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SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

SEARCH PROFILE:
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



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THE SEARCH – VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (VPAA)

Siena Heights University invites nominations, inquiries, and applications as they seek an accomplished and collaborative academic leader with an understanding of and commitment to the liberal arts mission to serve as its next Vice President for Academic Affairs. Reporting to the President, the VPAA serves as the chief academic officer of the University and is a member of the President's Cabinet. The successful candidate will work collaboratively with the academic deans, faculty, staff, and students to advance the mission, vision, and strategic goals of the University. They will also represent the University to external stakeholders, such as accrediting agencies, government entities, industry partners, and community organizations.

Qualifications and Skills:

- A terminal degree in a relevant discipline from an accredited institution;
- A deep understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition, Catholic social teaching, and the Dominican charism;
- A commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and a desire to support the University's aspiration to become a Hispanic Serving Institution;
- A capacity to lead innovation in academic programs, curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, and technology;
- A record of accomplishment in promoting enrollment growth, student retention, faculty development, academic quality, and research productivity;
- A strong communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills; and
- A high level of integrity, professionalism, and ethical conduct.

The VPAA is expected to embody and promote the mission of Siena Heights University, which is "to assist people to become more competent, purposeful, and ethical through a teaching and learning environment which respects the dignity of all." The successful candidate will be able to support the Catholic and Dominican mission and identity of the University, which are inspired by the life and teachings of St. Catherine of Siena.

For more information on the legacy and significant milestones of Siena Heights University, visit sienaheights.edu.





COMPETENT
PURPOSEFUL
ETHICAL

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Siena Heights University, a Catholic University founded and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, is to assist people to become more competent, purposeful, and ethical through a teaching and learning environment which respects the dignity of all.

"If you are who you were meant to be, you will set the world ablaze."

Saint Catherine of Siena

Siena Heights University is a coeducational, Catholic institution in the Dominican tradition, founded in 1919 and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Enrolling a diverse community of traditional and working adult students, Siena Heights is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and was founded in the liberal arts tradition, offering associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees. The main campus is located in Adrian, Michigan, and offers an award-winning online program as well as degree completion centers in Dearborn, Southfield, Benton Harbor, Monroe, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Jackson.



CAREER-READY MAJORS

Siena offers 50+ majors across high-growth areas like Business (including an Accelerated MBA Program), Special and Early Education, the Arts and Sciences, and extensive pre-professional programs in Law and Health.

AFFORDABILITY

Scholarships are available for academics, athletics, and the visual and performing arts, in addition to other financial aid. Students who are Catholic, or who attend a Catholic secondary school, are eligible for Siena's Catholic Grant too!

SHU GLOBAL

From associate's to bachelor's to master's degrees, SHU GLOBAL classes are designed so students can work, manage home life, and earn their degree. Students choose between online or face-to-face classes with 7-week sessions and can finish their degree within a year. Our dedicated advisors help students save time and money by giving credit where credit is due. They will work with the student to uncover every transfer credit possibility—whether it was earned yesterday or 30 years ago. Our Bachelor of Applied Science degree is designed to help students earn their degrees and upgrade their expertise in their chosen career fields. We also offer degrees in Business Administration, Health Care Management, and Nursing and Professional Communication, just to name a few.

With seven programs to choose from, Siena's graduate degree programs offer flexible, affordable options to help students reach their goals while fitting seamlessly into their busy schedule. At Siena Heights, our students learn in seven week sub-sessions that are taught by dedicated faculty members who have real-world experience in today's most in-demand fields. Plus, our small class sizes allow for more individualized support and provide a personalized learning experience to help students grow and succeed. Graduate programs include the MBA, the MSN, Leadership, and more.

Plus, Siena Heights goes above and beyond to invest in our students' growth and success. Our Siena Tuition Advantage plan offers all students a locked-in tuition rate for two academic years.



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AT A GLANCE

3.07

Student-Athlete GPA

Cumulative 3.07 GPA (Fall 2021 semester).



AWARD-WINNING

Again named a College of Distinction and Catholic College of Distinction for 2023-2024.

