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Student LIFE

STUDENT LIFE PROVIDES INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCES, EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO BECOME ENGAGED, GLOBAL AND ETHICAL PERSONS.

Student Life is guided by the Lasallian Core Principles:

- FAITH IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
- CONCERN FOR THE POOR AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
- QUALITY EDUCATION
- RESPECT FOR ALL PERSONS
- INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Students who engage in the Student Life experience at Saint Mary's College will apply the habits of mind to achieve the following outcomes:

1. The ability to reflect on and articulate the multiple and evolving dimensions of their personal identity
2. The ability to demonstrate an understanding of personal and social responsibility
3. Competence in making connections with others and experiencing a sense of belonging
4. The ability to advocate for the dignity of all people
5. The ability to practice leadership as a means for positive social change
6. Knowledge of and ability to model behaviors that support a balanced and healthy lifestyle

VICE PROVOST FOR STUDENT LIFE

The Vice Provost leads the Student Life area in building, sustaining and enhancing a community focused on student learning by providing services and support for students outside the classroom. Student Life areas include: Dean of Students Office, Residential Experience, Community Life, New Student and Family Programs, Campus Housing, Meetings, Events & Conferences, Counseling and Psychological Services, Health and Wellness Center, Student Involvement and Leadership, Intercultural Center, Women's Resource Center and Public Safety. Student Life administrators and staff work together and in association with other campus departments to form key relationships for the benefit of our students.

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DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Office of the Dean of Students is a department within the division of Student Life and serves as a key link between students and other areas of campus life to support student success. The Dean of Students' staff and programs enhance the out-of-classroom experiences of students in an effort to develop responsible, civic-minded, and engaged citizens. The Dean of Students staff coordinates the College's response to crisis situations that involve students and frequently serves as a liaison between students, faculty, and other administrators or offices in a variety of situations. The five offices that report to the Dean of Students focus on various elements of student life. Residential Experience is responsible for student programs, building community, and living experiences in the residence halls. Community Life encourages personal integrity through the student discipline process. New Student and Family Programs supports the transition of students to the College. Campus Housing organizes academic year living arrangements within the residence halls. Meetings, Events, and Conferences offers opportunities for year-round use of College facilities. The Dean of Students is available to guide students and families to resolve complex issues and provide resources to enhance the Saint Mary's experience.

RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

The Office of Residential Experience creates a home for residential students by developing a safe, engaging and inclusive environment that supports resident learning and emphasizes personal and social responsibility. Committed to the College's Catholic, Lasallian and liberal arts traditions, Residential Experience intentionally fosters a living environment that promotes the academic, spiritual, emotional and personal growth of each resident. The atmosphere is supported by a dynamic team of residential staff, the student programming body (Residence Hall Association or RHA), and a variety of campus partners who support our Living Learning Communities. Through intentional connection with the academic community, the Office of Residential Experience carefully assesses the holistic learning of students in the context of the residential community.

The Offices of New Student and Family Programs, Campus Housing, and Residential Experience function as a unit. As experts on transition, these offices provide an engaging residential experience and focus on the development of personal and social responsibility.

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Saint Mary's College offers students residential opportunities to extend their education beyond the classroom. There are several themed living learning communities in the residence halls. A Saint Mary's College living learning community provides resident students:

- A unified theme and shared sense of goals within the community
- Intimate engagement with Saint Mary's through conscious contribution and fellowship
- Improved academic and social transition in each stage of student development
- Increased personal and academic learning and development
- A supporting and challenging environment in which students engage in ideas and explore diverse views and values

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE — A GLOBAL LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY

The International House (iHouse) is a global living and learning residential community that fosters a friendly environment and caring community where cultural diversity and respect for difference is valued and at the forefront of all interaction. The iHouse is a safe and engaging place where both international and domestic students can learn and practice skills important in cross-cultural communication and engaging globally. The iHouse serves to orient international and exchange students and prepare second and third year domestic students for study abroad in their second semester sophomore, junior or senior years. Residents of the iHouse participate in service projects, attend global/cultural presentations, participate in iClub activities and annual Global Fair, participate in international cooperative cooking nights, and develop new and interesting globally focused gatherings. The iHouse is located in Claeys Hall North and is sponsored by the Center for International Programs and in partnership with the Office of Residential Experience. It is primarily open to sophomores, but junior standing returning study abroad and inbound exchange students may also apply for membership in the iHouse. For more information, contact the Center for International Programs by phone at (925) 631-4352 or email at studyabroad@stmarys-ca.edu.

