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from the president

From the Centennial Archives: 1965—Adrian Campus Panorama.



Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD
President

The “New Founders” of Siena Heights

As an Adrian Dominican Sister, I am well aware of the legacy the congregation has established at Siena Heights University.

Those women were indeed “valiant” in working to establish a college in Adrian more than a century ago. They had to overcome resistance from many circles, including the community, church leaders—even the farmer who refused to sell the land to the Sisters to establish the college because he was upset that St. Joseph Academy students were stealing apples from his orchard!

But those obstacles were eventually overcome, and today we are reminded of their efforts as we stroll through campus. What a legacy indeed!

To serve as President these past 13 years has been a privilege. I stand on the shoulders of those who preceded me in moving this institution forward. Now, on the eve of celebrating the 100th anniversary of Siena Heights, in many ways we all are the “New Founders” of Siena Heights.

Let me explain.

In reflecting on our history, we know Siena Heights experienced several institution-changing events, like:

- the name change from St. Joseph to Siena Heights in 1939;
- the decision to become a coed institution in 1969;
- starting adult programs in 1975;
- beginning online education in 2004.

These were just some of the bold decisions that were made after much contemplation, prayer and significant amount of vision.

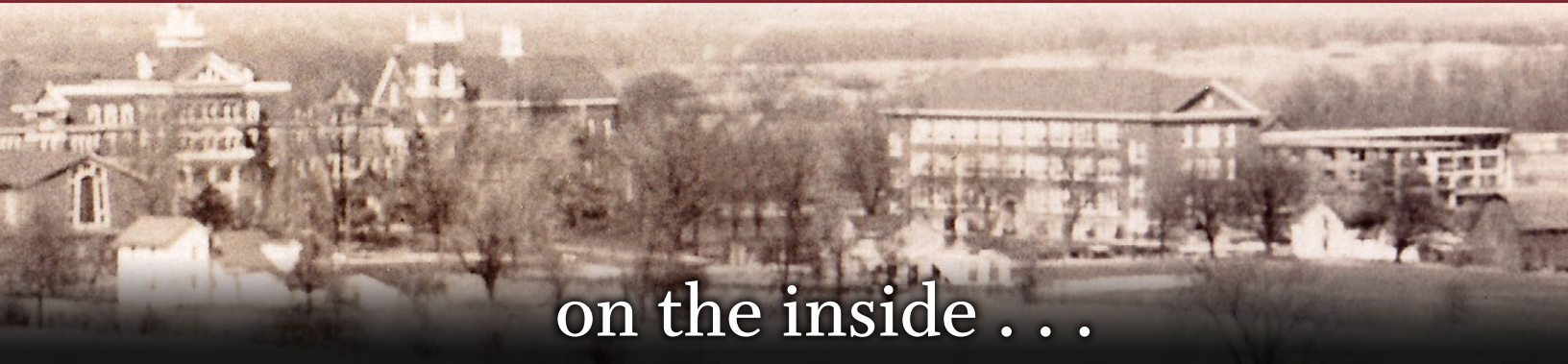
During my time here, we have tried to be bold in our decision-making. We have started new programs like nursing and football, improved and reinvented our Adrian campus facilities, developed a nationally ranked online program and have made a conscious effort to strengthen our mission and Dominican heritage.

These initiatives were all part of a plan to keep Siena Heights sustainable and successful well into the future. And, as the “New Founders,” we have more work to do.

If you haven’t heard, there are growing challenges for small, private colleges and universities in higher education, and Siena Heights is not immune to those challenges. We must be vigilant in meeting those challenges well into the 21st century.

The Centennial of Siena Heights is the perfect time to remember the resolve of those who came before us. Their resolve must become our resolve as we boldly move Siena Heights into the next 100 years.

Sister Peg Albert, OP



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From the Centennial Archives: 1965—Siena Heights Drive is named.

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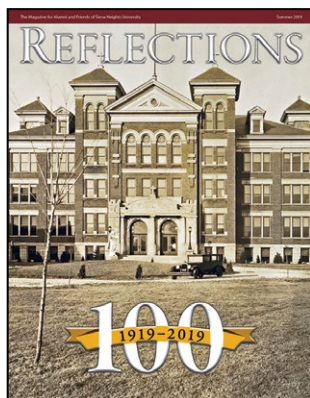
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ON THE COVER

Siena Heights University celebrates its 100th anniversary with a theme of "Legacy." In this issue, check out the vintage stories and photos from the past, as well as a special family legacy section. Also included is a special anniversary year calendar of events. Consider this your "Centennial Primer."



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from the editor



Doug Goodnough
Editor

History in the Making!

If there was a PhD in Siena Heights History, I would probably have it.

During my past 13-plus years in my role here, I have had the opportunity to learn about the history of the University in so many different ways, from so many different people.

Over the past couple of years in my role as chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, that education has only intensified. For starters, I was one of the many “editors” who had a chance to preview/review the “Hail Siena!” anniversary book Jennifer Hamlin Church has authored. By the way, you will want to buy this book. It’s fantastic!

My office has also worked with the historians and archivists at the Adrian Dominican Sisters to gather old photos, video and other artifacts from the past as we prepare to celebrate the anniversary year on many fronts.

There are so many “living histories” that I am around almost every day. People like legendary coach and athletic director Fred Smith, who is retiring after more than 42 years at the institution. Or Norm Bukwaz, the “Godfather” of the Bachelor of Applied Science program who was around at the very beginning of Siena Heights’ venture into adult education more than 45 years ago. What a privilege and honor to sit at the feet of these greats and listen to the stories of the past.

And then there’s the numerous trips to places like the Lenawee Historical Museum, the Adrian Daily Telegram and Adrian Public Library to glean whatever bits of information and content we could on Siena Heights history. My trusty marketing sidekick Jeff Masse and I have had quite the experience working with these community members and organizations over the last few months.

All of the above work and time spent with these people and places pointed to a singular goal: Providing the most comprehensive content and experience for our alumni and friends during the Centennial year. With an anniversary theme of “Legacy,” we hope you take some time to appreciate what Siena Heights has meant to you, your family, your classmates, the community and to the world.

We will be doing our best to present all of this content to you in a variety of ways, starting with this issue of the magazine. Included with the magazine is a special anniversary calendar that highlights almost everything the University has planned. Consider that your invitation to come back and engage with Siena Heights in whatever way you wish during this special time in our history.

At some point during this anniversary year, ask yourself, “What is My Siena Heights Legacy?” And don’t hesitate to share your answer with the rest of us!

from the heights

From the Centennial Archives: 1910—St. Joseph Avenue (Siena Heights Drive).

Siena Heights to Offer Online Master of Science in Nursing Degree



Siena Heights University announced in May 2019 it will offer an online Master of Science in Nursing Degree beginning in January 2020. The MSN degree will have a Health Systems Leadership focus.

"There was a lot of thought that was put into the curriculum design and also what program would meet the needs of our community," said SHU Nursing Director Dr. Stacey Meyers. "The Siena Heights MSN degree will transform leadership skills through the development of expertise in strategic planning and health care operations giving nurses the tools to become an effective change agent, improve quality of care and advance their nursing careers."

"The addition of a MSN degree focused on Health Systems Leadership only strengthens the communities we serve," said SHU Dean for Graduate and Professional Programs Dr. Cheri Betz. "Since the inception of the Graduate College, Siena has been committed to making the world a better place through quality higher education with a focus on service to others."

Dr. Meyers said the program's broad leadership emphasis will make SHU's MSN degree unique.

"We wanted to provide an MSN program that focused on the development of the nurse leader from a holistic perspective,"

she said. "Our program is designed to advance nurses careers as leaders among the nursing profession, whether they are in the community setting or a traditional hospital organization."

MSN classes are sequenced so that students will take one course online every eight weeks and two courses throughout the semester. Students take only one course at a time, with the 12-course program designed to be completed within two years.

"Our classes are designed to meet the needs of a student who is working as a nurse, but also wants to advance their career and education," Dr. Meyers said.

Siena Heights' nursing program is accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing-Commission on Collegiate Nursing Excellence (AACN-CCNE) for both its pre-license and RN to BSN programs for a 10-year term, which is the maximum a program can receive. Within one year of the admission of its first cohort, SHU will seek accreditation with CCNE, which is the standard of practice. Siena Heights' nursing program also has a decade-long history of quality. The program has been recognized for its excellence by the CCNE.

"Siena Heights nursing programs exceed expectations and benchmarks for graduation, retention and attrition rates,"

Dr. Meyers said. "That means Siena Heights is as invested in you as you are invested in us."

"Students will benefit from Siena's nationally recognized online instruction and high levels of faculty engagement," Dr. Betz said.

The primary prerequisite for the program is a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from a CCNE- or NLN-accredited organization.

"We expect the first class to fill quickly, so we would invite those interested in the program to inquire immediately," Dr. Meyers said.

For more information about the MSN Health Systems Leadership degree, visit start.sienaheights.edu/msn.

SHU Nursing Program Achieves 96 Percent First-Time Pass Rate on NNCLEX-RN Exam

The Siena Heights Nursing Program announced that its 2018 graduates achieved a 96 percent first-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) exam. This is the second consecutive year the program has achieved the highest pass rate in program history. In fact, the program has averaged a 92 percent first-time pass rate on the exam for the past four years. This far exceeds the standards set by the Michigan Board of Nursing and the AACN-CCNE accrediting body.

Cardeccia, Brower Receive Schaefer Scholarship

SHU senior mathematics education majors Kayla Cardeccia and Rachel Brower both received the 2018 Miriam Schaefer Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually by the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics to Michigan college students of junior or senior standing who are majoring in mathematics and planning to teach at the elementary or high school level.

Both students have earned GPAs of over 3.9, excelling in their mathematics and education courses.

Warner Attends Earth Ethics Conference

In August 2018, SHU Associate Professor of Theater and Speech Communication Joni Warner attended the Center for Earth Ethics Conference. Themed "On Water and Faith: Ministry in the Time of Climate Change," the conference at the Union Theological Seminary in New York trained about 50 faith leaders from around the country to better address the ecological crisis in their own communities. Former Vice President Al Gore was the featured speaker at the conference.

Mathis, Himelhoch and Ball Presented at 2018 Dominican Colloquium

MBA Director Dr. Eboni Mathis, Professor of Management Dr. Carol Himelhoch and Professor of Management Dr. Steve Ball presented at the 2018 DHEC: "Balancing Spirituality in Private and in Business."

Himelhoch and Raymond Publish Book

Professor of Management Dr. Carol Himelhoch and Associate Professor of Professional Communication Dr. Mary Raymond had their book published by MindBodyMed in August 2018. The book is entitled "Transformational leadership: The influence of exercise habits on leadership styles and leader effectiveness." It extends the research from Himelhoch's first book, which was published in 2014. In this study, Drs. Himelhoch and Raymond addressed the question, "In what ways do personality characteristics, demographic characteristics, and leisure exercise habits influence leadership styles and leader effectiveness?" Participants included 189 leaders across a broad range of industries, with their perceptions corroborated through surveying a sample of their employees.

Fick Member of AUPHA Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Professor of Leadership Dr. John Fick served on the 2018 Annual Meeting Planning Committee of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) and attended the annual meeting in Philadelphia from June 13-16, 2018. As part of his committee member duties, he also served as a poster reviewer. In addition, he has been appointed to serve on the 2019 Annual Meeting Planning Committee. AUPHA's 2019 annual meeting was June 12-14 in New Orleans.

McDonald Facilitates International Justice and Peace Gathering

Professor of Counselor Education Dr. Patricia McDonald facilitated a gathering in Chicago for the International Directors of Justice and Peace from June 27-29, 2018. The issues covered immigration, racism, human trafficking and the environment. Participants came from throughout the United States, Canada and Italy. The focus for the time was programmatic, planning and impacting social justice, thus hopefully bringing about peace for those who are impacted.

Jaramillo Presents Seminars, Publishes Book

SHU Theological Studies Professor Eileen Jaramillo gave a seminar to the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions Oct. 3 in Atlanta entitled "Baptized in Christ: Pastoral, Sacramental, and Canonical Issues with Candidates for Full Communion." It addressed issues transpiring with Eastern Catholic churches and Eastern churches not in communion with Rome. On Oct. 9, 2018, she was in Phoenix, Ariz., giving a seminar to members of the Canon Law Society of America. It was named "Erection as an Institute of Consecrated Life or a Society of Apostolic Life: The Nuts and Bolts." By looking at the theological and canonical issues regarding the new religious communities that are emerging in the U.S., the seminar provided a vision for the future.

Jaramillo also had her new book published entitled, "Envisioning the Future of Consecrated Life: Its Beauty and Challenge during these Troubled Times." It features the biblical art of Rembrandt to stir the reader into deep thought about the person of Christ, the universal call to respond to a world in turmoil and the

particular charism of women and men within that framework. In particular, the author addresses the challenges of secularism, injustice, poverty and the environment as well as using statistics from CARA to look at the way women and men are re-envisioning themselves at this time. In March 2019, Jaramillo received a letter from Pope Francis. In the letter, he said enjoyed her book and found it to be quite timely.



Siena Heights Makes Money's 'Best Colleges for Your Money' List

Siena Heights University made Money Magazine's "Best Colleges for Your Money" list for 2018. Siena Heights was one of 727 institutions nationally to receive this distinction. Money considered 26 factors in three categories, including quality of education, affordability and outcomes. Siena Heights was ranked 658th overall. Out of 22 Michigan colleges and universities on the Money list, Siena Heights had the lowest average student debt—\$17,700. Siena Heights graduates also had a reported early earnings average of \$42,500, according to the magazine. According to the magazine's methodology, to make its initial cut, a college or university had to have at least 500 students; have sufficient, reliable data to be analyzed, not be in financial distress and have a graduation rate that was at or above the median for its institutional category or have a high "value-added" graduation rate.

University Recognizes Employees for Service

The University announced its service awards at the August 2018 All-University Forum. The following employees were honored for their service:

10 Years:

- Brian Bertram—Associate VP for Campus Facilities.
- Sara Chrenko—Director of Career Services.
- Theresa Garcia—Enrollment Counselor.
- Nick Kaplan—Associate Professor of Spanish.

- Deb Keller—Executive Assistant to the President.
- Lori Kunkel—Administrative Assistant to Visual and Performing Arts.
- Ed Maloney—Head Men's Lacrosse Coach.
- Mark Rasmussen—Assistant Professor of Mathematics.
- Liesel Riggs—Associate Director of Marketing: Graduate and Professional Programs.
- Cindy Sutherland—Associate Director of Partner Relations.
- Tim Van Beke—Associate Professor of Art.

20 Years:

- Cindy Anderson—Administrative Assistant to Humanities; McNair Academic Coordinator.
- Melissa Growden—Career Services Specialist.
- Mary Beth Leibold—Professor of Sport Management.

40 Years:

- Wanda House—Technology Training Coordinator.

Also, the Fred Smith Champion Award was announced at the forum. The award was established in 2003 to honor current Athletic Director and former Head Men's Basketball Coach Fred Smith and his 40-plus years of service. This year's award winner was Academic Coordinator of Online Learning and Associate Professor of Teacher Education Liliana Toader.

University Announces Corporate Partnership with Integrated Health Partners

Siena Heights University and Integrated Health Partners (IHP) have announced a business partnership that will offer degree completion and other educational opportunities to IHP employees and to its member physician practices. IHP is a physician organization based in Calhoun County, serving independent and employed physicians and their practices regionally in Calhoun County and expanding to neighboring counties. Under the partnership agreement, qualified IHP employees and their member practice employees will receive a tuition discount and will receive personalized advising and student success and career counseling from Siena Heights. IHP is proud to offer this educational benefit to all member practices as a value added service made available through their membership with IHP.

American Catholic Studies Publishes O'Connell Essay

SHU Associate Professor of Humanities Michael O'Connell had an essay published titled "An Effective Influence for Good": A Reconsideration of J.F. Powers's *Morte D'Urban*." It is out in the current issue of *American Catholic Studies* (Volume 129.3, Fall 2018). In the essay, he argues that this National Book Award-winning novel is an overlooked masterpiece of American Catholic fiction, and, because of its (increasingly relevant) depiction of the corrupting influence of power and popularity on individuals and institutions, deserves a wider contemporary audience.

Biology Students Receive Research Awards

The Biology Department had several students receive Beta Beta Beta Research Foundation Grant awards. Totalling more than \$1,400, the awards funded equipment and supplies for their research projects. Here are the students who received awards:

- Jared Ambrose
- Hannah Gomola
- Riley Guntrip
- Jacob Henderson
- Courtney Herron
- Lindsay Jasinski
- Makayla Koprivier
- Nolan Lyons
- Michael March
- Tina Miller
- Larry Ochadleus

SHU Receives Silver Level Status from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

Siena Heights University earned Silver Level status in the Veteran-Friendly School program for the 2018-19 academic year. Created by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, the program recognizes institutions of higher learning for their dedication to student veterans and dependents utilizing their G.I. Bill and other educational benefits. Recognized Michigan colleges and universities earned either bronze-, silver- or gold-level status as determined by the number of services they offer to student veterans.

Biology Research Paper Published

SHU Professor of Biology Dr. Jun Tsuji and former students Tiffany Logan '17 and Ashley Russo '18 published a research paper entitled, "A hierarchy of cues directs the foraging of *Pieris rapae*"



(Lepidoptera: Pieridae) larvae" in the peer-reviewed journal *Environmental Entomology*. The paper describes how using a hierarchy of sensory inputs to guide their movements allows the larvae to maximize food intake and avoid predators and parasitoids while foraging on plants of varying architectures. Understanding the cues that guide larval foraging may lead to more efficient trap crops for pest management.

Siena Heights Receives MCACHE Scholarship

Siena Heights was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship for students to attend Midwest Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives events, as well as the 2019 ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago in March 2019. SHU has received this award for approximately the last 10 years.

Wathen Writes Chapter for Green Chemistry Education Book

SHU Professor of Chemistry Dr. Steve Wathen has contributed a chapter to the book "Green Chemistry Education Recent Developments" that was published in January 2019. The chapter title is "Introduction to Cheminformatics for Green Chemistry Education." The volume was published by Walter deGruyter GmbH, Berlin/Boston and is part of an ongoing series on green chemistry. Dr. Wathen said he is hoping to encourage other teachers of chemistry to use cheminformatics as an inexpensive and non-toxic way to explore chemical structures and to make students aware of this budding field of chemical research.

Karin Barbee Has Short Story and Poetry Published

SHU Associate Professor of English Karin Wraley Barbee has a short story in the current issue of "Your Impossible Voice." Her story is titled, "Twenty-First Century Fairy Tale." Barbee also has published a book of poetry titled "Go Life!" She also had a poem in a recent issue of *Packingtowntown Review*.

SHU's Online Program Named Best in Michigan for Third Straight Year

For the third consecutive year, Siena Heights University's undergraduate Online Learning Program was top-rated in Michigan among all institutions by the U.S. News and World Report. Siena Heights also was ranked nationally for the sixth consecutive year by the magazine, and finished tied for 29th among all public and private institutions. In fact, Siena Heights is the second highest ranked Catholic institution and fifth highest ranked private college or university in the nation. 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 2019 Best Online Bachelor's Programs rankings Jan. 15. Siena Heights was also ranked first in both student engagement, having the maximum score of 100 in the magazine's methodology. SHU also had the top faculty credentials and training rank in the nation with a perfect 100 score, according to the publication.

Frost Presents at Clinton Arts Center

SHU Professor of History Dr. Julieanna Frost presented on the topic "Emancipation: The Art of Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller," Feb. 22, 2019, at the Clinton Arts Center in Clinton, Mich.

Owens Lecturer of The Month

SHU adjunct faculty member Jim Owens was the featured lecturer of the month (February 2019) for Augustine Institute/Lighthouse Catholic Media. He provided the lecture "The Crisis of Happiness: Hurting, Addicting, & Healing."

Network with SaintsConnect

SaintsConnect is an online mentoring and connection platform where alumni, faculty/staff, and supporters can offer advice, answer questions, and share

expertise about work, locations, and life. There are more than 900 members in the platform already and we would love to have more. Every person in the community is valued, and each person has advice to share, whether that is from life, work or school experiences.

Meyers Completes Doctoral of Philosophy in Nursing

SHU Director of Nursing Stacey Meyers successfully defended her dissertation as the final requirement for the completion of her doctorate from Mercer University in Atlanta. She presented her qualitative research on "The Lived Experiences of Women Diagnosed with Stage II or Greater Gynecological Cancer" in February 2019. Her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing with a concentration in Nursing Education degree was conferred in May.

