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Announcements

- Can't find an event on AdAstra?
- Students: Feedback on New SMC Mobile App

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Events

- 1/30 - "(Dis)Honesty: The Truth About Lies" Film
- 1/31 - Goodnight Moon Musical (Multiple Shows)
- 1/31 - Labyrinth Meditation (Multiple Times)
- 2/1 - Toxic Territories: Environmental Racism
- 2/1 - CAB Movie Night: Moana
- 2/2 - Orientation Leader Info Session
- 2/3 - Last Day of Jan Term
- 2/3 - Writers' Retreat
- 2/4 - Celebration for John Albert Dragstedt

- > More events
- > Add an event

> **Student Organizations Activities** (login required)

Did You Know?

Want to take your web pages to the next level? Have a new student that needs to be trained? Salli trainings begin Tuesday, Feb. 7! Stop by any of our beginner, intermediate, or photo-related trainings. No

SMC Supports ACCU Position on Executive Order

President James Donahue is presently in Washington, D.C., attending the annual meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU). In light of President Trump's executive order on travel bans, [the ACCU has issued a statement in opposition to that order](#). The college and university presidents attending the meeting, including President Donahue, have supported the ACCU statement. Based on current information, Saint Mary's does not anticipate problems for groups traveling during Jan Term or for our students studying abroad. However, we are aware of at least one graduate student who has traveled abroad and whose return may be impacted by the order. We are endeavoring to provide resources we have available to support that student.

Mahershala Ali Collects Awards and Nominations



Mahershala Ali '96, who launched his acting career right here at Saint Mary's, won two Screen Actors Guild awards yesterday ([watch his moving acceptance speech](#)) and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in *Moonlight* last week. Ali, who delivered the 2016 undergraduate Commencement address, has also starred in *Hidden Figures*, *Luke Cage*, and *House of Cards*. The 2017 Academy Awards ceremony is Feb. 26.

New 2016-2017 Fact Book

The 2016-2017 Fact Book highlights some impressive achievements for the College. A wealth of institutional information is available only online, including student success outcomes where the latest fall freshman entrant four-year graduation rate for underrepresented minorities is at a historical high (65.8 percent) and exceeds the overall cohort rate. In addition, the latest fall freshman entrant six-year graduation rate (72.2 percent for both underrepresented minorities and all other freshman entrants) is an all-time high. Diversity for the first-year entering fall freshman class of 2020 remains strong at 51.6 percent of students of color.

RSVP required. [Check out the schedule for dates and locations.](#)

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

[> Did You Know Archive](#)

Lasallian Reflections



For the week of **Jan. 30.**

[Learn how to submit Events and Announcements.](#)

Politics of Search Engines

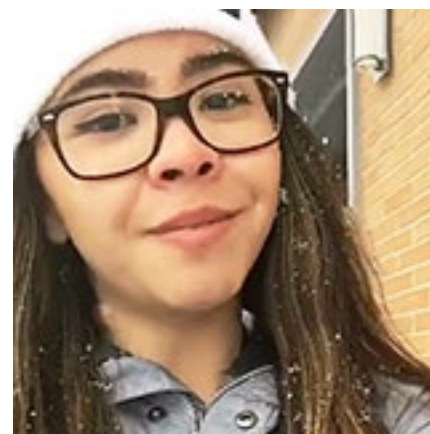


Safiya Umoja Noble, UCLA professor of Information Studies, [spoke last week about her research](#) on how Google and digital technologies disseminate information in "Algorithms of Oppression: Field Notes from Critical information studies (and What Can We Learn from Digital #Fails)." Noble criticized search engines like Google which she said link search results to racist and

sexist misrepresentations.

#GaelPerspective from Sundance Film Festival

Follow Katherine Walsh '17 as she takes us [through a day at the Sundance Film Festival](#), which she is attending through filmmaker Virginia Saenz McCarthy's Jan Term class. Walsh and her classmates were in Park City, Utah, Jan. 19-29, taking in movie premieres, spotting celebrities, and examining how independent films challenge the status quo.



View from Jan Term



Students in the History of Science Jan Term class straddle the prime meridian at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England.

SMC in the News

- [ABC7 Interviews SMC's Denise Witzig about Oscar nominee, former student, Mahershala Ali.](#)
- [National Press covers Oscar nomination for SMC alum Mahershala Ali.](#)

Go Gaels

Women's Basketball Beats Santa Clara in Final Seconds

The Saint Mary's women's basketball team extended its winning streak to four games Saturday [with its second straight thrilling victory](#), this time scoring four points in the final 92 seconds to come from behind and beat rival Santa Clara, 55-53, in a West Coast Conference game at McKeon Pavilion.



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- [SMC Gaels on Twitter](#)

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel is at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Daily Mass takes place Mon.-Thurs., 5:15 p.m., and Fri. at 7 a.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is Sun., 7-7:45 p.m., or by appt.
- St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist is each Sunday at 9 a.m.

Religious Services Schedule

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.