



Professor Ron Olowin RIP

Events

8/12 - Summer Wine Festival
 8/15 - Staff Day
 8/16 - The Future of Consulting: Executive MBA Program
 8/19 - Texas Hold'em Tournament

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Professor Ron Olowin, who devoted his life to understanding the cosmos, drawing star-strewn connections between scientific observations, religion, and human culture, [passed away peacefully last weekend](#) in the presence of his family and loved ones. Olowin, who began teaching at Saint Mary's in 1987, exemplified teaching in the Lasallian tradition. Many alumni remember Olowin, affectionately

referred to as "Dr. O" by students, for the Intro to Astronomy course, which he created and taught for 30 years. Details are still forthcoming about service arrangements.

Jill Biden Delights Crowd at CA Teachers Summit



Jill Biden, lifelong educator and wife of former Vice President Joe Biden, [addressed about 1,000 teachers at McKeon Pavilion](#), and 10,000 teachers via livestream, at the third annual Better Together: California Teachers Summit July 28 (center with Kalmanovitz School of Education Dean Christopher Sindt and Kristen Soares, AICCU president). SMC served as headquarters for the statewide summit, a free day of learning at 35 California sites. Biden spoke about education's role in her life, as teacher and student, and how good teachers lay the foundation for students' future success.

Journey to Google

Did You Know?

In sustainability news, the Saint Mary's community sent 439 tons of waste to the landfill in 2016-2017, down from 509 tons in 2015-2016 and 655 tons the previous year, increasing our diversion rate to 55 percent (meaning 55 percent of the items we get rid of are either recycled or composted). Also, last year our community began donating reusable shoes. In June, we sent 145 pounds of shoes (about 200 pairs) around the world to find a new, er, sole mate (get it?). If you are interested in donating reusable shoes (athletic, casual, and dress shoes are OK; damaged, mildewed, flip flops, and slippers are not), look for the donation box near the front desk of the Recreation Center.

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

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Lasallian Reflections



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Nancy Yuen MS '17 was heading toward a medical career [when she changed direction completely](#) and enrolled in the master's in accounting program at Saint Mary's. Now Yuen works at Google as a revenue manager and credits her SMC professors with guiding her through the complex interview process. She chose the SMC program because the hybrid program fit her hectic work and family schedule.



Sips for Scholarships



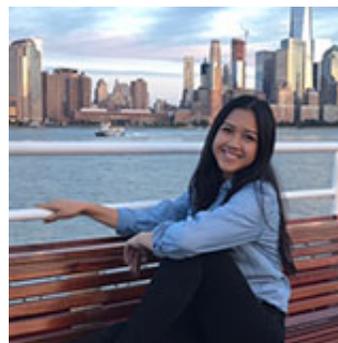
Saint Mary's and the Alumni Association host the [Summer Wine Festival](#), Saturday, Aug. 12, 2–5 p.m., an afternoon of wine tasting and appetizers. Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction support SMC student scholarships.

Campus Facilities Update

From polishing and painting to digging and paving, facilities projects are nearly completed for the fall term. [Read the latest update](#), which includes work at McKeon Pavilion and remodeling a physics lab from Director of Project Management Diane Hardy.

Redefining Disability: Aurora Le '19

Aurora Le '19 spent last week in New York City participating in the Lime Connect Fellowship program, designed for accomplished rising college juniors with disabilities. Le was one of 25 students chosen for the program and the only one from a California college. She shares her experience, including at career coaching workshops and networking dinners, [in a blog post](#).



Go Gaels

Trio of Gaels to Compete at U.S. Amateur Championship

Saint Mary's golf will have three players—senior Perry Cohen, sophomore Jeffrey Inouye-Wong and incoming freshman Ash Hakim—represent the Gaels [in this year's prestigious United States Amateur Championship](#) hosted at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, and Bel Air Country Club in Los Angeles Aug. 14–20.



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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.