Siena Heights, Quicken Loans Announce Educational Partnership

Siena Heights and Quicken Loans have announced a preferred educational partnership that will offer degree completion and other educational opportunities to Quicken Loans employees. Quicken Loans is America's largest mortgage lender. Under the partnership agreement, qualified Quicken employees will receive a tuition discount and personalized advising, student success and career counseling from Siena Heights.

Nursing Program Receives Professional Fund Grant

The Siena Heights Nursing Program's application for the 2019 Michigan Board of Nursing (MBON) Nurse Professional Fund Grant was approved. The nursing program will receive \$12,121 in grant funding to use towards simulation equipment and supplies. The grant is designed to promote safe patient care, advance the safe practice of the nursing profession, and/or assure a continuous supply of high-quality direct care nurses, nursing faculty and nursing education programs.

Scholarship Symposium Features SHU's Best

Keynote speaker Devan Stahl presented at the fifth annual Scholarship Symposium April 10, 2019, on the Adrian campus. Stahl is an assistant professor of Clinical Ethics at Michigan State University. Her presentation was entitled "Re-Creating the Medical Body through Art and the Humanities." The committee organizing the Symposium is led by Associate Professor of English Julie Barst. The goal of

the event is to showcase the scholarship of graduating seniors and other students on campus, and allow faculty, staff and the community to view some of the outstanding academic achievements happening at Siena Heights. There were student poster presentations as well as several panels and individual talks throughout the day.



Students Hold Court

Several Siena Heights students (above) observed court in session and lock-up facilities in Judge Margaret Noe's Courtroom in Lenawee County on Oct. 31, 2018. Judge Noe and her son, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Charles Noe, have taught this class for more than 15 years.

SHU Once Again First in Gift of Life Michigan Campus Challenge

Siena Heights once again was first among Michigan colleges and universities in most donor registrations compared to student population during the 16th annual Gift of Life Michigan Campus Challenge. Gift of Life Michigan is the state's federally designated organ and tissue recovery organization, which acts as intermediary between donors, their families and hospital staff. Michigan colleges and universities were able to sign up 921 new organ and tissue donors during the Challenge.

SHU Partners with Hillsdale Hospital

SHU and Hillsdale Hospital announced a business partnership in April 2019 that will offer degree completion and other educational opportunities to Hillsdale Hospital employees. Hillsdale Hospital is a small but progressive rural healthcare facility located in south central Lower Michigan. Under the partnership agreement, qualified Hillsdale Hospital employees will receive a tuition discount and will receive personalized advising and student success and career counseling from Siena Heights.



SHU Students and Faculty Participate In Oceanography Course

Siena Heights environmental science students and faculty participated with the Krejci Aquatic Research Laboratory on an oceanography field course during spring break 2019 in Florida. Field assistants provided students with insights on nutrient pollution and living shorelines research (photos above). A lab examining intertidal zonation and species densities along Ponce Inlet was conducted.

2019-20 Student Government E-Board Announced

The Student Government E-Board election results are in for the 2019-20 academic year, and here is the new leadership:

- Mykayla Pinder: President
- Alyssa Domasica: Vice President
- Nathaniel Alford: Treasurer

Perry Defends Dissertation

SHU Assistant Director of Student Success and First Year Experience Coordinator DeAnne Perry defended her dissertation in Morgan State University's program in Higher Education Administration. Her dissertation was titled "A Narrative Exploration of the Experiences of First-Generation Undergraduates in a Living-learning Program." She participated in graduation ceremonies May 16, 2019, in Baltimore.

Clare Wins Cawelti Award for Pop Culture Book

SHU Assistant Professor of Communications Dr. Callie Clare and co-author Jenn Brandt won the John G. Cawelti Award for the best Textbook/Primer in Popular Culture. The book is titled, "An Introduction to Popular Culture in the US: People, Politics, and Power." They received the award at the Popular Culture Association annual conference in April 2019 in Washington, D.C.

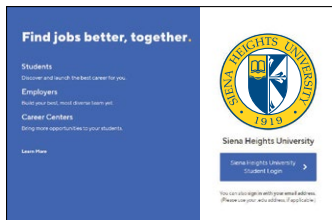


Lyons Earns Second Place at BBB Conference

SHU biology student Nolan Lyons was awarded second place after presenting the results of his senior research project at the regional Beta Beta Beta conference on April 13, 2019, at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati. For his research, Lyons examined bacterial contamination in the St. Clair River. Eleven additional students represented SHU at the conference: Jared Ambrose, Hannah Gomola, Jacob Henderson, Courtney Herron, Lindsay Jasinski, Makayla Koprivier, Michael March, Tina Miller, Larry Ochadleus, Aaron Wagner and Milly Young-Brooks. In total, Siena students presented seven research posters at the conference.

Job and Internship Portal Now Available for Alumni

Career Services is excited to announce SHU's new job and internship board for alumni: Handshake! The online portal (below) has positions representing every industry, including recruiters from graduate and professional schools. Positions posted are available all across the globe and range from internships and entry level up to executive level. There are more than 300,000 employers using Handshake, including every Fortune 500 company. The free Handshake app is available on Apple iOS and Android.



University Announces Siena Tuition Advantage Program

Recognizing the national trend of rising tuition costs in higher education, Siena Heights University is taking a bold step to remain affordable for its students. On the heels of Siena Heights' 100th anniversary, President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD, announced The Siena Tuition Advantage price certainty plan. The private Catholic university headquartered in Adrian, Mich., is locking tuition rates for full-time undergraduate students enrolled at its Adrian campus and many of its other programs beginning with the winter 2019 semester as well as for the 2019-20 academic year. In addition, SHU will phase in a two-year fixed pricing plan for all students in the College of Arts and Sciences, the College for Professional Studies and the Graduate College. The University has Michigan degree completion centers in Dearborn, Southfield, Benton Harbor, Monroe,

Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Jackson as well as a nationally ranked Online Program. "The Siena Tuition Advantage hopefully will simplify the financial management and promote improved financial planning for our students by introducing price certainty," said SHU Vice President of Enrollment Management George Wolf. "We also hope to improve student success, class and degree planning and degree completion rates with this new model." "With our 100th anniversary approaching, as well as our recent ranking in the 'Best Colleges for Your Money' list by Money Magazine, we wanted to do something that would demonstrate our commitment," President Albert said. "I want to assure our current students, and any prospective student considering Siena Heights University, we will do everything we can to keep a Siena Heights education affordable."

From the Centennial Archives: 1937—Mother Mary Gerald Barry and Sister Benedicta Marie Ledwidge break ground for the construction of new dormitory and dining facilities on campus, Archangelus and Benincasa Halls.



There Are at Least **100** Reasons to Celebrate Siena Heights University's Centennial Starting in August



In fact, the University is planning a host of special events and activities during its 100th anniversary, which will be observed during the 2019-20 academic year. The following are just a few highlights scheduled for the Centennial year:

Centennial Torch Relay Presented by the Alliance Catholic Credit Union

The 100th Anniversary will officially kick off with the statewide Centennial Torch Relay Presented by the Alliance Catholic Credit Union from Aug. 19-26. The bicycle Olympic-style relay will begin at SHU's Lake Michigan College center and work its way across the state, finishing at the Adrian campus Aug. 26. SHU's Centennial Committee has been working with local bicycling club enthusiasts to develop the 342-mile route that will go from "coast-to-coast." Individual riders will carry a custom-designed torch during legs of the relay event. Each day in conjunction with the relay, SHU will host a special event at one of its community college partner campuses located in Benton Harbor (Lake Michigan College), Kalamazoo (Kalamazoo Valley Community College), Battle Creek (Kellogg Community College), Jackson (Jackson College), Lansing (Lansing Community College), Southfield, Dearborn (Henry Ford College) and Monroe (Monroe County Community College). The last leg of the relay will conclude with a special event at SHU's main campus in Adrian.

Centennial Mall Dedication

The final leg of the Centennial Torch Relay Presented by the Alliance Catholic Credit Union will finish with an all-University opening ceremonies on Aug. 26. The Siena community will gather to dedicate the new Centennial Mall that will feature a 20-foot eternal flame sculpture that will be a permanent fixture in front of Sacred Heart Hall. Designed by Siena Heights alum and artist Ken Thompson and SHU art faculty member Tim Van Beke, the sculpture and reinvented space will be dedicated to the Adrian Dominican Sisters, the founders and sponsors of the University. There will also be food and activities in what will be a "carnival-like" atmosphere that will be a fun way to start the academic year.

Leah Crocetto Benefit Concert

Leah Crocetto, a Siena alum and one of the top opera talents in the country will return to the Adrian campus for a benefit concert on Sept. 7. The concert, which will benefit student scholarships, will feature the new McLaughlin Music Hall in the newly completed Spencer Performing Arts Center. A pre-concert dinner is also planned. Tickets are \$40 per person for the concert, \$100 for the concert and the dinner. For ticket information, visit 100.sienaheights.edu.

"Hail Siena!" Anniversary Book

Former SHU alumni director and honorary alum Jennifer Hamlin Church has authored an anniversary book on the history of the institution. "Hail Siena! 100 Years of Siena Heights University," will be available this fall in print.

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The book will extensively detail the people, places and events of the institution from its founding to present day. There will be exclusive content, including stories and pictures, that tell the Siena Heights story like never before. Pre-sale copies of the book are available online. Pre-sale cost is \$59.95 per book and includes shipping and handling. To order, please visit 100.sienaheights.edu.

Homecoming Weekend 2019

Homecoming is always a special occasion, but this year's weekend will be a supersized Centennial version of the popular annual event. Focused on the anniversary year, Homecoming will feature several keynote events, including the Alumni Awards and the dedication of the newly renovated St. Joseph Hall. Also planned is a juried alumni art show with more than 30 alumni submissions, as well as special reunions and alumni gatherings. The Athletic Hall of Fame will honor longtime coach and athletic director Fred Smith in a special ceremony in the Fieldhouse. He will be this year's only inductee. "Catch Me If You Can" is the Homecoming theater production on the Haller Stage, and there will also be several on-campus athletic events, including a home football game against Taylor. Make every effort to come back to campus Oct. 11-13!

'100 for the 100th' Events

In planning the Centennial year, University faculty, staff and students were asked to plan special events in the areas of academics, athletics and the arts. Inserted into this issue of Reflections Magazine is a special calendar that highlights the "100 for the 100th" events during the anniversary year. A new monthly Legacy Speaker Series will feature alumni guest speakers who will come to campus and share their stories and experience with the Siena community. A special Mass with Bishop of Lansing the Most Rev. Earl Boyea on Sept. 5 will allow the Siena community to gather in faith to ask for a blessing on the anniversary year. Annual events such as Common Dialogue Day will have extra emphasis, and each athletic team will host a home event that will bring the anniversary into focus. Siena Heights will also reach out to the community in the area of student service and special off-campus events as the institution emphasizes its attention to collaboration and community-building.

Anniversary Documentary

Jesse Ramirez '19 is finalizing a documentary that will detail the 100-year history of Siena Heights. Look for the completed video to debut around Homecoming.

For more information about the 100th Anniversary celebration at SHU, visit 100.sienaheights.edu. ♦

From the Reflections Archives—Fall 1972.

Students Love Those Jeans!

Instructors facing a sea of blue knees popping from beneath desks, rub their eyes in disbelief. Clothing manufacturers ring their hands in despair. And the professor more interested in the anatomy of the female femur, fibula and tibia than the study of prehistoric societies are totally frustrated.

The cause? Blue jeans! Student strolling into classrooms throughout the nation are clad in jeans. Bell-bottom jeans, straight-legged jeans, blue, brown, green, and white jeans, all covered with multitudinous decorative or necessity patches are THE college wardrobe for male and female students.

Chatting with a group of Siena Heights College students did reveal some very interesting reasons why students don themselves in jeans. For instance, jeans are extremely economical. Initial investment in a pair of jeans is ½ one-third less than purchasing a skirt or dress slacks and about one-tenth the price of a man's suit.

If a student wears a skirt or slacks, society requires him to rotate his wardrobe daily. With jeans, the student can wear the same pair all week and, changing only his apparel from the neck to waist, provide himself with a different outfit each day. Jeans can be "dressed up" via a Victorian crepe blouse or sports jacket for evening at the theatre or "dressed down" by merely exchanging the upper torso garb with an ancient tee shirt for the art studio or baseball game.

Durability is an important drawing card in choosing to wear jeans. One pair of jeans, if treated properly, can be decently worn 12-15 months. Proper treatment does not mean, however, chaining them to the back of a Detroit-bound moving van. This estimation allows for seven-day-a-week wearing the once-a-week washing. As jeans are constructed of rather Saturday materials, machine washing, costing approximately 50¢ a week, is all that is needed;

therefore, - no laundry or drycleaning bill with jeans.

Conformity plays a large role in the students' selection of jeans.

Conformity plays a large role in the students' selection of jeans. As one Siena student said, "You would really feel 'out of it' if you walked into a classroom in your suit and tie or coordinated skirt and sweater when everybody is in jeans. You'd look like the naive kid his first day away from the barnyard. And who wants that?"

Of course wearing the jeans is only half the challenge. A utopia of comfort must be established in the jeans, obtainable by one or two dunkings in a favorite mudpuddle and flailed several times against a brick wall. Repeat this procedure for three or four weeks and "comfort supreme" reigns in every thread of the pants.

Once the jeans are thoroughly broken in arrives the day to apply patches, donating the owner's character. Flowers, stars, flags and emblems, planted in strategic points from the seat to the ripped-out hems of the pants, display the owner's creative energies.

Necessity patches, covering actual rips or worn spots in the denim, signify the boundless pride a student has in his jeans. Not only do necessity patches show the jean owner's skillful stitchery, but his bravery. Under most necessity patches lurk a story of intrigue and adventure. One Siena Heights student, sporting a huge patch on his posterior, recalled an exciting venture involving an unexpected slide down a small cliff. His jeans provided him with an instant diary of his summer.

Students have always been attracted to the unusual. Some swallowed goldfish, others modeled racoon coats or stuffed dozens of their peers into phone booths. Today's students are no different that their predecessors. They have just developed a new craze; one that is practical, functional and employs their skill and imagination.

On the Right Path

By Doug Goodnough

Rice Award Winner Julie Barst Leaves Career in Accounting to Teach English



A career in accounting just didn't add up for Julie Barst.

After graduating from Central Michigan University with a degree in accounting and working as a successful CPA at one of the top accounting firms in the nation, Barst knew she wasn't on the right path.

"I pretty quickly realized it wasn't for me," Barst said of her accounting job. "It wasn't fulfilling me. It wasn't making me happy."

A mysterious debilitating back injury that laid her up for several months allowed her the time to reassess her career. When she recovered, she left her accounting position, returned to school, earned her master's and doctorate in Literary Studies from Purdue University and started her new career in higher education.

Barst, who completed her seventh year as an English faculty member in Siena Heights University's College of Arts and Sciences, was honored April 26 with the Eileen Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Barst, an associate professor of English who also directs SHU's Ethnic and Gender Studies Institute, said being honored with the award helps validate her decision to enter higher education.

"It's the biggest honor of my career," said Barst, fighting back tears. "Just to know that there's this group of students who felt like I deserved that award, and to see the difference that they explained that I made in their lives as students and as people, it makes you feel like I chose the right path a long time ago."

An expert in 19th century British Literature, Barst said what drew her to Siena Heights was its mission and the opportunity to teach courses outside of her concentration.

"All of that really spoke to me because it seemed to be a really great fit with the things that I prioritize in my teaching," Barst said of her decision to come to Siena. "Respecting the dignity of all. That's real and a valuable part of everything that we do here."

She championed the Ethnic and Gender Studies Institute in 2016 at the encouragement of then-Dean Dr. Mark Schersten. This was the first institute in the University's history, and Barst said she is hoping to expand its influence.

"It's been a really nice honor to be able to work through that institute," she said.

She also spearheaded another major initiative—the Scholarship Symposium. Conducted every spring on the Adrian campus, the event provides a venue for students from all majors and all campuses to showcase their academic achievement through a daylong program of presentations.

However, Barst said there's nothing like the classroom experience with her students.

"I would say the most rewarding part of teaching is watching students succeed," Barst said. "There's nothing better than seeing (students) have little successes or big successes and knowing your class somehow helped them with that."

And she said the caliber of student Siena Heights attracts is "amazing."

"It's fantastic the quality of the students that we get," Barst said. "They give me a lot of hope in a lot of ways."

Barst said students deal with more outside influences than ever before with things such as social media, part-time jobs, technology and co-curricular activities.

"It's keeping all of us as professors and everyone at the institution on their toes," she said.

As someone who has experience in the business world, Barst said she believes the English major has much to offer employers.

"It gives students the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills, their oral and written communication skills," she said. "These are all things that every employer wants no matter what field."

Outside of the classroom, Barst said she is usually engrossed in a "triple-decker" Victorian novel like Charlotte Brontë's "Villette," and also reads contemporary short stories and poems. An avid fan of the outdoors, she is also passionate about the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings.

"I feel I have a better appreciation for what I now have than if I would have never gone down that other (accounting) path," Barst said of her higher education career. "I went into this to be a teacher and to work with students and to do everything I could for them. ... It just felt right from the get-go." ♦

2019 Honors Convocation Award Winners:

SHU conducted its annual Honors Convocation April 26 to honor academic achievement during the 2018-19 academic year. The following award winners were honored during the ceremony:

- **Thomas Emmet Student-Athlete Award:** Madisyn Reed (women's golf); Aaron Bitz (men's golf, eSports).
- **Team Academic Award:** Women's Volleyball.
- **Outstanding Graduate Student Award:** Laura Hubbard.
- **St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal:** Grace Carey.
- **Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award:** Lucas Durling, Lucielle Gould.
- **Staff Excellence Award:** Kate Daisher, Ruben Tapia.
- **Sister Jean Cecile Hunt Outstanding Advisor Award:** Cathleen Emery.
- **Sister Eileen Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching:** Julie Barst.
- **Jack Bologna Innovative Teaching Award:** John Labriola.
- **Staff Emeritae:** Wanda House.
- **Faculty Emeritae:** Dr. Linda Campbell, Dr. Peggy Motsch.

Divisional Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards

- **Business and Management:** Patricia Santos.
- **Computing, Mathematics and the Sciences:** Ashley Best, Kyler VanWormer.
- **Education:** Erin Scheidel, Amanda Metz.
- **Humanities:** Lucas Durling, Haley Hoffman.
- **Nursing:** Lynsie Marks.
- **Social Sciences:** Kelsey Cheaney, Ashley Helmink.
- **Visual and Performing Arts:** Ariel Sheets.

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From the Centennial Archives: 1996—Men's NAIA National Runner-up Basketball Team.

Saints Have Nine Scholar-Teams

Nine SHU teams were honored as NAIA Scholar-Teams for their efforts in the 2017-18 academic year. With the fourth highest grade point average in the NAIA, the women's golf team led the Saints as it sported a 3.84 GPA. The dance team earned a 3.62 GPA, followed closely by the softball team with a 3.59 GPA. Other teams honored by the NAIA include women's volleyball (3.50), women's soccer (3.44), women's lacrosse (3.40), men's golf (3.26), baseball (3.13) and cheer (3.04). For a team to be considered for the award, it must have a minimum 3.0-grade point average. The team grade point average includes all eligible varsity student-athletes.

Student-Athletes Excel in the Classroom (Again)

A total of 522 SHU student-athletes earned a 3.15 grade point average in the 2018 winter semester. Leading the way in the classroom was the women's golf team with a 3.86 GPA, followed by softball (3.62), women's soccer (3.53), women's volleyball (3.52) and women's cross country (3.51). All 11 of the women's teams earned a 3.0 GPA or higher, with an aggregate of 3.41 for the women. On the men's side, the men's bowling team led the way with a 3.18 GPA, followed by the baseball team (3.16), men's golf (3.13), men's soccer (3.03) and men's cross country and men's volleyball (3.0). The men's aggregate GPA for the semester was 2.95.

The Saints' 610 student-athletes had a cumulative 2.94 grade point average for the fall 2019 semester. The women's volleyball team led the way with a 3.54 GPA, with women's soccer second (3.49) and softball third (3.46). The top men's team was cross country with a 3.05 GPA.

