Siena College had its inception in the year 1937 when His Excellency, the Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, D.D., Bishop of Albany, extended an invitation to the Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name, to establish an institution of higher education within the confines of the Capital District. A site suitable for this purpose consisting of 38 acres, located in Loudonville, was acquired in April of the same year as the first step in the realization of this project. Since the beginning, the College was placed under the patronage of St. Bernardine of Siena, the illustrious 15th century Franciscan scholar. St. Bernardine is a fitting patron for he embodies the rich and deep intellectual tradition that the followers of St. Francis bring to education.

The old farm “mansion” that had stood on the site for over fifty years immediately underwent extensive renovations to serve temporarily as a college building. On September 22, 1937, the new college opened its doors for the first time to 90 Freshmen.

The Regents of the University of the State of New York provisionally chartered the College in 1938, granting absolute Charter in 1942. Siena College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and is a member of various academic and administrative organizations.

Since 1971, the College has been governed by an independent Board of Trustees. A Board of Advisors serves to strengthen the relationship between the campus and the surrounding community.

Siena College, now located on 174 acres of land, offers its students a stimulating academic program featuring a core liberal arts education and professional programs in business, social work, and education. While pursuing any one of 29 majors and more than 50 minors and certificate programs, leading to the Baccalaureate, as well as a Master of Science in Accounting, Siena students participate in study abroad, internships, independent studies, honors programs, and undergraduate research, as well as NCAA Division I athletics, intramural athletics, and a wide variety of club and service organizations.
MISSION of SIENA COLLEGE

Siena College is a learning community advancing the ideals of a liberal arts education, rooted in its identity as a Franciscan and Catholic institution.

As a learning community, Siena is committed to a student-centered education emphasizing dynamic faculty-student interaction. Through a blending of liberal arts and professional education, Siena College provides experiences and courses of study instilling the values and knowledge to lead a compassionate, reflective, and productive life of service and leadership.

As a liberal arts college, Siena fosters the rigorous intellectual development of its students through a healthy exchange of ideas both inside and outside the classroom. It provides opportunities to develop critical and creative thinking; to make reasoned and informed judgments; to appreciate cultural diversity; to deepen aesthetic sensibility and to enhance written and oral communication skills. It develops in each individual an appreciation for the richness of exploring knowledge from a variety of perspectives and disciplines.

As a Franciscan community, Siena strives to embody the vision and values of St. Francis of Assisi: faith in a personal and provident God, reverence for all creation, affirmation of the unique worth of each person, delight in diversity, appreciation for beauty, service with the poor and marginalized, a community where members work together in friendship and respect, and commitment to building a world that is more just, peaceable, and humane.

As a Catholic college, Siena seeks to advance not only the intellectual growth of its students, but their spiritual, religious, and ethical formation as well. To this end, Siena is composed of and in dialogue with people from different religious and cultural traditions; encourages critical reflection on religious experience; provides ample opportunities for worship and service; explores the moral dimensions of decision-making in business and the professions; and affirms the dignity of the individual while pursuing the common good.

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In the little town of Treviso in Northern Italy, the voice of the Apostle of Peace was heard. He spoke on the Holy Name of Jesus and successfully broke down civil strife and disorder. He then dedicated the rest of his life to preaching on the Most Holy Name. According to the testimony of his contemporaries, Saint Bernardine was the greatest orator of his time. No one exercised greater influence over the masses. Aeneas Piccolomini, afterwards Pope Pius II, who had heard Bernardine in his youth, tells us that: “His eloquence was inexhaustible and his learning prodigious. He was admired and revered by all as another Saint Paul, as a vessel of election.” Blessed Albert of Sartiano, who accompanied Bernardine on his missions stated: “This truly eminent man, Bernardine, the greatest ornament of the Franciscan Order, taught the people of this country with wonderful wisdom and discernment, and labored to maintain them in their good dispositions…”

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, May 15
Ten O’Clock
Times Union Center

Commencement Narrator .................................................. Timothy J. Reno, D.M.A.
Assistant Professor of Creative Arts