HONORS LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Honors Living Community invites students with a commitment to academic and civic excellence to live and work in an inclusive and supportive cohort. The first-year Honors Community in Assumption Hall eases honors students' transition into college by acquainting them with faculty and by providing tutoring and a variety of recreation and service activities. Incoming first-year Honors students have the opportunity to apply for the Honors Living Community in Assumption Hall. Residents of the First Year Honors Living Community:

- Have access to free tutoring from live-in, upper-division mentors versed in the sciences and humanities and benefit from increased support in common first-year courses.
- Are eligible to participate in formal and informal community activities, including field trips, study groups, meals with faculty, trips to Bay Area attractions.
- Have access to a full kitchen, a spacious study and a recreation lounge.

If you are an incoming first-year Honors Program student and wish to participate in this community, indicate your interest on the Honors Program Questionnaire you will receive after you have confirmed your enrollment at Saint Mary's College. For more information, contact the Honors Program, at honors@stmarys-ca.edu or by phone at (925) 631-8157.

Both the Honors and Science Living and Learning Communities are housed in the same building and students are welcome and encouraged to apply to both if applicable.

SCIENCE LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

For incoming first-year students who have expressed an interest in pursuing a science major, a special living learning community exists in Assumption Hall, just across the street from the Brother Alfred Brousseau Science Building. Science-focused students seeking a residential community with peers who are taking calculus, chemistry, physics or biology, and who are committed to an atmosphere where there is quiet time for studying at night, find this option attractive. In addition to the opportunity to live in an intellectually stimulating environment, students in the Science Living Learning Community are supported in their academic endeavors by the presence of older students, skilled in the sciences and the humanities, who are available as mentors and tutors. Students have access to a range of enrichment activities such as going to the San Francisco Symphony, Bay Area museums. The Science Living Learning Community is sponsored by the School of Science in partnership with the Office of Residential Experience. For further information contact Professor Chris Jones of the Math Department at cjones@stmarys-ca.edu. Students enter a lottery to live in the Science Living and Learning Community through an online roommate preference questionnaire included in materials distributed to new students. Both the Honors and Science Communities are housed in the same building and students are welcome and encouraged to apply to both if applicable.

GAELS FOR JUSTICE LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Gaels for Justice Living Learning Community is designed to provide first year students with curricular and co-curricular opportunities that focus on leadership, spirituality, and social justice within CST/Lasallian five core principles. First year students accepted into this program will have a common service commitment while living together and taking a quarter credit course focused on leadership, spirituality, and social justice. This experience will prepare students for future community engagement courses. The Gaels for Justice Community is sponsored by CILSA in partnership with the Office of Residential Experience. For more information, contact CILSA at (925) 631-4975 or det10@stmarys-ca.edu.

SUSTAINABILITY

At Saint Mary's, our students engage in sustainability through educational outreach, advocacy and on-campus jobs/internships on topics like waste diversion, energy and water conservation, sustainable food and feeding, among others. Students take advantage of numerous involvement opportunities, highlighted by our Green Gaels student club, the Green Living-Learning Community, Free Store, Green Space and Eco-Reps. Our students are the face and voice of our efforts as we continue to develop a community and culture around sustainability.

GREEN LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Green Living Learning Community at Saint Mary's College is a coalition of sophomore students seeking to work with their peers in adopting sustainable practices and reducing their environmental footprints. Housed in Claeys Hall South, students in the Green Community have a unique opportunity to carry out the Catholic, Lasallian, and Liberal Arts traditions of the College through campus leadership in projects such as Recycle Mania, Flip the Switch, Food Justice and Green Consumer Guide. Ultimately, the Green Living Learning Community will serve as a model, growing into a sustainable legacy that will influence following generations of students. For more information about the Green Living Learning Community, contact coordinator Riley Smith at rms7@stmarys-ca.edu.

LASALLIAN LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

For sophomore students, the Lasallian Living Learning Community at Saint Mary's College is a residential experience grounded in the themes of faith, service and community. Students seeking intentional and deeper ways of living the themes of this community in their own life are drawn to this program. In addition to living together in Becket Hall, participants in Lasallian Community engage in regular service opportunities at a local elementary school, enjoy fellowship with one another during community nights, and participate in weekly classroom discussions as students enrolled in or auditing a .25 course in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies in the fall semester: **Listening to Life: Living Lasallian I (TRS 017)**. The Lasallian Community is sponsored by the Mission and Ministry Center in partnership with the Office of Residential Experience. For more information, contact the Mission and Ministry Center at (925) 631-4366 or mmc@stmarys-ca.edu.

