



Prepping for the Senior Tsunami

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- Faculty Last Chance to RSVP for Commencement
- Last Meal at Oliver Hall
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- 5/22 - Black Graduate Celebration
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- 5/23 - Latino Graduate Celebration
- 5/25 - MFA Commencement

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Did You Know?



This year's graduating class—763 undergrads—is the largest ever in the history of Saint Mary's. (There are



With the biggest graduating class in history (currently 763 seniors), plus more than 550 grad students and 5,000 expected guests, Commencement Chair Bill Sullivan talks about how the College is preparing for the big weekend and other changes for this year's pomp and circumstance. Also, congratulations to the recipients of the various College, Service, Departmental and Dean's Awards for the Undergraduate and Graduate schools.

Provost Unveils Faculty Grant Program



Bethami Dobkin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, addressed faculty at the end-of-the-year dinner May 15 with an update on the College's academic progress and introduced an internal faculty grant program.

New \$500,000 Award for Scholarships

Saint Mary's has received a \$500,000 grant from the Fletcher Jones Foundation to establish a new scholarship fund to help qualified under-resourced undergraduates pay for their education.

More Out-of-State and International Students to Make up Class of 2018

also 550 grad students.) Students hail from 15 countries, including Australia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Nepal, Sweden and Eritrea, and more than 17 states including Nebraska, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Georgia and Massachusetts.

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

AstroNotes



On the night of May 23-24, Earth might be sandblasted with debris from Comet 209P/LINEAR, resulting in a new meteor shower. The best viewing hours are between 12 and 2 a.m. PDT. The meteors, some expected to be bright fireballs, will radiate from the constellation Camelopardalis (camelopard), an obscure constellation near the North Star. Its name is derived from early Rome, where it was thought of as a chimera, described as having characteristics of both a camel and a leopard. Nowadays we call this a giraffe. **Watch the video.**

--Ron Olowin

Lasallian Reflections

Vice Provost for Enrollment and Communications Hernan Bucheli announced in a letter to the Saint Mary's community that hot-off-the-press enrollment numbers show that, as of May 1, more than half of the incoming class of 2018 is made up of students of color and has a record number of out-of-state students.



Brother William Beatie Dies



We are sad to report that Brother William Beatie—Saint Mary's first undergraduate dean, a longtime resident director (most recently in Claeys North), and Philosophy and Seminar teacher—died May 13 at the Brothers' care facility in Napa. Services were held Saturday, May 17 in Napa.

Grant for Interfaith Leadership Courses

Saint Mary's has received a Teagle Foundation/Interfaith Youth Core pass-through grant for an undergraduate course sequence in interfaith leadership, led by Barbara McGraw, director of the Center for Engaged Religious Pluralism. Also, McGraw will offer "Interfaith Leadership for Business and the Professors," an experimental undergrad course this fall.



At the Border



Sister Jodi Min and seven students participated in the Border Lives Immersion trip to the Arizona/Mexico border area in April, which exposed students to the complexity of immigration.

SMC in the News

- San Francisco Business Times [highlights SMC's commencement speaker Leon Panetta](#).
- NerdScholar taps Career Center's Patty Bishop for insight on [common job interview questions](#).
- Contra Costa Times reports on [Commencement's impact on local area](#).
- Of Note Magazine profiles [Professor CatherineMarie Davalos](#).

Views

Brother Camillus at his 85th birthday celebration at Ferroggiago Quad last week.



For the week of **May 19.**

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Go Gaels

Gaels Take Third at WCC Championships

The Saint Mary's rowing team finished third overall [at the West Coast Conference Championships at Lake Natoma in Sacramento.](#)



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Religious Services

Mon.-Thurs., 5:15 p.m. Mass
 Fri., 5 p.m. Commencement Mass (McKeon Pavilion)
 Sun., 9 a.m., St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist
 Sun., 11 a.m. Mass

[Religious Services Schedule](#)

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