



Events

7/2 - First-Year Student Orientation

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Did You Know?



Saint Mary's students **can now ride County Connection buses for free year-round**, instead of just during the academic year. As long as undergraduate and graduate students can present a current SMC student I.D., they may board a County Connection bus for free during traditional daily service hours. The after-hours supplemental shuttle service, the Gael Rail, only operates during the academic year and resumes Thursday, Aug. 27.

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus](#)

Cal Grant Will Not Be Cut

Governor Jerry Brown signed a \$115.4 billion budget for 2015-16 which fully funds the Cal Grant for the private nonprofit sector. This avoids a potential 11.3 percent cut as proposed in January. The state legislature postponed the 11.3 percent cut for the next two years allowing the maximum award for Cal Grant A to remain at \$9,044 and for Cal Grant B at \$1,656 for new students.

Lysley Tenorio on Heading to Rome

Professor Lysley Tenorio, recent winner of the Rome Fellowship in Literature Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, spoke with Jeff Marcus Wheeler, M.F.A. Fiction '15, about his upcoming year in Rome. [Tenorio discusses his ideal writing day](#), what he's packing, and the importance of place in his work.



Facilities Projects Updates

The Chapel Tower project is complete, new parking spaces have been created and six new classrooms are slated for upgrade. Learn more about progress toward completion of summer facilities projects and what's coming next [in the latest update from Director of Project Management Diane Hardy](#).

BlackRock Analyst Visits SEBA Class

SEBA welcomed Phillip Todd, a strategy analyst for BlackRock's securities lending team, who [spoke to students in the Financial Analysis and Investment Management Program](#) this June. Bridging the gap between theory and practice, Todd addressed many subjects, including securities financing and prime brokerage fundamentals.



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Lasallian Reflections



For the week of **June 29.**

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Jessica Elfin '19 of Livermore, whose father is an SMC alum, and Mary Fernandez '19 of Oakley take a break from new student orientation last week. Incoming students and their families will be on campus again this Wednesday.

SMC in the News

- Catholic Voice asks Saint Mary's [Father Mike Russo to comment](#) on Pope Francis' Encyclical.
- Cardhub.com [features money management insights](#) from SEBA Professor Terence Pitre.
- Poetry Professor Matthew Zapruder in conversation with Missy Mazzoli [featured in The Believer](#).

Go Gaels

Former SMC Keeper Leads Guam to WC Qualifying Wins

Former Saint Mary's goalkeeper Doug Herrick recently led Guam to a pair of unlikely victories [in preliminary qualifying matches for the 2018 World Cup](#).



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Religious Services

There will not be a Catholic Mass celebrated on Sunday over the summer until the students return, which will be August 30. St. Giles will continue to celebrate its Eucharist on Sundays at 9 am.

[Religious Services Schedule](#)

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