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Dear Randi,

Welcome to the spring 2017 edition of the Kalmanovitz School of Education newsletter!

The incredible work of the KSOE community continues to surprise and inspire me. Our work is grounded in academic excellence, engaged learning, and practical knowledge, and we are continually recognized for excellence in community engagement, environmental literacy, Lasallian education, and urban education.



You'll notice that these things come together in many of the items listed below: in innovative grant-funded programs like INSTEP, in the collaborative faculty grant to study De Marillac Academy, and in alumni accomplishments like the innovative community-based work of Kari Stewart and Meg Honey.

I want to take a brief moment to announce that after four years, I am stepping down as dean of KSOE to serve in a new role as a vice provost of academic affairs. Our wonderful and skilled associate dean, Mary-Kay Moskal, will serve as acting dean until a new dean is selected. I plan to stay connected to the school in many ways, especially working with alumni, advisory boards, and other partnerships. My time with the KSOE has been truly enlightening—it has been an honor to see the good work our community does in service to social justice and the common good.

Please enjoy the newsletter. I hope to see you at one of the many KSOE events coming up in the next few months. And please keep in touch: KSOEDean@stmarys-ca.edu.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sindt, Dean



PERSEVERANCE AND GRIT

There's something about San Francisco's De Marillac Academy, a Catholic school run by the Daughters of Charity and De La Salle Christian Brothers, that educators find astounding—its focus on students' perseverance. This [success is the subject of Lasallian research by an SMC team](#) led by Educational Leadership Professor Rebecca Proehl and Counseling Department Professor Gloria Sosa, Educational Leadership Program Director Desiree Braganza, and educational leadership doctoral candidate Lisa Ayon. (Above, Principal Chris Giangregorio '01)

FEATURE STORIES



New Grant for Teacher Education

KSOE and the School of Liberal Arts have been awarded \$224,694 by the [California Commission on Teacher Credentialing](#) to develop a new special education teacher preparation program that students can complete in four years.

KSOE Celebrates 50th Anniversary

KSOE “has served as a pillar of strength in the Bay Area in terms of stability and rigor and relevance for 50 years,” said Kathy Perez, a professor of education at SMC since 1985. Today, [KSOE is synonymous not only with an emphasis on social justice through education](#), but also with strong partnerships with nearly 100 schools and organizations in Northern California and beyond.

Meeting of Lasallian Minds

Saint Mary's welcomed 400 K-12 educators from [five local Lasallian high schools and two academies](#)—including Saint Mary's College High School, Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, and De La Salle High School—to share best classroom practices in January.



Partnership for Special Ed Teachers

Mount Diablo Unified School District special education assistants [earn teaching degrees through a specialized two-year program](#) at Saint Mary's to address the critical shortages of fully credentialed special education teachers.

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT WINNERS



Rebecca Anguiano | Education

Associate Professor Rebecca Anguiano seeks to examine a unique model of parent engagement [developed to serve families with children attending high-poverty, urban schools in her research](#) “Socially Just Family Engagement in Urban Schools: Stories of Transformation and Implications for Inclusive School Practices.”

S. Marshall Perry | Education



Associate Professor S. Marshall Perry's proposed study [examines school leadership and student opportunities](#) to learn through the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Programme for International Student Assessment 2015 school and student datasets.



Rebecca Proehl | Educational Leadership

Last year, faculty researchers Rebecca Proehl (pictured), Rebecca Anguiano, Desiree Braganza, and Suzy Thomas conducted a study at De Marillac Academy, a Lasallian middle school in San Francisco, to identify graduates' non-cognitive skills and attributes, enabling them to succeed in high school and beyond at a greater rate than their public school peers. This grant allows them to continue their research, [leading to a book publication and other possible avenues for publication](#).

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Welcome to New Professors

KSOE welcomes two new professors this spring, [Mary Candace Raygoza](#) (pictured) and [Cynthia Martinez](#).



Gloria Aquino Sosa Honored at Scholars' Reception

The 2017 Scholars' Reception honored faculty research and scholarship, including recognizing four faculty members for their outstanding work. The [Faculty Service Award was given to Gloria Aquino Sosa](#) for her focus on intercultural interactions and social justice in her position as assistant professor and program director of the College Student Services Specialization in the Counseling Department.



Kathleen Taylor | Education

KSOE Professor Kathleen Taylor spoke with the *Washington Jewish Week* [about the best ways aging adults can learn](#). Taylor, co-author of *Facilitating Learning with the Adult Brain in Mind*, discussed the importance of teachers welcoming seniors into their classrooms and validating the perspective of adult learners in their 60s.



Faculty Accomplishments

KSOE faculty have outstanding records in research, scholarship and creative activity. Professor Bedford Palmer presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado. Learn more [about their academic achievements and projects](#).



Professor Lovejoy Recognized for 45 Years of Service

Education Professor Elaina Rose Lovejoy (left, with KSOE's Kathy Perez) was celebrated for her service of 45 years, the longest time span of faculty service acknowledged at the Faculty Recognition Dinner.

SPOTLIGHTS: ALUMNI | [view all >](#)



Deborah Richardson MA '13 Is Commencement Speaker

Human rights crusader Deborah Richardson [returns home to send off graduate and professional studies students](#) and offer messages of empowerment at the 2017 Commencement ceremony May 28.



Raina León MFA '16 Wins De la Salle Award

Associate professor and alumna Raina León [received the Saint John Baptist De la Salle Award](#) for her personal commitment to Saint Mary's students by demonstrating Lasallian core principles.



Meg Honey ECR '04 Featured in East Bay Times

Mt. Diablo Unified School District Teacher of the Year Meg Honey highlights how Bay Area teachers are talking with their students since President Donald Trump was elected. The story illustrates [negative and positive sides of discussing politics in the classroom](#).



Kari Stewart EdD '18 Named Teacher of the Year

Kari Stewart was chosen as Walnut Creek School District's [2017-18 Teacher of the Year](#). A teacher in the district for over 23 years, Stewart teaches fifth grade at Tice Creek School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kalmanovitz School of Education Information Sessions

June 7 & Sept. 19 | 6–8 p.m.

KSOE hosts [all-program information sessions](#) for prospective students.

California Teachers Summit

Friday, July 28 | 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

The third annual [Better Together: California Teachers Summit](#) returns to Saint Mary's for the third year in a row July 28. The summit is a unique opportunity for teachers to come together to collaborate, re-energize ahead of the school year, and join a lasting teacher network.

Bali Travel Course

July 28–Aug. 10

Join us for [Indigenous Wisdom and Collective Leadership: A Travel Course to Bali](#), Indonesia with Ken Otter and Sawako Suzuki, an enlivening and transformative 14-day learning journey.

KSOE Calendar

Be sure to check out the [Kalmanovitz School of Education calendar](#) for information on all upcoming events.

TELL US!

Share your accomplishments and published work with Tammy Appling-Cabading at tapping@stmarys-ca.edu—we want to hear about it!

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