



Jill Biden to Address Annual Teachers Summit



Jill Biden, lifelong educator and wife of former Vice President Joe Biden, will deliver the keynote address at the third annual Better Together: California Teachers Summit at Saint Mary's on July 28. Biden will address hundreds of educators at the College—the headquarters site for the statewide gathering—and thousands of teachers via live simulcast at more than 30 locations across the Golden

State.

Did You Know?

A small dedicated group of staff and faculty, led by the library's Allie Porter, recorded a big win in the Team Bike Challenge during the month of May. Saint Mary's earned first place for small companies in Contra Costa County, with SMC's bikers riding just under 800 miles, burning 28,501 calories, and saving 1,148 pounds of CO2. Across the Bay Area, a group of 2,536 cyclists rode on 196 teams for 362 companies, logging 295,285 miles and saving over 295,000 pounds of CO2 from entering the air and burning close to 13.3 million calories.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to **Campus News**.

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Inaugural Core Curriculum Dean Named

Megan Mustain has been appointed the inaugural dean of Saint Mary's Core Curriculum, which includes Collegiate Seminar and January Term. For 12 years, Mustain has been an associate professor in philosophy at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, a Catholic Marianist university with about 2,400 undergraduate and 1,500 graduate students.



New Student Alert



Lasallian Reflections



For the week of **June 19**.

Learn how to submit Events and Announcements.

Break out your best Saint Mary's welcome for the fresh faces on campus when incoming first-year students and their families arrive Wednesday for the first of this summer's student orientations (others are June 24 and 28). Orientation leaders are ready (see photo). Are you? Prepare for inquiries from visitors by checking out answers [to these frequently asked questions](#).

Media Ecology Association Convention

Saint Mary's will host [the international Media Ecology Association Convention Thursday–Sunday](#). More than 150 scholars and practitioners from 27 countries will deliver academic papers and discuss a variety of topics, including the proliferation of fake news, cyberspace and human relationships, the commodification of hip-hop culture, educating citizens in an online world, and evolving creative approaches in Brazilian telenovelas.

Staff Service Awards



The Staff Service Awards luncheon recognized 33 staff members last week for longtime service to the College. Daryl Williams (left) from Financial Aid was honored for 20 years of service. Facilities' Gary Busbee led the pack with 30 years, followed closely by KSOE's

Katherine Crane and Finance and Administrative Services' Sharon Neward at 25 years. Staff were also recognized for 20, 15, and 10 years of service.

View



Twenty faculty and staff members participated in "Engaging with the Lasallian World," the College's second "mini-Buttimer," a chance for members of the Saint Mary's community to experience a shorter version of the multi-year Buttimer Institute. The longer Buttimer kicks off Sunday at Manhattan College and lasts through July 7. These are just two [of many opportunities for faculty and staff](#) to immerse themselves in the Lasallian tradition.

Go Gaels

Two Gaels Drafted in Top-Five Rounds of MLB Draft

Two Saint Mary's baseball players were selected Tuesday [in the top-five rounds of the 2017 Major League Baseball Draft](#), with right-handed pitcher Drew Strotman going in the fourth round to the

Tampa Bay Rays and infielder Zach Kirtley going in the fifth round to the St. Louis Cardinals.



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Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)
- St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist is each Sunday at 9 a.m.

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