

REFLECTIONS



**A NEW HOME FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS**



from the president



Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD
President

Thanks for the Memories, Sage Union

For many of you, there are parts of the Adrian campus that are “sacred spaces.” Maybe it’s Trinity Garden with its majestic and spectacular magnolia trees in full bloom.

Or the magnificent stained glass-adorned St. Dominic (formerly Lumen Ecclesiae) Chapel during a reverential Torch Night ceremony.

For our more recent graduates, maybe it’s the coziness of the McLaughlin University Center living room with its welcoming fireplace.

Unfortunately, it’s time to say good-bye to another space considered to be sacred by many: Sage Union. Originally named Walsh Hall when constructed in 1923, this facility was once “The Hub” of campus. For decades, it was the gathering place for theater and music events. In fact, the main floor was legendary for its acoustical excellence. Commencement ceremonies were conducted there for decades, and many early athletic events were hosted in the basement gymnasium.

For the Adrian Dominican Sisters, many received their annual mission appointments in Sage, which was an occasion of joy for some, and sadness for others.

Over the years, it evolved into a student union, once housing the University bookstore.

And as of late, it served as office space for several departments and organizations on campus. Up until the construction of the new Spencer Performing Arts Center, which officially opened in August, the basement of Sage also functioned as the band room.

But Sage’s time has come. We have pursued many opportunities and considered a host of options to try and reinvent Sage Union. In the meantime, nearly 100 years of use and the elements have taken its toll.

What made Sage such a unique and distinctive building is also one of its downfalls: the seven-level structure is nearly impossible to make handicap accessible without a sizeable expense to the University. In fact, our construction partners have told us that reengineering the building would cost significantly more than constructing a brand new facility.

So the decision was made to take down Sage this summer. The work was recently completed and I’ve been assured that a beautiful new space will be created that will highlight Trinity Garden and open the University up to a whole new range of possibilities.

I realize this is not a popular decision for some who hold dear memories of Sage and what it represented during their time on campus. However, as someone who tries to be a good steward of Siena Heights’ resources, please understand this was not a decision made in haste. In truth, the fate of Sage has been a debate on our campus for several years, and one of the most difficult of my presidency.

But it had to be made. And I believe it is the right one.

Sometimes to look to the future, you have to let go of the past. Thanks for the memories, Sage Union



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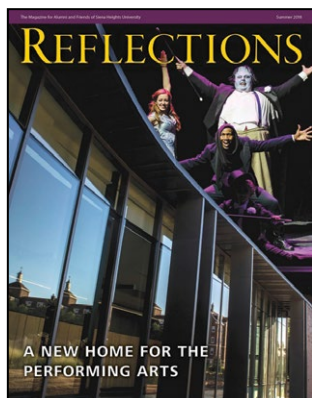
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ON THE COVER

Siena Heights University will dedicate its new Spencer Performing Arts Center during Homecoming Weekend 2018. The more than \$11 million project will include a new theater, music hall, band and dance rooms.



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from the editor



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Editor

Siena Heights: A Century in the Making

We're having a party, and you're invited!

Siena Heights University will celebrate its 100th anniversary during the 2019-20 academic year.

When you have an event this important, you need an entire year to celebrate. And we plan on doing it up right!

Even though we are still more than a year away, things are already in motion. Some of the planned activities include a statewide Olympic-style torch relay event in August 2019 to begin the anniversary year, as well as a "Kickoff Week" and special Homecoming Weekend celebration.

A unique "100 Events for the 100th" concept is also in works, as well as historical displays both on campus and at the Lenawee Historical Museum. And there's so much, much more to come!

We also recently unveiled the official 100th anniversary logo (right) that will be used exclusively throughout the academic year, as well as an introduction "hype" video.

The video and more information along with updates on the 100th anniversary celebration can be viewed at sienaheights.edu/100.

As the chair of the Centennial Committee, I have the honor of directing a motivated and talented group of individuals composed of faculty, staff, alumni, board members—and students—who are assisting with the monumental task of organizing this tremendous milestone in the institution's history.

And we could use your help.



Do you have old photos, video or "relics" like clothing, publications or memorabilia from Siena Heights' past that you would be willing to share?

If so, we would love to have them. Items can either be donated, or we can borrow them and return them to you when the anniversary year is completed. Just contact me at dgoodnou@sienaheights.edu or (517) 264-7141 and we will do the rest.

In true Siena Heights fashion, we want the 100th Anniversary Year to be as collaborative as we can make it. And we want as many Siena Heights alumni and friends to be involved in the festivities! So consider this your "Save the Date" notice.

Help us celebrate our history and be a part of making it!



from the heights

SHU Student Earns Award at Biology Research Conference

Tiffany Logan was awarded second place at the 2017 Northeast District 4 Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society Research Conference representing the states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Her presentation on the larval migration patterns of the imported cabbageworm was a culmination of a two-year-long group research study conducted by herself, Ashley Russo and Dr. Jun Tsuji.

Campbell Presents at Accounting Conference

Professor of Accounting Linda Campbell presented "Ethics - More than a Game" at the MICPA Spring Accounting Educators' Conference June 2, 2017, in Lansing.

SHU Partners on New Catholic Athletes for Christ Top 25 Catholic High School Football Poll

SHU partnered with the Catholic Athletes for Christ and Global Football to present the inaugural Catholic Athletes for Christ Top 25 Catholic high school football poll. The CAC Top 25 was published weekly each Wednesday starting Aug. 23, 2017, through the conclusion of the high school season. The CAC Top 25 ranking criteria include the quality of the team and its players, strength of schedule, tradition, and quality of the team's league, conference, region or district. All Catholic U.S. high schools that feature only four-year players playing 11-man football are eligible for consideration.

O'Connell Presents at Summer Conference

Assistant Professor of Humanities Dr. Michael O'Connell presented a paper titled "Melting the Iceberg": David Foster Wallace's Rewriting of Ernest Hemingway" at the fourth annual International David Foster Wallace Conference in Normal, Ill., in June 2017.

2017 SHU Nursing Graduates Have Impressive 94 Percent Pass Rate on NCLEX-RN Exam

Siena Heights Nursing 2017 graduates achieved a 94 percent first-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) exam. This is an outstanding milestone for the graduates and the program, and is the highest pass rate in the history of the program. The program has averaged first-time pass rate of 91 percent over the past 3 years, which far exceeds the standards set by the Michigan Board of Nursing and the AACN-CCNE accrediting body.

Frost Presents at Two Summer Conferences

Associate Professor of History Dr. Julieanna Frost presented her paper, "The Woman to Finish the Work: Female Leadership in American Southcottian Communities" at the Oxford Round Table Symposium, Oxford, United Kingdom. She also attended and presented at the Institute on Infusing Chinese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum, Asian Studies Development Program, East-West Center, from July 31-Aug. 11, 2017.

Overall Publishes Article in NACA Magazine

Director of Student Engagement Dexter Overall was published in Campus Activities Programming, the official magazine of the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). He co-authored article, "A Student Affairs Professional's guide to Developing Intercultural Competencies." He is an active member of the NACA, and joined an advisory board for the organization in 2017.

McDonald Presents at Chamber Event

In summer 2017, Dr. Patricia McDonald, OP, presented "Managing Yourself with Emotional Intelligence" to the Troy Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals in Troy, Mich.

DiPietro Directs 'A Funny Thing Happened... ' at the Crowell Opera House

Professor of Theatre and Speech Mark DiPietro directed the acclaimed "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," at the Crowell Opera House in Adrian. SHU students Xavier Sarabia (Hero) and Emily Hribar (Philia) played prominent roles, as well as SHU alums Jamie Buechele and Sara Nowak.

Fick Participates in Two Summer Conferences

Professor and Director of the Graduate College Leadership Healthcare program Dr. John Fick presented his poster, "How Do U.S. Hospital CEOs Perceive Leadership Competencies of Health Administration Graduates?" at the June 2017 AUPHA Annual Meeting in Long Beach, Calif. He also served as a paper reviewer and attended the Academy of Management (AOM) in Atlanta, Ga.

Dunne Publishes, Edits Lonergan Studies Newsletter

SHU Professor of Philosophy Dr. Tad Dunne edited and published the June 2017 issue of the "Lonergan Studies Newsletter." This is an international quarterly review of published works, reviews and dissertations, plus recent and upcoming events related to the thought of the Canadian philosopher and theologian, Bernard Lonergan. These issues average about 20 pages each. This is his 19th year as editor.

New MBA Program Director Announced

Dr. Eboni Mathis was named the new Director of the MBA Program in September 2017. Dr. Mathis received her Doctorate of Management from the University of Maryland, Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Master of Arts degree in Community Counseling from Siena Heights University as well as a Bachelor

of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Management Information Technology from Cleary University. She brings with her experience in teaching, developing and administering ground and online programs along with industry experience in the areas of IT and corporate relations. The MBA program began its first classes in January 2018.

SHU Employees Honored for Years of Service

Siena Heights University honored several faculty and staff members for their years of service at the August 2017 All-University Workshop. The following are the employees who were honored:

10 Years—Ian Bell, Betsy Brooks, Shelley Collins, Bob Conlon, Amy Decker, Michael Fox, Julieanna Frost, Deanna Kuebeck, Heather Moody, Mary Roberts, Annette Sanderson, Stacy Schaffner.

20 Years—Peter Barr, Bridget McKeon.

40 Years—Tim Husband, Mary Kruse.

Professor Emeritus—Jim Sam.

Weinstein Has Story Chosen for Anthology, Other Honors

Associate Professor of English Alexander Weinstein had his story "Openness" chosen for the anthology "The Best American Fantasy and Science Fiction 2017," forthcoming in winter 2017.

His collection "Children of the New World" has been awarded the Emerging Writer's Award by Drake University, and The Devil's Kitchen Readers Fiction Award by Southern Illinois University.

Weinstein was also interviewed about his book "Children of the New World" by NPR's To The Best of Our Knowledge. It also contains excerpts from me reading from his stories. Also, the book has been chosen for the One Campus, One Book Prize at University of Central Missouri. This means that the book will be taught and read by all students and faculty campus-wide.

His short story "Understanding Great Art and the People Who Make It" was selected for the 2018 Best American Experimental Writing anthology. It will be released this summer.

His short story "Invasive Species & Their Habitats" appears in a recent issue of Hunger Mountain literary journal.

Finally, he recently had his interview with Pleiades Magazine published. He speaks about utopian vs. dystopian fiction, hope within dark times and the genre of Solar Punk.

Walker Lights Up Theaters in Michigan

SHU theater faculty member Dan Walker worked on lighting designs for multiple shows at Theatre Nova in summer 2017, where he serves as production manager. He lit "The Legend Of Georgia McBride" in May and "The Revolutionists" in August, and the show is still running. He also designed the set and performed lighting for Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" in July for the Ellipsis Theatre Co., as well as for "Camelot" and "9 to 5: The Musical" at the Encore Musical Theatre. He also lit Mitch Albom's "Ernie: The Play," "Hockey The Musical" and the "Michigan Tour of Hockey" at the Detroit City Theatre, and was part of the Wilde Award-winning production of "Clutter" at Theatre Nova. SHU student Ariel Sheets designed the scenery for that production. Finally, Walker recently won a Pulsar Award from the Lansing State Journal for Best Lighting in Central Michigan for "A Painted Window" at the Williamston Theatre in January.

Morley Helps With Disaster Relief in Texas

Director of the Counseling Center Sandy Morley was a Red Cross disaster relief mental health volunteer. In response to the Siena mission and the overwhelming support needed for natural disasters in our country, she was deployed in Texas after Hurricane Harvey as impacted communities returned to their homes for the first time.

SHU Student Publishes Children's Book

Sophomore social work major Madison Griffith completed a semester project of writing a children's book. The book, "Little Z," tells the true story of a little girl and her family who came to the area as refugees from Afghanistan. It highlights the pain and obstacles she had to overcome to get where she is today.

SHU Named Veteran-Friendly School by MVA

Siena Heights University was named a silver level Veteran-Friendly School by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency for the 2017-18 academic year. The Veteran-Friendly program recognizes academic institutions of higher learning committed to supporting the needs of student veterans and dependents.

McNair Scholars Grant Renewed for Five Years

SHU was awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Education to support the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Program. SHU's McNair Scholars Program has been continually funded since 1992 and is the only private liberal arts college in Michigan to have this grant. SHU's near-perfect score for the proposal set SHU above the 300-plus institutions that applied. Siena Heights was one of only approximately 160 programs to be awarded during this grant cycle. The institution will receive \$252,560 to support 28 students per year for the 5-year grant period. The McNair Program serves low-income, first-generation college students and students who are members of groups that are underrepresented in graduate education. Grants are awarded based on a competitive process which includes a scored program proposal and points awarded for the program's successful attainment of program objectives over the past five years.

SHU Student Receives Future Leaders Scholarship

Siena Heights student Arthur Gwosdz '18 received the Hispanic/Latino Future Leaders Scholarship on Oct. 6, 2017, at the State of Michigan's Hispanic/Latino Commission celebration dinner in Detroit. Gwosdz was SHU's Student Government president who was also involved in many other activities on campus, including the International Club.

Kling Presents Papers

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Jennifer Kling presented her paper, "The Oppression of War Refugees: Delineating a New Axis of Oppression," at the "Who's Got the Power? Philosophical Critique of Social and Political Structures" conference conducted at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik, Iceland. Kling also presented her paper, "The Moral Responsibilities of Refugees," at the 30th annual Concerned Philosophers for Peace's Conference last weekend in Raleigh, N.C. The Concerned Philosophers for Peace is the largest,

most active organization of professional philosophers in North America involved in the analysis of the causes of war and prospects for peace.

Jaramillo Has Work Published; Receives Citation

SHU adjunct Professor Eileen Jaramillo published, "Distinguishing Between Private Vows and Public Vows" in CLSA Advisory Opinions. She also received a citation of merit from the Canon Law Society of America at its recent convention for her work on consecrated life.

