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Mahershala Ali Nominated for Oscar for *Green Book*

Award-winning actor Mahershala Ali ’96 has once again achieved Hollywood’s premier distinction by being nominated for an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor, for his portrayal of classical pianist Donald Shirley in the film *Green Book*. Recently, Ali took home the Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor, which spurred speculation that his performance might be considered for an Academy Award. This morning’s Oscars nomination announcements included Ali’s outstanding performance. Read the Full Story

Ryan Coogler’s *Black Panther* Nominated for Best Picture
**Black Panther**, the blockbuster superhero film directed by former Saint Mary’s student Ryan Coogler, was recognized with an Oscar nomination for Best Picture in today’s announcements of the 2019 Academy Award nominees. Coogler’s film is the first superhero movie to garner a Best Picture nomination. The film, co-written by Coogler, crushed box office records, grossing more than $1.2 billion worldwide. Last May, Coogler returned to Saint Mary’s to discuss the film and the craft of directing. Read More Here

**SMC's Online MBA Program Earns High Marks**

Saint Mary's College has placed in the top 100 in the United States (#82) for Best Online MBA Programs in U.S. News & World Report, moving up 34 spots from last year, as well as placing again in the top 50 in the country (#43) for Best Online Graduate Business programs (non-MBA). Of notable mention is our placement (#45) for Best Online MBA Programs for Veterans. Read More Here

**Jan Term Spotlight: In Praise of Contemplation**

Professor Anna Corwin aims to broaden students’ horizons—spiritually, at least—in her Jan Term class, Contemplative Thought: Exploring Contemplative Practice Across Religions. *Contemplation*, according to Merriam-Webster dictionary’s first definition, means “concentration on spiritual things as a form of private devotion,” and the course will explore how both religious and philosophical traditions make use of contemplation in their practices—which students will try out in class. Read More Here

**Attention Theatergoers: Miss Nelson Is Missing!**
Saint Mary’s Performing Arts presents this year’s Jan Term Children’s Theatre Production, Miss Nelson Is Missing! The play is adapted from the book by Harry Allard and James Marshall, with book, music, and lyrics by Joan Cushing. Join us as the misbehaving students of Room 207 are surprised when their under-appreciated teacher, Miss Nelson, turns up missing and is replaced by scary substitute Viola Swamp. The show runs from Tuesday, Jan. 29, through Thursday, Jan. 31, at the LeFevre Theatre. Click here for more info.

Eat, Wash Dishes, Repeat, and Enjoy Meatless Mondays

Food is necessary to sustain us. We eat, enjoy, and go on our merry way. Today, food sustainability has become a prime topic. What we eat, when, how we manage food and make environmentally sensitive decisions about how food is served and stored are important considerations that impact our daily lives. SMC and Sodexo have teamed up to ensure a more sustainable, healthier, and equitable food system that will benefit our community and the environment. We’re providing several initiatives and new offerings to achieve our sustainability goals. Read More

View - Special Mass for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
SMC Sociology Professor and guest preacher the Reverend Dr. Mark Wilson delivered a powerful homily during Sunday Mass to celebrate the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and to kick off the second annual 44 Days of Black History. Referring to John 2:1-11 where Jesus turned water into wine, Wilson used the wine as a metaphor for liberation and unity. He encouraged the congregation to speak out as MLK did about injustice. Wilson carried his message of hope for better things to come by leading the song “This Little Light of Mine” to wrap up the service.

This Week on Campus

Announcements

- Voices of Asian America Exhibit

Events

- 01/22 - Grad School Information 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
- 01/31 - Miss Nelson Is Missing
• 01/31 - Jazz Choir Concert
• 02/02 - Distinguished Alumni Awards

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

• Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

• For the week of January 21.

Go Gaels

MBB | Saint Mary’s Wins Against USD for Fourth in a Row

Saint Mary's wouldn't let up on Saturday night in their first contest of the season against San Diego. Propelled by a strong offensive night from Malik Fitts and a strong defensive night from Tanner Krebs, the Gaels sealed the 76–59 win over the Toreros. Read More

WBB | Gaels Race Past Broncos in 83–59 Victory
With the Gaels’ impressive performance on Saturday afternoon, Saint Mary's improves to their seventh-straight win over the Broncos following an 83–59 victory. Saint Mary’s records a season-high 50 rebounds in a 24-point lead win over Santa Clara. Read More

Did You Know?

Three years ago, the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) launched the first National Day of Racial Healing to implore colleges and universities around the country to actively encourage and hold events to “promote healing and foster engagement around the issues of racism, bias, inequity, and injustice in our society.” This year’s event takes place on Tuesday, January 22, and Saint Mary’s will join in this national effort of awareness and action. Students, faculty, and staff will find large boards in front of the Chapel and the Intercultural Center, where they can reply to prompts about racial healing and harmony throughout the day. Read More Here

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