YOUR PROVING GROUNDS
CHANGE MORE THAN YOURSELF
Saint Mary’s College of California invites you to passionately embrace knowledge, the challenges of scholarship and the capacity to make a lasting change in the world as we know it. When you do, you’re embracing the Gael spirit.
IT’S WHAT YOU DO
The Lasallian heritage of social responsibility (feel free to Google it) and transformational educational experiences permeate every aspect of Saint Mary’s.
DON’T REPEAT AFTER ME

Here you question everything and don’t just accept facts. You’re an active participant in your own learning, working with professors and peers to shape your education.
YOU CAN BE
Ask anyone you know if college changed their life. They’ll probably think for a minute and then reply “Yes.” Saint Mary’s graduates would give you the same answer. They just might phrase it a little differently.

That difference is why Saint Mary’s was recognized as one of the 40 Colleges That Change Lives (CTCL). A nationally renowned nonprofit organization, CTCL was formed to help students recognize the real impact that a college has on its students outside of rankings and reports. More than just numbers, CTCL has identified the specific qualities that really make a difference in the lives of students.

Chief among these qualities is passionate faculty. Teachers come to Saint Mary’s expecting to make a difference in individual students’ lives. Combine that level of dedication with the caliber of our professors, and you have a recipe for life-changing academic experiences.

What earned Saint Mary’s an inclusion in the CTCL? It probably has to do with our culture of inclusivity—one that extends from the welcoming vibe in our residence halls to 38 percent of our students being the first in their families to attend college. The Gael Spirit is all it takes to be included on our campus.

It’s not only professors who will change your life. Relationships formed in residences and dining halls are also important in determining your trajectory. Saint Mary’s tight-knit community is another reason we were included as one of the Colleges That Change Lives. Our small student body and distinctive academic environment bond Saint Mary’s students for life. Even after you’ve graduated you’ll be able swap stories about January Term courses or debate Marx with fellow alumni.

Saint Mary’s, like other CTCL members, understands that college is about more than bumper stickers and name recognition. College is about finding your life’s calling through a friendship with an amazing professor. It’s about making friends who feel like family. It’s about the experiences that form who you are. That’s why when someone asks a Saint Mary’s graduate if college changed their life they don’t hesitate for a moment. They don’t answer “Yes.” They answer “Completely.”
How could a 500-year-old book lead to one of the most cutting-edge careers in the world? Physics major Joe Murphy ’14, could tell you. He first spent his most interesting January Term engrossed in the food and culture of modern-day Italy—learning to cook the cuisine of Florence in the ancient city. The experience informed his favorite Collegiate Seminar where he dove into Machiavelli’s The Prince, a practical guide written for the Renaissance rulers of Florence in wielding power among ever shifting city states.

The combination of these unlikely inspirations for a scientific mind led Murphy to his ultimate goal: joining the Department of Defense’s Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). As a DARPA scientist, Murphy aims to develop the world’s most secret and cutting-edge technological innovations, ensuring the United States maintains its technical and intellectual superiority. DARPA’s inventions range from developing the early Internet all the way to thought-controlled prosthetic limbs. And that’s just what’s been declassified.

It’s not only the high-caliber critical thinking Murphy hones here that points his ambition to DARPA. It’s the unexpected lateral thinking encouraged by our robust curriculum that enables him.
MAKING A CASE FIRST REQUIRES MAKING A CONNECTION

Collegiate Seminar links more than the great ideas of the world’s greatest thinkers. It unites students, professors and the Great Books in a true intellectual discourse.

Christine de Pizan assails misogyny with *The Book of the City of Ladies*

Mary Crow Dog feminizes the American Indian Movement in *Lakota Woman*

Toni Morrison lays racism bare in
Gathered at a round table in a quiet room, Saint Mary’s students and professors embark on a journey—one that stretches more than 2,700 years and doesn’t stay quiet for very long. We call this voyage Collegiate Seminar. A series of intimate classes spanning four semesters, Seminar puts ideas at the center of the room, and students at the helm of discussion.

Starting with Homer and Aristotle, you do much more than soak in the collected knowledge of the books on the Seminar reading list. You raise points. Question your peers and professors. Actively participate in shaping the discussion and your own education. Whether exploring Dante, Marx, Toni Morrison or Cervantes, your critical thinking both counts and is measured.

Through this one-of-a-kind process of listening, interpreting, adapting and even laughing, expressing your perspective and changing it become equally likely. If you think tackling great thinkers is difficult, just try to leave a semester of Seminar the same as you entered it.

