

Division of Student Life
Fall 2023

We are very excited to have such a talented team of staff as part of our Division of Student Life! Please help me in welcoming our new employees and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

- **Jim Sciuto, Vice President for Student Life (jsciuto@stmarys-ca.edu)**

Dean of Students

I am pleased to share that Dr. Laura Lyndon (ll3@stmarys-ca.edu), former Vice President for Student Life at Holy Names University, will be serving as an Interim Dean of Students for the academic year. In her role, Dr. Lyndon (a graduate of the SMC doctorate program) will be providing valuable insight and experience in supporting our division. In particular, Dr. Lyndon will assist me in four areas:

- Oversight & development of the Wellness Areas
- Assistance with Community Life
- Equity inventory for the division (both internally and student-facing)
- Development of permanent Dean of Students position and future structure of division

We are fortunate to have the services of someone with such great experience and ability! Dr. Lyndon's office is located in Ferroggiaro Hall, Suite #200.

Division of Student Life – Engagement Areas

Intercultural Center (Located in Delphine Intercultural Center)

Kimiya Shokri (Class of 2019), Assistant Director of the Intercultural Center, and Melanie Salas (Class of 2023), Program Coordinator, successfully have the IC off and running for the year. The IC also has a great team of student leaders and be sure to follow their amazing program calendar for the fall. In addition, Samantha Alberto (Class of 2012), Director of Residential Experience, will be serving as Interim Administrative Director for the IC. To ensure active student participation, the search process for a new Director will begin during the fall term.

Center for Women & Gender Equity (located in Augustine, ground floor)

Director Sharon Sobotta continues her good work within the CWGE. Be sure to partake in the various programs!

Student Involvement & Leadership/New Student & Family Programs (located in Ferroggiaro Hall, first floor)

Jen Herzog, AVP for the SMC Experience, is in the final stages of hiring an Assistant Director of Student Leadership. The position will focus on student leadership programs, including advising the Associated Students. In addition, a new Program Coordinator will be responsible for student-driven programming and advising Campus Activities Board & Gael Force. Jen and her team now work out of Ferroggiaro Hall, first floor.

Campus Recreation & Club Sports (located in Joseph Alioto Recreation Center)

Beckie Harper, Jeremy Penaflo, Lindsey Nakashima, and Lori Spillers all continue in their respective roles and have been joined by fantastic new staff members. Amanda Morton, Athletic Trainer for Clubs Sports/Campus Rec, began over the summer and is actively working with our various club sports. Tom Perry, Assistant Director for Club Athletics Operations, will be providing key support for club sports and game operations. Finally, an Assistant Director for

Campus Rec will be hired soon to help oversee the expanded outdoor recreation program, intramurals, and fitness classes.

Campus Housing & Residential Experience

Carolina Celis (Classes of 2022 & 2023) has joined Brian Middleton's staff as the Housing Operations Manager. Samantha Alberto, Director of Residential Experience, is in the final stages of hiring an Assistant Director for Residential Experience, with a focus on expanding our Living-Learning Community program and providing support to the Residence Hall Association. Housing is located on the ground floor of Augustine Hall. Residential Experience is located in De la Salle Hall, Room #117.

Division of Student Life – Wellness Areas

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) (located on ground floor of Augustine Hall)

Megan Gallagher, the Director of the CARE Center, is serving as an Interim Administrative Director, providing administrative support to CAPS and leading the Wellness efforts of the division. We are very fortunate to have staff therapists Dr. Kristen Freeman and Dr. Carnetta Porter taking on additional hours and support for CAPS. Heidi Tend continues to serve as administrative support for the department. In addition, Dr. Judy Curtis (former Director of Counseling at Holy Names University) and Dr. Karlene Alves (Class of 2014) have been hired as temporary Clinical Supervisors. They will be providing supervision to our new post-doctoral resident, Dr. Karina Schwab, and MFT/PCC Trainees, Elise Schiappacasse and Art Wagner. To ensure we are providing plenty of direct student clinical hours, we have also hired temporary staff therapists, David Vengel, Fei Hu, and Layli Khagani (all of whom have previously had experience working at CAPS!).

The Director of Counseling & Psychological Services position search process is underway and is being chaired by the Dean of Students, Dr. Laura Lyndon.

Student Health Center (located on ground floor of Augustine Hall)

Many thanks to Erin Perkins, NP, for continuing to serve as an Interim Medical Director for the coming year. In addition, I am grateful for Jenny Berten, RN, and Ann Hassett, RN, for continuing to contribute their expertise. Lora Dungo continues to serve as the administrative support for the office. The Health Center is supported by contracted physicians.

Campus Assault, Response, & Education (CARE) (located on ground floor of Augustine Hall)

Megan Gallagher continues as Director of the CARE Center. We are also extremely pleased to be working closely with the College's new Title IX Coordinator, Jess Varga. This important position will continue to elevate the College's response and education surrounding issues of sexual misconduct and violence. Ms. Varga's office is located on the second floor of Ferroggiaro Hall, Suite #200.

Division of Student Life – Safety & Wellbeing

Campus Safety & Transportation (located in Assumption Hall)

Four new officers- Casey Clayton, Bill Harris, Kristina Molo, and Mario Vilezar- joined Campus Safety over the summer and the team is fully staffed for the first time in years! Thomas Westbrook has shifted some of his responsibilities over to Parking.

Community Life (located in Ferroggiaro Hall, Suite #200)

Travis Mason, Associate Dean of Students/Director of Community, welcomed Alexandra Kytan

to the role of Student Conduct Coordinator this summer. Travis is also hiring a Student Support Coordinator (non-clinical student case manager) in the coming weeks.