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Master of Ceremonies .................................................. Margaret E. Madden, Ph.D.
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Invocation ................................................................. Fr. Lawrence C. Anderson, O.F.M., M.S.W.
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National Anthem .......................................................... Julia N. Craig
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Greetings .................................................................. Daniel “Din” Cahill ’75
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Welcome Address ......................................................... Ariana R. Tagliaferri
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Associate Professor of English

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Special Video Presentation

Reflections of the Class of 2016

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Presentation of Graduates

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SIENA COLLEGE ALMA MATER

Hail Siena, Alma Mater, joyfully we bless her name.
We her sons and daughters laud her, and her glory we acclaim.
Strengthen her, O God of mercy, grant her wisdom from above.
May we bring her greater honor, by our labor and our love.

When the years our pathways shorten, close to our reward we stand,
May we then, as now, be guided, by our Alma Mater’s hand.
Hail the home of saints and scholars; may her cross on dome of gold
Be the beacon ever after, for the ones her arms enfold.

Senior Commencement Address .............................................. Meena N. Zakher  
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Benediction ............................................................................. The Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger  
Bishop of Albany

Remarks ................................................................................. Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., Ph.D.  
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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Douglas T. Hickey ’77
United States Commissioner General of The Milan Expo

Siena College is honored to recognize Douglas T. Hickey on the occasion of its 76th Commencement. Ambassador Hickey was named United States Commissioner General at Expo Milano 2015 by President Barack Obama in 2014. As Commissioner General, he oversaw efforts to create a dynamic USA Pavilion that told America’s food security story and activated a global conversation about the challenges of feeding the planet. The underlying theme of how to feed the more than 9 billion people who will inhabit the earth by 2050 endures. It is one of the most important issues challenging the world. More than 140 countries participated in the conversation with creative ideas on how to solve this critical issue. It was one of the few times that countries large and small agreed on something so significant.

Prior to his appointment in Italy, Ambassador Hickey was President and CEO of San Francisco-based BinWise Inc., the leading provider of analytics to premier restaurant, hotel and entertainment groups around the world. He has more than 30 years of operational experience holding senior-level positions in the telecom, Internet and technology industries. He was Managing Director of Hummer Winblad Venture Partners, one of Silicon Valley’s leading venture capital firms, for more than 10 years. Before Hummer Winblad, he was CEO of Critical Path, the leading provider of messaging services to corporations around the globe. Ambassador Hickey was President and CEO of Global Center, which became one of the first and largest providers of advanced web hosting and content distribution on the web. After selling Global Center to Frontier Communications, he was named President of Frontier Global Center and Executive Vice President of Frontier Communications Corporation. Ultimately, the combined operation was successfully sold to Global Crossing.

His work in the public sector included serving as Northern California Finance Co-Chair on Secretary Kerry’s Presidential campaign. He also was a member of the National Finance Committee for President Obama’s campaign in 2008 and 2012, as well as Co-Chair of the California Finance Committee.

Recognized as a “Builder of Siena,” he became one of the principal donors to the College’s Values and Visions Capital Campaign in 2000 by creating the Douglas T. Hickey Chair in Business, the College’s first and only academic chair in its School of Business. His philanthropy to Siena includes making the lead gift to the Douglas T. Hickey Technology Center, home of the Will Raub Trading Room. He received his B.S. in Economics from Siena in 1977.

He joined the Siena College Board of Trustees in 2001 and served on all of the Board’s committees over the ensuing nine years. In 2007, he was awarded the College’s prestigious Professor Joseph A. Buff Award for outstanding career achievement.

Ambassador Hickey has brought credit to himself and Siena through 40 years of service to the College, through his tireless work on behalf of the poor in the Catholic Diocese of San Francisco, to his professional career as an innovator in the field of telecommunications and financial management, and through his civic leadership culminating in his appointment by President Obama as Commissioner General.