Campbell, Loughran Present at Lilly Conference

Professor of Accounting Linda Campbell and Associate Professor of Leadership James Loughran each presented papers Oct. 19-21, 2017, at the Lilly Conference, in Traverse City, Mich. Campbell's paper, "Ethics - More than a Game," discussed ways to engage students in ethical theory and decision-making. Loughran's paper, "Transformational Leadership - Transforming the Classroom," discussed utilizing transformational leadership theory to enhance engagement in the classroom.

Puszczewicz Receives Norma Dell Courage to Care Award

SHU staff member Tom Puszczewicz was chosen as the recipient of the 2017 Norma Dell Courage to Care Award for his work and dedication in working with those in housing crisis in Lenawee County. The award recognizes the efforts of an individual, couple or agency who has made extraordinary contributions toward alleviating homelessness in Lenawee County. He served on Housing Help of Lenawee's board for six years. In 2005, as part of SHU's Campus Ministry team, he assisted in organizing the Advent Giving Tree that produces collections of toys, clothing and household items for homeless families staying in Housing Help's emergency shelters and transitional housing units. Since 2007, "Push" has played an active role in coordinating SHU's involvement in the Share the Warmth program.

Barst Publishes Essay; Presents at Conference

Associate Professor of English Julie Barst published an essay in the anthology "Victorian Ecocriticism: The Politics of Place and Early Environmental Justice," released by Lexington Books. Her essay, "Antipodal Ecology: Colonial Landscaping in Victorian Fiction," analyzes the impact

of British colonization upon the Aboriginal peoples and the natural environment of Australia. She also gave a presentation at the Michigan College English Association Conference titled "Authority and Agency: Teaching Ethnic and Gender Studies in Divisive Times."

Moody Has Article Published in Journal

Associate Professor of Environmental Science Heather Moody had her article "Lead Emissions and Population Vulnerability in the Detroit Metropolitan Area, 2006-2013: A Spatial and Temporal Analysis" published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. Moody also presented at the American Association of Geographers International Annual Conference.



Ethics Bowl Team Competes at Regionals

The SHU Ethics Bowl Team (above) competed in the Upper Midwest Regional Ethics Bowl competition Nov. 18, 2017, at Oakland University. SHU went 2-2 in the competition, which had 23 other teams from colleges and universities around the midwest. Competing team members included Gabby Beveridge (captain), Krysten Schultz and Kendrick Green. The team, in their second year of competition, discussed and debated difficult real-world ethical issues throughout the day.

Tsuji and Growden Publish Case Study

Dr. Jun Tsuji (Biology) and Melissa Growden (Career Services) published a case study entitled, "Implementing a Sustainability Internship Program at Siena Heights University" with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). The case study describes the background, goals, timeline and implementation of a new internship program as well as lessons learned. The case study also highlights the progress made by the student interns in collecting campus sustainability data, composting pre-consumer dining hall waste and creating a Campus Sustainability Walking Tour website.



SHU's Online Program Top Ranked in Michigan Again, Tied for 23rd Nationally

For the second consecutive year, SHU's Online Learning Program was ranked the best in Michigan among all institutions by the U.S. News and World Report. SHU also was ranked nationally for the fifth consecutive year, and tied for 23rd among all public and private institutions. In fact, Sienna Heights was the only Michigan college or university to be ranked in the top 50 nationally. SHU has offered online bachelor degree completion programs in selected majors since 2004. U.S. News and World Report's methodology included student engagement, faculty credentials and training, peer reputation and student services and technology to determine the rankings. The publication released its 2018 Best Online Bachelor's Programs rankings Jan. 9.

Fox, Gray Honored at MLK Community Celebration

SHU student Anthony Fox Jr. and Student Support Services Program Coordinator Patricia Gray were both honored at the 30th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration in Benincasa Hall. Fox received the Student Service Award. The graphic design major is a member of Men of Distinction and also a mentor for SSS. Gray received the Community Service Award for her work on the Migrant Resource Council, the Lenawee County NAACP and diversity programs and activities at Adrian Schools.

SHU's Clare Co-Authors New Textbook

Assistant Professor of Communications Callie Clare recently co-authored the textbook "An Introduction to Popular Culture in the US: People, Politics, and Power" with Jenn Brandt. The textbook is designed to introduce and explore "the history and contemporary analysis of popular culture in the United States. In situating popular culture as lived experience through the activities, objects, and distractions of everyday life, the authors work to broaden the

understanding of culture beyond a focus solely on media texts, taking an interdisciplinary approach to analyze American culture, its rituals, beliefs, and the objects that shape its existence. ... This approach to the field of study explores all matters of culture in a way that is accessible and relevant to individuals in and outside of the classroom."

New TRIO Program Directors Announced

Ben Rosebrock was named the new director of Student Support Services, while Heather Moore was named as the new director of the McNair Scholars Program. Rosebrock has served as SHU's director of First Year Experience since 2014 and has served the university as chair of the Staff Advisory Council and co-chair of the Common Dialogue Day Committee. Moore comes to SHU from Kansas State University, where she had served in a number of capacities since 2009, most recently as an academic counselor and liaison to colleges in the Academic Assistance Center. Moore is a certified academic/life coach, graduating from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences and an M.A. in Sociology.

Mia Ives-Rublee Featured Speaker at Lecture Series on Ethics

Adaptive athlete turned civil rights activist Mia Ives-Rublee was the featured speaker for the 17th annual Chiodini/Fontana Lecture Series on Ethics in March 2018. Her speech was entitled "From Athlete to Activist: One Activist's Story." As an adaptive athlete, she competed internationally in track, road racing, fencing and CrossFit. She then obtained her Master's in Social Work degree and began working with Disabled people to help them find work and independence in their communities. Rublee has lectured across the country on issues related to social justice and enabling everyone to participate fully in all aspects of society. More recently, she began working for the Women's March, founding and coordinating the Women's March Disability

Caucus. She helped coordinate accessibility services for over 41,000 Disabled people and ensured that Women's March on Washington, D.C., was fully inclusive. For her work, she was named by Glamour Magazine as one of 2017's Women of the Year.

SHU and Carnegie Institute Sign Articulation Agreement

Sienna Heights signed articulation agreement with Carnegie Institute on March 8, 2018. SHU and Carnegie have had a long-standing partnership, and this reinforces SHU's commitment to Carnegie students and assisting them with their degree completion in the allied health profession. Carnegie, located in Troy, is a training center for allied health professions—mainly in cardiovascular studies.

SHU Seniors Scheidel and Bechtol Honored as Teachers of Promise

Senior elementary education major Erin Scheidel and senior secondary education major Ronnie Bechtol were recognized March 12, 2018, as Teachers of Promise by The Network of Michigan Educators during its annual banquet. Inspiring excellence in education is part of the Network's mission. The Teachers of Promise Project invites local teacher colleges to elect two of their outstanding pre-service teachers for recognition as Teachers of Promise.

New Student Government Leaders Announced

Student Government announced the results of the e-board member election for the 2018-19 academic year:

- **President:** Bailey Schwartz
- **Vice President:** MyKayla Pinder
- **Treasurer:** Sharmaine Wills
- **Historian:** Kirstyn Geyer

Meger Participates in Red Cross Leadership Program

SHU sophomore Mitch Meger participated in the Red Cross Collegiate Leadership Program June 4-15, 2018, in Washington, D.C. This program is a collaboration between the American Red Cross, NCCAA, and the NAIA to inspire a new and diverse generation of Red Cross volunteer leadership through exemplifying the five core values of the NAIA "Champions of Character" program. Participants were offered a rare and unique opportunity to acquire first-hand coaching, mentoring and professional leadership training

presented by senior leaders at the Red Cross. Meger is the first SHU student in more than a decade to be accepted into the nationwide program.

Nagy Presents at Region 5 NACADA Conference

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Julius Nagy presented "The Art of New Faculty Advising with Myers-Briggs Typology" April 12, 2018, at the NACADA Region V Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Johnson Receives HLC's Outstanding Service Award, Elected to Board of Directors

Senior Vice President for Business and Finance Dr. Lee Johnson recently received the Higher Learning Commission's 2018 Outstanding Service Award. This honor is the highest award given to a Peer Reviewer by the Commission. The award is based on nominations by the HLC staff, and the award recognizes a Peer Reviewer who has contributed significantly and displayed extraordinary service in specific areas and broadly across the organization. Dr. Johnson was also recently elected to the HLC's Board of Trustees. His term begins Sept. 1, 2018, and ends Aug. 31, 2022. HLC is one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States and accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, which covers 19 states and 1,343 institutions.

Awards Presented at Honors Convocation

The University conducted Honors Convocation in May. Here are some of the awards presented during the ceremony:

- **Rice Outstanding Teaching:** Tim Husband
- **Hunt Advising:** Mary Roberts
- **Bologna Innovative Teaching:** Stephen Ball
- **Staff Excellence:** Deanna Kuebeck, Sharese Mathis
- **Outstanding Undergraduate Student:** Purity Mitu, Andrea "Sissy" Phillips
- **St. Catherine of Alexandria:** Sharmaine Wills
- **Thomas Emmet:** Taylor Mulder, Brent Rodden
- **Team Academic:** Women's Golf
- **Professors Emeriti/Emeritae:** Kathy Burke, Kerry Graves, Tim Husband.

SHU Receives National Grants

National Science Foundation Scholarship Grant

Siena Heights University was awarded a five-year grant totaling \$641,751 from the National Science Foundation as part of the Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program. Only five S-STEM grants have been awarded to universities in Michigan with start dates in 2018. Siena Heights was the only Michigan private university to be awarded this prestigious grant.

The project is entitled Siena Heights: Applying Psychological Constructs and Student Supports to Improve the Education of Students in STEM (SHAPE STEM). This project will award tuition scholarships totaling \$400,000 over 5 years to 20 academically talented students from low-income households who wish to major in biology, chemistry or environmental science at Siena Heights.

The program will especially target students with interests in non-medical STEM careers, and there is additional participant support to fund faculty-mentored student research projects and internships.

“We are extremely pleased to receive this grant and would like to thank all who were involved in this process,” said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D. “To be the only private institution in Michigan to receive this grant in 2018 is quite an honor. We look forward to implementing this grant and educating future leaders in the STEM field. And we are excited to show what impact the ‘Siena Effect’ can have on these students.”

The grant identifies and addresses many of the barriers to success experienced by low-income and first-generation college students majoring in STEM disciplines. SHAPE STEM scholars in the program will study in living and learning communities, receive extensive faculty mentoring, participate in group research, and attend special SHAPE STEM seminars presented by experts in STEM fields.

The Siena Heights faculty grant team included Drs. Jun Tsuji (principal investigator), Heather Moody, Steve Wathen, Jeffrey Lindstrom and Patricia Rousselto and proposed a variety of recruitment and support services based upon the Unified Learning Model (ULM). They plan to evaluate the impact of these various strategies and services on student recruitment, persistence, graduation and career placement.

“This NSF support will help Siena Heights University recruit and educate the talented student scholars who will be able to address the environmental challenges related to sustainable food production, clean water, soil chemistry, air quality, chemical recycling, biodiversity and other ecological concerns that impact our social well-being and national



security,” said Dr. Tsuji, chair of SHU’s Computing, Mathematics and Sciences Division (above). “We believe that many of the ULM-based motivational supports will make a measurable and significant improvement in the success of students in difficult STEM disciplines. By disseminating our findings widely, we hope that these kinds of strategies and supports may be adapted and utilized by other higher educational institutions to improve STEM education across the nation.”

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant

In May 2018, Siena Heights University was awarded a \$35,000 planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the NEH Connections grant program. The project is entitled “Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE): Creating a new minor/certificate program at Siena Heights University.”

Siena Heights was one of only 15 universities nationwide and the only university in Michigan awarded this grant. This funding will support the development of a new curricular pathway for students with interests in political theory, political philosophy and economic theory.

“The program supported by this funding seeks to prepare our student scholars with a more holistic approach to political or economic problems with added emphasis on ethical and historical considerations,” said SHU Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dr. Jennifer Kling, the project’s principal investigator.

The project team consists of SHU core faculty in economics (Dr. Rubin Luniku), philosophy (Dr. Kling) and political science (Dr. Eric Kos), as well as three faculty experts from across the nation and SHU staff and administration. ♦

Siena Heights Joins eSports Movement

Saints to Add Scholarship Sport Starting in Fall 2018

Siena Heights University announced it is starting an eSports program that will begin play in fall 2018.

"We believe that adding eSports would be a good addition to our campus and community," said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD. "We must make sure we execute it in a manner to make students successful on the playing field, on campus and in the community. According to our research, we are at the beginning of a movement for small colleges and universities to add eSports to their campus."

A feasibility study for eSports (also known as competitive gaming) was conducted in fall 2017 by a cross-disciplinary feasibility committee composed of leaders representing Student Life and Athletics, Academics, Academic Advising, Admissions and Information Technology. This committee gathered extensive information, including how eSports would impact the athletic, academic, financial and student life areas of SHU.

President Albert said the decision was made to move forward with eSports based on the findings of the committee. It will be a scholarship sport.

"We first asked if competitive gaming fit the mission of Siena Heights University, because this is not just about increasing enrollment, but also expanding the mission of this institution," she said. "We believe eSports will not only provide opportunities to a new group of students at Siena Heights, but will help build community, which is what we are all about."

SHU Athletic Director Fred Smith several area universities have started similar programs.

"The definition of 'athletics' is constantly changing with the times, and I know competitive gaming is a growing among college students," Smith said. "I am excited about the possibilities it presents for Siena Heights."



In August, Thomas Goodman (left) was hired as SHU's new ESports coach and director. Goodman, who served as an assistant and then interim head men's soccer coach at Siena Heights last fall, is an avid gamer. He was runner-up in Tetris at the 1990 Nintendo World Championships, and also took part in several

Nintendo PowerFest events. A former professional soccer player and Olympic-caliber mountain biker, Goodman also continued to be active in the competitive gaming world. He competed in several Counter Strike competitions and earned a top 100 ranking. From 2005-08, he competed in several eSport tournaments such as the World Cyber Games, and made it to the top 10 list in several games. He was also a beta tester for several games while working in

computer programming and design positions. Goodman is excited to bring his experience to Siena Heights.

Goodman earned his bachelor's degree in education foundations from the University of Oregon and master's degree in recreation and sport pedagogy with a focus in soccer coaching from Ohio University. He is currently working towards his doctorate in higher education and leadership at Concordia University.