As a cornerstone of our Core Curriculum, Seminar not only gives you a focused educational experience, it offers insight into the broader world of ideas. It’s an educational experience with an understanding of the origin of foundational concepts. Saint Mary’s sets the course for what ideas will come next.
Every January resolve to something far bigger than yourself.
The January Term at Saint Mary’s pushes you out of your comfort zone and into an entirely new world.

Inspiration often comes from an unlikely source. The insight found in a completely unfamiliar setting. Or being confronted with an entirely new point of view. January Term (or Jan Term) at Saint Mary’s was designed as the incubator for those moments—pushing you outside what you know to more fully know yourself and the world.

The intensive month-long session of Jan Term is meant to push you outside your major courses into one immersive class. The adventure you choose is up to you. A biology major may find herself in Greece and Turkey learning about ancient athletics. An English major could study the economic development of Rwanda. A kinesiology major could head to the Sundance Film Festival. An economics student could even spend the term on campus exploring the fine line between inspiration and creative license in our Art of the Copy course.

However, it’s not so much about where Jan Term takes you. It’s about what it moves inside you. For that reason, there’s a great chance you’ll join others in calling it your most important Saint Mary’s experience.
DON’T SCRATCH THE SURFACE. BREAK THE GROUND.

Saint Mary’s approach to learning is both focused and expansive by design. We believe knowledge should be broad and deep. That’s why in addition to the 40 majors in our four schools—Liberal Arts, Science, Education and Economics—we offer thoughtful programs in every field to immerse you in a deeper state of learning.

EAT, SLEEP AND BREATHE SAINT MARY’S

If you qualify for the Saint Mary’s Honors Program you can partner with the professor of your choice to create an individualized honors curriculum within your field of study. As an honors student, you would also have access to:

- Exclusive scholarships, internships and research positions
- Personalized graduate school counseling
- Opportunities to present research at national honors conferences
- Special honors social outings
- The Honors Living-Learning Community with live-in tutors and faculty

AN INTEGRAL APPROACH

The Integral Program uses questioning, conversation and a classic liberal arts approach. You study the classics of literature, philosophy, theology, psychology, political science, economics, history, mathematics, laboratory sciences and music. No textbooks are used and all classes are discussion-based. The result is the ability to converse on multiple levels, ask precise and incisive questions, and give intuitive, informed responses.

GET THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Saint Mary’s offers study abroad opportunities tailored to your major. We partner with top universities on five continents. As a sociology student, for instance, you could study in Cape Town, Cuernavaca, Sevilla, Rome or Shanghai. In Shanghai you’d have the opportunity to:

- Learn at one of the top three universities in China
- Intern at a relevant business in the city
- Hike the Great Wall of China
- Learn Tai Chi

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

As a Saint Mary’s School of Science student you could choose to participate in a summer research project based on your interest in:

- A particular faculty member
- A research topic suggested by a faculty member
- An original research project of your own creation

DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY

Not sure what degree is right for you? Saint Mary’s Major Exploration Workshop will be your guide in determining the right career for you, and how to get there.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Saint Mary’s sets the stage for a fulfilling life, including a life on the stage. Our Performing Arts programs offer conservatory-quality training in dance, music, theatre performance & theatre studies, and technical theatre & design combined with liberal arts and sciences academic rigor. No matter how you choose to express yourself, Saint Mary’s is the venue to explore and mature as a performer. Our recent successes include performers from both the dance and theatre programs performing by invitation at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC.

LEARN THE ROPE

Our High Potential Program provides students who are the first in their families to go to college with the tools and support—from the Summer Bridge program, to peer mentoring to monthly advising meetings—to translate their hard work into continued success.
MAJORS

Accounting
Allied Health Science
Anthropology
  • Archaeology Concentration
Art Practice
Art Theory & Criticism
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Business Administration
  • Digital Media Concentration
  • Entrepreneurship Concentration
  • Finance Concentration
  • Global Business Concentration
  • Marketing Concentration
Chemistry
  • Environmental Concentration
Classics
Communication
Dance
Economics
  • Sustainability Studies Concentration
English
  • Creative Writing Emphasis
  • Dramatic & Film Arts Emphasis
  • Literary Theory & History Emphasis
Earth Science
Engineering (3+2, specialized programs)
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
French
Global and Regional Studies
  • East Asia
  • Europe
  • Latin American
  • Global Studies
Greek
History
Integral Program

MINORS

Accounting
Anthropology
Archaeology
Art Practice
Art Theory & Criticism
Biology
Business Administration
Catholic Tradition
Chemistry
Communication
Computer Science
Creative Writing
Dance
Earth Science
East Asian Studies (Japanese language)
Economics
English
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
French
German Studies
Greek
History
History of Art
Interactive Theatre
Intergroup Dialogue
Italian Studies
Justice & Community
Latin
Mathematics
Montessori Thought
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Performance & Theatre Studies
Theology & Religious Studies
Technical Theatre & Design
Women's and Gender Studies

ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

3+2 Engineering: Earn a BA and a BS in five years
Teachers for Tomorrow program: Earn a BA, teaching credential and MA in five years
Leadership for Social Justice: Earn a BA or BS in multiple majors and an MA in Leadership in five years

Saint Mary's College is the only California, only Catholic and only Division I institution recognized in the prestigious Colleges That Change Lives.

