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from the president



Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD
President



Siena Heights: This is Holy Ground

The University's theme for this academic year is Contemplation and Action. This year's Common Dialogue Day is entitled, "Get Some Perspective," which grew out of the Contemplation and Action theme.

I have a little picture in my office with a line from Psalm 46 which says, "Be still and know that I am God." Be still, and know, experience, that I am God. This is what I have come to know as contemplation in my life as a Dominican.

St. Catherine of Siena called it creating your inner cell. Be still, and go to that place within you where God is and speaks Truth to your heart. That truth that flows from contemplation must be shared with our world, and, I believe, that's when we are compelled to act. Thus, we can see the relationship between contemplation and action.

But what does all of this mean to us as a Dominican higher education institution? We live in a very busy world where we are bombarded with things that distract us. How do we overcome these distractions and spend quiet time to contemplate and reflect on all that goes on around us?

Contemplation can truly influence our perspectives on things. Let me give you an example. The University recently made a statement about those coming across our borders, offering to assist to educate those who may be college-ready, but also challenging our government leaders to act in a responsible, compassionate way.

My prayer and contemplation focused on the dignity and sacredness of all life. After that experience, I knew that we, as an institution, dedicated to peace and to truth, must act. After speaking with others, they affirmed that decision. So you can see how contemplation and action work together.

But it can happen in just everyday situations as well. When a student has done something wrong, do we perceive them as a thorn in our sides, or as a person who may be experiencing difficulty and needs our assistance?

When we hear constructive criticism, do we immediately get defensive, or do we try to listen with an open mind and heart and make changes to improve?

Are we quick to make judgments about people before we understand what they are perhaps going through?

As the President of Siena Heights University, when I prepare for class or a presentation, do I look at many different perspectives on the topic or do I just give my own?

I would challenge you to ask yourself similar questions. I believe contemplation gives us new eyes with which to see, new ears with which to hear, new hearts with which to understand and new spirits with which to love. As a Dominican university, this is what we are called to do. This is our heritage, this is our tradition, this is our Mission.

When I think about Siena, the main campus as well as our off-campus and online sites, I know where we stand is holy ground. This is holy ground. This is holy ground that holds the goodness of God's creation, its people, its beauty and its possibilities. Where we walk is holy ground. The footprints we create today lay the foundation for the future.

My prayer for this year is that we take the time to contemplate so that we will be moved to action that will make profound differences in the lives of our students, in the lives of each other and in the life of our world.

May the God of love continue to bless us abundantly and move our hearts to new places where we have never been before.

Be still, and know that I am God. May God bless us all!

Sister Peg Albert, OP



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ON THE COVER

Professors Alexander Weinstein (aka "The Mad Professor") and Erin Zerbe (aka "ZerbeTRON") combined creative writing and graphic design to co-teach a creative comic book class this fall at Siena Heights.

This is another example of Siena Heights' long tradition of fostering creativity in the classroom. In this issue, also read about a new Culinary Chemistry course being taught by Professor Julius Nagy.

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from the editor



Doug Goodnough
Editor

The Other Side of “The Ask”

Although I work out of the fundraising (Advancement) office here at Siena Heights, but I’ve never considered myself a fundraiser. However, I’ve grown to appreciate the role our area plays.

I like the term Advancement. It rings true. It’s not just “fundraising” or “development,” as some other institutions or organizations prefer. Our department literally “advances” the University on many fronts, including raising money to support the institution.

During my time at Siena, I’ve come to appreciate my colleagues who travel the area, the state, the country – and sometimes the world – in search of crucial resources. Although they often share how rewarding the experience is “friendraising,” I know it is not an easy job.

As a graduate of another institution, my tendency is to recoil when I get a letter in the mail or a phone call from my alma mater asking for donations for a cause or campaign. I’m sure as a graduate of Siena Heights that is not the case with you (!), however, after seeing the need on the other end first-hand, let me tell you that their efforts are worthwhile.

Our high-profile events such as the Siena Summer Spectacular for Scholarships do a great job communicating the need for student scholarship dollars. But there’s so many other “below-the-radar” projects and initiatives that often don’t get that much attention. Let me point out a few:

- Working with Wes King, our band director, Advancement was able to raise funds to help purchase new marching band uniforms this year. They made their debut Sept. 13 at our first home football game, and they are slick! Student-designed, these new threads (especially the hat) definitely puts the marching band in the “best dressed” category.
- Last spring, our football and women’s soccer teams traveled en masse to Italy to practice, compete and take in the culture. This was a once-in-a-lifetime trip for many of these student-athletes. And although the coaches and athletes themselves fundraised to make the trip possible, there were some other “benefactors” involved to help some student-athletes make the trip. This happens routinely at Siena Heights because of the generosity of these often “anonymous” donors.
- Our annual fund drive, including our student caller Phone-A-Thon, helps raise operating dollars the University needs to keep the light on and the doors open. These are not “high profile” projects, but keeping our campus clean, updated and safe requires resources, and the annual fund is the driving force for these necessary expenses. And if you haven’t joined our SHU Crew club, you should. It gets our students, faculty, staff and alumni involved as not only donors, but spirited supporters as well. And the local discount card and T-shirt is all part of the package.
- Our office has worked to build our planned giving program (aka the Heritage Society) to help people give in a meaningful way for generations to come. Many have established endowed scholarships with these gifts, and I think that is an outstanding way for many to “pay it forward.”

No one likes to ask for money. However, after now being on the other side of “the ask” for the past few years, I have developed a new perspective on the role of fundraising. I hope this column changes yours as well.

from the heights



Siena Heights Spanish Students Featured in Chicago Tribune

A group of SHU Spanish students and “Maestro” (A.K.A. Associate Professor of Spanish) Nick Kaplan (**above**) were featured last spring in the Chicago Tribune after completing the Fox River Taco Challenge. Maestro Kaplan and Siena alumnus Lee Rincon invented the challenge based on an article written by Tribune writer Kevin Pang. Following a map of taquerías (taco restaurants) along the Fox River (west of Chicago), the students ate one taco at each of the 11 restaurants before returning to Siena.

Siena Serves Group Travels to Jamaica

A group of five students and two advisors from Siena Serves traveled to St. John Bosco Home for boys in Jamaica in May. Bosco is a home for orphaned and homeless boys.

Karin Barbee Has Two Poems Published

Assistant Professor of English Karin Wraley Barbee recently published two poems, “The Young Pictographer” and “Diving Lessons,” in the Spring 2014 issue of “Natural Bridge: A Journal of Contemporary Literature.” Natural Bridge is a publication of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Rickinger Named New Director of Residence Life

SHU named Rachel Rickinger as its new director of Residence Life. Rachel previously served as a residential learning coordinator at Valparaiso University. She began at SHU June 16.

Mark DiPietro Directs “Les Miserables” at the Croswell Opera House

SHU Professor of Theater Mark DiPietro directed “Les Miserables,” last summer at the Croswell Opera House in Adrian. There were several current and former students in the production, including: graduates Michael Lackey (**below**), Eric Parker, Jamie Buechele, Natasha Ricketts, Ryan Tymensky, current students Alisha Bond, Dani Helfrich and SHU faculty member Michael Yuen.

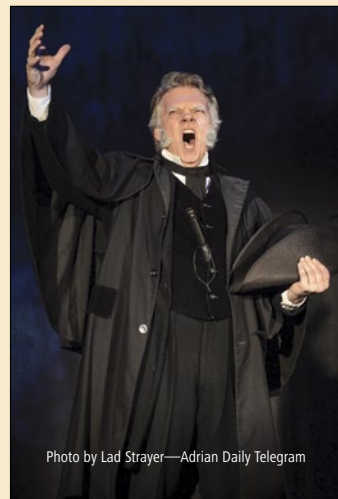


Photo by Lad Strayer—Adrian Daily Telegram



Marsh Wins National Photography Award

New SHU Multimedia Specialist Laura Marsh earned a second place in the national MerlinOne photo contest. This contest was open to university and college photographers who shot an assignment for a university or college marketing, communications, news and information or sports information department. Her winning photo in the Sports category was a shot of a Saints running back (**above**).

SHU Named ‘Best Online Program for Veterans’ by U.S News and World Report

Siena Heights University was ranked among the top 50 institutions in the nation—including the top private college or university in Michigan—as a Best Online Program for Veterans by U.S. News & World Report. This is the second year that U.S. News & World Report has established this ranking, with Siena Heights tying for 47th. The methodology is based on participation/service in various veteran-related programs and academic quality attributes from SHU’s standing as a Best Online Bachelor Degree Program.

Siena Heights Now Part of the Kalamazoo Promise

Siena Heights is one of 15 private state institutions that will partner with the Kalamazoo Promise scholarship program.

SHU President Sister Peg Albert attended a June 10 press conference in Kalamazoo, Mich., announcing the agreement. The Michigan Colleges Alliance, which includes Siena Heights, will be a part of the Kalamazoo Promise. Beginning in fall of 2015, eligible students may use their Kalamazoo Promise scholarship to attend any one of the MCA liberal arts colleges and universities in Michigan. In each case, tuition and fees will be fully and jointly funded by the Kalamazoo Promise and the MCA member institution. The Kalamazoo Promise will fund at the level of the undergraduate average tuition and fees for the College of Literature, Science and Arts at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The MCA member institution will cover any difference between that amount and the amount of its yearly tuition and fees.

Bob Gordon Receives Fred Smith Champion Award

Robert Gordon was the recipient of the Fred Smith Champion Award. The award was established in 2003 to honor SHU’s longtime athletic director and Hall of Fame men’s basketball coach. Besides his 30-plus years of service, this award honors Smith’s friendly and caring attitude, his ability to shoulder responsibility without complaint and overcome adversity with success. Gordon retired last year after 37 years of service to the University.

