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Annual Scholars Reception

Claeys Lounge was filled to the brim on Friday, March 15, with the collective brainpower of Saint Mary’s faculty, who were being celebrated for their outstanding work. At the Annual Scholars Reception, six professors were recognized for their academic and service contributions to the College. Award winners included Julie Ford (Innovative Pedagogy), Molly Metherd (Teaching Excellence), Maria Ruiz (Faculty Service), Elena Songster (Outstanding Scholar), Gloria Sosa (Inclusive Excellence), and Michael J. Viola (Early Career). In addition to acknowledging the five talented professors, recipients of the new Academic Growth and Innovation Fund were announced, and tables...
lined the perimeter of the room displaying the diverse scholarly work of faculty who recently returned from sabbatical. Read More

Financial Literacy Workshop for Students April 10

The Office of Financial Aid Services and Bank of America’s Better Money Habits program have partnered on a new educational initiative aimed at making students at the College more financially savvy. The first in the planned series of Gael Financial Wellness workshops takes place on Wednesday, April 10, at Community Time, 1 p.m., in Galileo Hall, Room 201. The special event, which covers financial literacy concerns such as protecting your credit score, navigating loans, saving, and investing, features remarks from BofA Senior Vice President for Community Engagement Heidi Huynh Racherla ’95. Read More

Brothers Celebrate 150 Years in California

The District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) recently held a celebration to observe the 150th anniversary of the De La Salle Christian Brothers’ arrival in San Francisco. The event took place on March 16 in San Francisco. Students from Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory acted as greeters and ushers, while Brothers and Partners from Saint Mary’s College and students from De Marillac Academy and Saint Mary’s College High School led the liturgical music. Read More

Informal Seminar Curriculum Presents Frederick Douglass Now

Saint Mary’s College Presents Frederick Douglass Now, with Obie Award–winning actor Roger Gueneveur Smith in a monologue inspired by the life and work of the self-liberated abolitionist and pioneering feminist Frederick Douglass. Hosted through the Informal Curriculum Series of Saint Mary’s hallmark academic program Collegiate Seminar, Frederick Douglass Now will be held
at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, in the LeFevre Theatre. Read More

Executive Order 9066: Remembering a National Disgrace

As part of the Informal Curriculum Series, Integral Professor Ted Tsukahara and History Professor Carl Guarneri will discuss Executive Order 9066, which authorized the military to remove any person deemed a threat to the United States from the nation’s West Coast during WWII. The executive action led to the forced relocation of 120,000 people of Japanese descent and their incarceration in 10 internment camps, including the family of Tsukahara. The discussion happens today, Monday, April 1, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. Read More

The Politics of Hair and Body Image

Students, faculty, staff, and other members of the SMC community were treated to a talk by author, photographer, and filmmaker Alyscia Cunningham on “The Politics of Hair, Body Image, Race, Gender, and Media.” Part of Women’s History Month, the event presented the ways that media promote Eurocentric and body-negative standards of beauty through digital image editing practices. Read More

Save the Date for 1Day1SMC
Our fifth annual 24-hour giving challenge is almost here! Mark your calendar for April 10, and get ready to help make 2019 an incredible success. We need everyone in the Gaels community to participate on this big day. So get inspired, get involved, and get ready for 1Day1SMC on April 10! Read More

Don’t Miss: *Dances From the Heart*

The Performing Arts Department presents the SMC Dance Company in *Dances from the Heart*, a concert of works choreographed by faculty members Catherine Marie Davalos, Pope Flyne, Dana Lawton, Rogelio Lopez, Olga and Dima Sukachov, Shauna Vella, and Jia Wu, and guest artists Andrew Merrell and Bela Watson. From modern dance to ballroom, West African to dance theatre, the choreographers explore love, community, friendship, and the power of togetherness. The evening culminates with a tribute to our graduating seniors called “When I Think of You.” Performances will be held in LeFevre Theatre from Thursday, April 4, through Saturday, April 6. Read More

**View - Night at the Disco**
Members of the SMC community were temporarily transported back to the disco era as they made shimmering disco balls. Music by the Bee Gees, Abba, and other ’70s notables played against a video backdrop of clips from the iconic ’70s movie *Saturday Night Fever*. Some attendees showed their age as they sang along, knowing the words to every song. There was one first-year student, however, who surprised everyone with her knowledge of the songs from the disco era. Remnants from shattered CD’s in silver, gold, red, and blue were carefully and creatively arranged on the balls using a hot glue gun. The end result was a mélange of decorative disco balls that will rival any seen in a nightclub…well, almost.

**SMC in the News**

**Professor Ron Ahnen Discusses Death Penalty Moratorium on KTVU-TV**

Politics Professor Ron Ahnen appeared on the KTVU *Mornings on 2* Saturday edition on March 16 to discuss Gov. Gavin Newsom’s moratorium on California’s death penalty. The executive action, issued on March 13, 2019, suspended executions in the state while Newsom is governor. **Watch Now**

**This Week on Campus**
Events

- 4/1 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) - April Events
- 4/1 - Justice Unbound - A Conversation With Professor Longo
- 4/1 - LAB - Supper with Social Scientists
- 4/1 - Catholic Sexual Abuse & Cover-Up Crisis
- 4/3 - Cupcakes for a Cause! - Sexual Assault Awareness Month Kick Off
- 4/3 - Study Abroad Fair
- 4/3 - Open Studio: Revealing Interdisciplinary Art Process
- 4/3 - Fac Chat #2: Mestizo Arts & Activism
- 4/3 - Spring Fac Chat with Dr. David Quijada
- 4/3 - Bodies and Embodiment in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*
- 4/3 - Marketing Your International Education Experience
- 4/3 - Coffee, Creativity, and Community
- 4/4 - Take Back the Night
- 4/4 - Dances From the Heart: Spring Concert
- 4/5 - Study Abroad Information Sessions
- 4/5 - Dances From the Heart: Spring Concert
- 4/6 - Poetry and Environmental Crisis
- 4/6 - Dances From the Heart: Spring Concert
- 4/8 - Study Abroad Information Sessions
- 4/8 - Prof Peter Claver Ajer: The Woman at the Well

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of April 1

Go Gaels
ROW | Two Gael Boats Place First on Senior Day

The Varsity 8s set off against Santa Clara and cruised to a 15-second victory over the Broncos. SMC's second Varsity 8 boat initially fell behind early to Santa Clara and Humboldt. A quick second half of the race nearly brought the Gaels all the way from behind. However, HSU managed to sneak ahead by a narrow 1.66-second margin. Saint Mary's also got off to a slower start behind Humboldt in the Varsity 4 boat but made up the difference in no time, eventually pulling ahead and defeating the Jacks by nearly 11 seconds. Read More

BVB | Gaels Place Second at WCC Midseason Tournament

No. 18 Saint Mary's entered the final day of the West Coast Conference Midseason Tournament with a head full of steam but fell just short of the title with a 4–1 loss to No. 13 Loyola Marymount in the final. Read more

Did You Know?

Frankenstein, Rescheduled

The English Department and the Library present “Bodies and Embodiment in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein,*” on Wednesday, April 3, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Library, rescheduled from last fall. The presenters invite us to consider how both the novel and its many adaptations animate the idea of...
embodied presence, in honor of *Frankenstein*’s 200th anniversary. Read More

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