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Reunion Weekend Is Coming

Hey Alumni, get ready to party Gael style! If your class year ends in a 4 or 9, or if you're a recent grad from the class of 2018 (or really, a grad from any year), plan to come back to SMC and celebrate from July 12 to 14. Check out the parties, picnics, music, wine tasting, dinner on the Chapel lawn, and more while you reconnect with old friends. Read More

Meet The New SEBA Dean

Saint Mary’s has named Elizabeth Davis, PhD, as the new dean of the School of Economics and Business Administration (SEBA). Davis officially joins the College on August 1, 2019.
Davis is a distinguished administrator and scholar, with an impressive record in higher education leadership. In her new role, Davis will provide strategic direction and vision for SEBA, advance the school's academic excellence, promote faculty development, advance fundraising, strengthen alumni engagement, and foster external partnerships in the greater Bay Area and beyond. **Read More**

**Young Lasallians Gather At SMC**

The Young Lasallian Assembly, hosted by Saint Mary’s from June 23 through 28, teaches young people how to put the Lasallian values built into Saint Mary’s mission into action. More than 300 high school students spread out across campus while absorbing important lessons, making new friends, providing valuable service, and finding their role in Lasallian leadership. SMC’s Maile Shelley ’21, above, who attended the event when she was in high school, served as an impressive role model again this year, illustrating what it means to live a Lasallian life—starting as a student. **Read More**

**Spring Magazine Feature: The Roundtable**

Ready for some summer reading? Kick back with our Roundtable story from the spring issue of *Saint Mary’s* magazine. As we celebrate the 300th anniversary of founder Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s entry into eternal life, we asked staff, faculty, and several alumni to reflect on how they live the Lasallian mission in their work. **Read More**
Saint Mary’s Welcomes ASPAC Conference in June

Saint Mary’s hosted the 53rd annual Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) Conference, Reimagining Asia: Innovation and Reflection, from June 7 to 9. More than 100 registered participants came from across the country, Canada, England, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Macao, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. ASPAC is a regional affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), the national association of professionals, primarily academic, interested in Asian Studies. Read More

In Memoriam: Hisham Ahmed

Saint Mary’s mourns the loss of Professor Hisham Ahmed, who passed away on Sunday evening, July 7, surrounded by family and friends, after a long illness. He is survived by his beloved wife, Amneh, and their two children, Noor and Ahmed. A renowned scholar of Middle East Politics and International Relations, Ahmed joined the College in 2006 and taught in the Department of Politics. Ahmed was a widely respected professor and much-loved colleague. President Donahue asks the SMC community to keep him and his family in our prayers. Read more

In Memoriam: Reid Davis

Saint Mary’s has also lost beloved former faculty member Reid Davis, who died on Thursday, June 20. Davis taught primarily in the Performing Arts Department from 2005–2015, and directed a number of significant productions (including Urinetown, Sweeney Todd, Spring Awakening,
and Angels in America). He founded SMC’s co-curricular Interactive Theatre Troupe, served as a board member and instructor in the Ethnic Studies Program, taught courses in Seminar and Communication, and spearheaded important diversity and inclusion initiatives for the Office of the Provost. Read More

View - Jedi and Dueling in June

The Summer Course 170-01: Fencing and Swords in History and Popular Culture provided students with the opportunity to practice the art and culture of fencing, as well as living the Jedi Life. On the last day of class, students performed fight choreography and showcased their fencing skills with an epic battle on the Chapel steps.
SMC in the News

- Grow Taps SEBA Professor Michal Strahilevitz on Ways to Prevent Impulse Shopping
- KTVU-TV Interviews Politics Professor Steve Woolpert About Supreme Court Census Vote

This Week on Campus

Events

- 7/12 - Alumni Reunion Weekend
- 7/13 - Reunion Weekend Alumni Row
- 7/13 - Planned Giving Seminar and Legacy Society Dedication
- 7/13 - MS in Business Analytics Information Session
- 7/17 - MA in Leadership Online Information Session
- 7/18 - MS in Finance Information Session (ONLINE)
- 7/25 - Gallery Tours: Highlights of Exhibitions
- 7/26 - Center for Environmental Literacy 2019 Summer CO-LAB

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of July 8.

Go Gaels
Lindsey Knudsen Nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year

Newly graduated Lindsey Knudsen was recently nominated for the prestigious, NCAA Woman of the Year award after an inspiring final season of collegiate volleyball. Read More

MBB | Former Gael Landale To Play This Summer with Bucks

Former men's basketball standout Jock Landale has signed a deal to play with the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks Summer League team beginning later this week.

For Landale, it will be his second stint in the Summer League after playing with the Atlanta Hawks' team after graduating from Saint Mary's. Read More

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