New Faculty Members Announced at SHU

Here is a list of new full-time faculty members who recently started with SHU:

- Rhonda DeLong, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
- Patricia Eason, Lecturer
- Tony Farina, Assistant Professor of Humanities
- Jon Kleinow, Instructor Criminal Justice
- Justin Matchulat, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- Mad Mohre, Assistant Professor of Art
- Alan Moore, Assistant Professor of Social and Behavioral Science
- Julie Ross, Assistant Professor of Education
- Dana Schumacher-Schmidt, Assistant Professor of English
- Linette Will, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Several Honored for Service to Siena Heights

Several employees were honored with service awards at the All-University Workshop Aug. 18. Those earning awards for years of service included the following:

10-Year Award:

- Kerry Graves, Professor of Theater
- Sue Syljebeck, Women's Basketball Coach
- Pat Wallace, Director of the McNair Program

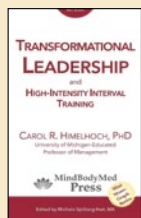
20-Year Award:

- Mark DiPietro, Professor of Theater
- Jun Tsuji, Professor of Biology

30-Year Award:

- Mark Schersten, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Carol Himelhoch Publishes New Leadership Book



SHU Professor of Management Carol Himelhoch just published her new book, "Transformational Leadership and High-Intensity Interval Training" with MindBodyMed Press. The

book shares her research on the ways in which the lived experiences of avid exercisers intersect with their leadership styles. The book is available on Amazon.

Brenda Doremus to Retire as SHU Registrar

SHU's longtime Registrar, Brenda Doremus, has announced her retirement effective Oct. 31. She has served Siena Heights since 1974 with distinction and dedication. The Siena community wishes her the absolute best in her future endeavors and thanks her for her outstanding service over these many years.

SHU Honors for 2013-14

Those listed below were recognized for their achievements at the annual Honors Convocation and Academic Division Receptions April 25, 2014.

Division Outstanding Student Awards:

- Business and Management: Michael Lollo, Travis Mielcarek
- Computing, Mathematics and the Sciences: Alyssa Hoff, Vitalii Maximov
- Undergraduate Education: Amanda Carlisle
- Graduate Education: Sara Joyce Rober
- Humanities: Ashley O'Leary, Hillary Weiss
- Nursing: Daniel Fenderson, Christine Hardy
- Social and Behavioral Sciences: Jessica Rinehart, Tiffany Swoish
- Visual and Performing Arts and Education Division: Julia Cassell, Melissa Dojcsak

St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal:

Matthew Robinet

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards:

Christine Hardy, Michael Lollo

Outstanding Graduate College Student Awards:

Counselor Education: Ula Sky Rutan

Leadership: Vicki Schroeder

Academic Major Awards:

- Accounting: Andrew Byers, Christopher Schurr
- Business Administration and Management: Matthew Robinet, Ines Rodriguez-Adams, Courtney Walter
- Sport Management: Kyle Benschoter, Michael Bohnett, Mary Fraser
- Outstanding Service to the CMS Division: Eric Wilson
- Computer Information Systems Outstanding Senior: Vitalii Maximov
- Senior Math Award: Alyssa Hoff
- Outstanding First Year Math Student: Jessa Rappleye



- Biology Outstanding First Year Student: Tiffany Logan
- Outstanding Senior Biology Research: Chas Frey
- Chemistry Outstanding First Year Student: Anh Duong
- Communications: Eva Lang
- English: Alyssa Hoff, Alexandra Lepsy
- History: Ashley O'Leary
- Psychology: Colleen Delaney, Stanislavs Motornaks, Brandon Roof
- Criminal Justice: Lauren Baker, Leonie Leahy, Jason Peltier
- Outstanding Students in Art: Lorenzo Cristaudo, Melanie Glinski, Savannah Haig, Koreena Hemker, Brianna Nordby
- Fra Angelico Awards: Lorenzo Cristaudo, Koreena Hemker, Brianna Nordby
- Outstanding Students in Theatre: Alex Gibson, William McMillan
- Alpha Psi Omega Award of Theatre Excellence: Aaron Treadway, Mariah Valdes
- Sister Therese Craig, OP, Award: Samantha Castle, Alison Workman
- Outstanding Students in Music: Michelle Force, Samantha Weber
- Outstanding Student in Child Development: Ilesha Gray
- Excellence in Education: Hannah Ulrich
- Outstanding Student Teachers: Mackenzy Hickner, Alyssa Hoff, Lauren Jagger, Nicholas Knezevich, Aubrey Laughlin, Kelsey Moran, Joshua White

Other Awards:

Thomas A. Emmet Award (Top Junior Student-Athlete): Richard DePalma, Morgan Warfield

Team Academic Award: Women's Golf

Eileen Rice Award for Outstanding Teacher: Christy Mesaroz-Winckles

Staff Excellence Awards: Gabe Dunbar, Mickey Rawson

Stimson-Tsuji Outstanding Research Award: Claudia Blanchard.

SHU Students Complete Summer Internships

Summer may be a time for many students to take a break from classes, but not from the learning experience. Several Siena Heights students completed summer internships with area businesses and organizations, including:

Senior accounting majors Lucas Bartz and Megan Dubois completed internships with Stryker Corp. in the Battle Creek (Mich.) area (**above**). Both worked with SHU's Career Services Office to prep for their interview, which was a rigorous four-step process. Bartz interned with the internal audit department in Kalamazoo. His experience allowed him to travel around the state, as well as to California and New Jersey to perform audits at Stryker's endoscopy and spine divisions. Dubois interned with Stryker's tax division at its corporate headquarters in Battle Creek. Dubois worked on several projects, and also got a chance to meet and learn from Stryker CEO Kevin Lobo.

Katie Mullin, a senior at SHU's Monroe County Community College campus, volunteered this summer at WGTE FM 91, public radio for Toledo, northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The professional communication major conducted interviews, recorded audio and edited radio stories about five signature multi-cultural events and organizations in Toledo and southeast Michigan. A Monroe native, Mullin's "Community Culture Reports" aired during NPR's "All Things Considered," every Wednesday afternoon at 5:44 p.m., beginning Sept. 17 through Oct. 15. The audio portraits explored five diverse regional nonprofits:

- Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center in Toledo, which uses art to make a difference in the community.
- The Lagrange Street Polish Festival, Toledo's largest street festival, presented by United North, also known as ONE Village, dedicated to Toledo's Old North End neighborhoods.
- Partners in Education of Toledo's Dragon Boat Festival on the Maumee River, with participation by the Chinese Association of Toledo.
- Toledo's annual Hibernian Irish Festival, hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians.
- The Turtle Island Dream Keepers Native American Organization, which sponsors a pow wow at Monroe County Community College.

Torch Bearers

Heritage Project Has Plan to Keep the Siena Heights Mission Going through Future Generations

Siena Heights University President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD, knows that one day there may not be an Adrian Dominican Sister on the SHU campus.

Thankfully, that day won't be soon. However, President Albert and the SHU administration recently put a plan in place



to help preserve SHU's mission and heritage. Thanks to private funding from a SHU benefactor, in January 2014 Sister Mary Jones, OP, (left) was hired as the director of Mission Education and the Heritage Project. Her charge is to create a program that will help carry on the mission and heritage of Siena Heights—

as well as the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

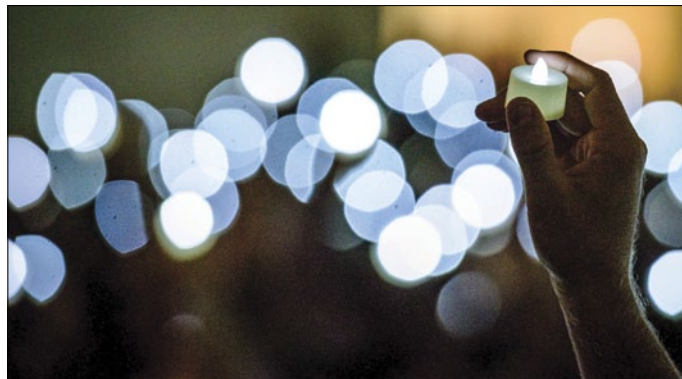
"When I got the call from Sister Peg, I was actually involved in discerning my next step in ministry," said Jones, who had an "eclectic" career as a teacher and in the automotive industry before becoming an Adrian Dominican 10 years ago. "It was a delight, because when I read through what her desire for the position was, it really allowed me to use a lot of the gifts and skills I had created and learned over the years."

Jones, a Detroit-area native, was a former high school math teacher before she was eventually hired by the Ford Motor Co. as a program planner/trainer. One of her tasks was helping experienced line workers make the transition to using technology in the workplace. She designed a program "from where they were to where they needed to be."

However, during her time at Ford, she said she felt called to do something else. That "something else" was becoming an Adrian Dominican Sister. And now, she is tasked to develop a program that will help SHU students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends keep the mission alive for generations to come.

"The mission is alive and well right now, but how do we keep it that way no matter who is sitting in the seats?" Jones said. "What can we put in place so the heritage continues?"

She is creating a three-level plan that will leverage technology to help people learn. Most of her materials are web-based, and include videos and other visual learning tools to help people through the program.



"If they have access through a web site, they are more than welcome to participate," said Jones, who also is looking at developing a mobile app. "The goal is for me to have 15 or 20 of those little options that they can access through their phone to really further develop their understanding of the University community they know and love."

She is also currently recruiting leadership to help drive the program. The final stage is having "torch bearers" who will not only become mission "experts," but will also be able to be its teachers after completing a three-year commitment.

"We need to have folks who are really on fire with the whole heritage idea and what our mission is here," said Jones, with the "fire" referencing the dream St. Dominic's mother had at his birth that envisioned him as a "light of the Church." "We want to find those folks and give them a special name 'torch bearer.' And when they are done ... they become the teacher, not just the torch bearer."

