August 27, 2019: CORRECTION: Weekend of Welcome Approaches! New Student Convocation Aug. 30, Summer Research on Ozone Levels

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**Wow! Let the Activities Begin!**

Correction: Thursday, Aug. 29, kicks off SMC's **Weekend of Welcome** (WoW) for new students. **First-year students** will move into their residence halls beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday assisted by more than 200 student volunteers; **transfer students** begin arriving on Saturday, Aug. 31. Returning students move in on Sunday, Sept. 1.

Moving into the residence halls is the first of many activities spanning four days steeped with fun-filled events, including a carnival, pool party, and more. The traditional **Farewell Barbecue, also held on Thursday**, is always
heartwarming, as extended hugs and a spattering of tears mark the beginning of the new students’ SMC experience. Learn More

**Alpha Mass on Sept. 1**

Don’t miss the **Alpha Mass** on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. The Alpha Mass is the first Student-Led Sunday Liturgy of the year, after students have returned to Saint Mary’s. Sunday night is a special and sacred time as we gather together as a community of faith to sing, pray, and give thanks. It is the largest weekly gathering of students throughout the year. You do not have to be Catholic to join us, and we encourage you to bring your friends and try it out.

**Dave Perry '97 Achieves a First at Saint Mary's**
Dave Perry '97 (pictured above with his father, Dennis Perry '64) holds the record for being awarded the most degrees from Saint Mary's College. Perry earned his BA in 1997, MBA in 2001, Teaching Credential in 2002, Administrators Certificate in 2004, MA in Educational Leadership also in 2004, and his EdD in 2019. His academic journey has been inspirational. "I think a lot of my passion for education stems from my Lasallian experience and my relationship with the Brothers at Saint Mary's." Read More

New Student Convocation on Friday, Aug. 30

Correction: Mark your calendars for the New Student Convocation on Friday, Aug. 30, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on the Chapel Lawn. Convocation is the formal introduction into the Saint Mary's collegiate experience. Academic officials, faculty, and student leaders greet and inspire new students for the year ahead. This is a tradition for those beginning their journey at the College. Learn More

Summer Research: Students Monitor Ozone Levels
Under the guidance of Chemistry Professor Joel Burley, students in the **Summer Research Program** worked in the lab and in the field to measure ozone levels in remote areas to determine if dangerous levels have been reached. High ozone levels are proven to have adverse impacts on trees, conifers, and other plants that cover the terrain, as well as direct health impacts on humans and animals. Esther Woo ’20, a biochemistry major, researched “Environmental Privilege: Evaluating Air Pollution in Working-Class Communities.” Gabriel Ponce ’21, also a biochemistry major, researched “Long-Term Trends in Surface Ozone in Industrial Areas,” and Eileanoir Dawson ’22, a biochemistry major, researched “Paradise Fire Impacts on Sacramento O3 and PM2.5.”

**View - Throwback to 2018 Weekend of Welcome**
Last year, as with every year, happy first-years and WoWies climbed to the top of the hill to paint the SMC sign—and their new friends—without brushes!

This Week on Campus

Events

- 8/28 - New Student Orientation
- 8/29, 8/31 - Gallery Tours: Highlights of Exhibitions
- 8/29 - Weekend of Welcome
- 8/29 - Welcome Mass

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of August 26.
MSOC | No. 11 Gaels Handle Argonauts in Exhibition

Saint Mary's easily handled Notre Dame de Namur in a Saturday exhibition match in Moraga. No. 11 Saint Mary's wrapped up its preseason schedule with a dominating 2–0 win over Div. II Notre Dame de Namur on Saturday. It didn't take long for the Gaels to take the lead as Lucas Andrews ’21 broke the scoreless tie in the 15th minute with a rocket to the left of the Argonaut keeper off a pass from freshman Valentin Kurz. Andrews led the Gaels with five shots in 62 minutes of play. Read More

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