



Best graduation ever? Maybe we're biased, but graduation day at Saint Mary's is something special. The entire campus is divided into plots, with each graduating student (along with family and friends) getting his or her own section. Imagine side-by-side parties attended by some of the happiest, proudest people you've ever seen.

Serious about shenanigans. Saint Mary's students are known for being creative thinkers – so it's only natural they would be experts in the fine art of pranking. From cramming 20+ people in a phone booth to depositing a cow on the third floor of De La Salle Hall, Saint Mary's students have a long history of pulling off excellent campus capers. (In 1962, two particularly enterprising undergraduates even managed to sneak into the cafeteria and fill a milk tank with beer. Milk has never been so popular!)

150 YEARS OF HISTORY. 300+ YEARS OF TRADITION. ONE UNABASHEDLY OVER-THE-TOP CELEBRATION.

In 2012-2013, Saint Mary's will celebrate a major milestone – 150 years of college history (since our founding in 1863). Our sesquicentennial will be one for the record books, to be sure, but what's truly worth celebrating is the fact that at Saint Mary's, we live our traditions every day.

More than 300 years ago, Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Christian Brothers, a religious community dedicated to educational reform. These days, Saint Mary's blends that Lasallian Catholic tradition with the intellectual imperative of the Liberal Arts. As a result, we're home to students who have both the desire and the capacity to affect meaningful change (in their immediate communities, and beyond).

De La Salle Week at Saint Mary's is a great time to see the Lasallian spirit in action. During De La Salle Week, students, faculty, staff, and the Christian Brothers all dive headfirst into a weeklong celebration of service and community. You'll find Saint Mary's people helping out at the

annual Carnival for Kids, running or walking in the 5K Run/Walk 4 Hunger, and attending campus-wide workshops and forums on everything from meditation to advocacy.

Of course, not all of our traditions are directly tied to the College's core values; some are just, well, fun. During Welcome Week, new students hike the hill overlooking campus to paint our famous SMC sign and "officially" become a member of the Saint Mary's community, while enjoying a truly spectacular view.

When Mother Nature cooperates there are weekly barbecues on the quad. And every spring the entire campus lets loose with Gaelapalooza, which signifies the end of the academic year and jubilates all things Saint Mary's with free food, live music and festival-style fun (from an inflatable rock-climbing wall to henna and caricature artists).

As for athletics—and athletic pride—that's a tradition unto itself.

IT'S HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Picture this: Towering pines. Flowering courtyards. Four hundred twenty acres of rolling hills and a historic campus that's straight out of central casting.

But don't let the old-school appearance deceive you, because behind that gorgeous façade is a fully wired campus. As a student you'll have your own e-mail account and access to the Saint Mary's intranet (message boards, academic tools, etc.). You'll also have full use of the college's nine computer labs, equipped with both Macs and PCs, as well as expert assistance from our Office of Computer and Technology Services.

Where you'll live.

Most students live on campus in one of the 13 residence halls and eight townhouse buildings. Every room comes equipped with the basics (furniture, phone jacks and data ports) and every floor is staffed by a trained student Resident Advisor. The RAs coordinate activities and act as informal mentors. They know the ropes, and they're great listeners. Brothers, faculty members, coaches, administrators (even the president!) and staff members – they're always available to lend an ear or offer advice.

Saint Mary's offers a Science Theme Living program, an Honors Living and Learning Community and Lasallian and Santiago Living and Learning Communities (both of which focus on faith, service and community).

Multicultural student programs.

The Delphine Intercultural Center sponsors a number of programs that support students of color and celebrate all the cultures that make up the Saint Mary's community. Annual events include things like a welcome reception, diversity dance and discussion series; other outreach programs include lectures, performances and gatherings to honor events such as Black History Month and Latino Heritage Month.

Resources.

If you need any kind of support – physical, spiritual, emotional – you'll never have to go far. Minor injuries and illnesses can be treated free of charge at the Health and Wellness Center, and the trained professionals at the Counseling Center are always available to provide caring, culturally sensitive counseling services.



FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE. Right from the start, your Saint Mary's experience will be an integrated one. As a freshman, you'll take part in our First Year Experience program, which combines academic, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, all under the umbrella of one unifying theme. Summer reading assignments will become the fodder for your freshman English Composition class, and then those writings will in turn inspire outings, residential activities and more.

(IF YOUR HOME HAS VILLA-STYLE ARCHITECTURE AND WANDERING WILD TURKEYS).



THE COLLEGE'S LASALLIAN VALUES AFFECT EVERY PART OF THE SAINT MARY'S EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL LIFE.

Resident Advisors and Resident Directors work together to make sure that life in the residence halls is characterized by a respect for individual rights, as well as the desire to create and sustain a healthy, happy community.

