The University at Albany Foundation

2014 Citizen Laureate Awards
35th Anniversary

Thursday, November 6, 2014
5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception • 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards Program
SEFCU Arena, UAlbany Uptown Campus • Black Tie

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ACADEMIC LAUREATE

Fr. Kevin J. Mullen, O.F.M., Ph.D.
Tenth President of Siena College

Since his presidency began in 2007, Fr. Kevin has guided Siena’s successful efforts to craft a new strategic plan, presided over the college’s 75th anniversary, launched a $50 million dollar comprehensive campaign, and overseen major campus expansion and renovation.

Through his career he has served as a teacher, pastor, guardian and director, with many of these being administrative and leadership positions. Despite these achievements, Fr. Kevin continues to hear and to heed the words of his saintly mentor, Francis of Assisi: “Brothers and sisters, let us begin again, for up to now we have done little or nothing.” Fr. Kevin received his bachelor’s degree in history from Siena in 1975, his Master of Divinity degree from the Washington Theological Union, and his Ph.D. in Medical Ethics from the Catholic University of America.

COMMUNITY LAUREATES

Phoebe Powell Bender
Community Volunteer

For more than 50 years, Phoebe Bender, a Capital Region native, has been a remarkably accomplished community volunteer, offering her service to numerous non-profit boards and actively serving as a trustee in organizations which support the arts, tourism, public policy and reproductive health.

She has served as president of eight non-profit organizations, led three state-wide organizations, and served as vice president and/or chair of over a dozen others.

In recognition of her service, Ms. Bender has been honored by several organizations including the YMCA and Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce and, together with her husband Matthew Bender, the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation and the Community Foundation.

A graduate of Tufts University, she and Matt reside in Albany, and together have three children and eight grandchildren.

Daniel P. Nolan ’74
President and CEO, Hugh Johnson Advisors, LLC

A highly successful businessman and respected community leader, Dan Nolan’s contributions to the quality of life in the Capital Region are extensive.

Recognized for his business expertise, both in his current role and throughout his career at Ayco Company and Goldman Sachs, he is perhaps more known for his work as chairman of the Board of Trustees for both The College of St. Rose and Albany Law School. Additionally, he supports many other non-profit organizations and is renowned for his integrity and wit.

Dan graduated from the University at Albany in 1974 with a degree in Business Administration, and received his Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School in 1978. He and his notable wife, Sally, reside in Loudonville, and together have two children who live in New York City.

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The proceeds from the dinner benefit the important work of The University at Albany Foundation, which acts on behalf of the University’s educational, research and public service missions. Established in 1967 to encourage philanthropic support, The Foundation today helps to advance the University’s strategic goals and also sponsors efforts to build the University’s ties to the community.

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EVENT BACKGROUND

For 34 years, the University at Albany’s Citizen Laureate Awards have honored outstanding leaders in business and industry, government and academics for their extraordinary accomplishments. Long considered a signature event of the University at Albany, this black-tie affair was instituted to strengthen the ties between the academic and business communities.

Since its inception in 1977, the “town-and-gown” event has evolved into the Capital Region’s premier awards dinner, with more than 70 distinguished award winners honored over the course of its history. Each of our laureates enriches our community in distinctive ways — economically, scientifically, culturally, intellectually and socially — and, taken together, their efforts are helping to transform our Capital Region. The Academic Laureate Award recognizes individuals for their notable achievements in academia and research. The Community Laureate Award honors individuals for their outstanding contributions to the Capital Region and beyond.