Baseball

Senior Brendan Green and junior Logan Nolf were each named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference second team

to lead the Saints' honorees. Green also received the conference's Gold Glove Award for the third time in four years as a first baseman. Earning all-academic honors were seniors Green, Brenden Baker, Reid Olmstead, Landon Lumbrezer and Snyder Torres, juniors Delver Freitas and Michael Jones and sophomore Jaden Payne. Senior Trevor Willis was the team's Champions of Character recipient. Green was also named to the academic all-district team and later earned second team Academic All-American honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America. The Saints finished 20-22 overall, 10-12 in the conference.

Saints Again Earn Team Academic Excellence Award

The Saints were awarded the 2017-18 ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award for the third consecutive year by the American Baseball Coaches Association. The team had a team GPA of 3.16 for the academic year. The Saints were one of 14 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) member schools to receive the award this year, and join the University of Jamestown (N.D.) as one of two NAIA teams to be granted the award every year since its inception in 2015-16.

Kolasinski Named President of ABCA

Head baseball coach John Kolasinski became the president of the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) on Jan. 4. He oversees the more than 10,000 member organization that includes baseball coaches from NCAA Division I, II, and III, NAIA, NJCAA, Pacific Association Division, high school and youth. He will also represent the ABCA at the 2019 MLB All-Star Game in Cleveland this year as well as at the 2019 MLB World Series. Kolasinski becomes just the sixth NAIA coach named ABCA president.

Softball

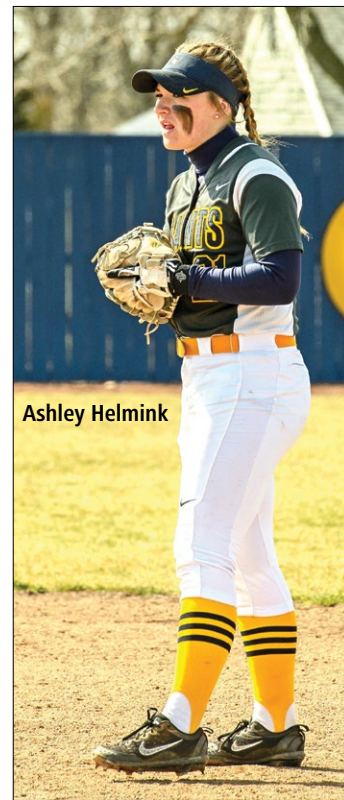
The Saints defeated Cleary, Indiana Tech and Northwestern Ohio to claim the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament championship. SHU received an automatic berth to the NAIA National

Tournament as it claimed its first conference championship since 1996. Senior infielder Ashley Helmink was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year to lead the Saints' all-conference honors. She also earned a spot on the first team as well as the all-defensive and all-academic teams. Helmink was later named first team All-Region and a first team All-American by both the NAIA and National Fastpitch Coaches Association after batting .462 with 10 home runs, nine triples, 25 doubles and a whopping 60 runs batted in. Senior Racquel Ward was named first team all-conference as a pitcher, going 19-10 with 2.62 earned run average and 22 complete games. Freshmen outfielder Sam Hill and pitcher Kelsey Uhl were each tabbed to the all-conference second team. Also earning all-conference academic honors were Ward, Ashley Bearden, Jordan Bianchi, Kayla Boland and Erika Schwartz, with Kristi Carlson receiving the team's Champions of Character Award. The Saints had six players earn NAIA Scholar-Athlete recognition, including Boland, Helmink, Bearden, Ward, Bianchi and Schwartz. Helmink and Boland were also each named to the academic all-district team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Both advanced to the national ballot. The Saints finished 35-16 on the season, 16-6 in the conference.

Helmink Named NAIA First Team All-American

Recent Siena Heights graduate Ashley Helmink was among 60 student-athletes named to the 2019 NAIA All-America teams. Helmink was one of the 20 best NAIA softball players on the All-America first team.

Helmink led the Saints in many categories and had a season batting average of .462 among hitters with more than 10 at-bats. She broke single-season records for runs, doubles, triples, and RBIs. Her .462 batting average is the second-highest season total in program history as are her 80 hits and her 10 home runs for 2019.



Ashley Helmink

The North Ridgeville, Ohio native is the lone representative in the state of Michigan and is the only member from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) to be named All-American.

The second baseman adds this honor to a phenomenal season in which she accumulated several awards including 2019 Google Cloud Academic All-America First Team, NFCA All-Region, Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete, WHAC Player of the Year, first team All-WHAC, All-WHAC defensive, and Academic All-WHAC.

Saints A Top 10 NAIA Academic Team

The Saints were fourth in the NAIA in academic performance according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Siena Heights had a team GPA of 3.591 during the 2017-18 academic year. It is the fourth straight year the Saints have earned a top 10 distinction. In addition, the Saints had a NAIA-best 17 student-athletes honored as Scholar Athletes.

eSports

Rocket League Finishes Season Strong

SHU's Rocket League team finished ranked sixth in the North America Tespa ladder to finish its season. The Saints finished in the round of 16 at a tournament, losing to North Carolina by one goal in overtime. In the CSL Fall 4 tournament, SHU made it to the final four for the third time this season and was the top NAIA school finisher.

eSports Adds FIFA, Madden and NBA2K

SHU was the first college or university in the U.S. to offer scholarships to play FIFA, Madden NFL and NBA2K. SHU will compete in the National Association of Collegiate eSports (NACE), the Collegiate Starleague (CSL) and in other local tournaments with these games this fall.

Soccer



Women: Senior Taylor Mulder (left) was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American College Division first team, the first Saint women's soccer player to earn

the honor. Mulder had 17 goals last fall and is a biology major with a 4.0 grade point average. The teams consist of the 22 best NAIA student-athletes. Mulder was also named to the NAIA District 1 All-Academic Team by CoSIDA. Junior Julia Stancato was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the year to lead the Saints. The first team all-conference honoree scored six goals last season. Mulder also earned first team status for the second time in her career. Earning second team was senior Paige Rachut, with Kelsey Cheaney, Kathryn Gordon, Madeline Reau and Madison Tedora receiving academic all-conference honors. Cheaney, Mulder, Reau and Gordon were each named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. In order to make the list, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The Saints finished 13-6 overall, 6-5 in conference play.

Men: The Saints had 10 student-athletes honored by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Sophomore Justin Gray was named second team all-conference after scoring six goals this season. Making the WHAC All-Academic Team were seniors Elmedin Celovic, Matt Lentine, Brent Rodden and Matt Wilkie and juniors Kiah Finley, Leo Hisamatsu, Austin Siterlet, Brayden Stephan and Tim Van Landedham. The Saints had a

conference-best seven honored as NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Earning the honor included seniors Rodden, Lentine, Wilkie and Celovic and juniors Stephan, Siterlet and Hisamatsu. In order to make the list, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Cross Country

Women: The Saints placed fifth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships in Grand Rapids. Freshman Casie Nadasky was 15th overall in a time of 19 minutes, 15.1 seconds. Sophomore Andrea Crowe was 30th in 19:55.7. Nadasky earned an individual bid to run in the NAIA National Championships Nov. 16 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She finished 182nd overall in a time of 19:20. Michayla Miller was named a NAIA Scholar-Athlete for the Saints.

Men: The Saints finished fourth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships in Grand Rapids. Senior Esrom Woldemichael led the way, finishing 11th in a time of 26 minutes, 25.8 seconds. Nicholas Barth was 21st in 26:43.5. Woldemichael was named second team all-conference, with junior Shane Skelcy earning the team's Champions of Character award. The Saints finished 28th in the nation at the NAIA National Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The top individual finisher for SHU was Woldemichael, who was 42nd in 25:27. Jareb Duggan was 122nd in 26:06.

Volleyball



Women: Senior Christine Tylutki (left) earned a spot on the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team. Tylutki led SHU with 301 kills and was second in digs (386). She also was the recipient of the team's Champions of Character Award. Senior Ashleigh Slay was named all-conference second team, with Janel Ruhlman earning a spot on the All-Freshman Team. Earning all-academic honors were Tylutki, Shay, Rebekah Collier, Taylor Felver, Madison Sitter and Anna Tartarian. Felver, Tylutki, Collier and Tartarian were each named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. To earn the honor, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The Saints (17-15) were eliminated by top seed Aquinas in the opening round of the WHAC Tournament.

Men: The Saints (18-10) were eliminated by Aquinas 3-0 in the semifinals of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament. The Saints had four players

earn honors from the WHAC. Junior Emilier De Jesus was named the Libero of the Year in earning second team all-conference honors. He led the Saints in digs (323) and aces (37). Junior setter Keegan Crawford and sophomore hitter Alex Garavalia were also named to the second team. Evan Cashen earned a spot on the All-Freshman Team, with Garavalia receiving the team's Champions of Character Award.

Football

The 20th-ranked Saints finished 7-3 overall, 3-3 in the Mid-States Football Association Mideast Division. The seven wins was the most in program history, and Siena Heights finished in the NAIA top 25 national poll for the first time.



Senior tailback D'aries Davis (left) rushed for 1,093 yards for the season, and finished with a program-best 2,729 for his career.

Senior defensive lineman Malik Edwards and junior cornerback Trevon Claybourne were each named to the MSFA Mideast first team. Edwards finished with 8 1/2 quarterback sacks and 10 1/2 tackles for loss. Claybourne had a team-high four interceptions and eight pass breakups. Earning second team honors were Davis, senior wide receiver Damon Wright, junior tight end Will Walker, senior guard Ryan Carlson, junior center Stanley Fink, senior defensive linemen Izayah Newsom and DeVonte Collins-Anderson, junior linebacker Griffin Sobol and sophomore linebacker Nick Stalworth. Senior receiver Adam Glanders, senior linebacker E.J. Shaah and freshman Jax Gasaway each earned honorable mention. Claybourne was also named NAIA All-American honorable mention. Glanders, Newsom and placekicker Brady Tanguay were each named to the NAIA District 1 All-Academic Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). The Saints had 10 student-athletes named to the Mid-States Football Association All-Academic Team. Those honored included Tanguay, Newsom, Glanders, Jerrold King, Brock Quinlan, Jarrad Whited, Justin Carrabino, Andrew Loria, Shaah and Austin Krider. Newsom was also named a first team NAIA Academic All-American by CoSIDA.

Indoor Track and Field

Women: The Saints finished third at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships in Grand Rapids. Leading the way were Mildranae Young-Brooks, who claimed first place in the 60 hur-

dles in a time of 8.6 seconds. Other conference champions were Haley Hudson in the shot put (46 feet, 11.5 inches) and Rachel O'Neill in the weight throw (52-2.5). Placing second were Kierra Rice in the 60 hurdles, the 4x400 relay of Madisyn Kleinschmidt, Delaney Stersic, Emily Hill and Young-Brooks, Hannah Cain in the pole vault and Courtney Taylor in the shot put. Young-Brooks and Hudson each earned All-American honors at the NAIA Championships in South Dakota. Young-Brooks was third in the 60 hurdles in a time of 8.73 seconds. She competed in three other events. Hudson was fifth in the shot put (14.19m) to also achieve All-American status.

Men: The Saints placed fifth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships in Grand Rapids. Earning conference championships were Brent Rodden in the 800 (1:56.45) and Robert Drew in the weight throw (54-10.75). Placing second was the 4x400 relay of Jordan Parkinson, Matt Lentine, William Jackson and Rodden. Rodden finished third in the 800 run to earn All-American honors at the NAIA Championships in South Dakota. He ran a time of 1:52.9.

Basketball

Women: The Saints (23-8) had their season end as Lawrence Tech pulled off a 68-63 overtime victory in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament. Senior Alyssa Larson (left) was named first team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference after leading the Saints in points (11.4) and rebounds (6.5) per game this season. Junior Demi Russell earned second team All-WHAC with Peyton Banks receiving a spot on the All-Freshman Team. Named to the WHAC all-academic team were Haley Hoffman, Maria Repichowski, Addyson Tomczak, Clara Waidley and Larson. Larson was also the team's Champions of Character recipient. Tomczak, a junior, and Hoffman, a senior, were also named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. To make the list, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Men: The Saints (17-13) were eliminated from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament as top seed Cornerstone claimed an 84-66 victory. Junior Keith Jordan Jr. was named first team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference after leading the Saints in scoring (17.6) and rebounding (6.4) per game. He also earned a spot on the All-Defensive Team after averaging

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From the Centennial Archives: 1952—Siena Heights Basketball Team.

1.4 blocks per contest. Jordan was also named to the NAIA All-American honorable mention team. Junior DeMarco Dickerson was named second team All-WHAC, while junior Jon Hovermale made the all-academic squad. Junior Kevin Smith was the team's Champions of Character recipient. Hovermale was also named a NAIA Scholar-Athlete. To make the list, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Cheer

The Saints placed fourth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championships. Juniors Cassandra Smith and Samantha Wright were named to the academic all-conference team, with Megan Serin the recipient of the team's Champions of Character award. The Saints had their best showing of the season in placing ninth at the NAIA Northeast Regional.

Dance

The Saints placed third at the NAIA Northeast Regional. Siena Heights (82.19 points) finished only behind St. Ambrose (91.71) and Point Park (88.54). That effort earned them an at-large bid in the 12-team NAIA National Championships in Davenport, Iowa. There, the Saints finished seventh. Jenna Stahl and Sydney Bramlett were each named NAIA All-America honorable mention. Juniors Haleigh Ouellette and Stahl were each named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. To earn the honor, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Bowling

Women: The Saints placed fifth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Aquinas topped the Saints in the semis. Coach Charles Cain was named the WHAC Champions of Character Coach, while Olivia Cabildo and Cassandra Costello were each honored on the WHAC all-academic team. Cabildo was also the recipient of the team's Champions of Character award.

Men: The Saints placed seventh at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Keith Reid was selected as the team's Champions of Character recipient.

Lacrosse



Women: Senior Samantha Pawlowski (left) and sophomore Jenna Sommerville were each named first team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference performers. Pawlowski scored 43 goals and added 10 assists, while Sommerville had 56 goals and nine assists. Katherine Tapia, Alexis Nicole, Kristin Delclos and Mackenzie Fiset were each named to the second team, with Danielle LaPointe, Casey Rappuhn, Natalie Williams, Fiset and Tapia earning spots on the all-academic team. Pawlowski received the team's Champions of Character Award. LaPointe, Fiset and Williams were each named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. To receive the honor, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The Saints finished 8-10 on the



season. After the season, head coach Cindy Hill (left) announced her retirement. She was the program's first coach, building the Saints into a national power as the sport was eventually added to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. She was named the WHAC Coach of the Year in the 2013, 2014 and 2015 seasons. During the 2018 season, the Saints finished 13-5 and made their first appearance in the NAIA Invitational. She served as chair of the WHAC Women's Lacrosse Committee for three years and also served on the NAIA Hall of Fame Committee.

Men: Freshman Jake Gallaher earned a spot on the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team. He led the Saints with 37 goals and 29 assists as well as 81 ground balls. Earning all-academic honors were Nolan Lyons, Nolan Mince

and Parker Richards, with Alex Gilbert receiving the team's Champions of Character Award. Lyons and Richards were each named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. To receive the honor, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The Saints finished 7-7 on the season.

Golf

Women: The Saints finished fourth at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Dakota Spears finished in eighth place overall with a 238, with Madisyn Reed 11th (244) and Amy Nordstrom 19th (252). Reed, a junior, garnered a spot on the all-conference second team, while Gabby Anderson, Allison Barron, Nordstrom and Reed earned spots on the all-academic team. Nordstrom received the team's Champions of Character Award.

Men: The Saints finished eighth in the final team standings of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship. James Monteith finished 19th individually with a two-day total of 232. Aaron Bitz tied for 21st with a 235. Bitz also earned a spot on the conference all-academic team and received the team's Champions of Character Award.

Outdoor Track and Field

Women: The Saints won six events en route to a second place finish at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Delaney Stersic broke the conference record by winning the 400 in a time of 56.37. Also winning events were Asia Gardner in the 100 (12.06), Haley Hudson in the shot put (46 feet, 6.75 inches), Tina Miller in the discus (131-2), Rachel O'Neill in the hammer throw (160-7), and Jaymz Gibson in the javelin (113-4). Earning seconds were Kierra Rice in the 100 hurdles, the 4x100 relay of Madisyn Kleinschmit, Mildraae Young-Brooks, Emily Hill and Gardner, the 4x400 relay of Young-Brooks, Casie Nadasky, Gardner and Stersic, Courtney Taylor in the hammer throw and Christine Tylutki in the javelin. The Saints also finished seventh as a team at the NAIA Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala.



Hudson (left) completed her collegiate career by finishing second in the shot put. Her All-American effort of 49 feet, 8.25 inches set a new school record as well as a U.S. Paralympics record for the hearing impaired. Others earning All-American honors were Julia Forbes in the long jump (19-4.75, third), Rice in the 100 hurdles (third, 14.02), Young-Brooks in the 100 hurdles (fourth, 14.02), the 4x100 relay of Kleinschmit, Gardner, Young-Brooks and Forbes (fourth, 46.43) and O'Neill in the hammer throw (eighth, 165-10). The Saints had five student-athletes named NAIA Scholar-Athletes, including Hill, Hudson, Gibson, Michayla Miller and O'Neill. To make the list, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Men: The Saints placed second at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Keith Jordan was named the Most Outstanding Performance after winning the high jump in a school record effort of 7 feet, .75 inches. Also taking firsts were Brent Rodden in the 800 (1:52.56), the 4x800 relay of William Jackson, Jareb Duggan, Rodden and Jordan Parkinson (7:48.47), Robert Drew in the discus (166-8) and Zachary Kunst in the hammer throw (168-11). Earning second were Drew in the shot put, Kunst in the discus, the 4x400 relay of Naythan Haslam, Garret Young, Rodden and Robert Milton and Rees Nemeth in the pole vault. Tim Bauer was named the WHAC's Champions of Character Coach. The Saints had five student-athletes earn NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors, including Austin Siterlet, Rodden, Young, Matt Lentine and Michael March. To make the list, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

From the Reflections Archives—Spring 1973.

New Athletic Director

Siena Heights College, which has decided to install an intercollegiate athletic program has announced that they have signed Madison High School's Harvey Jackson to a contract as Athletic Director.

Jackson will begin working on his responsibilities immediately but will not officially take over the position until his contract runs out on June 8th with Madison for the 1972-73 school year.

The likeable Jackson commented, "I regret leaving Madison, but I felt that it was a move upward and I hope everyone will understand. It has been a pleasure to be part of Madison during the past two years. I have found many warm friendships that I will never lose at Madison. I hope that I have done a small part in building their athletic program towards greater heights."

Jackson will have a number of duties to perform as Athletic Director at Siena Heights. He will coach cross country and wrestling, and will be in charge of golf, baseball and tennis, three other programs that the college has

decided to participate in on an intercollegiate basis. As soon as facilities can be made available basketball is also expected to become part of the intercollegiate program offered at Siena Heights. Other duties will be scheduling of all athletic events, supervising intramurals and physical education classes and recruiting of athletic students to Siena Heights.

Public Relations Director at Siena Heights, Tom Emmet, commented, "We feel very fortunate to get someone like Harvey into our program. He has one thing in his favor. There has never been an Athletic Director at Siena Heights since the school began in 1919, and Harvey will have no pressure of performing as well as someone else. In other words, he has only one way to go — and that is up. Harvey will be starting from scratch just like our program, and as the program grows and matures, I'm sure he will too."

Jackson graduated from Adrian High School in 1964 and immediately enrolled at Adrian College where he received a BA in physical education in 1968. He

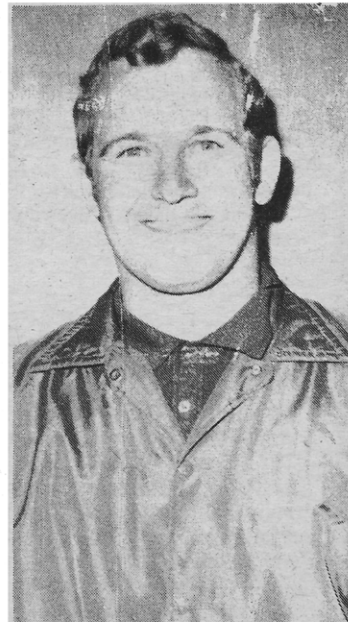
began teaching the following fall at Onsted where he coached wrestling, football and track. Three years later he left to accept a position at Madison where he coached wrestling and football.