1919

Founded

Catholic university founded by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

90%

Receive Financial Aid

Making college education affordable for students from all backgrounds.



ONLINE EXCELLENCE

Nationally ranked Undergraduate Online Program.

50+

Majors

Our programs are designed and delivered for today's workforce.

14:1

Student-To-Faculty Ratio

Our Adrian campus classes offer the personal attention students deserve.

7

Locations

In Michigan and have offered online programs since 2004.

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Value

The Siena Tuition Advantage price certainty plan fixes tuition for two years.



ACCREDITATIONS

Siena Heights University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

In addition to the accreditation of Siena Heights University by the Higher Learning Commission, the following academic programs are accredited by their professional organizations:

- BFA and BA Programs in Art are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).
- BSW in Social Work is accredited by the Council for Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation (CSWE).
- The Division of Education is granted accreditation at the initial-licensure level by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
- The baccalaureate degree programs and the master's degree program in nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Siena Heights holds memberships in the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, the Michigan Colleges Foundation, the Council of Independent Colleges, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the Council for Opportunity in Education, the Association of Governing Boards, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, and several athletic conferences, including the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

ATHLETICS

The Siena Heights University Saints belong to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, as well as several other sport-specific conferences. The University sponsors more than 20 men's and women's varsity sports.

CO-ED SPORTS:

- Cheer
- Dance
- E-Sports

MEN'S SPORTS:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

WOMEN'S SPORTS:

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



ABOUT THE CITY OF ADRIAN

The City of Adrian has a population of approximately 21,000 people and is about 30 miles southwest of Ann Arbor and 30 miles northwest of Toledo, Ohio. Adrian is referred to as "the Maple City" due in part to the many maple tree species found throughout the city. Adrian's cultural life has connections to the mid-19th century and the city is today known as a vibrant arts community. The Adrian City Band, founded in 1838, is one of the oldest continuously active community bands in the country. The Croswell Opera House is the oldest theatre in Michigan. The Adrian Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1981. Downtown Adrian has experienced a renaissance in recent years, with many historic buildings renovated and restored to their previous glory. Heritage and Trestle parks have extensive mountain bike trails and boardwalks along the river. Trestle Park features a pedestrian walkway along a former railroad trestle.

ABOUT LENAWEE COUNTY

REGIONS

- Adrian
- Tecumseh
- Blissfield
- Clinton
- Hudson
- Morenci

Lenawee County's reasonable cost of living, big-city amenities, and proximity to nearby cities such as Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Toledo allow residents to enjoy simplicity, safety, and charm while living just a short drive from metropolitan museums, professional sports, concerts, and many other cultural events and opportunities.

The abundance of lakes, parks, and golf courses makes Lenawee County a playground for boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, golfing, and biking. Nearby is the Michigan International Speedway, which hosts nationally televised NASCAR races and holds popular events such as the Faster Horses Music Festival.

The median value of owner-occupied housing from 2015-19 was \$139,400. During that same period, the average household income was \$55,450. The major regions include Adrian, Tecumseh, Blissfield, Clinton, Hudson, Morenci, and the Irish Hills. Recently, ProMedica opened the Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital, a modern 205,000 square-foot facility with acute care, emergency services, and labs. The new campus also includes a 32,000 square foot YMCA. <https://www.visitlenawee.com/>

SOURCES: ADRIANCITY.COM AND CENSUS.GOV



HOW TO APPLY

Siena Heights University is being assisted by the search firm of Hyatt-Fennell, Executive Search Plus.

Nominations and applications should be submitted to Cheryl Hyatt or Robert Head at sienaheights@hyatt-fennell.com.

Applications include a letter of interest (indicating how you would understand and support the Catholic identity and the Dominican mission of the University), a current curriculum vitae, and contact information for five professional references.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and must be submitted prior to March 23, 2024, to receive full consideration.

Applications and nominations will be considered highly confidential.



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Siena Heights University is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, disability, or marital status in the institution's programs or activities or any other occupationally irrelevant criteria. The University promotes affirmative action for minorities, women, disabled persons, and veterans.