In recognition of his lifetime of exemplary achievement, leadership, and service in the public, private, and non-profit sectors of our society, Siena College awards Douglas T. Hickey the honorary degree, Doctor of Humanities.
In recognition of teaching excellence, Siena College established this award in honor of Professor Jerome Walton, one of the College's first lay faculty, who served Siena for 21 years as a Professor of Commerce, Economics, Statistics, and Business Mathematics. The award is given annually to the faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching. Recipients of the Jerome Walton Award are recognized for their record of outstanding and passionate teaching, for their creativity and willingness to experiment, and for their ability to engage students with rigorous and intellectually challenging subject matter.

Siena College is honored to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Christiane Farnan as the recipient of the Academic Year 2015-2016 award.

Since first joining the Siena faculty as an adjunct instructor in 1996, Dr. Farnan has taught and developed a wide variety of courses in English, American Studies and the First Year Seminar program, including many Honors classes, each with a different theme. Her reputation as one of the College's best teachers is reflected in her consistently closed out classes.

“Anyone who has as much as crossed paths with Christiane knows that she is an outstanding and passionate teacher,” commented a colleague. “She is an outstanding and passionate human being, the same inside the classroom as out. Her personality doesn’t change when she walks into the classroom; it’s just revved up a bit more.”

Her student evaluations confirm her effectiveness and energy, as well as the fact that her students don’t just like her, they love her. “Dr. Farnan is the most enthusiastic professor that I know. She clearly loves what she teaches and makes whatever she is teaching interesting and fun by engaging the class and holding high standards of participation,” wrote one of her students.

Her dedication and commitment to her students extends well beyond the classroom, as well. Whether it’s helping them master literary concepts, developing their writing skills or chat about life beyond Siena, it would be unusual to walk by her office and not find students gathered at her round table in conversation.

She is able to “walk that amazing balance between being very open, entertaining, and persuasive, while also letting her students know that she expects much of them,” wrote a member of her department. “She never stops pushing them to excel. It’s simply not in her DNA to do or to accept work that is not "A" level. She demands this of herself and she demands this of her students,” wrote another.

Dr. Farnan received her B.A. from Siena College, her M.A. from The College of Saint Rose and her Ph.D. from the University at Albany.

The Raymond C. Kennedy Excellence in Scholarship Award is named in honor of Raymond C. Kennedy, second lay Chair of the Siena College Board of Trustees, and an individual known not only for his service to non-profit organizations, but also for his deep intellectual curiosity in a wide variety of disciplines. In recognition of the contribution scholarly activities provide toward the attainment of academic excellence, each year one faculty member is acknowledged for having made a significant contribution to his or her profession and/or discipline. Recipients are recognized by peers outside the College, as having a consistent and significant record of scholarship and/or creative production, completed primarily while at Siena College.

Siena College is honored to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Vera Eccarius-Kelly as the recipient of the 2015-2016 award.

Since joining Siena's Political Science Department in 2002, Dr. Eccarius-Kelly has established a strong record of scholarship in the interdisciplinary field of Kurdish studies, specializing in the areas of nationalism, ethnicities, and conflict studies. In her work she strives to advance an understanding of the European Kurdish Diaspora, its political activism, and support for the PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party), a guerrilla group that fights for self-determination in Turkey and is deeply enmeshed in the struggle against ISIS in Iraq and Syria. She is an internationally recognized expert in this area of study and her expertise is solicited for both presentation and publication by esteemed venues around the world.

As a model scholar-teacher, she uses her research to create exciting and topical courses such as Syria and the Future of the Middle East, and in collaborative research projects. And she is frequently called upon as a resource to Honors thesis students. In addition, she has led numerous travel courses in her areas of expertise that have proven to be meaningful, vibrant learning experiences for Siena students.


In addition to her teaching, she is currently the Faculty Advisor for the Latin-American and Caribbean Studies Certificate, the Faculty Chair of the Fair Trade Steering Committee, and previously served as the Associate Dean in the School of Liberal Arts from 2009 to 2014.

