



## Provost's Welcome and Update

### WASC Campus Visit

This week, the team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visits campus Tuesday through Friday to continue the third year of the standard accreditation process.

Attend an open meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11 in Hagerty Lounge:

- Students: 2-2:45 p.m.
- Staff: 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- Faculty: 4:30-5:15 p.m.

[Learn more about the WASC accreditation process.](#)



Provost Bethami Dobkin updates the community on the health of Saint Mary's as we have our first "wellness exam" in 10 years with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit this week. With 771 new students—183 transfers, 20 percent from out of state and about a quarter entering as Honors students—the College is off to a robust beginning of the year.

## Barbara McGraw Wins Mahatma Gandhi Award

Barbara McGraw, director of the Center for Engaged Religious Pluralism, has just won the Hindu American Foundation's Mahatma Gandhi Award for the Advancement of Religious Pluralism, for her work to increase interreligious understanding.



## Saint Mary's College Guild Celebrates Its 75th

The Saint Mary's College Guild, whose group of volunteers has raised more than \$1 million for scholarships, celebrates its 75th anniversary Saturday, Sept. 13 with Mass, a social and dinner on campus. [Tickets are still available; RSVPs due today.](#)

## The 2014 Rumor Mill Report

During the popular Rumor Mill portion of All Staff Day, Aug. 15, Saint Mary's staff members [posed questions to Pete Michell, vice president of Finance, and Eduardo Salaz, associate vice president, chief Human Resources officer](#)—some of which they answered that day, and others they did not get to. Topics ranged from fees for parking and the new recreation center to merit pay, salaries and health insurance costs.

## Investing with a Conscience

Students can learn the ins and outs of socially conscious investing this fall with the launch of the Saint Mary's College Investment Group. Thanks to a private donation, [investors have \\$125,000 to handpick businesses that are socially responsible.](#)

## Announcements

- Gael Flex Now Available
- Celebrate the Glee Club & Chamber Singers
- Sustainability at SMC
- Get Connected for Service

- > [More announcements](#)
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## Events

[9/3-9/22 - Jan Term 2015 Travel Courses](#)

9/8 - Build Your Resume Workshop  
 9/8-9/9 - Just Deserts  
 9/9 - Staff Council Meeting  
 9/9 - One Planet Film Festival  
 9/10 - Contra Costa Food Bank  
 9/10 - Mass of the Holy Spirit  
 9/12 - Graduate Business South Bay Mixer  
 9/13 - Embodied Leadership Circle  
 9/13 - SMC Guild 75th Anniversary Celebration

> [More events](#)  
 > [Add an event](#)

## Lasallian Reflections



For the week of **Sept. 8.**

**Learn how to submit Events and Announcements.**

## New Staff Recognition Task Force



This summer, Saint Mary's formed a new Staff Recognition Task Force, whose purpose is to develop a College-wide approach to staff recognition, to align with the College's goal of attracting, retaining, and rewarding outstanding staff members.

## View



Madeline Bell '15 just drew the Chapel on the board at the Center for Writing Across the Curriculum, where student Writing Advisers help their peers write more clearly—in person or via Skype. Each semester someone starts drawing on the board and Writing Center visitors add to it during the semester. [Stop by and add to it!](#)

## SMC in the News

- [Catholic Voice](#) spotlights SMC's New College Completion Partnership with KIPP Foundation.
- [EdSource Today](#) spotlights SMC's success in reducing summer melt with first-generation college students.

## Go Gaels

### Gaels Post Impressive Win At No. 4 Washington

Freshman Antonio Lokossou scored the first goal of his Saint Mary's career today, sending a 94th minute shot past Washington keeper Spencer Richey to hand the Gaels a 2-1 overtime win.



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- [SMC Gaels](#)
- [SMC Gaels on Twitter](#)

## Religious Services

Mon.-Thurs., 5:15 p.m. Mass  
 Fri., 7 a.m.

Sun., 9 a.m., St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist  
Sun., 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Mass

[Religious Services Schedule](#)

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