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April 20, 2020
President Donahue Announces Retirement: Trustees Establish Search Committee

President James Donahue has announced his decision to retire at the end of his term, in January 2021. After nearly eight years of dedicated and committed service, Donahue shared in a letter to the Saint Mary's community, “The decision comes after deep spiritual reflection and many conversations with family, friends, and colleagues.” He added, “This has been the most gratifying
experience of my professional life. What an honor and privilege it is to serve this exceptional College."

The SMC community appreciates the trusted leadership and faithful guidance that Donahue has imparted to the College during his tenure of service. The Board of Trustees, under the guidance of Board Chair Kevin Nagle and Trustee Kim Vogel, is establishing a Presidential Search Committee, and will engage in a thorough international search to find the most highly qualified individual. Read More

SMC's COVID-19 Update

To protect the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff during the coronavirus pandemic, Saint Mary's will extend the virtual delivery of academic courses into the summer term. The College plans to welcome students back to campus and conduct in-person courses this fall following best public health practices for containing the coronavirus pandemic. Read More

A new health order in Contra Costa County requires anyone working at or visiting an essential business, such as Saint Mary’s, to wear face coverings in public settings where it’s sometimes hard to maintain physical distancing. According to the CDC, the use of simple cloth face coverings slows the spread of the virus and helps people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

Celebrate Earth Day's 50th Anniversary All Week

This week marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, as well as De La Salle Week/Heritage Days. True to our Lasallian mission, we are honoring this historic event with two virtual talks focusing on the intersection of the environment, justice, and equity.

- Monday, April 20, at 5:30 p.m., "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Allyship in the Environmental Movement - Workshop by Willie Jackson of Ready Set."
Pathways to Science Speaker Series Presents Melanie Baker and Phillip Thomas on Tues.

The CALC Program welcomes Melanie Baker and Phillip Thomas of NYU School of Medicine on **Tuesday, April 21**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. They will share their personal experiences as epidemiology doctoral candidates. [Sign Up on Zoom](#)

HR News: Managing Life During Shelter In Place

This time is such a disruption to our routines. Hours move with a new tempo; we occupy space in completely new ways; our time management, self-care and work/life management practices may have been completely uprooted. Managing life and our emotional response to it can be quite a process. Given this disruption, we are reaching out to check in and see how you are doing. [Read More](#)

President's Emergency Fund Aids Students

Our Gael community has joined together to help support students facing financial strain as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

If you are currently enrolled in an academic degree program at Saint Mary’s College, you are eligible to apply for emergency assistance. [Read More](#)
IT Help: Top 5 Steps to Working Securely From Home

IT Services wants to help you adjust and secure your remote working environment with five simple steps to follow. These steps not only help secure your work, but they will make you and your family far more safe as you create a cyber secure home. Read More

Nominate Colleagues for Staff Distinction Awards

There is still time to nominate for the 2020 Staff Distinction Awards! These awards acknowledge and reward exemplary staff contributions and achievements that support the College’s values, mission, and strategic objectives. While details of the event itself are changing, we will still honor our awardees. Read More

View - Share Your Story on the Earth Day Flipgrid
Check out the Sustainability Committee's Digital Earth Day flipgrid, where we're sharing ideas about our new Earth Day theme: Cultivating a Community of Care. Tell us what you're doing for sustainability from your home. See More

SMC in the News

- KCBS Radio Interviews Politics Prof. Steve Woolpert About President Trump's Claim of Total Authority to Reopen the Country
- Visiting Professor in the MFA in Creative Writing Program Marie Mutsuki Mockett Compares Western vs Eastern Children's Tales (Especially Cats) in the 4/7 Edition of LitHub

This Week on Virtual Campus
(Please check Events for changes.)

- 4/20 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Allyship in the Environmental Move...
- 4/20 - ON EUCLID'S UNCOMMON NOTIONS
- 4/20 - Virtual Pet Therapy
- 4/21 - SMC EdTech & Faculty Webinar Series
- 4/21 - {Virtual Program} COVID's Impact on Graduates
- 4/22 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month Virtual Denim Day
- 4/22 - Financial Aid Webinar "How to Pay for Grad School: Before, During..."
- 4/22 - Increase Your Hiring Potential in a Virtual World: Student Webina...
- 4/22 - SDS Virtual Open Office Hours
- 4/22 - Afternoon Craft Conversation with Chris Feliciano Arnold
- 4/22 - Single Subject Credential Online Session
- 4/22 - {Virtual Program} Managing Family Dynamics
- 4/22 - Dinner & Discipleship - Together Online!
- 4/22 - RCIA Meeting - Zoom
- 4/22 - Creative Writing Reading Series with Cyrus Cassells
- 4/23 - Multiple Subject Credential (ONLY) Online Session
- 4/23 - {Virtual Program} Grief & Loss in the time of COVID
- 4/24 - SMC EdTech & Faculty Webinar Series
- 4/24 - {Virtual Program} Guided Meditation
- 4/24 - Skills that Set High-Performance Leaders Apart During COVID19
- 4/25 - Information Session: Executive MBA (ONLINE)
- 4/25 - Information Session: Global Executive MBA (ONLINE)
- 4/26 - Associated Students Senate Meeting (via zoom)

Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.
De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of April 20

Go Gaels - Women's Softball

Senior Spotlight: Eryn McCoy, Hannah Chew, and Jaymee Campbell

Today's edition of Senior Spotlight wraps up the softball team's senior women’s group as we chat with Hannah Chew, Eryn McCoy, and Jaymee Campbell. Read More

Did You Know?

Gael Pantry Introduces #FoodPantryFridays

During this uncertain time, we want to ignite our community with something fun, interactive, and creative to look forward to each week. We are announcing Gael Pantry's #FoodPantryFriday. Every Friday, you can look forward to a video and/or a recipe from a member of our SMC community. Or make your own video! Read More and Watch Video