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**December 18, 2017**

## **SMC Awarded \$50,000 NEH Public History Grant**

Saint Mary's has received a [\\$50,000 Humanities Access Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities](#) to support an academic and community engagement public history initiative. The grant will support SMC's "Partners in Public History: Training Students and Engaging Communities," an initiative that supports teaching, academic research, and presentations on public history, and fosters educational partnerships with diverse organizations and schools across the Bay Area. The three-year initiative includes the new course, "Asian-American Voices in Public History," taught by History Professor Ae Leah Soine in January 2018.



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**Feel the Force in December (or during Jan Term)**



Audiences are already issuing their verdict on the latest installment of *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, which opened last Friday. But in a galaxy not so far away, Assistant Professor of Theology Anne Carpenter appears in another force-related sequel next month. That's when she teaches [Star Wars and Theology during Jan Term](#) for the second time. (Above photo: Justina Jew '20 wields a lightsaber in another Jan Term class, Fencing and Swords in History and Popular Culture).

## SEBA Alum Lands Job at Apple

Prathipa Jameson MS '17 [recently landed a gig as a contractor for hire at Apple](#), working specifically with tableau and data mining, after graduating with an MS in business analytics from Saint Mary's. "I wear my Saint Mary's T-shirt to work at least two times a month," said Jamison. "If it was not for my program I would be in a different place. Everything added value."

## Faith and Culture: Our Lady of Guadalupe Video

Yadira Guerrero-Garcia '15 noticed little attention was paid to Our Lady of Guadalupe on campus when she arrived in 2011. Since then, the idea has [blossomed into a week-long celebration](#) of the Blessed Virgin Mary, faith and culture. "I wanted to transcend the love that [Our Lady of Guadalupe] gives me to the entire



campus community at Saint Mary's," Guerrero-Garcia said.

## Gael Talk: Holiday Edition



Aurora Le '19 and Aly Henry '20—with Nia Patrick '19 behind the camera—are back with Gael Talk...or should we say, Gael Sing? [Join in and sing along to Jingle Bells.](#)

## View



Staff got into the holiday spirit a little early on Thursday when they struck a tune and caroled around campus, finishing with cookies at Mission and Ministry. Thank you to Staff Activities, a committee of Staff Council, for organizing the event!

## This Week on Campus

### Events

- 12/24 & 12/25 - [Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses](#)

[More Events](#) | [Student Organizations Activities](#)

### Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)

### De La Salle Reflection

- [For the week of Dec. 18](#)

## Go Gaels



## Gaels Find Groove in Comeback Win Over UT Martin

The women's basketball team got its groove back Sunday, [beating UT Martin 69-58](#) to open the Basketball Travelers Inc. Invitational at Purdue University's Mackey Arena with all of its familiar strengths.

## Staff and Faculty Night at McKeon Pavilion

Join the Athletic Department and Saint Mary's men's basketball for Staff and Faculty Night at McKeon Pavilion this Friday. Tickets are only \$5, and staff and faculty can buy up to four tickets each. Purchase online using Promo Code: STAFF17 [through the following link](#), or call the SMC Ticket Office at 925-631-4689.

## Did You Know?

- Our [MySMC Campus Portal is being updated](#) to make it mobile-friendly and more secure. Also, many of your SMC apps will be synced as you log in. Watch for more information as the launch date approaches in early 2018.
- The Campus Bulletin is taking a break, and will not publish on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. We'll see you Jan. 8!

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](#).

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