"We are pleased to have Thomas start the eSports program at Siena Heights this fall," said SHU Athletic Director Fred Smith. "He has extensive gaming experience, and also has experience coaching college athletes. We believe we have someone who can grow and develop this emerging sport here at Siena Heights."

SHU will add Rocket, League League of Legends and Overwatch to its initial offering of games. The program has also become a member of the National Association of Collegiate Esports organization. SHU becomes the first program in Michigan to do so. NACE organizes its own competitive leagues for each of these titles, and connects collegiate esports programs across the country, enforcing a code of conduct similar to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

"We will be very thoughtful on which types of games our students will be playing," President Albert said. "Like all of our other athletic programs, the competitive experience for eSports must fit the mission of Siena Heights University. And although this is certainly a non-traditional sport, it builds some of the same skills as our other athletic programs, such as teamwork, the ability to think critically and solve problems. The fact that eSports is a coeducational program was another favorable consideration."

The University is investing approximately \$200,000 in technology, facility upgrades and personnel to begin the program. Space on the third floor of Dominican Hall is currently undergoing renovations and will become the new eSports arena for the Saints this fall. ♦



By Julie Bonk '18—Student Writer

Tim Husband Retires After 40 Years at SHU— But Not Without One Last Honor

After 40 years of teaching mathematics at Siena Heights University, Tim Husband retired after the winter semester.

But not without one last tip of the cap from the institution he has grown so fond of over the years.

At the 2018 spring Honors Convocation, Husband was honored with the Eileen K. Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching for the third time, tying him with Professor of Biology Carl Kaster for the most times being honored.

So, how does he feel about retirement?

“Well, anxious, because when you retire you're not always sure that you really want to do it,” said Husband, who received his PhD from the University

of Toledo. “(It’s) because my job I’ve really enjoyed. And so if you really enjoy what you’re doing, retiring then is a new adventure, and you don’t know if that’s going to be as much fun as it is working with students. So a little anxious there, but also looking forward to just doing other things with the family and grandkids.”

Husband has one daughter and two sons, one of whom works at the motherhouse on the Adrian Dominican Sisters campus. He has many grandchildren whom he likes to spend time with at his lake house with his wife.

Husband said he tried to make it to as many student activities as possible on campus and used those experiences it in his classes.

“It’s really nice to see them and then it gives you conversation in the classroom.”

Senior Rachel Cornish is one of many students who said she appreciates Husband.

“Tim Husband is one of my favorite professors on campus,” Cornish said. “He makes class fun and fresh by using current sports statistics. By giving quizzes often, we’re really prepared for the “parties” (exams).”

One of Husband’s favorite events on campus is graduation.

“To see them graduate and their pride, their parents’ pride, their loved ones’ pride, that’s a pretty neat experience,” he said. “That’s probably the most rewarding.”



Husband was also involved in the math club on campus.

“The students who are involved both with the school and mathematics as their discipline, it's nice to see that group growing as an organization, as peers, as a club and supporting the school and each other,” he said. “It's real nice.”

When he was younger, Husband would run in 5Ks and triathlons. Today, he prefers a good book, especially related to math, and working on his yard at home.

“One of my hobbies is consulting, so I enjoy working with others on new problems that they might have,” he said. “If they have issues in statistics, I like to work on them with them.”

One of his math colleagues, Professor Jeff Kallenbach, reflected on Husband's retirement.

“Tim and I met at the 2006 MAA Job Fair in San Antonio,” Kallenbach said. “The attitude and enthusiasm that he brings to his classroom was apparent right away. ... Besides all of the extra work that Tim does outside of our required duties, he is extremely helpful to me on a day-to-day basis. Pretty much every day we discuss the class we both teach (Statistical Reasoning In Sports) to share ideas and stay on pace. ... He's obviously been the backbone of the math program for 40 years now, and is probably the only person I know who could do that much work, capably, for such a long time. SHU as a whole will miss

him of course, but I'll be losing a great mentor and colleague.”

When asked what he is most looking forward to about retirement, Husband said, “Just fewer responsibilities and being home with the family, the kids. It's going to be exciting.”

When asked what Siena means to him, Husband was not lost for words.

“One of the things that first sort of excited me about Siena, when I first came here, was its environment. Its people,” he said. “I just felt it was a really nice place to work. It was a really good fit. I enjoyed the people and its part of the Adrian Dominican tradition. Their mission. It just sort of is lived here. And so every day when you come to work, it's very enjoyable.

“It's nice to come to a place where you feel comfortable, you feel valued, you feel there is a mission being honored by the faculty, the students, the sisters. So it's just been a nice experience. Siena has been like a family, a home.” ♦



Above: Tim Husband converses about “The Faces of Calculus” with Michael Morgan '83.

2018 SHU Award Winners from Honors Convocation:

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award:

Senior Andrea “Sissy” Phillips of Attica, Mich.—Phillips, who graduated with honors in May with a bachelor's degree in communications. During her time at Siena Heights, she was involved in SPARC, Student Support Services, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt A Sister, Spectra and many other organizations on campus.

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award:

Senior Purity Mitu of Kenya—Mitu, who came to Siena Heights through the Adrian Dominican Sisters, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with honors. She was active in the business club, the international club, the HOPE Community Center and Habitat for Humanity.

Thomas A. Emmett Award:

(Outstanding Junior Scholar-Athlete)—
Taylor Mulder, Brent Rodden

Team Academic Award: Women's Golf

Division Outstanding Student Awards:

Business and Management: Purity Mitu

Computing, Mathematics, and the Sciences:
Pradeep Ranaweera, Nathanael Tuckerman

Education: Ronnie Bechtol, Kayla Herold

Humanities: Alyssa Dail, Andrea “Sissy” Phillips

Nursing: Megan Macek, Shannon Richardson

Social and Behavioral Sciences: Lauren Cojei,
Keegan Pabst

Visual and Performing Arts: Braelen Bader,
Brittany Essen

St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal:
Sharmaine Wills

Graduate College Outstanding Student Awards:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling:
Maria Nickell

Teacher Education: Alicia Simmons

Organizational Leadership:
Dennis Bruce Wood II

Faculty and Staff Awards:

Staff Excellence: Sharese Mathis,
Deanna Kuebeck

Jack Bologna Award for Innovative Teaching:
Stephen Ball

Sister Jean Cecile Hunt Outstanding Advisor Award: Mary Roberts

Sister Eileen K. Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching: Tim Husband

Professors Emeriti: Kathy Burke, Kerry Graves,
Tim Husband

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Siena Heights a NAIA Five-Star Institution

Siena Heights University was named a Five-Star Institution by the NAIA. Each year, NAIA schools use the Champions of Character scorecard to measure the pursuit of character-driven athletics. Schools scoring a minimum of 60 out of 100 points earn the Five-Star Institution Award. Based on points, there are three distinction levels including gold (90-100 points), silver (75-89 points), and bronze (60-74 points). Siena Heights earned a silver designation in 2016-17.

Student-Athletes Excel in the Classroom

In the fall 2017 semester, 586 Siena Heights student-athletes had a cumulative 3.05 grade point average. The women's golf team led the way with a 3.69 team gpa, with the softball team right behind with a 3.47. Ten of the 11 women's teams earned better than a 3.0 gpa, while soccer was one of four men's teams better than a 3.0, leading with a 3.21.

In the winter 2017 semester, 562 SHU student-athletes earned a 3.07 GPA in the winter semester of 2017. Leading the way was the women's golf team with a 3.69 GPA, followed by the softball team with a 3.61 GPA. Every women's team once again achieved a 3.0 or higher, with an aggregate GPA of 3.30. The men's teams were led by the men's soccer team with a 3.19 GPA; following was the baseball team with a 3.11 GPA. The men's aggregate GPA was a 2.91.

Watson Plays Professional Basketball in Spain

Former SHU All-American April Watson became the first player in Siena Heights women's basketball program to sign a professional basketball contract. Watson, a 6 foot, 3 inch forward/center, signed with TGN Spain in Tarragona, Spain. She averaged 19.4 points and 11.3 rebounds per game to earn first team NAIA All-American honors in 2016-17.

Crawford Named New Men's Soccer Coach



Andrew Crawford was hired as its new men's soccer head coach on Feb. 1. The former Saint All-American who had a standout professional playing career brings more than 25 years of coaching experience. A 1989 Siena Heights graduate, Crawford ranks second on the Saints' all-time scoring list with 169 points, including second in career goals with 70. A two-time NAIA All-American and four-time All-District performer, he was named MVP of the 1989 NAIA Senior Bowl. After his collegiate career, Crawford had a 10-year professional career, including two seasons as a National Premier Soccer League All-Star. He played for several teams, including the Detroit Thunder, Arizona Sandsharks, Detroit Rockers, Buffalo Blizzard and Detroit Ignition. His coaching career also includes a stint as the head coach for Hilbert (N.Y.) College from 1996-2001, and coaching various high school and club teams around the country. He also coached the Buffalo Premier Soccer Club, and is currently the head coach for the Canton (Mich.) Soccer Club.

Martin Signs Pro Contract in Argentina

Former SHU standout Jerrell Martin played professional basketball with Deportivo Norte de Armstrong in Argentina. The 6-foot-8 forward average 13.4 points and 7.2 rebounds in earning second team all-conference honors for the Saints in 2016-17.

Kolasinski Named to ABCA Board

SHU head baseball coach John Kolasinski was named the first vice president of the American Baseball Coaches Association. Kolasinski will take over as the ABCA president in January 2019.

2017 Saints Highlights

Baseball

Five Saints earned a spot on the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-academic team. Seniors Kyle Kuhr, Alex Robbins and Ty Schafer, junior Carson Wlad and sophomore Jesse Stires each made the list. Bradley Connochie was the recipient of the team's Champions of Character Award. Stires and Wlad were also named NAIA Scholar Athletes. The Saints were also honored as an American Baseball Coaches Association Scholar-Team for the 2016-17 season. SHU was one of four NAIA schools honored two consecutive years. The Saints had a team 3.05 grade point average. The Saints finished the season 16-32 overall, 12-17 in the WHAC.

Cross Country

Women: The Saints placed fifth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships in Grand Rapids. Ashley Russo was the top finisher for SHU, placing seventh overall in a time of 18 minutes, 32 seconds to earn first team all-conference honors. Russo, competing in her fourth consecutive women's race at the NAIA Cross Country National Championships, was 43rd overall in a time of 18 minutes, 27 seconds.

Men: The Saints finished fifth as a team and Esrom Woldemichael earned first team all-conference honors at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Woldemichael was seventh overall in a time of 25 minutes, 52 seconds. Woldemichael represented the Saints at the NAIA Cross Country National Championships in Vancouver, Wash., finishing 227th overall. Anthony Vermilye was named a NAIA Scholar Athlete.

Football

Senior cornerback Darius Price was named the Mid-States Football Association Mideast Division Defensive Player of the Year. Price is a four-time All-MSFA Mideast selection. He had 41 tackles

and nine pass break-ups this season. He was also named a first team NAIA All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, and was also the top vote recipient in the NAIA for the Cliff Harris Award, which is given to the top defensive players in NCAA Division II, Division III and the NAIA. Price is the first Saint to receive this award. Junior defensive lineman Malik Edwards was also named first team All-MSFA Mideast after leading SHU with eight tackles for loss and five quarterback sacks. Junior wide receiver Damon Wright, junior guard Colton Pfaendtner and junior placekicker Brady Tanguay were each named to the second team, while linebacker Logan Smith, defensive lineman DeVonte Collins Anderson and senior center D.J. Haskins received honorable mention. Redshirt junior safety Zachary Flack was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. Four Saints earned NAIA Scholar Athlete recognition. Seniors Braelen Bader and Ronnie Giles Jr. and juniors Izayah Newsom and Brady Tanguay received the honor. The MSFA all-academic team included honorees included Bader, Lucas Barner, Flack, Adam Glanders, Newsom, Brock Quinlan, Tanguay, Kris Grodi, Andrew Loria, Mitchell Meger, Jarrad Whited, Justin Carrabino, Nick Pagano and Jerrold King. The Saints finished 5-5 overall, 3-3 in the MSFA Mideast.

Lacrosse

Women: Seniors Aliisa Mason and Tabitha Ferguson and juniors Kayla Parks and Marissa Cirino were each named second team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Ferguson is a three-time all-conference honoree and a goal-tender. Parks had a team-leading 61 goals, with Cirino adding 46 and Mason 45. Earning all-conference academic and NAIA Scholar Athlete honors were Ferguson, Mason and Parks. Sophomore Megan Byers was the recipient of the team's Champions of Character Award. The Saints finished 11-7 overall, 7-7 in the conference.

Men: Junior goaltender Tyler Hooper was named an NAIA second team All-American. He had a .621 save percentage with a total of 126 saves. Hooper was also named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team to lead the Saints' honorees. Earning second team all-conference were junior attacker Shane Lewandowski and junior defender Patrick Albrant. Receiving academic all-conference recognition were John Holowaty, Seth McIntosh, Mitchell Sulpharo, Chris Acton, Derek Martin and Albrant, with Cody Ross receiving the team's Champions of Character Award. Holowaty, Seth McIntosh, Acton and Martin were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes for the Saints. The Saints finished 7-3 overall, 4-3 in the conference.

Outdoor Track and Field

Women: The Saints had eight All-American performances to finish ninth overall at the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala. Senior Marissa Johnson lost the high jump national title on a tiebreaker, going 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches. Other All-American efforts were Asia Gardner in the 100 (eighth, 12.02), 200 (eighth, 24.56), Sheila McKinley (fifth, 12-7 1/2) and Tasha McKinley sixth (12-5 1/2) in the pole vault, Alexis Moore in the 400 (eighth, 57.19), Ashley O'Neill in the discus (eighth, 148-5 1/4) and the 4x100 relay of Mildranae Young-Brooks, Emily Hill, Moore and Gardner (third, 45.21). The Saints had 25 points, with Wayland Baptist winning with 75. The Saints nipped Aquinas and Indiana Tech to win their second straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship. Siena Heights edged second place Aquinas 176-175 with Indiana Tech right behind with 174. O'Neill was named the Most Outstanding Performer after winning the hammer throw (53.05m), shot put (13.35m) and discus (47.7m). Other first place finishes included Moore in the 400 (56.43), Johnson in the high jump (1.74m), McKinley in the pole vault (3.7m) and Tina Miller in the javelin (37.74m). Gardner was named the Newcomer of the Year, with Kirk Richards named Coach of the Year. The Saints had 11 named NAIA Scholar-Athletes, including Johnson, Morgan Kulwicki, Kristin Stobinski, Mariah Ridal, Kara Boskee, Sheila McKinley, Tasha McKinley, Lauren McMahon, Rachel O'Neill, Olivia Dameron and Haley Hudson.