Jones is targeting a January 2015 launch of the full program. While the primary goal is to have current SHU students, faculty and staff experience and complete the program, she said having alumni participation is also a key element to its success. In fact, alumni who have stories or information about Siena's heritage or who would like to host a heritage-related event are encouraged to contact her.

"Some of it is already working, and it's exciting," Jones said. "I look forward to people asking questions, because the more questions you get, the more interest there is."

To learn more about the Heritage Project, contact Jones at mjones11@sienaheights.edu or 517-264-7105. Or visit shuheritage.sienaheights.edu. ♦



saints highlights

SHU Teams Visit Italy

SHU football and women's soccer players traveled to Italy last spring and played against local competition during their stays (photos above & right). The group traveled to Rome, Florence, Siena and Viterbo from May 5-13 for a week of experiencing a new culture, highlighted by competitive games on the football fields and soccer pitches of Italy. The women's soccer team faced a local Division I Firenze team before being part of a unique doubleheader in Viterbo, near Rome. The Saints football team played against the Italian national team, which was coached by former University of Texas and Kansas City Chiefs head coach John Mackovic. Before returning on May 13, the group also took a guided tour of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica.



Saints football coaches and players at The Colosseum in Rome, Italy.

SHU Earns Eight NAIA Scholar-Team Awards

The Saints had eight teams earn the NAIA Scholar-Team Award. Those teams honored were baseball, women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball and women's volleyball. For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale). The team grade-point average includes all eligible varsity student-athletes.

Softball

Junior first baseman Taylor Hayes was named to the Great Lakes All-Region second team by the NAIA. He hit .400 with five homers, 15 doubles and 30 RBI for SHU. Senior Katie O'Hotzke, Hayes and sophomore Mariah Boss were each named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team. O'Hotzke, a pitcher, has 14 wins and 118 strikeouts in 152 1/3 innings so far this season. Boss, an outfielder, batted .347 with 15 stolen bases. Freshmen Megan Jones and Kenya Keller received honorable mention all-conference honors, with



Alexis Donnelly



Amari Kelley

Boss, Hayes, Megan Higdon, Morgan Huttenlocker, Ashley O'Leary, Jenn Sylvester, Bitty Treece and Morgan Warfield earning academic all-conference honors. Kelsey Lampkowski earned the team's Champions of Character award. O'Leary, Sylvester, Treece and Warfield were also each named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Finally, the National Fastpitch Coaches Association recognized 10 Saints as NFCA All-America Scholar-Athletes, including Boss, Huttenlocker, Megan Jones, Kenya Keller, Kelsey Lampkowski, O'Leary, Liz Polmanteer, Sylvester, Treece and Warfield. The Saints finished 20-21 on the season.

Baseball

Outfielder Dan Muller was tabbed first team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference after leading the Saints in several offensive categories this season. Muller hit .365 in conference play with 54 hits, 13 doubles, five home runs and 29 RBI. He also was chosen to the WHAC's Gold Glove Team. First baseman Joe Williams was an honorable mention all-conference selection, while earning academic all-conference were Lucas Bartz, Drew Byers, Logan Curtis, Alec Duncan, Nolan Herendeen, Mike Lollo, Travis Mielcarek, Drew Milligan, Tayler Thelen and Williams. Lollo was the team's Champions of Character recipient. Sophomore shortstop Austin Hauck was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District team. He is an accounting major. Byers, Duncan, Herendeen, Lollo and Mielcarek, Bartz, Milligan, Thelen and Williams were each also named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. The Saints finished 17-27 on the season, 6-18 in the WHAC.

Recent graduate Travis Mielcarek '14 pitched for the new Adrian Pioneers professional baseball team this summer. The Pioneers are members of the Independent Baseball League, which played its home games at Adrian College. Mielcarek is a left-handed pitcher.

Golf

Women: The Saints had two top 15 individual finishers to place fifth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships at Ft. Wayne's Coyote Creek Country Club. Ashley Everett tied for 12th with a two-day total of 171 (87-84), with Andrea Richards finishing 14th with a 174 (84-90). Indiana Tech won the team title with a 649, with the Saints finishing with a 706.

Men: Joe Forest placed second to lead the Saints to a third place finish at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships at the Stonewater Country Club in Kentwood, Mich. Forest fired a three-round total of 226 on the par-71 course. Parker Ross tied for fourth with a 229. Siena Heights (932) finished only behind Madonna (915) and Davenport (917) in the final team standings. The Saints had three named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Junior Michael MacLean and seniors Dylan Orr and Josh Short earned the honor.

Lacrosse

Women: Erin Kehn and Tabitha Ferguson were each named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team. Kehn, a sophomore, led the Saints in goals (82) and points (100). Ferguson, a freshman, was 9-8 in goal with 239 saves. Cindy Hill was named the Co-Coach of the Year, while senior Stephannie Gonzalez was tabbed to the honorable mention all-conference team and was also named academic all-conference. Aliisa Mason was the recipient of the team's Champions of Character award. Gonzalez was also named to the Academic All-National Women's Lacrosse League, only one of 17 in the NWLL to earn the honor. The Saints finished 9-10 on the season.



Erin Kehn

Men: Junior defender Jordan Martin was named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team for the second consecutive year. Sophomore defender Josh Abruzzo earned All-WHAC honorable mention status, with senior Ben Lama the team's Champions of Character recipient. Abruzzo was also named to the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association second team while Martin was tabbed to the third team. Abruzzo was chosen to the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association's honorable mention team. SHU finished 6-8 on the season.

Track & Field

Women: Phoenix Duncan and Taylor Byron each won individual events as the Saints finished second at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championships. Indiana Tech won the meet with 249 points, with SHU finishing with 157. Duncan was first in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 7 inches. Byron was first in the shot put (42-0 3/4) and first in the hammer with a toss of 174 1/2 and Brianna Nordby was first in the javelin (126 5 1/2). Nordby and Byron each earned All-American honors at the NAIA Outdoor Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala. Nordby was seventh in the javelin with a toss of 132 feet, 6 inches. Byron placed fifth in the shot put with a toss of 46 feet, 10 inches. Four Saints were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes, including seniors Melanie Glinski and Brianna Nordby and juniors Phoenix Duncan and Arika Knannlein.

Men: Gauge Aebersold and Chris Schurr each claimed national titles in their respective events as the Saints finished seventh in the nation NAIA Outdoor Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala. Aebersold had a heave of 59 feet, 4 3/4 inches in the shot put, while Schurr won

the pole vault in a tiebreaker with an effort of 17-3/4. Earning All-American honors were the 4x400 relay of Zakary Haines, Zach Widner, Dominic Muessig and Ryan McElyea (seventh, 3:15.03), Tre Goynes in the high jump (seventh, 6-7) and the 4x800 relay (third, 7:37.99). The Saints finished with 28.42 points, with Indiana Tech winning the title with 105. Schurr won the pole vault in school and conference record-breaking fashion to lead the Saints at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference outdoor championships. SHU finished second behind top-ranked Indiana Tech, 252-134. Schurr won the vault with an effort of 17 feet, 3/4 inches. That effort also earned him the Most Outstanding Performer of the meet. Logan Moore won the 110 hurdles (14.46), with Gauge Aebersold winning the shot put (55-1) and Paul Jacobs the hammer throw (151-6 1/2). Seniors Matt Leaders, Matt Robinet and Schurr were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Basketball

Women: Senior guard Grace Howrigan was named an honorable mention NAIA All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Howrigan is SHU's all-time assist leader and has single-season and single game assists records. She was an all-conference performer last season for the 15th ranked Saints.



Grace Howrigan



Taylor Byron



Gauge Aebersold

‘The Next Right Thing’

Carolyn Donaldson Brings a ‘Zest’ for Life as TV News Anchor

By Doug Goodnough

Carolyn Welniak Donaldson '82 is used to the spotlight – both on camera and off. The longtime news anchor for WTAJ-TV in Altoona, Pa., nicknamed “Zest” by her family, not only has a zest for the news business, but also for the community in which she lives.

“I am most gratified, as part of our news team, when we are able to bring our views and members of our community meaningful stories that have or could impact their lives,” said Donaldson, who has anchored at WTAJ for nearly 20 years. “There is no greater reward than ‘doing the next right thing’ as my husband (Robert) and I and now our grown daughters (Elisabeth and Sarah) try to embody and live each day.”

Her broadcasting career actually blossomed from a corporate sales career after she graduated from Siena Heights with a double major in theater/speech communications and business administration/management.

“My Folgers coffee sales days armed me with invaluable time management and marketing skills,” said the Toledo, Ohio, native, who first moved to central Pennsylvania when she managed a sales territory for Proctor and Gamble. “When the opportunity presented itself to move into broadcasting at the local TV station, I welcomed the challenge of reporting and anchoring weather.”





After a stint in North and South Carolina to pursue other career opportunities, Donaldson and her family moved back to central Pennsylvania (and WTAJ) in 1995.

“I was able to convince my former employer that the ‘weather girl’ was back – ready to report and anchor news,” she said.

Currently, she anchors WTAJ’s 5, 5:30, 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts.

Donaldson said the most important story she has covered is very familiar to everyone.

“September 11, 2001, for me was a day-and-night, months and now years filled with human tragedy and catastrophic loss,” Donaldson said. “The heroes aboard Flight 93 that lost their lives that day as their plane crashed into the rural countryside of Somerset County, Pa., was and continues to be our ‘story.’ Shanksville is in our coverage area, and as an anchor on the desk that day and night without commercial interruptions, I will never forget. I find it difficult to communicate how purpose-filled I felt in bringing to our viewers this horrific story. All of our lives were reported and shared that day, and our collective ‘stories’ were reported and shared as an important part of history.”

So, what is a typical day for her at work?

“There really is no ‘typical day’ in the television news business,” she said. “That is what makes it exciting and fresh each day. We bring our viewers the stories that matter to them. There really is no ‘off’ button either to developing news stories, following leads and being that active voice in the communities we serve.”