Dr. Eccarius-Kelly received her B.A. from Macalester College and her M.A., L.D and Ph.D. from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.
MATTHEW T. CONLIN, O.F.M.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

James R. Matthews, M.A., M.S.
Professor of Computer Science

In recognition of the contribution that service activities provide toward the attainment of institutional excellence, Siena College established this award in honor of Father Matthew T. Conlin, O.F.M., who served as a faculty member in the English Department and as the sixth President of Siena College. The award is given annually to the faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in service beyond what is normally expected of faculty at Siena College.

Siena College is honored to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. James R. Matthews as the recipient of the 2015-2016 award.

Professor Matthews has made considerable contributions to a wide variety of service activities since his tenure at Siena began in 1982. A large part of his service has focused on improving STEM education at the pre-college level; an area he feels connects with and enhances his Siena teaching and scholarship. The results of this work have been shared with thousands of educators at hundreds of regional, national, and international professional conferences during the past 30 years.

Perhaps the most personally fulfilling service for Matthews has been the many years spent as a weekly volunteer in elementary and secondary schools getting young people excited about mathematics and boosting their confidence levels. Other notable activities that have connected his teaching, scholarship, and service include the Noyce Mathematics and Science Teaching Scholarship Program at Siena. Starting in 2011, the Noyce program, which is supported with a $1.2 million NSF grant, has provided more than 230 Siena students with exceptional experiences in teaching mathematics, computer science, and natural science in urban schools.

Underscoring his commitment to enhancing computer science education at area high schools, he has directed the Siena high school programming contest for almost 30 years. Thousands of area high school students have participated in these highly motivating contests. Along with colleague, Dr. Mary Anne Egan, he initiated the annual Siena Student IMPACT Program, a day-long, academic and career exploration program. Throughout his career he has served numerous professional organizations including the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State, for which he was a past president. At Siena, he has served on more than 30 committees including the Faculty Memorial Scholarship Committee (chair), Faculty Compensation Committee, ACE Faculty Advisory Board, Tenure and Promotion Standards Committee, Committee on Teaching, the Board of Instruction, Long Range Planning Committee, Campus Planning and Finance Committee, and the General Faculty Committee (past chair).

He also served as chair of the Computer Science Department for seven years between 1989 and 2001, during which time the annual enrollment of CS majors rose from single digits to become the second largest major in the School of Science.

Professor Matthews received his B.S. from Montclair State College and an M.A. in Mathematics and an M.S. in Computer Science from the University at Albany.

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Julia D. Prendergast
Alyssa N. Stagliano
Costin K. Thampikutty

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Tessa M. Biskup, “First Generation Immigrant Adoption and Integration into the U.S. College System: A Look into Small, Liberal Arts Colleges”

Samantha K. Burke, “Medical Emergencies: Hollywood, the Law, and You”

Marissa A. Caruso, “Her Story: The Analysis of Women in Early Christianity and Their Position of Influence within the Christian World”

Marybeth P. Condon, “Creative Placemaking in Arbor Hill and Sheridan Hollow”

Antonia M. Edwards, “Battered Woman Syndrome: Improving Self-Defense Laws to Protect Domestic Violence Victims”


Gabriel S. Kipp, “Native American Philosophy and Modern Environmentalism: How a Neglected Perspective Can Help a Contemporary Problem”


Jessica L. Murphy, “From Distortion to Dehumanization: How Mainstream Media Misrepresents the Black Lives Matter Movement”

Roshan S. Nair, “Honoring Cultural Sensibilities: Reworking Current Models of Public Health Education in Kerala, India”

Samuel A. Necrason, “Closing the Chasm: Using Aid to Improve Health Outcomes”

Oscar A. Ralda, “The Echo Arous’d in My Soul: Mourning in the Poetry of Walt Whitman”

Mary E. Tabatneck, “Structural Analysis of PRDM2 and Mutant Variants”

Costin K. Thampikutty, “The Discourse of Distrust: Hip Hop and the Police”

Brianne M. Theodorou, “Defaulting on Sports?: How College Athletic Revenue is Reinvested”


Meghan E. Vreeland, “No Catholics Need Apply: The MacBride Campaign and Irish-American Involvement in Northern Ireland”
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Kathleen J. Bender, “The Effects of After School Programming on the Development of At-Risk Girls”

