99 teachers nominated for the award, which recognizes a Hillsdale County educator who goes

above and beyond the duties of teaching, who enriches the lives of her students and who is dedicated to school and community. She has taught for Hillsdale Community Schools since 2003 and currently teaches third- and fourth-graders at Bailey Elementary School.

Jon Schoonmaker '08/MA opened Omega, a counseling and youth empowerment practice, in August in Adrian, Mich. He works with both youth and adults in areas such as interventions for at-risk adolescents, trauma intervention, grief and loss counseling, pre-marital counseling and dealing with abuse. He resides in Adrian.

Amy Wertenberger '08, '11/MA has recently opened The Stable Way equine therapy practice in Tecumseh, Mich. She is a licensed counselor in the state of Michigan and works as a case manager and therapist with homeless veterans at Harbor Light in Monroe, Mich.

Alumni Focus

The Adrian Schools Educational Foundation named its outstanding teachers for 2012, and they include **Dawn Huggins, Cammy DiPietro and Ryan Bills**. All three are Siena Heights graduates. They were recognized Oct. 4 at a reception.



Bills is currently an art and technology teacher at Adrian High School. He is also the International Baccalaureate Programme art instructor. He teaches the Stage Craft class at

AHS where students design and build scenery for all the districts plays and musicals. He has taught middle school and elementary school art, coached middle school boys track and high school cross country and served as the technical director for high school musicals and plays. Bills has both his bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts from Siena Heights.



DiPietro is a fifth- and sixth-grade language arts, reading and social studies teacher at AMS 5-6, where she has been for eight years. She taught the same subjects at the

seventh- and eighth-grade level at APS, where she also served for many years as student council and peer mediators supervisor. She is the school liaison for the "Reading is Cool" program, and also has her bachelor's and master's degrees from SHU.



Huggins is currently a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. She has also taught first and second grade. She has two bachelor's degrees from Siena Heights

University. Huggins' nominators recognized her ability to understand each student's learning style and use the right combination of emotional and academic support to challenge her students to learn.

Robert Wright '09/MA was named the principal at Onsted (Mich.) High School in June. He was formerly the assistant principal and athletic director at Sand Creek Community Schools. He resides in Adrian, Mich.

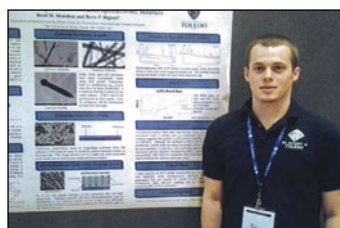


Jennifer Belair '10 had some of her artwork recently accepted for a billboard project in the metro Detroit area. The project's aim was to bring artwork into the everyday community through digital billboards. Belair is currently studying for her Master of Fine Arts Degree at Wayne State University. To view her contributions to the project, visit www.flickr.com and search for "Jennifer Belair Detroit Billboard".

Ashley Mizzi '10 opened a retail boutique in June named Mod Fashion in Northville, Mich.

Chance Lauver '11 and Nicole Paterson were married June 16, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, Mich. The couple resides in Rochester Hills, Mich.

Robin McDonald '11 was hired as the fund development director for the Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County. She and her husband, Eric, and their four children reside in Adrian, Mich.



Brad Monahan '11 (above) presented a poster of his graduate research in June at the American Chemical Society Conference in Dearborn, Mich. Monahan is currently attending graduate school at the University of Toledo.

Kara Prielipp '12 is studying for a master's degree in Library and Information Science at Wayne State University. She is the secretary of the Future Librarians for Inclusivity and Diversity student organization at WSU. Her future plans include working as a public librarian in Michigan. She currently resides in Palmyra, Mich.

Deaths

Alumni

- Helen Kane Marten '39
- Evelyn Oliver Evon
(formerly Sister Marie Madonna) '46
- Jeanne Olivier Riesterer '47
- Sister Mary Ann Konieski '59
- Steven Balyo '77
- Betty Barnhart Duvall '79
- Roselle Kralick '84MA
- Marge McCallum Kaechle '93
- Bridgitte Abramczyk '96

Friends

- Toni Carroll—former instructor.

Tribute to late Siena Heights faculty member Dr. Martha Carroll

Editor's Note: The following edited tribute to late SHU faculty member Dr. Martha Carroll was given by SHU Vice President of Academic Affairs Sister Sharon Weber at Martha's funeral on July 15, 2012.



Martha asked me to say something about her that would make you laugh. On the other hand, she used to tell me that she had to explain my sense of humor to others—so I am not sure that there is much hope that I can fulfill her wishes.

But let me begin by telling you the story of the little first or second grader that reported on his Bible school class. They had been told the story of Jesus visiting Lazarus and Martha and Mary. Martha as you will recall complained that Mary was not helping her with the hostess work. The youngster reported that Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha, you're too fussy."

Now I think most of us would agree that we don't normally think of Martha Carroll as "fussy." For example, we would hardly think of her as especially "fussy" about the professional football team she chose to support.

However, when it came to the causes about which she was passionate, she could be very "fussy." And she was passionate about helping individuals with special needs. When she agreed to develop a special education program for Siena Heights in 2006, she worked to provide the best courses and experiences the potential teachers could have to serve the needs of their future students, including the collaboration skills to work with administrators, faculty, and families. She undertook this project after retiring from the University of Toledo. So she put an enormous amount of energy into planning curriculum and writing course syllabi as well as learning the requirements of a different state Department of Education. She traveled to Lansing; she met

with state officials; she listened carefully; she explained tirelessly; she got it done four times for the program at Siena Heights, for both the graduate and the undergraduate programs in learning disabilities and cognitive impairment.

