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2019 Commencement Speakers

Saint Mary's College of California has named two distinguished leaders to address the College's graduating class of 2019. U.S. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier will deliver the keynote speech at Saint Mary's Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2019. Technology executive, Saint Mary's Board of Trustee Member, and alumnus Rand Morimoto MBA '93 will deliver the keynote address for the Graduate and Professional Studies Commencement Ceremony at 9 a.m. on the following Sunday, May 26, 2019. “These are two remarkable individuals who have long shown their support and appreciation for Saint Mary's College,” said President James Donahue. Read More
Men's Basketball Heads to the Big Dance

Applause rung out in McKeon Pavilion on March 16, when Saint Mary's name was called out during the CBS March Madness Selection Sunday show. The team and Gael faithful learned where they will be headed for the opening round of the NCAA Tournament: Hartford, Conn. Saint Mary's earned a No. 11 seed and will take on No. 6 Villanova on Thursday, March 21, at 4:20 p.m. Pacific. It will be the 10th time in school history that the Gaels have made it to the Big Dance and second time in the past three seasons. Read More

Carol Ann Gittens, PhD, Named Dean of KSOE

Saint Mary's College of California has named Carol Ann Gittens, PhD, as dean of the Kalmanovitz School of Education (KSOE). She will join Saint Mary’s on July 1, 2019. Gittens comes to Saint Mary’s from Santa Clara University, where her robust experience and visionary leadership to advance innovative, high-quality, accessible, and dynamic programs within diverse and thriving academic environments has been highly successful. She has served in several leadership positions at Santa Clara University and possesses a strong commitment to social justice, inclusive excellence, and transformative learning in support of educational equity, collaboration, community engagement, and academic excellence. Read More

Reminder: Campus Evacuation Safety Drill

On Wednesday, March 27, at 1 p.m., during community time, Saint Mary's Incident Management Team (IMT) will conduct a campus-wide emergency evacuation drill to help prepare and inform community members about where to evacuate in the event of an emergency, such as a fire or earthquake. There are designated Emergency Assembly Areas (EAAs) for campus buildings and residential units, and a lead building
Women’s History Month: CWGE's 20th Anniversary

The Center for Women & Gender Equity (CWGE), formerly the Women’s Resource Center, celebrated its 20th anniversary on Friday, March 8, at the Hagerty Lounge. The audience enjoyed a day filled with women’s stories, poetry, alums, and of course, a festive lunch and commanding keynote speaker—97-year-old National Park Service Ranger Betty Reid Soskin. The theme for the event and the year is “Small Things Matter: Celebrating 20 Years of Small Victories,” speaking to the slow but steady pace of progress for women and gender equity. Read More Here

The Politics of Hair, Body Image, Race & Gender

The Center for Women & Gender Equity welcomes Alyscia Cunningham, distinguished entrepreneur, filmmaker, photographer, and author, for an illuminating talk on her recent work, I Am More Than My Hair, on Wednesday, March 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m in the Intercultural Center on the SMC campus. Her talk will address the influence of media beauty standards on self-image. Read More Here

coordinator for each building to assist with the evacuation effort. Maps like the one on the right are available to view and download via our Earthquake Evacuation Drill webpage. Information is also available on our emergency communication tools LiveSafe and Nixle. Read More
Slavery and the Founders and Freedom of the Press Discussions

Paul Finkelman, PhD, president of Gratz College and author of more than 50 books on American legal history, will offer two campus-wide lectures on Monday, March 25th: Slavery and the Founders, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Freedom of the Press in the Service of Democracy: a Legal History, at 7 to 8 p.m. Both will be held in Hagerty Lounge. Finkelman's first lecture will explore Washington’s and Jefferson’s ties to slavery and the fundamental contradictions of our nation’s founding. His lecture on the freedom of the press will focus on the legal cases that helped to establish protections that journalists and publishers depend on today. Read More Here

View - Arianna Hoffelmann '21 Celebrates St. Paddy's
Engineering student Arianna Hoffelmann ’21 first fell in love with Irish dancing when she saw a performance of Riverdance at five years old. She’s not Irish but has gained a deep appreciation for the culture after spending over a decade training and competing in the dance, which emphasizes strength and demands that participants make it look as effortless as possible. Hoffelmann, who competed at national and international competitions, retired last year after the 2018 World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. Watch the video to see her dance across the SMC campus.

This Week on Campus

Events

- 03/18 - Study Salons - Midterms 2019
- 03/19 - Study Salons - Midterms 2019
- 03/19 - What Keeps Teachers Going?
- 03/19 - Facing the Canon - Seminar Informal Curriculum
- 03/19 - INVEST: No Home Away From Home
- 03/20 - Senior Survey at the Grad Fair!
- 03/20 - Grad Fair - Learn About All Things Commencement
- 03/20 - The Politics of Hair, Body Image, Race, Gender, & Media
- 03/21 - NCAA Tournament Watch Parties
- 03/21 - INVEST: No Home Away From Home
- 03/21 - Third Thurs | Late Night: Disco Ball Making
- 03/22 - Gadung Kasturi Balinese Dance & Music Performance
- 03/25 - Prof. Thomas Poundstone: Changing Lenses & Changing Questions

More Events | Student Organizations Activities
Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of March 18

Go Gaels

10 Straight Postseason Appearances for Women’s Basketball?
The women's basketball team was robbed of its WCC championship last week, but if selected into the WINT later on tonight, the Gaels will make their 10th straight postseason appearance. Check our homepage or our social channels for updates later on tonight.
Did You Know?

New PowerPoint Template Available
We’ve updated our official SMC PPT template. Please replace the old one with this one. It can also be accessed anytime at the College Communications website.

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.

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