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Elizabeth J. Farah, “Promoting Healthy Eating in Food Deserts: A Corner Store Initiative in New York’s Capital Region”

Kelly D. Finn, “Group Psychology within Community Organizing: The Beginning of a Regional Food Assessment”

Jessica L. Guthrie, “Preparing Student Teachers for Teaching in High-Poverty, Urban Schools”

Shae-Leigh Paparella-Voorhees, “Urban Culture or Growth of Supermarkets? The Creation of Food Deserts in Urban Low Income Communities”

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SIENA’S MACE AND THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

Siena’s mace and the Presidential medallion are relatively new to the College’s ceremonial trappings.

The mace is approximately four feet long and eight inches wide at the top. Weighing nearly 40 pounds, it is made of polished bronze with a satin finish. The seal of Siena College, which is the monogram of the Holy Name of Jesus, IHS, surmounts the head of the mace. This rendition is copied from the bronze sculpture above the front entrance to the Siena friary. Two bands, intersecting at right angles, surround the bronze disk at the top of the mace. To the artist, Otello Guardicci, who designed the work on which the mace is based, the disk represented Christ in the Eucharist; the area within the circle represents the unity of God. Many rays radiating from the center symbolize the glory of God. Guardicci called the original work “The Sun.”

Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was one of the notable characteristics of St. Francis and his order. The devotion crystallized when St. Bernardine of Siena popularized it in the 15th century and made the material object of this devotion the monogram of the Holy Name. IHS are the first three letters of the name Jesus (Iota-Eta-Sigma) in Greek.

The mace’s base includes both the seal of the Order of Friars Minor and the seal of the College.

This mace is a gift from Nancy and Thomas D. O’Connor. Mr. O’Connor was chairman of both the Siena Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee when Fr. William E. McConville was selected as the College’s eighth President.

Siena’s seventh President, Fr. Hugh F. Hines, O.F.M., was the first to wear the Presidential medallion. The pewter medallion bears the College seal on one side and the Franciscan cross arms on the other.

The Franciscan coat of arms first appeared in art in the 16th century. Reflection on the great event of Francis’ life, the receiving of the Stigmata, the wounds in his body like those of Christ on the Cross, prompted a variety of insignia. On the Franciscan coat of arms the habited arm is that of Francis, the other that of Christ; Francis became one with Christ through a life of prayer, penance, and service. The crossed arms invite his followers to do likewise.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic costume is derived from the garments worn at medieval universities. The gowns and the hoods were common at British universities before the 14th century; the square cap is thought to be a 16th century import from the University of Paris. From the color and the size of the American academic attire one may determine the institution from which the wearer received the degree, the degree earned, and the academic rank.

The bachelor’s gown is usually black with pointed sleeves of almost knee length; the master’s gown has oblong sleeves reaching well below the knees, but a slit just above the elbow to allow the forearms to protrude; the doctor’s gown is faced with velvet and has full bell-shaped sleeves, each bearing three horizontal bars of velvet. The trim may be either black or a color distinctive of the degree.

The Trustees of the College wear the black academic gown with deep rich green bars and gold piping. Green and gold are the Siena colors, the gold symbolizing the quality of the education, the green, the hope of the future. The President’s gown is green, with gold panels, cut in the traditional presidential pattern, with long, belled sleeves displaying four gold bars.

The Siena Trustees and President wear the Dutch style black hat with a gold tassel. The President also wears a pewter medallion bearing the College seal on one side and Franciscan cross arms on the other.

The length of the hood also indicates whether the wearer is a bachelor, master or doctor. The silk lining of the hood is colored with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree, and the velvet border of the hood is colored according to the degree granted: white for arts and letters (Bachelor of Arts degree); drab for business areas (Bachelor of Business Administration degree); yellow gold for science (Bachelor of Science degree); dark blue for philosophy (Ph.D.); light blue for education; brown for fine arts; purple for law; citron for social service; scarlet for theology.