Men: Five Saints earned All-American honors at the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The 4x800 relay of Jareb Duggan, Dominic Muessig, Anthony Vermilye and Brent Rodden led the way,



finishing third in a time of 7 minutes, 34.08 seconds. Also earning All-American honors were Keith Jordan in the high jump (fifth, 6-9), Zach Kunst in the discus (seventh, 165-8), Devonte Johnson in the pole vault (fifth, 16-0 3/4) and Rodden in the 800 (fifth, 1:52.8). The Saints finished with 20 points, good for 13th. The Saints placed second behind only defending national champion Indiana Tech at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Winning conference titles for SHU were Rodden in the 800 (1:56.31), Torin Anderson in the 400 hurdles (53.9) and Joshua Jenkins in the javelin (53.82m). The Saints had three named NAIA Scholar-Athletes, including seniors Stefan Wilkinson, Kyler VanWormer and Vermilye.

Soccer

Women: The Saints stunned No. 2 ranked and regular season champion Northwestern Ohio on its home turf, defeating the Racers 3-2 in overtime to claim the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament championship. That earned the Saints an automatic berth in the NAIA National Tournament, where they battled No. 10 Columbia (Mo.) before falling 1-0 in the opening round. Senior defender Emily Burkman was named first team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference for the second straight season. She finished the regular season with three goals and four assists. Burkman was also tabbed to the United Soccer Coaches NAIA All-Mideast Region second team and a NAIA/NCCAA Scholar All-American by the USC. Earning second team all-conference honors were junior midfielder Paige Rachut and senior forward Samantha Bartelotti. Freshmen Kaleigh Mahaz and Ashley Strong were tabbed to the All-Newcomer Team. Eleven Saints were named to the academic all-conference team, including Alexis Gainer, Taylor Hill, Erin Scheidel, Rachel Sherman, Meghan Bogg, Morgan Siterlet, Bartelotti, Burkman, Kelsey

Cheaney, Madison Tedora and Taylor Mulder. Burkman was also named NAIA honorable mention All-American. It is the third consecutive year she has received the honor, while Hill, Scheidel, Sherman, Mulder and Tedora were tabbed NAIA Scholar Athletes. The Saints finished 12-7-2 overall, 6-2-2 in the conference.

Men: Senior midfielder Rahbar Khan was named second team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference after scoring seven goals and adding a conference high 12 assists this season. Earning conference all-academic honors were Khan and juniors Elmedin Celovic, Matt Lentine, Brent Rodden and Matt Wilkie. Celovic was also selected as the team's Champions of Character recipient. Khan, Celovic, Lentine, Rodden and Wilkie were also each named NAIA Scholar Athletes. The Saints finished 6-11 overall, 4-7 in the conference.

Softball

Senior second baseman Kyndle Wolfinger was named a second team All-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. She led the Saints with a .460 batting average with 18 stolen bases and a school record 52 runs scored. She was also named a second team All-American by the NAIA, to the All-Great Lakes Region first team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team. Hannah Bleikamp was also tabbed first team All-WHAC after recording a .389 average with 17 doubles. Earning second team all-conference honors were Kris Forest, Kenya Keller and Megan Jones. Thirteen Saints garnered all-academic recognition, including Bleikamp, Jones, Wolfinger, Keller, Ashley Best, Lauren Best, Kelsey Cherry, Skylar Crenshaw, Lesley Ducat, Hailey Fox, Katie Hybl, Kelsey Lampkowski and Jessica Sierak. Lauren Best was the recipient of the team's Champions of Character Award. SHU also led the NAIA with a total of nine Scholar Athletes. Those

making the list were Jones, Lampkowski, Wolfinger, Bleikamp, Ducat, Hybl, Cherry, Fox and Sierak. Finally, the Saints were named the NAIA's top academic team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for the second consecutive year. The team had a 3.78 grade point average during the 2016-17 academic year. SHU was second overall in all college divisions, trailing only NCAA Division II Upper Iowa (3.813). The Saints finished 26-19 on the season.

Volleyball

Women: Senior setter Amanda Metz was named All-Mideast Region honorable mention by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Metz led SHU with 1,022 assists and 39 aces this season. She was also named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team, while four Saints earned second team honors. Sophomore Paige Hudgin, junior Christine Tylutki and seniors Gabrielle Kalugar and Libby Breton were each named to the second team. Earning academic all-conference recognition were Julie Bonk, Breton, Rachel Cornish, Kalugar, Metz, Taylor Purcell, Abby Whitehead, Taylor Felver and Ashley Slay. Anna Tartarian was the team's Champions of Character recipient. Metz, Breton and Hudgin were each named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team, while Taylor Felver, Whitehead, Bonk, Breton, Kalugar, Purcell and Metz were each named NAIA Scholar Athletes. Breton and Metz were also each named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American team. Breton, a two-time honoree, was named to the first team, while Metz was selected to the second team. Finally, SHU head coach Kim Berrington earned her 500th career win during the 2017 season. Berrington is in her third year at SHU. The Saints finished 25-7 overall, 10-5 in the conference, one of the best seasons in program history.

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2018 Saints Highlights

Baseball

The Saints had three players named second team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Junior first baseman Brendan Green, senior shortstop Freddy Jehle and junior outfielder Brenden Baker each received the honor. Green was also a Gold Glove award winner at his position. A total of 13 earned academic all-conference honors, including Baker, Green, Carson Wlad, Cameron Best, Delver Freites, Riley Guntrip, Jacob Jones, Erich Klingelhofer, Landon Lumbrezer, Reid Olmstead, Ryley Overacker, Jesse Stires and Snyder Torres. Guntrip, Green and Olmstead were each tabbed to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. Siena Heights also had nine named NAIA Scholar Athletes, which was one of the best showings in the nation. Earning the honor were Wlad, Stires, Best, Freites, Guntrip, Jones, Olmstead, Baker and Green. The Saints finished 18-34 overall, 9-19 in the WHAC.

Basketball

Women: Sophomore forward Demi Russell was named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference second team. She averaged 10.4 points and 5.4 rebounds per game during the regular season. Earning academic all-conference recognition were Haley Hoffman, Alyssa Larson, Clara Waidley and Sharmaine Wills. Waidley was also the team's Champions of Character recipient. The Saints finished 18-13 overall, 11-9 in the conference.

Men: Senior guard Tony Jackson II was named a second team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference performer. He averaged 14.9 points and eight rebounds a game this season. Trevor Holston was the team's Champions of Character recipient. The Saints finished 12-17 overall, 7-13 in the conference.

Bowling

Women: The Saints placed seventh at the American Heartland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference Championships and fourth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships.

Men: The Saints finished 14th at the American Heartland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference Championships. They also were seventh in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference final standings.

Cheer

The Saints finished third at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Freshman Kaileah Sweet was named second team All-WHAC, with Jessie Barnhart, Alicia Devers and Lucielle Gould each earning honorable mention. Samantha Wright was the team's Champions of Character recipient. The Saints finished seventh at the 13-team NAIA Northeast Regional Qualifier, with Alicia Devers named a NAIA Scholar Athlete.

Dance

The Saints placed third at the NAIA Northeast Regional Qualifier, which qualified them for the NAIA Championships. The Saints finished a program-best sixth at nationals. SHU was the top Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference finisher with 79.83 points. For that effort, head coach Angie Heath was named the NAIA Coach of the Year. Senior Victoria Owens and sophomore Jenna Stahl were each named honorable mention NAIA All-Americans after performing a choreographed routine at regionals.

Golf

Women: Freshman Dakota Spears was named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference second team. The Saints finished fifth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Lauren Cojei finished seventh overall with a three-round total of 240. Katherine Carlson and Cojei, Amy Nordstrom and Carley Hall were each named NAIA Scholar Athletes as well as to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

all-academic team. Cojei also received the team's Champions of Character Award.

Men: Nick Sanscrainte was named a second team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference performer after placing ninth individually this fall. The Saints finished fifth in the conference team standings and sixth at the WHAC Championships. Sanscrainte finished seventh place overall, firing a two-day, 54-hole total of 220. He was also named a NAIA Scholar Athlete.

Indoor Track and Field

Women: Tasha McKinley (right) edged out twin sister Sheila McKinley to claim the national title in the pole vault at the NAIA Indoor Championships in Pittsburg, Kansas. Tasha cleared the bar at 3.85 meters to win the win. Sheila placed third (3.8m) to earn third place and All-American honors. Also earning All-American status were Asia Gardner in the 60 (sixth, 7.67 seconds) and 200 (25.19) and Alexis Moore in the 400 (eighth, 58.04). The Saints finished eighth in the final team standings at the NAIA Indoor Championships last weekend. It was their sixth top 10 finish in the last seven years. The Saints also finished third at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Gardner and Sheila McKinley shared the Performer

of the Meet award. Gardner won the 60 dash in 7.64 seconds and also took first in the 200 (24.99), while McKinley won the pole vault with an effort of 12 feet, 4 1/2 inches. Also earning firsts for SHU were Charlena Williams in the triple jump (37-5), Haley Hudson in the shot put (75-7 1/4) and Rachel O'Neill in the weight throw (56-0). Earning all-academic honors were Tasha and Sheila McKinley, Emily Hill, Hudson, Ruth Ann Letherer, O'Neill and Brianna Pekel. Tasha McKinley received the team's Champions of Character Award.



Tasha McKinley



Above: Twin sisters Sheila and Tasha McKinley both won national titles for the Saints this year in the pole vault. Sheila cleared 3.85 meters to take the indoor title in Pittsburg, Kansas and Tasha cleared 4.00 meters for the outdoor title in Gulf Shores, Alabama.



Jenna Sommerville

Men: Brent Rodden, Devonte Johnson and Jacob Compagner each earned All-American status at the NAIA National Championships. Rodden finished second in the 800 in a photo finish time of 1:51.26, only .05 behind the champion. Johnson was third in the pole vault (4.9 meters) and Compagner sixth in the hammer throw (17.89m). The Saints had two conference champions and finished fourth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships at Grand Rapids. Rodden won the 800 in a time of 1:54.64, with Compagner taking the weight throw in 60 feet, 5 3/4 inches. Compagner was the recipient of the team's Champions of Character Award.

Lacrosse

Women: Attacker Jenna Sommerville (above) and defender Reilly Winn were each named first team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference for the Saints. Sommerville led SHU with 62 goals during the regular season, while Winn had 39 caused turnovers and 46 ground balls. Receiving second team honors were Marissa Cirino, Kayla Parks and Samantha Pawlowski, while Parks, Megan Byers, Alyssa Hopkins, Pawlowski and Casey Rappuhn earned all-academic recognition. Taylor Swartz received the team's Champions of Character Award. Parks and Hopkins were also named NAIA Scholar Athletes. The Saints, who were nationally ranked all season, were invited to their first NAIA National Tournament, where they lost to No. 2 Cumberlands (Ky.) 24-13 in the opening round. SHU finished 13-5 on the season, the best in program history.

Men: Senior midfielder Danny Orr was named a second team NAIA All-American after leading the Saints with 31 goals and four assists this season. Orr and midfielder Michael Birt III were each

named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team, with Birt causing 20 turnovers and adding 38 ground balls. Seniors Shane Lewandowski and Tyler Hooper, junior Nolan Mince and sophomore Parker Richards each received second team All-WHAC. Earning all-academic honors were Mince, Sam Lehouiller, Derek Martin and Patrick Albrant. Albrant and Martin were also named NAIA Scholar Athletes. Broderick Ames was the team's Champions of Character Award recipient. The Saints finished 11-5 on the season, falling to Cumberlands (Ky.) 7-5 in the opening round of the NAIA National Invitational.

Outdoor Track and Field

Women: Senior Sheila McKinley (right) claimed the national title in the pole vault at the NAIA National Championships. She cleared 13 feet, 2 inches to earn the title. Her twin sister, Tasha, who won the indoor national title earlier this year, was fifth overall (11-11.75) to also earn All-American honors. Two Saints relays also earned All-American honors. The 4x100 relay of Madisyn Kleinschmit, Mildranae Young-Brooks, Asia Gardner and Alexis Moore finished fifth in a time of 47.10 seconds. The 4x400 relay of Tyriah Pryor, Delaney Stersic, Brianna Pekel and Moore finished eighth in 3:54.46. Siena Heights finished with 18 points as a team. The Saints finished second to powerhouse Indiana Tech at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Earning individual championships for the Saints were Haley Hudson in the shot put (45 feet, 4.5 inches), Courtney Taylor in the discus (127-5), Tina Miller in the javelin (37.66m), Pryor in the 300 hurdles (1:04.21) and Sheila McKinley in the pole vault (12-5.5). Placing second were Taylor in the shot put, Miller in the discus, Tasha McKinley in the pole vault, Rachel O'Neill in the hammer throw, the 4x100 relay of Kleinschmit, Young-Brooks, Moore and Gardner, Gardner in the 100 and the 4x400 relay of Pryor, Stersic, Pekel and Moore.

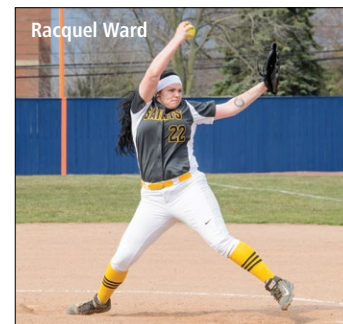
Men: The Saints had two All-Americans at the NAIA National Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala. Keith Jordan (right) earned sixth place in the high jump (2.05 meters) while Brent Rodden was fifth in the 800 (1:52.39). The Saints placed fifth as a team at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Earning conference championships were Rodden in the 800 (1:51.49), Jordan in the high jump (6-8.75) and Jacob Compagner in the hammer throw (55.52m). Robert Drew took second in the hammer throw.