When asked about his new job he explained, "I'm just elated by the opportunity. One thing that has really impressed me is the help I have gotten from Dr. Thompson, Tom Emmet and Betty Flaherty and the rest of the staff at Siena."

A number of things are in the fire that could benefit the upcoming athletic program at Siena Heights, including the possible purchase of Adrian Catholic Central, a working agreement with the WMCA and a proposal that has been put forth to build a new athletic complex just west of the college.

Jim Hartley, Athletic Director at Madison, commented, "We hate to see Harvey go. He has made a lasting impression on many people, both students, faculty and parents during his two years at Madison, but it is an opportunity which we are happy to see him get and wish him the best of luck and success at it."

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Harvey Jackson, Siena's first athletic director



The very first Siena Heights Baseball Team called The Cannonballers. Their first game was against Adrian College on April 23, 1973.

Lasting Legacy

After More than 42 Years, Fred Smith Leaves an Indelible Mark on SHU Athletics

By Doug Goodnough

In more than 30 years of coaching, Fred Smith never needed to use a whistle.

His booming voice, commanding personality and imposing 6-foot, 5-inch frame were more than enough to get the attention of his student-athletes, coaches, referees and anyone else within earshot.

After more than 42 years representing Siena Heights University Athletics as a coach and administrator—including the last 36 as athletic director—Fred Smith retired on June 30, 2019.

That means it will be a little quieter on the Siena Heights University campus.

But his indelible legacy will not be silenced.

His 21-year men's basketball head coaching career included 527 wins, the most in the institution's history. During his tenure, Siena Heights was one of the winningest small-school programs in the country. The Saints recorded five 30-win seasons, 12 appearances in the NAIA National Tournament and eight WHAC titles. His 1996-97 squad finished as the NAIA Division II national runners-up, losing the title game to Bethel College 95-94.

After being named WHAC Coach of the Year four times, and the NAIA Regional Coach of the Year in 1989, Smith was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2006. He is the only Siena Heights coach or student-athlete to receive the honor.



The 65-year-old Smith has also overseen unprecedented growth in the SHU athletic department. He was on campus as Siena Heights was just beginning intercollegiate athletics. And he helped usher in a new era of cutting-edge sports to campus, including football, bowling, lacrosse, competitive cheer and dance, and most recently, eSports. Siena Heights currently has some of the finest athletic facilities for an institution its size in the Midwest region.

After being named athletic director in 1983, he was instrumental in the formation of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference—of which Siena Heights is a founding member. He was twice named the WHAC Athletic Director of the Year. In fact, the WHAC renamed its all-sports award the Fred Smith All-Sports Trophy for his contributions to the conference.

In an unprecedented move, the University will honor Smith by being the lone inductee into the SHU Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend 2019, which is also the University's 100th Anniversary.

Learning on the Job

Smith, an Adrian native who grew up a short distance from the SHU campus



and was educated by the Adrian Dominican Sisters at St. Joseph Academy, decided on a different path after he graduated (left) from Adrian High School.

After a short stint at Northwood University, Smith transferred to Adrian College, where he played basketball and earned his bachelor's degree.

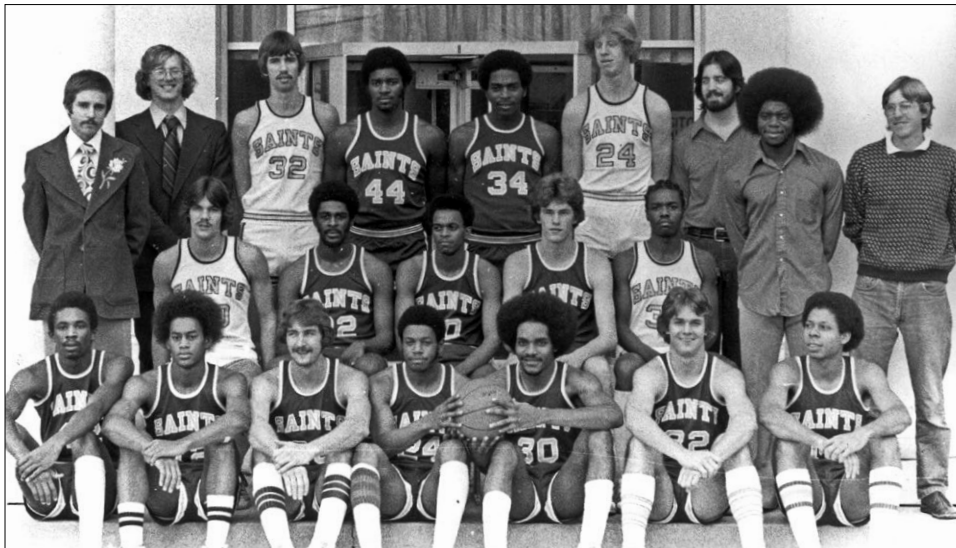
"I just didn't know what I wanted to do," said Smith, who got married two weeks after college graduation and immediately started work in his family's nursery business. "I wanted to coach somehow, but didn't know how to go about doing it."

He eventually heard about an open position in the Siena Heights Admissions Office, and decided to apply. On July 19, 1976, he signed his Siena Heights contract, agreeing to an annual salary of \$8,000 per year.

"God bless, they put up with me," said Smith, who admitted he was very inexperienced coming into the position. "I learned on the job."

A year or so later, his coaching wish came true, taking on the additional duties of Siena Heights head golf coach and assistant basketball coach.

"I thought I had the best job in the world," he said.



From the Centennial Archives: 1978—Assistant Coach Fred Smith and Head Coach Ben Braun (upper left) with the men's basketball team in front of Ledwidge Hall. Also above as a player (second row, fifth from left) is current Golf Coach and former Assistant Basketball Coach under Smith, Al Sandifer.

The Building Years

In the early years of Siena Heights' intercollegiate athletics, Steve Balyo was the athletic director as well as the men's basketball, baseball and cross country coach. When he left in the summer of 1977, the college approached Smith about becoming the men's head basketball coach. He declined.

"I'm a kid. I can't do it," Smith remembered at the time.

New Athletic Director Orby Moss then called up a young Wisconsin high school basketball coach and offered him the job. Ben Braun was only a year older than Smith, but accepted the job. Braun and Smith, who stayed on as an assistant, became a dynamic duo in building Siena's fledgling men's basketball program.

"Ben was a tireless worker," said Smith of his mentor, who went on to coach at NCAA Division I schools Eastern Michigan, California and Rice. "He could get it out of you. We worked all the time. We were all over recruiting. Everywhere."

Braun brought a breakneck style of basketball that featured full-court pressure and intense man-to-man defense that appealed to Smith.

"We grew together as coaches," Smith said of Braun. "We knew that with the athletes we had, we had to press, run

and guard people. Ben could get inside your head, and he would drive you. He taught me how to work, how to organize, and that players win."

Smith was given control of the junior varsity basketball program, where he spent the next five or six years honing his head coaching skills.

"That taught me how to coach," Smith said.

Of course, he also led the cross country and golf teams to championships. In fact, his 1983 cross country team became the first Siena Heights program to qualify for the NAIA nationals. Those experiences prepared him for a much larger role within the Siena Heights athletic program.

'Blue-collar Institution'

In 1983, the athletic director position became available, and Smith decided to apply.

Smith served as interim athletic director for a time in 1978 to bridge a gap, and used that experience in making a jump to a college athletic director.

"I was ready because I knew athletics," said Smith, who also credited his Siena Heights master's degree in counseling. "It was my life. I learned it was about handling people. I knew the faculty. It was about communicating, how to treat people and how to be organized."

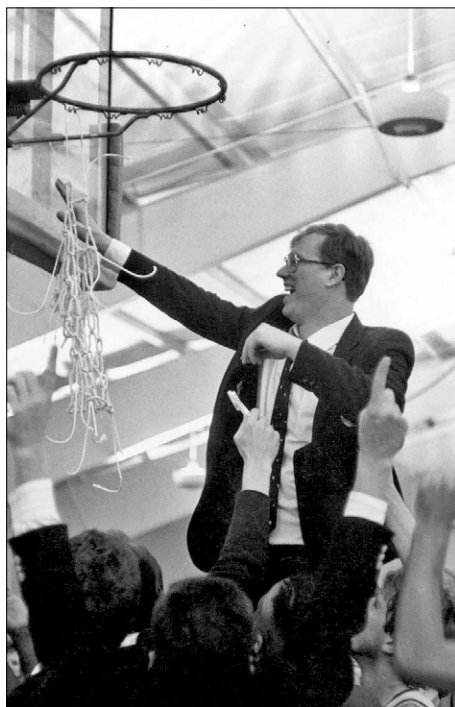


It also created a bit of an awkward situation: Smith was now Braun's boss—while still serving as an assistant men's basketball coach. When Braun left Siena after the 1985 season to take the men's basketball job at Eastern Michigan, Smith stepped into the head coaching role at Siena.

"I was ready," Smith said. "We knew what we needed to do. We needed to build the program from the ground up. We needed to have kids who were going to be eligible. And we needed the trust of the faculty."

Smith said he put an emphasis on recruiting in areas like Detroit, selling his up-tempo, high-intensity style of basketball to recruits. He also put a strong emphasis on developing a junior varsity program, which not only allowed student-athletes to develop on the court at their own pace, but also adjust to the academic demands that needed to be met.

"Freshmen did not play on varsity unless they were eligible," Smith said. "(We wanted) kids who would thrive at a place like Siena. ... You have to make them earn their way into the program."



Above: Fred cuts down the net signifying one of many conference championships in his career.



You have to be there for them, not in a way where you're enabling them, but teaching them to be a man. That's really what we did."

And when the Saints started winning championships, the program drew a crowd. In fact, the Fieldhouse routinely drew standing-room-only crowds as Smith's teams routinely vied for conference championships.

"The community really embraced Siena Heights, and not just basketball," Smith said of the era of the 1980s and 1990s. "At Siena, we became a blue-collar institution right from the get-go. We loved to be the underdogs. ... We were the community's school."

The Saints captured three consecutive conference all-sports trophies in the 1990s, and the men's basketball program led the way. The 1996-97 team went all the way to the NAIA national championship game against top-ranked Bethel (Ind.). In a heartbreaking ending in Boise, Idaho, a potential game-winning layup rolled around the rim and out as time expired, giving Bethel a one-point victory.

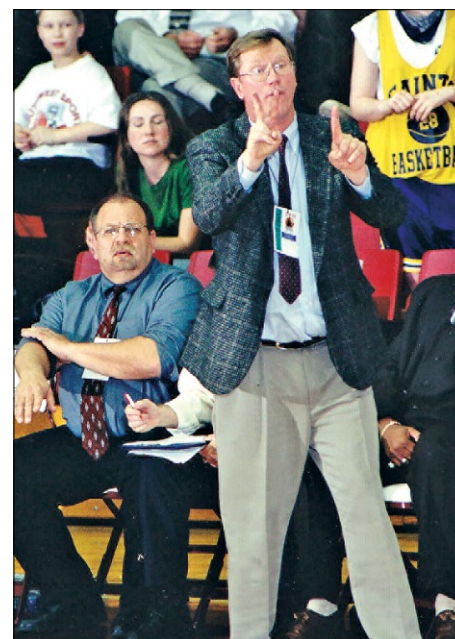
"It was hard because we lost," Smith said of his best chance at winning a national championship. "It hurt. But I was more worried about the kids. You think you're always going to be back and get a chance to do it again. We were close, but we never did it again."

Man on Fire

Despite not winning an elusive national championship, a championship mentality was established.

"Championship teams don't happen to you. You have to deserve them," Smith said. "To build championships, you have to have those great intangibles. You have to have great loyalty, a combination of fundamentals, certainly good players, belief in each other and a family atmosphere."

Smith's coaching legacy is secure. His numerous championship trophies and accolades that fill nearly every inch of his office are the visible proof of the impact he had on his players, colleagues and the Siena community.



To say Smith's coaching style was "fiery" is probably an understatement. The intensity and passion he was known for as a coach has evolved over the years, and Smith admits that in his younger days he sometimes had a difficult time harnessing his competitive nature.

"I grew up a poor sport," Smith said. "What I mean by that, is that I wanted to win. Sports meant more to me than anything. We played to win. ... We demanded that our kids play hard and to compete. I was loud, that was my problem. But I think I yelled more in the games that didn't mean anything because I see so many times that teams aren't ready to play. I knew I pushed the envelope. ... Did I realize that I was a little wacky? Yes. It's a sickness."

However, as an athletic director, Smith used his vast interpersonal skills and passion for Siena Heights to recruit, hire—and keep—coaches who were like-minded. Current golf coach Al Sandifer was Smith's right-hand man for years as a basketball assistant, as well as building a championship-level softball program in the 1990s. Former running standout Tim Bauer was installed as the cross country and track and field coach in the 1980s and has become a coaching institution in his own right. They also have become some of his closest friends.

And more recent coaching hires like Scott Oliver (women's soccer) and Sue Syljebeck (women's basketball) have provided a sustained excellence and continuity that are the envy of many other small college programs.



Above: Fred addresses the crowd in 2011 during the dedication of the new Spencer Athletic Complex. His energy and research were instrumental in bringing football to Siena Heights University.

"I am proud of that," Smith said of his coaching staff. "It's not just winning, it's the people. They really believe in this place. You can see what they got from being in this tremendous environment where you can be yourself."

Getting personal

More than four decades of being a college coach and athletic director does take a toll. Managing a department that had about 250 student-athletes 35 years ago has grown exponentially over the years. The Saints currently field more than 20 men's and women's sports, and there are currently more than 600 student-athletes on the Adrian campus. And being there for all of those coaches and student-athletes can be a daunting task.

"My kids grew up in the gym," Smith said of his four children, who are now grown. "Your kids are with you all of the time. You try to make them a part of it. But you make the important things important. I was close to my kids, but there were a lot of late nights. You just do the best you can."

And when doctors found a mass in his chest in the spring of 1994, Smith had to coach himself through what he called a life-changing event. The mass turned out to be cancer, and 38 radiation and six chemotherapy treatments later, he won the battle. But he was not the same person.



“I think it made me a better person,” said Smith, who continued as a coach and AD through his treatment despite losing 30 pounds. “It made me a more thankful person. It changed my way of thinking. I just brainwashed myself to

try to be more positive and live a more positive life when God gives you a second chance. And I think it helped my coaching because I did realize that when we lost, it wasn’t the worst thing in the world.”

Along with close colleagues on the athletic side, Smith has built strong bonds with others around the University and community. Those bonds are one of the reasons he stayed at Siena Heights.

“I had (coaching) opportunities to leave, but I didn’t,” Smith said. “I love Siena Heights because my best friends were there. And the (Adrian Dominican) Sisters helped me grow up. They were the ones who helped me become a man who has competence, purpose and ethics. It is a special, special place.”

From the Adrian Daily Telegram Archives—July, 1978.

Fred Smith Named To Coach Saints

Fred Smith, former Adrian High School basketball player and Adrian College MVP, has been appointed to the athletic staff at Siena Heights College.

His duties will include being golf coach, assistant basketball coach as well as aiding with the recruiting.

“Fred has been helping us all year long and we were hoping to get him on the staff,” Siena Heights athletic director Orby Moss said. “Fred knows the community, the county and the state and has been a tremendous help in recruiting this past year.”

Smith has been employed at the school for the past year, but as an admissions counselor rather than with the athletic department.

Though he wasn’t employed with the athletic department Smith did work with the department and is happy that he will now be able to spend more time in athletics.

“I’m pleased that I’m getting the job officially. I was working as an admissions representative and coaching also and it was just too much,” Smith said.

“I’m lucky to be part of something that’s growing,” Smith concluded.

Smith’s presence will be felt by varsity basketball coach Ben Braun.

“Fred’s experience and knowledge of pivot play and board work will prove invaluable to our rebuilding program. We have signed a number of big men and I know Fred is looking forward to the challenge of working with them,” Braun said.

Smith was MVP for both his high school basketball team and at Adrian College.



FRED SMITH

What’s next?

Smith knew it was time to give up coaching in 2006 so he could focus on growing the Siena Heights athletic program. Now, he knows it’s time for him to step back as a full-time athletic director as he moves into the next chapter of his life.

“I’m proud of our players and the many friends that I’ve made,” he said. “Seeing what we’ve done in athletics, I’ve always believed that coaches and ADs are like quarterbacks: they get too much credit and get too much blame. To see now what it means to our community and what the Siena way is and the Dominican way is, and to be a part of that, means a lot.”

Smith will continue to assist athletics and the University in a limited role over the next few months to help in the transition. Beginning July 1, current Associate Athletic Director and head women’s basketball coach Sue Syljebeck will become the interim athletic director until the University makes a decision on the long-term future of the position.

He said he is ready for the next challenge.

“I’m going to miss it, but I want to be around,” said Smith, who plans on increasing his time on the golf course, as well as traveling, enjoying his grandchildren and attending University of Michigan football games. “I had the greatest job in the world, to impact young peoples’ lives. I would have done this for nothing.” ♦

Van Horn has ‘Great Integrity’ As a Priest, Artist, Teacher

He always knew he would have three identities - priest, teacher, and artist. As a priest he places God above all else. As a teacher he tries to provide the best setting for the nurturing of creative minds. As an artist he believes knowing yourself is a prerequisite of creativity.

Siena Heights College recently recognized his success in each of these roles, when David Van Horn, C.P.P.S. received the college's Outstanding Teacher Award for 1982. In recognition of Siena's commitment to excellence in teaching, this award is presented annually to a faculty member considered to be outstanding by the faculty, staff, and students of Siena.



David Van Horn's flute can often be heard around Studio Angelico.

“David is the epitome of excellence in teaching,” states Sr. Eileen Rice, O.P., (Sr. Philip Denise), chairperson of the Communication Arts and Education Division at Siena. “He cares about what he is teaching and about whether his students learn what he teaches. This patience for the teaching/learning process is as important as what he teaches.”

Van Horn, an associate professor of art at Siena, comments on the importance of patience in teaching: “You must have both patience and understanding of the creative process. Creativity can not be taught, but the process can be killed if it is not treated properly.”

Van Horn's teaching style is valued by both students and faculty at Siena. “He draws answers out of you by making you think,” states Michelle Turk of Jackson, a senior majoring in art who has taken numerous courses from him.

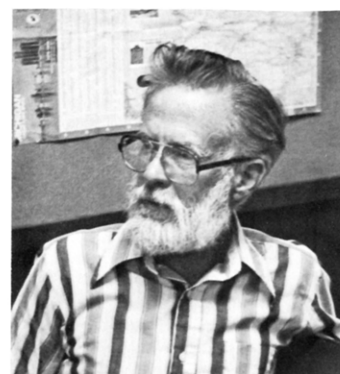
“He conducts his art history classes like an orchestra,” suggests Mary Griffin, assistant professor of education and child development. “He makes everything alive and vibrant as he blends art history with the math, music, economics, politics, and human conditions of the historical period he's discussing.”

Van Horn explains why he blends all these facets together: “Art is a product of the historical and economic times, not of an ivory tower environment.”

If it weren't for the graying of his hair and beard, you would not be able to distinguish Van Horn from his students. His corduroy pants, plaid shirts, wind-swept hair, and the flute under his arm do not reveal he is a priest, either. “The religious order I joined, Society of the Precious Blood, Sanguinist Fathers, has no dress code or vows,” he explains. “That was important to me at the time I joined.”

But his youthful dress does not make him any less of a priest. Throughout his career as teacher and artist Van Horn has performed many of his former students' weddings, baptized their children, and currently serves as a pastor at Adrian College on weekends.

Although his life is primarily as a teacher and priest, Van Horn is an artist, also. He has a master's degree in fine arts from Chicago Art Institute, and he attended the Art Institute in Faenza, Ita-



David Van Horn, C.P.P.S.

ly on a Fulbright Scholarship. “There was a brilliant and dedicated art professor in Faenza, whom I consider to be the fourth person of the Trinity,” he quips. “He shared his knowledge with me and was an outstanding contributor to my art education.”

The sharing of ideas is an important purpose of Van Horn's life. Although he is not a member of the Adrian Dominican Congregation, the Catholic religious order that founded Siena Heights College, he believes in the Dominican motto. “Their motto: ‘To study and give others the fruit of their study’ is the most brilliantly and succinctly stated of all religious orders,” he contends. “I believe in that intellectual ideal.”

