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January 7, 2019: #300LaSalle Celebration Begins, Spring Magazine Reflections From the U.S.–Mexico Border, Mahershala Ali Wins Again

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#300LaSalle Celebration Begins With Mass

On Sunday, Jan. 6, Brother Christopher Brady, FSC, led a celebration beginning the yearlong, worldwide #300LaSalle event with a Mass in the Chapel. “For the worldwide Lasallian community of which we are a part, this year commemorates the 300th anniversary of John Baptist de La Salle’s death,” said Brother Christopher. “We thankfully partner with almost 95,000 other men and women in 83 countries—serving almost 1 million students. De La Salle’s desire to educate the poor and marginalized is
needed as much today as it was when he began his work in France.” After a homily describing a child who’d recovered his vision through surgery, Brother Christopher spoke about the Feast of the Epiphany. Upon pointing to the manger, he added, “What do you bring in tribute to the baby Jesus from your time, your talents, and your treasure to offer to Him?” Read more about #300LaSalle here

Border Reflections

The current fall issue of Saint Mary’s magazine shines the spotlight on nine professors who took an immersive trip to the U.S.–Mexico border to examine social justice concerns regarding cross-border migration policy through the lens of Lasallian Catholic traditions. During a six-day, 1,200-mile road trip, the instructors were invited to step out of their comfort zones, sleep on cots, and adjust to hours of travel in a narrow van. “The overall goal is for faculty to examine the complex social justice concerns related to cross-border migration and incorporate their immersion experiences in their teaching,” said Karin L. McClelland, director of the Mission and Ministry Center. Read the Story Here

At the Crossroads: Where 21st Century Technology Meets Lasallian Education

Brother George Van Grieken, FSC, PhD, director of the Lasallian Resource Center in Napa, presented “21st Century Lasallian Education: Where Technology Meets Albert Borgmann and De La Salle,” a discussion about the intersection of the Lasallian mission with current technology. Brother George led a detailed discussion in the Library’s EdTech Center on Oct. 9, examining the value of technology’s use in education through the lens of De La Salle’s concerns about individualized attention, integration of faith and zeal, personal example, practical orientation, and community. Read More Here
A Peek Into Jan Term: Social Change Playlist Rocks Campus

What is music’s role in social change and political mobilization? Political Science Professor Zahra Ahmed is cranking it up a notch in her Jan Term class, Social Change Playlist, with a JBL Flip speaker-ready assortment of tunes and a serious reading list that uncovers music’s influence on social change. Read More Here

View - Alumni Mahershala Ali Wins Best Supporting Actor at Golden Globes

Saint Mary’s alumnus Mahershala Ali ’96 won an award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture at the 2019 Golden Globe Awards. Ali was celebrated for his moving performance as accomplished musician Don Shirley in the film Green Book, which also took home the award for Best Motion Picture Musical or Comedy. Ali was previously recognized by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association with a Golden Globe nomination as Best Supporting Actor for his work in Moonlight in 2017.

Credit: Reuters
This Week on Campus

Announcements

- Reminder to nominate colleagues for Annual Faculty Awards

Events

- 01/08 - Staff Council Meeting
- 01/09 - Study Abroad Info Sessions
- 01/09 - Professional MBA Info Session
- 01/11 - Men's Rugby A vs. UC Davis
- 01/18 - Question, Persuade, and Refer Training (QPR)
- 01/22 - Grad School Night
- 01/23 - MBA Alumni Book Club

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of January 7.

Go Gaels
WBB | SMC Wins Shootout in Portland for First Conference Win

An all-around team effort highlighted the Gaels' comeback victory in Portland on Saturday as five Saint Mary’s players found themselves with double-digit point totals. Read More

MBB | Gaels Hammer BYU for First WCC Win

Saint Mary’s bounced back from a tough road loss against the Dons with a dominating performance in front of their home fans as they routed BYU 88–66 Saturday night. Read More

Did You Know?

The MFA in Creative Writing program is running a raffle with a one-of-a-kind prize: Grab your chance to win a week's stay at La Quercia, a Tuscan Villa with views of castles, woods, and rolling farmland located near ancient hill towns famous for art, wine, wild mushrooms and the mystical
traditions of Saint Francis. **Runner-up prizes** include a VIP wine tasting at [Caymus Vineyards](https://www.caymus.com/) in Napa. Raffle tickets support [community partner scholarships](https://www.smc.edu/alumni/giving/) and fund teaching fellowships. Raffle tickets are $50, and bundles of 10 tickets receive a $40 discount. To purchase tickets please call, email, mail in the [order form](https://www.smc.edu/alumni/giving/raffle), or purchase tickets at [Orinda Books](https://www.orindabooks.com/). [Get the raffle form](https://www.smc.edu/alumni/giving/raffle)

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](https://www.smc.edu/alumni/giving/raffle).

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Major learning. Minor pretense.