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SANTIAGO LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

For juniors and seniors, the Santiago Community at Saint Mary's College is a residential community grounded in the themes of faith, service and community. Students enroll in a .25 course in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies (**TRS 018**), where they will examine social justice as a combination of reflection and action. The reflection will engage the Christian faith with an emphasis on the Lasallian tradition and Catholic Social Teaching. The action will include building community partnerships in the Bay Area, participating in immersions, developing interpersonal skills, and living with intentionality in a diverse community. After a year of living in the Santiago Community, students will have grown in their critical thinking, personal spiritual awareness, and confidence to respond to complex social justice issues in the world today. The Santiago Community is sponsored by the Mission and Ministry Center and in partnership with the Office of Residential Experience. For more information, contact the Mission and Ministry Center at (925) 631-4366 or mmc@stmarys-ca.edu.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICES AND SERVICES

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Office of Community Life assists students in maximizing their potential as responsible and ethical citizens and leaders. The Office of Community Life seeks to reduce student misconduct by encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle and educating students about the importance of being engaged in their community. The Office of Community Life is responsible for administering the disciplinary process. The process is intended to educate students about appropriate conduct and the potential consequences of their actions and choices. It articulates learning, personal responsibility, self-discipline, respect for others and self, and supports the educational values of our community.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

The *Undergraduate Student Handbook* can be found online at stmarys-ca.edu/studenthandbook. The *Undergraduate Student Handbook* communicates important information regarding the Undergraduate Student Code of Conduct, the Academic Honor Code, Alcohol and Other Drugs policy, and other Community and College policies.

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

New Student & Family Programs is dedicated to providing a seamless transition into the campus community for new students and their families by engaging them through programs, outreach and publications. Summer Orientation, Weekend of Welcome and the First-Year Experience offers first year students and transfer students opportunities to connect academic, personal, social, cultural and spiritual development into their educational goals and practices. New Student and Family Programs promotes family involvement and partnership with the College through several communication efforts including engagement opportunities such as online Parent Chats, Family E-Newsletter, and annual Parent and Family Weekend.

CAMPUS HOUSING

The Campus Housing Office is the central location for students to obtain all pertinent information regarding their housing needs. In coordination with Residential Experience, Campus Housing assists students in room selection and placement, facility concerns, as well as coordinating all of the opening and closing of the residence halls. The Campus Housing staff serves over 1,600 undergraduate and graduate students as well as the 22 residence halls located throughout our campus.

MEETINGS, EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Meetings, Events, and Conference Services is the office that provides a variety of environments for curricular and co-curricular learning, recreation, and cultural events. Students, faculty, and staff can arrange for the use of various campus facilities through this office to assist them in their programming needs. Meetings, Events, and Conference Services is also responsible for an invigorating summer conference schedule where groups from all over the country use our beautiful campus for programs throughout the summer.

COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Counseling & Psychological Services is the primary provider of counseling and psychological services to the full-time undergraduate campus community. Students may receive individual, couple or group counseling by a professional psychologist or counselor in an atmosphere of privacy and confidentiality. Counseling is provided in an open, non-judgmental and culturally-sensitive environment. The professional staff helps students with personal concerns, such as adjustment to college, relationships, stress, anxiety, depression, body image, self-esteem, grief and loss, sexuality, sexual orientation and issues related to alcohol and other drug use. Additionally, the Counseling Center offers lectures, presentations and workshops on a variety of topics. Students may be seen during walk-in hours or by appointment. Referrals are made to community professionals for longer-term treatment.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

The Health and Wellness Center (H&WC) is an urgent care clinic providing medical care to all full-time undergraduate students. All professional services rendered at the H&WC are free of charge. There is a nominal fee for prescription medications, immunizations and some medical supplies. The H&WC is staffed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, a Medical Assistant and a Health Educator. All full-time undergraduate students are required by the College to have health insurance coverage that meets the standard of the College. There is a student health insurance plan (SMC-SHIP) offered for all students who do not meet the requirements. Regardless of insurance type, all full-time undergraduates have access to the care provided in the H&WC. Please visit stmarys-ca.edu/health for a detailed list of services, hours of operation, list of required immunizations and educational materials that the Center provides. Health education and promotion are also important components of the H&WC programming. The Health Educator works with a group of student workers and volunteers who

comprise the Peer Advocacy Towards Campus Health (PATCH) team. PATCH actively promote positive lifestyles and responsibility for one's health and well-being.