Van Horn not only lives out that motto by giving Siena students the fruit of his art study, he also teaches Italian to Siena students planning to study abroad. In addition, he studies and lectures on the architecture and art history of Adrian.

“Adrian has more Italianate architecture than any other town in the United States,” he states. “The court house and the old library are two examples of the strong Italian influence here. And there is Italianate villa after villa throughout the town.”

The Outstanding Teacher Award recently presented to Van Horn is one of several awards he has received for his excellence in teaching at Siena. In 1972 he received a national award as an outstanding educator, and in 1975 he received Siena's Most Effective Teacher Award.

“David is a man of great integrity. He is deeply committed to his priesthood, as well as the mission of Siena Heights College,” states Jeannine Klemm, O.P. professor of art and chairperson of the Art Division. “His compassion for students is governed by justice and mercy. David is a cherished friend to all of us. He is golden.”

One on One With . . .

Editor's Note: Norm Bukwaz is the assistant to the Dean for the Graduate and Professional Programs and Director of the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree Program for more than 45 years. He will be honored with the Honorary Alumni Award during Homecoming Weekend 2019. Reflections Magazine sat down with him to discuss his distinguished career at Siena Heights.

How did you first come to Siena Heights?

I decided that I wanted to come back to Michigan. I was in Illinois, and had taken a one year appointment. Siena Heights had an opening and at the time I thought I was going to be forever after a sociology professor. I came to Siena in the fall of 1974 and taught one year in the sociology department. And I also coordinated the internship programs for the whole division of the Social Sciences and the Humanities. That connected me to administrators that forever after changed the types of things I did for Siena.

How did you go from a sociology professor to what you are doing now?

It's an interesting question. Nobody plans on administering off-campus programs. When I got involved with the internship program, I became fairly close (with the director of cooperative education). Well he was leaving ... so I decided when I asked 'Do you want to administer that for a year?' and build that into the role... I was asked if I could possibly build that into the role because that involved a connection with a Detroit school called RETS electronic school. ... Before long the university continued to do thinking about reaching out into the larger community. In 1975-76 I started working with taking courses to the Metro Detroit area. We originally offered courses at a number of corporate sites. That was a result of our being asked by students who were driving 70 or 80 miles to Adrian to take an evening course. (They asked) what if you were able to get a bunch of students, would you be willing to bring classes to us? That was sort of the beginning of that.

What change did former President Hugh Thompson bring to Siena Heights?

I didn't report directly to Dr. Thompson, but I worked reasonably closely with him from time to time on projects. He came at a time when the school was struggling financially. There were questions about where it ought to go. The prior president, Sister Petronilla, had really already opened up some thinking about coeducation, reaching



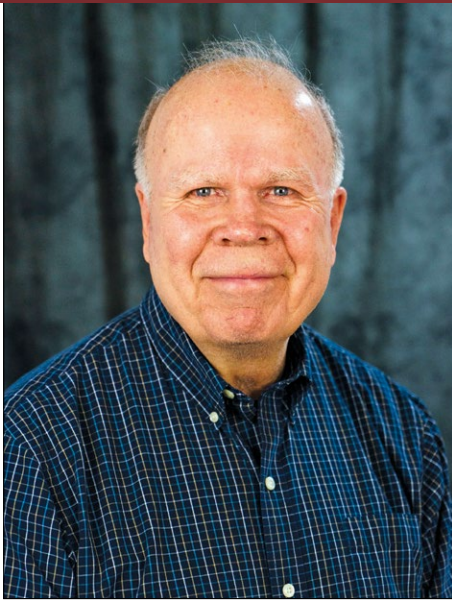
From the Centennial Archives: 1977—Norm counsels an adult student at the new Metro Detroit location.

into the community. But Dr. Thompson came and he had a vision that Siena Heights needed to move from where it was as a historically women's private college to a college that met the needs of today and Lenawee County. ... Things I would attribute to Dr. Thompson, most of which are still relevant, (are) the off-campus programs developed during that time. The Bachelor of Applied Science (degree), which has become one of the dominant programs of the institution, was developed at that time. The coeducational dimension of the institution greatly increased, reaching out to the community with the commuter programs. Dr. Thompson quickly got the idea (because) there was talk that maybe Lenawee County needed a community college. ... To ward that off, he felt that we probably needed to serve the community and offer some of the kinds of programs that community colleges would be offering. He actually came up with 12 to 14 associate degree programs. Some are still around as bachelor's programs. ... He changed a lot of things and he changed them quickly. He had a very strong emphasis on career education. He envisioned Siena having a great business program. In his vision of growing the school and the enrollment, he wanted males to be a part of the picture. ... In the summer of 1974, they were just starting the program in criminal justice. ... That fall we had 35 local and regional police officers taking classes at Siena Heights. There was a lot of career-oriented, practical things that Dr.

Thompson was thinking about. ... And certainly the addition of intercollegiate athletics was something that was going to bring males to the institution. ... He was sort of a no-nonsense (leader). He had been a coach. He had a business-type approach. He looked closely at all the data. ... If you look in retrospect, he had a very significant impact. Yes, he rubbed some people the wrong way. He might have been a little more sensitive in some areas. He had some very good aspects and some things we didn't appreciate so much.

What exactly is the Bachelor of Science Degree? How can you explain it?

The problem with the short answer is that it takes more than a short answer. The best way to look at the Bachelor of Applied Science, is to think of the two kinds of students at community colleges that want to go on for a bachelor's degree. That's what all schools know, is the two plus two. You go two years to the community college, and then you go on to some university to do the third and fourth years, where you get the major. The whole other world of the community college are the occupational, or AAS degree programs that prepare people for a career. ... You've got all of these people completing technical degrees entering the workforce being pretty talented people as time goes on. But the programs that they took are called the non-transfer programs. We learned quickly through a variety of connections that we



Norm Bukwaz

had, we learned that they had very important transfer needs. And the emergence in the mid-70s of the Bachelor of Science Degree probably best could be seen as a program that was going to meet the needs of practicing professionals in a variety of technical, allied health, public safety and specialized occupational areas. Those people didn't have the greatest transfer options, because the mentality of four-year institutions is if you're going to transfer, plan for it. Do two years at the community college, fine, and then you come to us, take the courses prescribed, and then you get your four-year degree. Well, AAS graduates through our BAS program were able to meet the transfer needs that they had, which ordinarily emerged after they completed their applied technical program, became practicing professionals, were highly successful and began to see opportunities for promotion. But they were hearing, 'You need a bachelor's degree.' So we developed a program that met those needs and done very, very well with it and we've been very proud of it historically.

How did the community college partnerships develop?

Because we were taking classes to Metro Detroit, we ended up with the conclusion, once we had a grant, that we would open a permanent center there. So we began to develop relationships with community colleges once we opened a permanent center in Metro Detroit. At the same time, in the 1976-77 period, Dr. Thompson had a relationship with Dr. Molter, who was the chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. Hugh thought we could bring a program here and partner with Lourdes Junior College. ... Because there was sort of a void in upper level Catholic higher education in north-west Ohio, we were able to develop that partnership. That went reasonably well and lasted from 1977 to 1985. ... The community college partnership concept really came about, I can remember exactly, in 1982. Jim Ebben, who was the dean of the college at the time, and he got the letter and

it was a request from Lake Michigan College inviting schools who had some experience serving working adults if they would be interested in considering bringing a program designed for working adults to the campus to be offered in its entirety on the Lake Michigan College campus. ... We were one of six schools who responded and said we were interested. ... Quite frankly, we were the only ones they considered. ... I hired Deb Carter to be the first director. We hired her on a half-time basis. Deb succeeded me as the dean of the College for Professional Studies and she had a wonderful career there. I think the important thing with the Lake Michigan program, is that it worked so well, that we sort of took that as a prototype program. It wasn't too long that we had options and replicated that at Monroe County Community College, then at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, and then at Lansing Community, then at Jackson Community College and so on. ... The concept of bachelor's degree completion is really what was much more applicable than the traditional two plus two approach.

Talk about the start of online education at Siena Heights.

As time went on, and as we moved into the late 1990s, our chief administrative officer in the metro Detroit program, Steve Goddard, was for sure the driving force. He said, 'We need to get to online education.' Metro Detroit was always sort of the innovative center. We took courses to Maryland, to California. We worked off of Metro Detroit. That's where we did the innovative, shorter term courses. The eight-week format and other kinds of things. So we were used to sort of working from the Metro Detroit base to try some other kinds of things. Steve pushed me, and we talked with Dr. (Rick) Artman, who was president at the time. ... We talked long and hard about it, and how's this online going to work? ... We had connected with eCollege. ... Sister Pat McDonald said we might want to look at them as a platform for our online learning. We made that connection. The early online (program), we wanted to be somewhat cautious. So we did blended online (classes). Our experience was, students quickly told us, 'We're busy. We're flying all over in our jobs. Totally online makes sense to us.' We got North Central Higher Learning Commission approval to deliver our programs totally online. ... Jim O'Flynn really became our lead faculty for distance learning programs, and he was tremendous. He was innovative and he helped train a whole generation of faculty that followed him. ... And Lori

Timmis did some tremendous work administering the programs in its early days until she became an associate dean.

What impact has the College for Professional Studies had on Siena Heights?

We're out in the hinterlands or cyberspace. The vast majority of the people employed by Siena are involved with operations here in Adrian. So it's always been a challenge. We want them to know what we're doing. Deb (Carter) was real good as we were continuing to grow and emerge in keeping CPS in front of the community. Yet it's one thing to be in front of the community, but it's another thing to know all the details and nuances, which is probably not realistic. We often sort of lament and wish that people had a greater understanding of what we do. But I think people know and see the results. In terms of CPS' impact, we have been a solid financial contributor. Serving adult students, whether it be at the centers or online, you don't have the all of the kinds of expenses, the trap-pings, of a main campus. We need the main campus and the faculty and the team to support us, but historically, for every dollar that we spend in CPS, we bring back two. ... We've been extremely critically important, I believe, in the financial viability (of Siena Heights). Siena Heights has graduated 26,000 students with a bachelor's degree. Thirteen thousand of those have received a degree through the College of Professional Studies. And we started a little later in the game. So one out of every two Siena Heights graduates with a bachelor's degree has graduated from an off-campus program.

What has Siena Heights meant to you?

It will be 45 years that I've been here at the end of this summer. I thought I was going to teach sociology. I never in the world would have dreamed that I was going to be driving all over Michigan setting up off-campus programs and things of that nature. It's given me and given many people here the opportunity to try some things. And if the things sort of fit and were good for you, then you could build a career from that. ... To me, I should be pretty darned appreciative. ... I owe the university a great deal. ... I've been the administrator of the (BAS) program all those years. How did a sociology professor end up administering a program for technical, health care and public safety professionals? In a way I was a missionary. I had to do a lot of selling. I had to work with administrators on community college campuses and organizations, telling them 'We've got a great program.' You go out and tell the story. ♦

The Southfield Center — A Modern Educational Concept

Tucked back in a distinctly middle-class Southfield neighborhood is a one-story brick school building. In the past this building served as a grade school, but today it houses a more modern educational concept.

In that same building, the former Magnolia grade school, where years ago teachers taught penmanship and conducted spelling bees, college professors now teach finance and sociology.

Today, Siena Heights College operates the Southfield Center at this former grammar school. And its educational concept centers on the needs of non-traditional students.

In the middle 1970's Siena Heights College's research found that hundreds of non-traditional students wanted to complete their bachelor's degrees. Since its inception, in 1977, the Southfield Center has been meeting the needs of these adult students in the greater Detroit area.

The Southfield Center offers degree-completion programs by teaching junior and senior college level courses. An individual student may have transfer credit in the form of an associate's degree, a two-year diploma, graduation from an accredited trade school or may have earned a large number of hours of college credit.

Degree-completion programs, like the Southfield Center, are designed to apply credit earned at other institutions toward a four-year degree.

Most of the students who attend the Southfield Center are not the typical college student. In fact, the average age of the Southfield student is 37. Many Southfield Center students have a family, a full-time job, three years of college, and professional training that may be applied toward a degree.

A good example of the type of student attracted to the Southfield Center is Mary Buttery. Mary is manager of the emergency department at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, Michigan. She is a registered nurse having received her nursing diploma from Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo. As a manager in the health care industry, Mary felt the pressure of not having a bachelor's degree and being part of the management team.

"I felt I needed additional training in business and health care management," Mary said. "But I was a full-time employee

who had to attend school at night or on weekends," she said.

This scene is familiar to many adults who feel the need to further their education to brighten their employment status. Like Mary, these people want to utilize their prior educational and professional experience toward a bachelor's degree.

"I wanted a program where I could use my nursing training to pursue a four-year degree. The flexibility of the Southfield Center's programming allowed me to do just that," Mary said.

"The ability of the Southfield Center to take each student as an individual and build a curriculum for him or her is their strong suit. The Southfield Center tailored its curriculum to my specific needs."

The Southfield Center currently enrolls more than 300 students in any given semester. Bachelor's degree-completion programs are offered in business administration, allied health, many trade and industrial areas, and general studies.

As a result of earning their degrees from the Siena Heights College Southfield Center, many graduates have improved their employment status with new jobs, promotions, pay raises, and career changes.

One of those graduates, Jim Anderson, received his bachelor's degree in electronic engineering technology in 1984. While taking classes at the Southfield Center, Jim worked full-time as an instructor for the National Institute of Technology. Now Jim is a supervisor in the Training and Documentation Department of Comau Productivity Systems in Troy.

Anderson said that he was attracted to the Southfield Center because of the class hours and the personal attention he received as a result of small classes.

"The Southfield Center was my only option short of quitting work and going to school full-time," Anderson said. "With personal and professional obligations, and in order to get my degree in the time-frame I wanted, I needed to take classes in the evening or on the weekends. The Southfield Center really fit in nicely with the time I had available for school," he said.

Class structure and the length of the semester are other differences of the Southfield Center's concept. A particular class might meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every other weekend for two months or evening classes will meet one time a week from 6 to

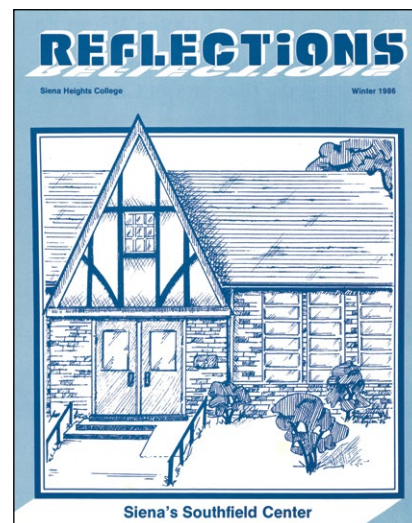
9 p.m. for eight weeks. With classes meeting at various times and frequencies, the Southfield Center is truly designed for the working adult interested in furthering his or her education.

Siena's research also found that people without a bachelor's degree were at a disadvantage when entering the job market. This ever increasing need to obtain a bachelor's degree has dictated how higher education is diversifying to accommodate these re-entering students. The Southfield Center was born to facilitate the re-entry process and direct these students' coursework toward a bachelor's degree.

Bill McDermott, director of the Southfield Center, said, "Siena has been very far sighted. They began serving non-traditional adult students 10 years ago — and serving them well. Now when I hear about other metro area colleges starting programs for this type of student, they in many ways model what we have been doing for a decade."

The transformation of a former grade school into an extension of a traditional college is evidence that institutions of higher learning are becoming more aggressive in marketing their services. The Southfield Center is an example of this.

Extension campuses and degree-completion centers, like the Southfield Center, bring new meaning to the old adage — "You're never too old to learn," or in this case — "You're never too old to return to college, even if college is a former grade school.



Sister Beth is Behind Bars

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If the nuns in the abbey in "The Sound of Music" didn't know what to do about a sister named Maria, they'd give up completely on a sister named Beth.

Sister Beth Butler, O.P., a member of the Adrian Dominican Sisters here, doesn't just climb mountains and sing.

She tells off-color jokes, enjoys German beer, and spends her spare time in prison. Sister Beth is head of the criminal justice department at Siena Heights College here.

She also teaches grade school English to convicts at Southern Michigan Prison, a maximum-security institution in Jackson, and spends summers studying prisons and criminal justice systems in Europe.

Sister Beth said she picked up her jokes - and somewhat salty language — at Jackson and her taste for German beer in Muenchen-Gladbach, West Germany, where she attended the fourth International Seminar on Comparative Criminal Justice last summer.

It's not that Sister Beth is a delinquent Dominican. She takes both her vocation and her profession very seriously.

But she is blessed with a sense of humor that helps her retain an optimism and innocence in a world both protected by the Motherhouse and assaulted by the realities outside.

"I was opening up my office (at Jackson Prison) and there was a guy getting stabbed right beside me," she said matter-of-factly. "You just don't see things like that in a convent."

Sister Beth entered the novitiate in 1953, and spent 18 years in a traditional role teaching in elementary schools in Michigan and Florida.

But the daughter of a Detroit police officer had an interest in criminal justice and in 1963 received an associate degree in criminology from Florida State University and later pursued a master's degree in criminal justice education at Michigan State University.

"I've always said I got my profession from my father and my vocation from my mother. . . . When you live with a cop and a saint, that's what you come up with — a nun who teaches criminal justice."

Theory And Reality Melded

She said the time she spends in prisons helps her "meld theory with reality" in the classroom, although she admits that it desensitizes her to vulgar language "and I sometimes slip up at the convent."

Sister Beth would like to promote change in the U.S. prison systems and sees her students at Siena Heights as a vehicle for change, but sometimes laments that some young people entering college already have fixed ideas on such things as capital punishment and parole.

"Once your mind has been stretched to a new idea, it can never return to its natural shape — but they're not stretching their minds," Sister Beth said. "They don't have to accept my way, but they should at least have an open mind."

If Sister Beth could do it "her way" there probably would be fewer persons in penal institutions.

She said a good police officer should be able to keep most persons out of the prison system both by deterring crime and by referring those in trouble to places where they can be helped, rather than merely punished, through counseling and other mental or physical attention.

German Prisoners Productive

And people who end up in U.S. prisons could spend their time better than they currently do, Sister Beth said.

"One interesting difference between the United States and German prison systems is the extent to which prisoners are engaged in productive activity. In Germany, the prisoners may be contracted to work with private industries (while) American prisoners work strictly for the state."

But Sister Beth said that, despite its many faults, the U.S. prison system is better than any others she's seen, although she believes the United States could learn a few lessons from the British and other European court systems.

Accused persons have so many rights in this country that it takes forever to prosecute a case, Sister Beth said, pointing out that even if one does not consider capital punishment morally wrong, he should consider the expense of the lengthy appeals that usually follow the pronouncement of a death sentence.

Sister Beth's biggest argument for change, however, is simply that the current system doesn't work and that it is better to try something new "instead of propagating old failures."

Sister Beth said she doesn't know when, if ever, she'll see her utopian prison system materialize, but said she's a "lifer" in the religious order and will serve her time working for change.



Sister Beth Butler collects police hats during her summer tours of European prisons. Shown here are her hats from Scotland Yard, Germany, and a London bobby.



SHU FAMILY LEGACIES

With a 100th Anniversary theme of “Legacy,” a Siena Heights education has been a family affair for many over its distinguished history. Reflections Magazine asked alumni to submit their family legacy stories, and the response was fantastic! Over the following pages, learn about how “The Siena Effect” impacted the lives of these families in so many ways.

Chi Family

Legacy names: Margaret Chi '82 (aunt); Jane Chi '82 (aunt); Maurice Chi '84 (nephew); Jacob Chi '85 (nephew).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Maurice Chi—The Chi legacy started with my Aunt Margaret Chi, who received a full scholarship from Siena Heights College in 1948. It was her dream! But because of the civil war in China at the time, she was not able to obtain the passport. Soon after when the country changed its political system and shut off from the world, so did her dream. It was not until 1978, thirty years later, did she finally have the courage to write to Siena Heights College. The sitting president, Dr. Louis Vaccaro, welcomed her not only with her scholarship reinstated, but also granted her sister, my other aunt Jane, a full scholarship. Together they came, and both pursued their Master’s degree in education. They graduated in 1982. Then in 1981 my brother Jacob and I also attended SHC. I completed a

double major in math and CIS with the Outstanding Male Student Award in 1984. Jacob received his B.A. in music a year later. Without the generous financial support from the college, none of these would be possible. We built successful careers thereafter: Jacob held the baton for the Pueblo Symphony and led other orchestras across the continent, and I became an IT professional in corporate Americas like IBM and Thomson Reuters. We are forever grateful to the college for the knowledge, the friendships, the fulfillment, the value of being, the faith to God, and the love from the Dominican Sisters who enlighten us all.

