



Announcements

- Horses, Leadership, and Inclusive Excellence
- Jan Term Travel 2018 Classes Announced
- The New Limited Speaker Agreement (LSA)

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Events

5/15 - MS in Management Info Session
5/17 - Pet Therapy at the Stress Management Fair
5/17 - One-Act Play Festival
5/18 - Lavender Graduate Celebration
5/20 - Asian & Pacific Islander Graduate Celebration
5/21 - Interfaith Blessing of the Minds

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Did You Know?

For the second year, the [Sustainability Committee](#) is organizing Sustainable Move Out, May 24–May 28. Last year, SMC successfully diverted over 49 tons of items

Elias Makhoul Named Valedictorian

Elias Makhoul, an accomplished student leader majoring in biology, [has been named the valedictorian](#) of the class of 2017. Makhoul will deliver his valedictory speech to more than 600 students on Saturday, May 27 at 9 a.m. A member of the Honors Program and on the dean's list, Makhoul has also collaborated with Chemistry Professor Mark Lingwood to develop an MRI technique for enhancing resolution and contrast.



Cultural Graduate Celebrations Begin This Week



The Intercultural Center's popular and moving Cultural Graduate Celebrations begin this week with the Lavender Graduate Celebration Thursday, 5 p.m. in Hagerty and the Asian & Pacific Islander Graduate Celebration, Saturday, 10 a.m. in LeFevre Theatre. Next week, the Black Graduate Celebration is Thursday, May 25, 6 p.m. in the Soda Center and the Latinx Graduate Celebration is Friday, May 26, 9 a.m. in the Chapel. [Check out the schedule and hear from some of last year's passionate voices in our video.](#)

Campus Master Plan Unanimously Approved

that previously went to landfills. Over 16 of those tons were donated (some of which ended up at the Weekend of Welcome Yard Sale or in the Free Store, both events created in response to move-out donations) and 33 recycled. To accomplish this green feat again, the committee needs 30-35 volunteers sitting next to donation boxes during move out. Interested in helping out? [Sign up here.](#)

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](#).

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Lasallian Reflections



For the week of **May 15**.

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The [Campus Master Plan](#) was approved in a 5-0 unanimous vote last week by the Moraga Town Council. The Moraga Planning staff received no opposition notices from community members. Since 2013, Saint Mary's has worked closely with students, faculty, staff, and the

Brothers to plan facility changes to meet academic, student life, and sustainability goals. The plan outlines a strategy for addressing needs in academic and religious facilities, faculty and staff spaces, student amenities, housing, athletic facilities, open spaces, and roads and pathways.

MFA Program Hosts Hedgebrook Writing Retreat

The MFA Creative Writing Program and Hedgebrook, the prestigious women's writing retreat and nonprofit, announce [Bridging: A One-Day Hedgebrook Writing Retreat](#) for writers who identify as women. Held on Saint Mary's beautiful campus on June 10, the second annual retreat is rooted in the student-centered immersive writing approach of Hedgebrook and features an address (free and open to the public) by award-winning writer Karen Joy Fowler.

Full Circle: Seniors Paint the SMC

Seniors continued the long goodbye to their home of four years on Saturday in a final painting of the SMC letters—the culmination of a weeklong senior activities week. "It felt like my SMC experience was coming full circle, it was a milestone experience," said Sean Ryan '17. Alakoka Kailahi '17 agreed, "Painting the SMC as a senior, the class felt closer than the first year." [Check out more photos in our image gallery.](#)



View



Adilene Alvarado '19, Antonia Campagna '19, Daniella Santana '18, Angelica Moreria '19, and William Connell '18, left to right, met with state Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) and Assemblymember Catharine Baker (R-Pleasanton) last week to discuss the governor's recently revised state budget. The students discussed how the Cal Grant supports them in college and why it should be fully funded. The

proposed budget removes the 11 percent cut, fully funding the Cal Grant.

SMC in the News

- [KCBS interviews Politics' Steve Woolpert about obstruction of justice in FBI Director's firing.](#)

Go Gaels

Gaels Clinch Series With 15-Inning Win

This time the marathon match went the baseball team's way, as the [Gaels outlasted host Pepperdine](#) Sunday in 15 innings to win 5-4 and clinch an important West Coast Conference victory at Eddy D. Field Stadium.



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Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel is at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is Sun., 7-7:45 p.m., or by appt.
- St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist is each Sunday at 9 a.m.

[Religious Services Schedule](#)

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