LEADERSHIP, INVOLVEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Leadership, Involvement and Diversity includes the areas of Student Involvement and Leadership, Intercultural Center and Women's Resource Center. The staff of the area actively fosters the engagement and success of students by cultivating opportunities for student leadership, meaningful relationships and life-long learning by providing a dynamic environment while responding to diverse student interests and needs.

INTERCULTURAL CENTER

The Intercultural Center (IC) strives to create a safe and supportive learning environment that embraces diversity and fosters an inclusive community. The IC is committed to educating the campus about cultural competence, identity development and social justice. IC programs and support services are designed to explore the broad definition of culture and affirm the human worth of all individuals.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP (SIL)

Student Involvement and Leadership provides opportunities for academic, intellectual, personal, social and leadership growth through the coordination and implementation of co-curricular programs. SIL advises and mentors the Associated Students (AS), Campus Activities Board (CAB), student media and student organizations. SIL assists students in developing their leadership skills through various roles and opportunities on campus. Leadership programs include multiple leadership workshop opportunities, a retreat series and an end-of-year leadership recognition and celebration.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS (AS)

The AS is the official student government, representing the traditional undergraduate student body of Saint Mary's College. As a cooperative campus organization based on mutual confidence among students, faculty and administration, the ASSMC constitution, bylaws and fiscal allocations are subject to review and approval by Student Involvement and Leadership. The administrative structure of ASSMC includes the elected Executive Council (president, vice president for administration, vice president for finance, and vice president for student affairs) and an elected Student Senate comprised of class chairs, vice chairs and senators. In partnership with SIL, the ASSMC charters, supports and funds over 40 student organizations, including Campus Activities Board (CAB).

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The diversity of Saint Mary's clubs and organizations reflects the interests and commitments of our student population. Currently, there are more than 40 registered organizations with members who are actively pursuing their academic, social, cultural, athletic, professional, service and unique special interests through student organizations and clubs. For a current listing of recognized and affiliated clubs and organizations on campus, contact Student Involvement and Leadership or visit their website.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The Women's Resource Center is dedicated to creating a campus environment that empowers women to envision and engage in a life that maximizes their academic, personal and spiritual growth. The Center enhances students' experiences by fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all, while promoting and practicing acceptance and collaboration, and providing relevant programming, advocacy, and resources.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety is responsible for safety and security programs, crime prevention, parking control and escort services on campus property. Public Safety officers patrol the campus; respond to reports of crimes, fire alarms, medical emergencies and requests for assistance; and enforce campus traffic and parking regulations. While the Moraga Police Department is the official governmental law enforcement agency for our campus, the Department of Public Safety, as a non-sworn security organization, provides the day-to-day, 24-hour security and safety presence on campus. The College requests that all crimes be reported to the Department of Public Safety. While the Department of Public Safety contacts the Moraga Police Department for further investigation and follow-up on criminal matters as appropriate, all victims of crimes retain the right to contact the Moraga Police Department directly for any criminal matter. Public Safety can be contacted 24 hours/7 days a week by calling (925) 631-4282.

As provided by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, Saint Mary's College of California, through its Department of Public Safety, annually provides notice and makes available copies of the Annual Security Report to the campus community, prospective students, employees and the public. Each Security and Fire Safety Report includes statistics for the past three years concerning crimes and incidents reported to campus security authorities (whether they occurred on campus, in off-campus building and property owned or controlled by the College, or on public property adjacent to campus). Each Security and Fire Safety Report also provides campus policies and practices concerning security—how to report sexual assaults and other crimes, crime prevention efforts, policies / laws governing alcohol and drugs, victims' assistance programs, student discipline, college resources and other matters. The Security and Fire Safety Report is available publicly in the following ways: electronically at stmarys-ca.edu/public-safety/annual-security-and-fire-safety-report; in person at the Department of Public Safety Administrative Office, 111 Assumption Hall; or by mail or telephone request made to: Department of Public Safety, P.O. Box 3111, Moraga, CA 94575-3111 (925) 631-4052.

