



## Events

5/26 - MA in Leadership  
Alumni Certificate Program  
Open House

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## Did You Know?

The 680 graduates from the class of 2016 hail from 10 countries—including Australia, which is 8,000 miles away—with ages ranging from 19 to 57. Business Administration is the most popular major and 245 are the first in their families to attend college.

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## Lasallian Reflections

For the week of **May 23**.

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## Commencement: Sights, Sounds, and Splendor



The 2016 Saint Mary's Commencement Weekend—which celebrated 680 seniors and 624 graduate and professional studies students—shone through unusually cool and wet weather to recognize students' impressive accomplishments. [Photos](#), [videos](#), [stories](#), [social media](#), and [more](#).

## Mahershala Ali '96 Addresses Undergraduates



Actor Mahershala Ali '96 delivered the Undergraduate Commencement speech to the class of 2016 Saturday, suggesting patience, perseverance, and prayer as ways "to carry you to the point of fulfillment that we all desire." He also thanked his SMC professors for encouraging him to follow his heart and pursue an acting career.

## Interview: Diego Rios '16

Associated Students President Diego Rios '16—a double major in communication and business, center midfielder on the club soccer team, and an inspirational speaker—kept himself busy during his four years at Saint Mary's. A native Colombian, Rios plans to pursue inspirational speaking and perhaps a degree in leadership.



## Update on Contingent Faculty Union

Saint Mary's and the College's adjunct faculty union have agreed to a new mutually acceptable contract. Provost Beth Dobkin provides [an update on the agreement](#), which was ratified on Friday, May 20.

## View



The Saint Mary's baseball team made history Sunday when the Gaels [won their first-ever West Coast Conference championship](#) by beating Portland 5-2 to complete a three-game sweep at Joe Etzel Field.

## SMC in the News

- CBS-5 interviews SEBA's John Gruenstein about Bay Area's shrinking middle class.
- Time-Motto features commencement address by alum, actor Mahershala Ali.
- The Week picks Lysley Tenorio's "Monstress" among best books on identity.
- The Telegraph quotes Professor Barbara McGraw on representation of India in state text books.
- NBC Bay Area News, NBC LA, report on Mahershala Ali as 2016 commencement speaker.
- East Bay Times covers moving commencement speech by actor, alumnus Mahershala Ali.

## Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel is at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Daily Mass takes place Mon., Tues., & Thurs., 5:15 p.m., Wed. at 12 noon, and Fri. at 7 a.m.
- 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.