

## **Indoor Golf Facility Opens to Rave Reviews**

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The Raymond Center and Harry Mikhitarian Golf Training Facility at Siena officially opened this fall. The facility houses several state-of-the-art training aides for Siena's golfers, including a custom putting green, an indoor driving range and a swing/video analysis center.

"I don't know if there are any facilities like this right now in the Northeast," said head golf coach Tom Wronowski. "Through the generosity of a lot of people, we were able to get this project completed, and now the onus is on us to help our student-athletes improve their games."

This exciting new addition is made possible through the generosity of Kenneth and Patricia Raymond, the family off Harry Mikhitarian and First Columbia Property Services, LLC. Siena's golfers now have access to a personal club room and a player's lounge. The facility also includes offices for coaches and a club storage area designed to bolster Siena's already flourishing golf programs.

"The facility will help us immensely in preparing for the spring season and conference championship, which takes place in April," Wronowski said. "The key to the facility is being able to get feedback during the winter months that we can really use as opposed to just hitting into a net."

Siena's golf teams have been on the forefront of college's academic and athletic success. By having five athletes names as Academic All-Americans over the past three years, the men and women's programs continue to demonstrate the true meaning of the student-athlete. The women are nine-time defending MAAC champions, while the men have won two recent MAAC championships, advancing to the NCAA tournament in 2006 and 2007.

Important naming opportunities remain available at all levels for the facility. Please contact Siena Athletics at 518-783-2450.