Pictured above: Jacob Chi, Maurice Chi, Margaret Chi and Jane Chi.

Forner Family

Legacy names: Kathryn L. Forner '73; Susan L. Forner '72 (sister); Marlynn (Mimi) Steele '72 (cousin); Kellie (Brogan) Schneider '86 (cousin); Deborah (Forner) Shipman '75 (sister); Andrew C. Forner '06 (son).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Kathryn Forner—Each one of us changed dramatically because of our endearing time at Siena Heights! We all made life-long friendships, grew closer in our spirituality, learned to value ourselves and the importance of spreading justice and unconditional love to people of all ethnic backgrounds. On a personal note, when my son decided to join the Siena ranks in 2001 (we were living in Dallas at the time), I was thrilled at the continuation of our legacy. But Andrew seemed apprehensive at the time. His entire life changed for the better because of his five years at the “shoe” (ha ha)! I saw him grow from a young, insecure boy into a loving, confident and spiritual young man. The comraderie he shared, with both classmates and professors, was astounding. For my sisters and me, our experiences at Siena helped shape our bond of closeness and professional expertise in our careers as teachers. I often time reflect on those years, and always with a warm and nurturing feeling of ‘wholeness’ as to what they meant to me (to all of us!). The cozy ‘homespun atmosphere’ of Siena was an additional plus. The professors (especially Sister John Mary, Sister Pat Schramm, Sister Therese Craig, [former] Sister Trudy McSorley and our beloved chaplain at the time (1970s), Father John Keefer, were so inspiring

and accepting and challenging and unconditional in their love and belief in us. It took us all to new levels of continuing the notion of 'paying it forward.' This is all because of Siena!



Pictured from left: Kathryn Forner, Kellie (Brogan) Schneider, Susan Forner and Deborah (Forner) Shipman at Alumni Weekend 1998.

Lapham Family

Legacy names: Renee Lapham Collins '80; Mary Catherine Lapham '85; Lisa Lapham Heusted '87; Anne Lapham Micol '95AA; John David Lapham '96; Lisa Collins Watterson '16.

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Renee Lapham Collins—My mom, Norma Boxrud Lapham, attended Siena in the early 1950s for art, but did not graduate. She encouraged us to pursue college and we'd go past campus frequently and she'd talk about her time there. Siena was the only school I applied to and the only one I wanted to attend. I graduated from Siena in 1980, my sister, (Mary) Catherine Lapham in 1985, my sister Lisa Lapham Heusted in 1987, and my brother John Lapham in 1996. My sister Anne Lapham Micol finished her associates in chemistry at Siena but then got a job out of state and went elsewhere for her bachelor's. My daughter, Lisa Collins Watterson, started at Siena in the mid-1990s, but only finished her degree about two years ago. Now, her daughter, my granddaughter, Lauren Watterson, is planning to attend Siena in the fall and study nursing.



Pictured from left: Renee Lapham Collins, John Lapham, Anne Lapham Micol, Lisa Lapham Heusted and Mary "Catherine" Lapham.

Kingsley Family

Legacy Names: Mary Ann Werstein Kingsley '74 (Mother); Kateri Kingsley Mocny '96, '02 (daughter); Nicholas Kingsley '02 (son); Annie Kingsley Shaw '08 (daughter).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Kateri Kingsley Mocny—Our family legacy at Siena Heights began in the fall of 1970 when my mom began her freshman year. She loved the close knit community the University provided. Class sizes were small, professors were easily accessible and always ready to assist if needed and were aware and able to identify when help was needed. When I was ready to start off to college I did not want to go far so decided on staying closer to home and was planning on attending Siena for two years and then transfer out. My mind was quickly changed as I also found the Siena community more to my liking and decided to stay and complete my degree there. Also went back there for my Master's degree. My brother and my youngest sister had the same experience as we did and couldn't imagine leaving the Siena "family" and decided to complete their degrees at Siena. Our family is so blessed to have had made so many lasting memories and friendships.



Pictured from left: Annie Kingsley Shaw, Mary Ann Werstein Kingsley, Kateri Kingsley Mocny and Nicholas Kingsley.

Graham Family

Legacy Names: Virginia Fuller Graham '85 (mother); Camille Whitfield '95 (daughter); Eutha Wilson '85 (sister); Cavin Wilson '19 (nephew).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Virginia Fuller Graham—I searched for a school that would accept the education I received from other colleges, because, I was passed over for several promotions at the City of Detroit in nursing due to a lack of advanced education. Siena Heights accepted all of my credits from the colleges and I received my Bachelor of Science degree in 1984. My career excelled and I was promoted as Director of Nurses. I shared my experience with my sister Eutha (Fuller) Wilson. She had hopes to advance her career. She attended and graduated from Siena Heights in 1985 with a Bachelor of

Business Administration. After several promotions she accepted the position of Executive Customer Consultant at DTE Energy.

My daughter Camille (Graham) Whitfield became disappointed with Kentucky State and left. Her Aunt Eutha advised her of the benefits of Siena Heights, transfer of credits, flexible schedules and their supportive staff. Camille attended and graduated from Siena Heights in 1995 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and is currently a Medical Buyer for Beaumont. My nephew, Cavin Wilson, (Eutha's son) transferred his credits and also received credit for Lifelong learning. He is a Planner at DTE Energy, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Industrial Science and will graduate from Siena Heights in August 2019. We are all grateful for the credits Siena Heights accepted from the many colleges we previously attended and obtained our bachelor's degrees that made a difference in our careers which allowed us to pursue our dream.



Pictured from left: Virginia Graham, Camille Whitfield, Eutha Wilson and Cavin Wilson.

Fox Family

Legacy Names: Robert Curtis Fox '88 (father); Diane Porretta Fox '89 (mother); Patrick Robert Fox '07 (son).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Diane Porretta Fox—Father, mother and son Siena Heights University graduates launched their careers in their chosen professions. Robert Curtis Fox '88 was the first to graduate with a BA in general studies, followed by his wife Diane Porretta Fox '89 with the same BA degree. Then their son, Patrick Robert Fox '07, who graduated with a BAS in public safety studies. SHU created the ethics, people centered, and commitment to excellence foundation for the professions chosen by these family members. Robert has excelled as a Real Estate Broker recently achieving the 2019 "Realtor of the Year" award and past "Golden Rule" recipient. Bob has a generous commitment to community service including Board member of Lenawee Habitat for Humanity, Lenawee Economic Development. Bob is also a member of Lenawee County Association of Realtors, Chair

of Tecumseh City Planning Commission, and Chair of Tecumseh DDA. Diane has developed a life-long learning philosophy with University of Michigan BS in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude) in 1997, Eastern Michigan University (MSN) in 2003 and Educational Leadership Doctorate (EdD) in 2015. Dr. Diane Porretta Fox, Associate Professor Nursing at EMU, has published scholarly journal articles, presented research and scholarly work at numerous international conferences and is Eta Rho Sigma Vice President. Dr. Fox received the Thank-a-Teacher Award, and recently created the online Introduction to Interprofessional Education at EMU. Patrick has excelled in law enforcement with several promotions. He is also a CYO football coach. Patrick and his wife, Melissa, have four children who may continue the Fox SHU Legacy.



Pictured from left: Robert Curtis Fox, Diane Porretta Fox and Patrick Robert Fox.

Marowelli Family

Legacy names: Donna Marowelli '12, '14MA (mother); Tayleen Theisen '14 (daughter); Koby Marowelli '14 (father).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Tayleen Theisen—Attending Siena Heights gave my family a memory that we will cherish forever. May 2014 was the year my mother, father and I walked across the field house stage and received our diplomas together. My twin sister, Tenille also graduated in 2014 from Spring Arbor University. I am so proud of the legacy and the accomplishments we achieved as a family.



Pictured from left: Koby Marowelli, Tayleen Theisen, Tenille Marowelli and Donna Marowelli.

Kremer Family

Legacy names: Marilyn Kremer (mother); Kelly Whitman Parkinson '95 (daughter); Jordan Parkinson '21 (grandson).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Marilyn Kremer—What is a legacy? Webster defines it as a gift by will; a bequest, or as something received from the past as an ancestor or predecessor. For our three generations it is also a continuation of the spirit of a life taken all too soon. My daughter, Kelly Whitman Parkinson, graduated from Siena in 1995, while I was still attending as a graduate student. She went on to get her master's degree in sports medicine and returned to Siena two years later to fulfill her internship requirement, working for the summer as an athletic trainer. She then married and in December of 1998 had her son, Jordan Parkinson. Two months later her life was cut short by a fatal car accident on a very foggy morning while on her way to work. While an undergrad at Siena, Kelly was one of Coach Bauer's track students, specializing in the heptathlon events, and subsequently qualifying for and attending nationals her junior and senior years. Eighteen years later her son, Jordan, was accepted as the third generation to attend SHU. Jordan is also a track stand-out for Siena, also running for the same Coach Bauer that coached his mother. And as I write this, he is boarding the bus to travel to track nationals in Alabama. Jordan's talent is in running and he is a part of the 4x800 relay team. Our three-generation legacy SHU family – grandmother, mother, grandson – is an unbroken line that is yet unfinished as Jordan has only reached his half-way mark as a Saint. That line is keeping Kelly's spirit still alive at SHU. And she'd be proud.



Pictured from left: Marilyn Kremer and Kelly Parkinson.

Vaccaro Family

Legacy names: Michelle Vaccaro '86 (daughter); Frances Vaccaro Lewis '84 (daughter); Victoria (Theisen) Vaccaro '82 (daughter); Dr. Lou Vaccaro (father, former SHU President, '16 Hon.)

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Michelle Vaccaro—My two older sisters and I attended and graduated from Siena Heights College in the early 80s. We have each followed different career paths; Vicki in the nursing field, Fran in law and myself in counseling and teaching. We each were impacted by the talents and wisdom of the Dominican sisters, faculty, staff and many friends during our time there. All three of us participated in the study abroad program in Florence Italy run by Sr. Agnes and Fr. Van Horn of the Art Department. This experience helped us grow and learn in many ways beyond academics and gave us a better sense of Siena's history and mission.



Pictured from left: Fran Lewis and Michelle Vaccaro.

Howard Family

Legacy names: Thomas Howard '94AA, '96, '06MA (father); Pam Howard '96AA, '06 (mother); Jason Williams '08, '12MA (son); Kristin Silberhorn '11AA, '12 (daughter).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Pam Howard—Siena has been an integral part of our lives for many years. Continuing the family legacy at SHU is our youngest daughter, Nicole, who is presently taking courses while completing her high school education.



Pictured from left: Thomas Howard (son of Robert Howard, SHU treasurer from 1977-95), Pamela Howard, Jason Williams and Kristin Silberhorn.

Cochran Family

Legacy names: Lynn (Gaylord) Harrison '81 (first cousin), Lisa (Shegos) Cochran '89 (first cousin), Maria Hernandez '19 (daughter of Lisa).

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Lisa Cochran—My cousin Lynn attended Siena for Fashion Merchandising and that was the field I also wanted to pursue. The experience she had sounded so great and I visited her at Siena and knew it was for me also. A quote from Lynn ... "Siena was the best! Great memories. I cried all the way back to Jackson, after graduation"... I attended Siena fall of 1984, and graduated in 1989, leaving with so many memories, great friends and more love for the campus. When my daughter Maria was looking into what college she wanted to attend, she'd heard all about it from us and then loved Siena herself after visiting the campus. Maria graduated this May 2019.



Pictured from left: Lynn (Gaylord) Harrison and Lisa (Shegos) Cochran.

Garno Family

Legacy names: Amy (Garno) Anderson (sister) '12, '13, '17MA (sister); Dan Garno '06MA, '08 Spec. (brother); Mary (Garno) Gano '16 (sister); Brittaneer Toth (Mary's daughter) '17.

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Amy Anderson—Siena Heights is a strong liberal arts University that has helped our family develop our skills and talents and be active members in our community. Our mother, Bev Garno, was the first in our family to go to Siena Heights in 1959 to study English shortly after she and our dad, Ken, were married. They then started growing their large family and ended up with 15. They enrolled many of us kids in music, art, and drama at Siena Heights throughout the years. They strongly believed the arts helped us develop our minds to think creatively and critically in all areas of life. As young adults we were still encouraged to enroll in Siena Heights. Our mom often said, "Siena Heights is an extension of our family!" Amy, Dan, and Mary, numbers four, six, and nine in the Garno family took classes years ago in the classroom and returned to take classes online as well as classroom classes. Brittaneer Toth, Mary's oldest

child, took mostly classroom classes. Amy earned a BA in Art with a minor in Psychology in 2012, a BFA in Art in 2013, and a MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in 2017. Dan earned a MA in Organizational Leadership in 2006 and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership in 2008. Mary earned a BS in Health Studies with a minor in Health Care Management in 2016. Brittaneer earned a BS in Business with a minor in Spanish in 2017. Siena Heights' legacy lives on in the Garno family by providing a strong foundation for our success!



Pictured from left: Amy (Garno) Anderson, Mary (Garno) Gano and Brittaneer Toth.

Thompson Family

Legacy names: Beverly (Mapes) Thompson (grandmother) '45; Kenneth Thompson (father) '77; Mary (Fitzpatrick) Thompson (mother) '76; Elizabeth (Thompson) Davis (daughter) '00; Bridgid Thompson (daughter) '03; Ian Thompson (son) '11.

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Kenneth Thompson—The legacy of Siena Heights University runs deep in the Thompson family. It actually began with my grandmother, Marcella Mapes, when she worked in the dorms as a "house mother" during the 1930s. Then my mother, Beverly Mapes Thompson, attended Siena during WWII, graduating in 1945. During the late 1960s, my sister, Mary Joellen Thompson, attended. In 1973, I came to Siena at the wonderment of the male to female ratio and graduated in 1977. It is at Siena where I met my wife of 44 years, Mary Fitzpatrick Thompson, class of 1976. To continue the legacy, we've had three children, all of whom attended Siena. Our daughter, Elizabeth Thompson Davis, graduated in 2000 and is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at her alma mater. Her twin sister, Bridgid Thompson, graduated in 2003. Then our son, Ian Thompson, completed his second degree at Siena in 2011. We patiently await the next generation of Siena alums out of our pool of four grandchildren.



Pictured from left: Bridgid Thompson, Elizabeth (Thompson) Davis, Ken Thompson, Mary (Fitzpatrick) Thompson, Ian Thompson.

Keller Family

Legacy names: Deborah (Carrington) Keller (mother) '74, '75MA, '02 Spec.; David Keller (father) '75; Matthew Keller (son) '02; Priscilla (Burch) Keller (daughter-in-law) '08.

Our Siena Heights legacy: from Deb Keller—Saintly family! After arriving from New Jersey in 1970, I met David (a student at SHC in 1973) during my junior year. We were married after graduation in Lumen Chapel in May 1975. Matthew is our oldest son who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2002, the same year I received my Specialist of Arts degree, the first earned and presented at SHU. Then Priscilla, who was dating Matthew at the time, earned her teacher certification at Siena Heights after having graduated from Calvin College. Adam, our youngest son, graduated from the other "Saints": Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. After 38 years at St Joseph Academy as a teacher and then principal, I am beginning my 12th year as the Executive Assistant to the President at Siena Heights University. Truly a Saintly family.



Pictured from left: David Keller, Priscilla (Burch) Keller, Matthew Keller, Deb Keller. ♦

Alumna Connie Binsfeld Elected Michigan Lieutenant Governor

When Connie Binsfeld '45, accepted the Sr. Ann Joachim Award recognizing outstanding civic leadership at Alumni Weekend last October, she remarked that the award, a brass and glass desk clock, would soon sit on the desk of the next Michigan Lieutenant Governor.

At the time, the State Senator Binsfeld was just a few weeks away from an election that pitted her and Republican gubernatorial candidate State Senator John Engler against incumbent Governor James Blanchard. At the time, the polls indicated there was still a lot of work to be done in order to score that victory.

Work they did. And today, the alumni award does sit prominently on the desk of the Lieutenant Governor.

"It was a fast, strenuous campaign, but very rewarding," Lieutenant Governor Binsfeld said. "People asked how I could keep the pace I did, and I answered that the wonderful people throughout Michigan whom I met daily, kept my enthusiasm at a high level."

The Engler-Binsfeld campaign strategy was a grass roots one with stops in every county in Michigan which paid off in the end with a nineteen-thousand vote victory margin over the favored incumbent in the November election. 🏆

Leadership Positions

The 66-year-old Lt. Gov. Binsfeld is no stranger to campaigns. Her first brush with state politics came in 1974 when she ran successfully for a seat in the state legislature. She served four terms in the state house of representatives until 1982 and went on to be elected to two, four-year terms in the State Senate. She is the only woman in Michigan history to hold positions in the House as Assistant Republican Leader, in the Senate as Assistant Majority Leader and in the Executive Office as Lieutenant Governor.

But, she tells, she has always been prone to leadership positions, something that her experience at Siena Heights only perpetuated. Her leadership roles date back to grade school.

"I was a patrol leader in Girl Scouts," she smiles. "I always make sure I point that out, especially when I speak to Girl Scouts, because it shows just how far early leadership can take a person."

She went on to be elected president and drafted constitutions



Above: Dick Beacheau, a human services private consultant, and Chuck Veerer, the director of the Michigan Catholic Family Children Service / Catholic Charities, visit with Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld '45 in her office at the State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan.



Inset: Sister Cathleen Real and Connie Binsfeld '45 chatted at the inauguration ball in January, 1991.

for student councils both in high school and at Siena Heights. After graduating from Siena Heights with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education, she and some of her peer graduates formed the Siena Heights Alumni Association, distinguishing the college alumni group from the St. Joseph Academy alumni group which, until that point, had been one and the same. She helped draft bylaws for that organization as well.

As she pursued a career as a teacher and mother, she became active in parent-teacher organizations and served on the Leelanau County Commission. She pursued graduate study at Wayne State University and was named Northwestern Michigan College Fellow. 🏆

Binsfeld Meets Engler

It was in the House in 1974 that then freshman legislator Binsfeld met Engler, who was 27-years-old and beginning his third term. They struck a friendship from the beginning, she says, the young Engler always making sure that Binsfeld could find her way around the capitol and including her when groups of colleagues went for dinner during late-night sessions.

Engler was elected to the Senate and encouraged Binsfeld to run for Senate as well. When he decided to pursue the governorship, he frequently called Binsfeld to ask advice, and even asked her to describe the qualities his lieutenant governor should possess.

She really didn't think of herself as the lieutenant governor candidate because she didn't think that the two running mates would come from the same house. When Engler popped the question, it was during a late night phone call.

"There was a period of silence on both ends of the line, and

then I said yes," she said, "but we both had many things to discuss before we made it official."

The discussion centered on her leaving the Senate and whether it was worth risking the Republican Senate, which in the end, was a safe gamble.

Lt. Gov. Binsfeld felt the risk was worth taking, especially with Engler's track record. He had been very successful at running his campaigns, she said, having won his first election to the House after writing a college term paper critiquing another politician's campaign, and then deciding to put his grade A paper to work. He was the youngest person ever to be elected to both the House and Senate, and has a knack for problem-solving, Lt. Gov. Binsfeld says.

"It has not been unusual over the years to have heard people say, let's ask John what the best approach might be," she said. 🍷

Her New Job and Her Family

Constitutionally, the lieutenant governor must act as the governor when the governor can't serve, presides over the Senate and can cast tie-breaking votes there and serves on a state administrative board which has final review of government expenditures. But, Binsfeld sees her role going beyond the technical job description.

She sees herself lobbying for the governor's policies in the legislature, particularly becoming an advocate for his position on education. She also wants to tackle issues that relate to children.

During her legislative tenure, Binsfeld was the prime sponsor of the Michigan Surrogacy Act which outlaws commercial surrogacy in Michigan. She hopes to continue her work on the national level with the surrogacy issue and also work for other laws that better protect children.

Her concern for children and her background in education, plus her devotion to her family (she has four grown sons and a daughter), earned her the honor of Michigan Mother of the Year in 1977. She and her husband have remained very close to their siblings and their children over the years, and on New Year's Eve, the day before her inauguration, the families met in a Lansing hotel for a dinner party.