The College is also one of only 5 percent of schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), representing the highest international standard in business education.
Saint Mary’s students achieve incredible success precisely because they embrace difficult problems in the classroom and out.

Challenge. To many, it’s a burden. To Gaels, it’s an invitation. And it’s the first step in a route ultimately leading to success.

Our students know the barriers they encounter on the path to their degree are there by design. Every obstacle is set to make their intellect fitter, their ideas stronger, and their spirits more capable of achieving beyond what they thought possible when next faced with challenge.

For that reason, Gaels aren’t asked to push their limits; they’re asked to lift each other up, pull together as a community and push past them. If there’s anything that defines us as Gaels, it’s our united front.

With the help of our faculty and encouragement of peers, Gaels can expect to flourish—both intellectually and personally.

Through struggle and emergence our students find real, lasting growth.
GET TO KNOW YOUR PROFESSOR AS WELL AS THE SUBJECTS THEY TEACH

At other colleges, not all professors can call on their students by name by the end of the first week. Or even the first semester. Not all professors are willing to travel the world with undergrads. Not all professors would commit to living on campus as a residential advisor.

But those who come to Saint Mary’s do.

This is a place where teachers know their students as individuals. Our largest class size last year had 37 students, our average class size is 20 and our student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1. That means our professors, 95 percent of whom hold Ph.D.’s, work shoulder-to-shoulder with students in the lab. Or discuss poetry after class. Or counsel a biology major who is planning on medical school.

It’s these opportunities to inspire talented students that attract top minds from Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Harvard and Berkeley to Saint Mary’s. They could teach anywhere, but they choose to teach and research here. Because at Saint Mary’s, they really can do just that.

Recent Faculty Recognition:

Professor Alice Baldridge was published in the Journal of Geophysical Research on her evidence for water on Mars. NASA is funding her research on that topic through 2015, and her work has contributed to several Mars Explorer missions.

Biology professor Vidya Chandrasekaran and three students received media attention for their research, first published in the Journal of Food and Chemical Toxicology, showing that energy drinks can delay the healing time of wounds to human tissue.

Brenda Hillman, the Olivia Filippi Professor of Poetry, was awarded the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for poetry, named one of “50 of the Most Inspiring Authors in the World” by Poets & Writers magazine and nominated for a 2013 National Book Award.

Chair of the Bishop John S. Cummins Institute for Catholic Thought, Culture and Action and professor of medieval history, Brother Charles Hilken serves as an oft-quoted expert on the papacy and news issues surrounding the Vatican and the Pope.
As a writer of fiction born in the Philippines during an earthquake and raised in San Diego, California, it should come as no surprise that Professor Lysley Tenorio makes social and cultural variety an essential part of his stories.

Variety is also one of the things he enjoys about teaching at Saint Mary’s. Here, he gets to interact with people from every background, pursuing all kinds of degrees, from Creative Writing MFA candidates to undergrads in the Great Books Program. He says his students keep him on his toes as a professor and as a writer.

Similarly, his critically acclaimed short story collection *Monstress* is full of juxtapositions, challenging our concepts of foreign and native, male and female, straight and gay. Taken together, they’re a perfect example of how our distinctions are far more inspiring than our similarities. Saint Mary’s is proud to be a place where someone who values human diversity that much fits right in.
SOME OF OUR BEST TEACHERS ARE STILL WORKING ON THEIR DEGREES.
Saint Mary’s students are highly competitive. But that doesn’t stop them from being highly cooperative. Our campus is a collaborative learning environment, where each student also plays the role of teacher through our peer tutoring and study groups.

Here, success is a shared enterprise. Totally acing your marine biology class? Look around to see if anyone’s floundering. Bogged down by Byron? Ask the guy whose hand is always up. Academic support from peers allows our students to feel comfortable taking classes outside their majors. It also benefits our student tutors—one of the best ways to learn is to teach.

