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Mary Conlon Named SMC’s 2019 Valedictorian

Saint Mary's is pleased to announce that Mary Conlon '19 has been chosen as the class valedictorian for her outstanding academic achievements and service to the SMC community. Conlon has majored in English with a single subject matter preparation emphasis. She has also minored in Women's and Gender Studies and the Justice, Community, and Leadership 4+1 Program. She was the co-creator and co-facilitator of Facing the Canon: Women and Violence in Seminar Texts last March and has worked with the Student Coalition Against Abuse and Rape since 2016. Please join us in congratulating Conlon for her accomplishments at SMC and wishing her well for the future. Read More
Academic Convocation Touches Heart of the Community

On Wednesday, May 1, the Saint Mary’s College Chapel was filled to the brim with students, faculty, staff, Brothers, Lasallian partners, alumni, trustees, and others ready to participate in the College’s annual Academic Convocation. The day was sun-kissed with perfect weather, which complemented a perfect gathering to celebrate the life of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and SMC’s Lasallian heritage. Welcome comments by Frances M. Sweeney, vice president for Mission, and James A. Donahue, president, preceded a moving yet lively convocation delivered by Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC. Read More

TIAA Discretionary Contribution

I am pleased to announce that as appreciation for employees' dedication to the College during the challenging times of 2017/18, a one-time contribution to their 403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan accounts will be made. A successful 2019 insurance renewal generated savings to the College for the current fiscal year. Those savings were shared with employees by reducing the 2019 employee portion of insurance premium contribution rates, and also allow us to make this one-time 403(b) contribution for eligible employees.

Eligible employees are defined as those who are:
· Employed on or before June 30, 2017.
· Currently eligible and receiving a 403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan contribution from the College.
· Employed with the College as of 5/1/19.

The discretionary contribution will be 1 percent of the employee’s current base/contract salary, and the anticipated payment date will be on or before 5/31/19.

Please contact Human Resources with any questions (x4212 or benefits@stmarys-ca.edu).
Sincerely,
Laurie Panian
Chief Human Resources Officer

Solidarity Suppers Offer Food and Support

Are you an SMC student in need of community or a meal? Join Mission and Ministry’s Solidarity Suppers on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Mission Lounge. Two suppers remain for the semester, May 7 (a fiesta sponsored by Latinx orgs) and May 14 (sponsored by MMC and Admissions). Please bring a plate and silverware—and Tupperware if you would like to bring home leftovers. For more info, email Joey Lucchetti or Isabel Kent. Learn More

Cabaret Gets a Big Willkommen

The Performing Arts Department invites you to experience Cabaret, from Friday, May 3, to Saturday, May 11, at the LeFevre Theatre. Based on Christopher Isherwood’s iconic Berlin Stories, Kander & Ebb’s groundbreaking 1966 musical explores the dizzying moment when citizens and expats alike reveled in newfound freedoms even as the fascists pushed to power. Guest director Jon Tracy (TheatreFIRST) reinvents Cabaret for a new century, inviting us to ask: What did they see? When did they know? Why did they look away? Watch Video

Women’s Leadership Symposium This Thursday

Please join SEBA for the launch of our new corporate Women's Leadership Program and a lively conversation focused on Supporting Mid-Level Women to Lead on
Expressions of Blackness: Unapologetic at 17

For the past 17 years, Saint Mary's Intercultural Center (IC) has supported the diversity and cultural richness among Black and African American students through Expressions of Blackness, which is part of the IC's long-running series of Cultural Nights. Affectionately known by the acronym EOB, the engaging gathering provides a space for Black students to be unapologetic in celebrating their culture, serves as an avenue to address community issues on and off the campus, and helps attendees learn more about Black students and the vibrant and supportive community they've established at SMC. Read More

View - Black Arts Festival
SMC’s Black Student Union held its First Annual Black Arts Festival on a sunny Saturday, May 4, on the De La Salle Lawn. The theme was Mardi Gras, and the festival highlighted various businesses and organizations, and featured local performances, including spoken word and rap.

SMC in the News

- *New Yorker* Magazine Features Poetry by English Professor Matthew Zapruder in its May 6 issue.

This Week on Campus

Events

- 5/6 - Lecture: Borders and the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan
- 5/6 - Chamber Musicians Concert
- 5/7 - Solidarity Supper
- 5/7 - Graduate Student Reading
- 5/8 - Fac. Chat #3 With Dr. Alice Baldrige
- 5/8 - Jazz Concert
- 5/8 - Afternoon Craft Conversation With Jane Gregory
5/8 - Business Idea Competition - Be an Audience Participant!
5/8 - SMC Night at the Oakland A's
5/9 - DiverseAbilities Meeting
5/9 - Jazz Band Concert
5/9 - CABARET
5/9 - eSports: Beyond School and Screen
5/10 - CAB Carnival
5/10 - CABARET
5/11 - CABARET (closing night)

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of May 6.

Go Gaels

SB | McCoy Shuts Down BYU for Doubleheader Split
Saint Mary's did well to subdue a potent BYU (26–22,10–2 WCC) lineup with terrific pitching as both teams split Saturday's doubleheader at Cottrell Field. Read More
BASE | Lomeli’s Dominance and Five Homers Deliver SMC the Series Victory

Saint Mary’s set the tone early and kept gas pedal engaged, taking the series from Gonzaga with a 17–3 victory in the series finale. Carlos Lomeli silenced the Bulldogs through seven innings, allowing no earned runs and just three base hits. Read More

All That Jazz!

Please join the Performing Arts Department for Jazz concerts this week. The groups will play music from the libraries of Stan Kenton, Count Basie, and Buddy Rich. Jazz combo and Jazz Band performances will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 1 p.m. in the Ferroggiaro Hall Quad; Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Claeys Lounge; and Friday, May 10, at 5 p.m. in Claeys Lounge. Read More

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