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SMC Achieves Top Rankings in The Princeton Review

Saint Mary's College has done it again! *The Princeton Review* has named Saint Mary's among The Best 385 Colleges in the nation. The 2020 edition of
the annual college guide features a two-page profile of the College. Among the many outstanding academic distinctions highlighted, it notes that “SMC offers students an unparalleled education with small class sizes, seminars, high accessibility to professors, and a strong alumni and network association.”

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Summer Research Video- Cell Migration and Adhesion Dynamics

Saint Mary’s popular 10-week Summer Research Program awarded 21 students the coveted opportunity to gain first-hand experience working on scientific research in close collaboration with a faculty advisor. Courtney Robinson ’21 a Biology major, and Kathryn Lombardi ’20 an Allied Health Science major, spent their summer with Assistant Professor of Biology Khameeka Kitt-Hopper ’02 conducting research on cell migration and adhesion dynamics in cancerous breast cells. Watch the video

Wine Festival Scores Again

SMC alumni and guests dined, sipped, and soaked up the sun at the 15th Annual Saint Mary’s Summer Wine Festival. Hosted on the beautiful SMC campus, the event featured tastings from 27 California wineries, breweries, and vendors, and delicious appetizers. Fun activities also included a silent auction offering a variety of unique items, with proceeds going to support student scholarships. Read More
Meet Executive Director and Chief for Public Safety and Transportation

After a nationwide search, Saint Mary's is pleased to welcome Mark Nagel '90 as our new Executive Director and Chief for Public Safety and Transportation. Nagel comes to SMC from the City of Orinda where he worked with Contra Costa County since 2000 and served as Chief of Police since 2014. He will join the College on Monday, August 26. Read more

Embracing the Performance Management Cycle

It is that time of year again when SMC staff roll through the process of reviewing and evaluating the year's performance and setting goals for the upcoming year. This year HR has streamlined the GAEL Perform process, and it is beginning to be implemented in departments across campus. To provide support for the new process, trainings will be held for staff at all levels. Read more

View - All Staff Day
On Thursday August 15, SMC staff enjoyed a rich day of presentations, break out sessions, conversations and more, preceded by a morning mass celebrating the feast day of the Assumption of Mary, and culminating with a community BBQ on the Chapel Lawn. The theme, “Moving Together Through Change” served to inform staff of changes occurring at the College, and to empower staff to embrace change as an opportunity for growth and resilience as SMC kicks off the new academic year. Presenters included President James Donahue, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Margaret Kasimatis, VP for Mission Frances Sweeney, Staff Council Chair Patrice Young, and Assoc. VP and Chief Human Resources Officer Laurie Panian, among others. A varied assortment of wonderful raffle prizes were won by staff who had the opportunity to choose the gift of their liking. A fun time was had by all.

SMC in the News

- **New Book by SMC's Matthew Zapruder Earns Praise From Publisher's Weekly**

- **NBC News Digital interviewed SMC Associate Professor of Marketing, and Consumer Psychologist Michal Strahilevitz about coping with post-binge watching blues.**
• Business Insider and The Conversation Feature Op-Ed By SEBA's Marco Aponte Moreno

This Week on Campus

Events

• 08/21 - Meditation in the Galleries
• 08/22 - Gallery Tour: Highlights and Exhibitions
• 08/24 - Fall Write In
• 08/24 - Gallery Tour: Highlights and Exhibitions

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

• Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

• For the week of August 19.

Go Gaels
MSOC | Gaels Host First Practice

The defending West Coast Conference champions returned to the pitch this week for their first practice of the fall. The team welcomes six new faces, including five first years. Adam Cooper, last year's WCC Coach of the Year and National Staff of the Year, was excited to be back on the field with his team after a long summer off. "It's always good to be back on the field. In the first session the guys looked good. They're sharp, motivated, and hungry so overall it was a very good session," said Cooper. Read more

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Major learning. Minor pretense.