But our system of collaborative learning isn’t set up solely to benefit students grade point averages. It also conveys a powerful life lesson—while it’s possible to succeed by tearing down the successes of others, it’s far better to succeed by supporting and building on them.
FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS;
THEY KNOW WHERE THEY’RE GOING

MITCHELL WOODROW
PUNAHOU SCHOOL ’12 — KAILUA, HAWAII

How is a Gael a windstorm, a warrior and a bird? For Mitchell Woodrow ’16, each finds a way to get around traditional boundaries to make its mark on the world.

In Mitchell’s case, the relaxed boundaries between subjects, interests and even physical places gave him the freedom to explore all the ways he can affect the world around him. Hailing from Kailua, Hawaii, he satisfies his desire to manage and organize as a Lasallian Community Leader. At the same time, he’s getting a degree in Business Administration with a Digital Media concentration, while exploring the art of playwriting. And for the future? He imagines using everything he learned at Saint Mary’s to make a difference in the world through filmmaking.

If you were to take Dr. Ron Olowin’s Cosmology 173 class you may start by looking into the stars, but the picture gets much bigger from there. Physics written on this massive scale opens your mind to a larger perspective.

It’s the connection between all the points in the universe—that something light-years away can have a major effect on you right here. And when you understand the connection between things, it’s easy to see a giant difference in the world emanating from a single source.

What does an observatory have to do with our Lasallian philosophy? Everything, actually.

More than 350 years ago when Jean Baptiste de La Salle founded the Christian Brothers, he did so with a firm belief in education’s transformative power—that monumental change can come from small beginnings and that education could alter more than a single life. It could change the movement of all humankind.

Today, his vision is reflected in a worldwide network of Lasallian schools on six continents. And while the resources made available to Lasallians have grown exponentially, our belief in making a difference one life at a time has never wavered.

For these reasons, how you enter Saint Mary’s and how you leave it are worlds apart.
The on-campus Geissberger observatory commands sweeping views of the Moraga valley and the skies above.
The spirit of the Gael: doing well by doing good. Our students’ drive to excel academically goes hand in hand with their passion for improving the lives of others.

That Gael spirit inspired Aleenah Mehta ’12, to join forces with Urban Farmers, a nonprofit that distributes sustainably grown produce to the hungry. Using the skills she learned in her politics and economics classes, she focused on increasing the scale of the Urban Farmers operation. Through her work, Mehta was able to take the amount of produce harvested for the hungry from a few hundred pounds to 50,000.

Now Mehta’s project is bearing even more fruit—she’s currently getting her master’s degree in social anthropology at Oxford University and hopes to soon be working with the UN Food and Agricultural Organization.

That one-of-a-kind Gael spirit—the drive to succeed and help others succeed—is apparent to everyone who visits Saint Mary’s. While our campus has changed over time, our core mission stays the same: to have a positive impact on the world. Combine that with a few thousand of the hardest working students in the country, and you’ve got a recipe for doing a whole lot of good.
The Gael spirit resides in our hearts, and is seen through our actions.
Sometimes inspiration is channeled from all kinds of sources—up to and including a television channel. While watching The Cosby Show as a girl, Kayla Riley ’15, found a role model in Phylicia Rashad’s character of Clair Huxtable. Soaking up the example of a confident, multilingual professional woman each week helped Riley set big goals for herself.

Learning to speak Spanish? Check. Setting herself up to head to law school? Done. And while Riley doesn’t have five children like her fictional counterpart, she does act as a nurturer in her community at Saint Mary’s.

Kayla sees Gaels as people from every walk of life, who are motivated to do whatever it takes to get a good education. She spends her time helping her fellow Gaels in their quests for education as a Student Ambassador, secretary of the Black Student Union and as a Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Peer Mentor.

With her combination of caring and professional savvy, Riley seeks to make her personal rise a nonfiction story. Earning a degree in Business Administration, she plans to continue with her professional education through a master of business and possibly law school. She may not be seen on TV, but at Saint Mary’s, Riley has gained the education and confidence to star in her own story.
You may find you have a problem with boundaries.
You may find you have a problem with boundaries. Frequently named one of America’s prettiest campuses by the Princeton Review and others, Saint Mary’s will astonish you with its natural beauty. You’ll notice it while jogging over a misty morning hill, or stargazing with friends under the giant lighted cross above campus. Or on your way to class in the spring, when our cherry trees send thousands of pink and white blossoms drifting through the air.

And then there’s the constructed beauty—sand volleyball pits, outdoor basketball courts, BBQs, tennis courts, seven sports fields and new learning facilities with the charm of centuries-old architecture. The chapel bells ring daily, and close each evening with the beloved tune “The Bells of Saint Mary’s. But our campus is more than just a pretty picture. It’s a hive of activity.