Photo courtesy of Central Pennsylvania Creative Professionals.



And Donaldson is plenty active. She reports and writes news segments like “Big Brothers/Big Sisters’ Monday’s Child” and “Fit Kids First.” She has been involved in the Big Sister program for 11 years, as well as in the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, the Keystone Chapter of the March of Dimes, the Altoona Symphony Orchestra and the Altoona Community Theatre. In her “spare” time, Donaldson also teaches a communications class at nearby Penn State University, is finishing up her master’s degree at PSU in Media Studies and is active in her Catholic faith at her local parish as a Eucharistic minister and lector.

“Again, I believe it all ties with ‘doing the next right thing,’ and for me, my faith, values and determination drive me daily,” she said.

She said her time at Siena Heights also helped shape her life and career.

“As a thankful recipient of the Sister Carmelia O’Connor Leadership Service Scholarship, I learned from ‘Sister Carmie’ herself to enjoy and relish the simple, yet spirit-filled and spiritual experiences, of everyday life,” said Donaldson, who received an honorary doctorate from Mt. Aloysius (Pa.) College in 2009 for her news and community work. “I have tried to embrace this philosophy that touching peoples’ lives where they are and leaving things a little better than they were before can go a long way on this journey of life.”

Now a new grandmother, Donaldson said she is looking forward to the continuing story of her life – and well as telling the stories of others.

“I feel blessed and also accept that it is a great responsibility in my position as a news anchor to reach out as a public personality and to serve my community both professionally and personally,” she said. ♦

Rock Star



Nationally Recognized Counselor
Carol Boulanger Daniels Carves
Out A Creative Career Path

Carol Boulanger Daniels '93/MA, LPC is known for brewing an “amazing” pot of coffee, her gluten-free blueberry muffin recipe and “can keep up with the best of them while shoveling snow.”

And she just happens to be a nationally recognized counselor. The product of the Siena Heights University Graduate College received the Counselor of the Year Award from the American Mental Health Counseling Association in 2011. For more than 20 years, she has worked for Pines Behavioral Health Services, a small community mental health agency in Coldwater, Mich., as an outpatient therapist. She said the relationships she has developed with the people she works with is the best part of her job.

“Over the years people create their own styles and strengths as counselors,” Daniels said. “I have been very thankful for the series of trainings I have been able to attend. The trainings have been supported by the agency I work for and they have been very effective in providing the needed training so we can do our jobs.”

Her career in counseling did not take a traditional path. Daniels was waitressing at an Italian restaurant in Hillsdale, Mich., when she decided “if I could master the restaurant industry, I could do many things, even go to college.”

She completed her bachelor's degree in human resources, but didn't find her true calling until she ran into a former restaurant co-worker who was enrolled in SHU's graduate counseling program. She invited Daniels to come and sit in on some classes.

“It had a profound effect on me, and I felt motivated to assist others,” Daniels said of that experience. “Yet, I was unsure where that would take me.”

She eventually took a leap of faith and enrolled. Daniels said the small group classwork with faculty members like Linda Brewster and Bob Brady made SHU's program unique.

“With my degree from Siena Heights, I have been able to reach many goals in my life.”

“I think Siena stimulates creativity in students, and perhaps it was the drawing card to the profession,” she said. “The creativity stimulates ongoing learning, which makes the counseling profession a lifetime learning experience.”

Less than two weeks after completing her master's degree in counseling, Daniels accepted a counseling position with Pines, where she has remained. Daniels said she has embraced Siena's creative philosophy, developing many interests, including cooking, making handmade soaps, yoga, digital photography and collecting Petoskey stones. In fact, she is often referred to as the “Rock Lady.”

“Sometimes I share Petoskey stones with clients who use them as a tool for mindfulness,” Daniels said. “Some keep them in their pocket and utilize them as worry stones. Sometimes clients bring me stones they find, so I have a nice collection. Once in a while, I give a small Petoskey stone as a symbol of completion of counseling, or completing a skill group.”

Daniels said receiving the Counselor of the Year Award was something she will never forget.

“I have the award in my office, and it always gives me a sense of pride and motivation when I look at it,” she said. “It was awesome to hear the kind words of others who know my work.”

She said an effective counselor is one who “is capable of taking care of themselves both physically and emotionally, so then they can guide and coach their clients down a healthy path.”

During her counseling career, she has provided numerous services, including group and individual therapy, co-occurring issues with substance use, after-hours emergency consultation for local hospitals, inmate consults, Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) screening of individuals who meet criteria prior to going into medical care facilities and LPC supervision for licensure requirements.

Her future goals include serving on insurance panels to assist with coverage for mental health and substance abuse services, as well as studying the effects of applied nutrients in addiction rehabilitation centers. She also hopes to join the Critical Incident Stress Foundation as well as assist with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and suicide.

“With my degree from Siena Heights, I have been able to reach many goals in my life,” she said. “It should always be a priority to work with and for the people, encouraging growth, wellness and inspiration, not only to those we provide service for, but for each other and ourselves as well.”

“One of my favorite quotes that sums up my work experience is by Winston Churchill: ‘Far and away, the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.’” ♦

Rising Stars



Amy Francoeur



Lance Reed



Kameron Morris



Joy Ackroyd

“Rising Stars” is a new feature in Reflections. It profiles Siena Heights University alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years and who excel in their careers, occupations or community service accomplishments. To be considered for the “Rising Stars” piece in an upcoming issue of Reflections Magazine, please fill out the online form at www.sienaheights.edu/risingstars. Those who are selected to be included in an upcoming issue of the magazine will be contacted by the Reflections staff.

Amy Francoeur

Graduation year: 2009

Current title/position: Hospice Regional Director, Great Lakes Caring.

What Amy is doing: A Registered Nurse, she received an offer to join Great Lakes Caring's sales/marketing team in 2007. As a Patient Care Coordinator for its Adrian branch location, she worked with the community, physicians and healthcare facilities to educate and coordinate medical home health care services. In January 2013, she was promoted to Sales Training Team Leader, and was given the opportunity to facilitate the training and onboarding of new and current sales team members. In August 2013 she was again promoted to Manager of Business Development for GLC's Jackson and Adrian sales teams. During her time working in Lenawee County, she has had the privilege of working with older adult population, their families and health care providers. She has been active member of the Lenawee Department on Aging's Older Adult Coalition, chairing the Selma Larson Caregiver Conference since 2008. She also is a member of the Walk to End Alzheimer's Committee, a Board Member of Daybreak Adult Day Services, volunteer at numerous Lenawee County Senior Center activities and is an active member of the Adrian Chamber of Commerce. In April 2014, she received another promotion to her current position for HLC's Ohio operations. She said "it is truly an honor and a privilege to be part of such a quality, innovative and caring company."

Favorite moment/story while a student at SHU was: The flexibility of Distance Learning allowed me to "attend" my classes anywhere, even while on vacation in Las Vegas!

Favorite person at SHU was: Former Director of Academic Advising, Rene Teater.

Ultimate goal in life: To educate everyone on what the Hospice benefit is and how it helps patients and their loved ones at the end of life so that the word is no longer feared by those who hear it, but rather embraced.

Best advice for SHU students is: Never pass up an opportunity to learn. Set goals and work hard to achieve them. You can do anything you set your mind to!

Lance Reed

Graduation year: 2009

Current title/position: Early Childhood Education Specialist, Detroit.

What Lance is doing: He provides Head Start and Early Head Start services to children and families in Detroit. He helps deliver high-quality early childhood education services embedded within the community and creates proven ingredients of positive school readiness outcomes; including training highly-skilled teachers; implementing age-appropriate, research-validated curricula; educating parents and community on early childhood best-practices and insuring programs meets/exceeds federal and state guidelines and regulations. He also is an Early Childhood Education adjunct professor at Baker College in Clinton Township and is a HighScope research-based curriculum Trainer, including a classroom assessment scoring system (CLASS) and has opened several child care centers in Detroit.

Favorite moment/story while a student at SHU was: Being an athlete for the men's basketball and track and field teams, winning two indoor track and field championships and being named the 2008 WHAC Indoor Performer of the Year.

Favorite person at SHU was: Tim Bauer.

Ultimate goal in life: To receive my doctorate degree in Curriculum Research Design.

Best advice for SHU students is: HELP IS AVAILABLE! Remember there is an abundance of resources available to you on campus. An important form of assistance that students fail to use is the professor's office hours. It's a chance to interact one-on-one with your professor, who is likely the expert in that content area.

Kameron Morris

Graduation year: 2013

Current title/position: Branch Manager, United Federal Credit Union, Stevensville, Mich.

What Kameron is doing: In May 2014 he was promoted to Branch Manager for United Federal Credit Union in Stevensville, Mich. Five months prior, he was also promoted to Assistant Branch Manager for UFCU in Berrien Springs. Previously he was a loan officer in the Member Solution Center for UFCU.

Favorite moment/story while a student at SHU was: Speaking with Southwest Michigan Regional Director, LeAnn Krokker. It was the moment I realized that I could see the finish line,

and LeAnn was providing a means and a plan to get there. You can tell that LeAnn truly cares about the students she deals with, and makes sure you have the tools you need to succeed.

Favorite person at SHU was: LeAnn Krokker.

Ultimate goal in life: Make a positive impact on those I serve.

Best advice for SHU students is: Do your absolute best throughout your academic career. Truly engage and immerse yourself in your studies because details are key when it comes to applying what you have learned to real-world situations.

Joy Ackroyd

Graduation year: 2005

Current title/position: Assistant Director, Transfer Admissions, Eastern Michigan University.

What Joy is doing: Her career in college admissions started in Siena's admissions office during her junior year... She was a tour guide who ended up becoming an intern in the office her senior year. After graduation, she eventually landed a full-time admissions representative position. She then went on to the University of Toledo, where she served in many roles, including recruiting, awarding scholarships, supervising students, supervising full-time recruiters and office management. In her current role at Eastern Michigan, she oversees all transfer student recruitment and all publications/communications for admissions. She said, "Who would have known that the same office where I sat crying as a 17-year-old girl about to start college is where I would start my career?"