Martha's passion led her to be a crusader for making buildings and all learning experiences accessible to individuals with special needs. She encouraged all of us to do exercises that would help us understand the challenges that exist in so many ways and in so many places. She would invite us, or cajole us, or nag at us until we would walk with her to see and understand the problems. When she agreed to come on board at Siena to develop the special education program, she did so on one condition—that she not have to be a member of any committee. After all, retirement had to have some rewards. However, she later asked to be placed on the campus master planning committee so she could advocate for the cause of accessibility—so she could be fussy about how we arranged new buildings for the sake of the people who would inhabit them. I would say that asking to sit on a committee is about as passionate as you can get.

Martha was also passionate about her college students, for they would eventually serve those individuals with special needs. She spent hours advising, listening, teaching, and providing supplementary materials for them—including feeding her students real barbecue imported from Carolina. . . . She was also an undying advocate for her students.

Martha accomplished the goals about which she was passionate based on a strategy of collaboration and she was very good at it. She was clear about her goals and she respected the motivation of all involved to want the best in the situation. Martha got things done and she knew it.

During this past year, she dealt with a time when she began to feel better but was unsure about whether or not she was accomplishing what God was calling her to do. We talked and prayed a little about that. I think Martha recognized that it was a time to give God control and she did that. I hope that she now knows that she was still teaching—teaching all of us who would heed how to die gracefully.

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alumni and campaign news

Alumni Association Note:



Patricia Schnapp, RSM, now in her 26th year on the Siena Heights University English faculty, became an honorary member of the Alumni Association this fall.

Her record—as a creative and inspiring teacher, accomplished author and editor, dependable mentor and fan of students, dedicated prison volunteer and advocate for the homeless, irreplaceable lover of literature, and faith-filled friend to all at the University—surely qualifies her as a true Saint. Known to provide rhyming verse for any occasion, she wrote and recited the following on the occasion of receiving the 2012 Honorary Alumni Award.

A Short Ode of Tribute to Siena Heights University

By Sister Pat Schnapp, RSM
Honorary Alumna of SHU

Siena to me has been more than hospitable, its kindnesses gen-rous and quite *unforgittable*.

It's infused with the spirit of Sisters Dominican, who can sure keep their charism vital—if *iny kin!*

Deans 'n colleagues are sharp and are always congenial, and they rarely show flaws either mortal or venial.

Yes, salt of the earth are Siena's professors, though I've never consulted their shrinks or confessors!

They're gen-rous with time and their talents and knowledge, which makes this a vibrant, unique, and fine college.

Our students come here both to work and to learn. Well, the bulk of them?—and it is rare that they spurn . . .

Our exertions in class. And indeed they remind us, that from them will come the next Thomas *Aquindus!*

By our fine arts pursuers we're constantly wowed, And our athletes continue to make us all proud.

As precious as once was the heavenly manna, is Adrian's jewel and pride—our Siena!

And if in the future I ever feel glum, I'll remember: I'm an Honorary Siena alum!

This thought will revive me and make my heart cheerful. And here ends my verse—since you've had quite an earful!

On Higher Ground Campaign Closes with \$19 Million Raised

Siena Heights University closed the most successful campaign in the institution's history with an on-campus celebration Oct. 16.



On Higher Ground

The On Higher Ground Campaign shattered its original goal of \$13 million by finishing with more than \$19 million in pledges and gifts over a three-year period. The campaign officially ended on June 30, 2012.

“The campaign response was everything we had hoped for and more,” said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD. “We secured the largest individual gifts in the institution's history, and we now have visible evidence of what this campaign has meant for Siena Heights—especially for our students.”

The campaign addressed three primary priorities: new athletic facilities, a new university center and growing the endowment through securing planned and estate gifts.

O'Laughlin Stadium and Dawson Field were completed in fall 2011, and now host

athletic events such as football, track and field, soccer and lacrosse.

The baseball field, completed last spring, features an artificial surface infield and is considered one of the premier small-college facilities in the region. In July 2012, the Mary and Sash Spencer Athletic Complex opened adjacent to the stadium and features state-of-the-art locker-rooms, offices and training facilities.

Construction is currently underway on the new McLaughlin University Center,



which will include a dining service, bookstore, community rooms and recreational space. The student center will be a functional gathering space and will benefit all segments of the university community, enhance the quality of student life for resident and non-resident students alike and support more community events. The center is scheduled to be open by the time classes begin in fall 2013.

“None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors, some of whom have created a lasting footprint and legacy at Siena Heights,” President Albert said. “Our benefactors recognized what great things are happening here at Siena Heights, and now have a chance to create even more opportunities for our students. We are certainly now ‘On Higher Ground’ from a facility and student support standpoint.”



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Or call the Advancement Office at (800) 693-0506, or email us at advancement@sienaheights.edu.

From the SHU Archives



A Report from Dean Dorothy Browne, OP to the board of trustees in 1962, reads:

“With the installation of television receivers ready for use in the summer session of 1962, Siena Heights now has the facilities to receive four educational channels consisting of Midwest Program of Airborne Television channels 72 and 76, channel 56, and channel 10 from Lansing . . . The addition of a closed circuit channel will enable us to originate programs from any class-room that has the TV receptacle and from Benincasa dining hall, Archangelus lounge and Walsh Hall auditorium.

Siena Heights College has been approved as a charter member of the Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction, Inc., an association of schools and higher institutions. The organization known MPATI is located in the states of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.” Siena Heights was on the cutting edge, with copy machines and television! ♦



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