Even so, with the Bay Area at your feet you’ll soon feel the urge to explore. Next door, Berkeley offers food and entertainment, and Oakland is one of the hottest arts scenes in the country. You’ll find it easy to tour and interview at Silicon Valley startups. And if you’re like most of our students, you’ll take BART to San Francisco for concerts at the Fillmore, exhibits at SFMOMA and lolling in Golden Gate Park.

One of the country’s most beautiful campuses set in one of its most vibrant metropolitan areas, Saint Mary’s strikes an ideal balance between the stunning and the stimulating. The only disappointment you’ll feel on our campus? Having just four years to experience it all.
FROM WHERE WE STAND THERE ARE NO LIMITS

- Go horseback riding on the beach in Half Moon Bay
- Take in a modern art exhibit at SFMOMA in San Francisco
- Eat dim sum in Chinatown in San Francisco
- Take a vineyard tour in Napa Valley
- Shop for the latest styles in the Mission District of San Francisco
- Experience a concert at the Greek Theater in Berkeley
- Catch a Giants game in San Francisco
- Check out Art Murmur every first Friday in Oakland
Saint Mary’s campus is nestled in the gorgeous hillside setting of Moraga, California. From where we’re situated, it’s easy to hit a bonfire at Ocean Beach and slalom Olympic-level powder at Squaw Valley. In the same day. Whether catching Macklemore in San Francisco or exploring downtown Berkeley, the entire Bay provides an unmatched cultural experience. And right on the Saint Mary’s campus, there’s an enormous wealth of activities and clubs, stretching from student radio to Project Green.

Finding things to do is easy. The hard part is figuring out how to cram it all into your schedule.
EXPERIENCE IS ONE THING YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH OF
Ask 100 Saint Mary’s students for their favorite memory and you’ll get 100 different answers.

Many will tell you stories about MidKnight Madness, when the student body crowds into McKeon Pavilion to kick off basketball season with performances, contests and skits by the athletic teams.

Some will talk about the two hours a week reserved for Community Time, when students and faculty take time to check in and bond. Or they’ll joke about waking up to the natural alarm clock of wild turkeys outside their windows.

Maybe they’ll describe a small event with their best friends, like the ones the Campus Activity Board puts on every week—trivia parties, blockbuster movie screenings, improv competitions, hypnotists, ping pong tournaments. Or the countless mornings shuffling into Oliver Hall in pajamas and flip flops to eat breakfast.

Plenty of Gaels will tell you their most significant experience was being part of an organization. In the Glee Club, making audiences swoon. Working for one of the service organizations, student senate or our campus radio station. Even breaking a sweat on an intramural sports team, like soccer or co-ed boxing.

There are those whose highlight will be the amazing experiences they had as a result of being in the middle of the Bay Area. Getting busy at the offices of Google in Mountain View. A group outing to San Francisco for a music festival or a Giants game. Or gallery hopping in Oakland.

They might say their favorite part is yet to come—the plot parties, when graduating students take over the campus grounds, pitching tents where they celebrate with friends and family.

The point is, no matter how many people you ask for their favorite memory of Saint Mary’s, you’ll get a different answer every time. But whoever you ask, whatever their interests, there’s one point on which they’ll all agree: it was the most unforgettable four years of their lives.
**De La Salle Week**
Celebrating our unique Lasallian heritage.

**Plot Parties**
Graduating students pitch tents on the campus grounds where they can celebrate during commencement.

**WoW (Weekend of Welcome)**
Each new class of students participates in initiation traditions and a night time carnival.

**Legacy Garden Plots**
An organic garden where students grow food for the dining halls.

**IT’S FAIR TO CALL GAELS TRADITIONAL**

**Painting the SMC**
The annual repainting of the SMC sign—sans paintbrushes—by incoming students.
Late Night
Students pile into Oliver Dining Hall from 9 to 11 p.m. for a fourth meal while studying or swapping stories.

Saturday of Service
Every month, Gaels spend one Saturday giving back to the Bay Area community.

Community Time
Every Wednesday afternoon, the campus takes a two-hour break for Community Time and, when the weather’s warm, a campus-wide BBQ.

Ringing the Bell in Korth Tower
A signal that something special is happening, from the basketball team going to the Sweet 16, to a new Pope to a new SMC president or beating UC Berkeley in rugby.
Gaels don’t play around when it comes to excellence. In everything they do, from fighting for one of our 17 NCAA Division I teams to inventing the future in Silicon Valley—they savor the sweetness of competition for its own sake and keep a smile on their faces while they do it.