Favorite moment/story while a student at SHU was: There is no way I could pick just one favorite memory of Siena. So to name a few: Alternative Spring Break trip to Jacksonville, Fla., Glenmary Farm mission trip, Phi Sigma Sigma.

Favorite person at SHU was: Former Nurse, Norma Baldwin.

Ultimate goal in life: Be happy and healthy!

Best advice for SHU students is: Everyone will say, "Be involved," so I will go a different route. I would encourage SHU students to be comfortable with being uncomfortable. What I mean by this is explore all college has to offer, including learning about yourself and others, even if that causes you to be uncomfortable. ♦

Results Driven

Forensic Scientist Amy Harlukowicz-Proctor Is a Key Part of Michigan State Police's Crime-Fighting Unit

To say that Amy Harlukowicz-Proctor '93 is in a results-driven profession would be an understatement. She has dedicated most of her professional career to forensic science. The supervisor/manager for the Biology Unit of the Michigan State Police's Lansing lab helps law enforcement process crime scene evidence that is often the difference in deciding guilt or innocence. It's a responsibility she embraces—and doesn't take lightly.



"We literally hold people's lives in our hands," said Proctor, who has worked as a civilian member of the MSP since 2001. "There is a lot of pressure to produce the highest quality of work possible with a very fast turn-around time. With that said, the sense of satisfaction that comes from completing a case and testifying to the results in court can be great."

Proctor has testified in court 52 times during her 19-year forensic science career. After completing her Master of Science degree in criminal justice with a forensic science concentration from Michigan State University, she started as a serologist/DNA analyst with the Hamilton (Ohio) County Coroner's Office near Cincinnati in 1995.

For many years she processed blood and DNA evidence as a bench analyst on cases ranging from criminal sexual assault, homicides, aggravated felonious assaults, kidnappings, robberies and arson.

"Pretty much any type of evidence that could possibly contain someone's biological material has been submitted to the laboratory," Proctor said.

And that included finding DNA off a submarine sandwich.

"A suspect took a bite out of the sandwich before he decided to rob the restaurant," Proctor said, recalling the case. "I was adamant that I could not get a DNA profile off a sandwich that someone had bitten. My supervisor advised me to try, and to my surprise, I got a beautiful DNA profile off that bitten area."

Currently, she supervises a team of scientists who aid the MSP in its investigations.

"Now my day consists of mostly managerial duties, overseeing casework and not necessarily performing casework duties," Proctor said. "I still get into the lab to complete my DNA and Body Fluid Identification (BFI) proficiency tests. . . . I still get supplemental evidence samples from old cases I did when I was a bench analyst, so I still get the satisfaction of writing up DNA reports."

She said technology advances in her field have tremendously improved methods and results. When she started, to get a successful DNA profile, scientists needed a sample about the size of a dime. Now, a sample only needs to be the size of a pin-head.

"There often times is very little blood on crime scene evidence, and that is the art of our profession – to find very small blood stains and try to get a DNA profile from a trace amount of blood," Proctor said. "There may be a single hair, and we attempt to get DNA from a single hair root."

And just how accurate are television shows like "CSI" in depicting her profession?

"We obviously do not drive Hummers, wear loads of makeup, high heels or designer shades," Proctor said. "And not all crime scenes are processed in broad daylight."

She said scientists must wear fatigues and "lots" of personal protective equipment to the crime scene, and "actual lab work is not performed in an hour. I always say the CSI-type shows do get the buzz words correct and they are produced for entertainment purposes."

Proctor does enjoy watching other shows like "Forensic Files" and "Cold Case Files" that are based on actual criminal cases and investigations. She actually made a cameo appearance on a "Forensic Files" episode and said, "even the best of the forensic science shows have to rely on reenactment, but they are based on real lab science and real case facts."

So, what is the job of a forensic scientist really like?

"I would have to say that there is a misconception that the job of a forensic scientist is so 'exciting,'" Proctor said. "The work can be very routine and not very glamorous. . . . The reality is good science takes



hours, weeks and sometimes months. We have backlogs to deal with, rush cases to process, court deadlines to meet and pressure to continually improve our casework turn-around times. This job is very mentally draining."

However, it also can be very, very rewarding at times.

"The one (case) that stands out to me involved a young boy who was living in an abusive situation," Proctor said. "We were able to provide testing results that aided in resolving a bad situation. The prosecutor called me and said, 'I'm sure if the young victim could tell you himself, he would thank you for all your hard work on this case.' I remember I just was overcome with emotion after he told me that. I remember thinking to myself that 'yes, this is why I do this job day after day.'"

Outside of work, she said attending musical, theater and sporting events with her 7-year-old son and being involved in youth ministry at her church keeps her grounded.

During her time at Siena Heights, she said professors such as Sister Eileen Rice and Dr. Susan Mole shaped her both personally and professionally.

"(Dr. Mole) was such an integral part of my choice to go into the forensic science field," said Proctor, who was a chemistry major at Siena Heights. "She was my

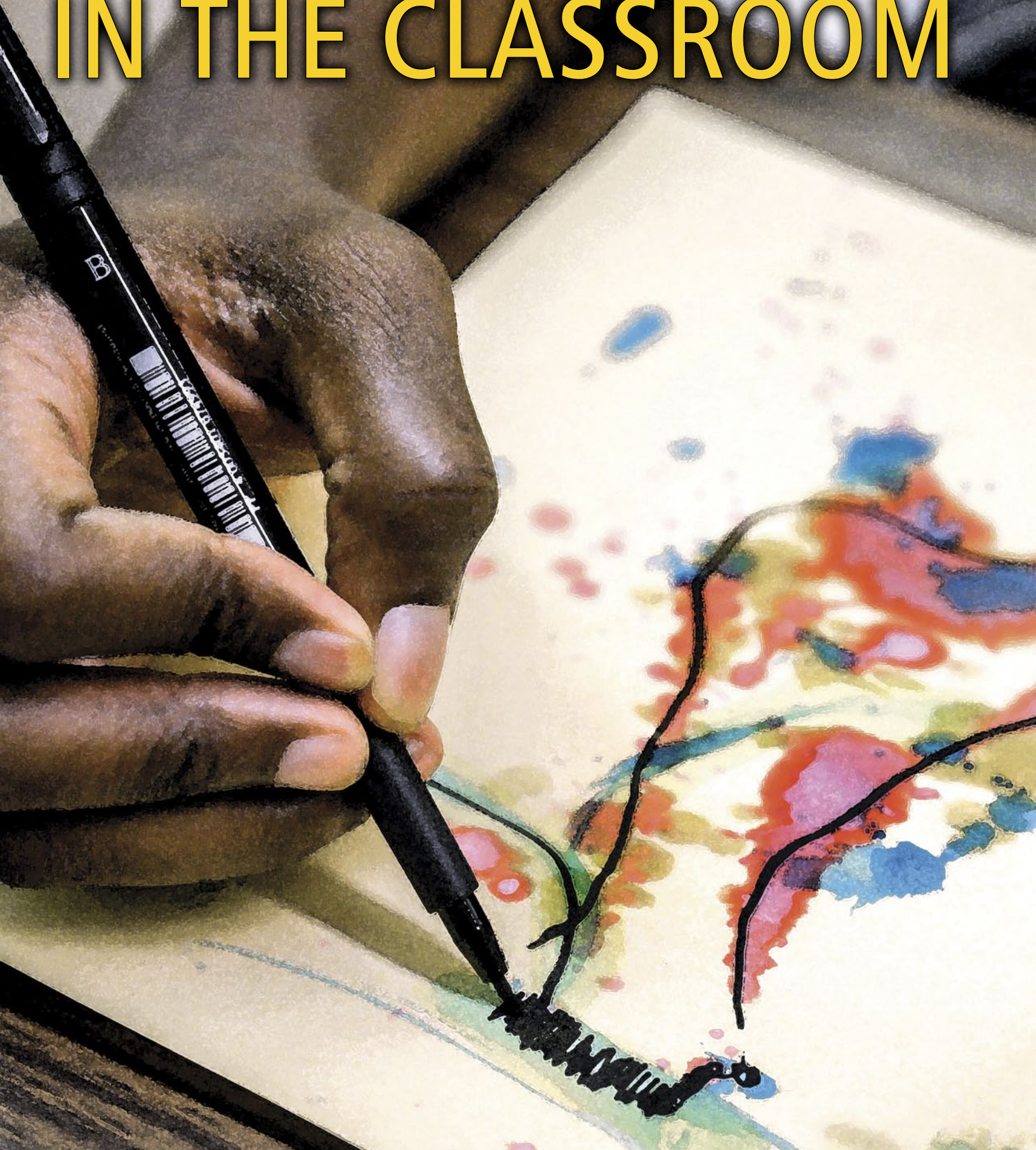
academic advisor, and I remember when I worked on my senior research project, she provided a lot of guidance. I think that project, in general, really helped me throughout the entire process of completing my master's thesis research."

She said her work often reminds her of all "the bad in the world." However, she said she copes by training scientists to be the best they can be, and letting the justice system prove innocent or guilt.

"Our job is to simply provide the testing results," Proctor said. ♦



CREATIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM



Spirit of Academic Innovation Continues at Siena Heights

Creativity has always been a calling card in the Siena Heights classroom over the years.

In Siena's earlier days, it was educating Adrian Dominican Sisters over the summer months to keep them teaching in elementary and high schools during the fall, winter and spring.

In the 1960s it was the genesis of the Creative Stages youth theater program that blazed new trails and connected education to performing arts like never before.

The 1970s had Siena Heights leaving the Adrian campus to teach adult and nontraditional students across Michigan and beyond.