Sheila McKinley

Softball

Racquel Ward (right) was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year as five Saints earned spots on the all-conference first team. Ward, a junior, finished 16-5 during the regular season with 15 complete games and 83 strikeouts. She also had a conference-best .429 batting average with seven home runs and a .522 on-base percentage. Also making the first team were sophomore catcher Haley Turk, senior first baseman Kris Forest, junior second baseman Ashley Helmink and senior outfielder Kelsey Cherry. Turk had a .267 average, with Forest having a .378 average with 16 doubles and 19 RBI. Helmink, who also was named first team All-Region VI by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, had a .363 average with six homers and 24 RBI, with Cherry adding 22 RBI and a .356 average. Senior outfielder Skylar Crenshaw and freshman shortstop Taylor Mowery each earned second team all-conference, with the Saints earning a conference-best 11 academic all-conference spots, including Cherry, Crenshaw, Helmink, Lexi Agers, Ashley Bearden, Kayla Boland, Paige



Racquel Ward

Dean, Amy Nordstrom, Erika Schwartz and Ashley and Lauren Best. Cherry and Helmink were also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. Cherry was the recipient of the team's Champions of Character Award. Siena Heights led the NAIA with nine Scholar Athletes during the 2018 season. Earning the honor were Cherry, Agers, Bearden, Boland, Dean, Ashley Best, Lauren Best, Helmink and Nordstrom. Finally, Cherry was named a first team CoSIDA Academic All-American. The nursing major finished with a 3.86 grade point average. To earn the honor, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.3 gpa. The Saints finished 21-15 overall, 13-7 in the WHAC.



Keith Jordan

Darius Price '18 was not thinking about a career in the National Football League when he arrived at Siena Heights University in the fall of 2013 as a lightly recruited football student-athlete out of Saginaw (Mich.) High School. In fact, he wasn't sure he would ever make it on to the field for the Saints.

"It was definitely a struggle," said Price, who said the college environment was at first overwhelming both on the playing field and off. "I did not have the skill at the time to even play on the field with my colleagues. It was frustrating."

He said it was equally as frustrating in the classroom, where he had to learn the basic study skills needed to complete college-level coursework.

What Price did have, however, was work ethic and a desire to improve. More than four years later, he made his mark on the football field, in the classroom and with the Siena community. With bachelor's degree in hand, he is currently attempting to become the first Saint in school history to make a roster of any of the major professional sports. Price has drawn interest from the NFL, and his goal is to earn a roster spot this fall.

"My mindset going forward is just to give it all I've got," he said. "I've prepared more than enough, and I'm still preparing."

Price, a four-time all-conference cornerback who was a first team NAIA All-American and the Mid-States Football Association Mideast Division Defensive Player of the Year as a senior, started garnering NFL attention as a junior. Last fall, a stream of NFL scouts visited the Siena Heights campus to check out Price. During his senior season, he made 41 tackles, had nine pass breakups and recovered two fumbles.

After graduating in December with a business administration degree, he signed with an agent and began training full-time in the Detroit area in preparation for the NFL Draft.

"It was definitely a grind," said Price, a 6-foot-2, 225-pound defensive back said of his winter training regimen. "Going into (the draft), (NFL scouts) wanted to see how fast I could run and also see how fluid I was able to move. They had a lot of curiosity about what I could do."

Focusing on improving his speed, Price sliced nearly 10 pounds off his already chiseled frame. It wasn't easy.

"Being a defensive back, you think you have the size and you have the weight," he said. "I had to be a certain weight. ... I eat healthy, but I was on the strictest diet possible just to make weight to run faster."

Although he wasn't invited to the NFL Draft Combine, he did get an invitation to work out at the University of Michigan's Pro Day on March 23. With scouts from every NFL team in attendance, the numbers he posted were impressive: 4.48 seconds in the 40-yard dash, a 36-inch vertical jump and 21 repetitions at 225 pounds on the bench press.

Darius Price Attempts to Make the Jump from Siena Heights to the NFL

By Doug Goodnough



All those measurables would have put him in the top tier of defensive backs at the Combine.

"It was definitely a great moment," Price said of his Pro Day performance. "I was really impressed with my numbers. All the numbers I saw in my Pro Day I did not see during my training. I was excited and surprised."

That gave him hope his name would be called in April's NFL Draft. It wasn't. But he did get a call – a few of them, actually – soon after the draft finished. Several teams invited him to attend their rookie camp, which was a tryout to earn a spot to a team's training camp in July. He decided to sign with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he competed from May 10-13. He was not signed to a training camp deal after that camp, but that is not deterring Price from his NFL goals.



A Compelling Story

“There are other teams,” he said. “And all the film goes to every team after that camp is over with. That’s what I am waiting on. I definitely have a huge opportunity to get the callback.”

While he still awaits his NFL opportunity, he said that was not his main focus during his time at Siena Heights.

“I was willing to put in the work and even stay during the summer months and really devote myself to getting better,” Price said. “My whole focus was not to go to the NFL, but to be the best player I can be. That resulted in an NFL opportunity. I wanted to be an asset to the football team. That was my whole goal and passion and purpose.”

And his impact at Siena Heights extended well beyond the playing field. During his junior year, he began Compel Campus Ministry, an interfaith group of students, faculty and staff that met regularly to express their faith. Because of that role, he quickly became one of the student leaders on campus.

“It all started out of prayer,” said Price, who admitted he had to overcome his shyness to become the group’s prayer leader. “I never saw myself as being a speaker, but I felt the urge to do something. I wanted to see change, not only in myself, but also in the people who are around me.”

That change is now evident in Price, who said Siena Heights was the place he was meant to be.

“I think I wouldn’t be the person I am right now if I did not come here,” he said. “I think that my whole purpose and God’s intention for me was to be here, to discover myself. I really held close to my teachers, my counselors, the advisors, all the things that Siena had to offer for me to be



the best student. I really took those tools and applied that to my life. ... The educational side helped me become the man I am today.

“My advice to all the young recruits is to know that once you get here to campus, you haven’t arrived here yet. Don’t think that since you are here on campus you are going to have it made. Everything you want to accomplish you’re going to have to earn it and you’re going to have to work for it. Your focus is going to be different than everyone else’s focus.”

Editor’s Note: As of press time, Price was reporting to the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League, where he will be working out in hopes of landing a roster spot this fall. ♦

One on One With . . .

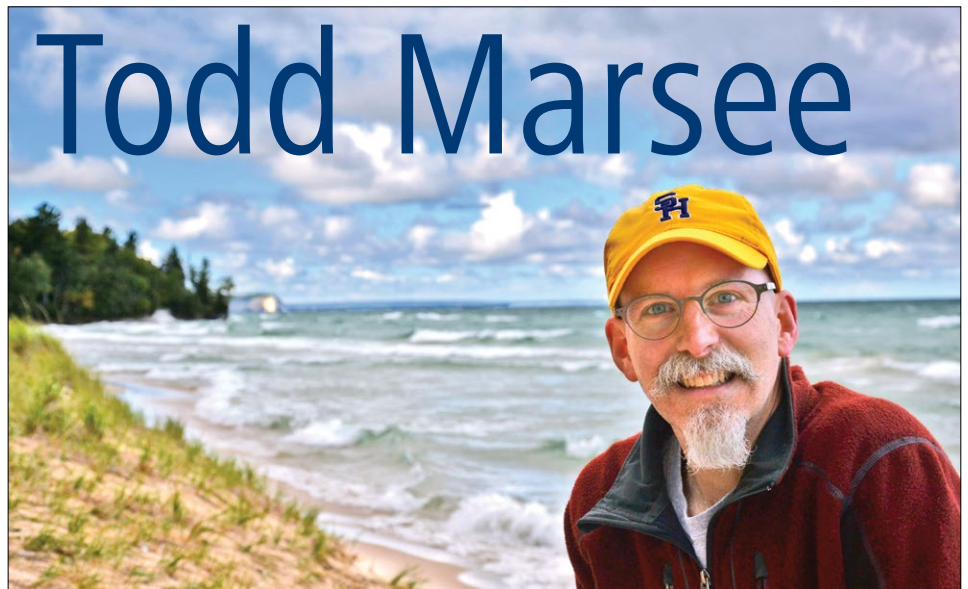
Editor's Note: This is an occasional Reflections series, and this issue features Siena Heights graduate Todd Marsee '94, who was selected as the Artist in Residence by Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. In fall 2017, Marsee spent three weeks in the Upper Peninsula park capturing the beauty of the picturesque rock formations in watercolor paintings. Reflections recently sat down with Todd to reflect on his experience and career.

Explain the process of applying for this opportunity and how it came about.

"My coworker sent me an email she received from the DNR looking for applicants to the Porcupine Mountain State Park Artist in Residence (AIR). I looked into it but it was too rustic for me, as the cabin they offered artists had no running water or electricity. My process involves a fair amount of water, so I thought I'd look into other Michigan AIR programs. I was in luck, both Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore had programs. However, since the source of my inspiration is from Pictured Rocks, I applied to this program. They offered more flexibility in lodging options which appealed to me. Applications are due end of the year and notifications are sent out in April. Applications consist of digital samples of your body of work, a CV and a letter of purpose. These are juried by park staff and sometimes a local artist. Accepted artists are to donate one piece of their work from the residency, and also give at least one interpretive program that advances the park's mission. In my case, I invited park rangers to the cabin to choose from several paintings. I gave demonstrations on my process at Miners Castle Information Center on National Parks Day."

Have you ever done an Artist-In-Residence before and what were your expectations?

"This was my first (but hopefully not my last!) The Chapel Rock area is my favorite place in the park. I expected to hike this area as much as possible, but didn't even make it there. I was able to explore the east side of the park, a place less familiar to me. Since the cabin was about 20 minutes to Grand Marais, the west side of the park was about a 40-minute drive! This was something I didn't think about. Hurricane Beach area and the dunes became my favorite places



to hike. I did wonder if I'd have a profound experience, something that would change my style completely, but that wasn't the case – which I'm completely fine with. My art style was familiar, but with brighter more intense colors. My scale was smaller due to the size of my table and studio. I think what I did take away from my experience will evolve slowly, just as nature does."



What significance did Pictured Rocks have for you before the experience, and what is your perspective after it?

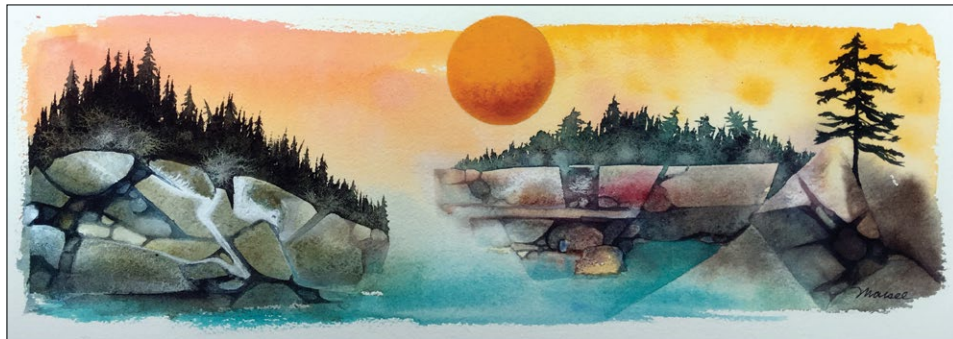
"Before: My first time at Pictured Rocks left me with an impression of long rocky, wooded landscape views that seem to go on forever, so some of my art at my senior show had a long, narrow format inspired by the shoreline. I had backcountry camped, or did day hikes, on previous visits. This time, having a home base at the cabin was luxurious. I didn't have to plan or worry about not getting a campsite. When I camped out in the 90s, we were able to get a site, now with the popularity of the park, it's much harder during peak season. My perspective of the park is still the same (It's grand, and nature at its best). It's just that I've broadened my geographic experience. I've also found interest in the micro, small plants, rocks and textures."

What did you learn about yourself during this experience?

"Being off the grid was a gift, able to focus purely on painting. The cabin had solar powered lights. I'm a conservative person with energy anyway, but was more aware of using electricity only when I really needed it. When I hike, I like to look at the ground and pay attention to the tiny things most people overlook. I've always liked rocks, but I really got into searching for unique stones with vibrant colors."

Can you tell us a little about your career and what you've been doing?

"As a student, I had a dual interest in graphic design and studio art (painting). My senior BFA exhibit reflected that interest with half/half. I have been fortunate to continue that – my day job has been a graphic designer, and my studio art (watercolor) is my night/weekend gig. I've been exhibiting in art fairs since 1993 at the AppleUmpkin Festival and art galleries since 1994. Thanks to my internships at Access in Adrian and Spectrum Printers, I was able to get a job before I graduated, at Spectrum Printers. My grandma mailed me a clipped classified ad from my hometown newspaper (remember those?!) for a graphic design position at Online Graphics in Plymouth, Mich. I had always really wanted to go out west, but applied to this job anyway. It ended up being such a great experience learning so much, and my co-workers were like family. One of our main clients was Borders books. My favorite part of working with this client was the music. I had always wanted to design CD covers, but this was the next best thing, as I designed many of the music end caps and a poster for the first Lilith Fair, which I received kudos from Sarah McLachlan. I currently work at University of Michigan as a senior graphic designer (almost 14 years). Our program funds research in the Great Lakes. I interpret the science from researchers into educational materials. Projects include logos, posters, technical illustration, photography, websites, truly a little bit of everything. It all aligns with my love of Michigan and the Great Lakes. ... During Homecoming in October, there will be an exhibit on the nearly 25 years of graphic design exhibit promotional materials that I have worked on for Klemm Gallery. (I also) teach watercolor workshops at art councils and clubs."



How did you know you wanted to be an artist?