But it’s not the intensity of their competition that makes our students great. It’s a commitment to cultivating a complete life that truly makes Gaels champions.

There’s no shortcut in our scholarship. Because of Collegiate Seminar, a typical Saint Mary’s student could know more about Aristotle than a philosophy major at another school. And as much time as they spend taking the lead, they dedicate to giving back—every Gael strives to excel in Lasallian spirit, contributing to the College’s service to the Bay Area and its residents.

With a genuine combination of mind, body and spirit, Saint Mary’s students are more than competitors. They are contributors.
YOUR CHEERING SECTION IS 2,800 STRONG
For soccer player Lukas Isaacson ’16, teamwork doesn’t stop at the sidelines. And that’s his favorite thing about Saint Mary’s.

To him, Saint Mary’s classes are team environments where no one holds back, rejects ideas or hijacks the discussion. The sharing of knowledge makes learning as easy as passing a ball. Supportiveness becomes a default state for our students, resulting in minds as open as their residence hall doors.

He shares the Gael athletic spirit: supporting one another not only within a team or sport, but between them. For Isaacson, it’s no special case to count basketball, volleyball and women’s soccer players among his friends.

Like him, we think the spirit of mutual support and encouragement evident on campus is one of the best aspects of a Saint Mary’s education. Athlete or not, at Saint Mary’s you’ll discover you have a cheering section 2,800 undergraduates strong.
Just swivel your head around campus and you’ll see an athlete at the top of their game. If you don’t, that person is you. Saint Mary’s College proudly sends more than 300 NCAA Division I athletes to the field, court, course, track and water to compete at the highest level as the only Liberal Arts college in the West Coast Conference. That’s more than one out of 10 students donning red and blue and taking it to the very best in the nation. While our student body is small, our talent is extra large.

How big? Try March Madness on for size. The Gaels made their third trip in four years to the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship tournament. And that’s after claiming the most conference wins in the history of the school.

How big is our talent? Last year, our men’s golf, women’s tennis and volleyball teams all went on to their respective NCAA championships, and two years ago our men’s soccer team made it all the way to the Elite Eight.

How big is our heart? Our student cheering section, the Gael Force, is considered among the loudest in the country. Flip the page to get a taste.

How big is the opportunity for athletes here? Massive. In the last two years, our male athletes took home the WCC All-Sports Award as the best overall program in the conference. Three Gaels participated in the London Summer Olympics, including Coach Rob Browning who managed the USA Men’s Volleyball team. And an athlete like Matthew Dellavedova not only graduates to the NBA, he wins the conference Scholar-Athlete of the year award while he does it.

What’s more, while not technically Division I, our men’s rugby team is the best in the nation, winning the National Championship in 2014.

How big are sports in our lives? We can only say it’s no small thing.
NCAA DIVISION I TEAMS

MEN’S BASKETBALL
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
MEN’S BASEBALL
WOMEN’S SOFTBALL
MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
MEN’S TRACK
WOMEN’S TRACK
WOMEN’S LACROSSE
MEN’S GOLF
WOMEN’S TENNIS
MEN’S TENNIS
WOMEN’S SOCCER
MEN’S SOCCER
WOMEN’S ROWING
WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
WOMEN’S SAND VOLLEYBALL
SO
LOL
IT
DRIVE US TO MADNESS
The Gael Force has helped propel Saint Mary’s to the NCAA Tournament five times since 2005.

Hot. Noisy. Packed. There’s no place Saint Mary’s College students would rather be. It’s the stands of McKeon Pavilion, where a swell of pride spills onto the court in a tidal wave of top-volume cheering. Our opponents call it intimidating and totally unbelievable. We call it the Gael Force—our completely unhinged student spirit club and cheering section.

Established in 2001, the Gael Force has risen to become a major factor in our athletic success. It’s no coincidence our men’s basketball team has enjoyed the greatest success since its founding. That includes selection to March Madness, the NCAA Division I National Championship tournament, five times in the last seven years.

It may have something to do with McKeon being considered by some the toughest venue for visitors in the West. Davidson coach Bob McKillop compared the Gael Force to Duke’s famed Cameron Crazies for their passion and intensity. When our West Coast Conference rivals like Gonzaga show up, things really get crazy. You can barely hear your own thoughts, let alone someone trying to call a play.

It’s why we consider the Gael Force the sixth man on the court. And why we keep the volume turned up to 11 all game long.
Having been rated in the top 10 percent of all U.S. institutions by the Princeton Review, in the top five by Forbes for “raising your earnings potential” and accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, Saint Mary's is no stranger to accolades. But to us, the most meaningful way to define our success is by the achievement and satisfaction of our alumni network.

