



Parent & Family Newsletter



Hello Saint Mary's Parents and Families,

As the academic year draws to a close and summer approaches, we want to take a moment to reflect on all that's been accomplished over the past term. It's been a season of growth, challenge, and achievement—not just for our students, but for our entire college community. Whether your student is finishing their first year or preparing to graduate, we hope you feel proud of the resilience, curiosity, and dedication they've shown.

This final newsletter of the term includes important updates to help students wrap up the year and for those returning in the Fall, tips on transitioning back to SMC at the end of the summer. Thank you for being such an important part of your student's journey. Your support continues to make a meaningful difference.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and restorative summer.

Go Gaels!

Julie Scaff
Asst. Vice Provost, Student Support Services

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Finals Week: May 19- May 22



Courses that have final exams will be held this coming week May 19- May 22. There is a published final schedule (button below) and students should always verify with their processors to confirm the date, time and location of their final exams. The final exam may or may not be at the student's usual class time.

To support students, the library has extended hours, and there are other spaces on campus for your student to study and get support as they take their finals this week:

Library Hours

Saturday, May 17 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 AM
Sunday, May 18 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Monday, May 19 | 7:30 AM - 1:00 AM
Tuesday, May 20 | 7:30 AM - 1:00 AM
Wednesday, May 21 | 7:30 AM - 1:00 AM
Thursday, May 22 | 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday, May 23 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Museum of Art | Study Salon

Sunday, May 18 | 4:00 - 10:00 PM
Monday, May 19 | 4:00 - 10:00 PM
Tuesday, May 20 | 4:00 - 10:00 PM

Dante Hall, first floor only – 24-Hours

Friday, May 16 through Friday, May 23
Monitored by Campus Safety

[Click Here for the Final Exam Schedule](#)

Student Support During Finals

TimelyCare is an online service that any enrolled undergraduate or graduate student may use.

What services are available?

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On-Campus Housing & Spring Move Out Information

- **Friday, May 16th:** Quiet Hours begin
- **May 23rd: Residence Halls close 12pm**
 - All students needing to stay in their residence hall after May 23 should have already submitted a late stay/interim and/or summer housing request
 - The last meal (dinner) will be served on 5/22/25
 - The Coffee Shop will be open on 5/23
 - Refer to [dining locations/hours](#) for updated information
- **Spring 2025 to Summer 2025 Housing Transition**
 - Students staying between Spring and Summer housing will stay in their Spring housing assignment until May 30th, and then will transition over to their summer assignment in the summer housing residence hall (Marjorie David Ageno (Ageno B)) by 12pm on May 31st
 - Learn more about summer housing [HERE](#)
- **Fall 2025 Housing**
 - If your student is still looking for housing for Fall 2025, there are spaces available on campus! Contact the Housing Office at housing@stmarys-ca.edu for more information.



Campus Housing

[More Important Dates and Reminders](#)

Commencement Information

Cultural Graduation Celebrations

May 15: 8th Annual Lavender Graduate Celebration (LGBTQIA+ Community)

May 17: 23rd Annual Asian & Pacific Islander Graduate Celebration

May 21: 29th Annual Black Graduate Celebration

May 23: 27th Annual LatinX Graduate Celebration

Final Cheers & First Toasts

Thursday, May 22 at 5:30pm all graduating seniors are invited to attend a reception sponsored by the SMC Alumni Association. The reception will be held in the Soda Center.

Commencement Liturgy

Friday, May 23 at 5:00pm

UCU Pavilion

Tickets are not required - doors will open at 4:30pm

Commencement Ceremony

SMC Stadium

Undergraduate: Saturday, May 24 at 9:00am

Graduate and Professional Studies: Sunday, May 25 at 10:00am



Students are asked to come 2 hours in advance of the ceremony start date. All guests are encouraged to expect traffic and allow time for parking and getting up to the stadium. Shuttles are available for guests who need assistance getting from the parking lot to the stadium, no rsvp to use shuttles is needed.

Quick Links:

- [Parking and Map](#)
- [Accessibility Parking and Seating Information for Guests](#)

[Click Here for the Commencement Website](#)

2025 Commencement Speakers

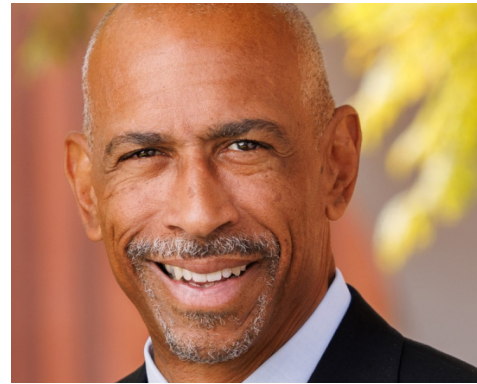


Undergraduate Commencement

**Toussaint Bailey '02,
JD, UCLA School of Law '06**

Toussaint Bailey is Managing Partner and Founder of Uplifting Capital, a minority-owned and majority women-led investment firm that powers scalable values-aligned impact through institutional quality private market investments for financial advisors and the clients they serve.

[More about Toussaint Bailey](#)



Graduate and Professional Studies Commencement

Pedro Noguera, PhD

Pedro Noguera is one of the nation's leading scholars on issues related to racial inequality and policies aimed at improving education. Currently he serves as the Dean of the Rossier School of Education, and Distinguished Professor of Education at USC.

[More about Pedro Noguera](#)

Introducing Dominic Fleming '25 SMC's 2025 Valedictorian

The Bay Area native initially expected to leave California for college. A sports injury and a shoebox full of college acceptance letters changed his trajectory. Four years later, he's the top academic achiever in his class.

He cites Professors Ronald Ahnen and Patrizia Longo, both of SMC's Politics Department, as inspirational figures and examples of the kind of renowned instructors from whom he's been privileged to learn.

"I don't know exactly what my career is going to look like, but I'm certain it will include some element of advocacy," he says. "So working to obtain these skills has been a great learning experience and feels crucial to me and my future."



[Click Here to Meet Dominic](#)

Getting Ready for Next Year

Looking ahead at the 25/26 Academic Year

- Fall 2025 Class Registration: Students should have already registered for classes for Fall 2025 but if your student still needs to add classes, or is looking to change their schedule, they can contact the Registrar's Office for assistance at regoff@stmarys-ca.edu. Encourage your student to keep an eye on their SMC email address for any summer reading or other requirements for their Fall Courses.
- First day of Fall 2025 Term is Monday, August 25. Returning students who will be living on campus will move in Sunday, August 24 and will receive more information directly from the Housing Office this summer.
- Family Weekend: SMC's annual Family Weekend will take place Friday October 3-Sunday, October 5. More details to come, but save the date!



[25/26 Academic Calendar](#)

Thank You Parents of Graduating Students

To our parents of graduating students: This milestone is as much yours as it is your student's. We are grateful for the trust you placed in us throughout this journey, and we celebrate alongside you with pride and joy. Thank you for being a valued member of the SMC family. We wish your graduate, and your family, all the best as you step into this exciting new chapter.

If your student was positively impacted by a specific program during their time here at SMC, we invite you to consider [making a special donation](#) to that program to commemorate your student's legacy while helping future students follow in their footsteps. Whether it's supporting scholarships, academic programs, or a campus club or group on campus your student found community in, your contribution, of any amount, will have a meaningful and lasting impact.

You are welcome to stay joined to the SMC Family Newsletter after your student graduates.

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