"(I was) constantly drawing as a kid. At family get-togethers I was hanging out with or near the adults drawing. In high school, I wanted to be a transportation designer. Many in my family worked at Ford and seemed like a great career choice. I was taking college classes as a senior in high school at College for Creative Studies and found out that I had reactions to the spray paints, markers, etc. that were used in the design phase. But that ended up being a good thing as I had also applied to Siena and received a scholarship with a rendering of a car (I still have this piece)."

How did Siena Heights shape your life and eventual career path?

"I have experienced SHU as a student, (also a transfer student), teacher and alumni board member. Siena has a community of professors, staff and students that were (and are) like family. I was at Siena my first year, but was homesick and decided to transfer to Eastern Michigan University close to my hometown. I quickly learned that wasn't the best decision and was lucky to finish up at Siena. The professors were challenging, yet could give me personal attention

and guidance. A professor encouraged me to try out for theater, and had many small-to-medium parts with Theatre Siena. I also got to know my future wife, Kara (Janick) during the Crucible. We started dating a while after graduation. I taught graphic design as adjunct faculty in the early 2000s (and in) 2013 joined Alumni Association Board of Directors. What an amazing experience, meeting up with our talented group of alumni four or more times a year has been such a bright spot in my life. I would encourage anyone who is interested in supporting our school to ask about becoming a board member. I will never forget my first meeting – it had so much energy, kindness, stories and love for our small, but mighty, University. I felt like I was back at school (but without the homework load). Homecoming is my favorite alumni event and would like to invite all who have never been to experience this amazing event. Oh, and stop by the Art Department's tailgate, you won't be disappointed."

What would you tell current Siena students about pursuing a career in art?

"Network with art groups and other alumni (Linkedin, SaintsConnect) (and) stay involved with Siena."

Anything else you would like to add?

"My day job at Michigan Sea Grant has many parallels with the Great Lakes. During my residency, I was able to also do some photography for work, which in turn influenced many of my paintings. It was such an honor to have been chosen as the Pictured Rocks Artist in Residence, it is a highlight of my life so far, and I'm so thankful that I was able to have the opportunity, and the time to paint. I'd like to encourage anyone who hasn't been or has been thinking about going to Pictured Rocks to make plans to do so. It's a time commitment, but well worth the drive. It can be done in a long weekend of 3-4 days, but a week is best." ♦



Taking Ownership

By Doug Goodnough



So you want to be a business owner?

If the answer to that question is “Yes,” then Anita-Marie Quillen ‘05 has some advice for you: Be ready to sacrifice, get your education, work long hours, deal constantly with personnel and personalities, continually plan, be the ultimate decision-maker and learn quickly from your mistakes.

“It’s not meant for everyone,” said Quillen, owner of Diversified Engineering and Plastics, an auto parts manufacturing and engineering company of about 80 employees in Jackson, Mich. “One of the best luxuries I have is obviously I have significant flexibility. But the unfortunate part is my work never stops. I don’t have any downtime. . . . It never turns off.”

Despite those sometimes-chilling terms, the 36-year-old said the career path she has chosen is the right one for her.

And she did have a choice.

Originally studying to become a doctor at Michigan State University, Quillen said she spent four years majoring in pre-med at MSU before finally realizing she wanted to pursue something different. After taking a part-time job at her parents’ manufacturing company, Mid-American Products (now DEP), she left MSU without completing her degree. She also came to a new realization.

“I realized that I really enjoyed the environment,” Quillen said. “I felt a lot of opportunities.”

She began to work full-time at Mid-American, with the hope of moving on and moving up—but not necessarily in the family business.

“At one time I was running two departments,” Quillen said. “I saw an opportunity where I was learning a whole lot really, really fast. The doors were wide open because gaps were appearing where they needed someone to help fill. I would pretty much say ‘yes’ to whatever I was asked (to do).”

She also realized that if she wanted to advance her career, she needed some additional education. Enter Siena Heights University.

“I met with an advisor from Siena and he gave me some pretty good opportunities and a path was put together to finish a business degree,” said Quillen, who completed her bachelor’s degree in multidisciplinary studies at SHU’s Jackson campus. “I felt like I needed a little more foundational classes to have a more well-rounded knowledge base with the business.

“It was great. I really enjoyed not only the individuals I shared the experience with in class, but the professors and teachers were great,” she continued. “I still see quite a few people I had classes with in Jackson.”

She would put her education to good use almost immediately. About the time she was completing her degree, the nation’s economy took a serious downturn, and one of the deepest recessions followed. That also affected her parents’ business, which was struggling to survive. Quillen and a couple business

Anita-Marie Quillen Works Non-Stop to Lead Jackson's Diversified Engineering and Plastics

partners eventually took over control of the business in an effort to save it.

"One of the hardest things working through that transition with the owners, which were my parents, was managing the day-to-day (operation) of the business and keeping people motivated at the same time," said Quillen, who was also on the phone with suppliers, working with customers during that difficult stretch. "Keeping that smile on your face sometimes gets challenging. It's also sometimes kind of like a mask of what's really underneath, because if they understood what's underneath, it would be a little scary."

The company downsized from 130 employees to nearly 80 during that difficult and trying process.

"It was just a challenge every single day knowing that some days I really didn't know how positive the outcome would be," she said, "to keep believing in the company, that we're going to get through this. There was just so much bad news at that time, with every business faltering, businesses closing."

After taking sole ownership and renaming the company more than six years ago, the news is now better for DEP.

"The last two or three years have been very positive, and we continually improve our profits, or our bottom line," Quillen said. "We've become more skilled on keeping up on the news. ... Being able to plan for any adjustments in the economy has allowed the business to continue being successful over time."

A Tier 2 manufacturer for the auto industry, DEP produces mirror brackets and window frames for the automotive industry. Quillen said she is especially proud of her company's patented valve lifter guide, which is installed in Ford Motor Co. diesel engines.

Quillen said her biggest challenge on the job is managing people.

"You never know what you are going to walk into when you are dealing with humans," she said. "It is my least favorite – and the most rewarding."

She also is able to manage a family life. Quillen and her husband are the parents of 6- and 8-year-old boys, and when not at work, the couple spends a lot of time watching their children play on the baseball field. Finding family time can be difficult, but Quillen said it is a necessity.



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Carroll and plasticsnews.com

"(My family) is always the number one priority in my life," Quillen said. "I'm definitely not the perfect mom or the perfect wife, but I try to carve out time to spend with each of them. ... Family and dinnertime is very important to us. We eat dinner together every single night."

When at work, Quillen said a typical day usually consists of starting the day checking messages, setting the schedule, sitting in on a 10 a.m. standing managers meeting, with afternoons consisting of either traveling to the Detroit area to meet with customers or dealing with company issues. While she calls technology "phenomenal," she prefers dealing with her employees in person.

"I essentially could work from anywhere, but the one-on-one contact is important," she said. "I try to prioritize when I am physically in the office, that I'm having meaningful conversations with people versus just shooting them an email and talking on the phone. ... We depend on it for all forms of communication and we forget how impactful it is to be face-to-face with somebody."

What does she look for when hiring for her company?

"Attitude," Quillen said emphatically. "It's big. Come in open-minded, ready to learn. It's very hard to teach attitude and work ethic. It's very easy to teach skill. Finding people who want to come to work every single day, come to work on time, understand that we

depend on them to show up every single day is probably number one on our priority list when we're looking for someone."

Education is important, but Quillen said people should use it as "a foundational stepping stone."

"(Having a degree) doesn't necessarily set their direction on where their professional life is going to go," said Quillen, who encourages college students to supplement their education with a part-time job or internship. "Position yourself for other opportunities. ... You have to be adaptable."

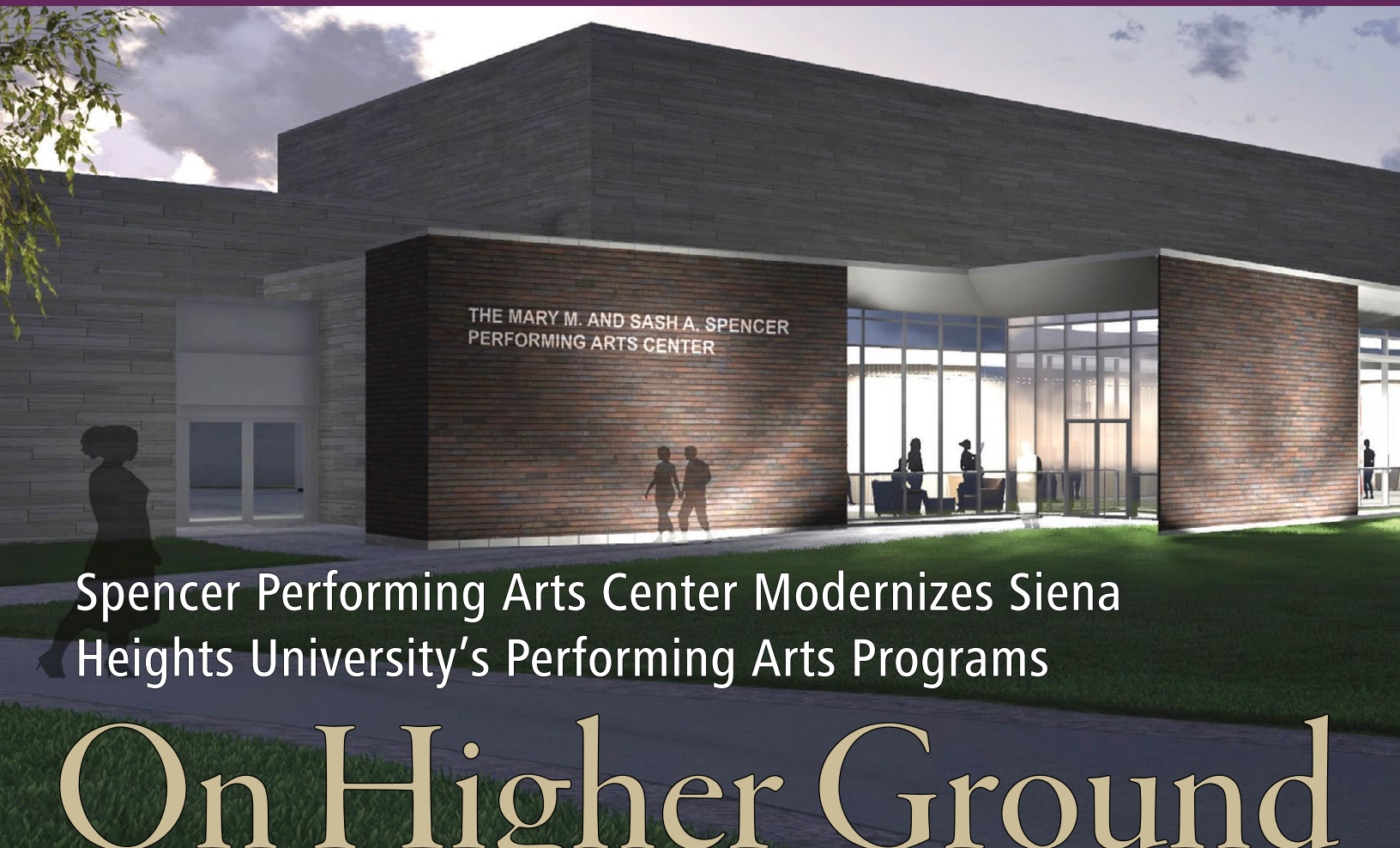
She said being a Hispanic woman business owner sometimes comes with added barriers.

"There's stereotypes. Judgments," Quillen said. "It's always hard being lots of times the only female in a conference room. I'm very used to it now, but it's the norm."

However, she said it also comes with some advantages.

"Being a woman, we have a really strong intuition," Quillen said. "I think it's very beneficial in reading people. ... I think we tend to understand other peoples' emotions maybe easier than men do at times. And they say a feminine touch helps at times, too. I think it adds a nice good balance to meetings."

Despite the stress, despite the non-stop work and family schedule, Quillen said, "I really enjoy what I do. I continue to learn every single day." ♦



Spencer Performing Arts Center Modernizes Siena Heights University's Performing Arts Programs

On Higher Ground

This fall the new Mary M. and Sash A. Spencer Performing Arts Center will take center stage at Siena Heights.

Opening in time to begin the fall 2018 semester, the more than \$11 million facility will open students as well as the community to new opportunities in the arts. It features a new theater, music hall, band room, dance studio and modern classroom and office space that has filled a longtime University need.

"The Spencer Performing Arts Center will put us on par with any college or university in the region in regards to performing arts facilities," said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD. "It was something we considered a top priority for quite some time, and the fact that we were able to build this entirely with private funding is a testament to our alumni and benefactors. We hope this new facility will be used extensively for decades to come."

An entirely new theater was constructed, and the existing Francoeur Theater was renovated to house the new music hall. The band room – formerly in the basement of Sage Union, is also a welcome addition, as is the new dance studio and scene shop. The project expanded the footprint of the existing facility by more than 18,000 square feet.

"This new theater is completely state-of-the-art. Everything in it is up to date," SHU Professor of Theater Mark DiPietro, who also serves as chair of the Performing Arts Division.

DiPietro, who gave the Siena community a sneak peek of the new facility by directing the musical "Young Frankenstein" in April, said the approximately 350-seat facility features computerization, a light booth, sound system and a full fly system that is rare in college settings.

"That gives our students exactly the kind of theater they would work in professional life, especially in New York," DiPietro said.

The dedication of the entire facility is slated for Homecoming Weekend in October.

"I can't wait to see the finished product," President Albert said. "Having this new facility will open up additional opportunities for our students, as well as for the entire community. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a reality."

In a related project, the space outside the Spencer PAC and Studio Angelico also underwent a transformation over the summer. The circle drive was removed and a new green space was created that will serve as a new outdoor "hangout" for students. That space should also be ready for the start of the new academic year. ♦



New Academic Programs Launch at SHU

Master of Business Administration

Siena Heights started a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program. The first classes began in January 2018, and are completely online.

SHU Dean for Graduate and Professional Studies Dr. Cheri Betz said before designing its MBA, Siena Heights first asked employers and business leaders about their current and future needs. Using their input, SHU developed a curriculum focused upon ethical and sustainable business practices.

