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Saint Mary's Board of Trustees gathered for the first meeting of the new year on January 23. The General Session meeting included a presentation by President James Donahue and reports from Trustees and cabinet members on the College’s financial health and facilities, strategic planning efforts, and student life matters. Read More

44 Days Presents Black Student Convocation
Last week, Black students, staff, and faculty gathered for the third annual Black Student Convocation on Saturday, Feb. 15. More than 50 members of the community gathered together for a celebration of representation that was chock-full of panel discussions, workshops, and breakout sessions. Read More

More 44 Days Honoring Black History This Week:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 25**: Black Mental Health Series With Taisha Caldwell, PhD, 6 to 9 p.m., Dante 204.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26**: Healing Through Action With Wanda Johnson, Mother of Oscar Grant, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Hagerty.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26**: Paths of Activism: Martin and Malcolm, 2 to 3:15 p.m., Dante 220.

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Ash Wednesday Services This Week

Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Chapel. Ashes will be distributed at the following times:

- 1 p.m. - Non-Eucharistic Liturgy
- 5:15 p.m. - Mass
- 8 p.m. - Mass

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Check Out the Alumni Awards Video

Each year, Saint Mary's College of California's Alumni Association honors deserving Gaels and friends by bestowing five different awards for outstanding service upon the SMC community. Pictured: Alum of the Year Matthew Dellavedova '13 with Michelle Batista, '02, MA '05, president elect of the Alumni Board of
SMC Athletes Team Up With Grateful Gatherings

Saint Mary's Athletics committed to a core principle of Lasallian education this past year by teaming up with Grateful Gatherings, a local nonprofit, to provide a way to give back to the community. Over a four-month span, the department began fundraising, collecting donations, and preparing for what would be a special girls foster home makeover. Read More and Watch the Video

Second Annual BASS Film Fest Hits Town Friday

The Bay Area Student Shorts (BASS) film festival is produced by students for students. Kasey James ’19 responded to a lack of film opportunities for Bay Area students by creating this event. Join this year’s festivities at the Soda Center on Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. Read More

Don't Miss: Talks on Campus This Week

Tues. and Thurs: Intercourse Discourse Join the Intercultural

Sat.: Justice Action Summit
Student Involvement & Leadership will host speaker Victoria Matey
Center for a dynamic two-day series of INVEST programming exploring the spectrum of sexual education policy. Tier 1 will focus on national sexual education policies; Tier 2 will delve into SMC’s own policies. Join us for thought-provoking, insightful conversations on Feb. 24 and 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the IC. Read More

Mendoza next Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. Mendoza will discuss her work focusing on undocumented students and mobilizing, followed by a workshop focused on forming an argument, peer mentorship, and mental health. Register Here

Creative Writing Speaker and Save the Date

Creative Writing Reading Series With Chris Feliciano Arnold

Join Chris Feliciano Arnold on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Claeys Lounge. He has written essays for numerous publications, and his work has been noted in The Best American Sports Writing and The Best American Short Stories. Read More

Save the Date! Next Week:
After you vote on Tuesday, March 3, watch the election results live! Super Tuesday is bound to have a few surprises. Join the Politics Department in the Faculty & Staff Dining Room at 5 to 8 p.m. Pizza provided! Read More

View - Latinx Cultural Night
Saint Mary’s held its 20th Annual Latinx Cultural Night on Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Soda Center. The event, called *El Future Es*, brought together members of the community to enjoy a celebration that included dance, performance, music, and tasty treats.

SMC in the News

- **Eight-Year-Old Signs Letter of Intent With SMC Women’s Basketball**, *Lamorinda Weekly*
- **Supporting Student-Athletes at Saint Mary's**, *Lamorinda Weekly*

This Week on Campus

Events

- 2/24 - FREUD FORWARD
- 2/24 - Living a Purpose Driven Life
- 2/24, 2/26 - Intercourse Discourse
- 2/24 - *Tournées* Film Festival: A German Youth
- 2/25 - MFA in Creative Writing Prospective Student Day (Poetry)
- 2/25 - Kalmanovitz School of Education Information Sessions
- 2/25 - 44 Days: Black Mental Health Series
- 2/26 - CLOSE LOOKING AT ART
- 2/26 - Ash Wednesday Services
2/26 - 44 DAYS OF HONORING BLACK HISTORY PATHS OF ACTIVISM: MARTIN and MALCOLM
2/26 - One-Stop Job Shop ORIENTATION
2/26 - Resume Workshop
2/26 - Creative Writing Reading Series With Chris Feliciano Arnold
2/26 - Rabbi Harry Manhoff: Around the Jewish Year - Holy Days & Festivals
2/27 - CLOSE LOOKING AT ART
2/27 - MFA in Creative Writing Prospective Student Day (Creative Nonfiction)
2/27 - Global Executive MBA Project Presentations
2/28 - Tournées Film Fest: The Sower

More Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of February 24

Go Gaels

Men's Basketball | Gaels Win Big on Senior Night

Saint Mary's had a picture-perfect ending to their home schedule slate last Saturday when they took down San Diego 92–63 in front of a sold-out University Credit Union
Jordan Ford celebrated Senior Night by putting up 22, grabbing a season-high eight rebounds, and dishing out three assists in what could be his last game in Moraga. **Read More**

**Next Up: Santa Clara**

The Gaels will face the Broncos on the road on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. The game can be viewed on CBS Sports Network.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary’s? Send it to **Campus News.**

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Major learning. Minor pretense.