May 28, 2019: Commencement Recap, Read Saint Mary’s Spring Magazine, Women’s Leadership Conference

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Relive Saint Mary's Commencement Weekend, a colorful, festive celebration where both undergraduate and Graduate and Professional Studies students achieved their higher education goals. SMC's graduation ceremonies featured inspiring Commencement and valedictory addresses, emphasizing such Lasallian ideas as the importance of service, promoting justice in our professional work and communities, overcoming challenges in our lives, and making a difference in the lives of others. Here's a recap of these special days celebrating students' success, with photos, videos, stories, and more.
Videos:

- Commencement Highlights
- Undergraduate Speaker: U.S. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier
- GPS Speaker: Convergent Computing CEO, Trustee Rand Morimoto
- Valedictorian Address From Mary Conlon

Photo Galleries:

- Undergrad Gallery
- GPS Photo Gallery
- Cultural Grad Celebrations Photo Galleries
- Commencement Mass Photo Galleries

Social Media:

- Instagram

Saint Mary’s Spring 2019 Magazine Is Here

The Spring issue of Saint Mary’s magazine has arrived! Relive Gael Madness by reflecting on men’s basketball’s unforgettable season. You’ll also discover Professor Ellen Veomett’s research on how math can help eliminate gerrymandering; learn about social justice champion and state senator María Elena Durazo ’75; and follow Professor S. Marshall Perry as he mines data to solve international educational inequities. Celebrate the Women’s and Gender Studies Program’s 25th anniversary—and the successes of the women’s basketball team. Plus, there’s a story on fave alum and double Oscar winner Mahershala Ali ’96’s commitment to the College. Watch for your copy at newsstands across campus, and get in the know! Read More

Women’s Leadership Conference

This spring has been full of activity related to the
leadership development of women. The Women’s Leadership Symposium held at SMC on May 9 brought senior- and mid-level leaders from companies throughout the East Bay and San Francisco area together for an evening of conversation, education, and inspiration. It featured a panel led by Catrice Monson, senior vice president at CBS, and included Reesa Staten from Robert Half, Sirisha Dasu from VMware, and Nicole Robinson, one of the primary authors of Women in the Workplace, a report produced by McKinsey & Company. Read More

Prof. Ed Tywoniak Retires After 40 Years at the Heart of Saint Mary’s

Professor and past Chair of the Communication Department Ed Tywoniak ’75, a true Lasallian, is retiring after 40 years at Saint Mary’s. Tywoniak answers to many titles—professor, SMC alum, music lover, music maker, and scholar among them—but may be best known for his joyfulness and dedication to the Saint Mary’s community for the past four decades. Well-wishers commented on his collegiality at Tywoniak’s bustling retirement party held on May 8 in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. Read More

High Potential Program Receives High Acclaim

Saint Mary’s was recently named among a select group of colleges and universities as a First Forward Institution by the Center for First-generation Student Success. This

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bestowed honor recognizes institutions for their success and commitment to first-generation college students. Being selected welcomes SMC to the 2019–20 First Forward Cohort—a community of professionals that will work together to share evidence-based practices and resources, troubleshoot challenges, generate knowledge, and continue to advance the success of first-generation students.

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Student Work on Display at SMC’s Museum of Art

**Emerge: the Student Art Exhibition** will run from May 20 through June 9 at SMC’s Museum of Art. Our student group exhibition in printmaking, painting, sculpture, digital art, and photography is co-sponsored by the Department of Art and Art History. At right: Shelby Chakmakian ’19, *Untitled*, digital photography, 2019. Read More

Summer Friday Hours Return!

As appreciation for staff employees, President Donahue has again authorized early closing for most campus offices on Fridays at 3:30 p.m., beginning next Friday, May 31, through Friday, August 16. Exceptions will be determined by individual departments based on College needs, including safety, security, and summer session. This early closure will not affect staff employees who do not work on Fridays or whose normal work...
Saint Mary's College's graduating seniors filled the Stadium and field on Saturday, May 25, celebrating their big day. Seniors marched, posed for photos, and listened to the advice of class valedictorian Mary Conlon '19 and Commencement speaker U.S. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier. Decked out in their finest sashes, leis, and decorated caps, new grads thoroughly enjoyed their day. We present you with this video celebrating the class of 2019.
Events

- 5/30 - M.S. Business Analytics Information Session
- 6/5 - Kalmanovitz School of Education Information Sessions
- 6/8 - Climbing the Ladder of Inference Workshop
- 6/28 - MA in Leadership Online Information Session

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of May 27.

Go Gaels

ROW | Seven Gaels Earn All-Academic Honors
After another big season on the water, seven Gaels were recognized for their success in the classroom: Emily Sprigings was named to the 2019 WCC All-Academic Team while Emma Bangs, Jennifer Faulkner, Katie Pecoraro, Olivia Pells, Emily Pelster, and Kelsey Shinn received honorable mentions. Read More
BASE | Three Gaels Named All-Tourney, SMC Finishes as Runners-Up

Saint Mary's battled its way to championship Saturday against Loyola Marymount and came within inches of walking off in the 10th, but fell in the first game to place second in the West Coast Conference. Read More

Did You Know?

Summer Reading Challenge: Win Prizes!

Once again, the SMC Library invites you to join the Summer Reading Challenge to explore new authors, new genres, and new content—with Bingo! Stop by the library to pick up your Bingo card and some new books to read. The challenge is open to all students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Audiobooks count, too! Read More

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