“We have designed Siena’s MBA program to train strong, ethical business leaders who can leverage the markets in a manner consistent with our Dominican values,” Dr. Betz said. “Siena’s reputation for developing students who genuinely live its mission of being more competent, purposeful and ethical makes for a distinction among existing business programs.”

“It made sense to offer the MBA as an online program, since we have built an outstanding reputation nationally in online education,” said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD. “Adding the MBA to our online offerings will be a winning combination.

In September 2017, Dr. Eboni Mathis was hired as the new director of the MBA program.

“Siena’s MBA program will provide students with a convenient and challenging educational experience,” said Dr. Mathis. “Our MBA will produce highly skilled thought leaders to their respective business communities, rich in dynamic problem-solving skills needed to lead organizations. MBA graduates of Siena will be even more competent, purposeful and ethical and will respect the dignity of all.”

SHU’s MBA is open to not only those students with a BBA, but also to students in many other majors, including nursing and engineering. No prerequisite entry courses are required. A Health Care Administration specialization path was also introduced for fall 2018.

In addition to the traditional MBA, the University also introduced the Accelerated MBA.

The Accelerated MBA is geared for Adrian undergraduate students. Students accepted to the program are eligible to take up to three MBA courses as part of their undergraduate program – at the undergraduate tuition rate. Unlike many other programs, SHU’s is open to students in many different majors, including business, engineering, the sciences and humanities.

Global Studies

Global Studies is a rigorous interdisciplinary program that provides students with the theoretical and practical tools to critically analyze the ongoing processes of cultural, economic and political change in the world. The major will prepare students for a variety of careers in the international arena as well as for further graduate study programs such as international affairs, international business and peace studies. It is available to undergraduate students on the Adrian campus starting in fall 2018.

Theatrical Design and Technology

This major is designed for undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing a career in theater, but who are not interested in performing. Students can choose to concentrate in one or more of the following areas: Scenery, Costumes, Lighting, Sound and Technical Direction. It is available to students on the Adrian campus starting in fall 2018. ♦

Rising Stars



Heather Goupil



Chas Frey



Christian Helser II



Barbara Schmidtman, Ph.D.

"Rising Stars" 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.

Heather Goupil

Graduation year (from SHU): 2013, Lansing.

Current title/position: Purchasing Specialist, Capital Area District Libraries, Lansing, Mich.

What Heather is doing: After graduating, she took on a new role as purchasing specialist for the Capital Area District Libraries. She is the public purchasing agent for CADL, a public library district of 13 branches serving Ingham County, Mich. She facilitates the purchase of supplies and equipment, manages contracts, solicits bids and evaluates vendors and suppliers among many other tasks related to public procurement. She has worked in public libraries for 14 years, and her goal is to eventually become a librarian. Immediately after graduation from Siena, she entered the MLIS program at Wayne State University and was awarded a master's degree in Library and Information Science in 2016.

My favorite moment/story while a student at Siena Heights was: I received so much support from my instructors whenever I mentioned my goal of becoming a librarian. Many shared stories about the importance of the field or the personal impact libraries had on their lives, and this feedback really encouraged me to move right into the master's program and see it through!

My favorite person at Siena Heights was: Sharon O'Brien (retired).

Ultimate goal in life: To continue to serve my community by keeping our libraries strong, relevant and accessible to all.

My best piece of advice for SHU students is: Keep going! As a returning student with a full-time career, classwork was sometimes overwhelming and there were times I felt like I wasn't moving forward. Talk to your instructors and classmates; the encouragement you need is there.

Chas Frey

Graduation year (from SHU): 2014.

Current title/position: Doctor of Physical Therapy, Athletico Physical Therapy.

What Chas is doing: He currently works as a full-time staff Physical Therapist for Athletico Physical Therapy. Athletico was founded in Chicago in 1991 as an outpatient orthopedic clinic and has grown to more than 400 facilities. He works with all age groups with a variety of orthopedic diagnoses who are trying to get back to their daily activities, work responsibilities or sporting events.

My favorite moment/story while a student at Siena Heights was: I was a Resident Assistant (RA) for three years. I had the honor of working with a lot of great people and definitely can say that holding this type of position helped me grow both professionally and as an individual.

My favorite person at Siena Heights was: The entire Siena Heights University community has been a blessing in my life. For those who know me, taught me, mentored me or coached me: Thank you.

Ultimate goal in life: To continue to advance my skills and knowledge to help my patients in surrounding communities and the world.

My best piece of advice for SHU students is: Do not settle for being average but strive for excellence. Take advantage of opportunities, never stop learning and respect those around you.

Christian Helsler II

Graduation year (from SHU): 2010.

Current title/position: Instructor; Artist-in-Residence, Shangyuan Art Museum, Beijing, China.

What Christian is doing: He is currently an artist and instructor who formerly worked for Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids Michigan as a continuing education instructor. After teaching and working in the Grand Rapids area, he is now pursuing his creative practice in earnest. From April-July 2018, he was an artist-in-residence at the Shangyuan Art Museum in Beijing, China, as well as an artist-in-residence at the Golden Apple residence in Harrington, Maine. He is currently working out of his studio near Maybee, Mich., while exhibiting his work in the northeastern U.S. and China.

My favorite moment/story while a student at Siena Heights was: My past instructors who worked closely with me. I changed my concentration from ceramics to painting with the help of Tim VanBeke and Christine Reising, which lead

me onto my path of painting. I am forever a student of art, but it is thanks to them not backing down and encouraging me to press forward during a VERY trying time in my education that I became the artist I am today. I owe the art faculty of SHU a great thank you.

My favorite person at Siena Heights was: There are too many peers to list, but I would have to say Tim VanBeke, Dr. Peter Barr and Christine Reising. They had no interest in my excuses; they only had an interest in what I could become.

Ultimate goal in life: Travel the world, have a dear friend in every country, and live my life with sincerity.

My best piece of advice for SHU students is: I recommend that a SHU student avoid getting caught up in the nostalgia and daydreaming of possibilities of fame or fortunes. A SHU student should focus on the actual work they sincerely care about. It's easy to get sucked into a terminal reality where you're working a 60-hour work week, and side hustles to survive. What makes it all horrible is knowing that you're working your life away on something that is not your passion. So my advice to any SHU student or alum bluntly is 'Stop working to make other peoples dreams come true' when you could be working to make yours a reality. Prioritize truly what makes you happy. Forge real tight-knit relationships and do not forsake them just because you would rather be selfish. If you compromise just once on any of this, then you're on a slippery slope in this day in age to a very miserable and lonely existence. Stay true to yourself SHU and your convictions. When you're young, you never chase your dreams because they'll lead you to great fortune or fame. Fortune and fame are concepts when you're grinding out a paycheck take a back seat to the day to day operations of being an adult. Yet if you merely keep embracing the passion that you identify with and make it your life, you'll have very few regrets. Live with the conviction of self-determination. Don't forsake your dreams to make someone else's come true.

Barbara Schmidtman, Ph.D.

Graduation year (from SHU): 2011, 2013 MA, Benton Harbor.

Current title/position: Oncology Services Manager, Lakeland Health.

What Barbara is doing: She started off her career in health care in a clinical role nearly 17 years ago and have held a variety of professional roles prior to gaining the privilege of leading the

radiation oncology, ambulatory infusion, and a variety of other small teams at Lakeland Health in Oncology Services. After graduating from SHU with a BAS degree in 2011 and then a MA degree in Organizational Leadership, she earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Northcentral University in August 2017. Her dissertation, titled "Employee's Experiences and Interpretations of Physician Leadership Style in an Acute Care Setting: A Phenomenological Study," looked at how demonstrated physician leadership style and how either good or bad behaviors affect individuals/teams either positively or negatively. She said because she is incredibly passionate about demonstrated physician leadership styles (good or bad), she opened her own coaching/consulting business late in 2017. She said she hopes to develop physicians to be positive contributors within teams despite all of the stressors they currently face in the current health care environment. Most recently, she was selected as one of Michiana's Forty Under 40, Class of 2018, by the South Bend (Ind.) Regional Chamber of Commerce. She also was a 2018 nominee for Young Business Leader of the Year, with the Cornerstone Chamber of Commerce.

My favorite moment/story while a student at Siena Heights was: I would say graduating as a two-time alumni would be my favorite moment. It really was an amazing four years obtaining my BAS and MA. Also, another favorite was writing my thesis. Preparing a thesis at Siena helped prepare me for my doctoral studies at Northcentral University!

My favorite person at Siena Heights was: I can't pick just one. ... Over the course of the four years I attended, I developed so many friendships with professors and classmates that will last a lifetime!

Ultimate goal in life: Really, my ultimate goal is to live each day to the fullest, be myself and embrace opportunity. I have found that setting these expectations for myself, daily, help me to achieve my goals, daily.

My best piece of advice for SHU students is: Never give up, always try harder, embrace challenges and learn/grow from adversity. Never say you do not have time for your own growth and development; when something really matters to us, we should learn to make the time. ♦



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Thank You from the Alumni Office!

While thinking about what topic to discuss in this column, I took a quick survey of the last eight months and have to say, the overriding theme of my short time in Alumni Relations is Siena Blessings. These blessings come in the form of SHU alums who want to get involved, give back and stay connected.

Frequently, I also have the honor of visits and calls from current and former employees who want to assist with projects, share their insight and reflect back while moving Siena forward. How is your connection to Siena? If you are looking to strengthen your ties, there are several means of doing so:

One way to connect with SHU is our SaintsConnect online mentoring platform. My office collaborated with Siena Career Services to create an online platform connecting our current students with our alumni base. Students can seek out alumni who work in the field they aspire to join and ask questions, arrange for a career chat, or seek resume advice from alums who have volunteered to share this kind of support. As of today, 498 alumni have created a profile on our site to assist our students. If you would like to join, please do so here: <https://sienaheights.wisr.io/signup>

Another growing area of connection to you all is through our Facebook page (Siena Heights University Alumni). If you are on Facebook, but have not yet asked to join the Alumni Page, I highly recommend you do. I share information about what is currently happening on our campuses as well as information and accomplishments of our fabulous alums. One alumni shared, "I feel so much closer to the generations of Saints that attend today. I have a real sense of pride for all the great things they are doing with their lives."

Other avenues of connection have been our Saints Gather regional events. The Alumni Office in conjunction with the Alumni Board of Directors have hosted events in Royal Oak, Adrian, Lansing, Toledo, and Elk Rapids over these last few months. These casual gatherings are a relaxed get-together where members of Siena's leadership share a brief update with those in attendance while also sharing a bite to eat and beverage. I hope to have more of these types of events, so watch your email and our Facebook page for your invite!

If we do not have an up-to-date email for you in our system, I encourage you to share one with us—email me at alumni@sienaheights.edu and I will add it to your record.

I am looking forward to connecting with YOU in the future!

P.S.—Hope to see you at Homecoming (Oct. 5-7).

With much #SaintsPride,



class notes

FROM THE SITES

Battle Creek

1998



Tim Bourgeois retired as the chief of the Kalamazoo Township (Mich.) Police Department on Dec. 31, 2017, after nearly 15

years. He accepted a position as executive director of the Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards. MCOLES sets professional standards in education, selection, employment, licensing, license revocation and funding in law enforcement and criminal justice in the public and private sectors.

Diane Thompson has been serving as president and CEO of the Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, Mich., since 2012.

2001



Bryan Ergang was named the chief of the Kalamazoo Township (Mich.) Police Department on Jan. 5, 2018. He previously served

as a patrol lieutenant and has been with the department since 1995.

Benton Harbor

1994

Linda Gray retired as the treasurer for the city of Hartford, Mich., in October 2017. She served in that role for 17 years.

Jackson

2010

Sergio Garcia was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant in the Jackson (Mich.) Police Department in July 2017. He has worked for the department since 1998. He also is the firearms program coordinator and the commander of the Jackson County Special Response Team.

Lansing

2006

Suzanne Wade '08/MA is recently employed by the State of Michigan in its Office of Good Government.

2013

Gayle Lee recently authored the book "Fortitude: A Quest through Fear and Doubt." The 122-page spiritual memoir spans a four-year period when the author walks away from a stressful long-term job and embarks on a journey searching for security and her destiny. It was released through Mindstir Media. It is her second book.

Monroe

2012

April Welch accepted a new position as the director of the Downtown Development Authority for the Village of Blissfield (Mich.) in July 2018. She previously was the director of Donor Development at Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan.

2017

Michael Everly currently works as the safety director at General RV Center.

Online

2008

Harold Love '13/MA was appointed to the Michigan Board of Counseling by Gov. Rick Snyder in July 2017. Love is owner of Harold J. Love, PLLC, and is a clinical and police therapist, with a concentration in critical stress management, crisis intervention, individual psychotherapy and pre-employment psychological evaluations. The nine-member board assists the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs with the licensing and oversight of more than 9,000 counselors in Michigan.

2009

Tim Bartenslager retired as chief of the Adrian Fire Department in June 2018. He served 24 years with the department.

2016

Stephanie Austin was named an instructor/director of the surgical technology program at Walters State (Tenn.) Community College in September 2017.



Lt. Col. Gary Gorski retired from the Michigan State Police June 1, 2018, after serving 32 years with the MSP. He was

the deputy director who also served as commander of the Specialized Services Bureau and was a member of the MSP's Executive Council. He was also previously captain and commander of the Sixth District in Grand Rapids and served as a tactical member of the MSP's Emergency Support Team from 1987-2000.

Southfield

2004

Troy Butler/MA was named the 2018 Alumnus of the Year by Rochester College, where he received his undergraduate degree. Butler is a peer mentor for the mentally disabled at the Macomb Oakland Regional Center and is working on his minister's license.

Main Campus

1977

Keith Lienhop is employed as a senior product development specialist for AFB International in Saint Charles, Mo. AFB is a global manufacturer of animal food flavors. He and his wife, **Marie (Embach) '77**, reside in Saint Peters, Mo.

1979



Michael Savona was named the 11th president of St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy in Toledo, Ohio. He was previously principal and interim president of the all-boys Catholic school.

1980

Steven Schultz is the senior account manager for the Williams Lea Tag, a global company that offers business process outsourcing to large companies.