They show their appreciation by staying connected, like our successful alumni from every industry who take part in our student mentorship program and like James Guyette ’67, President & CEO of Rolls-Royce North America, who serves on our Board of Regents. Or like the dozens of scholarships and endowments supported by Saint Mary’s graduates. In fact, more alumni gave more back in donations last year than any other on record. When you become a Gael, you have the force of all Gaels behind you.

Our graduates don’t wait for their class reunions to get in touch. They find each other through our dozens of active networks: LinkedIn, Facebook, Alumni chapters in Seattle, New York, Washington D.C., Japan. The Graduate Business Alumni Chapter. Gaels in Wine, our club for alumni wine professionals. Being involved, in person and spirit, is just part of who they are.

It’s also part of who we are as an institution. Saint Mary’s stays involved in the lives of our alumni through the benefits of our Career Center. We offer Gaels resume and interview prep, career counseling and access to our exclusive job board whether it’s been three years or 30.

There’s more to a degree from Saint Mary’s than meets the eye. Our alumni aren’t just graduates of Saint Mary’s—they’re graduates of a Lasallian institution with ties to organizations around the world. That means you’ll run into potential connections everywhere, from your corner coffee shop to a café in Cambodia. And with the incredible things our alumni go on to do, you’ll be glad you did.
Notable Saint Mary’s Alumni:

- **Tami Reller ’94**
  Executive Vice President of Marketing, Microsoft

- **Carl Wu ’74**
  Scientist Emeritus, National Cancer Institute

- **Laura Garcia-Cannon ’91**
  Morning News Anchor, NBC Bay Area

- **James Guyette ’67**
  President & CEO, Rolls-Royce North America

- **Robert Hass ’63**
  Pulitzer Prize winner and former U.S. Poet Laureate

- **Troy Nunley ’86**
  U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of California

- **Mario Alioto ’82**
  Senior Vice President of Business Operations, San Francisco Giants

- **Mahershalalhashbaz Ali ’96**
  Actor

- **Maria Elena Durazo ’75**
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It takes more than numbers to calculate the value of her major

As a Regional Manager of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation—the government agency responsible for insuring money in US banks—Shayna Olesiuk '99, knows a thing or two about putting her money in the right place.

She was so sure Saint Mary’s was the place for her, she turned down more generous offers and begged her parents to let her come here. She hasn’t regretted it once. In fact, Shayna’s so convinced Saint Mary’s was the right move, she reinvested herself in the school by joining our Board of Regents and starting her own scholarship. She wants to make sure other bright students can experience Saint Mary’s supportive community and considered approach to learning.

Her confidence in the value of a Saint Mary’s education never wavered. And while we always love to hear praise from our students, coming from Shayna, it means a lot.
IF YOU WANT A FLEXIBLE CAREER FIRST STRETCH YOUR INTELLECT
Saint Mary’s grounds you in the classics like Plato, calculus and crafting a rewarding career.

Absorbing the Great Books isn’t just an exercise in learning from the past. Like everything in the total educational experience at Saint Mary’s, it’s about preparing you well into the future. The world is a dynamic place. When you leave here, you do so with dynamic tools that can flex into careers that may not even exist yet. Or have an easier time finding a fit into the markets that already exist.

That may be why Saint Mary’s College graduates earn more in their first year out of school than the national average, according to Forbes magazine. Or it may explain why they place at some of the world’s more prestigious graduate schools ranging from Harvard and University of Chicago to MIT. Or why the vast majority of our graduates who apply to medical schools and law schools are admitted.

Whatever the goal, Gaels have the foundational knowledge to achieve it. That includes the hottest careers in science, technology, business and the performing arts. Our graduates start with Pythagoras and can write code in PYTHON. And when they leave, they go to Silicon Valley and careers that shape the world of technology.

No matter how you add it up, in the arts, humanities, business, sciences, or in just being a contributor to a better world, a Saint Mary’s education is an incredible investment.
Count yourself in for an inclusive college experience
Inclusive excellence is a core principle of a Lasallian education. We’re founded on the belief that everyone should have access to a quality education. While we are selective, we choose applicants for their spirit, drive and academic performance.

That means while Saint Mary’s has small classes and personalized learning, our student body is diverse. Nearly two-thirds graduated from public high schools, more than half are students of color, and 38 percent represent the first generation of their family to attend college. Whoever you are, here you can expect to find others just like you, and completely unlike you.

Schedule a visit to campus at stmarys-ca.edu/visit.

