April 27, 2020: Virtual Summer Sessions Announced, Get GaelFit From Home, ILaLS Helps With COVID-19

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To protect the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff, Saint Mary’s College will extend virtual delivery of academic courses into the summer term. All currently scheduled summer undergraduate courses will be conducted online. Due to the ongoing pandemic and resulting financial strain faced by many families, we have substantially reduced undergraduate tuition for the summer sessions. Tuition is now $3,000 per full credit course for summer 2020, which is 18 percent less than last summer. For seniors within two courses of completing graduation requirements, an additional 50 percent
tuition discount will be made to the reduced summer cost. Please CLICK HERE for info about summer session classes and registration.

We are confident that in-person classes will resume fall semester given our small class sizes and the positive outlook for the Bay Area. But we know the COVID-19 situation can change quickly and are developing learning options that adhere to social distancing guidelines, while maintaining the personalized learning experience that our students expect.

Saint Mary's COVID-19 Updates

Later this week, Contra Costa and other counties will extend shelter-in-place orders throughout May. Also, in compliance with a recent county public health order, Saint Mary's requires all employees and contractors on campus to wear face coverings. Under these orders, a “face covering” means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft material that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face—similar to the coverings sported by Dean Evette Castillo Clark and her family (pictured). Essential employees who do not have a face covering can contact Facilities@stmarys-ca.edu, and they will provide you with a disposable face covering. However, the College's supply is limited. Read More

How Fit Are You? Find Out With GaelFit Online Home Edition

GaelFit is a comprehensive health fitness assessment program provided by SMC Kinesiology students. We have modified the program to provide the same quality assessments, in the comfort of your own home! Read More

April Is National Poetry Month!

In celebration of National Poetry Month, MFA in Creative Writing
A Pattern of Success: Marielle Gardner '19

“If you try to see things through a mathematical lens, kind of look around at buildings and even plants, you see the geometry in it: The connections between mathematics and day-to-day life—it's kind of just everywhere,” said Marielle Gardner '19. The SMC graduate was recently invited to join doctoral programs at 10 universities from across the country. She heads for the University of Kansas this fall, where she will pursue her PhD in mathematics, after receiving a prestigious Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship. Read More

ILaLS Offers Help in Spanish and English

As communities across the country grapple with the health and economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute for Latino and Latin American Studies (ILaLS) is deeply engaged in ensuring that the SMC Latinx community get access to information, resources, and community support. This page offers a central online location for members of the SMC community to stay connected and get information in both Spanish and English on where to turn if you or someone you know is in need of assistance. 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.

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View - Where's Gideon?

Where's Gideon been hanging out? Check out what Gideon's been doing in his spare time during the shelter in place. He's picked up a new hobby!

SMC in the News

- *Publishers Weekly* Praises Debut Novel by Professor Lysley Tenorio

This Week on Virtual Campus

(Please check Events for changes.)

- 4/27, Virtual Program: Managing Uncertainty
- 4/27, Virtual Pet Therapy
- 4/27, An Alumni Panel: Future Careers in Journalism, Communication...
- 4/28, Virtual Zumba
4/28, SMC EdTech & Faculty Webinar Series
4/28, FACING THE CANON 2
4/28, Virtual Program: COVID's Impact on Graduates
4/28, Information Session: MS in Management & Technology (ONLINE)
4/28, Virtual Program - Life in the Time of COVID-19 Community Circle...
4/29, Understanding Your Real Estate Options in Today's Market
4/29, Virtual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event: Discussion...
4/29, SDS Virtual Open Office Hours
4/29, Get Hired! Internships, Micro-Internships & Projects: Student We...
4/29, ChangeMakers | Supporting Non-Profits and Small Businesses...
4/29, Virtual Program: Managing Uncertainty
4/29, Virtual Program: Managing Family Dynamics
4/29, Master of Arts in Counseling Information Session (Online)
4/29, Information Session: MS in Accounting (ONLINE)
4/29, Dinner & Discipleship - Together Online!
4/29, RCIA Meeting - Zoom
4/30, Virtual Program - Grief & Loss in the Time of COVID
4/30, Gael Women in Business Women's Forum 2020
4/30, GALILEO'S LUNAR OBSERVATIONS
5/1, SMC EdTech & Faculty Webinar Series
5/1, Afternoon Craft Conversation with Cyrus Cassells
5/1, Virtual Program: Guided Meditation
5/3, One-Act Plays & Performances: Virtual Performances

Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of April 27

Go Gaels - A Message From Mike Matoso
Spend your lunch break with Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Mike Matoso, and get an inside look at your Gaels past and present! Posted by Saint Mary's College Alumni Association on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

**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](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=038ea28ed9&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1665167834636392800%7Cmsg-f%3A1665167834636392800)

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary’s? Send it to [Campus News](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=038ea28ed9&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1665167834636392800%7Cmsg-f%3A1665167834636392800).

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

Major learning. Minor pretense.