1983

John "J.D." Johnson recently celebrated his 35th anniversary at State Farm Insurance. Starting with the company soon after graduation, Johnson has worked in Indiana, New Mexico and recently, Wickenburg, Ariz., for the past 17 years.

1985



John Detro took command of the 187th MED BN in September 2017. He is serving his third year as the physician assistant consultant

to the Army Surgeon General. He graduated from the U.S. Army War College in July 2017, earning a Master of Science degree in National Strategic Studies. He recently was selected for colonel, and was recognized by the American Association of Physician Assistants as the 2018 Military Service PA of the Year at the national conference in New Orleans. "This is our 31st year in the military and we shall see where we go from here," he said.



Bruce Lee was recently named the President and CEO of Heartland Financial USA on June 1, 2018. He had previously served as president since 2015 until his role was expanded. He will assume full leadership of Heartland's operations, which includes 11 bank charter serving 89 communities from 117 banking centers.

1990

Talisa Copeland retired as a departmental analyst from the State of Michigan in August 2017 after more than 23 years of service.



Melanie Hutchinson returned to the U.S. after spending 12 years working for a nonprofit organization in south-central

India that helped rescue young girls from human traffickers. She taught young girls trades, including sewing, block printing and textile art, in order for them to make a living. Her work in textile art was on display in the Lincoln Gallery in Jerome, Ariz.

1992

Roger Sullivan is the chief accounting officer at Blue Ridge Companies in Greensboro, N.C. The company is involved in all phases of real estate.

1995

Jamie Salenbien (below) led the Lenawee Christian School girls basketball team to the Michigan Class D high school state championship during the 2017-18 season. The Cougars finished 27-1 and defeated Chassell 57-36 in the championship game. It was Salenbien's first season as head coach. He was also named the Class D Coach of the Year by the Associated Press.



Photo courtesy The Adrian Daily Telegram

1999



Mike Hawkins was recently promoted to lieutenant by the Trenton (Mich.) Police Department. He is currently the presi-

dent of the Trenton Public Schools Board of Education and vice president of the Michigan Association of Police and the GYRA youth football association. He and his wife, Stacey, have three boys, Drew, A.J. and Mikey. He is actively involved in coaching youth sports.

2001

Ryan Robinson is currently the plant controller at Inteva Products in Adrian, Mich.

2003



Peter Ossmann '08/MA received the Don B. Daily Achievement in Safety Award from the Steel Manufacturers Association in

October 2017. Ossmann was one of three recipients of the award, which is SFA's highest safety recognition. According to the SMA, he was selected "for his engagement and outreach with local first responders in Northwest Ohio. His dedication to safety extends beyond the job. His work to ensure his community and emergency response organizations are knowledgeable and well-trained is commendable." Ossmann is employed as the coordinator of Security and Emergency Response with North Star BlueScope Steel in Delta, Ohio.



Megan Vigeant (above) was profiled in the September/October 2017 issue of Maine Boats Magazine. The article details her efforts in building her own wood canoe by hand. To view her article, visit maineboats.com. She is an oral historian, writer and owns Stories to Tell, which creates custom books and audio memoirs. She lives in Hope, Maine.

2004

Michael Caro was named the strength and conditioning coach at Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va., in August 2017. He previously was the strength and conditioning coach at Transylvania (Ky.) University.

2005

Robert Gearing is the head of Enterprise Solutions at Socialbakers, a global social media analytics company in Prague, Czech Republic. The digital marketing executive resides in New York City.

2008

Tyler George is currently a teacher at Clinton (Mich.) High School. He teaches AP history and geography and is a track and field coach, National Honor Society advisor and chair of the School Improvement Team. He is an adjunct professor at both Siena Heights and Adrian

College. At SHU he teaches social studies methods, educational technology for teachers and adaptive physical education for the Division of Education. He and his wife, **Liz (Harrison) '08**, reside in Lenawee County.

2009

Angela Edward is currently works as a social worker for Henry Ford Allegiance Health in Jackson, Mich. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Spring Arbor University.

2010

Fetullah Evliyaoglu/MA is currently serving as an engineer with the Turkish government.

Brittany (Hinkle) Irwin is currently employed as a preschool intensive needs paraprofessional with the Lorain County (Ohio) Early Learning Center. She and her husband, Brady, have two boys, Brady and Blake. The family resides in Wellington, Ohio.

2011

Kelly Ruder received the 2018 Department-Level Graduate Research and Creative Scholars Award from Western Michigan University in April 2018. She was nominated for her research excellence.

2012

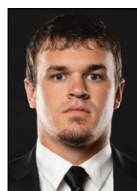


Rashontae Wawrzyniak worked as a Monster Energy Girl for the NASCAR racing series during the 2017 season.

Her primary responsibility was interacting with NASCAR fans and talking about racing during series events around the country. She also has a modeling career.

2016

Jeff Hardman is a coach for the High Tide Volleyball Club in Palm Beach County, Fla. High Tide is a competitive indoor volleyball training club for high school players.



Travis Zajkowski is an assistant football coach at Davenport University, a NCAA Division II program. He also serves as a

backup quarterback for the West Michigan Ironmen, a member of the Midwest Professional Indoor Football League.

2017



Dalton Elza is playing the lead role in the film "The Heir," an upcoming film about a young man dealing with generational fam-

ily drama who inherits a storage unit at a yard that's set to be demolished. The 90-minute film is expected to be released in summer 2018. Elza resides in Mesquite, Texas.

Alyssa Fausneucht is currently the assistant manager of the Summit Sports and Ice Complex and Aim High Sports in Jackson, Mich.

Stefanie Pellegrom/MA is currently employed as a high school counselor/behavior specialist at Blissfield (Mich.) Schools. She also serves as varsity girls volleyball coach at Britton-Deerfield Schools.

2018

Chris Acton was named the head coach of the Battle Creek Pennfield boys lacrosse team in April 2018.

Jacob Jones is employed as a contract fuel inside sales coordinator for Avfuel Corp. Jones is responsible for supporting Avfuel's key accounts, assisting sales executives in analysis and customer support initiatives, and coordinating resources. He is based at Avfuel's headquarters in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Chris McKim/MA was recently hired as the new men's volleyball coach at Graceland (Iowa) University. He was a graduate assistant coach for SHU's volleyball programs the past two seasons.

Stacia Serafin was accepted into the University of Michigan's Master of Information Science program for next fall.

NOTABLES

Two Siena Heights graduates celebrated their 100th birthdays over the past year:



Sister Ann Seraphim Schenk, O.P. '47, '70/MA celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct. 25, 2017, with a Mass in

St. Catherine Chapel on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Sister Ann received tributes and congratulations from around the country, including Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and a papal blessing

from Pope Francis. She was also presented with the City of Adrian's Mayor's Community Service Award. She entered the Adrian Dominican congregation in 1936 and was an elementary school teacher in Michigan, Illinois and Arizona. She retired in 1991 and has lived at the Dominican Life Center since 2004. She passed away June 24, 2018.



Sister Cecelia Vandenberg '41 turned 100 years old on June 26, 2018. According to a recent article in the Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune,

Sister Cecelia is currently living in a retirement home in Davenport, Iowa, and is a member of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary. After earning her degree in music from Siena Heights, she taught music and directed choirs in Illinois and Montana and was a columnist and a music and book reviewer for "Modern Liturgy" and "Worship Times." She also volunteered at hospitals, health care centers and literacy centers, according to the article.

DEATHS

Alumni

Sister Mary Eiden, OP '43
Sister Ann Seraphim Schenk, OP '47, '70/MA
Sister Susanne Hofweber, OP '48
Estela Cintron Rivas '48
Sister Marie Garcia, OP '49
Sister Maureen Masuga, OP '49
Sister Margaret Karam, OP '50
Sister Dorothy Folliard, OP '50
Sister Georgina Luznicki, OP '52
Jane Korte Waldo '53
Sister Betty Jenkins, OP '55
Sister Barbara Hubbard, OP '56
Sister Carol Koenig, OP '57
Sister Joan Sopha, OP '57
Sister Marion Coppe, OP '58
Sister Nelda Klein, OP '58
Sister Clara Ann Budenz, OP '59
Sister Dorita Wotiska, OP '60
Sister Mary Ann Zakrajsek, OP '60
Sister Mary Hemmen, OP '61
Sister Dolores Daehn, OP '63
Sister Jude Van Baalen, OP '63
Sister Mary Mackert, OP '63
Patricia Ebbitt Lindeman '64
Sister Marie McSweeney, OP '64
Sister Molly Giller, OP '68
Sister Patricia Janowicz, OP '68
Sister Romona Nowak, OP '68
Sister Kay Muzzy, OP '69
Sister Christine Ostrowski, OP '69
Sister Judith Seefeld, OP '69
Gale Salazar '75
Thomas Spiess '75/MA
Lawrence "Larry" Richardson '76
Wes Boyd '77
Dr. Herman Hullum '78
Eileen Couturier '80, '84/MA

Danielle Martanique Durrah '00
Dennis Myers '01 (Lansing)
Jo Ray '06
Robert Hecksel '18 (Lansing)

Friends

Sister Marie Hungerman, IHM—former faculty member.
Javon McQueen—former student.
Joseph O'Connor—former faculty member.
Robert Xeras—former faculty member.



Longtime board member and benefactor **Robert "Bob" Price** of Adrian passed away March 20, 2018, at the age of 93.



Larry Richardson '76 of Adrian passed away May 30, 2018, at the age of 72. He was also a former adjunct faculty

member and alumni board member who was one of the earliest graduates of SHU's criminal justice program. He went on to become the first African American Sheriff of Lenawee County.



Former faculty member **Bob Xeras** passed away June 19, 2018, after an extended battle with cancer. He taught in the mathematics and computer information systems programs for nearly 20 years, retiring in 1998.



Siena Heights presented a degree to **Robert Hecksel**, a student at SHU's Lansing Community College center during a special ceremony at Sparrow Hospital on Feb. 1, 2018. Hecksel, who was battling terminal pancreatic cancer while completing his classes, was presented his bachelor's degree in community service by several SHU faculty, staff and administration. The retired Lansing fire battalion chief was studying in the hope of becoming a social worker one day. He passed away Feb. 10.

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Scenes from Commencement:

Siena Heights University hosted two commencement ceremonies in May on the Adrian campus. The College for Professional Studies (off-campus programs and online) ceremony was May 5, followed by the College of Arts and Sciences ceremony May 6. Commencement weekend included the annual Kente ceremony honoring African American graduates, as well as Baccalaureate Mass in St. Dominic Chapel. Doctorates of Humane Letters were bestowed upon Patricia and Daniel Bell on Sunday for their commitment to improving their communities through both leadership and philanthropy. To access online photos of all ceremonies, including other commencement-related events, please visit <https://sienaheightsuniversity.zenfolio.com>.



Siena Heights Announces 2018 Alumni Award Winners

This Year's Recipients Will Be Honored Oct. 5 During Homecoming Weekend

Honorary Alumni Award

Dr. Robert Gordon
Tecumseh, MI



Bob Gordon's three-plus decades of service to Siena Heights reflect a deep commitment to student learning, a consistent openness to new ideas and new technology, and an unwavering embrace of Siena's Adrian Dominican roots. Even now, some years into his retirement, he remains engaged with the people, programs and values of the institution. He is a true embodiment of the mission and spirit of Siena Heights making him an excellent choice for an Honorary Alumni.

Recent Graduate Award

Thomas Thompson '09
Burlington, KY



Thomas 'Tommy' Thompson serves as Director of Emergency Communications in Kenton Co., KY. In this role, he works to improve 911 emergency communications

to ensure the safety of the residents of his county. In addition to his work life, Tommy is known for playing bagpipes with the 35th Indian Pipes and Drums. He loves to use this talent for good and often honors our veterans by playing after their Honor Flight home. Local elementary students know him as 'Tommy the Piper' as he volunteers every year at multicultural night where he arrives in full Scottish gear and plays his pipes to their delight.

Sister Ann Joachim Award

Paula Zimmer '69
Madison Heights, MI



Paula worked as a legal aid attorney and executive director at Oakland-Livingston Legal Aid and also worked at the Michigan Poverty Law Project in Ann Arbor. Like Sister Ann Joachim, Paula's determination to minister to those in need stayed with her throughout long years of providing legal advice and guidance to others. She worked with pregnant teens, teaching them about their rights. She educated law students hired as legal aid interns in her agency, and she assisted the elderly by helping them to understand

their rights and to gain access to legal services to which they were entitled. Paula advocated always for the people she served including young and old, the underprivileged and the poor and suffering in the State of Michigan.

Outstanding Alumni Award

Michael Kirk Lane '05
Astoria, NY



Michael Kirk Lane works professionally in theater in New York City. He focuses his time in the Cabaret community and is a two-time nominee for the MAC Award. His love of theater has been a springboard for many related good works. He is an associate producer for No Strings Productions creating puppet films for children in troubled regions. Michael is known for his creative generosity to SHU and spends countless hours of his time back in Adrian assisting with theater productions such as Laramie Project Ten Years Later. As former President of the Alumni Board, he continues to give of himself freely for Siena events and is very dedicated to this University.

Saint Dominic Award

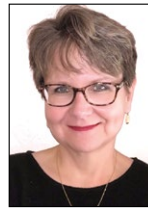
Sean Jorgensen '95
Monroe, MI



Sean Jorgensen serves as President of St. Mary Catholic Central High School in Monroe, MI. He is a tireless advocate for Catholic Education and has been instrumental in his work to ensure that financial barriers do not keep students from attending his school. He instills the Dominican values of education, preaching, and community into everything he does with his students. A recent graduating class celebrated 100% college acceptance and over 9,000 hours of Christian service under his leadership. His heart for mission and living the gospel is evident in his leading faculty and students on multiple mission trips to Guatemala.

Saint Dominic Award

Beth McCullough '86
Adrian, MI



Beth McCullough '86 serves as Homeless Coordinator at Adrian Public Schools as well as Lenawee County. Each year she helps improve the lives and educational opportunities of countless homeless youth in Lenawee County. Because of her efforts, she has received national acclaim and been recognized by the White House. For her work and leadership in our community and beyond, we recognize her with the Saint Dominic Award.





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