Take your first step in the application process by going to smcadmit.com and submitting the Common Application with the following materials from both first-year and transfer students:

**First-Year Students**
- Personal Essay
- Common Application writing supplement
- Official transcript
- SAT 1 or ACT scores
- Letter of recommendation
- $55 application fee

**Transfer Students**
- Personal Essay
- Common Application writing supplement
- Final high school transcripts
- Official transcripts of all college work
- Letter of recommendation
- $55 application fee

**Admission Deadlines**
- Early action fall freshman admission ......................... November 15
- Regular decision fall freshman admission ..................... January 15
- Fall transfer admission .............................................. July 1
- Spring semester admission (freshmen and transfers) ...... January 1

Apply online at smcadmit.com
WE MAKE A MAJOR INVESTMENT IN YOUR POTENTIAL

Saint Mary’s is a small community by design. When we see promise in a student we do our best to make sure tuition doesn’t get in the way of her or his future. Eighty-six percent of Saint Mary’s students receive some form of financial aid. Enabling students to access a Saint Mary’s education is part of our commitment to individual attention and a part of our Lasallian heritage.

To take control of your educational destiny, use our Net Price Calculator to get an estimate of aid, then sit down with one of our financial aid counselors to talk about it. Staff members are dedicated partners for students and families in helping them navigate all financial options available, and coordinating all eligible Saint Mary’s, state and federal aid.

Typically students receive a combination of state and federal grants, Saint Mary’s grants, and need-based and non need-based government and private loans. Those are all in addition to the many merit-based scholarships for noteworthy academic performance and specific departmental honors. Many find the best combination of these resources, making the average Saint Mary’s financial aid package $28,781 for the 2013-2014 academic year.
SCHOLARSHIPS
All scholarships are renewable annually. For more detailed information, visit stmarys-ca.edu/scholarships.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP ($24,000)
HONORS AT ENTRANCE AWARD ($18,000)
GAEL SCHOLARS AWARD ($14,000)
Scholarships are awarded to first-time freshmen based on academic accomplishment, including GPA, standardized test results, rigor of college prep curriculum and class standing.

LASALLIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD ($13,000)
For highly-qualified, first-time freshman applicants from Lasallian high schools. Recipients are also eligible to be considered for the Gael Scholars, Honors, or Presidential Scholarships.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS ($13,000)
For freshmen who wish to major or minor in one of the performing arts (dance, music, theatre/performance, technical theatre). Based on auditions and/or interviews.

TRANSFER HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS ($13,000)
Competitive scholarships awarded to transfer students at the time of acceptance. Available to applicants entering either fall or spring semester.

SELECT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS ($13,000)
Awarded to entering first-time freshmen who intend to major in the respective programs. Must apply early action for consideration. Opportunities include:
- Brother Cornelius Video Arts Scholarship
- Brother Dominic Barry Mathematics Department Scholarship
- English Department Scholarship
- Integral Program Scholarship
- Louis LeFevre History Scholarship
- Politics Scholarship
- Theology and Religious Studies Scholarship
- Wilder Scholarship for Business or Accounting

Tuition and Fees
School Year 2014-2015

TUITION
$41,230

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE
$150

ROOM & BOARD
$14,140

TOTAL DIRECT COST
$55,520

Other Costs
School Year 2014-2015

PERSONAL COSTS
$2,700

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES
$1,107

The financial aid process can be confusing to navigate, so call our Office of Financial Aid at (866) 306-0390, or email finaid@stmarys-ca.edu. That’s what they’re there for.
YOU MAY HAVE JUST UNSEALED YOUR FATE
You have in your hands a map. Not just of a campus, but of a possible future.

Go exploring. One quality all Saint Mary’s students share is a sense of destiny. If this is the right place for you, you’ll know when you get here.

If you visit in winter, be sure to catch a Gaels basketball game. That is, if you want to witness the most thundering expression of school spirit on the West Coast. Then sit in on a class to get a taste for the kind of people you might share notes with over the next few years. Finally, try and fit in a hike to the cross on top of our hill. The views will make you see that from here, you’ve got the Bay Area in the palm of your hand.

Saint Mary’s students are more than an academically exceptional group. They’re exceptional people. Thoughtful. Individual. Driven. The type of people who thrive while debating Sophocles at a round table. Who take the chance to fly to Nicaragua and learn about climate change. They follow their hearts to where they’re supposed to be. And then they make a big difference. Now it’s your turn.

Visit and experience what Saint Mary’s has to offer. Once you do, you’ll know.

Still have some questions? Or just want to talk to a Gael? Having time for you is just one of the perks of being a small school. Call us at (925) 631-4224.

To find out more, please visit Saint Mary’s College online: stmarys-ca.edu/visit

Talk with us directly on social media: #OMGSMC