

BONNER PROGRAM GRADUATE OUTCOMES

The students obtain a well-rounded understanding of working with non-profits at all levels. Students gain a skillset that includes public speaking, working with diverse groups, volunteer management, conflict resolution, program development and management, and the ability to work with high-level professionals.

- Over the last five years, 100 percent of Siena Bonner Service Leaders have gone on to either the graduate school of their choice, national service, or employment in their field.
- Graduate schools include Brandeis University, Boston University School of Public Health, Columbia University, University of Michigan, University of Rochester, Russell Sage Graduate School, The College of Saint Rose, Empire State College, SUNY Downstate Medical School, Albany Medical College, Merrimack College, SUNY Albany, and The University of Notre Dame.
- Postgraduate national service opportunities include the New York City Teaching Fellows Program, City Year, AmeriCorps VISTA Fellows and Peace Corps.
- Employers include Siena College, America Works, Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Global Foundries, Bloomberg LP, Cengage Learning, Merrimack College, as well as Local School Districts.



Siena College's beautiful, suburban campus is home to **3,000 undergraduates** and is located in Loudonville, N.Y. The Schools of Liberal Arts, Business and Science offer countless program combinations so students can explore and customize their education to make their personal and professional dreams happen.

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WHAT ARE BONNER SERVICE LEADERS?



Bonner Service Leaders are undergraduate students who utilize their academic talents to lead community change through service. They help to build a world that is more just, peaceable and humane through direct service, professional development and scholarly examination of injustice. Some of Siena College's partner organizations work with at-risk youth, people suffering from disability and addiction, immigrants, formerly incarcerated, and other marginalized populations.

The Bonner Service Leaders Program is a four-year commitment for students to serve with one organization combining service with academics and career goals. Placements are developmental, moving students through increasing levels of experience and responsibility across four years. This program is unique because students get the opportunity to focus on social justice issues locally, nationally, and internationally.

Bonner Service Leader students are eligible for up to \$8,000 over their four years in the program if they qualify for Federal College Work Study funding. This amount is a combination of Bonner institution and federal work-study funds.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Bonner Service Leaders complete an 18-credit certificate in Community Development. This is a culmination of their academic pathway, which includes the following cornerstone activities:

- Students embark on a **first-year travel course to West Virginia**. Students are exposed to both the challenges and opportunities within rural communities.
- Participating in a **second-year exchange**, Bonners learn about the National Bonner Network of more than 70 institutions. Through this experience, Bonners explore the community around a partner Bonner school in Camden, NJ and connect with members of the Bonner National Network.
- Through a **service experience abroad**, students explore poverty and community development from an **international perspective**.
- Students complete a **senior capstone** where they culminate their Bonner experience in a final thesis and presentation at the **Siena College Academic Celebration**.

"Bonner is and will always be a life changing experience for me. I joined the program Sophomore year, and went from failing classes as a Freshman to being placed in leadership roles in the program my Senior year. I couldn't imagine not having an outlet on campus that was not only academically supportive, as well as personally and professionally, but also people I call family."

Laniqua Mack '19

Service Site: Boys and Girls Club of Albany