"This election generated a lot more interest on the part of my children," she

notes. "They kept in close touch to monitor the campaign and were happy when we won."

Her husband John has been extremely supportive over the years, she says and continues to be involved in her activities. His job as a consulting engineer has allowed the flexibility in his schedule that is needed to be able to attend various functions with his wife. And, she says, he was instrumental in her decisions to accept the position as Engler's running mate.

"All he said was, 'I wondered when he would ask you!'" 🍷

Her Siena Heights Memories

Even though Binsfeld's life has been full of activity and concerns for others, she frequently recalls her days at Siena Heights. Happenings in her everyday life cause her to reflect on her college days, and one recent event took her immediately back to campus.

When war broke out in the Persian Gulf she remembered with her son, where she was when the United States became involved in World War Two. She was decorating the Benincasa Dining Hall for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when she and her classmates got word that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. Their involvement began very soon after.

"We visited service men at the Veteran's Hospitals and kept up-to-date with all of the activities, and the Sisters made sure that we were educated in civil defense procedures," she said.

And, it's when she met her husband-to-be, at least via a photograph that stood on his sister's nightstand.

"As an upperclassman, I was responsible for making sure lights were out on time. Every once in a while, I'd send a little wave his way." John's two sisters Agnes (Binsfeld) Crombe '45 and Rita (Binsfeld) O'Connor '48 are both graduates of Siena Heights.

Since she grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, she was many times invited to spend the weekend with classmates who lived closer to Adrian. One weekend she made the trip to the Binsfeld's, in the Detroit area, and finally met John, along with his own date. Shortly after, they did become friends and corresponded for some time before marriage.

"I've always felt that being at Siena Heights while the War was taking place, probably brought our classmates together a little more than had there not been a war," she said.

Having grown up in a single-parent family, Binsfeld always felt that women were capable of anything, if they set their minds to it. Her experience with the Adrian Dominican Sisters only solidified her beliefs.

"The Dominican Sisters were truly ahead of their time," she reflected, noting that Sr. Ann Joachim, a lawyer and the Dominican's legal counsel, was the first Sister to present a case before the Supreme Court. The words of Sr. Mary George, the college's treasurer, come back to her almost daily and will come in handy as her administration struggles with the current state budget crisis.

"I can still hear her saying, 'You can't spend a dollar more than once.' Words to live by."

She also noted that the college was continually trying to balance the student population with minorities. Recruiting bore no ethnic, racial or income bias.

"We wore uniforms, so no one knew how wealthy or how poor one another were. I'm sure that helped to unite us as a group."

She also remembers being very involved in community events. The college always had a spot in community parades. She feels that community involvement continues in many ways, but especially through the Siena Heights degree-completion programs in Southfield, Monroe and Benton Harbor.

"The Sisters felt it was very important to stay visible in the community."

She also remembered their frugality. She was involved in a theater production, and part of her job was to keep palm leaves looking fresh between performances. She and a classmate decided to put the palms in the locker room in Walsh Hall and turn the shower on to provide a trickle of water to keep the palms supple. It worked, except there was a little trouble.

"They let us have it, because we wasted the water!" she said. Her experiences will reinforce her commitment to private education.

"It is important to provide students with that choice, whether it be grade school, high school or college," she said. 🍷

Rising Stars

"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.

Kayla Herold



Graduation year: 2017.

Current title/position: Lesotho (Africa) Peace Corps Volunteer.

What Kayla is doing: She is currently a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Lesotho. She is placed in the village of Ha Dinizulu and teaching at the primary school Serooeng. She is helping to coach the teachers in English and life skills in grades 4-7. She also hopes to do phonics with all grades in her second year of service. Her other project is to have all her teachers trained in how to teach phonics and life skills so that her education project is sustainable after her service time is complete.

My favorite moment/story while a student at Siena Heights was: "My favorite moment was the very first Saint Catherine of Siena (feast) day. It was so great to have so many people come out and celebrate one of our patron saints!"

My favorite person at Siena Heights was: "Kevin Grasley. He was a wonderful professor and I learned so much from him!"

My ultimate goal in life is: "To be a Peace Corps volunteer. ...So now I need a new life goal."

My best piece of advice for SHU students is: "Don't be afraid to branch outside of your "group." College is a time for meeting all kinds of people. Keep an open mind and you never know what you can learn about someone."

Dr. Benjamin R. Zedler



Graduation year: 2013.

Current title/position: Chiropractic Physician.

What Ben is doing: He is the owner and founder of Evolve Family Chiropractic Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

My favorite moment/story while a student at Siena Heights was: "The ability to go to college as a first generation student in my family and be a member of both the McNair and men's track and field programs."

My favorite person at Siena Heights was: "Everyone, but especially the Science Department, McNair directors and track and field coaches."

My ultimate goal in life is: "To help my entire community achieve wellness and optimum health."

My best piece of advice for SHU students is: "Don't give up. ... You will succeed if you stick to your dreams."

Dr. Christopher M. Murray



Graduation year: 2010.

Current title/position: Internal Medicine Physician at Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills Resident Hospital Chief.

What Chris is doing: He recently completed his residency in internal medicine at Beaumont Hospital and will open a practice with the Southern Tennessee Internal and Family Medicine Specialists in September 2019.

My favorite moment/story while a student at Siena Heights was: "Having the opportunity to work with resident life and interview Michael Orlando when he first started. We knew from the start that Michael was truly someone special and it's so nice to see that he has made Siena truly a better place."

My favorite person at Siena Heights was: "Dr. Jun Tsuji, Dr. Timothy Husband, Dr. Carl Kaster, Dr. Mark Schersten, Sam Thacker and Michael Orlando truly helped shape my life during my time at Siena."

My ultimate goal in life is: "To continue the practice of medicine while fulfilling my role as an excellent father and husband."

My best piece of advice for SHU students is: "It's the "fight in the dog" that helps you conquer your goals. You all have the potential to do whatever you want in life if you're willing to work hard enough for it." ♦

Fashionable Career

By Doug Goodnough

Since high school, Melissa Lefere-Cobb '95 was determined to live in New York City and work in the fashion industry.

Thanks to a unique Siena Heights degree program — along with a relentless work ethic—she said she was able to achieve both of those goals. For more than two decades, Lefere-Cobb has worked her way up to the pinnacle of the fashion industry. She is currently the division head for Herve Leger, a well-known French fashion house, in New York City.

She said Siena Heights' fashion merchandising program started her down the "runway" of her very successful career path. She learned about the program while a student at Jackson (Mich.) Lumen Christi High School.

"It was a great program that allowed me to go to Siena for three years, and then my junior year I spent at the Fashion Institute of Technology," Lefere-Cobb said of the fashion merchandising major, which is no longer offered. "It served me well."

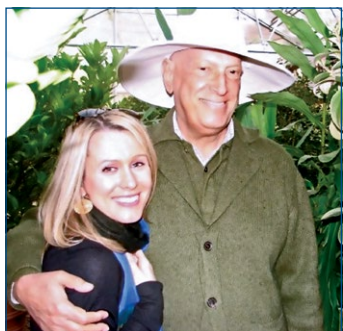
The year at FIT, located in New York City, gave her the necessary experience and exposure to the fashion world, while still giving her the Siena Heights on-campus experience she wanted. She earned her bachelor's degree at Siena Heights and an associate's degree from FIT through the program.

Less than a week after graduation, she flew back to New York, set up interviews and quickly had a job offer—despite not having found a place to live yet. She began her career in fashion creating samples for Sygne Design, a private label for companies like Ann Taylor. Lefere-Cobb advanced quickly in the industry, eventually working for brands such as Donna Karan, Nautica and Dolce & Gabbana.

In 2004, she accepted a career-altering position with Oscar de la Renta, giving her an opportunity to work with one of the icons of fashion. She worked with the famed designer on a daily basis for more than a decade.

"When I started at Oscar de la Renta, I was like, 'Oh my gosh, this is the big time!'" she recalled. "I had not worked at a company that high level yet."

She credited her "Midwest work ethic" in rising to Oscar de la Renta's senior vice president of Global Merchandising and Sales in areas such as fashion jewelry, ready-to-wear fashion and childrenswear.



Above: Melissa poses atop The Eiffel Tower during a recent trip to Paris.

Below left: A candid moment with former boss Oscar de la Renta.

Since 2015, she has also worked for the Yigal Azrouel and J. Mendel labels before Herve Leger hired her in January 2018 to help relaunch its brand. Lefere-Cobb said she is currently consumed with rolling out the 2019 collection.

She said she enjoys working with both the designers and managing the business side of fashion. In fact, one day she hopes to become a president or CEO of a fashion label.

"The way I work with designers is very different than the way I work with my sales team, or the buying team or ecommerce," Lefere-Cobb said. "I have a high level of respect for the talent, but then figuring out ways to get what you need to drives the business, it's a little bit of a dance."

She said the fashion industry has changed dramatically over the past decade.

"Everything has changed, (from) people's buying patterns, their viewing patterns (to) their expectation level," Lefere-Cobb said. "People are spending less money on clothes and more money on experiences. People are also very conscious of where everything comes from, what their footprint looks like."

So, what does she like to wear?

"I've always been pretty fancy," Lefere-Cobb said. "Obviously Herve Leger, Oscar and J. Mendel, and for fun throw in some Zara. And lots of high heels and dresses."

She and her husband are raising their two sons in the heart of New York City and live not too far away from the 9/11 Memorial. She said New York City is still where she wants to be.

"I love the energy. I love the buzz. I love the people," she said. "It keeps you on your toes. It keeps you young." ♦

The Valiant Woman: Sister Ann Joachim, OP '31 (1901–1981)

written by Justice Alice Robie Resnick '61

Aviator, sportswoman, lawyer, educator, writer, and lecturer, Sister Ann Joachim was an Adrian Dominican woman of tremendous spirit and drive, ahead of her time in many ways and deeply devoted to her family, her Dominican sisters and Siena Heights College.

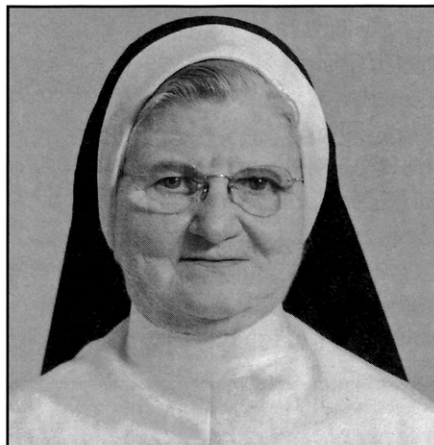
Born Petronilla M. Joachim in Cologne, Germany, on October 15, 1901, she emigrated to Detroit with her parents and siblings.

At fourteen Petronilla entered business college and began working as a stenographer for an attorney. Without a high school diploma she could not enter law school, so she began her studies, earning her diploma in less than two years. In 1920, before a college degree was needed to enter law school, Petronilla became the only woman freshman at the Detroit College of Law. She was highly incensed to be informed that women attended law school only long enough to find a husband!

Three momentous events marked her twenty-first birthday: she came of voting age, was certified as a notary public, and she graduated from law school. She passed the bar exam (she was the only woman present), and continued to work in the law office of Joseph L. Ruby, who later made her a partner. She remained there until she entered the convent at Adrian.

Awaiting results of the bar exam, Petronilla confided to a sister friend that she wanted to become a nun. She was told she was looking for an escape in case she didn't pass the bar, and that she could help others in her new profession. Practicing in various courts, she continued her studies and earned her Master's Degree from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1924. Again she spoke of entering the

convent, but she met disapproval from her family and friends. Even the Dominican sisters discouraged her when she visited the Motherhouse, though they asked her to represent them on certain legal matters. Finally, bargaining with St. Jude that if she won a particularly difficult case it would be a sign that she was to enter the Dominican Order, she won the case and kept the bargain, entering the novitiate in Adrian in January 1928. From St. Joseph's College (now Siena Heights College) she received a Bachelor of Arts degree.



Continuing her education, she earned a Master of Arts degree from Loyola University, Chicago, and a Doctor of Philosophy in history degree from the International Catholic University of Fribourg, Switzerland. On her return from Europe she was invited to stop in Washington, D.C., where she was admitted to practice law before the United State Supreme Court, the first woman religious to receive such a distinction.

She returned to Siena Heights, where she was named chairperson of the history department. She was fondly known as A.J. by the many students who sat in her classes and took her

orally administered tests during which she never repeated a statement. "If you don't hear it the first time, there's no second chance!" Students were often invited as her guests at political meetings and service club dinners, encouraging them to become involved in political matters and community projects. In 1971 Sister Ann Joachim became an Adrian City Commissioner. In 1972 the United Transportation Union made her an honorary member of Local 1438 and gave her a plaque for her efforts in saving the Wabash Cannonball. Earlier distinctions included lifetime membership in the Lenawee County Bar Association; University of Detroit "Woman of the Year"; listing in 2000 Women of the World of Achievement (London, England); lecturing in more than 165 locations to women lawyers in the USSR--the first woman in religious garb admitted to the USSR since 1917.

Sister authored many articles, many of them dealing with private hospital law and charitable immunity. In 1939 she wrote an article in which she stated, "It is an old fashioned view nowadays to protest against so many working women. It is old fashioned because they must work to live and because employers want them to work, and because their work is needed." She concluded, "The problem of women in industry will never be solved until the general labor problem is solved." In 1952 she wrote "Women in the Atomic Age," stating, "To fill her place in public life, a woman needs education . . . With education comes leadership."

Sister Ann Joachim was an accomplished, hard-working, intelligent, compassionate and basically humble individual, truly an outstanding woman of her time, ahead of her time, and for all time.

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Siena Legacy

Can you believe it? Siena will celebrate our Centennial during the upcoming academic year! It has been an honor and privilege to be a part of the Centennial Committee and work with other faculty, staff, alumni, and community supporters to help plan what will be 100 events for the 100th. Our theme is 'Legacy' and all I can say is "WOW," when I think of all that I have learned already and all that I will learn going forward as we meet and talk with all of YOU who share in this Siena legacy.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year because it means I will be meeting and hearing about the impact Siena has had on so many of our alums and how they have taken those lessons out into our world creating their own legacy. As part of the celebration, we are hosting 'SHU Legacy Lectures,' featuring many of our alums who have agreed to come back and share their Siena memories and their journey after graduation. They will spend a day on campus speaking to classes, lunching with students, and then telling their story at a TED-X style talk in the evening.

Also of note happening this year at Homecoming is our All-Alumni Art Show where more than 25 alumni artists will have their work shown at locations on our campus, at INAI (at the Motherhouse), and at the Adrian Center for the Arts (a short drive from campus). This is sure to be one of many weekend highlights. I am sure you will share in my excitement to read Jennifer Hamlin Church's centennial coffee table book that will provide us with a look back while we look forward.

What is your SHU legacy? Be sure to send me an email, give me a call, write me a letter, or post your story on our Siena Heights University Alumni Facebook page. These unexpected calls, emails, posts and letters almost always end up being the highlights of my workday! I am looking forward to hearing from you!

With #SaintsPride,

P.S. In the spirit of the legacy story, I am proud to share this picture (below) of my family legacy featuring myself and my husband, Jim, who graduated in 2015 with our MA degrees, and my children Alex and Sydney who earned their BA degrees in December 2018 and walked this past May. My daughter Sam is a Saint at heart having taken some of her undergrad classes here and being a #SaintlySupporter of all things SHU! GO SAINTS!





class notes

From the Centennial Archives: 1975—Students hang out near Trinity Gardens.

FROM THE SITES

Battle Creek

1996



Mayor of Kalamazoo **Bobby Hopewell** recently was honored in a couple of different ways. In October 2018 he was honored for his leadership and support of the Boy Scouts of America during the annual “Legacy of Honor” dinner. He earned his Eagle Scout badge in 1982. In April 2019, new Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed Hopewell to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Executive Committee. Hopewell is currently serving his sixth term as mayor and is the President and CEO of Mobile Health Resources, a Lansing-based ambulance billing agency.

2004

Michael Olson was reappointed to the State of Michigan’s Unmanned Aircraft Systems Task Force by Gov. Rick Snyder in December 2018. Olson is the public safety director for Emmett Charter Township and previously served in the roles of public safety director for the City of Marshall, as the director of training operations for Homeland Security Corporation and with the Michigan Department of State Police. Members will serve four-year terms that expire in 2022.

2008

Sara Leson was hired as the business manager of Union City (Mich.) Community Schools in June 2019. She previously worked at the Kellogg Company and for the Nottawasippi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Gaming Commission.

Benton Harbor

1999

Anna Murphy ‘03MA received the Pat Moody Award during the Cornerstone Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstone Alliance 2019 Business

Recognition Breakfast Feb. 14, 2019 in Benton Harbor, Mich. Murphy has been president of the United Way of Southwest Michigan and has been with the organization for more than 20 years. She is a 2015 graduate of the United Way’s Worldwide Executive Leadership Development Program and was named to the 100 Women Strong’s Leader of Distinction list in 2014. She is currently an executive member of Michigan’s Great Southwest Leadership Council and has been on the Michigan Association for United Way’s Board, recently stepping into the role of board chair.

2003

John Gratzle, a senior health physicist and laser safety officer at the University of California Irvine Medical Center, is a mentor for Project Search, an internship program in which the medical center and Goodwill of Orange County partner to help adults with autism learn career skills. His efforts were featured in the “Unsung Heroes” section of the Jan. 3, 2019 edition of the Los Angeles Times. He has worked for UCI since 2006.

2007

Kim Wise was hired as the director of Human Resources for the city of South Haven, Mich., in June 2019. She previously worked for Bronson Healthcare Group in Kalamazoo.

Jackson

2002

Caleb Allen recently celebrated his 13th anniversary with The Craft Agency in the Lansing area. He is employed as the personal lines manager and executive and is a Certified Insurance Counselor.

Lansing

2006

Suzanne Wade ‘08MA was the recipient of the Governor’s Teamwork Award for Good Government in the State of Michigan. She is employed as a departmental specialist for the Talent and Economic Development Agency.

Monroe

1995



Debbie Szajna, CPA, was promoted to partner by Weber Clark Ltd. She has been a member of the firm for 23 years and brings

extensive experience to the team by providing quality assurance and performing technical reviews of the firm’s client financial statements and other reports. She will continue to advise the firm on quality and technical matters along with providing support in the areas of operations and technology. She is a certified public accountant and began her career at Weber Clark as a staff accountant. Szajna is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Michigan Association of CPAs and The Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.

2013

Eric Langton was named an assistant prosecutor with the Monroe County (Mich.) Prosecutor’s Office in September 2018. Langton is responsible for the review and authorization of misdemeanor cases as well as a regular docket in First District Court. He previously was employed as a law clerk at Whiting Law in Southfield.

Online

2009

Amy Francoeur said as director of Patient Care at Hospice of Lenawee, “I am able to share my experience and education with my team and with our community. The flexibility of Siena’s Online Program allowed me to complete my Bachelor’s degree while working full-time and raising my family. I feel privileged to live and work in Lenawee County and support patients and their families at end of life.”

2017

Timothy Furtaw is the director of Facilities for the Saginaw Public School District in Saginaw, Mich. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors for Positive Results Downtown Saginaw and serves on the Friday Night Live Committee. The organization volunteers to help provide a positive impact in an urban downtown environment. He is also an active assistant Scoutmaster for Scouts BSA Troop 345.

2018

David Mayne received a Champion Award by Michigan Rehabilitation Services in October 2018. The award is presented annually to individuals, businesses and organizations to show the value of hiring employees who have disabilities. Mayne, who was disabled from injuries sustained in a car crash as well as having complications from diabetes, is working as a cybersecurity analyst with Novacoast Inc. in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Southfield

1988

Francine Parker will retire at the end of 2019 after a decade as the executive director of the UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust. She previously served as CEO of Health Alliance Plan of Michigan. She also currently serves on the SHU Board of Trustees.

2017

Jason Hendrian recently completed the Staff and Command training program at Eastern Michigan University. EMU’s School of Fire Staff and Command requires 360 hours of classroom instruction over nine months. He is a lieutenant with the Northville (Mich.) Township Fire Department and has served as a mentor for probationary firefighters and is an original member of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team. He is also a medical specialist with Michigan Task Force 1, an urban search and rescue team that recently assisted in rescue and relief efforts in North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. He is also chairman of the fire department’s health and safety committee.

