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44 Days of Black History to Feature Bree Newsome as Keynote Speaker

Saint Mary’s will hold its second annual 44 Days Honoring Black History observance beginning on Sunday, Jan. 20, with a Mass to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Artist, grassroots organizer, and advocate for racial justice Bree Newsome is the 44 Days featured speaker and will deliver the keynote address on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., at the Soda Center. Newsome gained national attention in 2015 when she climbed the flagpole in front of the South Carolina Capitol building and removed a Confederate battle flag that was originally raised in 1961 as a white supremacist statement of opposition to the Civil Rights Movement. Newsome joins an exciting lineup of speakers and events planned for the 44 Days celebration. Read More
SEBA Professor Finds Inspiration at Google Faculty-in-Residence Program

When SEBA Professor Navid Sabbaghi saw an advertisement for the Google faculty-in-residence program, he knew he had to apply. “I thought, this is a great opportunity to collaborate with Google and see how best to bring industry projects into the classroom. I was very happy to get a call from them,” said Sabbaghi. Read More Here

Meet Joan Peterson: SMC's Professor of the Year

Professor of English Joan Peterson deeply understands the Lasallian mission, which embodies the vision and innovative spirit of founder Saint John Baptist de La Salle, whose tercentenary we celebrate this year with #300LaSalle, an international event. The patron saint of teachers focused on Catholic values, personal relationships, and academic excellence. Peterson well-represents the mission, having studied English at San Francisco State University because she loved literature. She has since gone from newly credentialed English teacher at Clayton Valley High School to longtime faculty member at Saint Mary’s—and recipient of the 2018–19 Professor of the Year Award. “You have to teach with heart and continue to learn,” said Peterson. “The broader you become, the better you become.” Read More Here

A Peek Into Jan Term: Teaching Nature Photography in Our Own Backyard

Biology Professor Michael Marchetti isn’t afraid to get his feet wet—for science. A stream ecologist—and avid photographer—he’s spent his life studying native fish,
salamanders, and aquatic insects. And he's happy to take a few students with him to explore the natural world right on Saint Mary’s campus in his Jan Term class, Introduction to Nature Photography. The Fletcher Jones Professor of Biology will lead students on a “journey to find the hidden, the exquisite, the remarkable, the stunning, the small, and the large—all within our backyard,” he said. Read More Here

Community Spotlight: Evette Castillo Clark Selected as Conference Faculty Member

Congratulations go out to Dean of Students Evette Castillo Clark for being selected by a national nominating committee to serve as a member of the esteemed faculty for the 2019 NASPA AVP Institute (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education). Castillo Clark will serve as one of seven leaders in higher education, representing public and private colleges and universities from across the nation. Today is also Castillo Clark’s birthday, so please join us in wishing her a fabulous one! Read More Here

View - Empires and Barbarians
Students in Professor Costanza Dopfel's Jan Term course were transported back to the time of the Gaesatae tribes of the Iron Age Celts (600–100 BCE), where they learned important skills such as spear throwing, sword fighting, and loom weaving. Chieftain Kevin Beckham and his tribe dressed in full historical garb and served food from the Iron Age. Each week, students will participate in a hands-on barbarian history reenactment.

SMC In the News

- KCBS News Interviews Brenda Hillman About 2019 Muni Art Project
- Lamorinda Weekly Spotlights Jan Term Rwanda Class

This Week on Campus

Events

- 01/18 - Question, Persuade, and Refer Training (QPR)
- 01/22 - Grad School Night
- 01/23 - MBA Alumni Book Club
- 01/28 - Orientation Leader/Weekend of Welcome Leader Info Session
- 01/29 - Miss Nelson Is Missing
- 01/29 - Kalmanovitz School of Education Information Sessions
- 01/30 - Miss Nelson Is Missing
01/30 - Jazz Choir Concert

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of Jan 14.

Go Gaels

Don’t Miss Australia Night!
Come celebrate Australia Night with the men's basketball team as they battle Santa Clara this Thursday at 8 p.m. There will be themed food, promotions, souvenirs, and a T-shirt giveaway! We will be hosting and honoring members of the Australian embassy as well.

Did You Know?
There’s Still Time to Join the Open Sessions With Candidates for Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Planning. The sessions are as follows:
• Monday, January 14 at 2 p.m. — Corey Cook, PhD — Claeys Lounge
• Tuesday, January 15 at 2 p.m. — Brad Hastings, PhD — Claeys Lounge
• Tuesday, January 22 at 2 p.m. — Daniel Vivas, PhD candidate — Claeys Lounge

The vitae for the first two candidates may be found here. The third candidate’s CV will be posted next week. In the event that you are unable to attend, SMC will record these open sessions and will make the videos available. We will also distribute feedback survey links following each candidate’s interview.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary’s? Send it to Campus News.

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

Major learning. Minor pretense.