In 2004, a number of alumni, many of whom have represented Siena College at inaugurations of new college and university presidents, contributed to a fund to purchase new academic regalia for the use of our trustees, associate trustees, and honorees. Siena College is grateful for their thoughtful generosity.
ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE BANNERS

Explanation of their Symbolism

“Francis”

Derived from Cimabue’s famous portrait, Francis of Assisi is depicted as a Patron of Wisdom gained through Sacrificial Love. The Book is symbolic of wisdom and his extended arm is symbolic of Teaching, or the imparting of Wisdom. Francis also reveals the wounds of Christ which symbolize the Christian path to wisdom, the path of loving, selfless service of God and neighbor.

“Clare”

This depiction of Clare of Assisi is also derived from a famous portrait, by Tiberius of Assisi, which hangs in the Basilica of St. Clare. In his portrait, Clare is seen offering the Book (of the Gospels, presumably), while also clutching the flowers. This book in the context of Siena College represents Wisdom, as it does in “Francis.” Clare offers wisdom and invites the student to learn. The flowers represent Contemplation and Beauty. The combination of book and flower, therefore, represent the Beauty of Wisdom gained through Contemplation.

“Francis and the Birds”

One of the most beloved images of St. Francis shows him preaching to the birds. In the context of Commencement, the birds represent the spirits of our graduates, sent forth today from our Franciscan college, to spread St. Francis’ message of peace and goodness (Pax et Bonum) to the world.

SIENA PALIO BANNERS

Siena College derives its name from the city of Saint Bernardine’s birth, Siena, Italy. The banners which are displayed along the Academic Quad, during Commencement Weekend and carried by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Honor Society at Commencement, are replicas of those used by the various Contrada or wards of the city of Siena.

In the fourteenth century, each Contrada adopted its own emblem and colors and became known as the Contrada of the Eagle, the Shell, the Snail, the Tower, the Porcupine, the Owl, etc. These banners are still proudly displayed and carried in a parade at the annual Palio festivities of Siena where the banners are thrown high into the air and are dexterously caught by the hands of their bearers. They add a note of renaissance pageantry to our Siena community.

The background of the College’s Palio is composed of the College’s colors – green representing hope and loyalty, gold representing generosity and quality of education. The field of colors is surrounded by an intricate scroll design, reminiscent of the fleur de lis, first drawn in Siena, Italy during the Renaissance. At the heart of the Palio, a white dove takes flight, symbolic of peace and compassion. In the first fess or shield, a pen and ink represent the liberal arts of writing, learned employments, and competence. The second fess depicts the Franciscan Tau. Early biographies of Saint Francis of Assisi recount his use of the Tau as an expression of devotion. In fact, Francis often signed his letters with the Tau. Its place here denotes Siena’s heritage and its founding by the Franciscans.

Our banners are a gift from Mr. John V. Kiskis, emeritus member of the Board of Associate Trustees.

“PAX ET BONUM” BANNERS

St. Francis greeted those whom he met on the road with the greeting, Pax et Bonum, which means Peace and all Good. This is the traditional Siena College greeting to guests visiting Siena.

The four Banners, expressing St. Francis’ greeting in English, Italian, Latin, and Spanish, are hoisted on the pillars of Siena Hall for the College’s premier celebrations, such as Commencement Weekend, so to welcome our guests to our Franciscan community.
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Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
THE CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN

Most high, all-powerful, all good, Lord!
   All praise is yours, all glory, all honour
   And all blessing.
To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.
   No mortal lips are worthy
   To pronounce your name.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you have made,
   And first my lord Brother Sun,
   Who brings the day; and light you give to us through him.
How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendour!
   Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
   In the heavens you have made them, bright
   And precious and fair.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
   And fair and stormy, all the weather’s moods,
   By which you cherish all that you have made.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,
   So useful, lowly, precious and pure.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
   Through whom you brighten up the night.
   How beautiful is he, how gay! Full of power and strength.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother,
   Who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces
   Various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon
   For love of you; through those who endure
   Sickness and trial.
Happy those who endure in peace,
   By you, Most High, they will be crowned.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death,
   From whose embrace no mortal can escape.
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
   And serve him with great humility.

— St. Francis of Assisi