In addition, as provided by the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office maintains a Megan's Law database of sex crime offenders. Information may be obtained in person from the Sheriff's office, 500 Court Street, Martinez, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or through the California Department of Justice website, which lists designated registered sex offenders in California at meganslaw.ca.gov/

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MISSION AND MINISTRY CENTER

The Mission and Ministry Center gives expression to and fosters the Catholic Lasallian heritage and mission at Saint Mary's College. Staff and student leaders support the Catholic Lasallian identity in the context of a liberal arts education through the promotion and animation of five Lasallian core principles: Faith in the Presence of God, Concern for the Poor and Social Justice, Quality Education, Inclusive Community, and Respect for All Persons. The Center welcomes and serves students of ALL faith traditions who are seeking deeper understanding and expression of their faith and relationship with God.

The core areas of the Mission and Ministry Center include faith formation, Lasallian mission and education, liturgy and prayer, justice education and immersions, two Living and Learning Communities (integrating faith, service and community), retreats, and developing student leaders as ministers.

Faith Formation

The area of Faith Formation in the Mission and Ministry Center provides a focus on the sacramental preparation process, academic partnerships, spiritual direction, and ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue. The Mission and Ministry Center is attentive to our Catholic heritage and tradition, each person's faith and religious traditions, and those who are seeking support in their spiritual development.

Lasallian Mission

The Lasallian Mission area provides opportunities for Lasallian Mission programs on campus, partnerships with the Lasallian Mission in local, national and international settings, and close collaboration with the College's Office of Mission. Aware that we are a Catholic Lasallian college, each person is invited and encouraged to become more deeply involved in the expression of our Lasallian heritage and mission at the College. Further, we offer a January Term course each year, Lasallian Service Internship, that provides students an opportunity to serve in Lasallian ministries domestically and internationally, live in community, reflect on issues of poverty in light of Catholic Social Teaching.

Justice and Education

An expression of our commitment to social justice and service rooted in Catholic Social Teaching is at the heart of our Lasallian mission. Our primary opportunities to explore issues of justice in a faith based context while providing service are: Immersion trips during academic breaks, our Jan Term course—Lasallian Service Internship, Fair Trade Fridays, Solidarity Suppers and educational events inspired by resources from Catholic Relief Services.

Liturgy and Prayer

The expression-of-the-faith life of the campus, as well as the Catholic sacramental life, is expressed through the Liturgy and Prayer programs and experiences of the Mission and Ministry Center. We actively seek ways to nurture the liturgical life of the College community and foster opportunities for spiritual development and prayer experiences. Weekday and Sunday Masses, as well as College liturgies, provide a visible witness to the Catholic identity and sacramental life of the College community. Additionally, as a Catholic community of inclusion, we celebrate the religious diversity of our campus community through regular interfaith prayer opportunities. Further, the Mission and Ministry Center also offers a Sacred Space on campus for those who seek a place for regular prayer and meditation outside of the main Chapel.

Residential Ministry

Saint Mary's College provides intentional opportunities for students to build and experience life in a community committed to faith and service. Residential Ministry within the Mission and Ministry Center includes the Lasallian Living and Learning Community in Becket Hall and the Santiago Living and Learning Community in Ageno West Hall, as well as outreach to all students in the residence halls through partnerships with the Office of Residential Experience, resident advisors, resident directors, and other departments on campus.

Retreats and Vocation

Opportunities for time to reflect, pray, and build community are an important aspect of the College community. The Mission and Ministry Center is committed to the development of a yearly retreat series that includes retreats such as the annual New Student Retreat in September, a Koinonia Retreat in the spring, a Meditation Retreat during De La Salle Week, and other thematic retreats. Attentive to the call by God that each of us has been given; opportunities to reflect, pray, and discuss God's presence and call in our lives happen through opportunities for discernment, prayer and discussion groups. The consideration of post-graduate volunteer opportunities, such as the Lasallian Volunteer Program, are a viable possibility for many students.

Inclusive Community

Approximately half of the students at Saint Mary's College currently self-identify as "non-Catholic." In order to support the spiritual growth and faith development of all our students, the Mission & Ministry Center collaborates across the campus to develop programming, foster relationships, and create spaces that welcome, celebrate, and nourish other faith traditions. In dialogue with the College Council for Inclusive Excellence (CCIE), the Intercultural Center, CILSA, and the Center for Engaged Religious Pluralism (CERP), we are reaching out in an intentional and sustained way to a broader cross-section of our students in order to more fully honor, value, and support the diversity of faith traditions within our campus community. Further, the Mission and Ministry Center also offers a Sacred Space on campus for those who seek a place for regular prayer and meditation outside of the main Chapel.

The Mission and Ministry Center is located next to St. Mary's Chapel along the Arcade. (925) 631-4366 or mmc@stmarys-ca.edu.