Today, that spirit of innovation continues. One course fuses a familiar concept—food—with one a little harder to grasp—chemistry. Another combines the endless possibilities of creative writing with the new and evolving visual arts in a true liberal arts collaboration.

What it means for the Siena Heights student is learning in new—and sometimes fun—ways.

By Doug Goodnough



Left: Alex Weinstein as The Mad Professor.

Below: Erin Zerbe—aka zerbeTRON.

COMIX AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL: ART AND CREATIVE WRITING JOIN FORCES

What happens when a Mad Scientist and a zerbeTRON get together? One interesting course that combines creative writing with graphic and visual design. This fall, Assistant Professor of English Alexander Weinstein and Assistant Professor of Art Erin Zerbe are joining forces to teach Comix and the Graphic Novel course.

“Alexander actually approached me about teaching the course,” said Zerbe, aka “zerbeTRON.” “We’ve talked extensively about the similarities between the creative writing process and the visual arts process, so this seemed like a perfect opportunity to help our students bridge the gap and explore creativity in new and challenging ways.”

“While originally the idea was for it to be a literature course, I thought making it a creative writing and art workshop would be really exciting for students,” Weinstein said. “Students would not merely be reading the works of great artists and writers, but learning to make their own comics!”

Both share a love of comic books, and decided to co-teach the class, which filled quickly last spring. The course provides critical analysis of comics as a medium, as well as an intensive exploration of the many aspects of writing, drawing, editing and publishing comics and graphic narratives. Students will create their own comic book in a “workshop environment.”



“It’s totally a democratic space,” Zerbe said of the classroom dynamic. “We split the class time and share in leading lectures, demos and discussions. This allows us to learn from each other, while also pushing the students to explore their ideas.”

Zerbe, who has extensive experience in animation, film and gaming, complements Weinstein, who is an award-winning creative writer who founded and directs the prestigious Martha’s Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing.

“During class I always participate in the writing prompts, and I feel that having Alex’s expertise to guide me in something I’m not good at (writing) shows a vulnerability to the students,” Zerbe said.

“I teach topics including character development, heroes and villains, setting, dialogue, perspective and language play,” Weinstein said. “My main goals are to help students tap into the power of their own personal stories, and to teach them the skills to put these stories into words.”

They said creative problem-solving is one of the primary objectives of the course, as well as collaboration.

“It’s hard to be creative in a vacuum,” Zerbe said. “So a big component of this course will be sharing and critiquing work, learning to take and offer criticism and working collaboratively. These are tremendously important life skills. Learning to do it through comics makes it a fun process—but a valuable one—all the same.”

To emphasize the “fun,” both dressed up as their alter egos on the first day of class, and Zerbe even designed a course poster displaying them as the Mad Scientist and zerbeTRON.

So, who are Zerbe’s and Weinstein’s favorite comic book characters?

“Probably Professor Xavier (from the X-Men),” Weinstein said. “I just plain love his psychic abilities and general zen. That said, I think the humorist in me may like Plastic Man better. There’s something amazing about this guy.



Alex Weinstein—The Mad Professor



Erin Zerbe—zerbeTRON

He has this really lame superpower, and he’s more or less a nobody in the superhero world—but he thinks he’s amazing.”

“One of the only characters that sticks with me is Kabuki, from David Mack’s series titled ‘Kabuki,’” Zerbe said. “To this day, Kabuki is one of my all-time favorites. It’s truly why I love the medium.”

CULINARY APPROACH ALLOWS SHU STUDENTS TO LEARN CHEMISTRY IN A NEW WAY

Julius Nagy brought the periodic table to the kitchen table at Siena Heights University.

Combining his love of chemistry and food, the assistant professor of chemistry designed and taught a culinary chemistry course over the summer and this fall on the Adrian campus.

“This class came about because our director of academic advising (Wiona Porath) expressed concern that we did not have enough science courses for non-majors,” Nagy said. “I’ve always had a thing for cooking and came up with the idea of using the ‘Good Eats’ television show from the Food Network.”

Created and hosted by celebrity chef Alton Brown, “Good Eats” took a scientific – and innovative – approach to food and cooking. Nagy said he wanted to adopt some of those same concepts for his class.

“Alton Brown does a good job of bringing science and history and a lot of elements in,” he said. “We used that as kind of the cornerstone.”

The five-week summer format meant that students had a short and intense immersion into the course, which included preparing different kinds of foods using various cooking methods, techniques and chemical reactions.

“We get to make food and understand the chemical changes it all goes through,” said SHU student Sydney Gossett, who is a communications major. “It’s really fun. And it’s really delicious. We’re making caramel today.”

“As a biologist, taking a class that is able to apply some of the chemistry and some of the biology that I’ve learned to a specific class and specific skills is amazing,” said SHU biology major Justin Bateson. “I love this class.”

Nagy said students watched “Good Eats” episodes to help prepare for projects, and part of the chemistry lab was converted into a makeshift kitchen.

“Typically, when we do general chemistry, non-science majors are scared off by the numbers and the technical stuff,” he said. “It’s a different language. This is kind of a way that we can ease into some of the scientific language, but we can use things that they’re used to seeing, like eggs and pancakes and syrup.



Above: SHU Assistant Professor of Chemistry Julius Nagy (left) assists students during a culinary chemistry classroom cooking project.

So it’s not jumping in with both feet in a world they don’t know a whole lot about. We can go through a world that they know to get to them to some things they haven’t seen before.”

And not only see, but eat. Before the last class last summer, the class prepared food for faculty and staff to taste in an impromptu “potluck” on campus. Some of the prepared items included pickled vegetables, marinated mushrooms and unique condiments and salsas.

“It’s really nice to see the chemistry side of things,” Bateson said. “It’s easier to relate to the food in a way that I understand. ... Before this class, I didn’t cook at all. I can now cook a little bit easier.”

“They’ve been willing to put their feet in the pool and learn,” said Nagy. “They can feed back some scientific things, and that’s what really I’m looking for. That’s part of the liberal arts experience, is that we can talk about these different fields. I think they are going to be able to talk some science more than they did five weeks ago.”

To see the culinary chemistry class in action, visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/sienaheights19>. ♦



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Curtain Up! Light the Lights!

Great Theater at (and Beyond) the Heights

If you've been to Siena recently, you know the arts are alive and well. At this year's Homecoming, you heard lots of music (marching band at halftime, Acapelicans at Alumni Awards, choir at Mass) and saw lots of art (John Wittersheim and Lois DeMots retrospectives in Studio Angelico, alumni art in McLaughlin, six alumni sculptures in the new Wittersheim Memorial Sculpture Park). And there's a good chance you were humming "Day by Day" from the Theater Siena production of *Godspell* directed by theater program chair Doug Miller '74. All of the arts are vital to the life and legacy of Siena Heights—enough so that Joni Warner '83 now works officially connecting our campus with the Lenawee community through the arts.

Today, I'd like to spotlight Siena's theater program.

For the past decade, one of our most popular alumni events (outside of Homecoming) has been the annual spring Dinner & Theater gathering. About 100 people come to campus—from as far as Detroit, Lansing, Battle Creek and many parts of Ohio—for dinner and the final production of the Theater Siena season. Some people come every year and it's not uncommon to hear things like "Wow, I saw this once in Boston/New York/Toledo—but this was better!"

That sentiment was definitely buzzing around the Croswell Opera House in Adrian this past summer, when Siena's Mark DiPietro '83 directed a full-scale production of *Les Miserables* with a cast and crew almost half made up of Siena Heights alumni, students and faculty. "We had 300+ people audition," said DiPietro, chair of SHU's Fine and Performing Arts division. "They came out of the woodwork for the chance to be in the full, adult version of the show."

Even at the Croswell, "it was tremendously difficult to mount such a massive show," DiPietro said, "but it was the perfect blending of great acting talent, great backstage talent, great front-of-house talent." Jere Righter '93, artistic director at the Croswell, "had the vision to bring the show to Adrian—and then hire two professionals," DiPietro said, referring to Siena alumni Eric Parker '92 (left, who played Jean Valjean) and Michael Lackey '77 (Inspector Javert), both Equity actors who have performed throughout the country.



Reviewers and audience members agreed: The results were stunning. "We had a whole chorus of lead singers," Lackey said, in response to a comment on the quality of vocals throughout the show. "Many in the ensemble can and have sung lead roles," he said—and many of those performances were in Francoeur Theater at Siena Heights.

The impact of SHU theater extends beyond Adrian and beyond southeast Michigan. "Our name is known at top graduate programs around the country," DiPietro noted. "We just had our fourth student in the past several years accepted at The Actors Studio in New York. And it's not just actors who are going places. Our technical theater graduates are sought after."

To support both theater and music at Siena, the University is planning a major addition to the Performing Arts Center, including a new theater, renovation of Francoeur as a dedicated music performance space, and addition of a band wing and up-to-date scene shop. The project, though still on the horizon, has generated lots of interest.

To see what all the excitement is about, join us for this spring's Dinner & Theater event on March 28, featuring the musical *Chicago*. Get your tickets early though. These events sell out!

Jennifer

Scholar and Mentor, Prankster and Philosopher, Counselor and Friend

Memories of Sister Pat Hogan, OP



Pat Hogan, OP, aka Sister John Mary, began teaching philosophy and history at Siena Heights College in 1966. She went on to chair the philosophy department from 1979 until her unexpected death March 13, 1991, while at home

in Chicago on sabbatical.

Pat Hogan's legendary impact on students was never more evident than at the 2009 Alumni Awards ceremony, when three honorees—**Tod Marshall '90**, now a poet and English professor at Gonzaga University; **Jacob Chi '85**, now conductor of the Pueblo Symphony Orchestra and professor at Colorado State University; and **Gabrielle Davis '85**, a lawyer specializing in women's rights—all credited her with helping them find the right road to their future.

