



### The March to Commencement 2019 - March Edition Commencement Weekend: May 24-26, 2019

Welcome to the commencement newsletter!

**Only 70 days until Commencement!**  
We encourage you to share this information with your family and friends.

#### Grad Fair - NEXT WEEK

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Location: Soda Activity Center

Mark your calendar. The [Graduation Fair](#) is your one stop shop to creating an unforgettable commencement experience. Take your senior portrait, take the senior survey, learn about graduate program opportunities, and much more .

#### Commencement Portraits

There will be several opportunities to take your [Senior Portraits](#), including the week of the grad fair!

\*Regalia will be available at the time of the portraits.

**All Portraits will take place in the Soda Activity Center.**

#### Commencement Mass

Date: Friday, May 24, 2019  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Joseph Alioto Recreation Center



Students of all faiths, their families and friends, are cordially invited to participate in this liturgy! You do not have to be Roman Catholic to attend. It is a time for giving thanks and praise for gifts given and received while at Saint Mary's College, and for asking a blessing on the graduates and their future lives.

#### Don't stress...

Here are some tidbits that will ease your stress surrounding commencement:

- Cap & Gown pick-up will in the Registrar's Office in May. We will order all gowns and you will have the option to pick-up from a variety of sizes.
- Make sure you clear all holds (see below) in order to pick-up your cap and gown.
- The commencement ceremony typically lasts until 12PM, please plan accordingly.

#### Cultural Graduate Celebrations



Registration for cultural grads is now open! Visit their [website](#) for more information about each cultural graduate celebration leading to Commencement Weekend!

#### Grad Grounds



Have a lingering question about your [Grad Grounds](#)?

For more information, please email [gradgrounds@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:gradgrounds@stmarys-ca.edu) or visit their [website](#).

#### Remember to clear your holds...

Make sure...

- You attend your [exit loan counseling](#)
- You clear any business office holds (including Library or Public Safety fines)
- You take the [First Destination Survey](#)

**1st STEP** : Complete a Post-Graduation Plan

If you are a SEBA student, you will need to see Mary Beth Stadt, who is the Career Manager within SEBA. Contact information is [mbs7@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:mbs7@stmarys-ca.edu) or 631-4118.

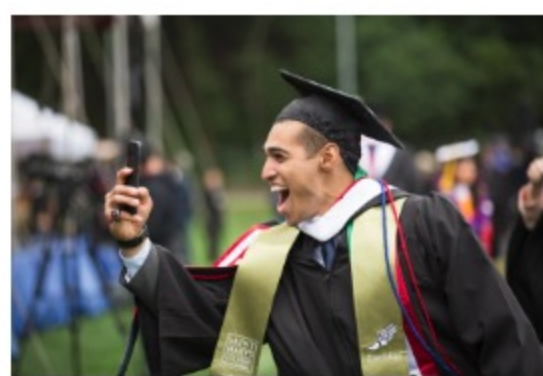
If you are a SOS or SOLA student, you will need to see a career strategist in Career and Professional Development Services (CPDS). Contact is 631-4600 or [careers@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:careers@stmarys-ca.edu) .

**2nd STEP** : Complete the [First Destination Survey](#)

If you're cleared...PICK UP YOUR CAP & GOWN. They will be available on Tuesday, May 14, and Wednesday, May 15, from 8:30AM-5:00PM in the Registrar's Office.

#### Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

The Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony will be on Saturday, May 25th. The processional will begin at 9:00am in the [turf field \(next to 155\)](#) . The ceremony will begin at 9:30am in the [stadium \(next to 155\)](#) .



#### Seating in the Stadium

- There are no tickets for Commencement. You may invite as many guests as you would like.
- Stadium opens at 8:00am. Seating is first-come, first serve.
- [ADA and wheel chair reserve seating](#) will be available and are first-come, first serve.

#### Alumni Gift



The Alumni Association will be handing out gifts at their Grad Ground on Chapel Lawn after the commencement ceremony.

#### Online Commencement Resources

Keep up to date on the latest Commencement details and deadlines on the Saint Mary's site at [Commencement Weekend](#) . Please review the pages and share them with your family and friends. If you have questions about this information, please contact the Commencement Office at (925) 631-8300 or email us at [commencement@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:commencement@stmarys-ca.edu)