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Lasallian Volunteers' Director to be Honored for Service

Washington, D.C. (May 30, 2014) – Siena College will honor **Jolleen Wagner, Director of Lasallian Volunteers**, for her dedication to service. Wagner, a 2004 graduate of the Loudonville, NY, college, will receive the Franciscan Spirit Award on Saturday, June 7, during the President's Brunch and Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony as part of the college's Reunion Weekend. The Franciscan Spirit Award is given to a man and a woman who have graduated within 10 years and have demonstrated commitment to service to both Siena and their community, while excelling in their careers.

"My immediate reaction to learning I was one of the Franciscan Spirit Award recipients was to sit down. That might sound funny, but I believe it highlights my surprise," Wagner said. "The spiritualities of both St. Francis of Assisi and St. John Baptist de La Salle have had irrevocable impact on the person I am...for anyone to recognize that I am pursuing my life in a way that reflects either is a great affirmation."

Wagner, a native of Green Island, NY, graduated from Siena College in 2004 and has since continued a path of service. After serving for three years as a Lasallian Volunteer and educator, Wagner became the Lasallian Volunteers' associate director in 2007 and director in 2011. [Lasallian Volunteers](#) is a program of the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the Lasallian Region of North America, which encompasses the United States and Canada. Wagner is responsible for the vision and guidance of this faith-based, long-term volunteer program focused on service to at-risk populations through education and social services.

In addition to her work for Lasallian Volunteers, Wagner has been called upon to evaluate existing and develop new formation programs, lead and design immersion trips, and present and facilitate at various events focused on faith, service, and community. Additionally, as a member of the International Council of Young Lasallians and the chair of the Regional Young Lasallian Committee, Wagner leads at the International and Regional levels to illuminate and invigorate the Young Lasallian voice for the future of the mission.

Wagner will receive the award in a ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7 in Massry Commons, New Hall. Siena College is located at 515 Loudon Road in Loudonville.

Christian Brothers Conference is the Regional office for the Lasallian Region of North America, part of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Christian Brothers). The Institute is a Catholic religious order of laymen whose mission is to provide spiritual and human education to youth, especially those who are poor and disadvantaged. Founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle in 17th century France, today approximately 4,500 Brothers and 80,000 Partners serve nearly 900,000 students in about 1,000 educational ministries in 80 countries. For more information, email communications@lasallian.info, call 202.529.0047, or visit www.lasallian.info.

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