Tod Marshall remembered goofing off and skipping the reading for his independent study with Sister Pat—until the day he found her in the library “bent over her notes and poring over what we were going to talk about that day.” Startled to realize how much time and effort she was putting in “for me—just for me,” Tod reshaped his attitude. Knowing how committed she was to his education, he said, he “never again dropped the ball” on his studies.

Jacob Chi was a 28-year-old violinist, without funds and or a place to stay, when he arrived from China to attend Siena Heights in the early '80s. Sister Pat opened her home, as well as her heart and mind, to the talented musician. “There is no one in my entire academic life as important as Sister Pat,” he said recently, and “no other universities (as important) as Siena Heights.”

Gabrielle Davis was approaching graduation when Pat Hogan suggested she apply to law school. When Gabrielle hesitated, she remembers, Sister Pat's response was prophetic: “She said, ‘You've had a lot of advantages in your life and you really have an obligation to give back. I can't think of a better way to do it than for you to go to law school and serve the people who need your help.’” And that's just what Gabrielle has done.

When, in the last issue of this magazine, we invited alumni to share more memories of Sister Pat Hogan, the responses echoed everything we heard at that awards ceremony five years ago.

“I had Sister John Mary for philosophy as a sophomore,” wrote **Linda Hansen '70**. Linda planned to become a high school math teacher until, in a chance meeting with the Sister, she mentioned how much she had loved philosophy and how sorry she was that she couldn't continue, since math and education left no room in her schedule. “Sister John Mary urged me not to give up something I loved so deeply, and I took her advice,” keeping the math major (in a compromise with her father) but trading education for a strong philosophy minor. Her father and Sister John Mary were equally delighted when she was accepted into the philosophy Ph.D. program at Marquette University. Linda taught college philosophy for 17 years before changing careers to become a minister, “where my philosophy background was invaluable. I credit Pat Hogan with setting me on my true life course, and I remain more grateful than I can say.”

When **John Metzger '75** arrived at Siena, he was one of the new male students on campus. “We were hippies, and religious tradition was so under question—but Sister John Mary was a beautiful friend (whose) faith and understanding resist description. It was evident to me and others that she embodied a host of the absolute qualities of human nature, philosophical and theological, that we discussed in her class. It was kind of like being taught by a maternal St. Thomas Aquinas...” Sister Pat helped make Siena “a super-special place for higher learning,” he recalls. “The pleasure and value of knowing her has been secure in my memory” ever since.

“I had the good fortune to take Philosophy of Person with her and I loved every minute,” wrote **Mary Weeber '83**. “She started every class by reading from a book called *Psalms Now* by a minister who rewrote the psalms to reflect contemporary life. It was a powerful way to start the class and the psalm she read each day seemed to reflect what we were studying at the time. The day of the mid-term exam, when we were all anxious about the test, Pat opened

the book and read, ‘Let us begin this day with singing whether we feel like it or not...’ This may have been Pat's greatest gift to me—a simple line that I have heard in my mind at almost every stressful moment of my life.”

Pat's sense of humor was appreciated by her colleagues, too. “Pat Hogan was one of the joys of my life while I was teaching at Siena Heights in the 1980s,” wrote English Professor Emerita **Martha Manheim**. “A tall Irish nun from Chicago who taught Logic and other courses in philosophy, Sister Pat was as serious about her faith as it is possible to be—but she was not serious about the weaknesses of academic life. She richly enjoyed the over-seriousness that is endemic to the profession. When I sat next to her at endless meetings, I was hard put to keep my face straight as she pointed out the logical fallacies of much of the discussion, *sotto voce* and with hilarious wit. How healthy it was to see the real point of the work of education through the lens of a logical mind, with the wit to make our pretensions laughable.”

After Pat Hogan's sudden death, Martha recalls saying that Pat was “like Chaucer in her ability to see the flaws in all of humanity with the greatest good humor and forgiveness. My husband corrected me: He said Sister Pat was herself the very reincarnation of that great English poet. How could we not forever miss such a mind, such a soul?”

How not, indeed. ♦



Above: Jacob Chi with Sister Pat Hogan.



class notes

FROM THE SITES

Battle Creek

2007



Jon Campbell was one of 15 members appointed in June 2014 by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to the newly created

Indigent Defense Commission. The commission was created as a result of efforts to improve legal representation for low-income criminal defendants in the state. Campbell has been an Allegan (Mich.) County commissioner since 1991 and previously served 27 years as a police officer with the City of Otsego (Mich.). He is a member of the Allegan County Central Dispatch Policy Board, the Michigan Sheriff Coordinating and Training Council Advisory Committee and the State of Michigan 911 Committee. He will represent local units of government on the IDC.

2008

Lisa Payne is employed as a resolution specialist for the Marshall (Mich.) Community Credit Union. Her position specializes in repossession, foreclosures and small claims.

Lansing

2008

Mark Vroman was recently promoted to battalion chief with the Meridian (Mich.) Township Fire Department (**below**). He also is an adjunct instructor for SHU's College for Professional Studies.



Southfield

1994



Trevor Block was named the Dealer Development manager of the northeast region for Digital Monitoring Products of Springfield, Mo. He will be responsible for developing new sales and providing ongoing service for DMP-authorized dealers in Pennsylvania, western New York, southern New Jersey and Delaware. Block previously was employed as vice president of Field Operations with Guardian Protection Services as well as general manager for ADT Security Services. He currently is the chair of the Installation and Service Professionals Group of the Electronic Security Association. DMP is a manufacturer of intrusion, fire, access control, network and cellular communication products.

2002

David Bragg is a lieutenant for the Virginia Union University Police Department in Richmond, Va. He resides in Glen Allen, Va.

2013



Andrea Phillips MA was recently named vice president/chief nursing officer of McLaren Macomb in Mount Clemens, Mich.

She previously was employed as an ambulatory network administration director for the St. John Providence Health System and was also with McLaren Macomb's nursing management team. She also served active duty in the U.S. Air Force and also as a reservist.

MAIN CAMPUS

1973



Ric Leichter recently exhibited his sculpture entitled "Yada Yada Yada" (**left**) as part of the Port Huron (Mich.) Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition. His piece is part of a six-part series, and is made of fabricated steel welded and painted. He has been sculpting for 40 years, and lives in Sugar Grove, Ohio.

1974

Susan McKenzie Helsler is retired and living in Monroe, Mich., with her husband, Don. She remains active substitute teaching and also was named the chapter president for Beta Rho, Delta Kappa Gamma Iota International, a professional society for women educators.



Thomas Miller was named a general counsel for the State Bar of California in February 2014. Miller has been a lawyer for 35

years in the private sector and for the U.S. Marine Corps. The Office of General Counsel provides comprehensive litigation services, representing the bar in all matters pending in state and federal courts and administrative tribunals. The office also drafts and reviews contracts and other business transactions, interprets existing rules and regulations, analyzes proposed legislation and provides legal advice to the Board of Trustees, its committees and staff. He was previously a partner at the national litigation firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi. He also served on active and reserve duty as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring in 2000 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He lives in San Clemente, Calif with his wife Kim Pletkovic Miller '74.

1977



Gail Kowalski recently received the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award from North Hills High School in Ross Township, Pittsburgh, Pa. This award honors an alumnus who demonstrates outstanding contributions to their chosen profession, high academic achievement, outstanding professional and business achievements and exceptional community consciousness. She gave the keynote address at the awards ceremony May 27. Her studio and retail store is Jewelry by Gail, Inc., in Gallery Row, Nags Head, N.C. She has won numerous national and international awards and honors, including both industry and Hollywood accolades.

1978

Pat Collins Pattison and her husband, Peter, moved to Australia in November 2013. They live in Bairnsdale, Victoria, about three hours from Melbourne on the southeast coast near a koala bear sanctuary. The couple has been married for 25 years, and she joked that "we would spend 25 years in Ohio and the next 25 in Australia. The circumstances of our lives allowed us to make the move."

1985



LTC John Detroy and his wife, Moraima, recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. Their youngest son, Tony, started his freshman year at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke. John has served as the senior medical officer for the XVIII Airborne Corps for the past year and will move to Falls Church, Va. He will be assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General (Defense Health Agency) as the deputy director, Surgical Services Service Line (3SL). The 3SL is an effort to improve Army surgical capability and capacity. He continues to run,

and before departing Fort Bragg, will be a member of the post's Masters Army Ten Miler Team. He said he enjoys watching the Siena Heights Sports Network, especially the women's basketball, track and field, and football teams.

1987

Marta Marsh Gilson was one of 43 recipients to be named a 2014 W.K. Kellogg Foundation Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellow. Gilson is currently a research faculty member at Johns Hopkins University, and majored in biology and computer information systems while at Siena Heights. The competitive program recruits accomplished career changers and outstanding recent college graduates in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (the STEM fields) to teach these subjects in high-need Michigan schools. Each Fellow will receive a \$30,000 stipend while completing an intensive master's-level teacher education program at a participating Michigan university. After their clinically based preparation, Fellows commit to teach for at least three years in a high-need Michigan school, with ongoing support and mentoring.

1992

Daniel English MA is employed as a guidance counselor at Hillsdale (Mich.) Community Schools. He resides in Hillsdale.

1993



Dr. Allia Carter was named the interim vice president for Student Affairs at Darton State (Ga.) College. Carter previously served as

the director of Academic Outreach for the College of Education and adjunct assistant professor in the Education Administration/Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Wayne State (Mich.) University Detroit since 2012. While at WSU, Carter founded the City-Wide Middle School Summit, a partnership between the WSU Federal Talent Search Program, Detroit Public

Schools, and Visteon Corp., which was designed to reduce the drop-out rates of inner-city students. She also created several early college programs for urban K-12 public school districts. Carter also previously served as Curriculum and Faculty Development associate and assistant director of Curriculum and Faculty Development at Bowling Green State University and was the director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and senior director of Enrollment Services at Georgia College.