MAIN CAMPUS

1955

Sister Therese (Thomas Frances) DeCanio, OP, celebrated her 70th Jubilee as an Adrian Dominican Sister in November 2018. She was an elementary school teacher for many years in Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago and in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

1958

Sister Helen Hanker, OP, celebrated her 70th Jubilee as an Adrian Dominican Sister in November 2018. She served as a teacher for many years in the Detroit and Cincinnati (Ohio) areas.

1963

Christine (Wilhelm) Clark is retired since 2005 from clinical laboratory science and family caregiving. She is now a community activist, a member of the Democrat Party, as well as the League of Women Voters and the Retired Public Employees of Washington State. She resides in Deer Park, Wash.

1974



Charles Fort recently received a Yaddo Fellowship. He said his plan is to write villanelles for his manuscript-in-progress: “One

Had Lived in a Room and Loved Nothing, 220 Villanelles,” and to lengthen its sections on Bergman films, Dante’s Inferno, and his ancestors’ journey from Savannah, Ga. to Liberia on May 14, 1868, after the Civil War. He said, “At Yaddo, I shall walk under the parasol of Plath, Langston Hughes, Ted Hughes, Baldwin, Jacob Lawrence, Virgil Thomson, Bernstein, Capote, Cope-land, Porter, others.” He will also write prose poems to complete his tetralogy-in-progress: “Brother Can You Spare Me a Time Machine?” He said, “As a student at Siena Heights (College), the English Department awarded me summer scholarships three times to attend the Cranbrook Writers Conference on the grounds

of Cranbrook Art Academy. . . . They published my earliest work in Cranbrook Magazine. In one issue they had 15 of my poems! I still have a copy of the magazine. As a young poet, it was one of the most inspiring places to meet writers and editors. My gratitude goes to Siena for presenting me such experiences as a student." His end-of-the-year poem, "The Atlas of Eros," can be read at <http://reflections.sienaheights.edu/?p=12947>.

1975

Margaret Noe stepped down after 13 years as a Lenawee County Probate and Circuit Court judge in January 2019. Judge Noe served the last 10 years in the Circuit Court. She will join her son, Charles, in a private law practice in Adrian. She has also served as the chair of the SHU Board of Trustees since 2006 and also teaches part-time in SHU's criminal justice program.

1982

Jim Johnson is serving as the girls tennis coach at Ann Arbor Huron High School. In spring 2018, his team won a regional title and had a top-five finish in the state Division 1 tournament. He previously coached tennis at Adrian High School and currently also coaches boys tennis at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Lonnie Shipe MA is planning on publishing his autobiography in the near future.

Doug Small was elected to the U.S. Travel Association Board of Directors in April 2019. He is the CEO of Experience Grand Rapids (EXGR). He has worked in travel and tourism his entire career in Dayton, Ohio; Syracuse, N.Y.; Palm Springs, Calif.; Denver and more than 10 years in Grand Rapids. He attended his first board meeting in April. The U.S. Travel Association is the national, non-profit organization representing all components of the travel industry.

1983

John "JD" Johnson celebrated his 35th anniversary working for State Farm Insurance in May 2018. Johnson has worked in Arizona and New Mexico for most of those years. He currently is employed as a State Farm agent in Wickenburg, Ariz.

Sister Mary Miday, OP, celebrated her 60th Jubilee as an Adrian Dominican Sister in November 2018. She spent many years in pastoral ministry in Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana and New Mexico before ministering in occupational therapy at health care centers in Florida.

Michael Morgan has been dancing with The Sunsationals, the senior dance team of the WNBA's

Connecticut Sun. They perform at home games and make community appearances throughout Connecticut to represent the Sun.

1985

Gregg Milligan is the vice president of Technology and Operations for ISL Techsolutions, Inc., and is living in Bangkok, Thailand. He is responsible for the following divisions: U.S., Southeast and South Asia. He was also awarded the Chancellor's Gold Medal.

1986

Dr. Kadee Anstadt is the assistant superintendent of Perrysburg (Ohio) Schools. In November 2018 she participated in a panel discussion on safety as part of an event sponsored by the Way Public Library and the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area. From 2008-17, she served as the executive director of Teaching and Learning, where she was responsible for overseeing curriculum, professional development and assessment. She began her teaching career after a career in business.

1988

Mike Vollmar was hired as senior associate athletic director for Football Administration at Kansas University. He began his new position in August 2018. Vollmar previously served as director of Football at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., and served in similar roles at the University of Tennessee, the University of Michigan, the University of Alabama and Michigan State University. He was part of an Alabama program that won the national championship in 2009.

1990

Melissa (Durbin) Tsuji and SHU faculty member Jun Tsuji were married on Nov. 23, 2018, in a ceremony in Adrian. They had many former students attend their celebration. Pictured below (from left) are: Current SHU Dean for Students Michael Orlando, Lucas Bartz, Grant Benschoter, Mike Lollo, Bridgid Thompson, Jun Tsuji, Riley Smith, Phillip Brier, Kyle Anderson, John Lyczky, Jim Riggs, Meg Dubois, Courtney Walter Benschoter, Melissa Tsuji, Lauren Baker Lollo, Ashley Russo, Lauren Coe, and Chloe Rick.

1991

John Bruzina was recently hired as counsel by Polsinelli, a real estate finance business. He will work in the Dallas area. He earned his JD from Michigan State University's College of Law and has been providing strategic counsel to clients in a wide range of complex real estate transactions.

David Clark is employed with Lowe's Home Improvement in Battle Creek, Mich.

Linda (Golba) Hall is employed as the director of Operations at WestRock Multi-Packaging Solutions. She resides in Jackson, Mich.

1992

Anna Verhesen MA received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who in September 2018. She has worked in private practice in Sylvania, Ohio, since 1992. A licensed spiritual healer and master sound therapy teacher, she integrates interactive imagery into sound therapy. Earlier in her career, she worked as a social worker for Rotterdam Halfweg in the Netherlands. From there, she also worked for Mount St. Ann's Home, the St. Vincent Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital and Grey Nuns. For the past 25 years, Verhesen has also offered retreat weekends for anyone enrolled in 12-step programs. She also was the founder of the Northwest Ohio Detox and Rehab Unit at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio, the co-founder of transitional residences for the homeless in Toledo and the Ohio Coalition for the Homeless in Columbus, Ohio. She also was an alcohol, drug addiction and mental health counselor of ex-inmates at Elliot and Associates in Sylvania, Ohio.

1993

Allia Carter was appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer for Virginia Union University.

1998

Jason Holton recently won the Golden Arm Challenge at the California Casino in Las Vegas. "Despite what I learned in my Statistics Class at Siena Heights I overcame the

odds to win this tournament," he said. He is employed in device management for Sanofi Aventis. He resides in Canton, Mich.

Dr. Timothy Slowik works as a security consultant for SGS Security. He resides in Sterling Heights, Mich.

2005

Jeffrey Beyer is a musician and recently concluded the national tour of "The Sound of Music." He worked on the first national tour of "Fiddler on the Roof," playing Reed 1 in the orchestra. He also has had two arrangements published by Alry Publications that received 2018 Honorable Mention awards from the National Flute Association. He lives in Oak Park, Mich.

Seth Borton is currently the head bass fishing coach at Adrian College. His teams have had three No. 1 rankings in the competitive sport, which conducts tournaments around the country.

Amber (Carson) Nelson works as the senior manager of Marketing for Thermo Fisher Scientific. She resides in Kalamazoo, Mich.

2006

Ben Riggleman is employed as a system architect for Shoptelligence in Ann Arbor, Mich.

2007

Erika (Wolcott) Henry and her husband, Garrett, of Dunwoody Ga., welcomed their first child, Isabelle, in May 2018.

Damon Sloan was named the recipient of the Region IV-East Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). He is currently the vice president of Student and Alumni Affairs at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill. The award is for those who have demonstrated sustained professional achievement in student affairs work, innovative response in meeting students' varied and emerging needs, effectiveness in developing staff and leadership in community and college or university affairs. Sloan was honored during the NASPA IV-E Regional Conference from Nov. 11-13, 2019, in Milwaukee, Wis.

2008



Andy Ham MA was hired as the athletics director at Napoleon (Ohio) Area Schools. He will be the AD for grades 7-12.

2009

Nick Angel, Ed. Spec. was named Principal of the Year by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association for Region 2, which includes Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. He was honored in December 2018. Angel is the principal at Beach Middle School in Chelsea, Mich.

2010

Nelson Holliday was named the Educator of the Year at Evergreen Local School District in Metamora, Ohio.

2011

Juan Freitez MA is a Venezuelan filmmaker and video journalist who is debuting his first feature length documentary. "Salud Sin Papeles: Undocumented Health" is about a group of activists who organize their community to build Phoenix Allies for Community Health, a free clinic for undocumented immigrants. They are sparked by a backlash to a neo-Nazi rally and anti-immigrant laws. Nurse and social activist Jason Odhner journeys to the crossroads of a national debate over healthcare and immigration. The documentary also delves into the history of the clinic, and the poignant stories of patients illuminate the struggles of the marginalized undocumented community. His documentary shorts have been featured by NPR, Public Radio International's The World, NBC News, the National Journal and the Huffington Post.

April (Clark) Welch was named the Executive Director of the Henry County Community Improvement Corporation in Henry County, Ohio, in May 2019. She previously was employed as the director of the Downtown Development Authority in Blissfield, Mich.

Gema (Bautista Cota) Morris is employed as a behavioral therapist and training interventionist with Autism Spectrum Therapies. She and her husband, **Kenneth '11**, and daughter, Isla, live in Warren, Mich.

2012

Jenny Engle '15MA started a new position in November 2018 as executive director of the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation.



Mariah Welke was named recreation coordinator for the City of Coldwater, Mich., in December 2018. In her full-time role, she will help provide community programs and special events.

2013

Dr. Brandon Bowers served as an NFL injury analyst for CBSsports.com during the 2018 season. Bowers, a Doctor of Physical Therapy, currently practices outpatient orthopedics for Athletic Physical Therapy in the Columbus, Ohio, area. He treats many high school and collegiate athletes in the clinical setting.

2014

Damien Ross completed his first season as head football coach in fall 2018 at Bangor (Mich.) High School. He previously served as an assistant coach there and also coached at Midland (Neb.) University and MacMurray (Ill.) College. He was a former wide receiver for the Saints.

2015



Joey Mravec and Demi Fry '14 were married Sept. 16, 2017. The bridegroom was a member of the inaugural Siena Heights football team who currently is employed as a Michigan State Trooper at the Brighton post. The bride is currently employed as an agent relationship specialist at the Gleaner Life Insurance Society. The couple resides in Dundee, Mich.

2016

RaShawn Calvert was named the Coach of the Year by the Maricopa, Ariz., Unified School District. She is the head varsity girls basketball coach at the school.

2017

Lesley Ducat was hired as a police officer in Bluffton, Ohio, in August 2018. She previously interned with the McComb (Ohio) Police Department.

Alyssa Fausneacht began a new position as an account manager at the Eaton Corp. She resides in Jackson, Mich.

Madeline Smith is employed as a financial analyst with the Kapnick Insurance Group. In January 2018 she bought her first home. She resides in Adrian, Mich.

NOTABLES



Kenneth DeGraaf '16 (above) was named the Northeast Conference Coach of the Year for the first-year Mount St. Mary's (Md.) women's bowling team. The NCAA Division 1 program finished second in the conference tournament in its first season and was nationally ranked despite having a lineup of all freshmen.



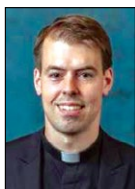
Sean Huddleston '05 (Southfield) was named the new president at Martin University, a liberal arts college in Indianapolis,

Ind. He previously served as the vice president for inclusion and equity at the University of Indianapolis. He formerly worked at Framingham State University in the Boston area, where he served as chief officer of diversity, inclusion and community engagement from 2016-17, and chief diversity and inclusion officer from 2015-16. He held similar positions at Grand Valley State University from 2011-14. Huddleston, 51, started his new position on March 25, 2019.



Col. John Detro '85 of the U.S. Army moved to Fort Knox in August 2018 to become director of the Leader Development Branch.

He will be the director for two years and has been selected for BDE Command. He supports the Talent Management of Army Medical Officers for the Army Surgeon General. He began his career at Fort Knox with basic training in November 1987.



Colin Fricke '09 was ordained a deacon at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in spring 2019, taking the final step in his dis-

cernment journey toward priesthood. Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Fisher presided at the ordination. Fricke is entering his final year of theological studies at Sacred Heart and is now a "transitional" deacon for the Archdiocese of Detroit. His ordination

confers upon him all the faculties of the ordained diaconate with an eye toward his hopeful ordination as a priest next year. Fricke will serve an internship assignment in summer 2019 at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. The 32-year-old former Catholic school math teacher will serve at St. Fabian Parish in Farmington Hills, Mich.



Elizabeth Connors '10 (above, Southfield) was honored with an Occupational Studies Outstanding Educator Award at the Trends in Occupational Studies Conference Oct. 24-26 in Troy, Mich. Connors is the program director for Washtenaw Community College's Surgical Technology and Sterile Processing programs. In 2016, Connors took over a WCC Surgical Tech program that had struggled to attract students. Within one year, Connors had led the program to a successful national accreditation by ARC/STCA and within two years, the program was filled to capacity. In fall 2018, Connors launched the college's new Sterile Processing certificate program, the first in Washtenaw County. She started a career in healthcare as a sterile processing technician at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in 1997. Connors also worked for St. John Health System and Henry Ford Health System in Southeastern Michigan before joining the WCC faculty in 2014. The Outstanding Educator Award is presented to up to three faculty members annually who demonstrate excellence in the classroom, professional achievements and service/contributions to areas of the college that are beyond the individual's area of teaching.

DEATHS

Alumni

Sister Irma Gerber, OP '42
Sister Marie O'Donnell, OP '43
Sister Mary Duweliuss, OP '45
Cecilia Lambert '45AS
Ruth Sitzmann Morrissey '46
Sister Charles Christine Uhnay, OP '47
Sister Anne Stein, OP '48
Joan (Gardzinski) Bartoszewicz '50
Sister Jean Birney, OP '50
Sister Dorothy Burns, OP '50, '73MA
Sister Cecilia Marie Brown, OP '51
Sister Irene Kerich, OP '51
Sister Therese Foote, OP '52
Sister Mary Ellen Brodeur, OP '53
Sister Grace Flowers, OP '53

Sister Beverly McEachin, OP '54
Sister Patricia DeMay, OP '56, '65MA
Sister Mary Saynay, OP '56
Sister Nora Brady, OP '57
Sister Andrea Broutin, OP '57
Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP '58
Sister Mary Herbella, OP '59
Sister Sean Morley, OP '59
Sister Ann Rozalia Szabo, OP '59
Sister Monica Kim, OP '60, '66MA
Evelyn (Christensen) Louwers '60
Sister Patricia Spangler, OP '60
Sister Ellen Murphy, OP '61
Sister Lorraine Pepin, OP '61
Sister Mary Assenmacher, OP '62
Sister Therese Reynolds, OP '64
Bruce Stephens '65MA
Sister Mary Diane McMeekin, OP '67
Bernadine Potts '68
Sister Hilda Sheehan, OP '68
Sister Margaret Exworthy, OP '69
Sister Maureen Fenlon, OP '69
JoAnne Ruth Ryan '69
Sister Marie Gonzales, OP '71
Sister Lorraine Morin, OP '71
Sister Mary Ellen Plummer, OP '71
Janet Huvaere '72
Sister Virginia O'Reilly, OP '73MA
Thomas Rudd '74
John Hartley '75
Claudia (Snyder) Scott '77
Sister Janet Capone, OP '80MA
Margaret Goble '86—former
Advancement staff member.
Marita "Rose" (Cook) Cremeans '93
Don Leibel '94, '98MA
Robert "Bobby" Hoffman '98
Janet Rodgers '99
Danielle Martinique Durrah '00
Fred Butler '04, '08MA
Susanne Smith '13 (Benton Harbor)
Jesse Melot '15 (Lansing)

Fred Butler '04, '08MA was killed in a car accident Sept. 23, 2018 in the Detroit area. Butler was a standout on SHU's first football team as a defensive back and also worked in the Admissions Office at Siena Heights. His family has established a scholarship fund in his honor.

Friends

Robert Brady—former Graduate College faculty member.
Kelley Merillat—former Upward Bound staff member.
Jim O'Flynn—former College of Professional Studies faculty member.
Donna Roe—former Library staff member.



Jim O'Flynn, retired assistant professor of Management and coordinator of Distance Learning passed away Dec. 4, 2018, after a battle with cancer. O'Flynn made significant and foundational contributions to Siena's nationally award-winning online program.

He was responsible for developing detailed written guidelines for course development, recruiting and mentoring new faculty, and providing faculty education and professional development in online learning. Jim diligently sought to enhance the student experience for students taking online classes. These efforts greatly reduced student drop rates. As a founding member of Siena's Distance Learning Committee, Jim had an impact on the shape and success of the online program including the effort to secure HLC accreditation for our online programs. He was recognized by his peers for his commitment to quality teaching and received the Jack Bologna Innovative Teaching Award in 2004-05.



Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP '58 passed away June 18, 2019, at age 90. A very close friend of SHU President Sister Peg Albert, Sister Jeanne was a former Siena Heights board member and familiar face on the Adrian campus for many years. As a board member, she led the effort to create the current Siena Heights Mission Statement. O'Laughlin Stadium was dedicated in her honor in 2011; she was a regular visitor to the President's Box during Saints home football games. She served as President of Barry University from 1981-2004 as well as Chancellor from 2004-09. Sister Jeanne has served as chair of the Council of Independent Colleges and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. She also was president of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities and chair of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. She was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame and received the Siena Medal in 1997 for her Christian commitment and efforts to transform the world.



Scene from Homecoming:

Mary Spencer '12 Hon. (far right) and Deb Haller (second from right) get ready to cut the ribbon on the new Spencer Performing Arts Center during the dedication ceremony during Homecoming Weekend 2018. Members of the Siena community came out in force to celebrate the nearly \$12 million facility that will serve as the new home of the performing arts.

Siena Heights Announces 2019 Alumni Award Winners

This Year's Recipients Will Be Honored Oct. 11 During Homecoming Weekend

Honorary Alumni Award

Norm Bukwaz
Toledo, Ohio



Bukwaz served as a faculty member, dean and in enrollment for more than four decades and continues to work in Siena Heights' Graduate and Professional Studies Department. He currently is the director of the Bachelor of Applied Science Program. The Honorary Alumni Award recognizes non-alumni of Siena Heights who demonstrate exceptional commitment to and support for the mission and spirit of the University.

Recent Graduate Award

Zach Bailey '14
Davenport, Fla.



Bailey is currently the Guest Experience Manager for Stock Replenishment at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Orlando, Fla. He has worked with celebrities such as Prince Harry, George Lucas and J.K. Rowling. The Recent Graduate Award recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years, and whose professional achievement, community involvement and/or civic commitment demonstrate dedication to Christian values and the spirit of Siena Heights University.

Sister Ann Joachim Award

Melissa Sissen '77
Adrian, Mich.



Sissen has worked in the SHU Library for more than 30 years as an associate professor of Library Science and currently serves as reference and public services librarian. The Sister Ann Joachim Award recognizes significant contributions to the University and/or community through activities that demonstrate strong leadership and the capacity to confront issues head on while maintaining the image and spirit of Siena Heights University.

Outstanding Alumni Award

Harold Love '08
Clarkston, Mich.



Love had a distinguished career with the Michigan State Police and is currently the owner of Harold Love and Associates in Southfield, Mich. His company focuses on behavioral health services for public safety professionals. The Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes outstanding professional achievements and/or volunteer contributions to promote Siena positively to the community, demonstrate strong leadership characteristics and serve as significant role models for others.

Saint Dominic Award

Sister John Norton, OP '57
Adrian, Mich.



Sister Norton was an educator for more than 50 years at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The Saint Dominic Award recognizes commitment to Christian education in family, school or community.



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It will be an exciting year for Siena Heights University as 2019 marks their Centennial Anniversary. To celebrate this occasion, they will be hosting 100 events throughout the year, kicking off with the Centennial Torch Relay. As sponsor of the Torch Relay, and new preferred financial partner of the University, we are proud to support a school with such a rich tradition, and we are excited to be part of its future growth. We invite you to join the credit union and help us celebrate this momentous time.

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