1999

Peggy Huber Brenner is employed as a high school art teacher at Rome City Schools in Rome, Ga. She said her time at Siena Heights "was the best possible investment in my future." She credited former SHU Education faculty member Dee Crane for helping her complete her degree. "Now some 14+ years later I have a career and I can stand on my 2 feet! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

2006

Jennifer Compton is currently employed as the director of Public Relations at Adrian College. Previously, she had been the assistant director and director of Career Planning at the college, and was also previously employed as the Downtown Development Authority coordinator with the City of Adrian. She also competes in regional and national horse shoes with her two quarter horses, and has won a number of titles. In 2013, she had the NQPA Pony of the Year. She resides in Blissfield, Mich.

2010



Emily Parr Fortenbacher played the part of Marilyn Monroe (above) in the world premiere production of "Marilyn's Kennedy" in May 2014 at the Dog Story Theater in Grand Rapids, Mich. A member of the University Wits Theater Company, she played the lead actress in the drama based on the historical affair between former President John F. Kennedy and Monroe.

Nelson "Spike" Holliday is teaching mathematics at Port Clinton (Ohio) High School where he also is the assistant varsity baseball coach. He resides in Port Clinton.

2011

Timothy Beehler is currently the college pastor at the 1Mosaic Church in Adrian, Mich, running the College Life events at Siena Heights. He is an adjunct instructor at Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, and will have a paper published in the fall 2014 edition of the Theta Alpha Kappa Journal of Theology. He also recently presented a paper at the College Theological Society's annual convention. He and his wife, Jenna, reside in Tecumseh, Mich.

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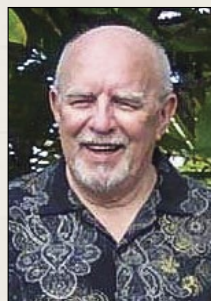


Judith Lavelle '58 of Lakewood, OH, the longest-serving member in the history of the Siena Heights Alumni Board, died peacefully

and unexpectedly in her sleep July 8, 2014. Judy's ties with Siena Heights began with her years as a boarding student at St. Joseph Academy, graduating in 1954. Immediately enrolling at Siena, she earned a degree in history and went on to a career as an elementary school teacher. She joined Siena's Alumni Board in 1962 and remained on the board for four decades, including 20 years as secretary and a term as President, during which she led the Alumni Association into the 21st century. A devoted Catholic, Judy became an Adrian Dominican Associate and received the St. Dominic Award from the SHU Alumni Association in 1989. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Lavelle, a Sister of St. Joseph (Rocky River, OH).

Glenn Crane Remembered for Work at Crowell, Siena

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A man devoted to the history of theater, a dynamic teacher who made sure his students and those he directed onstage paid attention to the details, and a person who was constantly teaching, both in and out of the classroom.

Those are only some of the ways Glenn Crane's former students and theatrical colleagues have described him in the days since his Sept. 1 death in Florida, where he and his wife, Alice, were living in retirement.

Crane was part and parcel of Lenawee County's theatrical community for years as a professor of theater at what is now Siena Heights University and at the Crowell Opera House.

One of the countless theater people whose lives Crane touched over his years in Adrian was Mark DiPietro, who today is the chairman of SHU's Division of Visual and Performing Arts as well as a longtime Crowell actor and director.

"In 1975, I'd never heard of Adrian," said DiPietro, who grew up in Livonia. But then he came to the Crowell's production of "The Music Man," in which Crane played Professor Harold Hill (photo below).

"I thought he was great," DiPietro said. And, when DiPietro enrolled in Siena Heights' theater program a few years later, Crane became his adviser and mentor in addition to directing him in both SHU and Crowell productions.

"He taught me the patience of being an actor," DiPietro said. "I learned that (acting) doesn't come easy, that you've got to work hard."

"He always was a strong advocate of doing the very best you can do in every aspect of theater," said Doug Miller, also a professor of theater at SHU who was a student of Crane's before eventually joining the theater faculty himself and becoming Crane's colleague. Crane's philosophy, Miller said, was to always "shoot for the highest and don't accept the average."

"He was dynamic; energizing; exciting to work with; very, very intelligent; creative; hard-working," Miller continued. "He inspired a lot of students, and he pushed a lot of them, including me. ... He was a great man."

"He was a fine actor and a wonderful director, just brilliant," said Trudy McSorley, who for many years was part of SHU's theater faculty. "And he loved the Crowell."

To McSorley, Crane and another legendary member of the SHU theater faculty, Sister Therese Craig, made a unique contribution to the lives of their students and, therefore to Siena Heights overall. "Glenn was a scholar. ... He and Therese had a passion for making sure theater history was taught in their classes," she said. "That was huge, because it set us apart as a small, Catholic college doing theater—students were prepared really well to go on to graduate school."

Like her colleagues, McSorley remembers Crane as someone to whom "the little things" of doing theater were important — "what an actor does as part of his character. And because he was such a scholar of theater, he knew what was appropriate for that character. And it was always in an understated way, never over the top, because that way you make audiences dig a little deeper, think a little more."

And, McSorley said, her former colleague was one of those people who always had something to teach others. "He was always a teacher," she said. "Whether he was directing a show, or in the classroom, he was always teaching." ♦





alumni news

“Good Luck, Freshmen!”

Words of Wisdom and Welcome

Last spring, members of the 2014 reunion classes—graduates in years ending in “4” or “9”—were invited to jot an encouraging message on a post-it note that would be given to an incoming freshman. When the mailing went out, we wondered: Would anyone respond? The answer was yes—and every note received was posted on a first-year student’s residence hall door. The responses were enthusiastic and heartwarming, and came from alumni ranging from the Class of ‘59 to new graduates of 2014.

With thanks to all contributors, here is a brief sampling of alumni advice:

- “You’ve chosen the best!”
—Dolores Slosar, OP ‘59
- “Good luck—and don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone!”
—Christine Hardy ‘14
- “Be your authentic self as you nourish your mind and spirit.”
—Rene Boey ‘89
- “Don’t let not knowing what you’re doing hold you back. Learn as you go.”
—Angela Bidlack ‘64
- “Work hard and never give up.”
—Charles Frey ‘14
- “Do more than belong; participate.”
—Karen Johnson ‘04
- “Professors will challenge you to succeed, not to fail. Everything has a purpose.”—Karin Schroer ‘94
- “Explore beyond what is expected of you.”—Lorenzo Cristaudo ‘14
- “Welcome to a great University!”
—Jeanne Mosley ‘59.

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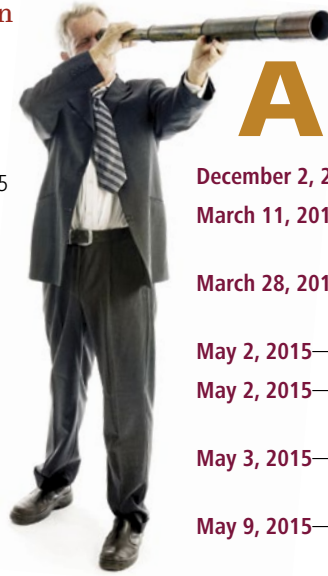
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- December 2, 2014**—SW Michigan Alumni Holiday Event (St. Joseph)
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Harness Your Potential

I have had the privilege of participating in the SHU First Year Experience (FYE) dinner-and-book discussion for the past four years. Annually, FYE students are instructed to read a particular book over the summer and write a paper in response. During Welcome Week, the students meet in a faculty home with their FYE instructor to share dinner and their thoughts on the book. Alumni have been invited to participate the past several years—and this is one of my favorite alumni activities. Not only do I feel like a college student again (☺) but this experience re-energizes my faith in younger generations. These students give me so much hope for the future! They never fail to impress me with their thoughts, insights and energy. This year was no exception. It also warmed my heart to see their interest in meeting me and hearing my alumni story. They recognized that many alumni have given time, talent and treasure to make Siena Heights the university it is today. I have never heard so much gratitude from incoming students. I was humbled.

I share this because I want *you* to know the difference you can make in the lives of our current and prospective students. Try something simple like wearing alumni gear in your community or using a Siena coffee mug in your office; you'll be surprised at the conversations you spark and the SHU ambassador you become. You could serve as an active Alumni Association Board member, coming to campus several times a year to promote activities that engage alumni with their alma mater. You might connect with former faculty or staff and offer to be a mentor to current students, or speak to a class about how Siena Heights has influenced your experience, personally and professionally. Perhaps, as you look to hire someone, you would consider contacting the SHU Career Development Office—where you might find that graduating senior who is a perfect fit for your business.

You don't need to be nearby to get involved. This past summer, alumni from graduating classes ending in '04 or '09 (our Homecoming anniversary classes) received a small packet of Siena Heights "Post It" notes, with an invitation to write a welcoming message or two and return the notes to campus. The messages were posted in dorm rooms so that new students would feel a little more "at home" upon arrival. Greetings and notes of encouragement included: "Welcome to a great university," "My prayers and good wishes for a good beginning and all through your time at Siena and beyond," "Focus on your tasks one day at a time," "Live your best; Siena will do the rest." These wishes came from all over the country and as far away as Puerto Rico. What a wonderful way for alumni around the globe to stay connected to the University and its students.

I also encourage you to consider regular financial contributions to the University at a level that is right for you. Even the smallest gifts, when multiplied, can bring about monumental change on campus. I was amazed that the freshmen knew all about Siena's recent growth and development, both in buildings and in programs. Many students cited these changes as reasons for choosing Siena. And having heard their comments, I feel more committed than ever to continue financially supporting the University. Our students truly appreciate all that has been done for them. If I didn't realize it before, I realized it that night. Several even commented they were going to "make their millions" after graduation so they could give back, in gratitude for what those before them had done to make their current education possible. They have noticed!

The title of the book that I and the FYE students read this year is *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. It's an inspiring true story about starting small and making great things happen. I encourage you to harness your potential...and do whatever you can to share your time, talents and treasures with our students. What an investment!

Blessings,



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